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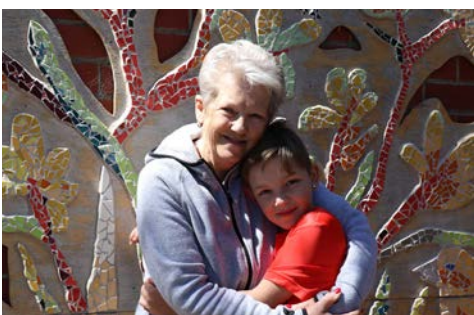
On the move



Your say on Frankston City's transport for the next 20 years

Council's new Integrated Transport Strategy for the next 20 years, titled Connecting Communities, takes into account the growth of Frankston City's population to 163,610 people by 2042. To combat car dependency there are plans for more walkable neighbourhoods, a great cycling network and more integrated public transport to fight congestion. The Community is invited to share feedback on the new plan by 2 October. **Read more on Page 13.**

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Mayor's message

There is a global race among cities around the world for 1) investment; 2) talent; 3) tourists.

Frankston is well-placed to shine in these categories thanks to its burgeoning infrastructure, education offerings, business opportunities, strategically placed railway line, natural beauty and seaside location.

Over many years, Council and local industry have worked hard to build our City's assets and solidify its brand in all sectors, including arts and culture. By working consistently, we knew recognition would follow.

The work is now paying off and Frankston is getting noticed for all the right reasons. Our city's success in getting Bronze in the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards followed Gold in the 2021 Australian Street Art Awards for Best Street Tour. We also received a 'highly commended' award for our e-bike trial under the collaboration and partnership category of the MAV Technology Awards for Excellence in 2022 and kicked off September with news that two of our aquatic centres had taken out major awards at the all-important Aquatics and Recreation Victoria (ARV) industry night. PARC took out the Facility of the Year award, and The Pines was recognised as Seasonal Pool of the Year.

Frankston's image is being uplifted, however I am a firm believer that to change a city's image you need to first work on its reality, to find sustainable

solutions to real problems.

We believe that our participation in the Regional Smart City Partnership with another five Councils across South and East Melbourne will promote sustainable development and increase our capabilities in the smart city space as Frankston grows and develops. We have already benefitted from becoming the first city in Victoria and first non-state capital city to adopt Neuron Mobility pedal-assisted e-bikes last summer. Our new Digital Wayfinders and smart parking apps are making the city easier to navigate, but our Smart Cities focus is just the tip of the iceberg.

Our current Budget includes Council's largest ever capital works program totalling \$91.6 million to build Frankston's future. Projects include upgrades to sports and recreation, biodiversity and open space, transport, arts and culture and other investments that are having a positive effect on our business, education, environment and lifestyle. Our approach to infrastructure is people-centred and follows consultation with the community.

As Council, we know that improving our spaces needs to be a team effort, and for this reason we launched the Frankston Business Collective on 20 July, created the Youth Council, and have engaged consistently with families and stakeholders and worked with you, our residents and ratepayers.

Our goal is to bring about change while being faithful to our DNA, which is a legacy of passionate people, beautiful



beaches, a compact CBD, and amazing food and wine. And as we grow into a powerful destination, we are doing so carefully, without losing our soul in the process.

Nathan Conroy, Mayor

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Message from the CEO

Engagement and advocacy

We've learnt from the past three years of COVID that things should not be taken for granted. The future of our City will change in ways we cannot imagine today.

One thing that won't change is that we will continue to focus on listening and encouraging input through engagement because we believe that the Community should inspire the City we live in.

Through engagement, we can ensure infrastructure is balanced with care for the environment and the people who live and work here. We'd love for you to be part of the conversation from our focus on the draft Structure Plan of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre to engagement and Advocacy Projects. Read more about advocacy projects on pages 10-11. To have your say and engage with us, visit engage.frankston.vic.gov.au

Future Ready Frankston

Our Future Ready Frankston corporate strategy continues to kick major goals. The new Frankston City Council website has been a significant point for improvement as we transform the customer experience with Council.

We recently saw the first steps of its transformation with a new look and feel.

Better collaborations

I'd like to call out some great collaboration from our Neighbourhood House teams to deliver better community outcomes. Some examples are:

- **Frankston North Community Centre** partnering with Belvedere Community Centre to bring a Digital Literacy course to the community at Frankston North, and partnering with Monterey Secondary College to provide opportunities for students to assist the community with drop-in tech-help;
- **Ebdale Community Hub** partnering with radio RPP FM to expand their operations from Mornington to reach Frankston residents via a new studio based at Ebdale Community Hub;
- **Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood House** bringing the Chatty Café to the Karingal community.

Fantastic work too from the **Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre**, awarded a VicHealth JumpStart Grant for a Bridging Food Culture program, designed to engage



ATSI and CALD children and youth.

Staff dedication

Lastly, we are truly honoured to have so many loyal employees at Frankston City Council and this year's online recognition ceremony for Years of Service demonstrated that. 79 people reached jaw-dropping service milestones (more than 1,225 years of commitment to our organisation!).

Community satisfaction

The Community Satisfaction survey is out for 2021, and the results are extremely promising. Our performance shows the importance you place on community engagement and the need to ensure you are part of Council's decision making. Read more on Page 4.

Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer

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James Holgot, Margaret Foley, Neil Patel, Amanda Kate, Margaret Lange and Jeff Rogut are hopeful for a robust future for Frankston's businesses.

The new Collective focuses on three pillars: advocacy, connection and education.

Business Collective hosts October Summit

A year since being created, the Frankston Business Collective (FBC) is hosting its 27 October Summit with a high-calibre line-up of presenters aimed at growing Frankston City's burgeoning \$6.3 billion economy (1.33 per cent of Victoria's Gross State Product).

Economists, business analysts and life coaches will address Frankston's business community at the McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery in Langwarrin.

Through initiatives such as this one, the FBC hopes to ensure that post-COVID Frankston City emerges as "an innovation hub and business-friendly city" — a strategic deliverable of the Council Plan 2021-2025.

FBC CEO Jeff Rogut told the Frankston City News that the Business Collective's "current priorities are building awareness, building membership and obviously revenue so that we become financially independent."

Mayor Nathan Conroy welcomed the new chamber. "It's about building capacity independent of Council to ensure the needs of business and industry are

represented," he said of the group which has received \$200,000 of Council funding.

The brainchild of Deputy Mayor Suzette Tayler, the new Collective focuses on three pillars: advocacy, connection and education.

Lead Generation Expert Marg Lange said the Summit will give her an opportunity to "present insight into why we need to network differently" in a world changed by lockdowns.

Frankston-based Margaret Foley, formerly a senior vice president of a global software business, said she suffered from strain and burnout and is now a life coach who helps others overcome the challenges she had been faced with. "For a lot of people there is an attachment between achieving goals in life and their worth as a person," she said, adding that targets can be smashed while also "being kind and compassionate".

Ms Foley said the Collective offers an opportunity to build connections. She feels the rest will follow.

"There was once a stigma to the name 'Frankston' which no longer represents the fabulousness which is Frankston today," she said.

"Even though there are still some social issues, there are amazing groups helping each other."

Associate Physiotherapist Neil Patel moved to Frankston six months ago from inner city Melbourne and hasn't looked back. "The area has a lot to give," he said. "In six months, I have felt more a part of the community than ever before. The clientele is present, and everything feels like home."

Rather than turn the area into inner city Melbourne, the goal is to keep the warm, collective spirit of Frankston alive. "We need to work as a single-minded organism."

"Every single business needs to work together selflessly for there to be success," he said.

More info about the 27 October Summit at frankstonbusinesscollective.com.au

Waste circularity — we need your input

There's a growing sense of urgency to better manage waste in the face of a growing population and limited landfill capacity.

The Victorian Government's target to divert 80 per cent of waste from landfill by 2030 is key in supporting a Circular Economy. Council is planning for this transition and calling on residents to help shape our eight-year Waste Circularity Plan.

As the name suggests, the plan will consider a number of ways to reduce waste and further increase resource recovery, supporting the community to move towards a circular economy. The plan will also accommodate new Victorian Government legislation to transition to a standardised four-stream household waste and recycling system including the introduction of a separated glass recycling collection.

Council is eager to hear your ideas and feedback on waste circularity and will be holding a range of online and in-person engagement activities to collect your input. For more information, visit

engage.frankston.vic.gov.au or follow the QR code.



Frankston Signal Box turns 100!

The Frankston Signal Box celebrated its 100-year anniversary on 22 August.

Long-time Frankston resident Shirley Davies (photo), aged 86, met with Mayor Nathan Conroy and State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke. She was one of the 15 people with a golden ticket to view the Signal Box on its 100th birthday.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll MP, the Federal Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy MP, were joined by Councillors Sue Baker, Claire Harvey, Brad Hill and Frankston Historical Society President Glenda Viner. More than 70 people attended the event.



Shirley Davies, 86, received a golden ticket to view the Signal Box.

October is Mental Health Awareness Month

October is Mental Health Awareness Month, and 10 October marks World Mental Health Day. For Frankston City Council, however, the focus on mental health is an all-year round effort.

Three free programs are available for anyone who lives, works, plays, socialises or studies in the City of Frankston. These are: (1) a 90-minute online webinar by the Australian Red Cross, titled 'Mental Health Matters'; (2) a half-day 'Mental Health Matters' workshop by the Australian Red Cross (in-person) at Ebdale Community Centre; (3) a standard two-day accredited Mental Health First Aid Course run by You-Group Australia takes place each month.

Already, hundreds have participated in these workshops in some way and feedback has been positive.

David McFarlane, who works in retail, told the Frankston City News, "I attended the online course and a half-day workshop for my own

interest because it was important, especially after COVID.

"Apart from retail, I also do volunteer work with scouting. The workshop has given me a greater understanding of anxiety and how it affects more people than I could have imagined. I am now more aware of how some people may react differently, especially when put on the spot!"

People from all walks of life have attended the sessions, from educators wishing to help students to family members concerned about their loved ones.

Asked what they learnt from their participation, attendees gave a range of responses from the importance of listening and not needing "to 'solve' anything" to knowing which questions to ask and even digging beyond bias.

Read more on Page 8: Cr Sue Baker shares her experience after attending a session.



Cr Sue Baker attended a Mental Health Session. Read about her experiences in her column.

How to join a session

- Book a 90-minute "Introduction to Mental Health Training" on Eventbrite (online course) or email communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au
- Book the "Half-day Mental Health Matters Workshop" on Eventbrite. The next one takes place in person at Ebdale Community Hub on 1 October from 10.30am to 3pm. You can also email communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au
- To attend the Mental Health First Aid 2-day accredited course by You-Group Australia, contact communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au

To keep up to date on what we are offering, visit our website frankston.vic.gov.au/Mental-Health-First-Aid

Top marks in Community Satisfaction Survey

Enhanced community engagement has ensured Frankston's community satisfaction results continue to track positively for many of our Council services.

Over 800 people took part in the face-to-face Community Satisfaction Survey which saw Frankston City Council lead metro councils with an overall community satisfaction rate of 71 per cent, compared with a metro average of 66 per cent.

Top results this year were:

- Conditions of sealed local roads 73 per cent — up 4 per cent
- Community decisions 71 per cent — up 12 per cent
- Lobbying and Advocacy 71 per cent — up 16 per cent
- Consultation and engagement 69 per cent — up 10 per cent

Highest rated council services:

- Weekly garbage collection
- Fortnightly recycling collection
- Food and garden waste collection
- Hard rubbish collection
- Services for children

Frankston City Council, Mayor Nathan Conroy said this year's strong results were on top of record levels of growth last year. "It is good to see that we are continuing to meet and outstrip the expectations of our community. Council has put a concerted effort into our Lobbying and Advocacy this year and the results are clear."

During the Federal election, Council worked with the major parties to achieve commitments of \$39.4 million for major projects like the Frankston Basketball Stadium, the Arts Trail and Sandfield Reserve.

Five charities make an impact

Frankston Charitable Fund grants worth \$43,760 have been awarded to five local charities for innovative projects.

Miscarriage Information Support Service Vice President Melissa Jacobs told the Frankston City News that the funding would "have a significant and direct impact on improving mental health outcomes after miscarriage".

Since Frankston Charitable Fund's establishment as a sub-fund of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation by Frankston City Council in 2009, 62 grants worth over \$250,000 have been awarded to local charities.

Frankston Charitable Fund 2021/22 Grant Recipients are:

Operation Larder (\$13,312):

Supply non-perishable food and

person hygiene items to Community Services Frankston to maintain their inventory stock levels.

Miscarriage Information Support Service (\$11,312): Provide resources to improve mental health outcomes after miscarriage.

Theodora House (\$8,312): Provide meals to families and individuals in the local community who are enduring financial hardship.

Project Creativity (\$6,312): Deliver an art program working with disadvantaged young people to use fine art to create various art projects.

Donation Chain (\$3,521): Supply dry socks, shoes, and wound care to people experiencing homelessness or crisis to treat feet conditions.

More info at frankston.vic.gov.au/FCF

Free parenting sessions

The Frankston City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service has free education sessions for parents and carers of children 0-6 years living within the Frankston municipality.

There are a range of sessions designed to give parents new skills and respond to their questions.

The popular Infant Massage session introduces parents to strategies, techniques, and the benefits of massage.

Food for baby sessions and toddler behaviour sessions (including info on toilet training) are also offered. To find out more, call **9784 1756**.

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Frankston Seniors will be doing some more dancing during the Frankston Seniors Festival.

Frankston Seniors Festival, a smorgasbord of events

The Frankston Seniors Festival is packed with events to encourage Frankston's older adults to step outside and explore what our amazing community has to offer.

The program is focused on the well-being of seniors with comedian Monica Dullard and the Abba tribute band performing on 15 October. Other events include day trips, board games, movie matinees and, of course, cuisine.

From Sri Lankan feasts to Filipino line dances and Russian culture, there is something for everyone.

Rohini Dalpathadu, Secretary of the Carrum Downs Sri Lankan Seniors, encourages people of all ages to come along for cuisine and culture from her community. "It's our first time here because our Club is new," she said. "We'll be wearing our saris and will be offering food from our country, such as rice and curry chicken, lentils, different vegetables and other coconut-based recipes."

Grace Edwards, President of the Friendly Filipino Seniors Support Group, told the Frankston City News that everyone can come and join in the line dances. "Our club is 11 years old and we've been participating in the Seniors Festival for around eight years," she said. "It's a great way to show the community what we are doing and to hopefully get some more members."

It's a chance to make friends.

"Our Fast Friends activity at the library is like speed dating but for over 60s to get to know each other as friends," said Hannah Stevens from the Frankston City libraries team. Check out the program! There really is something for everyone. Bookings open on 20 September at 11am.

Program highlights

Comedian Monica Dullard and the Abba tribute band perform on 15 October at 4pm.

Dancing Queens and Super Troopers can enjoy a night of laughs, dancing and Takin' it Easy at the George Jenkins Theatre – Monash University Peninsula Campus (47-49 Moorooduc Highway, Frankston). Doors open at 3.15pm. Free admission, bookings are essential.

www.monash.edu/performing-arts-centres/whats-on/

Day trips:

- TarraWarra Museum of Art in Healesville (13 Oct),
- Mrs Harris Goes to Paris at the iconic Cameo Cinema (26 Oct),
- Werribee Open Range Zoo (31 Oct).

Tours:

- Four Street Art Walking Tours from (11am on 4 Oct, 12 Oct),
- Garden wander at Crude Farm (all days, except 25 Oct),
- Frankston Brewhouse (14 Oct),
- Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve (9.30am, 6 Oct),
- Ballam Park Homestead (12pm, 20 October)

Movies:

- Free Saturday Movie Matinees at Frankston City Library's Community Room

Exercise:

- Get fit with Walking Basketball (11am, 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct),
- Join the activity day at Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC),
- Tai Chi at Frankston City Library's forecourt (10.30am, every Sunday).

Socialising:

- Fast friends social event at Frankston Library (11am, 3 Oct),
- 'Have a Chat' at the Library every Tuesday from 1-3pm,
- Chatty café and Ukulele at Karingal Place (10am, 4 Oct),
- Men's Chat at Karingal Place (10.30am, 10 Oct),
- Board games at Belvedere Community Centre (12pm, 17 Oct)

Learn:

- Pensions, Superannuation, Tax for over 60s at Langwarrin Community Centre (6pm, 6 Oct),
- Family history info session at Frankston City Library (10am, 11 Oct),
- Social media introduction at Frankston City Library (10am, 19 Oct)

To make bookings, please refer to the festival program.

Free transport

There will be free transportation for Victorian Seniors Card holders so they can explore metropolitan and regional Victoria from Sunday 2 October to Sunday 9 October 2022. To access the free transport, simply carry your Seniors Myki and Victorian Seniors Card on public transport and touch on and off as usual on regional services that don't use Myki, show your Victorian Seniors Card to the conductor or bus driver.

For more info about the Festival and other initiatives for Seniors, contact Frankston City Council's Positive Ageing Team on 1300 322 322.

You can also pick up a festival program at key points, such as Frankston City's libraries, the Frankston Civic Centre and the Frankston Art Centre.

Alternatively, download the online guide from the Frankston City Council website or follow the QR Code.





Lollipop lady Wendy Hart helped children in Seaford cross the street for 41 years before her retirement.

The lollipop lady hangs up her whistle

On the day Wendy Hart hung up her whistle as a lollipop lady after 41 years with Council, there were flowers and chocolates, the police officers passed by with their lights flashing and the Ambulance blasted its siren.

The iconic lollipop lady of Seaford was well-loved because she always had a smile for passers-by as she helped generations cross the street.

“A couple of the first children I helped later had children of their own and then grandchildren,” she said. “It makes you feel old but you’re not old because you are among the young.”

She moved to Seaford in 1976, and would bring her six-month-old daughter to work. “In those days, we could take the pram with us as there were not many rules or regulations, not like today,” she said.

Her little one would sit with her on the crossing “come hail, rain or shine”.

She worked at crossings at Seaford, Kananook, Seaford North, at St Anne’s and Patterson River Schools, Carrum Downs High and Mordialloc and Mentone Grammar School.

“Mine was just a stop sign with no lights but over the years it got very busy over Carrum Downs,” she said, adding that more lights were added along with the railway overpass.

Her career is a narrative of the history of Frankston as viewed from a pedestrian crossing.

One thing however remained the same. “The children have always been terrific though you get the odd one out,” she said.

“I’ll miss the interaction with the kids and the public, the dog walkers, the young mums with their prams. I almost feel like I should take a chair and sit in the corner.”

Citizen of the Year encourages nominations

Citizen of the Year Trudy Poole was chuffed when she received the honour on Australia Day 2022.

She saw the opportunity as a way to draw attention to work she has been doing with the homeless and would welcome other community-minded individuals to be nominated for 2023.

Awards have been refreshed with different categories following community feedback so that they are better aligned with the future direction of Frankston City.

“I was at a function for the Frankston Business Collective and a Councillor introduced me as Citizen of the Year to a gentleman from BNI Frankston and after I highlighted our work, he offered to support our brekky club with the proceeds of a golf day,” Trudy said.

If you know someone like Ms Poole, who is doing amazing work for the community, you can nominate them for the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year for people over the age of 21**
- **Young Citizen of the Year for people aged 21 years and younger**
- **Community Group: a group of people in the community**

Nominations open on 3 October and close on 25 November. On 7 December the selection panel will select the winners. Visit frankston.vic.gov.au

Aunty Marice’s strong connection to Frankston

Aunty Marice, an Aboriginal Elder of the Frankston area, has a deep connection to the land. Born by the beach in Chelsea in 1939, she yarns about coming down to Frankston from a young age with a horse and dray, accompanying her grandfather who taught her a lot about Aboriginal history. She, in turn, has embedded this knowledge in her art.

Back in her day, Frankston was a far quieter place: tourists would flood down during Easter and from time to time the Navy would visit, but the area had noticeably less activity.

Growing up during wartime rationing, Aunty Marice still remembers standing outside the Plaza with a voucher for groceries.

“Every day, I would walk through the swamp in my galoshes, carrying a billycan on my way to the dairy to fill up with milk. I would have a long stick with a piece of wire wrapped around it, too, for the copperhead snakes — though you never try to harm an animal; only to eat, to survive,” she said.

Aunty Marice has a lot of respect for the environment and other beings. She describes days when families would bathe at Freshwater Creek, fashioning hooks

to fish out eels from the water they’d then cook over hot stones. Her grandfather would bring her down to Frankston for a picnic and tell her the land was sacred. It was special.

“My grandfather would tell me: the land is Mother Earth because it is a mother who looks after you. Mother feeds you, clothes you. It gives you everything you need. This is why it deserves our respect,” she said.

Although she speaks of happy times and talks with pride, there has also been great pain in Aunty Marice’s life. Her mother, one of the Stolen Generation, was robbed of the ability to know her own family. This “life of pain” - as Aunty Marice puts it - was felt through the generations, as was the abuse of Aboriginal people in Australia. “My culture is the most important thing to me,” she said. “Without knowledge of your culture, you don’t know who you are - and you should be proud of who you are.”

While she’s lived a remarkable life — standing up for Aboriginal rights and travelling to far places — Aunty Marice knows she will stay in Frankston until she dies. She has a connection to the area and to her Elders before her; and, as her grandfather used to tell her, this land is special.



Aunty Marice’s paintings show the work of a prolific artist and lifelong activist.

As a deeply respected member of her community, a prolific artist and lifelong activist, Aunty Marice gives meaningful advice. “You’ve got to give in your life,” she says. “If you can make someone else happy and do right by people, life is worth living.”

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Community safety initiatives

Over the past few years, I have worked to maximise Council's commitment to community safety and allaying unfounded perceptions of our area.

We have implemented new local laws designed to clamp down on anti-social behaviour from noise pollution to dangerous driving. More than 73 fines have been issued for stopping or parking near a 'hoon' event.

At the same time the CCTV network has doubled since 2018 with the installation of CCTV across 18 sites. This includes locations such as Excelsior Drive, Skye Road and Nepean Highway, Council will shortly consider a further 20 sites for CCTV. These sites will include Mahogany Avenue, Shannon Street Mall and the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve. In 2018, we had 10 Community Laws Officers which has now expanded to 12 plus a further three officers currently being recruited to form a Rapid Response Team. Furthermore, Council has provided funding to equip Officers with body cameras for both accountability and evidentiary purposes. Moreover, annual audits will commence shortly to ensure aerosol paint canisters are not sold to underage customers.

We are working to reduce family violence through a number of initiatives, such as the Men as Role Models program, aimed at encouraging males and fathers to exhibit good behaviours. Council also works in partnership with Peninsula Community Legal Centre to provide free advice to those in need on a variety of legal matters.

Evelyn Street opening

In recognition that there is little green space in the town centre, vacant land on Evelyn Street was retained rather than sold for development purposes. The \$1.3 million project, supported by the Victorian government, is yet another major infrastructure project in my ward.

The existing open space will include an amphitheatre and elevated performance space, a rainforest garden, footpath connections to Nepean Highway and Fletcher Road, seating and solar lighting as well as an informal play area. The gathering space will also include barbecues, a drinking fountain, bike hoops, picnic tables and references to local Indigenous culture. Sculptures and public art will be installed in the coming months. The new park is due to formally open in late September. Quick aside, I am receiving a lot of positive feedback for the number of improvements occurring throughout the ward – be it sporting facilities in Frankston North, the beautification works in Karingal, the public art in Seaford or the imminent new commuter car park facility in Kananook which will provide approximately 320 new commuter car parking spaces. Keep up the enthusiasm, there's a lot more to come!

Cr Kris Bolam

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Monterey Soccer Pavilion opening

My priorities for Frankston have been to ensure a new and upgraded infrastructure for our City, and to ensure that Frankston gets its fair share of State and Federal funding.

It was a pleasure to see these priorities aligned at the opening of the Monterey Soccer Pavilion when Victoria's Multicultural Affairs, Community Sport and Youth Minister Ros Spence announced an additional \$315,000 for lighting upgrades. Council will double this amount so that it totals \$630,000.

Such Funding announcements are important for our area as they help to upgrade it. For instance, the new lighting fixtures will now mean more training for the passionate Pines.

State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP praised the great partnership between local council and other levels of government. During the opening, he said it is due to this great working relationship that more money has been invested in Frankston in the last seven years than in the last 40 or 50 years. We hope to see our continued advocacy take root with even more developments and improvements to our City. **More on page 20.**

Seniors Festival

After a two-year hiatus, the Seniors Festival is back this October with a jam-packed Festival. The theme is 'Taken' it Easy' in order to transition from isolation to socialisation with ease.

Studies have shown the importance of social connection and sense of purpose when it comes to enhancing the lives of our elders and we hope the Seniors Festival will help forge connections which will run well after it has ended. Best of all, it includes activities for entire families to enjoy.

Real inclusivity isn't about creating a festival for a certain age group but about embracing, respecting and celebrating our elders. **Read more about it on page 5.**

Koala project

Our parklands, home to numerous wildlife, are cherished in our community. The Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Group is offering saplings to help revive Frankston's koala population. The goal of the group is to create a koala wildlife corridor connecting existing sections of koala habitat and food trees on the Mornington Peninsula. Thanks to a Council grant, the group is offering saplings to people in the region to help increase the population.

For more information as to where to collect these, email mpkoalatreeplanting@outlook.com

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Mental Health Matters

World Mental Health Day is on 10 October. For Council, the issue of raising awareness of mental health issues is important not just for one designated day or month, but every day.

In the aftermath of COVID-19, our well-being matters more than ever, and is central to our success as a Community. For this reason, Council has been running FREE Mental Health Matters workshops in collaboration with the Australian Red Cross.

Having already attended the accredited 2-day session a few years ago, I followed up with a face-to-face half-day Mental Health Matters workshop offered by Council to residents of Frankston City.

There were 11 of us there, from diverse backgrounds. All of us had first-hand or lived experience of mental health and its impact on our families and friends.

Lead by Tom, our Australian Red Cross facilitator, we soaked up the opportunity to learn skills and techniques to ensure that our conversations around mental health have the most impact.

I found it useful as a way to hone my skills when it comes to offering mental health support to those who need it.

We all know someone who is struggling with mental health issues, even though we may not be aware of it. Unlike physical illness, someone's mental health problems may be hidden under the stigma of shame.

The statistics are staggering. In 2020-21, over two in five Australians aged from 16 to 85 years had experienced a mental illness at some point in their lives (43.7 per cent). Bearing this in mind, it is important to recognise the issues, to know what questions to ask and to offer support — and get support too, when needed.

Tom explored the signs and symptoms to look out for and to recognise how long they have been experienced.

As human beings we are resilient enough to bounce back after a couple of weeks. When people don't, knowing how to respond makes all the difference.

Whether someone is in crisis or just having a really bad day, taking a pragmatic, common sense approach, using the language of de-escalation, empathy, self-care, respect and trust, combined with a sincere capacity to really listen and refer to relevant support can be life-changing.

For more information about this free training, visit page 4.

If this article has raised issues for you, here are some support options: call Lifeline

13 11 14, your GP or contact your organisation's Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

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Carrum Downs beautification

In 2021, Council was successful in securing a Victorian State Government grant through the Park Revitalisation Grants Programme for the design and construction of a destination play space at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve.

This district level playground is a legacy project which will give joy to families with young children in the years to come.

The playground is located in one of the largest sections of open spaces in the Carrum Downs and Skye area. Recently there has been much done to beautify our Community, including planting 1,500 trees.

Frankston's healthy male role models

Attending the Men as Role Models (MARM) forum in July and listening to AFL Sydney Swans co-captain Josh Kennedy talk about the male influences in his life made me reminisce of my own upbringing. Unfortunately, I had no male role models, but was influenced by the women surrounding me: my breadwinner mother, grandmother who adopted three women of colour in '60s Catholic Ireland and a teacher who encouraged me to dream big. While I personally did not have major male role models, I do believe that men who display emotional maturity contribute to our community. Young boys need to be learn the importance of respect and how to display their masculinity in a positive and healthy way.

Our MARM mentorship program is about to begin this month and we hope it will lay the seeds for a more respectful community in the years to come.

Don't miss the Mayor's Family Picnic

The Mayor's Family Picnic first began in Frankston in 2005, and is now an annual tradition.

As Frankston Mayor, I welcome everyone in the community to come along on 17 September for free children's activities, musical performances, market stalls and much more.

Personally, I am glad to endorse an event which plays a central part in raising the community spirit!



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The future of industry

On 16 August, consultancy Charter Keck Cramer hosted a forum to explore ideas on the future of our area's industry. Owners, managers and workers spoke about their needs and addressed challenges facing our area. Many voices were heard.

The forum was part of consultation which ran until 23 August to inform the development of the draft Frankston Industrial Strategy soon to be released to the public. **More on page 13.**

Parking improvements

Our city is growing, and we know that maintaining a traffic flow and making Frankston's CBD accessible for all is important to businesses in our area, and parking contributes to this.

There is positive news for parking in Frankston City with the start of two initiatives. Free two-hour parking has been reinstated for this financial year, extending the initiative which ran through COVID-19.

In another move, Frankston City's Smart Parking Trial Project kicked off in mid-August and brought new technology which makes parking more efficient in our area. Digital signage allows people to see available spaces and in-ground sensors ensure people receive messages when their parking is about to expire while also allowing for secure, cashless and contactless payment for parking. We also hope that smart parking reduces congestion and helps reduce fuel consumption, contributing to a greener environment.

Learn more about the benefits of Smart Parking at frankston.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Health/Transportation-and-parking/Smart-Parking-Trial

Frankston Community Register

Are you concerned about a loved one or even your own safety? The Frankston Community Register is a fantastic service which conducts weekly or fortnightly check-in calls from volunteers in the area.

The service, manned by volunteers, is available to people over 55 or those who have a disability and reside in the Frankston City Council municipality.

Volunteers man the service and check up on those who are registered with the police. To register, all you need to do is provide basic contact information, which is only accessed by police when requested by emergency services in an emergency situation.

A quarterly newsletter is also sent to all those who are registered. More info is available at the Frankston Community Register on **8770 4126** from 10am to 12pm or visit Carrum Downs Police Station at 42 Ballarto Road, Frankston North.



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For business by business

The launch of the Frankston Business Collective, held at the Frankston Art Centre in July followed by a Mental Well-being summit in August was a huge achievement for our city and something I am particularly proud of, having been involved in its creation from conception.

The need for the Chamber was evident through the attendance of 160 business representatives at the launch, and I encourage businesses to join and reap the benefits that come with being a member and part of a collective voice.

Having a Chamber created for the business community, by the business community, with a focus on advocacy, connection and education, is a coup for enterprise. The Collective will provide critical support to our business community as we drive initiatives to assist a thriving local economy, elevating our city's identity as an innovation hub.

On a more personal level, I'd like to add that the only thing more satisfying for a Councillor than to see their initiative come to fruition is to see it evolve and grow. And I know we're just at the start. Through networking events, business summits and business awards, the new Chamber will drive better economic outcomes and play an important role in guiding younger businesses embarking on their start-ups. I look forward to attending the October summit and seeing the Collective evolve with Council support. **Read more on Page 3.**

Tourism venues and openings

The recent Tourism Bronze award for Frankston was a tremendous success for our city, which is blossoming into a go-to centre thanks to a growing number of things to see and do.

Apart from the highly anticipated opening of Oliver's Corner at the ground floor of the Frankston Yacht Club, we had the opening of the Living Earth Co and Young Folks Digital in August. We're also excited about the coming of life of Hotel Lona and Loom & Spindle, a beautiful studio nook for creatives, creators and coffee lovers. What better place to relax than surrounded by yarn?

Add to this Sporting Globe, Betty's Burger and a constantly growing number of venues making Frankston a place filled with business opportunities while giving residents much to see and do.



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Drawing investment to Frankston

Engagement on the draft Structure Plan of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre took place from April to May 2022. The goal is to best showcase Frankston as a 'city away from the city' and make the most of its bayside location and lifestyle opportunities.

By attracting major head offices or government departments to our city, we can boost investment. There are already key developments underway to help this, such as the federal and state-funded commuter car park set to deliver 500 spaces will also help increase interest in the area.

Frankston currently serves as a major retail and service centre for the surrounding regions and we hope that upgrades will further enhance its importance as a commercial hub.

This will further enhance employment which is expected to grow by around 3,400 between 2021-2041 (1.5 per cent per annum) on top of what it has already grown thanks to four sizeable hospitals, numerous health care providers, two regional shopping centres, a hard goods retail park, a university campus, a large TAFE institutes and many other services.

Transforming our City

Frankston City is on the cusp of a huge transformation thanks to 'game-changing' developments in the pipeline. The new draft Structure Plan for the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) is a driving force in this development which could boost the city over the next two decades as it emerges as an important commercial hub.

The Emerging Ideas Paper has been drafted to inform the FMAC Structure Plan following engagement which took place from April to May 2022 under four themes: (1) Activities and Land Use; (2) Built Form; (3) Public Realm; and (4) Movement and Access. Initiatives were identified in key sectors, including investment and housing affordability, and changes to the design of our City over the next 20 years.

Imagine a future with more parks and spaces in the CBD. This would mean the transformation of Kananook Creek Boulevard with greater pathways and upgrades to Playne Street. The Frankston Arts Centre would be linked to the iconic waterway and additional bike lanes would be added. How great would it be to transform the Nepean Highway into an iconic boulevard?

Jubilee Park, a legacy project

Frankston is no stranger to ministerial visits these days thanks to the constant infrastructure upgrades.

Premier Dan Andrews led the entourage for a construction tour of Jubilee Park's new indoor stadium just as it started to take shape with the structural steel frame for the main building.

Once finished the stadium will offer elite training facilities with six multi-purpose indoor courts, four indoor cricket nets, female-friendly change rooms, crèche for players, function rooms, a crèche for players and a spectators café.

There will be seating for more than 1,000 people making this \$35 million community sports project a legacy project for future generations to enjoy.

As a father of five kids and a proud Frankston resident all my life I know how important such facilities are for families to enjoy.

Free car parking

During COVID-19, we waived car parking fees for our residents. It was a way to get more people down to the CBD but also the least we could do for those struggling from the financial repercussions of the global pandemic.

Lockdowns may have ended, however the financial fallout from COVID-19 is ongoing. There are still many challenges faced by businesses as we continue to recover.

For this reason, I advocated for the reinstatement of free 2-hour parking, something which Council has endorsed. It is now available in the following areas:

- Mechanics Hall
- Cranbourne Rd (Fletcher Rd car park)
- Playne Street car park
- Young Street east car park

Happy anniversary!

Frankston City's L2P Learner Driver Mentor program has been running for 12 years, but will celebrate its 10-year anniversary next month after delays caused by COVID-19.

And we really feel it is a program worth celebrating because it has helped more than 200 young Frankston learner drivers aged 16 to 21 get their licence. Without the program, these young learners without access to a supervising driver would not have been able to gain the hours needed to sit for driving exams.

It's not surprising that these free lessons are extremely popular. Council is always on the lookout for volunteer mentors to teach young drivers the importance of road safety.

National tree day, greening our City

I recently joined Mayor Conroy and Cr Sue Baker, our local Federal Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy MP and State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP, and a host of other students from nearby Frankston Heights Primary School, to undertake some important tree planting in Frankston's Wallace Reserve.

Late winter is the best season in which to plant new trees, in the hope that they'll adapt well to their new surrounds over spring and be sturdy enough to survive a hot Aussie summer. The lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 made tree planting events rather challenging, so it was particularly great to be involved in this year's tree planting activities! During this four-year Council term we have ambitious plans to plant 20,000 trees annually, representing 80,000 trees in total. Council Officers work hard to choose the right species for each location, based on its history and unique ecology.

One of the many wonderful things about trees is their capacity to help us both mitigate and adapt to climate change. They help to reduce emissions by acting as carbon 'sinks' - very naturally and efficiently sequestering carbon from our atmosphere - but simultaneously help us adapt to a warmer world by providing shade and cooling our air. They also help us cope with wetter weather, reducing run-off and flooding during heavy rains.

I have the privilege of serving as Council delegate to the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) where we work collaboratively as nine Councils to continue to press forward with ambitious plans to reduce the impacts of climate change upon communities across Melbourne's South East. Frankston City Council is also busy developing an updated Climate Strategy.

If you're passionate and concerned about our natural environment I encourage you to take every opportunity that you can to have your say and make your voice count. Your feedback and ideas are really important to us as we shape our response to this pressing issue and find opportunities to make our wonderful City more liveable and more green!

Read more on Page 18.



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South Ward

Langwarrin South >> Frankston City Centre >> Frankston South >> Frankston

Priority Projects – Gearing up for state election

In the lead up to the May 2022 federal election, Council was successful in securing over \$39 million worth of funding in election commitments from candidates towards local projects across Frankston City.

This follows an extensive process that ensured our priority projects have robust feasibility studies, economic impact assessments, independent cost plans, community engagement and Masterplans. Our advocacy priorities for the November 2022 state election remain the same, including:

Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium

Catering to over 8,000 members with improved basketball facilities and delivering the first ever community gymnastics facility in Frankston City, the proposed state-of-the-art Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium is the number one project for Council, Basketball Victoria and Gymnastics Victoria this election.

Funding needed:

- ✓ \$15 million – Council
- ✓ \$15 million – Federal Government
- 15 million – Victorian Government

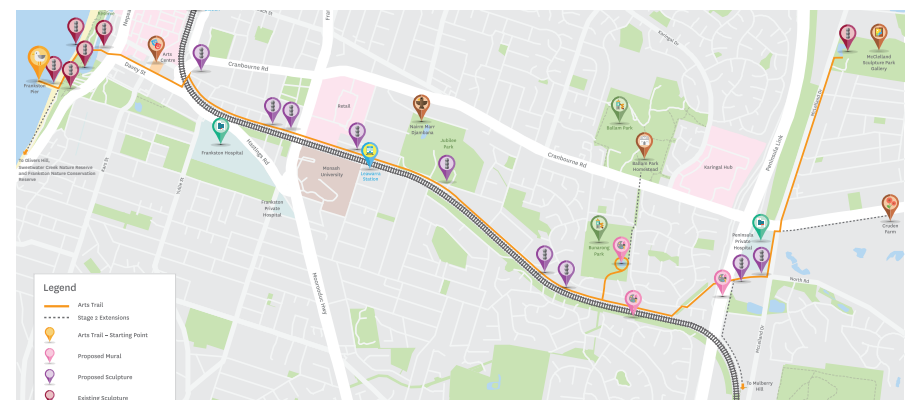


Frankston Regional Arts Trail

Improving the existing 7.4 kilometre Baxter Trail shared user path from Frankston Foreshore past both Frankston Hospital (Peninsula Health) and Monash University Peninsula Campus, finishing at McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery. This initiative include pathway rehabilitation and improvements, connections to various local reserves and installation of sculptures and artworks to complement our award winning street art tours.

Funding needed:

- ✓ \$2 million – Council
- ✓ \$2 million – Federal Government
- \$2 million – Victorian Government



Sandfield Reserve Precinct Revitalisation

Establishing a new district playspace, youth space, family picnic area, public toilet, public art, village green and a circuit path with lighting at Sandfield Reserve within the growing Carrum Downs community is set to deliver even more exciting opportunities to play, exercise and meet outside for all ages and abilities.

Funding needed:

- ✓ \$1.3 million – Council
- ✓ \$1.3 million – Federal Government
- \$1.3 million – Victorian Government



How we advocate

Council is committed to advocating to Victorian and Federal representatives on behalf of the Frankston City community.

Our dedication and collaborative approach towards advocacy has seen another increase in community satisfaction results this year, up a further 10 per cent from last year and the highest result in Frankston City's history.

Some of the ways we advocate to other levels of government to secure funding or influence decision-making include:

- Grant applications
- Budget submissions
- Parliamentary Inquiry submissions
- Election campaigns
- Relationships and conversations
- Mobilised community campaigns

How you can help

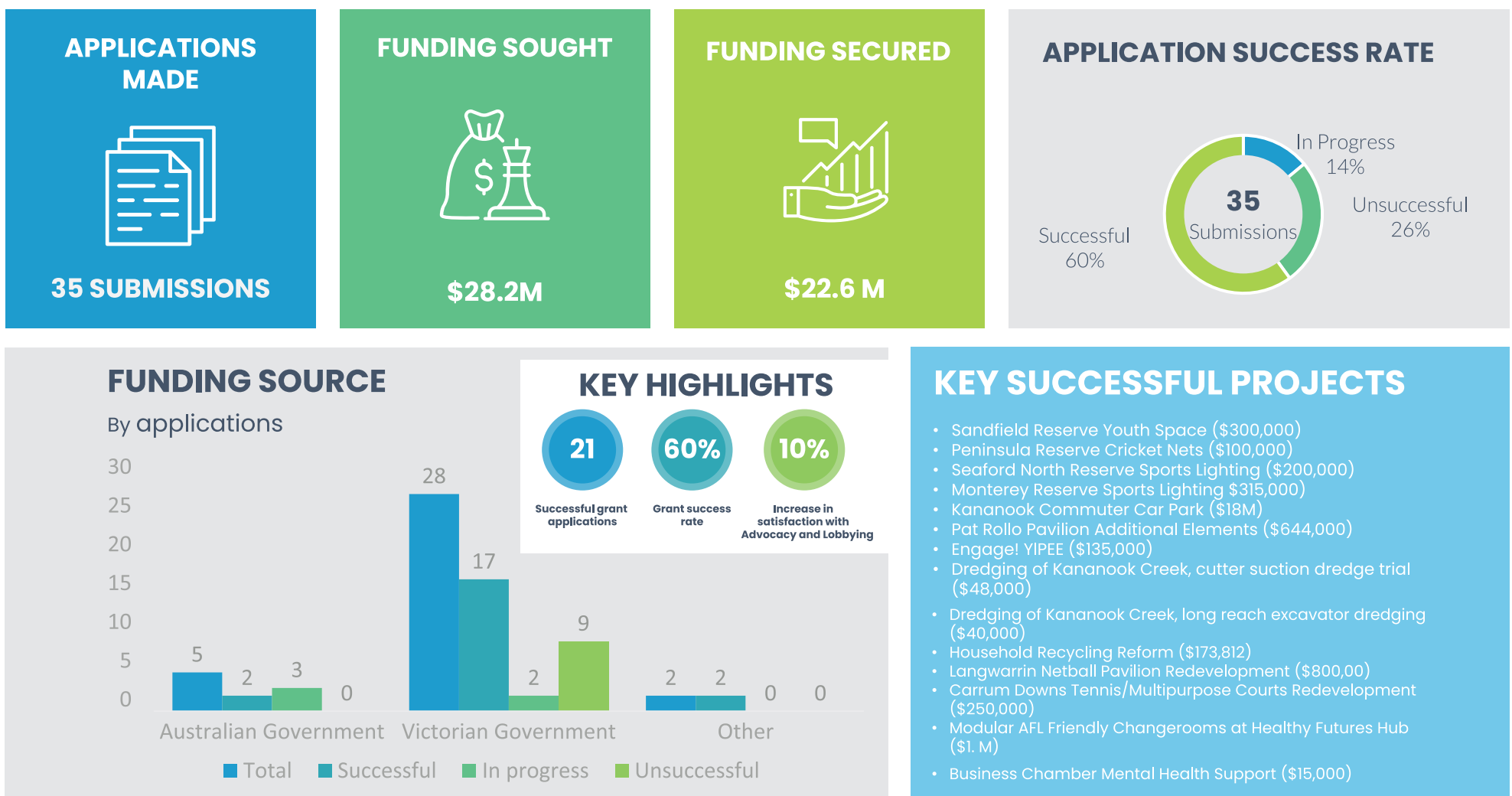
If you are interested in seeing these projects come to life, simply contact your local Members of Parliament and candidates for Frankston, Carrum and Hastings to tell them how important these projects are to you. To learn more about these projects, visit: frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy

KEY: ✓ = Commitment for funding has been made.

Priority Projects – granting local projects life

A key opportunity for Council to advocate for funding towards key local projects is through submitting applications for grant funding programs offered by Victorian and Federal Governments.

Below provides a comprehensive overview of Council's grant applications over the 2021-2022 financial year.



Your guide to the 2022 Victorian state election

Electorates

Frankston

Encompassing Frankston North, Frankston, Frankston South and now due to redistricting southern Seaford. The current sitting Member of Parliament for Frankston is Paul Edbrooke MP (Australian Labor Party).

Carrum

Encompassing Carrum, Carrum Downs, Sandhurst, northern Seaford and Skye within Frankston City. The sitting Member of Parliament for Carrum is the Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP (Australian Labor Party).

Hastings

Encompassing Langwarrin, Langwarrin South within Frankston City. The sitting Member of Parliament for Hastings is Neale Burgess MP (Liberal Party).

Make sure you're enrolled

To be able to vote in the November 2022 Victorian state election, you'll need to be correctly enrolled by 8pm on Tuesday 8 November.

You must enrol to vote if you are an Australian citizen, are aged 18 or over and have lived in Victoria for longer than a month. Enrolling is simple and can be done online or via post. To check your enrolment status online, visit enrolment.vec.vic.gov.au

How to vote

There are a number of safe and convenient ways you can vote in the 2022 Victorian state election.

Ways to vote include:

- In-person at an early voting centre (between 14 and 25 November 2022)
- In-person on election day (Saturday 26 November 2022)
- Via post as a general postal voter (applications to vote via post must be completed)

The Victorian Electoral Commission will share voting centre locations and opening hours from Wednesday 2 November 2022.

For the most up to date information, visit: vec.vic.gov.au

Invest Frankston



The Invest Frankston After Dark Activation Grant is closing soon.

IF After Dark

A new grant program aimed to support Frankston City's transformation into a vibrant, diverse, inclusive, welcoming and safe destination at night-time is closing soon! Designed to support Frankston City's "bricks and mortar" businesses in the CBD and to encourage local business and artisan collaborations, the Invest Frankston After Dark Activation Grants will unlock the city's night-time potential. Awakening Frankston City at night aims to attract visitors and entrepreneurs, create new jobs and drive the economic development of our city.

With \$120,000 total funding pool, the grant covers up to 50 per cent of the total project cost with a maximum of \$30,000 per business for a regular night-time program, or a project to support your After Dark initiative. Ideas may include external illuminations, regular live music, entertainment programming, classes and workshops or support to extend opening hours. Applications to submit concepts (Stage 1) open Thursday, 1 September and close Friday, 16 September, 2022. **Details: investfrankston.com or email business@frankston.vic.gov.au.**



A site visit to Hotel Lona at the corner of Playne St and the Nepean Hwy.

Invest Frankston Business Grants update

The Economy, Investment and Activations team and Frankston City Mayor Nathan Conroy visited the eight successful grant recipients from the Invest Frankston Business Grants Program who shared \$228,0000 to help grow their enterprises and enhance the economy.

It was fantastic to see initiatives taking shape. These included a work experience program for people with disabilities, an earth centre, a digital marketing studio and a new rooftop restaurant among other initiatives. There were 18 businesses which applied this year. More info at investfrankston.com/news



Students gain experiences and businesses gain a fresh youthful approach in return.

Linking to Business

Expressions of interest for the 2022 Linking to Business summer program are now open.

The program is a partnership between Council and Monash Business School (MBUS), which is available to students studying for their Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) at the Monash Peninsula campus. Local businesses are matched with students to offer 'real-world' experience of business operations. In return, students

provide fresh thinking and share their skills with potential employers, giving them confidence to transition into a career after graduation. It's a great way to make connections and showcase the diverse career options found in the Frankston region. The 2022 program will run over a period of two weeks from Monday 28 November–Friday 9 December, 2022. More info at investfrankston.com/news

Job Advocates helping to bridge the staff gap

Looking for skilled staff?

We have a team of dedicated Job Advocates working hard to link staff with Frankston City businesses. The free service links Frankston Job Advocates who have a strong local knowledge with mentor partners to assist with funding for job readiness training of jobseekers registered with them.

Part of the Jobs Victoria Backing You campaign, the service is all about supporting small businesses and jobseekers with a range of resources, including wage subsidies and personalised support from advocates, mentors and counsellors.

Contact the Frankston Job Advocates directly to discuss how they can assist you. They are also out each week, connecting jobseekers at a range of locations.

Email: Job.Advocates@frankston.vic.gov.au

Grant Guru

The Grant Guru tool is a fantastic resource which can help you, our Frankston City small businesses find and access funding from Federal, State and Local Government, plus grants from corporate and philanthropic organisations.

It also lists rebates, concessions, awards, scholarships and more. With over 35 years combined experience in the grants industry, this comprehensive grant database in Australia offers access to over 1,349 grants worth \$74.2 billion! Thanks to the Economy, Investment and Activation team at Frankston City Council, you can now find that funding boost you have been looking for.

Visit frankston.grantguru.com.au or email business@frankston.vic.gov.au

Frankston's green transport future

Fewer cars and more shared spaces in the city are considerations of Frankston's Integrated Transport Strategy for the next 20 years.

The Strategy, titled *Connecting Communities*, takes into account forecasts which show that Frankston's population will grow from 142,147 people to 163,610 by 2042. This increase - if left unchecked - will take its toll on the Frankston transport system and the environment, however the newly-released vision offers strategies to counter challenges. Currently under public consultation, the community is invited to share feedback on the Strategy until 2 October.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said, "Creating more walkable neighbourhoods, a great cycling network, and integrated public transport will all help Frankston grow more sustainability and protect the liveability that makes Frankston City great."

With traffic and parking congestion among the most pressing concerns, the Strategy outlines a suite of actions to make it easier for people to choose alternative forms of transport to their cars. Should the issue not be addressed, forecasts show that in 20 years there will be an additional 15,000 car trips per day clogging up our City's roads.

The Strategy aims to prevent worst case scenario and track progress towards net zero emissions by 2050 with a 50 per cent reduction by 2030. Such a target can be met by increasing people's access to local shops and services within 800 metres of their home.

A plan for 20-minute neighbourhoods supports the concept of 'living locally' and will give people the ability to meet most of their daily needs within a 20-minute return walk from home - including access to safe cycling. The creation of more walkable neighbourhoods, better cycling networks and an integrated public transport system will make the Active Travel Plan (ATP) for schools more feasible. It is hoped that the ATP, supported by safe infrastructure upgrades, will help lower the number of students driven to school (currently 60 per cent of students, 15 per cent of car trips).

Furthermore, last summer Frankston became the first regional area to adopt e-bikes. The successful program, along with other smart cities initiatives, such as electric vehicle charging stations, e-scooters and smart parking, is set to rejuvenate the way we travel, making it greener and more efficient.

The 56-page paper under consultation outlines many more initiatives required to make Frankston safer, convenient, and more sustainable when dealing with big issues facing the area, such as climate change, congestion, risks to road safety and density.

"Everyone is invited to give their feedback," Mayor Conroy said, "because we need the Strategy to work for the community, businesses and visitors, including young people, people with a disability and elders in our community."

To give feedback by 2 October, follow the QR code or visit engage.frankston.vic.gov.au



Active Travel Plan to reduce students being driven to school

The future of the industrial precinct

Council is preparing a new Strategy for Frankston's Industrial Precincts. The long-term 20-year plan will guide how Council planning and policy guidance for the use and development of the industrial precincts within the municipality will evolve.

Consultation on the plan ended on 23 August and will inform the draft Frankston Industrial Strategy soon to be released to the public. The economic role of Seaford, Seaford North, Frankston East, Carrum Downs, and Langwarrin to the wider area is enormous. The industrial precinct currently offers 13,680 jobs and is a contributor to our economy, however we are interested in ensuring the attractiveness, sustainability and competitiveness of our industrial area for years to come, while also dealing with economic and land use challenges.

Follow the QR code for more info.



Council and community formulate 10-year Assets Plan

Frankston City Council has a clear plan when it comes to its growth and development, and this vision is documented in the 10-year Assets Plan.

The purpose of the plan, in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020, is to ensure quality standards in the way Frankston City's assets are maintained. For Council, it was yet another opportunity to engage with the community about the city's valuable infrastructure.

Earlier this year, the Council created a 49-member Asset Plan Community Panel to discuss "what assets are important to our community". With this panel and constant consultation, a set of "decision making principles" were created as a guide when making current and future decisions about

our assets, particularly the allocation of discretionary funding to capital projects.

The new Assets Plan 2022-2032 supports the achievement of the Frankston City Vision 2040 and the Council Plan themes and objectives. It will also help Council manage its assets portfolio worth \$1.55 billion in collaboration with the community.

The Plan will help us respond to challenges with population growth, changing community demographics, inflation, grant funding limitations, constrained revenue due to rate capping and climate change.

Council has adopted a well-structured approach to the management of our assets to address future challenges and ensure we meet the service delivery needs of the community.



Miles Pavilion is a new 2-storey pavilion with inclusive facilities.

Enjoy Every Moment

Mayor's Family Picnic is back

The Mayor's Family Picnic is back on Saturday 17 September and it is bigger and better than ever before.

Hosted at Carrum Downs Recreational Reserve, a new location with huge grounds that can fit in up to 5,000 people at any given time.

There's something for everyone, young and old, teens, kids, adults. There are free kids activities, food trucks and stalls, live musical performances, local craft and plenty

of market stalls, interactive activities and more in a true celebration of our local communities.

For the first time this year, there will be "treats" for adults with Dainton Brewery and That Spirited Lot serving beverages.

Don't miss a day of fun at Carrum Downs Recreational Reserve, Wedge Road from 12-5pm.

Follow the QR Code for more info.



The Mayor's Family Picnic is a great time for the community to come together.



Students at Rowellyn Park Primary created the 'Tree of Life' during lockdown

Planning for an art celebration

Rowellyn Park Primary School art teacher Kate Woodbridge is happy to be organising the school's biannual art market show on 3 November after COVID thwarted plans in recent years.

Local artists are invited to take part in the event at Rowellyn Park Primary School by setting up stalls and sharing and selling their work.

"We have almost 800 students so it's a great big, fun, busy afternoon."

She hopes the event will be bigger and ever than before after its cancellation during lockdowns. "The staggered and fractured way we have been able to hold art lessons over the pandemic

has been very tough and taken a lot of perseverance and resilience both with the students and myself."

As a way of boosting morale, a school mural was started just before lockdowns and took almost two years to finish. "Hours and hours of work has gone into our 'Tree of Life'."

Ms Woodward said it is a reminder of how the school community, parents, staff and students came together during the pandemic.

Artists interested in taking part in the art celebration on 3 November should contact Kate Woodbridge by email at rppsartextravaganza@gmail.com

Frankston City

Mayor's FAMILY PICNIC

FREE ENTRY

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

12-5PM

LIVE MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS MARKET STALLS

CARRUM DOWNS RECREATIONAL RESERVE
Wedge Road, Carrum Downs
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Frankston City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong People, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.

FREE ENTRY

Pets' Day out

Sunday 9 October 2022
10am-3pm
Ballam Park, Frankston

Animal Farm • Demonstration Arena • Pet Parade
Pet Stalls • Face Painting • Pet Ownership Information

For more information visit:
discoverfrankston.com

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The moving murals and where to find them



Many locals would know that Frankston City has an impressive array of street art across its buildings and laneways. Did you know though that not all of our murals are static? There are four pieces that come to life through the marvel of Augmented Reality.

To do this, download the Big Picture Series app, find the Frankston Festival and point your camera at the artwork. Easy!

Bond TruLuv

Artist Bond TruLuv was originally born and raised in Germany, yet his artistic map features murals and exhibitions all over Europe, Africa and especially Asia (India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan and Japan).

Being a true multimedia artist he is constantly experimenting with different materials such as canvas, installations, video mapping and long exposure photography.

Lately he's focused on new technologies and was the first Graffiti artist to embed augmented reality (AR) animations into his pieces, pushing the boundaries of urban contemporary art even further ahead.

Bond TruLuv artwork was originally located at Frankston Train Station. You could see the weird accumulation of objects move above the building. The artwork is currently being relocated to a new location... watch this space.

Knock

Benjamin KNOCK is an artist who has gained worldwide recognition through painting buildings and spaces, predominantly within the field of large-scale murals, fine art elements and virtual reality.

KNOCK is a multidisciplinary artist whose work aims to tap into the

public's imagination, fusing the relationship between surrealism and our natural habitat.

This artwork is best viewed, standing in front of the stairwell, located in the Wilson's Car Park off Gallery Lane. Here you'll see coloured objects, planets and sphere's move through the air and spin...

SMUG

Smug, is an Australian contemporary street artist who resides in Glasgow. Admired by many, he's able to create highly technical pieces that are edgy, cheeky, and incredibly playful, using nothing but spray cans.

Smug is able to create amazing large-scale wall pieces that look like they could be photographs. There is hardly a compliment of greater significance for any artist attempting to work in photo realism.

You'll find this piece on Park Lane. You'll see the skeleton come to life, speaking to the bird, while the moon spins.

Vans the Omega

Joel Van Moore aka Vans the Omega has been a part of the global street art scene for decades. Since 2000 he has travelled to 50 countries while painting, exploring and discovering more about his art. Recently Joel has focussed on moving into sculptural works via 3D animation and modelling as the world shifts into a new digital era.

You'll find this artwork down Thompson Lane. Here you'll see a spaceship emerge from the wall like never before.

To hear more about these incredible artworks and Frankston's exciting street art scene, book onto a Street Art Walking Tour. There's one running every weekend, \$15 per person.

discoverfrankston.com/things-to-do/street-art-walking-tours

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MAR 19	
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EVENT LOGISTIC GROUP

Frankston City



Hanami Party

The Frankston Susono Friendship Association are hosting a Hanami (flower viewing) party on 23 October in the Japanese Garden at Frankston High School. The Garden was officially opened on 23 February 1997, and is maintained by the FSFA Committee under the guidance of FSFA Vice Chairperson Simon Hast.

More info at frankston-susono.com

Win \$500 this SNAPtember

This September, Frankston residents are encouraged to report issues in Frankston on the Snap Send Save app to help ensure our communities are kept clean.

Each week brings a new focus with Dumped Rubbish (Week 1), abandoned shopping trolleys (Week 2), overgrown vegetation (Week 3) and graffiti (Week 4).

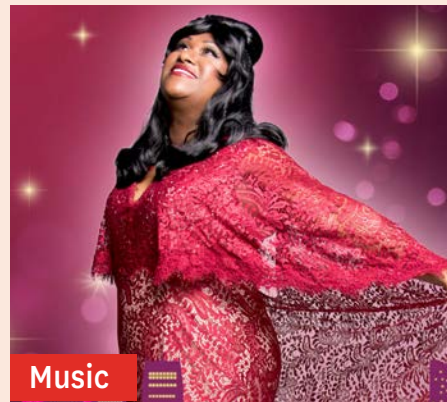
Each time a Snapper reports the issue of the week, they will go in the running to win \$500. Snap Send Solve will select one winner each week.

To get involved, visit snapsendsolve.com and happy snapping!

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2022 program

Bookings: 9784 1060 or thefac.com.au



Music

The Aretha Franklin Story

Saturday 17 September
8pm
FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$69.90-\$73.30

"RESPECT" journeys through Aretha Franklin's courageous life of love, tragedy and triumph while showcasing her greatest hits over the last 50 years!



Music

The Piano Men

Enjoy the songs of Elton John and Billy Joel.

Thursday 22 September
7.30pm
FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$52



Music

A tribute to music legend Buddy Holly, with special tributes.

Buddy Holly in Concert

Saturday 1 October, 8pm
Cube 37
Tickets: \$59.90-\$69.90



Art

Raw inner emotions onto canvas.

Cameron Howe, Solo Exhibition

Runs through to 22 October
Thursday-Friday 10am-5pm,
Saturday 9am-2pm
FAC, Atrium Tickets: Free



Music

Discover remote Indigenous culture from Australia's far northeast.

Ginar Australia

Saturday 22 October, 7pm
FAC Theatre
Tickets: \$69-\$79, \$276
(2 adults, 2 children)



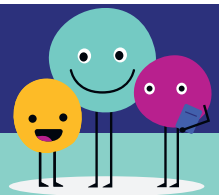
Workshop

Make your own unique 33-hour vegan soy candle! For kids aged 5-15 years and accompanying adults.

Make soy candles

Tuesday, 27 Sept, from 12.30-1.30pm, 2-3pm, 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday, 28 Sept, from 11am-12pm, 12.30pm-1.30pm
Cube 37 Tickets: \$45

Event changes and refunds: If your event is cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID restrictions, you will be entitled to a refund.



Frankston City Libraries

What's on



Library Seniors Seniors Month

Various days and locations
During October 2022

Reach for wellness this Seniors Month with Frankston City Libraries. Health and wellbeing coach Eva Elleman presents 3 workshops to help you live a happy and fulfilled life.

Tickets are free, but limited, so book now!



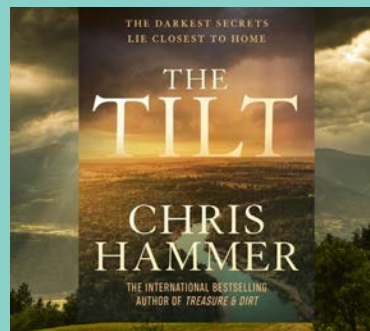
Kids Lego Builder Afternoons

Various Locations
Weekly

Can you create a purple monster that stands as tall as your knee?! What about a colourful car with 4 square wheels?!

Anything is possible at our LEGO builder afternoons!

There is no need to book, just come along and join in the fun on Tuesdays and Wednesday during term 4.



FrankTALK Chris Hammer

Thursday 20 October
Frankston Library

Bestselling Australian crime-writer and journalist Chris Hammer will be joining Frankston City Libraries to celebrate his new release, The Tilt. If you loved Scrublands, then this FrankTALK is for you! Register for your free tickets now.



Scan here
to see what
Frankston City
Libraries has
on offer.

To book: library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on or phone: 9784 1020



The Frankston City Council team were happy to receive the BRONZE award for Top Tourism Town.

Frankston, our award-winning city

What a year it has been for Frankston. In March, the city's Street Art Walking Tours were awarded GOLD at the Australian Street Art Awards and in July the City was awarded BRONZE at the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards.

The city's perceptual and physical transformation is being recognised and we hope this is just the beginning.

The street art tours are a deep dive into the artworks and the artists who created them – giving both residents and visitors a tangible way to explore, discover and learn more about our city. The judges noted, "This is a world-class example of how street art can operate as an activation and immersive experience to generate civic pride while also bolstering the local economy through tourism."

Partnering with local street artists and the nationally renowned Big Picture Fest since 2018 the city is now home to over 50 murals which have created a storyboard of colour and movement to the city's buildings and laneways.

These artworks also formed the basis for the City's submission into the Top Tourism Town Awards, where Frankston won Bronze in the Top Town category (population of 5,000 or more) with Bendigo scoring Gold and Echuca taking home the Silver.

Mayor Conroy noted that while making it to Finalist was decided by the judges, the Bronze was awarded by public vote, adding: "Frankston holds a special place in the hearts of both residents and visitors. We are so humbled that so many people chose to vote for Frankston to support the work we are doing to keep the city progressing into the future."

"There's a new energy in the City. It's not just businesses, but also families are flocking to this urban bayside destination to enjoy the best of all worlds.

Perfectly blending city, bush and bay, Frankston delivers a unique, immersive and welcoming experience across the year. Awards like this are a great way to change the conversation, show the world that their town has evolved and invite others to discover all that Frankston has to offer.

The picture Frankston paints no longer matches the stereotype and the experience waiting for you today will be to some, a little unexpected. It is urban, a little edgy, a lot of fun and unapologetically beautiful.

Is it time for you to discover something new in Frankston? Visit [discoverfrankston.com](https://www.discoverfrankston.com)

Sculptures by the Sea

Keep your eyes open for five new stunning sculptures in Frankston City!

The artworks are being delivered in partnership with Sculptures By The Sea and underscore Council's commitment to building on our vibrant arts and culture offering.



New sculptures near the Pines Forest Aquatic Centre.

Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail, Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff returns to Frankston this November.

The benefit of taking part in a garage sale during the Garage Sale Trail is that there is a lot of buzz and activity which you can list on their website.

Register to a garage sale or shop at the trail at [garagesaletrail.com.au](https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)

Read more about the Waste Circularity Report on Page 3.

Children's week

Don't miss the fun-packed session celebrating Children's Week taking place on Thursday, 27 October 2022 from 10am to 2pm.

There will be a wide range of activities from music, craft, physical play and imaginary play along with story time. You can also find out about local play groups and kindergarten registrations.

The event is at Ballam Park Soccer Club (260R Cranbourne Road, Frankston). Call 92937156

Exploring Frankston City by e-bike



Enjoy the e-bike trail around Frankston City.

Itching to do something new? Thinking weekend bike ride? If you haven't discovered the Frankston City e-bikes yet, you're in for a treat. They're like a normal bike, except it's like someone giving you a push along the way, making them much easier to ride.

Frankston City is lucky to have some great paths and trails perfect for the kind of rides that let you make a few stops along the way. Here's a few ideas, to let you do just that.

Breakfast

All good bike riders need a little fuel in the bellies. Before we get the wheels moving, why not check out Little River House, one of the newest kids on the Frankston café scene. Big breakfasts, friendly staff, and great coffee. It really is the perfect combo. While here, open the Neuron Mobility App to see where the nearest bikes are. With 30 well placed parking stations, there's bound to be one nearby.

Once you've got your bikes sorted, take the gentle ride along the Frankston waterfront towards Oliver's Hill boat ramp. If you're keen for another caffeine fix grab a coffee from Little Olly's, sit on the beach wall and enjoy the water views. It's also a great spot to get a photo by the water.

Energy kick sorted, make your way towards Frankston's iconic Landmark Bridge and Long Island Drive for some more fresh sea air and the

chance to really ride (glide) along the foreshore. Past Long Island Drive, follow Kananook Creek and the creek trail. Why not stop and explore some of the bridge crossings along the way? Alternating between the trail and Nepean Hwy, take a stop in at the Hermitage Sculpture. It's inspired by tales of the Seaford Hermit and marks the entrance to Seaford Foreshore.

Lunch

Feeling peckish again? Beach Café Seaford is always a great spot for lunch with a water view. From here you can also see another favourite sculpture, Intervention. A hump back whale, in the hands of its rescuer, or is it its hunter. It's your interpretation.

Not far from here, it's an easy ride to Seaford Wetlands Reserve. A well-made bike trail extends around most of the perimeter of the wetlands. You'll also find picnic tables if you're looking for a spot to have a break or photo opportunity.

Dinner

As the day draws to a close, head back towards the Frankston Waterfront. Leaving your bikes near the Visitor Centre, enjoy a sunset drink at the newly opened Oliver's Corner, Frankston's colourful sunset bar. Watching the sun setting over the water, it's the perfect way to close out the day.

Good to know details

How

Download the Neuron app from the App store or Google Play to book and use the bikes. Through the app you'll also be able to see over 30 locations across Frankston City that the bikes are located.

Cost

You can pay as you go which is \$1 to unlock the e-bike and 45 cents per minute after, or if you're keen to use the bike a little more, purchase Neuron Passes, available in three-day (AU\$25), weekly (AU\$33), or monthly (AU\$45) options. Students and senior citizens can access concession rates. The packages will allow users to ride as many times as they want, for up to 90 minutes per day.

Safety

Each e-bike comes with its own helmet that can be unlocked and relocked during trips via the app. The ebike motors provide power assistance until a speed of 25km/h is reached. Each bike is also equipped with a 000 emergency button if you have a fall and need assistance.

Feel good

Neuron Mobility e-bikes are carbon neutral, emission free and charged using 100 per cent renewable energy. Head to discoverfrankston.com/e-bikes to learn more.

Safer communities for all

Frankston City Council is committed to developing a Safe Community Policy and Strategy for all.

We have been consulting with our community over the past few months to identify key priorities and areas of focus for community safety and crime prevention over the next 10 years.

We have spoken to over 300 community members and are now targeting engagement with the LGBTQIA+ community and people from

culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD). If this is you, we would love to hear from you to ensure a diverse range of voices and experiences are heard. To have your say, complete a short survey by Friday 23 September at 5pm, and go into a draw to win a digital Prezzy gift card valued at \$50.

To complete the survey, scan the QR code or visit engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/a-safer-community



Snap, Send, Solve

If you need to let Council know of an issue that needs addressing in your community, the Snap Send Solve app is the quickest and easiest way.

Fallen branches, graffiti, full bins or dumped rubbish can be quickly and easily reported via the Snap Send Solve app: bit.ly/3ny3vit

There's also the Council after hours number.

For any urgent issues call: 1300 322 322.



The Le Souef family joined others on National Tree Day at Jubilee Park.

Plant 80,000 trees by 2022

Frankston City Council is committed to planting 80,000 trees in the area as part of the Urban Forest Action Plan 2020-2024. On the last Sunday in July, we came a step closer to our goal with 1,400 trees planted at Jubilee Park.

It was a great effort as families and friends came together.

The Le Souef family came for a fun day out. "My husband is an arborist and he does enough tree planting. But we try and to instil it in the kids. I love for them to be involved," Ms Le Souef told the Frankston City News.

Lisa Fitzgerald from the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Group expressed her gratitude for Frankston City Council's grants that allowed for saplings to be offered to help increase the region's koala population. "Today is fantastic," she said. "I want us all to work as one."

The scouts from 2nd Mornington and 1st Raneleigh were present and challenged Mayor Nathan Conroy to plant 15 trees, while members of the Langwarrin House of Peace Mosque showed up in full force.

There was plenty of community spirit, hard work and breaks for hot chocolate and a sausage sizzle offered by the Lions Club.

The Friday before, Frankston Heights Primary School also planted trees at Wallace Reserve along with Mayor Conroy, Cr Claire Harvey and Cr Sue Baker.

All up, apart from the trees at Jubilee Park there were 3,840 street trees planted, 1,433 park trees planted, 1,083 plantings in open space projects and 12,620 trees in bush/coastal areas and the golf course.

Through tree planting initiatives it is hoped that Frankston's tree canopy will grow from 17-20 per cent by 2040.

Biodiversity Blitz 2022

Council is celebrating Biodiversity Month this September by partnering with ten of our neighbouring councils to hold the Biodiversity Blitz 2022!

Join the Biodiversity Blitz project's website during the month of September before heading outdoors to snap your nature photos in the Frankston area and upload them to iNaturalist.

Your observations will automatically be added to this project. You'll be contributing to community science and showing the world the amazing biodiversity Frankston City has to offer, as well as learning more about your local wildlife and flora. Keep an eye on social media, and the Council's Environmental Events page to see what events are running during Biodiversity Month.

To sign up and see how many observations have been made by all nine councils, check out the project page for the Biodiversity Blitz 2022.



FREE Native Plant

Present this voucher at the Frankston Indigenous Nursery to collect your FREE Indigenous tree*

Frankston Indigenous Nursery
7 McMannis Way, Seaford (off McCulloch Ave)

For more information, phone 9768 1513 or visit:
frankston.vic.gov.au/FrankstonIndigenousNursery

Environmental Sustainability Grant program now open

Do you have a project that will help our community to live more sustainably or improve our natural environment? You may be eligible to apply for a grant to help move it along.

Council's Environmental Sustainability Grant program provides funding up to \$5,000 to support community groups and organisations with environmental and sustainability projects.

Projects must align with the themes of Council's Greening Our Future Environment Strategy.

The four key themes are:

- **Protecting and enhancing natural assets** (such as: planting indigenous trees, bush food garden, bush regeneration activities)
- **Wise use of natural resources** (such as water efficient garden beds, purchase of zero waste event kit, community renewable energy project)
- **Minimising environmental impacts** (such as: bicycle maintenance workshops, sustainable house tours, vertical/rooftop gardens)
- **Educating and engaging the community**

(such as: promotion via workshops, newsletter, social media, posters, media release)

The grant is open to not-for-profit, incorporated community groups and organisations (or those auspiced by a group that is incorporated).

Applications opened on 1 September and close 5pm, 31 October 2022.

For more information contact Council on 1300 322 322 or visit the Community Grants page at frankston.vic.gov.au

Local pride at Monterey

The new \$3.9 million Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion at Frankston North was officially opened at the end of July to the excitement of members of Frankston Pines Soccer Club.

There was general euphoria as Victoria's Multicultural Affairs, Community Sport and Youth Minister Ros Spence announced an additional \$630,000 in mixed funding for lighting upgrades (\$315,000 from State Government and \$315,000 by Council).

Frankston Pines Soccer Club Treasurer Stephen Spencer told Frankston City News that he had his "fingers crossed" for a lighting upgrade after missing out to Seaford Soccer Club in a previous submission.

He said that the additional lighting will help the Club following a recent promotion to Division 2.

"The facilities have already improved morale," he said, adding that there is hope that the Club will get more members to the Club as more families with young children move to the area.

"Our philosophy was 'build it and they'll come'," he said.

The club is also a hangout for several communities, including Fijian, Chilean and African-based groups. Members of the Fijian community were present at the opening.

"They're a friendly club. They've always stood up for us and have given us respect," said Imraz, a member of the Fijian community. "We have our own teams as well and hire facilities here so it has become a community hangout."

Past player Steven Fisher and his wife, Diane Fisher, who sponsor the all-abilities



Steven and Diane Fisher and Edna Woodward have a strong bond with the club as Steven heads the All-Abilities Team and Edna would watch her husband play.

group are excited with the new facilities. "The old facility was rat-infested and well past its use by date. It wasn't fit for purpose," Mr Fisher said. "Now we can get wheelchairs in and you don't need to navigate over rough terrain."

For Edna Woodward, the opening was emotional, as the club had meant a lot to her late husband and she had seen it grow since it was a tin shed in 1964.

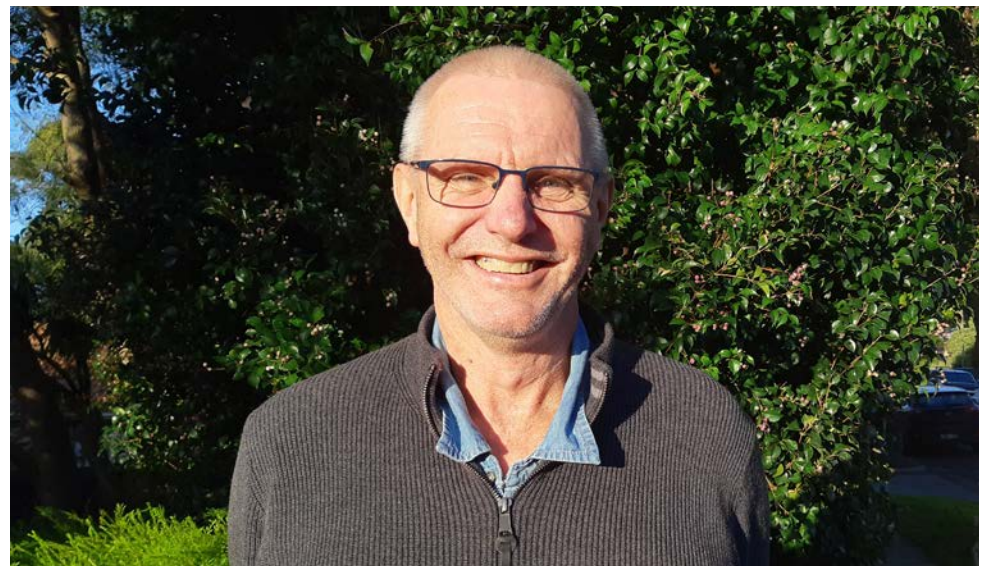
A Pines die-hard loyal

Born in Bonbeach in 1958 and growing up in Frankston North, Robert Bowley is proud to call himself "one of the original Pines boys". With his childhood days involving sports, bikes and street gangs in the northern suburbs, Robert still lives in the Frankston area today, strongly rooted to this City and all it offers.

Robert attended Monterey Primary School and High School as a child. He was heavily involved in everything athletic — from baseball and football to basketball and long-distance running — and played for the Frankston Pines Soccer Club. On weekends he would ride out as far as Cranbourne or Dandenong on his push-bike, or go searching for nests for hours in the bush with mates, hunting for eggs to collect.

"I was brought up visiting my uncle's Farm in Seymour as a child and would go there during the holidays and weekends," says Robert. "I was always outdoors and always loved my sports."

His first job was sweeping floors at Target, Frankston, during his early high school years; the cash enabled him to save up enough to buy his first speed-racing bike. Soon after he started his apprenticeship in furniture making and continues in the trade to this day, harbouring a dream of a home workshop he can still "tinker" in after retirement.



Robert Bowley feels loyalty to Frankston and loves the "Pines"

Proud of Frankston and his relationships with "the Pines", Robert Bowley feels loyalty to the City in which he's spent his life and considers it a great spot for him and the family he's raised. "Frankston's foreshore is always perfect, always good," he says of his hometown. "It's a pride to walk along it. Watching Frankston grow over the years has been amazing."

Vale Johnny Famechon

Flags were at half-mast following the death of one of Australia's greatest boxers in August, French-born Frankston resident Johnny Famechon.

Council proudly supported the 2018 construction of a bronze statue immortalising the boxing icon at Ballam Park. The statue was roped off for those who visited it to pay their respects.

Johnny's stunning career included 56 wins (20 by KO), six draws and five losses. He was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in Los Angeles in 1997. He defeated Johnny O'Brien in 1967 to become Commonwealth Featherweight Champion and became WBC Featherweight World Champion in 1969 in a points defeat of Jose Legra at London's Albert Hall.

A bronze statue was erected at Ballam Park in honour of boxing icon Johnny Famechon

