

# Frankston City News

November-December 2022

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Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights takes place on 26 November, 5pm-10pm. There will be approximately:

- 30 food vendors
- 15 performance groups
- 100 market vendors, stallholders and community groups
- 16 amusement rides

## Spreading the love this Christmas

### Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights, a gift for all

Frankston City is the place to be this summer offering an epic line-up of new events and entertainment. Kick starting the festive season is one of Council's signature experiences, Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights on Wednesday, 26 November.

It promises to be a night of entertainment for festivalgoers with a huge line-up of live performances and carols, see the Bluey Christmas Live Experience,

free theatre shows, meet Santa, enjoy kids' activities and crafts, amusement rides, local food trucks and more than 80 stalls across the event and at the Little Beauty Christmas Market.

After a two-year hiatus, the event's return is set to build upon the City's prestige and reputation.

Vanessa Johnson runs Little Beauty Market with her husband. "People had time on their hands to explore their inner creativeness during the recent lockdowns

so we got a huge jump in applications for market stalls this season," said Ms Johnson, who has been creating innovative events since 2012. "We have seen many small businesses that were the typical 'side hustle' now become the full-time earner because stallholders have had the time to invest in their small businesses during COVID. Little Beauty Markets offer a platform for these small businesses."

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## Mayor's message

**As the year nears its end, I'd like to look to the future. Indeed, there are plenty of initiatives in store for our City.**

During my year as Mayor, one of the things I've most enjoyed is planning for the years ahead and putting policies in place which will bear fruit by the time our children become adults.

This has required working with local stakeholders to pinpoint our City's needs and meeting with Ministers to advocate for our City. The success of this has been immense, with many milestones as far as funding is concerned.

There has been a lot of development in Frankston North with the completion of Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion, Pat Rollo Pavilion and works on the Eric Bell Pavilion now started.

Bearing in mind all the projects and initiatives underway across the board, it's an exciting time to be living in Frankston City.

### FMAC

Council is preparing a new Structure Plan for the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC). This long term plan guides how Council invests money in the city centre, the types of development encouraged as well as infrastructure and public spaces such as parks, bike paths and pedestrian access. **Read more on Page 3.**

### More infrastructure

The FMAC also includes other influencing projects to come.

These are the \$1.1 billion Frankston Hospital Redevelopment, the second stage of the Chisholm Frankston Expansion, the removal of three Frankston Railway Line Level Crossings, the underground passenger Suburban Rail Loop, as well as the Frankston to Baxter Rail Electrification with new stations at Frankston East, Langwarrin and Baxter.

### Integrated Transport Strategy

After consulting with the Community, we drafted an Integrated Transport Strategy which seeks to address Frankston City's growing population, which has been putting a strain on our transport infrastructure and environment. The strategy will offer more walkable neighbourhoods, a greater cycling network and more integrated public transport to fight congestion. We heard the community's final feedback on the Draft Strategy in October-November 2022, and we look forward to reporting back with the outcomes of this engagement on our final strategy in early 2023.

### Smart Cities projects

Smart Cities is about using technology and contemporary practices for better community outcomes. Just a year ago, Frankston became the first city in Victoria and first non-state capital to adopt Neuron Mobility pedal-assisted e-bikes. They are becoming increasingly popular and easier to use thanks to the e-bike chargers at the foreshore. Apart from e-bikes, we've been adopting technology to improve our efficiency, sustainability and the quality of life for



residents in our city. Recently we adopted smart parking, which makes it easier to pay from your phone, accompanied by digital signage which shows the number of parking spots available, saving people time when driving around. More 'smart' technologies will be implemented, including digital wayfinding screens at Frankston Foreshore, Wells Street and Young Street to make our City easier to navigate. **More on page 18.**

### On a personal note...

When I first took on my role as Mayor, I wanted to be the most active Mayor possible. Every week brings visits to community groups, sittings on numerous committees, meeting with everyone from stakeholders, entrepreneurs, shop owners, volunteers and students.

It is important for me to meet with you all face-to-face and to listen to your concerns. It is a commitment I made and will continue to value because I believe that leaders in our community should be accessible and present.

**Nathan Conroy**  
Mayor

## Message from the CEO

**Frankston City has such a vibrant and diverse community whose needs and expectations vary greatly.**

There is no one-size-fits-all approach for this robust ever-changing city, which just keeps growing thanks to its beauty, opportunities and people.

### Volunteers

Like every great City, Frankston City also has its challenges and needs. And we are blessed to have many groups and programs that rely on volunteers' time and skills to do the vital work they do. I recently attended the Impact Volunteer Awards to thank people who are so giving of their time. We gave awards in various categories: Service, Leadership, Teamwork, Initiative, Youth and Organisation (**winners listed on page 5**). I'd like to thank each and every volunteer who is making a positive impact on Frankston City.

### Vale John Famechon

Mayor Nathan Conroy and I attended a State Memorial Service for Johnny Famechon in October. It was very moving to see family, friends and fans pay tribute to a great man's legacy.

Born in France in 1945, the legendary world boxing champion moved with his family to Australia when he was five. He lived in his family home here in Frankston for decades until his death on 4 August this year, and during this time, he contributed greatly to our community. In partnership with the local police, he established the Blue Light Boxing Club, a group that has given many young Victorians a sense of purpose and belonging. I encourage you to visit the larger-than-life 2.5 metre-high bronze statue in his honour at Ballam Park.

### The Transparency Hub

In my first message as Council's new CEO in the November/December 2019 edition of Frankston City News, one of my main goals was to "improve



communication between Council and residents".

One way to improve communication is to allow for greater transparency. We recently launched the Transparency Hub at the end of August to provide the community with direct online access to selected Council data, stories, reports and dashboards via an intuitive, user-friendly technology platform in an easily digestible way.

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**Phil Cantillon**  
Chief Executive Officer

*As we went to press, Mayor Nathan Conroy was re-elected as Mayor and Cr Liam Hughes was elected as Deputy Mayor. You can get to know more about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in our January-February edition of the Frankston City News.*



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A rendered sketch of what Frankston could look like in the future

## A new-look Frankston City

### Have your say on our area's transformation

**Frankston City is emerging as one of Melbourne's commercial hubs as it transforms itself into a vibrant new 'city away from the city'. It is on the cusp of huge transformation thanks to 'game-changing' developments in the pipeline which can boost the City's development over the next two decades.**

Council is now seeking community feedback on the draft Structure Plan for the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC). This plan outlines the direction on housing, population, urban design, employment, retail and commercial activity, social and physical infrastructure as well as movement and accessibility.

Following consultation on our Emerging Ideas Paper in April-May, we have refined our vision, and updated proposals in each of the six precincts. Here's a sneak peek into five ways the city may look different over the next 20 years:

**Arts and Culture:** Upgrades to Playne Street linking the Frankston Arts Centre to Kananook Creek are being explored. This would upgrade Kananook Creek

and revitalise it as an events space to make the iconic waterway even more appealing. Wells Street is also being considered as an events space through a temporary closure of the street which could be used to host a weekly market.

**Parks and open spaces:** Despite the natural beauty of Frankston, the city centre lacks parks and gathering spaces. For this reason, Wells Street between Thompson Street and Young Street is a focus for pedestrian activity and is viewed as a location for a new plaza. Another opportunity for a park is the Sherlock and Hayes car park which could be expanded into Young Street.

**Shopping:** Key projects at Bayside Shopping Centre could improve new arrival areas at Beach Street as well as the creation of a safe pedestrian route through the centre, while Shannon Mall has been identified as one of the most heavily used pedestrian links in the FMAC which would benefit from resurfacing with high-quality materials, pedestrian scale lighting and additional street trees. There

are also plans to expand the city mural program to enliven streets.

**Kananook Creek Boulevard:** The Boulevard could be transformed with wider footpaths to support outdoor dining, additional tree planting and the integration of a water-sensitive urban design treatment, among other initiatives.

**Our roads:** Imagine the Nepean Highway as an iconic boulevard through increased pedestrian footpath space, bike lanes, a reduction of speed limits and an additional tree canopy. Additional bike lanes would build better connections. These could be provided at the Nepean Highway, Playne Street, Beach Street, Baxter Trail, Dandenong Road West, among others. To share your feedback on the Draft Structure Plan, and register for our engagement events, visit [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston\\_City\\_Centre](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston_City_Centre), email [info@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@frankston.vic.gov.au) or call Council's Strategic Planning Team on **1300 322 322**. You can also scan the QR code for more information.



## We'd like to hear from you

Council received 856 comments from the community during our engagement on the Emerging Ideas Paper in April-May, which outlined 50 preliminary thoughts and ideas to transform Frankston City over the next 20 years. This engagement was crucial to the development of the Draft Structure Plan, and we thank all those who participated.

### Have we got it right?

There is still time to share your feedback on the draft Structure Plan for FMAC via our survey and other engagement activities – have your say at [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston\\_City\\_Centre](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston_City_Centre)

**Online survey:** Open until 5pm, 12 December. Complete the survey to go in the draw to win one \$100 restaurant voucher!

**Community pop-ups:** Sunset Twilight Market (Sunday, 20 November, 3-8pm), Festival of Lights (Saturday, 26 November, 5-10pm), Wells Street (Hoyts Forecourt, 30 November, 10-2pm)

**Walking tours:** Sunset Twilight Market Pop-up (Sunday, 20 November, 3.30-4.30pm), and Wells Street (Hoyts Forecourt, 30 November, 12-1pm)

**Community online meeting:** Tuesday, 6 December, 6.30-8.30pm, register online.

## Nairn Marr Djambana

Council has project managed an upgrade to Nairn Marr Djambana following a funding agreement for \$250,000 with Victoria's Department of Justice and Community Safety. Improvements to the facility include new wall linings, new floor coverings, a revamped admin office, framing work to enclose internal toilets and joinery to the kitchen.



### Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights, a gift for all

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Without bricks and mortar, small businesses use the markets to trial their ideas and wares before taking the next step of investing in infrastructure.

Kris Jack from the Hot Jam Donut Van said, "We are looking forward to attending Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights for the first time and are ready to serve our large, local and loyal following with crispy, hot jam donuts that are always a festival favourite."

Frankston Business Collective CEO Jeff Rogut said, "Aside from potentially boosting the local economy, festivals and events are important for businesses to take advantage of, by promoting their business to potentially new customers who may not know what they offer. 'Post-COVID', people are seeking new experiences. Businesses that engage with the community at events have an opportunity to make memorable new connections that their competitors may not."

Sam Keck from Commonfolk Café and Betty's Burgers said his businesses "will come alive when the Council runs its events and invests in giving a reason for people to come to the space".

After a huge influx with the Big Picture Fest earlier in the year, he is expecting an even higher number of clients ahead of this festival.

"More businesses opening and hospitality options give people more reason to come. We all benefit," he said.

### Reaching for the stars



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas now that the 130-year-old Norfolk Pine is being set up! The lighting of this 28-metre tall tree will take place at 9.15pm on Saturday 26 November for Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights before a large crowd followed by a fireworks display with the tree lights set to be turned on each night from 8pm after the festival until January.

## Council brings together Muslim and Aboriginal communities



#### The House of Peace Mosque in Langwarrin is a 14-minute drive from Nairm Marr Djambana in Frankston via Cranbourne Road/State Route 4.

The distance was bridged after Frankston City Council's Community Development Projects Coordinator Ken Liddicoat initiated a link between the two groups, when he approached the mosque's Imam, Wadood Janud, and suggested a collaboration. The triptych came together when the idea was embraced by Nairm Marr Djambana General Manager Deb Mellett.

A luncheon was held at the House of Peace Mosque to celebrate unity and the start of great things to come. "As Muslims, part of our faith is to serve the local community," the Imam said.

Welcoming the Aboriginal community and Council members to the mosque, he said, "We hope this will go towards more combined collaborative initiatives, whether that is raising awareness, education, health or anything else."

Ms Mellett said, "We're just two communities that experience racism and misunderstanding coming together. You can tell the Muslim community is a

peaceful one, just spreading love and is misunderstood by the wider community. And the Aboriginal community has the same kind of issue when people stereotype us, thinking we are one way when we are completely the opposite."

The connection between the two communities is not new to Australia. Cameleers from Afghanistan first arrived in the 1860s and connected with the local Aboriginal people, mainly because they faced mutual discrimination. They began to intermarry, and soon, names like Doolah and Khan were given to babies – combinations of Muslim and Aboriginal words.

Mr Liddicoat said that Council is all too happy to see such friendships being forged between Frankston City's diverse communities. "At Council, we like to see connections such as this one and feel proud to enable this," he said. "We are home to the world's oldest continuous cultures, and in Frankston, apart from the Bunurong people we also have Australians from many countries living here in peace. That is something to be proud of."



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# Join the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee

The International Day of People with Disabilities is on 3 December



Members of the DAIC with Dee Davey

**Most people take travelling around and getting involved in community activities for granted, however for someone with a disability there may be barriers in the community that can make this a challenge.**

Frankston City Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (the DAIC), which formed in 1988, works to highlight and advocate for the removal of these barriers.

The 12-membered Committee is made up of eight community members with lived experience of disability and four representatives from local disability service providers, who share their knowledge and diverse experiences to increase awareness and promote access and inclusion in a variety of Council projects.

The DAIC supports Council in the creation and implementation of the Disability Action Plan 2021-2025, which aims to strategically address common barriers such as community attitudes, infrastructure and communication of information and employment of people with disability. The Committee meet eight times a year, where Council Officers come to seek input into upcoming projects and planned upgrades.

The current chair of the DAIC, Dee Davey, has lived experience of disability and has also been working in the disability sector for almost a quarter of a century,

but says she is still learning about ways we can be more inclusive and accessible as a community.

Ms Davey states, "People tend not to be aware of the challenges faced by someone unless they have experienced it themselves. The beauty of the DAIC is that when we are consulting on project plans, we may each identify different potential challenges based on our previous real-life experiences. Once we understand this, we work together to offer solutions that will accommodate everyone's needs. You don't know what you don't know, but through this collaborative, Universal Design approach, everyone involved learns so much!"

Ms Davey has seen a lot of positive change in Frankston since she first joined the Committee in 2014. "Frankston has come a long way thanks to this collaborative approach between the DAIC, Council Officers and Councillor Representatives over the years."

Council's consultations with the DAIC have resulted in many changes over the years, including installing a Changing Places toilet at George Pentland Gardens in Frankston; a Liberty Swing and beach wheelchair at Frankston Foreshore; new connected path networks and facilities at our parks and reserves; as well as access information and social scripts being developed for all major Council events.

Ms Davey points out that it is not just people with disability who benefit from the DAICs advocacy. "It's people in aged care, parents with prams or even someone who has a broken leg who can benefit. Really improved access makes it easier for everyone!" she said.

The DAIC is now seeking expressions of interest to join their committee from 2023. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1 in 6 people in Australia (18%) live with disability, with the likelihood of disability increasing with age. 18% equates to approximately 25,345 people living with disability in Frankston City, based on Frankston City's 2021 estimated population of 140,809.

**For more information about how to join the DAIC, please contact Frankston City Council on 1300 322 322 or email [disability@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:disability@frankston.vic.gov.au) Council is currently accepting expressions of interest to join the committee. Or scan the QR Code.**



## Meals on Wheels volunteer says it's in her DNA



Beverly Valentine offers a meal to 100-year-old Isobel Van Nooten as part of the Meals on Wheels program.

**Beverly Valentine, the recipient of the Service Award at this year's Impact Volunteer Awards, has been volunteering with Meals on Wheels for 30 years.**

"Very much has changed since I started," she said. "We used to just deliver a meal and would leave it on the doorstep.

Now, if someone isn't home you need to call the office and there is a lot more focus on health and safety, especially since COVID.

She would encourage others to try it. "I'll do it for as long as I can and I enjoy it as much as I did when I first started," she said. There are volunteer opportunities for drivers, kitchen staff and more.

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## Those who give back



The Impact Volunteer Awards recognised the City's volunteers for their contribution. **Marcus Grinblat** (Australian Volunteer Coastguard Frankston) and **Beverly Valentine** (Meals on Wheels) were the Service winners; **Andrea** (U3A Frankston) received the Leadership award; **Jack Wheeler** (Peninsula Transport Assist) was awarded for Initiative; **Madison Horp** and **Brianna Neill** (Frankston North Community Centre) for Youth; and **Peninsula Transport Assist** won the Organisation category.



## The Centenarians

Isobel, Nancy and Warwick share memories of bygone Frankston

According to 2021 Census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), there are 31,371 people in the City of Frankston aged over 60 years. Of these, 3,017 are 85 years and over.

We met with three centenarians teetering on or over 100 who shared their life experiences in Frankston City. Meet Warwick Exton, Isobel (Betty) Van Nooten and Nancy Ferguson, who share their experiences of war, raising their families and retirement in Frankston.



Nancy Ferguson and Isobel (Betty Van Nooten) enjoy reminiscing the years gone by.

### Isobel Van Nooten

At the age of 100, Isobel Van Nooten enjoys reading and playing Scrabble. "Cooking has never been a passion for me. It was just something I did," she said, patiently waiting for Beverly Valentine to bring her Meals on Wheels.

A bad back caused her to stop driving at the age of 99, but that hasn't stopped the mother of four, grandmother of seven, great grandmother of five from getting up and about and enjoying life. When she turned 100 on 27 August, she had many birthday parties. "First, it was Probus, then the Red Cross, and a family birthday on the day," she said, excitedly.

She got what may have been one of the last birthday congratulatory letters from Queen Elizabeth II, as well as letters from PM Anthony Albanese, Victoria's Premier Dan Andrews, Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy, Frankston Member Paul Edbrooke and many more.

She came to Frankston City with her young family in 1966 because it seemed like an idyllic place to raise their family after a well-travelled and very adventurous youth.

"It was a lovely place. It was great to be close to the beach and we used to spend a lot of time there. And also on the boat with the family water-skiing and that sort of thing," she said. "It was absolutely safe because the children would just walk to the beach."

She met her husband, John, in Japan after WWII, when she worked on the war trials with the international prosecutions team for the Commonwealth Government as a "stenographer, you called it those days". Her husband was a witness in those trials as he had been a prisoner of war.

Life was lovely and, at that time, Frankston City's reputation was untarnished. A couple of decades later, the situation changed. Her son, Andrew, remembers deciding to take on a job as a schoolteacher at Frankston High School in 1986.

During lockdown, she moved in with her daughter's family in Sorrento and remembers having a lot of university students in the house, including her daughter who went back to uni.

### Nancy Ferguson

"Hey Nancy, I'm being interviewed about Meals on Wheels. Do you want to come join me?" Ms Van Nooten called out to her 100-year-old friend passing by on her walker outside.

Together they share a laugh and look more like schoolgirls than great grandmothers. "As long as I've got my marbles and I can do a bit of walking, I'm fine," Ms Ferguson said.

Born in Balmain, Sydney, Ms Ferguson said that when her husband got a job at Wesley College and asked her if she'd be willing to move to Melbourne, her reaction was: "Melbourne? Yikes!"

After living at Wesley College Boathouse in Toorak, they came to

Frankston in 1981, just as the City's reputation was tarnished actions of the Frankston serial killer in the area.

"The reputation didn't bother me. Balmain was a working-class area with boatbuilding, and I reckon there were 22 pubs in Balmain. Now you can hardly buy into it," she said.

When she turned 100, her family had a get-together. "They rented a house in Mt Martha for 10 of us and five dogs – because they had to come to the party too – and we had four or five days there. It was good having family altogether," she said.

On 4 December, she looks forward to turning 101 years, though she looks decades younger.

### Warwick Exton

At the age of 99, Warwick Exton decided to write a book and launch it in his very own living room in the presence of Mayor Nathan Conroy and with Peta Murphy MP, member for Dunkley, also dropping in to wish him well before taking the floor of Australia's Parliament to describe Mr Exton as "an inspiration".

Though not a memoir, his book, titled 'Action Sweetwater Creek', comes close to it because it is about the natural reserve which marked his life. As Ms Murphy said in Parliament, he turned it from a "desolate area into an environmental wonderland".

A reminder of his legacy is a stone dedicated to him at the Liddesdale entrance and the Exton walk that takes visitors from the Ocean to Baden Powell Drive.

Thanks to Mr Exton, many members of the group discovered talents they didn't know they possessed as they trained up in writing grant applications, learnt how to revegetate the reserve and followed Mr Exton as he lead the way to action against development.

Born in St Kilda, Mr Exton served in the Australian air forced during WWII, studied Commerce at university, worked at General Motors Holden for 20 years and came to Frankston with his young family following a sting in Oakleigh. "He wanted to be closer to the beach for us kids, and Frankston was a beautiful little village back then. It was divine," said Jane Derham, his daughter, adding that her dad would travel to work at Port Melbourne before retiring at the young age of 55 years.



Warwick Exton and his daughters.

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### New public art

I am a huge supporter of the arts, particularly public art. For too long, the City of Frankston has not invested in public art and beautification.

Five sculptures, featuring Australian and international artists, have been installed in the last month. Locations: Library forecourt, outside PARC, outside Pines Swimming Centre, Baxter/Cranbourne Roads and Seaford/Brunel Roads. This is just the beginning! I look forward to more new public art arriving throughout Frankston in the near future!

### Project updates

I've been busy wrapping some projects including:

**Gretana Park honour board installation:** A once vacant and unused tennis court has been turned into a green community space with barbeque facilities, shelter and additional seating. Per the request of the Karingal Local Area Group, an honour board has recently been erected which thanks those involved with the group.

**Nat's Track:** Nat's Track has been improved with fencing, wayfinding signage, planter boxes, decorative fence decorations, donated new trees on the school side of the fence, a commemorative sculpture and artworks by local students. After I advocated with Council, the track is on a yearly inspection cycle to ensure it is kept in good order, and monitored by the graffiti team.

**Karingal Landmark:** Past improvements to the green space on the corner of Skye Road and Karingal Drive makes for a lovely gateway and a place to enjoy and connect with nature. At present, Council is also restoring the former Karingal lettering on the decorative wall at this location, making the entry something we can all be proud of. Lettering will be updated by the first quarter of 2022.

### White Street Mall Upgrade

Supported by the Victorian Government Suburban Revitalisation Program, Council is revitalising White Street Mall. Opening later this year, it will be transformed into a vibrant space supporting businesses and local events. Costing \$595,000, it will feature lighting, seating with areas for small events and outdoor dining.

### Monterey Soccer Pavilion

The Pavilion opened on 28 July. The \$3.9 million upgrade included demolition and reconstruction of a modern pavilion with social rooms, kitchen, meeting rooms, change rooms and public toilets. The Pines yet again getting yet another public facility upgraded!



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### Eric Bell Pavilion

In October, the first sod was turned on the new \$8.81 million redevelopment of Eric Bell Pavilion.

The new two-storey facility will be used by the Pines Football Netball Club and the Pines Cricket Club, and comes hot on the heels of the Pat Rollo Pavilion, and the Monterey Reserve Soccer Pavilion, both of which were completed in Frankston North earlier in the year.

The new facility was made possible thanks to a Victorian Government low-interest loan (\$6.25 million), Victorian Government grant (\$500,000) and Council investment (\$2.06 million). It will include female-friendly accessible amenities, and multi-functional event spaces.

We can't wait to see it open next year! Thanks to Pines Football Netball Club, Pines Cricket Club, and Paul Edbrook MP, state member for Frankston, who all came along to help us celebrate.

We look forward to building on the work we have already done in the area with this new development.



**For more info, scan the QR code.**

### Frankston Freeway

Council officers are currently preparing a plan to address the appearance of the overpass in the area of the Frankston freeway between Beach Street and McMahons Road.

- The plan has three elements:
- Underpass lighting to improve safety
  - Amenity access
  - Decoration.

Improvements to the existing footpaths and other service treatments include the restoration of slate rockwork and weeding.

Works associated with the blackspot program will improve safety of the intersection including speed ramps and street lighting.

### Frankston North Community Centre

We received some fantastic news last month about improvements to the play area at the Frankston North Community Centre. The State Government has committed \$55,000 which will be matched by Council to deliver a much-needed upgrade to the outdoor space and play equipment.

Designs are still to be finalised but we can't wait to see it unveiled for the community to enjoy. We believe this work will make a difference to the community.



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### Housing and Homelessness — the dilemmas

It seems that the issues of housing affordability and the ability of some to find secure housing are raised in the news or on social media most days every week. It is heartbreaking to read the stories of people impacted, and while councils do not provide or build affordable or social housing, it is an area Councillors and Officers frequently discuss to explore what we can do as people in our community are impacted.

When I attended the National General Assembly for Local Government in June this year, it was clear that the issues of mortgage and rent stress, availability of various types of housing and homelessness stretched beyond local and state boundaries. The need for more housing and wrap-around services to support the needs of individuals and families were loudly voiced as something for all levels of government to concern themselves with.

There were nearly 60,000 dwellings in Frankston City according to the 2021 Census, ranging from public housing managed by State Government through to private market housing. These dwellings, along with crisis accommodation and the homelessness services that help people to find housing and other supports, make up our local housing system. This system is influenced by a range of complex factors, including population change, people moving in and out of our municipality, government policy and market forces.

Council is establishing a Housing and Advisory Committee to monitor, advocate and provide advice on local housing needs within Frankston City. The Committee functions as a forum to discuss matters relating to local housing challenges and opportunities, consider evidence and emerging trends and provide advice to Council on local housing needs at a strategic and policy level to inform decision-making and the implementation of projects and activities.

You may be reassured to know about Frankston Zero. This initiative of the Frankston City Housing and Homelessness Alliance, launched in 2021, includes 14 community organisations and service providers, alongside Council, to specifically support this group of people. Frankston Zero is an evidence-based method of ending street homelessness based on the principle that homelessness is not just a housing, public health or policy issue, but a complex problem that requires collaboration and accountability at a local level.

Maintaining a conversation with all stakeholders is key to ongoing support and finding new, innovative ways to tackle this issue and its complexities.

**For more information, please scan the QR code.**



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## Social enterprises

The Frankston Revitalisation Board, which I sit on, is responsible for providing a local voice to the Victorian Government's Suburban Revitalisation program by working with local communities to identify opportunities for locally-led projects to make Frankston thrive.

I recently took part in the World Social Enterprise Forum at Chisholm College, where we saw the benefits of social enterprises in our region which work to leave the world a better place than we found it.

Social enterprises do these by selling products or services and putting their profits back into their social mission. From a local government perspective, social enterprises make sense because they trade products and services to raise funds, making them less of a burden to ratepayers as well as a huge support to Communities; they can respond flexibly and quickly; they are unique; and in a changing world, they are the way of the future. For more info, scan the QR Code.



## Promoting transparency

We welcome the community's interest in Council matters and have been doing all we can to ensure greater involvement. More recently, we launched our Transparency Hub which will help the public better understand the decisions which Council makes and how it manages its resources. Our Transparency Hub is just one way for us to build trust between Council and the public.

Recently, I've started presenting a wrap-up of Council meetings and posting these on our corporate social media platforms. In this way, more people have an idea of what is discussed during council meetings and can then reference the longer videos and transcripts on matters which interest them the most.

We want people to take an interest in governance, to be involved, to hold us accountable, and to work with us to make the City of Frankston the best it can be.

## Thank you to our volunteers

Each week, I meet volunteers giving back to our community. From Meals on Wheels to the Lions Club, from L2P mentor drivers to tree planters. These amazing people play an important and valuable role in delivering services and programs across Council.

For all of you who help others, I'd like to say a heartfelt 'thank you'.



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## Public art

Public art is an open expression of the soul of our City, it defines us, and it gives us character, individuality and identity. Tourism and public art have the potential to increase both the branding and image of Frankston City. And I will do all I can to support efforts to add value to our area through its beautification.

Murals, sculptures, and landscaping help to improve Frankston City's image, and leave a lasting impression to those who visit. Public art enlivens our streets, parks and public places, forming an important part of our City's character. We have already received awards for our artwork, and people who visit the City to take our tours will stay, have a bite and enjoy our area.

In the North-East Ward, we have numerous artworks which beautify our streets. These include everything from the Tree of Life, the award-winning wind-activated kinetic sculpture by New Zealand artist Phil Price, to the four-metre-tall Big Chocolate Bar at Chocolate Grove in Carrum Downs built by local blacksmith Tony Mardling.

## Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness

In the middle of last year, I was out of action for a few months due to a broken fibula. Though this was a temporary setback for me, many people live with disabilities that impact their mobility and/or communication, putting them at increased risk in emergencies. For this reason, it is very important to have a plan.

People with a lived experience of disability recently met to participate in an interactive discussion to share and learn about inclusive emergency planning.

The pilot Emergency Planning Advice Service (EPAS) is a free service to the vulnerable residents of Frankston City. The conversation-based program supports people who live with a disability, are older or have a chronic or acute medical condition to create a tailored emergency plan specific to their needs.

Best of all, EPAS is an in-home based service where Red Cross and CFA facilitators visit you at your home and give you basic emergency safety advice, answer your questions and offer suggestions to help with your plan.

**Call 1300 322 322** and ask to speak with the Emergency Management Officer or email **veronica.foster@frankston.vic.gov.au**



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## The WHAT Bus

You may have seen the WHAT Bus moving around various locations in our City. It is very popular with young people because of the activities on board, including gaming facilities (Play Station 4, Nintendo Switch), laptop stations, food and more.

It all seems like simple fun, but the bus also plays a very important role in connecting with young people and organisations in and around Frankston so that they can get to know Frankston Youth Services, and find out where to go for support. For this reason, even though our bus offers entertainment for all young people, it is most valuable to youth who may be at-risk or disengaged, with the opportunity to provide them with positive connections to programs, support and the broader community. For these kids, youth workers can develop programs to address their needs.

The WHAT bus is found at the local foreshore, skate parks, youth hangouts, community centres, schools, shopping centres and other youth hotspots. Community groups can even hire the bus for outreach opportunities that align with Frankston Youth Services' core purpose as an extra layer of support for young people within the City of Frankston.

To find out more, email **youthcentral@frankston.vic.gov.au** or scan the QR code.



## Community Grants recipients

Every year there are grants offered to local not-for-profit organisations who support the community needs of the City of Frankston. Funding is for a broad range of items, including to meet the needs of the organisation, such as minor equipment, rent, utilities, training etc. This funding allows these groups, which are crucial to our City, to respond to the needs of the Frankston community.

From 1 August to 29 August, we received 60 applications from community organisations and groups. Of these, there were 37 successful recipients for the Annual Community Grants this year, where a total of \$120,000 was awarded. This amount is double what was allocated in the previous year.

A panel comprised of Council's Director of Communities and four volunteer community representatives assessed the grants. The panel aims to make Council's annual Community Grants application and assessment process more transparent, equitable and accessible.



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## #FrankstonCity

### Youth Plan

I was pleased with the draft Youth Action Plan 2022-2026, and very happy that it was unanimously put forward for the community to have their final say before Council votes on the final Plan on 12 December.

I particularly liked that it was created following extensive engagement with those most affected by it - young people under the age of 24, like myself.

The purpose of the Plan is to identify the needs of those aged 12-24 years, to plan services, programs and facilities and identify opportunities to support them.

Most plans for young people look at the most vulnerable, but this plan is focused on all young people. It is important to do this. Council has five priorities: safe places, health and wellbeing, education and employment, inclusion and accessibility, and youth participation and engagement.

Having such priorities and action in a plan, together with the Youth Council, can help create a stronger foundation for the future. Last year, I made history as the youngest ever elected councillor in Victoria. I hope with such plans and policies in place, more young people will follow.

For more info, scan the QR code.



### Frankston Toy Library

The Frankston Toy Library is the largest in Australia, helping the community since 1977 by offering toys, games, activities, equipment, and even costumes for families in need in Frankston and the surrounding suburbs. Families, teachers and organisations have for years been using its toys.

It is also one of the largest providers of special needs toys and resources and offers a hearing support program for families with children with a hearing impairment.

In Council, I have often drawn attention to this amazing facility which offers an invaluable community service for a minimal fee. There is no pressure to join, and I highly recommend a visit.

What better time to visit than on Saturday, 10 December, when the Frankston Toy Library celebrates its 45th birthday. Activities and party food will be provided.

The Frankston Toy Library is located at 20 Ebdale Street, Frankston. Call 9781 3900 or follow the QR code.



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### Peninsula Leisure

Peninsula Leisure is punching above its weight thanks to its well-run facilities, user satisfaction and an increase in people who visit. Last year, for an entire year, I went to several meetings of the board, and I personally saw the top-notch work which is being done here.

The Peninsula Leisure Annual Report has shown an amazing result. Despite challenges, Peninsula Leisure's popular facilities have done an amazing job of turning around business since emerging from COVID-19, with more than 200,000 visitors in the last financial year. More than 258 visitors per day use the facility.

Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre in the CBD drew the spotlight on Frankston after it was named Facility of the Year in the Victorian Aquatic and Recreation Awards, while Pines Forest Aquatic Centre was named the Best Outdoor Pool Facility Management of the Year.

I would like to congratulate the group for its amazing work!

Scan the QR code for more information.



### Memory Wall

We recently commemorated Armistice Day on 11 November 1918 after two years, due to the pandemic. A Memorial Wall at Vasey RSL Care Frankston South was completed in April this year.

As a result, we now have a place where we can see the names of our veterans on the honour boards. The project, instigated by our residents, includes an eternal flame and the emblems of the Australian Defence Forces.

I highly recommend a visit to anyone interested in our history and maintaining strong links to our heritage.

### Revitalisation

You may have noticed an art piece consisting of three-dimensional anodised aluminium panels telling the story of the great eel migration that occurs annually from the north coast of Queensland to Kananook Creek.

The installation of the two integrated public art and lighting starting from the East and West gateways to the Frankston CBD are part of the revitalisation of our City. First impressions are lasting and these works are bound to elevate the area.

### The future of transport

I recently learned that 86 per cent of all vehicle sales in Norway in 2021 were for electric cars and found this fact to be quite remarkable when compared to Australia, where Electric Vehicles (EV's) made up less than 2 per cent of new car sales. That said, EV's will place greater demand on our electricity grid, and they're only 'clean' when they run on renewable energy. Environmentally, and financially, the answer cannot simply be to switch all ICE (internal combustion engine) cars to EVs: this won't solve congestion issues and certainly won't reduce demands on parking in key locations.

Council recently put out its draft Integrated Transport Strategy for community consultation. We, as Council, sit with the complex transport puzzle facing our communities, and we unfortunately lack the benefit of a crystal ball. I like to think that we'll move further toward a sharing economy that eventually includes autonomous (driver-less) vehicles that we use as needed, supplemented by excellent public transport services as well as the kind of infrastructure that supports active transport for those who are willing and able. The Strategy hopes to shift Frankston City from being one of the most car-dependent cities within Greater Melbourne (with 92,000 car trips of under 3km each day) toward more walkable neighbourhoods with a great cycling network. Our goal is to see our city become healthier, safer, better connected, more sustainable and genuinely inclusive. Other cities around the world are taking amazing leaps forward to make their transport systems more efficient, and I'm excited to think how different our city - and transport choices - might look by 2040!

I hope many of you contributed your own feedback on the draft Plan. We look forward to reporting back with the outcomes of this engagement and our final Strategy early in 2023. Meanwhile, with warmer weather on the way, I'm re-committing myself to getting more active on my bicycle for those many shorter trips out and about. How might you and those in your household pursue more active and sustainable forms of transport across your week?

Read more on page 18 or scan the QR code.



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SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 5-10PM  
frankstonchristmasfestival.com.au

# FRANKSTON'S Christmas FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights is back,** packed to the brim with all the magic and wonder the season brings. Mark the date on your calendar, here's what's to come!



### Entertainment Stage 5-9.15pm, Davey Street

Make your way to the Entertainment Stage to sing and dance until the stars begin to twinkle. Your favourite Christmas entertainers will be performing all your most loved carols, and the kids will love the different artists lighting up the stage.



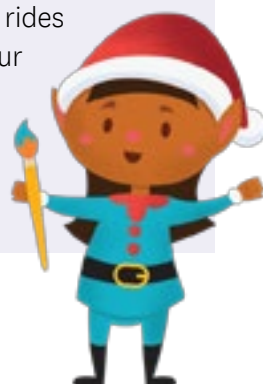
### Santa's Arrival Parade 5pm, Young Street

Everyone loves a Christmas parade, especially one that includes Santa! There will be colourful performers, dancers and amazing members of our community. The parade starts at the corner of High and Young Street at 5pm and travels towards Davey Street to deliver Santa to the stage to start the festivities.



### Elf Alley 5-10pm, Baxter Street

It's not just the little elves who get all the fun, big elves do to! Spins and turns, giggles and screams on the rides for the thrill seekers! Try your hand at the carnival games too, you never know what you might win!





### Little Beauty Christmas Market and Live Site

5-10pm, Beauty Park, High Street

Beauty Park will transform into the ultimate Christmas market. Pick up the perfect gift and then take advantage of the quieter space to spread out a rug and relax in front of a big screen showing the Entertainment Stage and tree lighting ceremony.

### Christmas Kids at Frankston Library

4.30-8.30pm, Frankston Library, Playne Street

FREE face painting and favourite Christmas family movies will be on offer at Frankston Library. Perfect for those seeking a quieter space on the night.



### Santa's House

5.30-9pm, Cube 37, Davey Street

Here's your chance to tell Santa all your Christmas wishes and snap your own picture with the big man himself to take home. Don't forget your Christmas list! This is a free experience, one that's worth the wait.



### Rudolph's Family Zone

5-10pm, Corner Young Street and Davey Street

Dip, dive, slide and swing. This much loved zone is dedicated to the little thrill seekers and has family friendly food, activities and stalls.

### North Pole Activity Centre

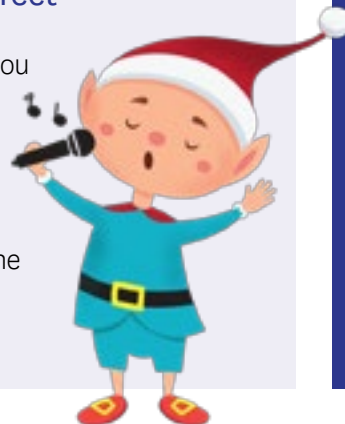
5-9pm, Function Centre, Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street

This is the place to be for all things Christmas Arts and Craft. Christmas stars, Christmas chains, Christmas glitter all here for the kids to get creative.

### Star Festival Dining

5-10pm, Young Street

All this fun can make you hungry, so head to the Star Festival Dining precinct and enjoy a range of delicious delights from across the globe as well as some local favourites.



### Tree Lighting and Fireworks

9.15pm, Norfolk Pine Tree, Davey Street

It's a Christmas tradition we have all missed but now the tree lighting and fireworks are back! So gather your loved ones and friends and look up for an unforgettable show.

The best place to see the fireworks is from Davey Street, but if you head to Beauty Park you can watch the tree lighting on the live screen and get a great view of the fireworks too.



### Bluey Christmas Live Experience

Frankston Arts Centre Theatre, Davey Street

#### Show times:

5.45pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm.  
Shows run for 20 minutes and are free.

See Bluey and her little sister Bingo during their special Christmas Live Interactive Experience!

Catch this adorable duo and their friends on stage for four Live Interactive Experiences from 5.45pm.

Get ready to play Veranda Santa, Classic Catches, Keepy Uppy and more with your favourite Heeler duo.

All shows are free and can't be booked in advance. Admission will be on a first come first served basis (capacity is limited).

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# Invest Frankston



## After Dark Activation Grant recipients

**It's time to ignite the night in Frankston City! Amazing night-time activations and projects have emerged as part of the Invest Frankston After Dark Activation Grants Program.**

Aimed to support Frankston City's transformation into a vibrant, diverse, inclusive, welcoming and safe

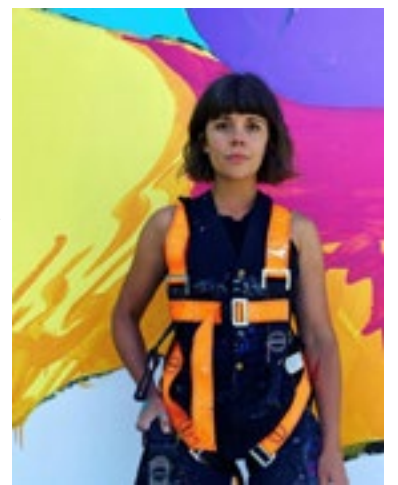
destination at night-time, these grants were open to Frankston City's "bricks and mortar" businesses in the CBD or those who want to collaborate with them.

The successful applicants will share in \$120,000 with the grant covering up to 50 per cent of their total project costs. Visit [investfrankston.com/news](https://investfrankston.com/news) to find out more.

## New Seaford Public Art

**Seaford is being transformed with a splash of new colourful artwork thanks to the Seaford Activation Grants program.**

Funded by the State Government and delivered by the Economy, Investment and Activation team, the program will see new murals by artist Melanie Caple on three walls in the Seaford shopping strips. The public toilet block corner of Station Street and Broughton Street, the Seaford Community Centre and Spanish Bar on Chapman Avenue are all receiving new bright and colourful murals, inspired by Seaford landscape and waterways.



## Frankston Grant Finder reminder

**Grant Guru is up and running for Frankston City!**

This fantastic tool means we 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. You can either register yourself or we can do the searching for you.

Grant Guru also lists rebates, concessions, awards, scholarships and more. With over 35 years combined experience in the grants industry, this comprehensive grant database in Australia is huge and will help us give you information to search and access over 1,349 grants worth \$74.2B. Visit [frankston.grantguru.com.au](https://frankston.grantguru.com.au)



## Linking to Business Program

**We are thrilled to have 14 businesses join our Linking to Business Summer Program, a collaboration with Monash Business School and Frankston City Council.**

Thanks to these awesome businesses, 20 Monash Business School students will undertake a two-week work placement experience in November/December. The eager students are studying a Bachelor of Business

Administration, majoring in Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Digital Marketing, Business Administration and more. Not only will these students gain 'real-world' experience of business operations, but businesses will also benefit from the students' fresh thinking as they share their skills with potential employers, giving them confidence to transition into a career after graduation.

## Invest Frankston Business Grants 2023

**The Invest Frankston Business Grants are back for 2023! You could share in \$180,000 in funding with up to \$30,000 per eligible business up for grabs.**

Now in its 11th year helping almost 60 business ideas come to life, these grants are just what you need to make today's vision, tomorrow's reality.

This grant program is for those businesses who want to generate new and sustainable employment and upskilling opportunities. It is for businesses that aim to enhance the reputation of Frankston City and are influential in testing demand for other businesses to follow. Visit [investfrankston.com](https://investfrankston.com) for more information. Applications to open early 2023. For more details, visit the Council's website.



2022 IF Business Grant successful applicants Perpetual People Co.



# Transparency Hub, info at your fingertips

Last month Council launched its Transparency Hub, offering the Community unprecedented access to a wide ranging and insightful City data.

The new user-friendly tool helps ratepayers understand how their money is spent. Users can find everything from capital works schedules and awarded contracts to traffic movements and animal registrations.

The Transparency Hub is a key initiative of the Council Plan 2021-2025, and is the latest initiative of the Accountability and Transparency Reform actions which Council

has been implementing since 2018. Mayor Nathan Conroy said the new Hub will help the public better understand the decisions which Council makes and how it manages resources.

"We believe the Transparency Hub will build trust between Council and the public, but also hope it encourages the Community to become more involved in Council matters," Mayor Conroy said.

You can access the Transparency Hub at [data.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://data.frankston.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR Code.



257



\$77.0m



\$65.2m



\$65.2m



85%

## 16 Days of Activism

**16 Days of Activism (16DoA) is an annual United Nations campaign to end gender-based violence, which begins on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November) and ends on International Human Rights Day (10 December).**

Council recognises that violence is preventable and is everyone's business and as such participates in 16DoA every year by providing FREE community events to promote Frankston as a safe and respectful city. This year's events include talks led by footy legend Phil

Cleary (25 November) and journalist/author Jane Gilmore (1 December) on understanding the drivers of violence and how we can all stop it before it starts.

Council is also hosting a morning tea with Peninsula Community Legal Centre (29 November) and the Strong Sisters' Sports Festival (10 December) with a come-and-try day to empower women and girls to get active!

For full event details and to book your free tickets, please scan the QR code.



## How Council's services make a difference

**Chris is all too happy to share how Council services have helped add value to her life.**

She takes advantage of numerous services: from U3A Ukulele classes, chair yoga to attending Council's free mental health training seminars. She also sits on committees, such as Frankston's Age Friendly Ambassadors.

Thanks to Council's offerings, she keeps busy. Recently, she took part in mental health workshops to help in her volunteer work. "This is an excellent course," she said. "I volunteer at a rehab hospital and can use the skills I learnt when speaking to patients. I also grew up with a mother with bipolar and wanted to learn more about that illness."

She said that from the 1950s to the 1980s, mental health problems were "considered a taboo subject and mostly hidden and misunderstood". The course she did, however, was a good way to learn more about various Mental Health conditions and how to support someone who experiences them as well as learn other people's thoughts and ideas.

Chris was involved in the Engage Frankston committee last year and is currently in the mini engage list where she receives emails and is asked to submit her opinions.

"I wish to show that every age counts," said the local resident of Langwarrin.



### Mental health sessions

Join one of our FREE Mental Health sessions each month, which will be continuing for the next year. Anybody can join and can choose from the following:

- 90-minute Online Introduction to Mental Health webinars
- Half-day Red Cross Mental Health Matters workshops at Ebdale Community Hub (20 Ebdale Street, Frankston)
- Accredited two-day Mental Health First Aid courses at 21 Playne Street Frankston.

Find out times and bookings by emailing [communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au)

To keep up to date on what we are offering, email: [communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au) or call Frankston City Council on **1300 322 322**.

### Aged Friendly Frankston Ambassadors

The Aged Friendly Frankston Ambassadors meet bimonthly and discuss aged-related issues and advocate to Council. To sit on this committee, call **9768 1324**, email [positiveageing@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:positiveageing@frankston.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code.



### Chatty café

Come along, grab a coffee and join our chatty café volunteers for a casual conversation at Frankston City Libraries and Karingal Place Community Centre.



# Frankston's everyday heroes

*Past Australia Day winners share how awards boosted their causes*

Each Australia Day, Frankston City Council awards citizens who give unselfishly of themselves to make our city a stronger, better and happier place to live. They are the City's everyday heroes. Below are some past winners, who share what the award meant to them.

## Minio Rossetto

Minio Rossetto, a retired cabinet maker who came to Australia from Italy when he was aged four, has a large Italian family. His four adult children and 13 grandchildren all celebrated with him when he was named 2022 Senior Citizen of the Year after more than 40 years of voluntary community work with the Kananook Creek Association and the Long Island Tennis Club.

Mr Rossetto's volunteer work includes monthly working bees to weed, plant and clear rubbish from the reserves and trails which he loves so much. "I have a group of equally dedicated helpers who are generous with their time," Mr Rossetto said.

"When I was notified that I had been selected Senior Citizen of the Year 2022, I was amazed and quite embarrassed as I felt the honour could have gone to any number of worthy citizens I know. I appreciated

the honour and my family was very proud."

Mr Rossetto said the award itself is an opportunity for Council to highlight the activities of people who contribute in a variety of fields.

"It may inspire others to be generous with their time, talents and energy in either achievement or volunteer work," he said.



## Gina Poulos

Gina Poulos was awarded the 2020 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for helping the city's most vulnerable through her emergency foodbank organisation known as Theodora's Cheerful Givers. "My motivation for the emergency food relief we provide to families and individuals in the community 'doing it tough' is not driven by receiving a Senior Citizen of the Year award," she said, but added that it was 'nice' to be recognised nonetheless.

"Citizen awards are an important way of acknowledging the outstanding service of individuals to their local community - with the Senior Citizen category recognising the unique contribution that older members of the community are able to make. We may be past our 'best before' date, but certainly not past our 'use by' date."

She said that a highlight of the year when she received the Senior

Citizen of the Year award was the joy shared with her family. "In their own way, each has contributed to my ability to lead 'Theodora's Cheerful Givers' - so the award was as much for them as it was for me," she said.



## Peter Patterson

Peter Patterson, the former chairperson of the Frankston Susono Friendship Association was awarded the 2020 Frankston Citizen of the Year Award due to his work as chairperson of the Frankston Susono Friendship Association and volunteer work at various community groups.

"I was very honoured to have received the award," he said.

"There are many people in every community who give of their time and effort to make the community a better place. Recognition by the community by way of an award is a wonderful thing. However, we don't volunteer to win awards. I hope my efforts over 20 plus years has given people in this community life changing experiences. That is the real reward."

Mr Patterson's year as Citizen of the Year was also when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out. As a result,

he only has a framed certificate and his name on the foreshore boardwalk as the only memories of a year marked by lockdowns.



## Beth Yeuong

When Beth heard that she was the 2022 Young Citizen of the Year, she was "honestly in complete disbelief" and felt grateful for the acknowledgment she received adding that it served to inspire her to do more for her community.

An advocate for social inclusion and diversity, champion for environmental sustainability, accomplished musician and avid fundraiser, Beth said she has "always been someone who dreams big and strives to make the most of every single day".

"I feel so insanely grateful for this life and get so excited about even the smallest things like the sun coming out, or the first flowers at spring - I'm definitely that person to dance in the rain," she said.

Her love of nature has led her to take up photography (@adventuresof.beth).



### Nominate a Citizen or Community Group of the Year

We all know of a schoolteacher who has gone above and beyond, an aged care worker, a local health care nurse, a sporting club coach or a volunteer who just keeps giving to our area's most vulnerable. These are the types of people who we hope to recognise in our Citizen and Community Group of the Year awards.

Nominations close on 25 November, and the selection panel will meet on 7 December to decide upon the winners.

To cast your nomination, visit the Frankston City Council website or scan the QR code.





#FrankstonCity

# Nathan Conroy's Journey from Northside Cork to North-East Frankston

A year as Mayor



**Mayor Nathan Conroy came to Australia from Mayfield, Cork in Ireland, for travel and adventure on a working holiday when he was still a teenager. When he thinks of the opportunities Australia has given him since then, he uses the word “mindboggling”.**

It has been well over a decade, but he has crammed a lot into them; from being the General Manager of an underperforming organisation which he turned around at the age of 23 to being Mayor of a Council with over 140,000 residents before the age of 30.

He was voted in as a Councillor in November 2020 with the highest vote in the city, and became Deputy Mayor in his first year. “I thought I could help, so I put my hand up,” he said, “But coming from a different country, I never thought I would actually get elected let alone become Deputy Mayor within minutes of that. Then to be elected Mayor in 2021 was a great honour.”

Other Councillors’ faith in him was encouraging, but he says it is the ratepayers whom he is most devoted to. “I made a commitment to them,” he said, adding his intent to turn around unjustifiable perceptions of Frankston City.

“I wanted to be the most active Mayor ever. We were going to change the narrative, be it with our

internal policies or investments, infrastructure, whatever it may be, but also externally in any way I can, even if it is just one per cent.”

Proud of his 100 per cent attendance record in Council, Mayor Conroy also sits on numerous boards. “I love being informed, and I like to know exactly what is going on so that I can answer questions when I meet with people,” he said, adding that each board he sits on serves a unique purpose.

His walls are filled with cherished moments from an unforgettable year. “Meeting with Meals on Wheels volunteers, getting out and about at schools but doing it in a way that is a chat rather than a lecture and seeing their reaction, working with the Sikh volunteers, and just listening to people is important,” he said.

“I enjoy supporting and contributing even in the smallest way for those in the community, and working with my colleagues.”

Asked about Council’s achievements while he has been at the helm, Mayor Conroy rattles them off enthusiastically. He speaks of the multi-million dollar redevelopment of Sandfield Reserve in Carrum Downs, which will benefit the residents of Sandhurst and Skye too, the increasing tree canopy with 20,000 trees planted per year, to building a district level playground at Wedge Road along with upgrading the tennis court at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve to multipurpose courts to improve the tennis courts but also give the netballers the opportunity to train at home.

“We have created a one-stop shop in Carrum Downs,” he said. “Now women can play netball without having to travel to Dingley while their husbands or partners play football and the children

can play at the district-level playground.”

Family is on the Mayor’s mind after getting married in December 2021 and becoming a first-time father in August. During that time, he also turned 30 and is a few subjects shy of completing his MBA.

It has been a busy year, filled with rewards and challenges. “Of course, there are challenges,” he admits but he prides himself on working with and defending his colleagues, and putting residents first. He believes he can do this by being fair and balanced in everything he does. If he could pick three qualities he cherishes, it would be having integrity, being authentic and approachable.

Were he to go back in time and give advice to himself about to embark on his journey as Mayor, he said: “Don’t sweat the small stuff.” Then again, with so much going on in his life, Mayor Conroy is too busy looking at the big picture to sweat the small stuff anyway.



## 10 years of Council Service for City’s Deputy Mayor



Deputy Mayor Suzette Tayler and Mayor Nathan Conroy

**Deputy Mayor Suzette Tayler received her 10 Years of Service Award in a ceremony held by the Municipal Association of Victoria in the CBD on 13 October 2022. “It’s actually been 12 years,” she said, adding that the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the recognition.**

“The idea of running for Council dawned on me when I was Assistant Manager at the Leader,” she said. “At the newspaper, I met many Councillors and thought they weren’t taking matters seriously enough, and I thought I could do something about it. I have always said that if you believe, you can achieve anything.”

She first ran for Council office in the year 2000, however her first-round victory with the primary votes fizzled when preferential votes were counted. “That’s when I first learnt how elections work,” she said.

Since then, she’s mastered the art of campaigning, though civic duty has always been in her blood. Walking around Lady Emily Reserve Playground to promote its opening, Cr Tayler keeps noticing what

improvements have been made, the needs of the neighbourhood, and what more can be done. Full of ideas, her mind races, making connections, adding what she knows as a Senior Property Manager to help enhance liability and all the benefits of investing in our local suburbs.

It’s this sharp mind that has helped her carry out initiatives that contribute to making Frankston municipality a great place that families call their home.

She proudly mentions highlights of her achievements over the years; initiating the Hoon Hotline, bringing about better sports facilities for children, introducing CCTV cameras, contributing to tourism and addressing anti-social behaviour. She was also involved in the initiation of the Visitor Information Centre, the revitalisation of the Frankston Yacht Club to that of pushing forward for changes to Nepean Highway, more recently spearheading the Business Collective, “which allows businesses to connect”. **Continued on Page 16.**



# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

2022 program



Bookings: 9784 1060 or [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au)



Daytime Music + Theatre

## The Spirit of Christmas

Friday 9 December  
10.30am and 1.30pm  
FAC Theatre  
Tickets: \$20-22



Ostavocal Presents

## Sir Cliff & I

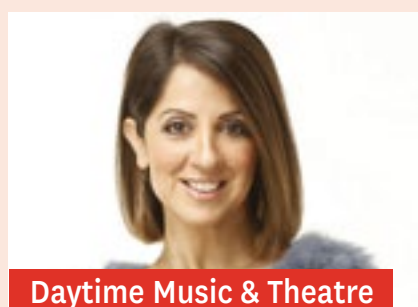
Friday 16 December  
8pm  
FAC Theatre  
Tickets: \$49-75



PLOS Musical Productions

## The Boy from Oz

Saturday 31 December - Sunday  
8 January, various times  
FAC  
Tickets: \$44 - \$60



Daytime Music & Theatre

## The Voice of Silvie Paladino

Friday 3 February, 10.30am &  
1.30pm  
FAC  
Tickets: \$20 - \$22

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## 10 years of Council Service for City's Deputy Mayor

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"I was also passionate about supporting residents through the heritage overlay review and bringing Councillors back to where the community expected us to be – the Chamber," she said, adding that the move to the Chamber from the Frankston Arts Centre saved ratepayers money. She initiated many more projects over the years to bring about change.

Councillor Tayler also sits on various committees which she says is a must when you are a Councillor to be able to have a better understanding of the issues at hand.

"There's a lot of development currently in the works, and I am sure that this will only make Frankston City the place to live, work and play. It is not just about rates, roads and rubbish. It's about so much more that residents are not aware of," she said.

Cr Tayler remembers her own youth in Frankston City after her family moved to the area from Queensland when she was still a toddler. "Growing up in Frankston was amazing back then. Life was simple, and we really did not have the worries we do in today's world".

Proud to be part of a Council that has made significant contributions to the Frankston municipality and proud to be working with a group of Councillors who have the same vision. Council is also very fortunate to have a dedicated team, our CEO and Officers along with their staff who have the same drive for the betterment of Frankston Municipality.

Asked if there will be another 10 years, the Deputy Mayor smiles enigmatically. "Will there?" Regardless of whether there will or there won't, Cr Tayler has always loved Frankston and will always work to improve Frankston municipality in any role she holds and in any way she can.

**Frankston City Libraries**  
**What's on**  
Scan the QR code to check the full list of upcoming events.  
To book: [library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats\\_on](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on) OR phone: 9784 1020



# Get to know your city a little better with street art, craft beer and bao

As the days get warmer and the evenings longer, it is time to experience Australia's best Street Art Walking Tour and rediscover your city centre.

Frankston's award-winning street art tours, which run weekly during the day and at twilight during daylight saving, will take you on a journey through the city's streets and laneways, led by our knowledgeable guides who are keen to tell the stories of both the artwork and the artists.

It doesn't end there though. We have teamed up with the wonderful people at The Hop Shop, where you can end

your tour with a refreshing drink of beer, wine or cider and two delicious bao buns to cap off your city centre discovery. Located in the heart of Frankston, this is the city's very own craft beer bar, and they love to roll out new and favourite cold brews. Matched with tasty bites from the Bang Bang crew, it's the perfect post-tour pit stop.

Tickets are \$35 per person and must be pre-booked. Available for all Street Art Walking Tours, including Twilight Tours.

Head to [discoverfrankston.com](http://discoverfrankston.com) or phone **1300 322 842** for more details and tour dates.





**Your Event Guide**  
October to May 2023

**Sunset Twilight Market Series**  
Sunday, Monthly  
October–April  
3-8pm  
2-7pm in April  
Frankston Waterfront



**Oct 2022**

**Little Beauty Market**  
Saturday, Monthly  
October–April  
9am–2pm  
Beauty Park, Frankston



**Nov 2022**



**Dec 2022**

**Lucky Day Out Frankston NYE**  
Saturday 31 December  
Kinetic Stadium  
Frankston



**Pixar Putt**  
16 December –29 January  
Frankston Waterfront

**Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights**  
Saturday 26 November  
5–10pm  
Davey Street, Frankston



**Feb 2023**

**Waterfront Festival**  
18–19 February  
Sat 12–10pm  
Sun 12–8pm  
Frankston Waterfront



**Mar 2023**

**Country by the Bay**  
4–5 March  
Frankston Waterfront



**Big Picture Fest**  
20–26 March  
+ Block Party  
24 March  
Frankston City Centre



**Apr 2023**

**Pets' Day Out**  
Saturday 29 April  
10am–3pm  
Ballam Park,  
Frankston



**May 2023**

**South Side Festival**  
5–14 May  
Frankston Arts Centre  
and Surrounds



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## Frankston City looks to the future

The concept of Smart Cities began in the United States in the 1960s when the U.S. Community Analysis Bureau began to create databases to direct resources, mitigate against disasters and reduce poverty. Smart Cities have come a long way since then, and Frankston City has joined the race in using technology to offer better community outcomes while operating in a more efficient and sustainable way to aid data-driven decision-making.

“Over the last three years, we have seen dramatic changes to our cities and the way in which technology and innovation can help boost their resilience and solve problems,” Mayor Nathan Conroy said.

The sky is the limit, and here’s what is happening so far:

- Frankston City Council is part of the Regional Smart City Partnership which brings together the City of Frankston with Casey, Stonnington, Maroondah, Knox and Boroondara to share data and experiences in the deployment of smart technology and infrastructure. “It’s a way to increase our capabilities in the smart city space and promote sustainable development as Frankston grows and develops,” Frankston City Council CEO Phil Cantillon said.
- Frankston became the first city in Victoria and first regional city to adopt Neuron Mobility pedal-assisted e-bikes on 21 January 2022. The trial was surveyed in June and found to be a resounding success, with 98.5 per cent of respondents stating that e-bikes had a positive impact in the area. The e-bike trial ends in January 2023, however many respondents to the mid-year survey were positive regarding the use of e-bikes with several also asking for e-scooters to be trialled.
- The e-bike charging stations at Frankston Foreshore enable people to travel further on their e-bikes. These charging stations are part of the Smart Cities initiative and offer an opportunity to reach a zero emissions target.
- Smart parking went into effect in August after signage and in-ground sensors were installed to make way for a three-year trial which will help drivers locate the closest parking spot to their destination; allow for secure, cashless and contactless payment of parking; send notifications to driver when parking time is about to expire; give fairer access to parking by reducing overstays; and reduce congestion in Frankston City’s most high-traffic areas. Already, we have found that smart parking has optimized space and time in a busy urban environment.
- Five digital signs were recently installed to make parking easier by displaying real-time data on the number of parking spots available in popular areas.
- Digital Wayfinders are located at Frankston Foreshore, Wells Street and Young Street (in front of the train station). The Digital Wayfinders are operational this month, making movement around the city easier to navigate. Wayfinders help users find event information, places of interest and even self-serve and are accessible to all people within the community.
- We currently have three LoRaWAN Gateways installed at the Frankston Arts Centre, Kananook Reserve and Belvedere Reserve. These provide network coverage around the area. Users or business with a LoRa compatible IoT device can connect to these Gateways to collect sensor data. Some cases in which they are used are to monitor air quality, water (pressure, ph, flow, etc.), storage tanks and occupancy density and much more.



Electric vehicles may be commonplace in Frankston sooner than we think.

## Bin makeover

**Frankston City residents are getting bin makeovers, with Council replacing existing lids with red new ones.**

The change is in response to new Victorian Government standards on waste and recycling in line with their target to divert 80 per cent of waste away from landfill by 2030. Residents can now easily identify where their waste and recycling should go, further reducing resource loss that occurs when items are incorrectly placed in bins. “We needed a clear message on which bin corresponds to which waste or recycling product. We’ll no longer have two green bins, which is confusing for us and confusing for our residents.”

Under the new system, red bins are for rubbish, green for food and garden waste, and yellow for recycling.

As part of the process, every dark green lid replaced will be collected and recycled into new bins.

Council is also exploring waste circularity initiatives that can further reduce landfill and increase recycling and waste circularity. Thanks to all community members who contributed ideas and feedback during our waste circularity plan engagement in September-October, we look forward to updating you in February 2023.

For more information on your bins, visit the Frankston City Council website at [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au).

## Electric vehicles driving the future

**Frankston City Council recently participated in an Electric Vehicle Charging Roadmap project with other member councils of the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCA).**

The aim was to identify optimal locations for public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the south east region, and factors to help each council understand their role in increasing the uptake of EVs.

### Benefits of EVs

One of the largest (and growing) sources of greenhouse gas emissions is the transport sector, accounting for 25 per cent of Victoria’s total carbon emissions. EVs help to reduce transport emissions, while improving air quality and making cities more liveable.

In simple terms, an EV is a vehicle powered at least partly by electricity. When chosen over an equivalent internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle, EVs can offer a broad range of benefits, such as:

- Lower greenhouse gas emissions
- Less pollution with associated health benefits
- Reduced noise pollution
- Cheaper to run and maintain
- Increased opportunities for tourism and economic development via ‘destination’ charging

### Key findings

There are a number of known barriers to the uptake of EVs, with the main ones typically being purchase price and driving range, limited supply of EVs coming into

the Australian market and range anxiety. While the purchase price and market are expected to change over time with more EV models entering the market, one of the ways to overcome range anxiety is to increase the visibility of public EV charging stations.

As part of the project, optimal locations for public EV charging stations were identified across the south east region, including within the Frankston municipality. For more information on the locations and project findings, visit: [secca.org.au](http://secca.org.au)

To find your nearest public EV charging station, visit: [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com)

For more information on the Victorian Government’s Zero Emissions Vehicle subsidy available to Victorian residents and businesses, visit: [solar.vic.gov.au](http://solar.vic.gov.au)

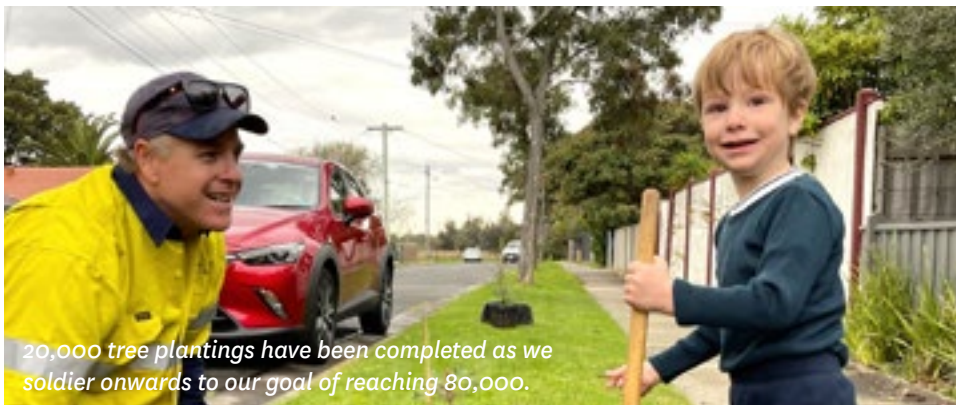


## Tips for the summer season

### Deep water:

Council is committed to planting 80,000 trees in the area as part of the Urban Forest Action Plan 2020-2024, and it has already reached the 20,000 mark! It is hoped that Frankston's tree canopy will grow from 17 to 20 per cent by 2040.

Residents can help their new street tree establish by providing a deep water, especially during hot periods. 'Water deeply, less frequently'. Slow watering, so the roots have time to absorb the moisture from the soil as it soaks down, is the key to successful watering and encourages a deep root system. Frequent, light watering encourages shallow root development. Shallow roots are more susceptible to summer heat stress, winter cold injury and drought stress.



20,000 tree plantings have been completed as we soldier onwards to our goal of reaching 80,000.

### Fire Prevention:

As part of Frankston City Council's Fire Ready Program, Officers will undertake bushfire and grassfire hazard inspections on all vacant blocks of land and properties that have previously been identified as a possible fire hazard. The first round of inspections will commence in November. It is recommended that you remove any fire hazards from your property before this time to avoid receiving an official notice.

**Monday, 21 November:** The first round of inspections will take place on identified properties within the municipality.

**Wednesday, 30 November:** Current permits to burn expire, no further open-air fuel reduction burning permitted until 2023 when CFA Fire Danger Period ceases.

## Nature mural

**Earlier this year, The Salvation Army Australia was awarded a state government grant to engage disadvantaged youth.**

A team of eager participants was put together via local organisations including Frankston Youth Service and famous local street artist, Melanie Caple, was enlisted to lead the project. Ray from Footsie's Pizza on Foot Street enthusiastically donated his pale yellow wall (and pizzas) for the team during the project.



## Deployment of Staff

**Council recently deployed two of its staff to assist with the flood recovery efforts in Rural Victoria, to City of Greater Shepparton and Campaspe Shire Council.**

Both of these members were out everyday undertaking Secondary Impact Assessments on flood affected properties and have found this to be very rewarding work.



## Coastal and Marine Management Plan

**It has been a big year of engagement as part of Council's development of a Coastal and Marine Management Plan.**

Council has been collaborating with Traditional Owners, the wider community, key stakeholders and agencies to shape our vision, objectives, and actions for the Plan. With resident's help, Council wants to protect and enhance the marine and coastal environment, adapt to climate change, support sustainable use and strengthen community engagement.

Using the input provided in broad community consultation from February to March 2022, and targeted engagement from August to September 2022, Council has developed a Values, Issues and Opportunities Paper that analyses input received, including aspects

commonly agreed/disagreed across stakeholder groups, and identifying decision points for Council. The Paper aims to clarify realistic expectations about what is and is not possible in the Plan, and describe requirements set out in legislation and government policy. This information will be then used to develop our precinct plans, 10-year implementation plan and contribute to the overall Coastal and Marine Management Plan.

We will seek community feedback on our Values, Issues and Opportunities Paper in late November-December 2022 — please keep an eye out on Engage Frankston, and 'follow' the CMMP page to receive direct notifications of updates:

[engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/CMMP](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/CMMP)

## A climate strategy for the future

On 18 November 2019 Council declared a climate emergency calling for urgent action to reverse global warming. Three years later, the draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan is going to Council on 21 November 2022.

The draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan clearly identifies the risks, opportunities and priorities for Frankston City to reduce emissions and build resilience to climate change impacts.

The new Plan will replace the Council's existing Towards Zero Emissions Plan 2019-2023 and the Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Plan 2011.

## Thanks for engaging with us!

A growing population and limited landfill capacity are placing increased pressure on our waste management systems in Frankston City and across Victoria.

Council is exploring some 'waste circularity' initiatives to reduce landfill, ranging from resource recovery and improved recycling to reusing and repairing household items.

These initiatives were put forth in public consultation, and Council received 293 contributions to our survey on waste circularity, had 17 attendees to the community workshop and 22 people spoke directly with Council staff at their pop-ups.



# Recycling and Food and Garden Waste Calendar 2023

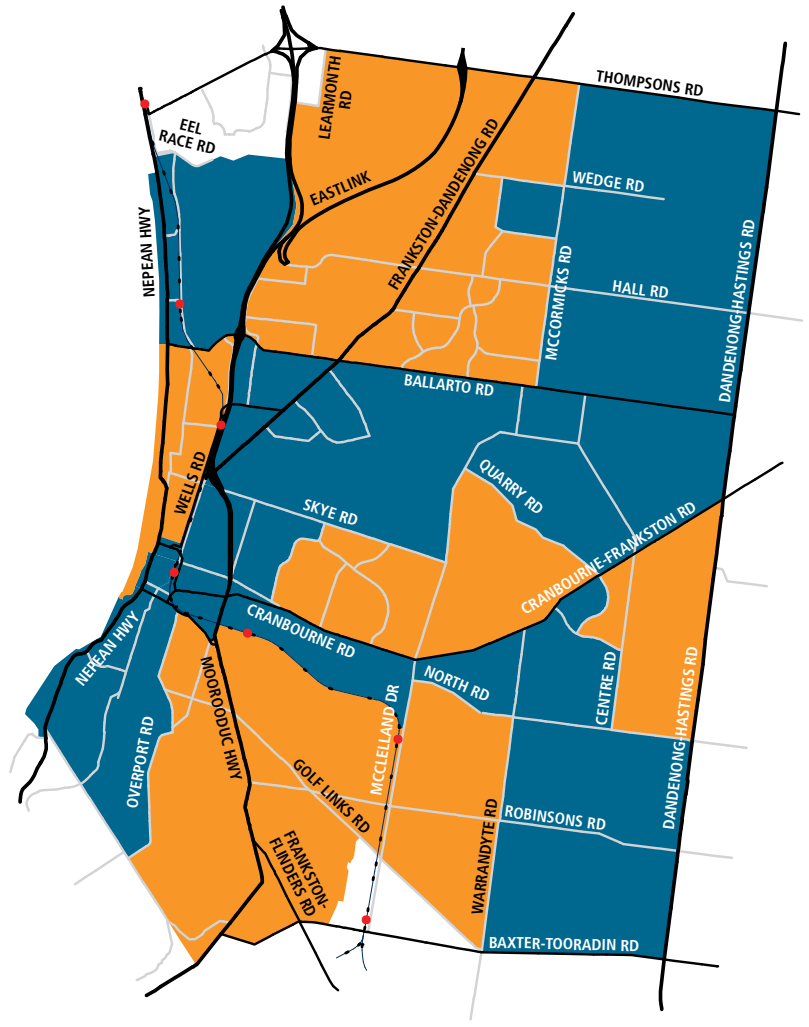
Your recycling bin and your food and garden waste bin will be collected on alternating weeks on the same day as your garbage bin.



	Recycling Bin Fortnightly							Food and Garden Waste Bin Fortnightly							
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**Blue area**  
If you live in a blue area use the blue calendar.

**Orange area**  
If you live in an orange area use the orange calendar.



**NOTE:** Blue area recycling collection dates also apply to Frankston's city centre. Collections will take place on public holidays. Enquiries: 9775 1909



## Street Sweeping Calendar 2023

Weekly commencement dates

Month 2022	Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D
January	2 and 30	9	16	23
February	27	6	13	20
March	27	6	13	20
April	24	3	10	17
May	22	1 and 29	8	15
June	19	26	5	12
July	17	24	3 and 31	10
August	14	21	28	7
September	11	18	25	4
October	9	16	23	2 and 30
November	6	13	20	27
December	4	11	18	25