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Home is where the heart is Help us shape the future of housing in Frankston

Our City is on the cusp of change, beginning its transformation into a thriving hub of employment, investment and entertainment.

These changes bring commercial and residential growth in Frankston City, with an anticipated population growth of 20,000 people by 2036.

Frankston City needs an additional 9,000 new dwellings to accommodate this population increase, with Council calling on community to help shape its Housing Strategy to guide the growth of housing in our municipality over the next 15 years.

Frankston City Council has developed

a Discussion Paper, outlining the key issues and opportunities related to housing in our City. Neighbourhood character and housing diversity are key features of the Discussion Paper, with an aim to enhance the unique character elements of each area and cater to the diverse needs

of the community.

Visit Engage Frankston by Sunday, 3 September to join the conversation on the future of housing in Frankston City.

Scan the QR code for more info.



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Mayor's message

Why FMAC is a golden opportunity

There's no denying our status as a city, and it is imperative we start behaving like one. That is why I am thrilled to share with you the progress we have made on the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan.

After two years of extensive engagement with the community, the Structure Plan was endorsed by Council to seek Ministerial authorisation in June. We have ensured that your voices and aspirations shaping the future of our City have been included. Through initiatives via Engage Frankston, we have organised pop-ups, walking tours, workshops, and interviews, giving you the opportunity to contribute your valuable input. We have also reached out to over 30 organisations, including RSLs, Probuses and others, and have shared our vision for the next 20 years.

We are proud of the extensive engagement process we have undertaken to create a plan that truly reflects the aspirations and needs of our community.

Benefits of having this plan

The FMAC Structure Plan is not just a document, it is a blueprint for the revitalisation of our city centre. By having local planning controls in place, we create a safeguard against unnecessary and inappropriate development. This ensures that the community can have assurance about

the direction of our city, while investors gain the confidence to support developments that are economically viable.

Investors play a crucial role in the growth of our city, and the existence of a comprehensive structure plan provides certainty for them. It allows them to gauge whether we are ready for transformation, making it more likely for them to invest in projects that will thrive. By attracting confident investors, we open up opportunities for job creation, particularly in the restaurant, bar and café sectors, where our young people can find employment within our city centre.

Furthermore, the Structure Plan puts to rest any inconsistencies that may have existed in the past. With clear guidelines on appropriate building heights, we eliminate ambiguity and provide a level playing field for developers and businesses alike.

By embracing this plan, we revitalise our business sector, create vibrancy in our city centre, and attract foot traffic. More people living in the city centre means increased utilisation of public spaces, such as the reopened Kananook Creek, and a revitalised Nepean Highway. This, in turn, benefits our local businesses and creates a framework for the community, developers, and investors to thrive together.



Moving forward together

As with any vision, there will be differing opinions and concerns along the way. It is essential that we engage in open dialogue to address these concerns. However, let us not forget the vision we have created for our City. We have taken into account the aspirations and ideas of our community, and now is the time to turn that vision into reality.

No more kicking the can forward. It is time to take action. Together, we have the opportunity to shape Frankston City into a vibrant and cohesive hub that offers a high quality of life for our residents and a thriving business environment. We have a framework in place, and it is up to us to work together and get the job done.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Let us continue to build a brighter future for Frankston.

Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy

Message from the CEO

Frankston City, the place to be

As the CEO of Frankston City Council, I feel privileged to experience all this City has to offer. It is the place to be for so many reasons, with a combination of bustling events, natural beauty, excellent education, thriving business precincts and emerging investment opportunities. Frankston City offers a unique lifestyle for both residents and visitors. Our vision for our City is simple — to unlock its potential and showcase it to the world.

Events: As an events destination, Frankston City is vibrant. From the bustling streets adorned with colourful murals to the lively events that fill our calendar, there is always something happening here. With the Frankston Arts Centre standing as a beacon of creativity, artists, musicians and performers from around Australia contribute their unique talents that enrich our lives.

Nature: We are also surrounded by nature's beauty with stunning coastal landscapes and lush green spaces. The pristine beaches offer a haven for relaxation, while our parks and reserves invite outdoor enthusiasts to explore and reconnect with nature. Frankston Waterfront is a picturesque destination where families can enjoy

picnics, playgrounds and delightful coastal walks.

A health, education and transport hub: We also host a range of first class education institutions that foster the growth and development of our future leaders. Governments at all levels are investing significantly in healthcare, transport and education, as seen with the \$1.1 billion redevelopment of Frankston Hospital and the Chisholm Institute revitalisation.

Business and investment: Our commitment to innovation is evident in the number of new brands opening up in Frankston. The Frankston Business Collective, now an independent body, launched its first Business Excellence Awards and is continuing its important work to connect businesses. And we remain dedicated to enhancing the vibrancy of our region as we continue to invest in infrastructure, urban planning and community programs to ensure our city thrives.

The future: The future looks bright as Frankston City emerges as the capital of the south east following Council's decision to seek authorisation of its Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan. Councillors voted to request approval from the Victorian Planning Minister for the



FMAC Structure Plan, which will enhance Frankston City as a major Victorian business and lifestyle hub.

Community: But at the heart of our City is our community, and our goal is to ensure Frankston City is a remarkable place to work. Whether this be through charity (page 13), recreation (page 20) or just by soaking in the City's neighbourhood spirit and chutzpah. We reached out to our residents to showcase the unique beauty of each suburb, and share the secrets of our beautiful region. (Read pages 10-11).

I encourage you all to explore all Frankston City has to offer, immerse yourself in its beauty and join us in celebrating the remarkable spirit that defines this City.

Phil Cantillon,
Chief Executive Officer

Planning for the future

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Olivers Hill lookout, before and after

FMAC, history in the making

Frankston City's emergence as the capital of the south east has been accelerated following Council's decision to seek authorisation of its Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan.

Councillors in June voted to request approval from the Victorian Planning Minister for its FMAC Structure Plan, which will enhance Frankston City as a major Victorian business and lifestyle hub, while also providing investors and businesses certainty when choosing to invest in Frankston.

Key elements of the FMAC Structure

Plan include:

- A pedestrian-friendly city centre environment with the opportunity for more outdoor activities, cycling and walking, and reduced through-traffic.
- An iconic Nepean Boulevard, with extended outdoor space for dining, retail, and events in the city centre, connecting to a world-class visitor look-out at Olivers Hill and greater connection to Kananook Creek in the north.
- A thriving Kananook Creek Boulevard between Beach Street and Wells Street, with street scape

upgrades, increased connection to the city centre, and greater accessibility to the creek, linking to McCombs Reserve to create a promenade of activation, outdoor dining and events.

Council has liaised extensively since early 2022 with the community through online surveys, workshops, pop-ups, walking tours, and interviews, and met with community groups and business networks, including the city's tertiary education providers, healthcare providers, major retailers and more.

Seaford Wetlands

Council received \$3.2 million from the Victorian Government for the Seaford Wetlands Revitalisation Project in 2021.

Upgrades to landscaping and environmental works include the rehabilitation of priority wetlands and terrestrial locations to occur through on-ground works, such as habitat structures. A pedestrian and cycling bridge will be built across Kananook Creek Canal to connect the Seaford Wetlands shared user paths network. The upgrade of signage and facilities includes wayfinding signage to be installed to improve route legibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Facilities will include park furniture for cultural gathering and teaching places, such as large rocks, an upgraded bird viewing platform, picnic tables, drinking fountains and bins.

Cr Kris Bolam is pleased that the works will be completed for the public to enjoy by June 2024. "Thank you to State Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP. More evidence of Council's ability to achieve fantastic advocacy outcomes on behalf of its community," he said.

Carpark construction commences

Council is partnering with the Australian Government to deliver a new multi-level commuter car park on Council-owned land adjacent to Kananook Railway Station and within the Kananook Recreation Reserve.

This \$22 million project is fully funded by the federal government and will deliver more than 300 car spaces across a three-level structure with:

- Dedicated bicycle parking within a safe and welcoming lobby area

- Clear and safe vehicle and pedestrian access points, for intuitive access in and out
- Connection improvements including pathways, landscaping and lighting

With vehicle access needing to be reconfigured, the project also includes the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Wells Road and Bardia Avenue. The project is estimated to be completed by June 2024.

Design inspired by Kananook Creek

The exterior of the car park will feature a representation of nearby Kananook Creek, depicting the gentle course of our local waterway across the side of the structure. One of Frankston's most beautiful natural environments, Kananook Creek runs for 7.5 km parallel to the coastline linking Seaford Wetlands to the Frankston Foreshore. This design element, in conjunction with landscaping and feature lighting aims to integrate the structure with the natural environment while ensuring it remains a safe, modern and functional facility.



Smiles at Sandfield

Exciting new play, recreation and social opportunities are starting to take shape at Sandfield Reserve in Carrum Downs, thanks to the collaborative investment from Council, Victorian and Australian Governments.

In June, Council hosted a family-fun event at Sandfield Reserve to showcase draft concept designs for new and improved youth and play spaces. Locals had an opportunity to share their thoughts on the designs with Council officers, along with locally elected representatives the Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP (State Member for Carrum), Peta Murphy MP (Federal Member for Dunkley) and Mayor Nathan Conroy.

The improvements continue implementation of the Sandfield Reserve Master Plan and include play and youth space improvements, new tree-lined pathways, a formalised recreation oval, new public toilets, and more.

Throughout May and June, locals were engaged in the development of the new youth and play spaces. The concept designs, based on what we heard, will include:

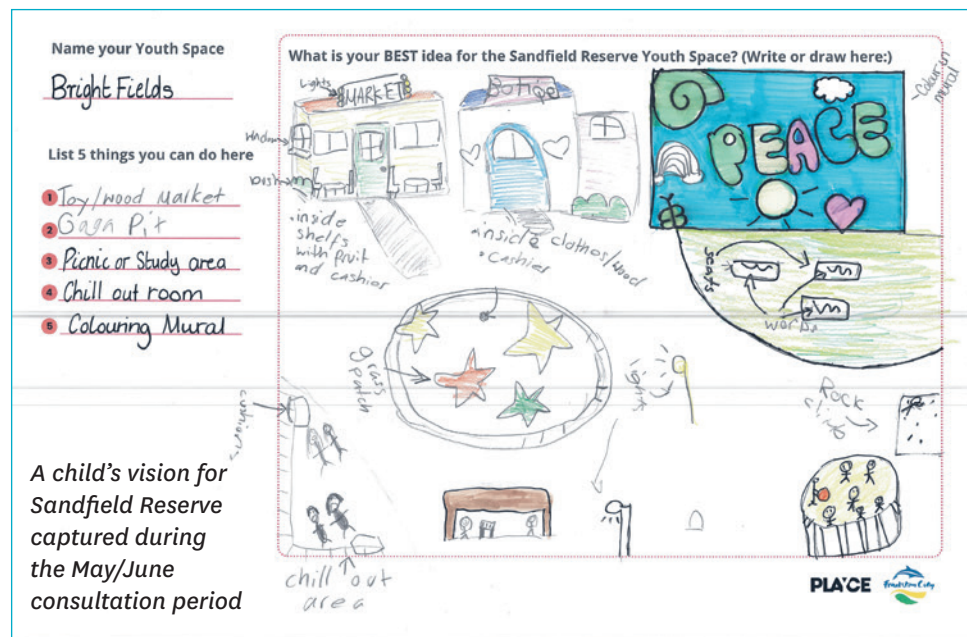
- Improved basketball half court with line marking for multiple ball sports
- A new rebound and climbing wall
- New parkour area
- Additional skate park elements
- New play space featuring sand play, water play, trampolines, play towers, swing baskets, picnic lawns and more
- New shelter and seating areas

To receive project updates and view the plans, visit: engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/sandfield-reserve-youth-space

Council successfully advocated for equal financial contributions of \$1.3 million during the 2022 federal and state elections following development of a Master Plan in 2021.



State Member for Carrum Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP and Federal Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy MP with Frankston City Mayor, Cr Nathan Conroy



A child's vision for Sandfield Reserve captured during the May/June consultation period

Government budget highlights

In May, both the Australian and Victorian Government's released their 2023-2024 annual budgets, with several local projects receiving key funding allocations.

Australia's Federal Budget 2023-2024

The Federal Government budget delivers on a number of project commitments made during the May 2022 election, the Sandfield Reserve Revitalisation, Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium and the Frankston Arts Trail. For more info, visit budget.gov.au

Victorian Budget 2023-2024

The Victorian Government budget delivers on a number of project commitments made during the November 2022 election, particularly the following Council advocacy priority projects. Other election projects included within the budget are:

- Pedestrian crossing installations

at Fletcher Road in Frankston and the Hall Road and Rowellyn Drive intersection in Carrum Downs

- A new BMX pump track at Banyan Fields in Carrum Downs
- Support towards Frankston Zero in tackling homelessness across Frankston City

To view the 2023-2024 Victorian Budget, visit: budget.vic.gov.au

Frankston City Stakeholders

Collaboration with our local community is a vital tool in achieving the best possible outcomes for the Frankston City community now and into the future.

Council was delighted to host a luncheon in May where over 50 locals from community groups, sporting associations, small business and key industries came together to discuss the future of Frankston City.

Mayor Nathan Conroy and Council Officers presented the draft Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan, which intends to deliver the planning requirement certainty our community desperately wants and needs, along with Council's vision for an improved Nepean Boulevard.

If you represent a local community group or business, you can get involved in Council's decision-making processes via the QR code.



Sandfield Reserve Revitalisation

\$1.3 million budgeted



Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium

\$15 million budgeted



Frankston Regional Arts Trail

\$2 million budgeted

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Council approves Budget for 2023-2024

Frankston City continues to offer important services and infrastructure

At its meeting on 22 May, Frankston City Council approved the Budget 2023-24, valued at \$291 million.

Despite the challenges of ongoing cost escalations, the Budget remains within the ministerial rate cap and provides for continued services and infrastructure projects to meet the needs of the approximately 140,000 people who call Frankston City home. The budget allows for the following:

- **Operational budget** – \$213 million for 71 unique services which range from Library Services, Youth Outreach program, to Meals on Wheels, Hard Waste collection, street and park cleaning services, and many more. In addition to these ongoing services the operational budget also includes 45 new initiatives, such as safety and

prosecutions team, a business concierge role to attract small businesses to the area, and a swimming program for those who cannot afford it.

- **Capital works budget** – \$78 million will fund infrastructure including 23 new infrastructure initiatives such as, Eric Bell Pavilion, Kananook Commuter Car Park, Kevin Collopy Pavilion, Ballam Park Athletics Pavilion, Overport Oval Reconstruction, Sandfield Reserve, the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Precinct among others.

The process of creating the budget was extensive, with over 376 submissions received through two stages of engagement, including a prioritisation activity, funding ideas, submissions on the draft Budget, and



Long jumping at the Ballam Park Athletics Track, while the Ballam Park Athletics Pavilion is on its way following its inclusion as part of the Capital Works Budget.

five engagement drop-in sessions at local community centres. The draft budget was viewed 1,734 times on our online portal. Furthermore, our social media campaign had a reach of

more than 50,000 users. Overall, the budget represents a significant investment in the future of Frankston City and will help to ensure its continued growth and prosperity.

Your yearly rate and valuation notice

Your annual rate and valuation notice will be issued in early August.

In Australia, rates are paid by all property owners, to fund a variety of services, programs and infrastructure which will benefit the entire local community.

This year's budget allocation is

perhaps the most collaborative and community-driven in Council's history, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has provided feedback on proposed initiatives.

We remain committed to delivering essential services, programs, and infrastructure that benefit our entire community. With 13,000 hectares of

land and 11 kilometres of stunning coastline, we maintain the safety, comfort and cleanliness for our 142,000 residents (plus our visitors)! Please call one of our friendly Customer Service staff on 1300 322 322 if you have not received your rates notice by 20 August 2023.

If you are having trouble meeting your

payment commitments, please refer to Council's website [frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Rates](https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Rates) for more information or contact us to explore the range of support options available. We are here to help.

Scan the QR code for more info.



Here are just some of the essential services that make up your rates.

- ➔ 331 maintained community buildings — and counting!
- ➔ 706 kilometres of maintained local roads
- ➔ 950 kilometres of maintained storm water drains
- ➔ 6,000 hectares of grass mowed per year
- ➔ 80,000 maintained trees
- ➔ 10,000 youths engaged in Youth Services support
- ➔ 2,200 annual attendees to our Seniors Festival
- ➔ 4,500 hours of home maintenance/repair assistance
- ➔ 215 shade sails and shelters
- ➔ 270 open space reserves
- ➔ 996 kilometres of maintained foot and cycle paths
- ➔ Arts Centre — attracting over 250,000 visitors per year
- ➔ 3 Libraries attracting 200,000+ visitors per year
- ➔ 170,000 waste, recycling and Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bins
- ➔ 1,299 public benches/seating and 349 picnic tables
- ➔ 12 bowling greens, 5 public golf courses, 5 BMX/skate parks
- ➔ 13 Maternal and Child Health Centres and 23 Kinder programs
- ➔ 75 maintained sports pavilions and 43 sports ovals



Kerry Rainer's waste journey first began through meeting a member of Frankston's Gardens for Wildlife Program

Frankston City Council prepares residents for new purple-lid glass bin initiative

Frankston City Council is preparing residents for a change in the way we recycle, with a new Victorian Government initiative introducing a purple-lid bin for separate glass recycling state-wide.

The separate glass recycling bin is part of a Victorian Government commitment to reduce waste to landfill by 80 per cent and improve the quality of recycled materials. Reducing contamination and separating glass can also reduce costs for rate payers.

Glass recycling bins will be delivered to all eligible residential households during the month of September, with the first collection of glass recycling occurring in October. A collection calendar will be delivered with the glass recycling bin.

The purple-lid bin separates glass from other recyclables. When glass is collected in our yellow mixed recycling

bins, it can become a major contaminant. When glass breaks, glass fragments can stick to other materials. Separating glass will reduce contamination in our yellow mixed recycling bins, which will increase the value of all other materials.

The initiative promotes a sustainable future for Frankston City and receives support from waste reduction advocate Kerry Rainer, a passionate community member.

Ms Rainer said, "By reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill, and by improving the quality of our recycled materials, we can create a more sustainable future for the benefit of our community, for our environment and beyond," she said.

"My waste journey first began through meeting a member of Frankston's Gardens for Wildlife program. I was so inspired by her commitment and

approach to reduce her family's waste output that our household decided to take on the waste challenge as well. Conscious purchasing and the introduction of FOGO were the main game changers."

Mayor Nathan Conroy also emphasises the importance of reducing landfill waste and improving recycled materials.

"We are committed to waste circularity and reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill," Mayor Conroy said. "The new separate purple-lid glass bin is a key part of our commitment."

To ensure residents understand the new system, Council is offering community information sessions and further information via their website.

For more info and to view upcoming sessions, scan the QR code.



Frankston City's PAW-some boost for pet owners

Frankston City has just upped its game in becoming an even more pet-friendly haven for animal lovers.

Starting 1 July, Council is rolling out increased support and exciting incentives for responsible dog owners and those looking to adopt a furry companion.

To ensure well-behaved dogs in public spaces, Council is boosting its reimbursement for dog obedience training, now covering a whopping 75 per cent of the cost, up from 50 per cent.

In a bid to encourage pet adoption, Frankston City will waive the first two years of pet registration for all animals adopted from the Lost Dogs' Home which saw a 37 per cent increase in animal surrenders in 2022.

To combat this, the popular pet adoption drive, 'The First 15 Forever Furry Friends', is expanding to cover the adoption fees of 30 pets, doubling the joy.

Council is also introducing the Pet Sanctuary Program, an innovative initiative. This program offers free boarding for animals of community members during times of hardship, including situations involving family violence.

These enhanced support measures complement Council's ongoing efforts throughout the year, including 35 dog free roam areas, convenient dog waste bins at local reserves, discounted pet registration for obedience-trained animals and free return services for first-time escapees registered with Frankston City Council.

Frankston City is truly going above and beyond to make it a paradise for pet owners and their furry friends.

New Approvals

The North West Ward will benefit from the transformation of two sites, long eyesores, following Council's recent permit approvals.

The first is the old Nylex site at 300 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Seaford, soon to be a new industrial park, that will include commercial and industrial uses. This new development has an estimated value of \$54 million and will create 250 construction jobs during initial works and 1,010 during building construction phase. An estimated 570 ongoing jobs will be created. Council was successful in achieving increased setbacks to residential properties, additional vegetation, trees, public art and other urban design features, and a signalled intersection included in the permit.

The second project is the redevelopment of the old Frankston International Hotel site at 383-389 Nepean Highway, Frankston. Council approved a multi-level office development to house the Department of Justice and Regulation and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. The brand-new building will bring 80 government jobs in the area and 100 positions in the construction stage. Council was successful in getting additional vegetation and trees included in the permit. This development will be complemented by the recently completed \$1.3-million redevelopment of the nearby Evelyn Street Reserve.

These sites, much like the successful transformation of the Frankston Ambassador frontage in 2021, will be carefully managed; and I look forward to what should be fantastic outcomes!

New Public Art

I have previously written about the great need for public art in Frankston.

As a Council, this is not something we have done particularly well over the past quarter of a century and we are in need of public art to boost our civic pride and tourism while also change perceptions of Frankston City.

New locations for public art include Dandenong Road East, Dandenong Road West, Evelyn Street, Karingal Drive, and multiple pieces at the Frankston Library Forecourt. Most sculptures should be installed in late August.

Furthermore, a new high-quality mural is to be placed at the Downs Estate, bordering the Seaford Wetlands.

The mural, painted by renowned artist Jimmy DVATE, is estimated to be complete in November. More future murals are planned for Seaford, Karingal and Frankston North. Feel free to contact me with any ideas regarding the beautification of our City.



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Community Grants

Community grants are important for our local area because they provide much-needed financial assistance to support projects and community.

Chances are you've probably met a group helped by these Annual Community Grants whether you're part of a sporting club that used the grant to buy some minor equipment or used the services of a local community organisation that used the grant to pay off some utility bills.

These grants are a great boost to our local community groups, sporting clubs and charities. For me, it's always a pleasure to meet with recipients of these groups that use the grants to respond to the needs of the Frankston community through the supply of food, mental health support, health and well-being initiatives and equipment.

More info on page 15.

Business Grants

Our 16 Invest Frankston Business Grant recipients have started working on their projects to boost the Frankston City economy. The grants, which invested \$180,000 into these 16 projects, are in motion, helping a dumpling business to expand, funding a new laser tattoo removal machine, and supporting a popular mobile food and beverage van to open a new bricks and mortar location.

Engagement

As a Councillor, I take my role of representing the people of the North-West Ward seriously and think it is important to listen to your needs.

There are many opportunities that Council offers you to have your say and I encourage you to participate. By doing so, either individually or as a community group, you can inform the council of your feedback, ideas and concerns. By engaging with council, individuals have the opportunity to provide valuable input that can help shape decisions and policies.

I believe that an engaged community ensures transparency and accountability. Council is responsible for making decisions that affect the entire community and you can ensure that your voices are heard and that decision-making processes are transparent.

As a Councillor, it is important for me to ensure that your voices are heard to promote trust, understanding and collaboration. Overall, engaging with Council helps ensure that Council makes informed decisions that reflect the diverse needs of people within our Community.

Read more on page 15.



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Cr Baker at a smoking ceremony at Functions by the Bay on Sorry Day

An acknowledgment of country

Each year, we commemorate the UN International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on 9 August. The date is celebrated around the world to mark the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982.

In Australia, it is another opportunity to look at our community along with other dates dedicated to our First Nations people: Apology Day (13 February), National Sorry Day (26 May), Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) and NAIDOC Week (2-9 July). This year, another date of importance will be the Voice referendum to take place by the end of the year.

While the referendum is a Federal government initiative, real change starts locally. At a local government level, we are constantly looking at ways to make our City more inclusive for our First Nations. We don't want to pay lip service but to genuinely listen to our Indigenous community that numbers 1,794 people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

At Council, we offer Cultural Awareness workshops offered to staff by AJ Williams-Tchen of Wiradjuri/Wotjobulak background. The award-winning facilitator is meeting with staff members from across our departments to ensure that we understand the culture and better interact with First Nations people.

Every day we raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags outside the Frankston Civic Centre and acknowledge the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners of this land at our events and meetings.

We celebrate aboriginal art and culture with numerous exhibitions at the Frankston Arts Centre, Cube 37 and Frankston City Libraries.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan was developed in collaboration with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to enhance social, economic and environmental outcomes. We also worked with Nairn Marr Djambana on a Master Plan for the design and landscaped areas that are embedded within the wider Jubilee Park and neighbouring precinct.

For me, personally, as a Councillor seeing small shifts towards a fairer City is extremely rewarding.



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I ♥ Carrum Downs

Following the popularity of Frankston City Council's 'I ♥ Frankston' merchandise, we are delighted to trial a limited-edition series of individual suburb merchandise, available to buy at the Frankston Visitor Information Centre, 7N Pier Promenade, Frankston throughout winter 2023.

Carrum Downs is already out and about and celebrates this amazing under-rated suburb which was a farming area up until the 1980s when the first shopping centre open to service the growing number of houses popping up. There's so much to see and do from the impressive Shri Shiva Vishnu Hindu Temple to international cuisine and a multicultural vibe.

By 'I ♥ Carrum Downs' merchandise you also support our area's worthy causes as 10 per cent of the profits are donated to the Frankston Charitable Fund. *Read more on pages 1, 10-11.*



Sandfield Reserve

Last month, I attended a community engagement with our locally elected representatives at Sandfield Reserve. Residents had their say on exciting new concept designs for the youth space and play space at the reserve. Park goers enjoyed a free sausage sizzle, coffee and activities for youth while providing their feedback on the designs. The project is part of a bigger plan for Sandfield Reserve, to make it feel safer and more welcoming for everyone. Council is working with state and federal government on other elements of the plan, including outdoor fitness equipment, BBQs and an upgraded shelter, a new public toilet, an improved path network and lighting, new seating and signage, more waste bins, and the opportunity for mobile food vans to visit the site and provide a destination for the community.

Memorial Park upgrade

I used to live near Frankston Memorial Park in the 1980s, and my friend would always cut through the cemetery to visit me. One day, as he walked through the Cemetery, he accidentally fell, got his foot stuck and dropped his six-pack of beer. This experience terrified him so much that he never walked through the park again.

My own interest in the park increased when I was elected as a Councillor in 2000. As part of my Council duties, I began paying closer attention to the park and now sit on the Frankston Cemetery Trust with some of my Councillor colleagues. For those interested in local history, I highly recommend a visit to the park. Land was first set aside for a cemetery in 1864-65, and the first recorded burial was in 1878, although there were most certainly burials prior to that.

Our Council aims to maintain the park as a tranquil resting place for the deceased and visiting relatives in the area. Recent upgrades have included new plinth seating, planting, refurbishment of the Caretaker building and the Columbarium building, which can now accommodate 148 ash interments. Furthermore, the external area will have two customised niche walls with 48 ash interments and will soon be open to the public.

Housed in a 1950s building that was originally used by priests as a change room, the refurbishment brings the facility back to its former glory which includes modern amenities and features to ensure both the safety and accessibility to those visiting the cemetery. Additionally, solar panels and a battery have been added to power all the lighting and security cameras as the building previously did not have a power supply.

Finally, it's important to note that since my friend's incident 40 years ago, a lot has changed and visitors have a lot to enjoy in the Park. However, if anyone does happen to find my friend's lost six-pack of beer, please let me know!

Beauty Park has had a glow up!

After two years in the making, I was very pleased to finally see the fountain I championed finally at Beauty Park. But the fountain is more than 'just a pretty face' as it also contributes to improving the water quality in the lake.

It looks beautiful during the day, but it really sparkles at night!

I was over the moon to see my vision become a reality, and so happy with all the positive feedback which the fountain has been receiving. Our public art is really making Frankston City the place to be and I feel privileged to be supporting this development. *More on page 13.*

Charity pays for business

Anyone can donate to the Frankston Charitable Fund, and I particularly encourage businesses to hop on board. We have talked a lot about what the Fund offers to charities, but I would like to also like to cast the spotlight on the benefits it offers to those who donate.

Apart from helping the community by supporting important programs to improve the quality of life of those in need, making a donation can go a long way towards improving the reputation of a business.

These days social responsibility is more important than ever, and businesses should give back to the community they operate in. By donating to charities businesses can fulfil this responsibility and demonstrate their commitment to social issues. Doing so, will only enhance a company's brand reputation as consumers, more than ever, tend to favour businesses that are socially responsible and actively engaged in charitable activities.

By demonstrating charitable core values, businesses can attract the best talent. Caring can lead to increased productivity, loyalty and staff retention rates. *Read more on page 15.*

Frankston Grant Finder

Get the details of all relevant grants you could apply for with Frankston Grant Finder. We've partnered with Grant Guru to provide you with free access to their tool and fast and relevant information on over 1,349 grants worth \$74.2 billion.

- Free email alerts
- Favourites: save grants to a shortlist
- Prioritise: assign a priority to a grant
- Diarise: keep track of dates
- Track: organise by application stage

This tool helps Frankston City businesses, community groups and individuals, find and access funding from Federal, State and Local Government, plus grants from corporate and philanthropic organisations. Grant Guru also list rebates, concessions, awards, scholarships and more. Visit frankston.grantguru.com.au.

One-on-one tech help

If you are struggling with you own personal device, one-on-one tech help is available. You can spend one hour with someone from Council's tech team looking at your phone, tablet, iPad, laptop or other device. These one-on-one sessions are available in Carrum Downs as well as Frankston Library. Learn how to access Wi-Fi, download eBooks and eAudiobooks, complete online forms and send and receive emails using apps as well as websites, social media and photos.

For more information, contact Frankston Library on 03 9784 1020 or email libraryenquiries@frankston.vic.gov.au

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North-East Ward

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Waste Circularity

When I was a child, I remember heading to the tip with my father and chucking in garbage. Much to my father's annoyance, I'd always find some "treasure" which I wanted to bring home.

Times have changed, and landfills are filling up causing levies to increase for residents. We need to find a solution to our rubbish needs and work towards a circular economy.

Our Waste Circularity Plan supports the transition to a more sustainable future. It focuses on services like resource recovery, waste education, and current and future waste management. This plan will not only benefit the environment but also save residents money on their garbage rates.

In 2021-2022, Council collected 4,604 tonnes of hard waste from the annual collection, with 15 per cent of that reused or recycled. We must improve these numbers to reach 80 per cent diversion from landfill. By reducing the amount of waste in the landfill, we can make our city greener and more sustainable.

We must all play a part in making our city more environmentally friendly. By recycling, reusing and reducing waste, we can work towards a cleaner future. Our draft Waste Circularity Plan is an important step towards achieving this goal. We endorsed it in our Council meeting on 22 May and sought a report back no later than August to consider for adoption taking into account any submissions we received.

Adopting waste circularity will be a positive step in the right direction. Together, we can make a difference.

Foreshore Parking Permits

Foreshore parking permits allow you to park for free within the permitted time at foreshore car parks in Frankston and Seaford.

There are two types of permits: one for ratepayers and another for tenants.

We went out to the community and asked people how they want to receive their parking permits. The most popular method was via their rates notices as had been the case in the past, and we listened.

A new resolution passed by the council takes us back to a return of the old model of physical foreshore permits. The more streamlined process results in reduced costs to the council and appeared in rates notices ready for their 30 September expiry.

Scan the QR code for more info.



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Recognising those making a difference

At the end of April, I was delighted to be able to attend a fundraising concert held at High Street Uniting Church. For many in the audience, and for the performers themselves, this was the first time gathering for live entertainment since 2019! The 6-piece vocal and instrumental ensemble known as Cadence, who have been performing together for decades, paid tribute to Judy Durham from The Seekers. The talented local Peter Jenkins also sang and played piano. All up more than \$2,000 was raised for Operation Larder, which has been providing food and other provisions for distribution to those in need through Community Support Frankston for over three decades!

This is just one small snapshot of the power of community and collaboration, in meeting the needs of our city's most vulnerable. I was reminded again of the strength and impact of our tireless volunteers when I attended the celebration event for those who assist Council's Family Health Services during National Volunteer Week. This includes 29 volunteers who cook and drive in support of Council's Meals on Wheels program, and another 11 volunteers who take clients on Outings & Excursions. In total it is estimated that Frankston is home to 16,800 who give back to the community through volunteering. If you are one of these people, thank you!

According to a 2020 report by Volunteering Victoria, more than 42 per cent of Victorians over the age of 15 volunteer in some way. This includes involvement through sporting teams, local charities and faith communities as well as through private sector organisations and government. It's estimated that these volunteers contributed close to \$60 billion worth of value in 2019, which is huge! That said, volunteer numbers have not returned to their pre-COVID levels, and sector experts are concerned by a general trend that sees volunteerism in decline. Volunteering can bring significant life and career benefits, including having a more interesting resume, building new skills and connections, and opening new doors across diverse networks. If you're open to the idea but have been putting it off, why not step up today and offer your time, friendship passion?

Cr Claire Harvey

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A new Youth Council

As the youngest Councillor in Victoria at the age of 18 in 2020 and Deputy Mayor by the age of 20, I am always happy to see more young people taking action and leadership in our community.

I'm proud to say that our Youth Council has been operating for more than 12 years. It's an important part of our Youth Services' advocacy and action group and I'm thrilled that it exists in our City.

The team meet every two weeks to represent the voices of young people in Frankston City, and the more of us the better for the future of our City.

New members joining the team this year are passionate and determined to address the big issues facing young people and break down stigmas associated with youth behaviour. These inspiring individuals are already making a difference in our local community, and we are thankful for their intelligence, compassion, enthusiasm and incredible ideas.

Read more on page 14.

Garage Sale Trail

There's nothing quite like scoring a second-hand bargain, or de-cluttering your home and pocketing some change from your own garage sale. I remember visiting garage sales as a child and feeling giddy with excitement finding pre-loved items to call my own.

The annual Garage Sale Trail sees over 300,000 Australians shop together at over 15,000 garage sales across the country. In 2022, Frankston City had 73 registered garage trails, which equates to over 28,000 kilos re-directed from landfill!

Buying second hand and selling items to give them a second life is a great way to reduce waste – it also forms part of Council's commitment to a circular economy. Last month, we engaged the community on our Draft Waste Circularity Plan, which focuses on waste minimisation, reusing, repairing, and recycling materials to reduce waste and environmental impact. We're currently reviewing the plan alongside your feedback. I look forward to seeing the revised plan later this month.

Cr Liam Hughes Deputy Mayor

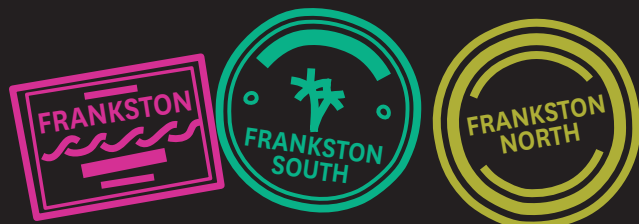
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South Ward

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I ♥ SUBURBS



Frankston City's suburbs are a tapestry of captivating experiences, inviting visitors to explore their unique charm. Whether you seek coastal adventures, tranquil nature retreats, cultural immersion or family fun, there is something to offer everyone. So pack your bags, embark on an unforgettable journey and let Frankston City weave its magic!



FRANKSTON: WHERE COASTAL CHARM MEETS CULTURE

Nestled along the stunning coastline of Port Phillip Bay, Frankston boasts pristine sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters beckoning visitors to soak up the sun and indulge in swimming, paddleboarding and boating. Take a leisurely stroll along the Frankston Pier, offering panoramic views of the bay and the city skyline.



Sally Taylor, has lived here with her husband and two of her three children in Karingal for 20 years
"I chose to live here because it was affordable and suited my family's needs. It has ready access to public transport, and we are within walking distance to Karingal Hub local kindergarten and primary schools in Ballam Park. Things I enjoy doing in my area are bike riding, going to the movies, shopping, and walking through Ballam Park. A well-kept secret is Ballam Park Homestead."

FRANKSTON SOUTH: A SERENE HAVEN FOR NATURE LOVERS

Just a short distance from Frankston lies the tranquil suburb of Frankston South, a paradise for nature enthusiasts. Discover the beauty of Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve, a serene sanctuary boasting lush vegetation, walking trails and verdant wildlife. Picnic in the park and breathe in the fresh air while surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature.



Cara Bradley, lives with her partner and their RSPCA foster cat
"I chose to move here four months ago because my partner was offered an amazing job opportunity, so I found a job here too. So far, I like being close to the sea again and going to Frankston Library. Things I enjoy doing in my area are exploring Sweetwater Creek... My tastebuds are still exploring the local cafes too!"

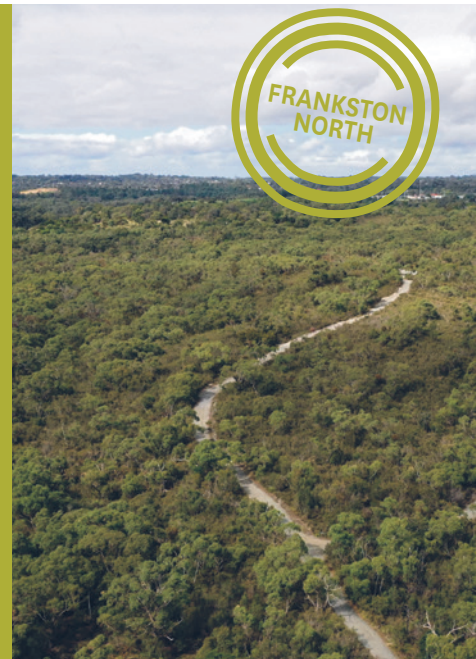


SEAFORD: SUN, SAND AND SEASIDE CHARM

Seaford is a coastal gem that offers a laid-back beachside experience. Bask in the sun on the golden shores of Seaford Beach, a vast stretch of golden sand perfect for swimming and picnicking. Enjoy a leisurely beachfront stroll or cycle.

FRANKSTON NORTH: A GEM AMONGST THE PINES

Frankston North was originally named Pines Forest because the area was a government pine plantation before becoming a government housing estate. Visit the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve. The Forest Aquatic Centre, an outdoor swimming pool, is a focal point of the community and hosts summer school swimming carnivals, morning lap groups and SES training. It attracts visitors from far and wide.



DISCOVER THE ENCHANTING SUBURBS OF FRANKSTON CITY



CARRUM DOWNS: ADVENTURE AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The suburb of Carrum Downs, a fun-filled day at Funtopia World Australia, the country's biggest indoor playground with a state-of-the-art indoor rock climbing arena. Or head to Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve where a new play space promises fun for the entire family.

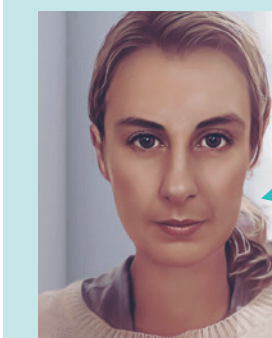


Ilona Ellerton has lived in Carrum Downs with her husband, two kids and staffy for seven years

"Carrum Downs is a unique area with many wonderful people living here. I really enjoy how close it is to the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve, to the beach and to my work. Things I enjoy doing in my area is participating in local footy, supporting local businesses and going out to enjoy the many different cuisines we have to offer. My favourite place to eat in my area is Dainton Brewery - hands down. It is walking distance from my house, the food and drinks are always amazing as is the customer service. Best thing for me is that my dog is always welcome there."

SKYE: TRANQUILITY AND SCENIC BEAUTY

Escape the hustle and bustle of city life in the peaceful suburb of Skye. Discover the picturesque Skye Recreation Reserve, an idyllic parkland offering walking trails, picnic spots and sporting facilities.



Tanya Wood has lived in Skye with her two children and senior dog Cid for seven years

"I chose to live here because you feel like you're in the country but you're only ten minutes to the nearest beach and the most beautiful sunsets. I feel safe and love being part of the local community. Things I enjoy doing in my area are attending KCC park public events, and the park, home to Dogs Victoria who promote responsible dog ownership, is the best-kept secret in Skye."

SANDHURST: GOLFING PARADISE AND LUXURY LIVING

For an exclusive and refined experience, Sandhurst is the epitome of luxury living. Indulge in a round of golf at the prestigious Sandhurst Club, boasting two championship golf courses set amidst breathtaking landscapes.



Fred Hamilton, retired and living with partner for the last 10 years

"We moved here when we downsized, but still needed a block to put a caravan on. We like the open space, the good access to the freeway, and the fact that I can catch up with my long-time friends in the North East suburbs. My wife is a member of the Sandhurst singers. We would take friends visiting us from interstate to the wineries, wine tasting and the historic homesteads in the area."

LANGWARRIN: NATURE'S WONDERLAND

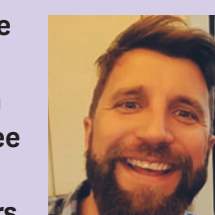
Langwarrin is a nature lover's dream, with its lush green spaces and abundant wildlife. The Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve is a sanctuary for native plants and animals, inviting visitors to explore its walking trails and observe the local birdlife. Immerse yourself in history at the McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery, where striking artworks harmonise with the natural surroundings.



LANGWARRIN SOUTH: RURAL CHARM AND EQUESTRIAN DELIGHTS

Embrace the rustic charm of Langwarrin South, surrounded by rolling hills and picturesque farmland. Horse lovers will relish the opportunity to visit the local equestrian centres and indulge in horse riding adventures. Immerse yourself in the peaceful countryside ambience and sample delicious farm-fresh produce at the local markets and farm gates."

Daniel La Fontaine has lived in Langwarrin South with his wife, three sons, Kelpie and chooks for 12 years



"We love Langwarrin South for the quiet serenity, open green space and expansive skies. There is little traffic, light or noise pollution. You really feel like you're in the countryside and yet we have some excellent schools. The best thing about living here is the amount of land and nature."



Business Workshops wrapped up

Over 40 small businesses in Frankston City have enhanced their skills and knowledge through two workshop series.

In April, the three-week Digital Marketing Masterclass, led by business owner Erin Morris from Young Folks Digital, provided insights to 24 businesses at the Frankston Library Community Room. In May and June, the Business Basics Workshop Series covered essential topics, such as



Getting Started, Business Planning, Finance and Cashflow, Branding and Website Design, Digital Marketing and Resources and Networking. This comprehensive five-week series benefitted 20 businesses in total.

Jobs Victoria Engineering Project

Are you in manufacturing and looking for skilled staff or an apprentice?

Manufacturing businesses in South-East Melbourne can benefit from the Jobs Victoria Engineering Project, a collaboration with Chisholm. This initiative matches manufacturing businesses' needs with suitable jobseekers in the fabrication and

mechanical engineering sector. The project has created 100 entry-level positions, including 70 production welder/machine operator jobs and 30 fabrication/mechanical apprenticeships. Additionally, a training wage subsidy is available to support jobseekers during their training. For more information, contact Malcolm.allan@chisholm.edu.au

Frankston City Industrial Strategy

Last year, the Strategic Planning team initiated the Frankston City Industrial Strategy project to establish a future plan for the city's industrial precincts.

This strategy is guided by a Vision and five objectives that aim to transform these areas.

Council recently completed a six-week consultation period for the Draft Strategy, seeking feedback on the Vision and objectives through one-on-one discussions and information pop-up sessions with the industrial sector and key stakeholders.

The project explores several important objectives, including rejuvenating aging industrial areas, transforming the Kananook industrial area into a sports and hospitality destination, promoting a low-carbon sustainable economy, enhancing the attractiveness of industrial precincts, and expanding accessibility and transport infrastructure.



The feedback received from the community will shape the development of the final Industrial Strategy

The feedback received from the community will shape the development of the Final Industrial Strategy, providing a clear framework for the future development of Frankston's industrial precincts. This will bring certainty for the Council, industrial sector, investors, and developers. Public consultation on the draft Industrial Strategy concluded on 29 May, 2023, and the adoption of the Final Industrial Strategy is expected in late 2023.

Stay updated on the Engage Frankston webpage or scan the QR code.



Small Business Expo

The Economy, Investment & Activation team showcased Frankston City's investment potential at the CommBank Small Business Expo 2023 in Marvel Stadium on Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 May.

Engaging with over 150 business owners from across the country, we highlighted our city's Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan, industrial precinct

plan. Affordable housing, amenities, state-of-the-art facilities, available commercial spaces, grants, education and workforce incentives, city-living options, and upcoming workplaces and co-working spaces. As the sole exhibiting council, we pleasantly surprised visitors and provided them with goodie bags filled with important information about our City by the bay. For more info, email business@frankston.vic.gov.au



Façade Improvement Grants

In 2022-2023 IF Façade Improvement Grants have awarded a total of \$100,000 to 12 local businesses in Frankston City to revamp their shopfront facades.

Among the recipients is the well-established retailer, the Bounty Shop. The grants, launched in March 2023, included two stages, with 34 eligible applicants invited to apply for Stage 2. Out of the 20 stage two applications received, 12 successful projects were selected, featuring

illuminated signage, upgraded façades, fresh paint, a server window, and an art mural. These grants aim to enhance the appearance of buildings and businesses, attracting more foot traffic and inspiring further investment. To discover the grant recipients, visit investfrankston.com/news

We are looking forward to seeing some new shopfront façade improvements in Frankston City soon!

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Pavilion upgrade for women in sport

Women's sporting opportunities in Frankston City will receive a welcome boost, with the \$5.33 million upgrade to Kevin Collopy Pavilion at Jubilee Park.

The upgrade will include extensive refurbishment and extension to improve player and community amenities, with a strong focus on disability and inclusion, and female-friendly facilities.

The 10-month project will include:

- New groundkeeper's building and toilets next to the pavilion.
- New change rooms, umpire's facilities, canteens, storage and

first aid rooms on the ground floor.

- Accessible facilities.

The upgraded Pavilion will allow the Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club and Frankston YCW Football Netball Club to better support players and strengthen female participation in sport.

"Until now we haven't had the appropriate facilities to establish a senior football team for women, but with the upgraded pavilion and Trotting Track oval, we'll be able to offer the opportunity to our four junior women's teams," said Frankston YCW Football Netball Club Past President

and Council liaison, Sean La Fontaine.

Club President Lou Meagher agrees, adding: "The redevelopment allows us to deliver on our vision of being a football and netball home for everyone in the community."

Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club Vice President Dennis Prendergast said, "The upgraded pavilion will meet Cricket Australia's accreditation standards, so we'll be able to again host women's first-class cricket games at Butler Oval, as well as having changeroom facilities that are more suitable for the state's elite premier cricket competition."



Women will benefit from the upgraded pavilion, to be completed by May 2024

The project is funded by Frankston City Council in partnership with the Victorian Government, Community Sport Infrastructure Loans Scheme.

Cebby's stunning images in the frame at Frankston Arts Centre

Ceberio (Cebby) Johnson is an Indigenous, blind photographer and asks his audience to be his eyes.

"I take the photo of my moments – then they see the moment for me," he said. Cebby presents a photographic exhibition titled 'Your Eyes. My Heart' featuring images taken during a recent trip back to his birthplace in the Northern Territory.

Cebby won the Frankston Arts Centre Open Exhibition 2022 with a joyous photographic self-portrait in which he embraces his rescue dog, Early. The artwork was recognised for the joy and spontaneity of its subjects and captured Cebby's remarkable fortitude and optimism.

As part of his award prize, Cebby is presenting his 'Your Eyes. My Heart'



Cebby Johnson asks his audience to be his eyes

exhibition, which is now on at Frankston Arts Centre's Curved Wall Gallery until 19 August.

For more information, please visit artcentre.frankston.vic.gov.au



Cr David Asker and Major Projects Program Manager Rob Savoia

Beauty Park's fountain

Already popular with two legged, four legged and feathered residents and visitors, the park's lake now has a fountain with a special evening light show.

The fountain can change colours for special occasions (such as green for St Patrick's Day, pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Day and of course green and red for Christmas).

The fountain is operational throughout the day and is lit from early evening until only 9.30pm to ensure the resident ducks can sleep soundly. The project was championed by Cr David Asker who is over the moon with the result, and Carrum Downs company Aquatic Technologies assisted in the delivery.

Renaming a section of RF Miles Reserve

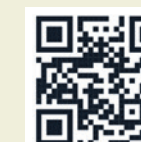
Frankston City Council is asking for community input to rename the picturesque area of reserve alongside Kananook Creek, commonly known as Kananook Creek Reserve but formally named RF Miles Reserve.

Geographic Names Victoria advised that to avoid duplication of existing

names, such as Kananook, a new name could reflect the area's indigenous history. Frankston City Council consulted with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and proposed two names, Pallim Parn (Salt Water) and Yoke (Eel) Gardens, that authentically represent the reserve's indigenous

significance. Council endorsed community engagement on these proposed names for formally renaming this section of the reserve. The formal renaming focuses solely on the walking path and garden, leaving the existing sporting fields, pavilion, and playground of RF Miles Reserve unaffected.

Vote for Pallim Parn (Salt Water) or Yoke (Eel) Gardens, or to keep the RF Miles Reserve name, at Engage Frankston or scan the QR code by 5pm, 13 August 2023. A detailed map is available on Engage Frankston to highlight the area.



For all the latest news, updates and supports for local business go to investfrankston.com

Council welcomes new Youth Council for 2023

Excitement was in the air as Council welcomed eight passionate new members to its Youth Council for 2023. The group of 12- to 25-year-olds are eager to tackle the problems of today and make a difference in their community.

Mayor Nathan Conroy met with the young members to offer a few tips about how Council works and share some of the rewards and challenges. The young people listened carefully

before setting their own agenda for the year, focused mainly on social issues. The youth advocacy and action group, affectionately known as YoCo, provides a vital forum for young people to have a voice and represent their peers within Frankston City. YoCo meets fortnightly to allow the group to maintain regular communication and progress on tackling community problems.

In addition to addressing community

issues, incorporating elements of fun into the group's activities enhances participation and fosters a positive group cohesion. During their term as Youth Council committee members they develop vital skills through opportunities, such as workshops, training sessions, and consultations, where they can acquire new knowledge and enhance their abilities. These skills can be directly applicable to community problem-solving and also benefit members personally

and professionally.

Last year's Council member, Jess Healy, is now a Youth Council worker herself and credits the group for helping her gain the skills she now uses in her job. The Youth Council is a stepping stone for young people to become active community members and make a positive impact.

Council is proud of its Youth Council and looks forward to seeing what the group will accomplish in 2023.



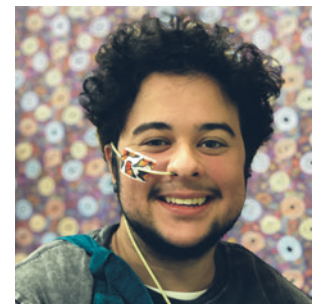
Sarah, 17 — Seaford
She/her

Sarah is interested in journalism, international relations and psychology. She is driven, diligent and goes above and beyond expectations.



Ari, 17 — Skye
She/her

Family is a massive support and inspiration for Ari. She is strongly connected to her culture and community, she loves politics and hopes to someday work in this field.



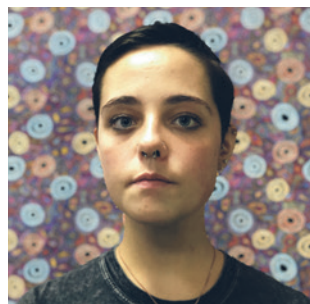
Mac, 19 — Frankston
He/him

Mac is passionate about his work in advocacy and is part of the innovative team at Youth Disability Advocacy Service. He is self-aware, community-minded and wants the best for others.



Satch, 25 — Frankston
He/him

Satch is extremely passionate when it comes to supporting vulnerable people, he has studied at Chisholm and enhanced his practical skills through Whitleton.



Maddy, 17 — Frankston
She/her

Maddy enjoys crocheting and being creative. She is inclusive and has an open perspective to people and different experiences or circumstances. She also has a passion in mental health.



Kayden, 19 — Patterson Lakes*
He/him

Kayden enjoys playing wheel chair sports, music and doing anything creative. He uses music as outlet and to educate others.

* VCE completed in Frankston



DJ, 21 — Frankston
He/him

DJ has an incredible amount of commitments. He is in his second year as a Youth Council member, works, and has been part of Scouts for over 10 years.



Ollie, 15 — Seaford
He/him

Ollie plays softball and is a very kind, and supportive person. He also works at gravity zone, studies full-time and is always willing to learn new skills and commits 100 per cent.

Local students build sustainability skills and knowledge

Year 11 students from Mount Erin College in Frankston have developed their carbon emission reduction knowledge as part of an innovative Council project.

Over a five-week period in May and June, students Isaac, Lochlan, Locky and Kirsten had a front row seat during an on-site energy audit at the Frankston Civic Centre and attended regular online meetings with Council and energy efficiency consultancy, Bridgeford

Group, to understand what's required to undertake a feasibility study for electrification of a large building.

At the end of the project the students presented their learnings on electrification, solar PV and Council's Climate Change Strategy 2023-2030. They applied their learning by using SunSPOT Solar potential tool and energy bills to develop a business case for solar panels on a rooftop at their school.



Mt Erin students receiving participation certifications with Council Acting CEO Cam Arullanantham, Bridgeford Group CEO Nick Tassigiannakis and the project team

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Donate to the Frankston Charitable Fund

The well-being of our community is an invaluable measure of a City's worth. In Frankston City, we are fortunate to have local charities tirelessly working to meet the needs of our residents and foster social connections.

Recently, eight of these organisations received a remarkable funding boost of \$42,685 from the Frankston Charitable Fund during a ceremony held at Functions by the Bay.

While the spotlight was on the charities and the value they bring to the community, of equal importance are the businesses and individuals donating to keep them afloat at these challenging times. Donors offered their tax-deductible funds via the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation

established 100 years ago.

Individuals and businesses are encouraged to continue their donations, more important than ever before due to the rising cost of living and increased demands of essential services following the global pandemic.

Mayor Nathan Conroy, who sits on the Frankston Charitable Fund's Committee of Management with Cr Suzette Tayler, told the Frankston City News that one thing he knows as a former businessman is that corporations in particular have much to gain from contributing to the fund. "Supporting charities allows businesses to fulfil their corporate social responsibility and demonstrate their commitment to making a positive

impact on society," he said, while adding that "we can't help everyone but everyone can help someone".

The Fund's Chairperson Jackie Galloway is grateful to everyone who has contributed over the years. "We have awarded over \$250,000 worth of grants to 62 local charities since the Fund's creation in 2009. In recent years, the demand has increased making the Fund more necessary than ever," she said.

There were tear-jerker moments as recipients spoke of the people that money from the Frankston Charitable Fund will help. The money will help numerous people within Frankston City, from those requiring resources after a miscarriage and building inclusivity through song to offering

mobility assistance to those in need. The impact is immeasurable. For instance, Laura Harris from Mums Supporting Families in Need expressed gratitude for the funding, highlighting that it will support families who would otherwise struggle to afford essential baby items. By partnering with over 80 welfare agencies, their organisation can provide much-needed relief during times of hardship.

If you wish to donate to the Frankston Charitable Fund, you can visit the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation website and select the Frankston Charitable Fund or call 9633 0000.

For more info, scan the QR code.



The charities receiving funds are:

- Game Face Game Changer (\$5,160)
- Operation Larder (\$5,000)
- Peninsula Christian Care (\$5,500)
- Peninsula Transport Assist (\$4,000)
- Theodora's Cheerful Givers (\$5,000)
- Miscarriage Information Support Service (\$6,436)
- Mums Supporting Families in Need (\$9,089)
- Voices of Frankston Choir (\$2,500)

Recipients of the Frankston Charitable Fund were grateful for the funds, allowing them to continue for another year



Frankston Zero report released

Frankston Zero has released a comprehensive report outlining 28 recommendations to address housing and homelessness in Frankston City.

The findings shed light on the increasing unaffordability of private rental housing for all household types and the social housing shortfall, particularly for singles, young people and others in need.

Frankston Zero is urging the Federal Government to pass the Housing Australia Future Fund legislation to kick start the development of future housing initiatives. The group is also advocating for increased social housing from both the State and Federal Governments with a particular focus on singles, permanent supportive housing and youth foyers.

Furthermore, there is a proposal to

strengthen the integration between health and housing, building upon the successful multidisciplinary approaches implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Frankston Zero Chair Jackie Galloway said, "We would like to see the integration of the Homeless to a Home program with the Melbourne Street to Home program and Supportive Housing responses, under the Homelessness Rough Sleeping Action Plan. This would ensure that all Victorians with complex support needs have access to these critical responses and capabilities, not just those in the inner city."

Councillor Sue Baker, Chair of the Council's Housing Advisory Committee, is concerned that the availability of affordable housing is not keeping pace with the increasing demand.

"Rapidly rising housing costs and inadequate supplies of social and affordable housing mean that many households are living in housing stress, increasing their risk of homelessness," Cr Baker said.

The Frankston Zero group was established in 2021 with the support of Launch Housing, Melbourne's largest Specialist Homelessness Organisation committed to ending homelessness by providing practical solutions for those most at risk.

People experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness are encouraged to approach the local homelessness entry point which is provided by the Salvation Army, who can be contacted on (03) 9784 5050.

For more information, scan the QR code.



Community Grants change lives

Council is accepting applications for community grants from Monday 17 July through to Thursday 10 August.

The grants are aimed at supporting community groups and organisations that provide much-needed services, programs and projects in the local area. Eligible organisations can receive up to \$7,500 to fund much-needed services, programs and projects in the local area from a total funding pool of \$794,382.52.

This is a great opportunity for local groups to secure funding and make a positive impact in the community. Visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au/

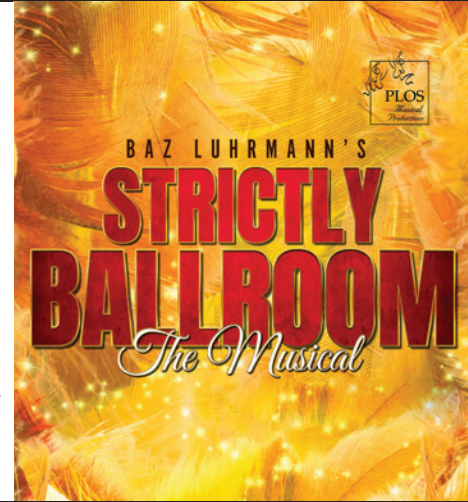
Follow @frankstonyouthservice on Instagram or Facebook to find out where we will be next!

FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

PLOS: STRICTLY BALLROOM

Friday 28 July -
Saturday 5 August various times
Tickets: \$44 - \$60

An inspiring story of a championship ballroom dancer who defies all the rules to follow his heart. This uplifting and courageous tale originated as a stage play that Baz Luhrmann created.



YOU AM I PERFORMING THE WHO'S TOMMY

Wednesday 9 August 7.30pm
Tickets: \$71.65 - \$87.05



DAYTIME MUSIC + THEATRE LA PRIMA OPERA GALA

Friday 11 August
10.30am & 1.30pm
Tickets: \$20 - \$22

RHYTHMS OF IRELAND

Friday 1 September 7.30pm
Tickets: \$59.90 - \$79.90

Highly successful and critically acclaimed, this show is set to captivate audiences young and old with heart pounding music, spectacular dance routines and vibrant costumes.



POSSUM MAGIC

Friday 8 September 11am & 6pm
Tickets: \$28 - \$30,
Family (4 tickets) \$100



GISELLE: VICTORIAN STATE BALLET

Sunday 17 September 2.30pm
Tickets: \$40 - \$75

Book at thefac.com.au or 03 9784 1060

Unleashing the power of reading

Read 60 books in 31 days in Mayor's Reading Challenge

In an age dominated by screens, the importance of reading can sometimes be overlooked. Frankston City Libraries aim to promote the joy and benefits of reading through the Mayor's Reading Challenge, which runs from 1 to 31 August.

The initiative, open to children from zero to five, has become a cherished tradition which encourages young readers to immerse themselves in the wonderful world of books.

Participating is simple. Individuals can collect a reading log from their local library branch. The log provides a platform to record the books read during the challenge period, allowing children to keep track of their progress.

Children can read 60 different books or even one book sixty times. Both approaches have their benefits in terms of building vocabulary skills, comprehension and building a reading habit.

After a month of happy reading, children collect a reading rewards pack, including a certificate signed by the Mayor and a new book.



Mayor Conroy encourages readers to start young

One of the key objectives of the Challenge is for children to develop a love for reading at a young age to lay the foundation of lifelong learning and academic success. For adults, the challenge is a reminder of the joys of reading and the importance of nurturing intellectual growth, and we encourage parents and guardians to read to and with their children. Reading together supports Frankston City Libraries broader goals of promoting education, creativity and cultural enrichment.

The Reading Challenge has become a cherished event with the community, inspiring individuals of all ages to immerse themselves in the magic of books.



Join Susono delegation

The Frankston Susono Friendship Association is making plans for a Frankston delegation to Susono Japan in October 2023.

This will be the first delegation from Frankston to Susono in the last five years, with a highlight being attending and participating at the Australian Fair. The opportunity to be hosted in a Japanese home, a day tour of Susono and the local area, along with welcome and farewell parties are also part of this unique and wonderful experience. Members of the Frankston community are invited to join our delegation and travel to our Sister City for a fantastic, fun-filled trip to Japan!

Call Bev on 0413 777 313 or email frankston.susono@gmail.com for more info.

Frankston City Libraries

What's on



Warm Winter Read Reading Challenge

Running throughout winter, FREE
The Warm Winter Read Reading Challenge is a statewide library challenge aiming to foster reading habits among adult readers. Participation is free, and you can log your reading progress either through the Beanstack App or by using a written tracker available at the library branch. Throughout winter, we will be hosting special Warm Winter Read events, and there will be fantastic bookish prizes up for grabs. For more details, visit our website or inquire at the library branch.



FREE events & activities coming up at your local library...

- The Friday Friendly chat group**, every Friday at Carrum Downs Library.
- Hear from music author Stuart Coupe** at Late Night Libraries at Carrum Downs.
- New activities at Late Night Libraries** including Paint by Numbers and Dungeons & Dragons.
- Join our Writers Group - 'Fiction Bites'**, at Frankston Library.
- Celebrate Science Week** with Fizzies Education at Frankston Library.

Head to our website for full details, or join the eNewsletter to be the first to hear about new events!



There's something for everyone at your local library, head to our website to sign up to our fortnightly newsletter or to see all the events happening at Frankston City Libraries around the municipality, head to library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On

DISCOVER BEER + SPIRITS TRAIL

Local brewers, creators and crafters are calling Frankston City home, and a trail of beer, cider and spirits has emerged. Where will you begin?

DISCOVER THE PERFECT SIP

- 1 DAINTON BREWERY & TAPHOUSE
- 2 BIERVAL BREWERY AND BEERHALL
- 3 THAT SPIRITED LOT DISTILLERS
- 4 BANKS BREWING
- 5 FRANKSTON BREWHOUSE
- 6 THE HOP SHOP
- 7 THE CHEEKY SQUIRE

Discover some of the best tap houses, breweries and distillers right here in Frankston City. Delicious food, craft beers and spirits, coupled with tours, events, live music and more. There's something for everyone, including your pooch!

Our wildlife

Sourcing fresh food remains a constant challenge for wildlife shelters.

A groundbreaking initiative at Overport Park, in collaboration with Australian Wildlife Assistance Rescue and Education Incorporated (AWARE), a local not-for-profit rescue and rehabilitation group is changing the game.

In 2011, Council rangers joined forces with AWARE members to establish a native wildlife 'supermarket' within the park. They prepared and mulched a designated area, planting tube stock trees from Frankston's Indigenous Nursery to provide food for rehabilitating wildlife.

The initiative's success prompted additional plantings in 2014 and 2020. Today, the park boasts a thriving plantation of over 273 trees, encompassing five different species. Council rangers and AWARE volunteers work diligently to maintain the site through regular working bees, with local school students also lending a helping hand.

The importance of natural food and materials cannot be overstated. They help alleviate and prepare wildlife for a successful return to their natural habitats. Overport Park fulfils this need by offering fresh food, natural perches, and climbing frames for the wildlife in care. Koalas and possums benefit from the collection of fresh leafy branches, while Kreff's gliders and various birds find nourishment in nectar, lerp and galls.

This plantation has become a priceless asset for shelters and the wildlife they nurture. The enduring partnership between Council, AWARE and the park ensures that injured and orphan animals will continue to reap its benefits well into the future. AWARE offer a 24-hour emergency rescue hotline service at awarewildlife.org.au, composed entirely of volunteers.



Frankston City's newest bike track is open in Frankston South

Overport Park, a new track for beginners

It's here! Frankston City's newest track for beginner riders, skaters and scooters is now open at Overport Park in Frankston South.

The track features a jump section and a cool new pump track — a progressive track made up of a circuit of rollers, banked turns, and

other features. Riders "pump" their way around the track.

Overport Dirt Riders spokesperson Victoria Beighton said the bike track is already a hit.

"Everyone just loves it. The best part is that the pump track is designed so that it's suitable for bikes, skates, skateboards and

scooters, which isn't normally the case," she said.

And the best part is — there's more to come!

Work on the intermediate and advanced jump tracks is set to begin when the warmer weather returns in spring (or sooner if we have a drier than normal winter).

Council launches small-scale e-scooter trial

Council is undertaking a small scale e-scooter trial in partnership with Neuron Mobility.

The four-month trial, which started on 18 May, involves 75 scooters available for use in specified areas of Frankston's city centre and foreshore area.

It will provide data and insights about safe e-scooter use in the city centre and the potential economic, environmental and transport benefits for Frankston.

Each e-scooter will contain geofencing technology to establish slow-zones, no-go zones and to

ensure dedicated parking zones as used at the end of each trip. Frankston is the first Victorian council outside of Ballarat, City of Melbourne, Port Phillip and Yarra who have been running e-scooter trials for over 12 months, and follows the recent extension of its e-bike trial.

E-scooters can help to reduce car use and congestion, reduce air pollution and boost spending at local businesses, with two thirds of journeys including a local business purchase.

For more information, please visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au



E-scooters can reduce air pollution and congestion

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What a tree-t!

Meet our amazing Tree Maintenance Team at Frankston City Council.

When you watch them at work, it's not hard to see how passionate they are about all things plant related.

While they are busy all-year tending to the thousands of trees across Frankston City, during autumn they have an additional mission — our annual Street Tree Planting Program — a key action to help us reach our target of planting 80,000 trees (that's 20,000 a year!) by 2025. And we're getting close!

From April until the end of June, the team planted almost 100 trees at key locations across Frankston City identified as priority areas in our canopy audits. This means the areas that are the most under-planted are targeted first — like the previously tree-free area along Frankston-Dandenong Road. The street is now lined with 150 1.2-metre-tall lemon balm tea-trees which were carefully selected based on a range of criteria including safety, visibility for road users and impacts on drains.

But it's not just Council who chooses where to plant street trees — our residents can ask



Council teams work together to fulfil the objectives of the Urban Forest Action Plan

us to assess possible street tree location, and if it's suitable, then they can help to choose the tree type (based on a carefully curated list of appropriate species for that location). This year the team received 176 requests. Any requests that were too late to be actioned this autumn have been rolled over into the 2023/24 planting program and will be assessed next autumn.

While today we celebrate the Tree Maintenance Team, it's one of a several Council teams who are helping us to fulfil the objectives in our Urban Forest Action Plan. Thanks also to our Horticulture Team and Natural Reserves Teams which aim to plant 5,000+ and 7,000+ trees respectively this year and are always working tirelessly to keep Frankston City green.

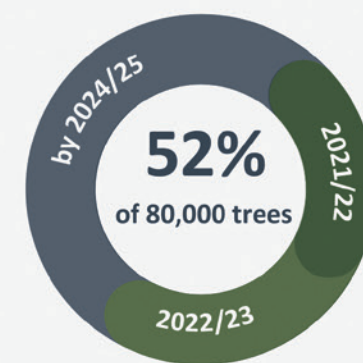
Parks and Vegetation Coordinator Alan Wallis says keeping the city

green requires careful planning and commitment — and sometimes difficult decisions.

"We have a critical role to play in balancing the complex relationship between urban infrastructure and green healthy urban forests, and managing risk on top of that," he said.

"Sometimes that means making difficult and potentially unpopular decisions — such as removing a tree that the community loves, but which is no longer safe and could cause serious harm.

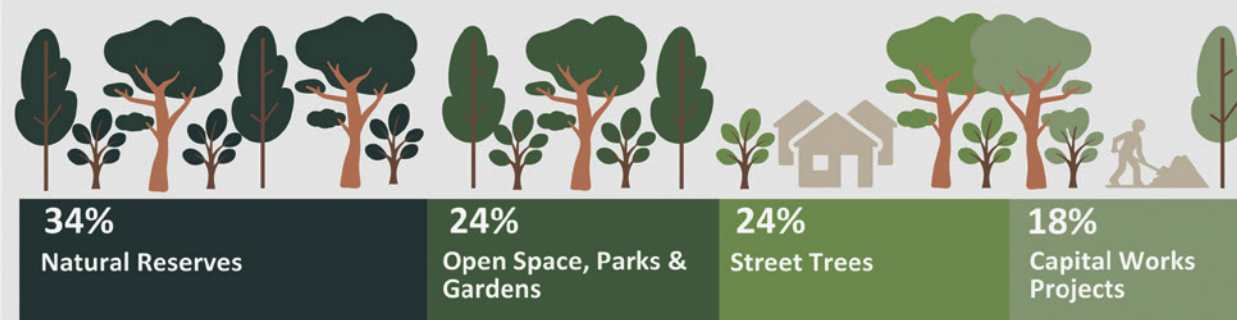
"We take our work very seriously and consideration goes into everything that's planted, removed, moved and maintained. Many of us call Frankston City home too and want to make sure the natural environment can be safely enjoyed by all locals and visitors."



Target 80,000 trees

Since 2021/22, Frankston City Council has achieved 52% of its target to increase urban forest canopy cover by planting 80,000 trees by 2024/25

2022/23 tree planting in numbers:



Frankston City Council planted a total of 21,013 trees in the 2022/23 FY, including 7,095 planted across its natural reserves; 5,068 across open spaces, parks and gardens; 3,050 street trees; 3,000 across capital works projects in general and 800 at the Jubilee Park redevelopment project.

National Tree Day at North Reserve

Join us for National Tree Day at Frankston City Council and make a positive impact on our local environment.

Taking place on Sunday, 30 July, 2023, from 10am to 12pm at 315 North Road, Langwarrin, this event aims to establish pioneer plantings at North Reserve.

The North Reserve, a former quarry land undergoing rehabilitation will benefit from the planting of hardy, fast-growing species like coast tea-tree, Kangaroo apple and Boobialla. These plants will enrich the soil and create a favourable habitat for other species to thrive. They will eventually make way for a second stage of planting, featuring species representative of the remnant vegetation community surrounding the site.

While the reserve is currently inaccessible to the public, this National Tree Day initiative will contribute to its transformation and provide important habitat for various wildlife, including Swamp Skinks, Southern Toadlets, Wallabies and Koalas.

Watering and planting equipment will be provided and a free BBQ will be available for volunteers.

Visit treeday.planetark.org/site/10028112 for more info.

Join the 2023 Biodiversity Blitz!

Frankston City Council is thrilled to announce the return of the Biodiversity Blitz 2023, a month-long celebration of nature in September.

This year, we're partnering with neighbouring councils to engage in a friendly competition to record the most species using the iNaturalist platform.

Participating is simple! Join the project and from 1-30 September, head outdoors in the Frankston area to capture stunning photos of local flora and fauna. Upload your discoveries to iNaturalist and your observations will automatically contribute to this exciting project. By taking part, you'll not only contribute to community science but also showcase the incredible biodiversity that Frankston City has to offer.

Join us in the 2023 Biodiversity Blitz and be a part of uncovering the natural wonders of Frankston City!



Pines Junior Football Club members Braxton, Lachlan and Scarlet at the upgraded Pat Rollo Reserve, Frankston North

Pat Rollo Reserve upgrade a boost for fantastic sports facility

Frankston North's Pat Rollo Reserve is going from strength to strength thanks to further investment from Council.

Council prioritised improvements to the public open space following the completion of pavilion upgrade works.

This included the installation of whole-of-park accessible and wet-weather paths, adult fitness equipment, new park furniture, drinking fountains and the planting of over 40 new park trees.

Improvements to the oval also took place, including new drainage, the relocation of the cricket pitch, new oval and ball stop fences including concrete

edge strip, and the installation of two new coaches boxes.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said Council is committed to delivering the best for residents, adding the upgrade follows opening of the new \$2.8 million Pat Rollo Pavilion last year. The facility is used by Pines Football Netball Club, Pines Junior Football Club, Pines Cricket Club and students from nearby Aldercourt Primary School.

He said the Reserve upgrade works were funded by savings after the new pavilion came in under budget. Sport and Recreation Victoria greatly assisted in approving the project scope to include the additional works within the project budget.

Mayor Conroy said: "We're excited that the additional works at the reserve are now complete. This is a fantastic outcome for the Frankston North community."

Pines Football Netball Club Vice President Jeff Svigos said the works had created a great hub, adding: "It enables us to connect to the community more – it's about the community coming together.

"It's a really good community park now."

The new Pat Rollo pavilion includes two new female-friendly change rooms, umpires' rooms, accessible toilets, a kitchen and kiosk, a meeting room and a social room.



All-abilities basketball with Council support

The Frankston District Basketball Association (FDBA) recently launched its all-abilities basketball competition as part of its efforts to provide a platform for people of all abilities to play basketball.

Wayne Holdsworth, FDBA CEO, thanked Council, especially Cr Sue Baker, for financial support to ensure that players had their Council-sponsored singlets. The thirty players have proudly sported their lovely new green, white, black and pink uniforms since the start of the Winter Season All Abilities Competition.

The all-abilities team is a new addition to FDBA's offerings to make the game more accessible. Other initiatives include walking basketball and soon-to-be-included wheelchair basketball and adaptations for people who are blind or vision impaired.

The all-abilities program began with a six-week term program, created by Program Support and Merchandise Officer Tanya Thomas, initially started as a trial in November 2022. It is open to everyone, including those with high needs who require caregivers, and what started with ten kids has grown to include 30 team players.

Tanya said, "People want this program. People need this program and they deserve to feel like part of a team and part of their community."

Wayne said, "I've known young Lachie for around eight years. He came because of his brother but now he also has somewhere to play."

Cr Sue Baker felt moved to see how far the team had come on its journey. "It is fantastic to see so many people here. Sport has the ability to bring people together who otherwise would never meet," she said, pointing to the social opportunity it offers.

For more info, scan the QR Code.



To keep up to date with local sports project milestones, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil or visit: frankston.vic.gov.au