

# Frankston City News

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## UP AND RUNNING!

JUBILEE PARK STADIUM



### Jubilee Park Stadium now open for action

The new Jubilee Park Stadium is more than our premier multi-sports complex.

It's the culmination of a shared vision, passion and strong collaboration across government and sports groups to create a sporting and community hub for

the south-east that will bring people together and support the development of opportunities for women in sport.

Featuring six courts — including a show court with capacity to seat 1,000 people — as well cricket/

multi-purpose training facilities, occasional childcare, modern cafe, event rooms and female-friendly facilities, the stadium replaces a two-court netball facility that had been well and truly outgrown.

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# Mayor's message

## Jubilee Park Stadium jubilation

I was proud to see the opening of the new Jubilee Park Stadium, a state-of-the-art sporting and community hub that will be a major asset for our city.

This stadium is the culmination of a stunning vision and a huge collaborative effort. Meeting with Corinna Harvey and Ailsa Kenney from the Frankston and District Netball Association (FDNA) while walking through the stadium before we opened, it was obvious what the stadium means to our community.

It features six courts, including a show court with capacity to seat 1,000 people, as well as elite cricket/multi-purpose training facilities, a creche, modern cafe open to the public, function rooms, and female-friendly facilities.

It's a breath-taking new facility that will host a wide range of sporting events, from local netball and cricket to basketball and volleyball games to major sports events and tournaments. However, the real beauty in this development lies in what it makes possible for our community.

Along with sports like gymnastics, tennis and athletics, netball leads the way in female sports participation in this country. By becoming the new home for the Frankston and District Netball Association, Jubilee Park will inspire thousands more girls and women across our region to get more involved in sport.

In the same way that we saw with the



Mayor Conroy visited the Jubilee Park Stadium during construction.

Matildas at the FIFA Women's World Cup and the success of the Australian Diamonds winning their 12th World Cup galvanise the whole community around women's sport, so too can Jubilee Park by bringing together elite level athletes with grass roots club players and supporters in a first-class sporting facility.

It brings competitions like the Victorian Netball League to more people in our community, and creates a home base for Frankston's state level competition team, Peninsula Waves, in the heart of our city. It puts female sports front and centre in our community, exactly where it should be.

In this issue of Frankston City News, you will see a number of highlights from this exciting new development. A game-changer for our City, I encourage

everyone to come and visit the new Jubilee Park Stadium.

It is a truly special place that will make Frankston a better place to live, work, and play.

For more information, please visit [jubileeparkstadium.com.au](http://jubileeparkstadium.com.au)

### Nathan Conroy Mayor



# Message from the CEO

## Jubilee Park shines

The vision for Jubilee Park Stadium came 10 years ago and represents Council's dedication and commitment to working with all levels of government and the community to deliver the best outcomes for our municipality.

Over the years, hundreds of Council staff and other specialists have come together to ensure that the \$36.6 million stadium is of the highest quality to serve the thousands of people who play netball in Frankston City – a figure set to rise now that the facilities are a huge drawcard for athletes to our region.

## Council's amazing talent

I recently had the opportunity to offer awards recognising long years of service of our staff members at Frankston City Council. Seeing employees who had collectively offered thousands of hours of loyalty to Council was humbling.

At the ceremony, we saw people like Turf Management Officer Mark Rose stick with us for 35 years, and 30 years apiece for Community Transport Officer Dorothy Penny, Open Space

Maintenance Officer Trevor Roberts and School Crossing Supervisor Karen Maguire. Another eight were recognised for 25 years of service, eight for 20 years, 18 for 15 years of service and 21 for ten years of service.

These are the people who have been making a difference to people's lives in our area. From people in Meals on Wheels to Customer Service, we are proving to be a Council which not only draws talent, but ensures that our employees have opportunities to learn, grow and develop in their roles.

## Another three years

It was an honour to be reappointed Frankston City Council's CEO for another three years from September 2023. Since taking on my role in September 2019, there have been so many incredible moments, opportunities and challenges, particularly following the global pandemic.

Among the highlights for me was working with an incredible and dedicated team of 1,000 employees, experts in so many fields. To them I am immensely grateful.



I first joined Council as Director of Community Assets in October 2017, and back then, I could not have imagined the honour that was to come with my appointment to CEO after acting in the role from July 2019.

Among highlights since then has been a high delivery rate in capital works and a more transparent Council process driving a change of culture at Frankston.

I am so honoured to continue in this role, and to work with so many aspirational teams working to improve life in our City.

### Phil Cantillon Chief Executive Officer



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Belvedere Community Centre Manager Meredith MacKenzie (centre) cuts the ribbon to open the Healthy Futures Hub with (from left) Cr Sue Baker, Cr Kris Bolam, St Kilda Football Club CEO Simon Lethlean, Cr David Asker, Associate Professor Libby Callaway, Council CEO Phil Cantillon, Professor Terry Haines, Paul Edbrooke MP, Peta Murphy MP and Mayor Nathan Conroy.

## New Healthy Futures Hub to boost community health and wellbeing

**The Healthy Futures Hub in Seaford — formerly known as Linen House — is now open to the community. In an event last month, Mayor Nathan Conroy and St Kilda Football Club CEO Simon Lethlean officially opened the hub, home to 12 organisations offering a wide range of services in learning, wellbeing and physical health. With community sports, dentists, occupational therapists, NDIS providers, physios and more, the Healthy Futures Hub prides itself on being accessible to everyone, regardless of age or ability.**

At the opening event, Mayor Nathan Conroy spoke to Frankston City's vibrant future as the economic hub

of the south east, with the best healthcare, transport and education in the region.

"The Healthy Futures Hub is not only a significant step forward for the health and wellbeing of our community, but it also has the potential to drive economic growth in the region. By promoting health and wellbeing, we are creating a more productive and engaged community and attracting businesses and residents who value an active and healthy lifestyle."

The benefits of co-locating health services are already being felt by the community. Parents attending the Belvedere Community Centre

playgroups are now accessing swimming lessons for their children from the same site, and vice versa. Providers within the hub are also working together, with Monash University Occupational Therapy Students undertaking fieldwork and research projects addressing real community issues through other hub partners such as Guide Dogs Victoria and disability support services Wallara and Everyday Independence.

The Healthy Futures Hub is the perfect place to grab a coffee, attend a yoga class, or book your next dental appointment.

Healthy Futures Hub, 151 East Rd, Seaford.

### Community Satisfaction Survey 2023

**Frankston City Council's continued commitment to delivering the best for residents and visitors has been reflected in this year's community satisfaction survey results — which are higher than the south eastern region average.**

Satisfaction with the overall performance of Frankston City was 7.0 out of 10, above the south-east Melbourne average of 6.9. Our score continues to be above our long-term average since 2012, and is 30 per cent higher than our score in 2018.

Not only did Frankston City outscore on overall satisfaction compared with the average other councils in the south-east, but it also outperformed the average scores across Melbourne in a number of key areas including weekly garbage collection 8.7 (metro 8.5); local library 8.7 (metro 8.2); food and garden waste collection 8.6 (metro 8.2); fortnightly recycling collection 8.6 (metro 8.5); and aquatic and leisure centres 8.4 (metro 7.8).

Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "The survey results underscore that Frankston City Council is well run with a responsive and agile leadership determined to build on successive years of increasing community satisfaction. It also highlights our strong governance processes and commitment to listening to residents and incorporating feedback and input in line with community expectations.

"Importantly, the results point to another solid year of service delivery, with the community scoring Council highly in the areas of customer service, planning and development, governance and leadership and services and facilities."

Council officers are committed to further analysis of the results through the Service Planning process and will implement any actions necessary to address community concerns.



### Foreshore Parking Permits

All Frankston City residential ratepayers will receive their two free Foreshore Parking permits with their rates notice. Residents who receive their rates notice by email, will also receive their permits in the mail. Residents can apply online to purchase up to three additional permits per property.

Your new permits will be valid until September 2026 and allow residents to park for free at Frankston City's foreshore car parks for the time limits shown on the car park signs.

Tenants will still need to apply online and provide evidence of residency to receive their one free Foreshore Parking Permit, maximum 2 permits per property. Tenant's permits expire on 30 September each year.

For more info, scan the QR code.





# New art trail to cement Frankston City as arts capital of south east Melbourne



**The Frankston Regional Arts Trail is an emerging jewel in the crown of Frankston City’s arts scene.**

Hot on the heels of Frankston City’s award winning street art tours and Bronze medal in the Victorian Top Tourism Town awards, this new Arts Trail is set to establish Frankston City as the arts and culture capital of Melbourne’s southeast.

With plans for the installation of new sculptures and murals along the 7km trail, specific sites will be identified to encourage people to interact and engage with the artworks as they ride or walk the trail.

The Arts Trail commences at Frankston Foreshore with the trail then weaving through Beauty Park, continuing on the Frankston – Baxter walking and cycling trail along a green corridor where several highly visible locations are earmarked for artwork installations.

The Art Trail concludes at the McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery where visitors can discover more than 100 sculptures throughout the 16 hectare bushland setting.

An advocacy campaign led by Council and supported by McClelland Gallery was successful in obtaining a matched \$2 million funding from the Federal Government for this creative arts destination project.

An additional \$2 million contribution by the State Government towards bringing this project to fruition is still sought by Council.

With a completion date in 2026, the project also includes artistic curatorship, civil works, landscaping and furniture.

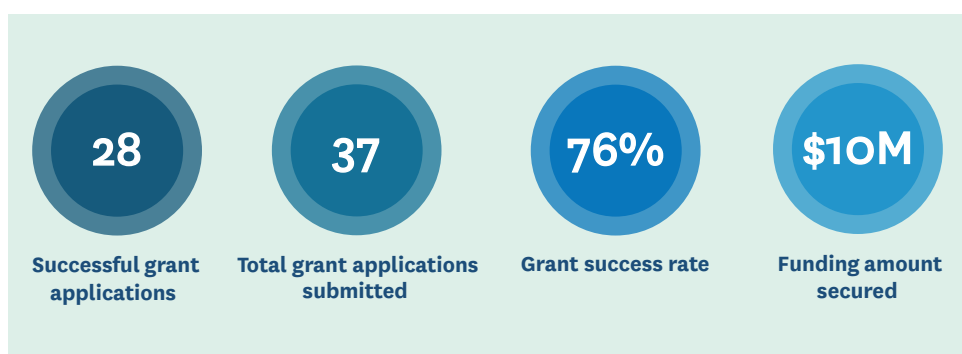
The Frankston Regional Arts Trail is a celebration of arts and culture that promotes health, wellbeing and learning as well as providing enhanced experiences such as digital arts trails and fun runs.

Come along for the ride and enjoy this latest Frankston story. For more details, visit the Frankston Arts Trail page at [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Grant update

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

Below is an overview of Council’s grant applications over the 2022-2023 financial year. Information on our grant applications can be viewed on Council’s Transparency Hub by visiting: [data.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://data.frankston.vic.gov.au)



## Community satisfaction with advocacy and lobbying

**Satisfaction with Council’s ‘representation, advocacy and lobbying’ on behalf of the Frankston City community to other levels of government continues to rise according to the latest annual Community Satisfaction Survey.**

From 2021, satisfaction levels have grown over 10 points to 72 per cent, higher than the Metropolitan Melbourne and South Eastern

regions average of 68 per cent.

Council’s dedicated advocacy team is constantly listening to the community and seeking opportunities to influence decision-making and obtain relevant funding towards local initiatives.

If you have a matter that requires advocacy to state and federal governments, email:

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## Key successful projects

- Riviera Preschool Renewal and Expansion, \$3 million, Victorian Government.
- Social Inclusion Access Group implementation, \$309,000, Victorian Government.
- Rosemary Reserve Play Space Upgrade, \$210,000, Victorian Government.
- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve car park and traffic management, \$743,911, Federal Government.
- Frankston Business Collective—Frankston Business Summit October 2022, \$20,000, Victorian Government.
- Belvedere Park Tennis Club Redevelopment, \$130,000, Victorian Government.
- Indigenous Australians’ Health Program – New Directions Project, \$87,968, Federal Government.



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## Sustainable stadium design

**Sustainability has been top of mind when designing the new stadium.**

And it's no mean feat for a building of this size! We've considered materials, waste, water, power use, and the natural environment and more. Some of the sustainable design features include:

- Three 27kL rainwater tanks for the toilets flushing and irrigation.
- 99kW Solar PV and energy efficient fittings to reduce energy use.
- Zero gas used.
- Extensive use of responsibly sourced and recycled materials
- Effective ventilation strategy at the show courts to ensure occupant comfort. This includes energy-efficient, passive conditioning using a combination of well insulated building envelope, natural ventilation and ceiling sweep fans
- Low VOC/formaldehyde materials throughout the building to enhance indoor air quality

## Cultural heritage, art and sports come together

**Frankston City benefits greatly from the traditional culture of our Aboriginal people, and we're excited to have this reflected in the façade screen of the new Jubilee Park Stadium.**

The beautiful screen design is based on artwork by Bunurong man, John Winch. It depicts the changing of waterways within Bunurong Country, both by nature and humans. Bunurong people constructed fish and eel traps and more recently, waterways have been channelled or hidden underground. Bunurong people are working with others to restore Frankston's natural waterways.

This artwork complements the presence of Nairn Marr Djambana (an Aboriginal gathering place) which is also located within Jubilee Park.

## Government collaboration pays off

Jubilee Park Stadium was made possible through collaboration across all levels of government, with funding from Council, the Australian and Victorian Governments, alongside FDNA and Cricket Australia and Victoria.

Joining State Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke MP and Mayor Nathan Conroy for a walk-through of the complex prior to its opening, Federal Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy said she was proud to have played a key role in a project that supports a topic close to her heart – showcasing women in sport.

“Jubilee Park is set to become a centre for sports excellence, enabling more women and girls to be involved in sport from recreation through to elite levels,” she said.

Mr Edbrooke congratulated everyone involved in the project and said the community were the big winners.

“While this is an elite sporting facility, it is so much more – it's a massive community asset that will bring people together in Frankston and acknowledges our City's position as a lifestyle hub of the south-east,” he said.



## Our new stadium delivers the best

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In a further coup for the local community, FDNA will operate the stadium, providing increased/diverse participation opportunities.

But it's not just netballers who will benefit. The facility is also designed to support basketball, cricket, and volleyball.

FDNA Board of Management President Corinna Harvey said this was a true multi-sport complex with a focus on building community connection.

“Netball embraces everybody. We want everyone to come and enjoy sport and to be with their families and friends to support their mental and physical wellbeing,” she said. “It's an honour to play a part in bringing people together.”

While the stadium is the largest and most visible change within Jubilee Park in the past few years, it is one of many implemented as part of the park's master plan.

Other projects just completed or

underway in the precinct include:

- Realigning the Hill Street access road with car parking
- Enlarging the Trotting Track oval
- New sports lighting on John Coburn oval and the Trotting Track oval
- Additional paved pathways around the Trotting Track and carpark
- Upgrading of the Kevin Collopy pavilion
- New pathways, landscaping and tree planting

In the past few years, Council also constructed 13 outdoor netball courts, upgraded lighting for football night games and training, and built new cricket nets and a new play space.

The new stadium – which is funded by Council, the Australian and Victorian Governments, Cricket Australia/ Victoria and Frankston and District Netball Association (FDNA) - will now be able to host Victorian Netball League competitions. And Frankston's state level competition team, Peninsula Waves, will also be able to play at their home base and showcase the netball pathway to young and aspiring netballers.



## Carrum Downs community wins with recreation facilities

**Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve is cementing its position as a district level sports and recreation hub for the whole community, with the opening of \$1.3 million state-of-the-art multicourt facilities.**

The \$1.3 million project includes four new courts: two multipurpose courts for tennis and netball, and two exclusively for tennis.

Features include ‘hot shot’ court markings for young players on the tennis courts; upgraded fencing and LED lighting around the courts to improve player visibility; ‘Book a Court’ system for easy online access; accessible paths, new shelters and a drinking fountain and improved drainage.

The new facilities have been welcomed by the Carrum Downs Tennis Club and the Skye Football-Netball Club. For the first time, Skye Netball Club players will have a home court and will no longer have to travel all the way to Dingley!

The clubs and community celebrated the opening of the new facilities alongside State Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny MP, as the courts were funded by the Victorian Government’s Sport and Recreation Victoria grants in partnership with Council.

The project follows other reserve improvements delivered as part of the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2016, including a \$1.5 million district play space and associated new accessible pathways and amenities such as seating, shelters, drinking fountain and BBQs; trees planted as part of the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations; a new \$4 million multi-sport community pavilion; Frankston City’s first synthetic surface oval; full refurbishment of the Steve Thompson Oval; upgraded cricket practice nets; additional work throughout the reserve, including path upgrades, seating, and traffic flow improvements.

You can check out all the great facilities at Wedge Road, Carrum Downs.



## New walking path and boardwalk

**Your new Kananook Creek Gardens walking path and boardwalk are now open and ready for you to enjoy!**

The new concrete path travels along Kananook Creek from Seaford Road and means you can enjoy a safer and more stable walk along the creek and up to Station Street.

And the 50-metre boardwalk at Seaford Road is also a winner – it improves access to the gardens and provides better connectivity to the path on the southern side of Seaford Road.

The works are part of the Kananook Creek Gardens Vision Plan and were

implemented to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians, including train commuters using Seaford Station.

The previous dirt path from Seaford Road was often slippery and uneven during wet weather. The new path connects to the Station Street pathway built during the Seaford Road Level Crossing Removal Project, providing a continuous link from Seaford Road to Station Street.

This project was fully funded by the State Government through the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP).



*The new Kananook Creek Gardens walking path and boardwalk are ready to welcome guests.*

## Eric Bell Pavilion underway

**Exciting news—work has restarted on our amazing \$8.8 million Eric Bell Pavilion upgrade at Frankton North!**

By Winter 2024, the Pines Football Netball Club will be enjoying their modern new two-storey home, including accessible facilities, a community multi-purpose room, public toilets, upgraded carparking, landscaping, lighting and much more. And in summer, the Pines Cricket Club will call the pavilion home.

Work on the pavilion stopped in March this year following the collapse of the builder. Since that time Council staff have been committed to finding a new builder to complete this important

community project as quickly as possible.

Council is proud to jointly fund the project with the Victorian Government through a low interest loan and a Local Sport Grant from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.



*Work has started on the Eric Bell Pavilion.*

## Peninsula Reserve upgrade

**One of our most popular and well used reserves just got even better!**

Based on community feedback, we’ve made these improvements to Peninsula Reserve at Frank Street and Jacana Avenue in Frankston: a new fully enclosed multiuse practice wicket facility; planting 120 established trees and 11,00 young plants; 400 m of concrete footpath around the reserve; car park upgrade: more spaces, wheel stops and line marking; perimeter fencing; public lighting to improve safety and security.





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## Kananook Commuter Car Park

By mid-2024, commuters across Frankston will benefit from a new \$22 million car park to be built opposite Kananook Railway Station. This is one of Council's many successful advocacy projects. As a result, the community will soon have access to more than 300 free commuter car parking spaces. Other key features will include public art, surveillance cameras and lighting to ensure user safety, and dedicated bicycle parking. The new multi-deck facility also supports the imminent redevelopment of the Frankston Basketball Stadium, with patrons able to use the car park facility outside of peak commute times. I'm proud to have been intimately involved in making this project happen.

## Healthy Futures Hub

I had the pleasure of attending the recent opening of the Healthy Futures Hub at the old St Kilda Football Club site. This completed \$5.4 million (estimated) redevelopment has Council partnering with 12 other organisations including the Belvedere Community Centre and various NDIS providers. Upgrades include activity rooms, meeting spaces, a community cafe, dental and therapy consulting rooms, a gym, shared spaces, a pool and much more. I also earmarked funding in this year's Budget for additional car parking at the Belvedere Reserve. This extra parking will complement both the upgrade of the Hub and the \$1.6 million upgrade of the nearby Belvedere Bowls pavilion. For more information about the Hub, please visit the Healthy Futures Hub page at [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Downs Estate

I have previously written about Council's \$666,000 improvements to the Downs Estate Precinct in the Seaford Wetlands. These improvements have included CCTV, water access, footpaths, shelter, plantings, lighting, new car parking and a compost toilet. Council approved a new approximately 40 square metre modular meeting room to be built at the Downs Estate. This will be used by volunteers and other community members for various programs. To facilitate this new chapter in the Downs Estate, the Harry Down house required demolition – the demolition was completed in late August 2023. This outcome could not have been possible without supplementary State Government funding of \$200,000 and the support and the passion of the Downs Estate Community Project members. It is anticipated the new building will be completed by mid-2024. For more information, visit [downscommunityfarm.org](http://downscommunityfarm.org)

## Landmark public art

Art not only bolsters civic pride, but also sends a positive message to visitors, investors and tourists – as well as enhancing neighbourhoods, fostering community engagement and attracting cultural interest. I have advocated for the placement of permanent 'landmark' public art at strategic access and egress points in our municipality. The first of these 'landmark' public art pieces was Matt Calvert's sculptural glass tower, 'Beacon', which was unveiled last year. Matt sources his glass from waste material; a recurring theme in his work revolves around roadside tributes and memorials, referring to the loss of his father in a car accident. Its stunning colours in the evening illuminate the border between Carrum and Seaford. Keep an eye out as a second major public art piece – due to be delivered in the next 18 months near Mile Bridge at the intersection of Nepean Highway/Overton Road. I can guarantee you will be impressed!



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## Winter Shelter initiative

As the Chair of the Council's Housing Advisory Committee, I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a local initiative that is making a difference for homeless individuals in Frankston this winter: the Frankston Winter Shelter Project. Managed by Peninsula City Church, this essential service has garnered the support of 140 volunteers from churches across Frankston. It offers a safe, drug-free, and non-judgmental environment for up to ten guests, five nights a week. The program operates under Stable One's supervision, which handles the referrals, and this year, two churches are supporting the program. Every individual referred is picked up from the centre of Frankston, provided with overnight accommodation, meals, and access to showers and laundry facilities. Once at the Winter Shelter, guests have the opportunity to rest, have quiet time, engage in conversation, and experience the care and concern of others.

I had the chance to visit the Peninsula City Church in August and was impressed by the space available to support this project. On that day, Justices of the Peace Peter Fulton, Brent Clyne, and Eric Sangwell from the Mornington Peninsula Branch generously donated three large, portable wheelie bags. Lara Waldron, the Project Manager, had discussed with them what would be the most beneficial to their guests. It was wonderful to witness the broader community providing support in action.

However, the support doesn't end there. Various local organisations have contributed to this initiative by offering food and a range of comprehensive services such as hairdressing podiatry, housing assistance, counselling, job training, and health support. This signifies to me that our community recognises homelessness as a collective issue, not solely the burden of those who have been faced with extreme difficulties.

I also visited the Winter Shelter in Frankston North. It was during dinner time when the guests had already arrived, and there was a relaxed atmosphere. As the evening progressed, the volunteers who had cooked dinner made way for those remaining overnight or taking the first night shift. I had a lengthy conversation with one of the guests, during which he shared the life events that had led to his homelessness. He emphasised repeatedly the value of the Winter Shelter in getting individuals off the streets.

Everyone needs a secure place to spend their time, and the Winter Shelter offers this temporary relief. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in making this initiative a success.

## An inclusive community

It has been an honour to attend regular meetings of the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (DAIC). As Councillor delegate for the committee, I have watched it grow to become a very useful tool for Council. Seeing the benefits of the group, enthusiasm is growing. This year, we saw a new committee and a new pool of casual members meet and learn more about Council and the role of the committee. The committee is made up of twelve members: eight community members with lived experience of disability and four disability organization representatives. They give access and inclusion advice to Council and help advance the Disability Action Plan 2021-2025.

Due to the high number of applications recently received to join the committee, casual positions were created, giving more people an opportunity to participate. Casual members will fill in at meetings when committee members are away and will also be invited to participate in a range of additional engagement opportunities throughout the year, from project work, site visits, forums and events to photoshoots.



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## Carrum Downs multipurpose courts

I am pleased with the amazing outcome of our fantastic new \$1.3 million Carrum Downs multipurpose courts. This addition cements the position of the Reserve as a district level sports and recreation hub for the whole community.

The awesome project includes four new courts—two multipurpose courts for tennis and netball and two exclusively for tennis.

The arrival of the courts in our area is a great win for the Carrum Downs Tennis Club and Skye Football-Netball Club.

I'm rapt that for the first time, Skye Netball Club players will have a home court and will no longer have to travel all the way to Dingley! The courts will help us produce our local sporting legends of the future.

The courts were funded by the Victorian Government in partnership with Council.

I would like to thank the Government for working closely with us to build a stronger, healthier and more vibrant community in our area, and I thank Sonya Kilkenny MP for joining us during the celebration of the opening of the multipurpose courts.

## And it just gets better

The multipurpose courts complement works which include upgrading the \$1.5 million district play space at Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve which opened last December. We have also had tree plantings, including three stunning Morton Bay fig trees, planted at the reserve play space as part of the Queen's Jubilee.

## Go Frankston RSL

Well done to Frankston RSL for being awarded the prestigious Community Club Award (Metro) at the Community Clubs Victoria (CCV) 2023 Gala Awards.

The respected industry event showcases the 1,000 plus licenced clubs across metropolitan and regional Victoria, and it was great to see the acknowledgement of the Frankston RSL's contribution to their staff and community.

Initiatives implemented by the Frankston RSL include assistance to community support partners and local not-for-profit organisations, an employee development program, as well as veteran and wellbeing initiatives. It's always a pleasure for me to visit our local RSL, a top-notch facility, and I am glad it received this recognition.



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## Uniting to address gambling harm

In our rapidly evolving world, it's important that we pause to examine the potential negative consequences that come hand-in-hand with progress. One such pressing concern is the increasing harm caused by online gambling. At Council, we are taking proactive steps to address this issue through the "Talk. Share. Support—Gambling Harm Awareness Week" event on Thursday, 12 October. The event is for anyone experiencing gambling harm, their loved ones, and those working in the field.

## Understanding the challenge

Gambling Harm Awareness Week is an annual campaign shedding light on the adverse impact of gambling on individuals, families, and communities. From 16-22 October, our focus is on the theme "Talk. Share. Support," encouraging open conversations and offering essential assistance. Behind the numbers lies a stark reality: Australians lose approximately \$25 billion annually through legal gambling. Closer to home, Frankston City witnessed \$67.6 million lost to gaming machines in the 2022/23 financial year.

## Coming together for change

On 12 October, we bring together Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Frankston City Council, and Gambler's Help for a collaborative event. Distinguished speakers, including Peta Murphy MP and Tim Costello AO, will share their insights. Personal stories from individuals affected by gambling harm will humanise the issue and spark much-needed community conversations.

## Taking action

Our active participation in initiatives like Gambling Harm Awareness Week reflects our commitment to a healthier Frankston City. This event isn't just about raising awareness; it challenges what we believe to be true, promotes alternative activities, and highlights the role of various stakeholders in preventing harm.

Join us on 12 October at the Mt Eliza Community Hall from 7-9pm. Your presence matters—join us in creating a safer, more resilient Frankston City.

For event details, scan the QR code.



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## Tourism thrives

World Tourism Day is on Wednesday, 27 September, and Frankston City has plenty to celebrate.

Our City was in the spotlight as we took home the Bronze in the 2023 Victorian Top Tourism Town awards, an esteemed accolade that recognises Victoria's towns that provide exceptional visitor experiences. This achievement, for the second consecutive year, is testament to the collaborative efforts of our businesses and community in making Frankston the ultimate destination.

Our consecutive Bronze wins as well as back-to-back Gold for our Street Art Tours, demonstrate that we are well on our way to becoming one of Melbourne's most exciting precincts.

What makes our success in the Top Tourism Town awards even more significant is the fact that the winners are chosen through a public vote. I would like to sincerely thank all the visitors, people who work here and residents who supported us.

As a member of the Destination Events Working Group, I can personally vouch for our City's worthiness as a top contender in awards such as these. Our magnificent sculptures contribute to an increased sense of civic pride.

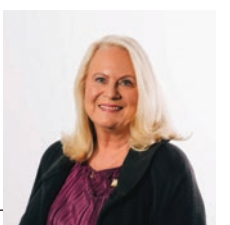
The more our city flourishes in its beauty, the more visitors we attract who appreciate our art events and natural attractions. Our residents also reap the benefits from a robust economy and a city that has a distinct character.

Our Destination Events Strategy 2023-2028 has further enhanced our City. The Destination Event Attraction Program, a key component of this strategy, supports events across three tiers with funding of up to \$150,000 available for significant events.

The purpose of this program is to enliven the community, drive visitation, and achieve positive creative, economic and social aspects. These events are an addition to the already extensive range of festivals available in our City, including the Waterfront Festival, Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights, South Side Festival, Big Picture Fest and The Mayor's Party in the Park.

Head to [discoverfrankston.com](https://discoverfrankston.com) for a rundown of the amazing opportunities Frankston City has to offer visitors and residents alike.

Read more on Page 11.



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## #FrankstonCity

### Vale Warwick Exton

I was very saddened to hear the news of the passing of Warwick Exton, our Citizen of the Year, at the age of 100.

Flags at the Civic Centre flew half mast for this local hero who was deeply committed to the betterment of the community.



Warwick joined Action Sweetwater Creek Inc in the 1970s, and was a dedicated member of the group for 37 years and president for nine of those years. Warwick and a group of volunteers transformed the neglected area into the natural wonder we all enjoy today.

The work of the volunteers is documented in a book on the history of Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve, written by Warwick when he was aged 99. The book project meant a great deal to him, but his lasting impact in the area was recognised with a plaque at Exton Walk.

His passion for environmental preservation was widely known, and he tirelessly fought to improve the natural environment for the community. Warwick believed that it was essential for us all to make positive difference, and he will be sorely missed for his dedication to the environment.

Upon accepting his Citizen of the Year Award, Warwick cast the spotlight on First Nations people who took such great care of the land.

Born in St Kilda, he served in the Australian Air Force during World War II. After war, he pursued a degree in Commerce and went on to have a fulfilling career at General Motors Holden.

With the desire for his children to grow up near the beach, he moved with his family to Frankston, which he remembered as a beautiful village at the time.

I want to express my deepest sympathies to Warwick's family, friends, and all those who knew and loved Warwick. I relate to many of his views and wholeheartedly empathise with his values.

We will remember Warwick as someone who fought for a better world and cherished the natural beauty of Frankston.

May his legacy continue to inspire future generations.

Rest in peace, dear Warwick.

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### New shared user path

An extension to the shared user path will be built along Dandenong Road East between Beach Street and Cricklewood Avenue in Frankston. The path will connect the existing shared user path on the railway line to the wider network within Central Frankston, making it easier for people to walk, cycle or use mobility scooters without having to share the road with cars. The path current stops dead between Frankston and Kananook Station— so building it makes a lot of sense.

The path is the missing link in a much longer cycling network, connecting Melbourne to central Frankston at Beach St, near the signal box. It is also a key part of Frankston City Council's plan to make the city more liveable and accessible for all. These paths are used not just by bikes—but walkers, joggers, families with prams and people on mobility scooters.

The project has been extensively consulted on with the local community and the design has been modified to substantially reduce the impact on trees reflecting the feedback received.

The project is now funded and is expected to be completed in early 2024.

It will make it easier and safer for people to get around the city, and it will help to connect Frankston to the wider network of cycling paths in Melbourne. I am excited to see this project completed and I look forward to using it myself.

### Legacy Centenary Torch Relay

The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay started in France in October and will end at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne on Friday 13 October.

Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula are among the pitstops of the torch, carried for more than 50,000 kilometres, through 100 stops. The torch passes through our region on Wednesday, 27 September, and will make a pit stop at Beauty Park at 1pm before going to Sale and then Tasmania before returning to Melbourne.

The relay hopes to raise funds to support the unique needs of the families Legacy assists to offer things like child care assistance to widows and help for school fees and other activities for Junior Legatees amongst other issues.

To donate to Legacy, go to:  
[legacytorchrelay.com.au/make-a-donation](http://legacytorchrelay.com.au/make-a-donation)

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### Paying attention to our changing climate

The month of July saw multiple temperature records broken as much of the Northern hemisphere battled severe heatwaves while areas such as the Arctic measured concerning warm ocean temperatures. Toward the end of the month, there was much activity locally and around Australia, in recognition of National Tree Day, which turned out to be cool, drizzly and grey (which I'm sure the newly planted trees appreciated)!

As we navigate the twin priorities of both mitigation (reducing climate impacts through lowered global emissions) and adaptation (preventing various harms to people, nature, and infrastructure, and improving our resilience as communities), trees stand out as one of the best solutions on offer to us! Trees sit in the sweet spot of helping us to both mitigate AND adapt to a climate-impacted world, as well as providing huge aesthetic and quality-of-life benefits. Trees also provide habitat and bio-links for local fauna and can contribute much to improve our local biodiversity.



Not surprisingly, urban forests were one of many topics of conversation at the annual Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference (pictured), held in early August. Well over 400 local government councillors, leaders and officers from nine regional alliances gathered to learn and to collaborate. There was a deep awareness across the room of how much more we can achieve when we work together, sharing resources and tapping into economies of scale. I was particularly interested in seminar sessions around building design and ESD, transport planning, the shift toward electrification of our homes and cities, as well as the rather contentious issue of carbon offsets.

There is a lingering tendency to still conduct meetings via Zoom (which is often much more emissions and time efficient than travelling to meet in person). However, nothing can quite replace the feeling of being surrounded by hundreds of others who demonstrate a clear commitment to keep acting in the interests of our common human future.

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## South Ward

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





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# Street Art Walking Tours

Private tours and packages available



**Learn the secrets of Frankston's murals and their artists on one of the city's national award-winning guided street art walking tours.**

Meeting point	Price	Duration
Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston	\$15 per person includes a hot or cold drink	1.5 hours

**Private and Package tours are also available**

Looking for a staff team-building opportunity, private tour, or end-of-year function experience? Get a little more from your tour, and enquire about booking your own private guide today. Or add an experience onto a regular tour, like 'Arts, Beers and Baos' or 'Art and Sweet Treats'. Package experiences start from \$22.50 per person. Prices for private tours are available upon request.

**Dates and Bookings**  
Tours run weekly. For dates and bookings visit [discoverfrankston.com](https://discoverfrankston.com) or phone **1300 322 842**. Bookings are essential.




## 2024 Frankston City Citizen of the Year Awards

### Do you know a humble Frankston City hero who deserves recognition?

Then be sure to nominate them for the Frankston Citizen of the Year Awards – a great opportunity to recognise people and groups that have made an outstanding contribution to the Frankston City community over the past year or have given exceptional service over a number of years.

These awards are proudly presented at the 2024 Frankston City Council Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony to be held in January, presided over by the Mayor of Frankston City Council.

Categories include Citizen of the Year (26 years and over); Young Citizen of the Year (under 26 years); and Community Group of the Year.

### Eligibility for Nominees:

- Nominees should reside in Frankston City or have made an outstanding contribution or service to Frankston City;
- Contribution recognised within the current nomination year (1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023), and/or an outstanding service over a number of years;
- Known for their continued commitment in areas such as: education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, environment;
- Leadership demonstrated towards enhancing the benefit and wellbeing outcomes of the Frankston City community; and
- Demonstrated passion and dedication for helping others in their community.

Nominations open 1 October and will close 26 November 2023.

### 2023 Citizen of the Year Award Recipients

The 2023 Frankston City Citizen of the Year was the much respected, late Warwick Exton, who was nominated for his remarkable contribution to the community, particularly through his work protecting our precious environment.

Warwick notably devoted many years of his life to the restoration of the Sweetwater Creek Reserve, which has created a deep network of connections across the community and with Frankston City Council.

His book, Action Sweetwater Creek, is dedicated to the many people whose love of Sweetwater Creek and protection of the area has encouraged Council to proclaim the site as a Nature Reserve. The book is also a tribute to his vision and extraordinary dedication.

The 2023 Young Citizen of the Year was Jack Lyons, who has a heart for helping those in need. Jack ran many marathons to raise money to support the charity Blessing Bags, which provides essentials to the homeless in the Mornington Peninsula region.

The 2023 Community Award was presented to the Women's Spirit Project, which aims to inspire, empower and support vulnerable women who typically do not have access to affordable fitness, health and wellbeing activities through programs that build health, resilience, self-determination, and connectedness.



### Selection Panel for 2024 Frankston City Citizen of the Year

Council is also calling for Expressions of Interest from local residents or business operators to be part of the 2024 Citizen of the Year Selection Panel.

The Panel will be responsible for reviewing, assessing and deliberating all nominations received and, finally, selecting the winners of the awards for all categories, with the total time commitment not exceeding one day. Expressions of Interest submissions close 31 October 2023. For more information, visit the Frankston City Citizen of the Year Awards page at [frankston.vic.gov.au](https://frankston.vic.gov.au)



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# Frankston City sparkles with top events

A stunning film festival, unforgettable New Year's Eve party and an outdoor music venue with mesmerising light-filled water tanks are among the events that will deliver huge dividends as part of Council's Destination Event Attraction Program (DEAP).

This year's successful applicants for DEAP funding will bring major events that invigorate the community, draw approximately 27,000 visitors and add \$2 million to the local economy.

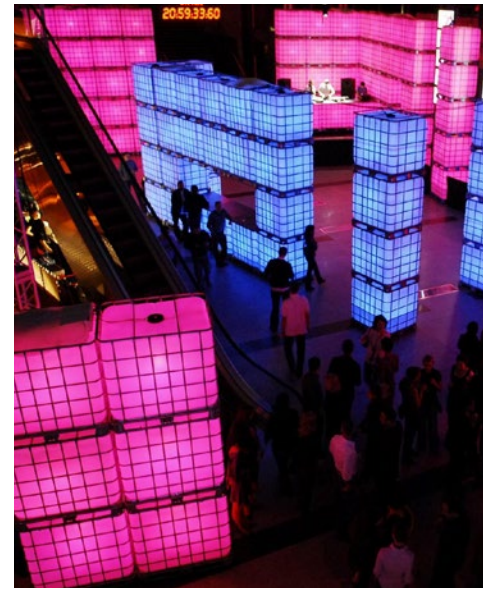
The DEAP offers funding and in-kind sponsorship to support experienced creatives, collaborators, and event

organizations to curate and deliver a single or series of events from concept through to presentation in Frankston City.

Events funded via the 2023-2024 round of the DEAP include:

- **Sunset Twilight Markets** at Frankston Waterfront for a limited run of Friday evenings from October to January;
- **Lucky Day Out** New Year's Eve at Kinetic Stadium, Frankston on Sunday 31 December featuring a stacked line-up of your favourite DJs;
- **Stellar Short Film Festival** at McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery on Saturday, March 2, 2024;
- **Reminiscence Decades** — a celebration of 50 all-time classic house tracks chosen by the audience at Kinetic Stadium, Frankston on Friday, 26 January; and
- **Kubik** — an outdoor live entertainment venue constructed from light-filled water tanks that change colour in response to music at the Frankston Waterfront, in April.

Visit [discoverfrankston.com](https://discoverfrankston.com) for the latest updates.



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**What's on Frankston City  
YOUR 23/24  
EVENT GUIDE**

**AFLW  
Kinetic Stadium**

ROUND 1  
Saturday 2 September 7.15pm  
Hawthorn v Essendon

ROUND 4  
Friday 22 September 5.05pm  
Hawthorn v Melbourne

ROUND 5  
Sunday 1 October 3.05pm  
Hawthorn v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 9  
Sunday 29 October 5.05pm  
Hawthorn v Port Adelaide

**Little Beauty Market**

Fourth Saturday of the month 9am-2pm\*  
September-March

Beauty Park, Frankston

**Sunset Twilight Market**

Third Friday of the month 5-9pm  
October-January  
Frankston Waterfront

**Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights**

Saturday 25 November 5-10pm  
Davey Street, Frankston

NOV 2023

**Lucky Day Out NYE**

Sunday 31 December 6pm-Late  
Kinetic Stadium, Frankston

DEC 2023

**Reminiscence Decades**

Friday 26 January 2-10pm  
Kinetic Stadium, Frankston

JAN 2024

**Ventana**

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February  
In conjunction with the Waterfront Festival  
Frankston Waterfront

FEB 2024

**Waterfront Festival**

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February  
Frankston Waterfront

**Stellar Short Film Festival**

Saturday 2 March 5-11pm  
McClelland, Langwarrin

MAR 2024

**Big Picture Fest + Block Party**

Big Picture Fest 18-24 March  
Block Party Friday 22 March  
Frankston City Centre

**Mayor's Party In the Park**

Sunday 7 April 10am-2pm  
Cruden Farm, Langwarrin

**South Side Festival**

Friday 10-Sunday 19 May  
Frankston Arts Precinct and surrounds

MAY 2024

**KUBIK**

April  
McCombs Reserve  
Frankston Waterfront

APR 2024

1300 322 322  
Sign up for event reminders [whatsonfrankston.com](https://whatsonfrankston.com)  
or visit [discoverfrankston.com](https://discoverfrankston.com)  
f @ discoverfrankston

\*Check website for more information including programming details, entry fees and conditions and event times.  
Subject to change without notice.

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# Invest Frankston

## Annual Business Survey

**Council's annual business survey is out now available and open until Friday, 29 September, 2023.**

It is open to all Frankston City business owners and operators, including those who work from home, in industrial areas, or have brick-and-mortar locations. The survey helps the council understand the key development opportunities for local businesses.

It will assist Council in ensuring that

its programs, services, and support are relevant and meet the needs of the local business community.

Complete the survey by 5pm on Friday 29 September, 2023 and you will be entered into a draw to win one of two prizes valued at \$220 each. The survey will be emailed to businesses, but if you haven't received it please email [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au) to provide your feedback.

## Mt Erin students visit Frankston City Chambers

**A group of year 11 Business Management students from Mount Erin College attended a Q&A panel session with local Frankston City business operators in the Council Chambers on Friday, 21 June.**

Council officers collaborated with the Mount Erin College Student Coordinator to organise the session and help students gain insights into running small to medium businesses. The panel featured business operators and local representatives: Tony

Burrows from Budget Trucks, Rod Makin from Transcend and Workforce Australia, Sam Keck from Commonfolk, Erin Morris from Young Folks Digital, Jeff Rogut from Frankston Business Collective, Joyie Wood from Gloform Electrics, and Bernadine Geary from Sk8House. Mayor Nathan Conroy also joined to discuss his role, and the importance of small businesses in Frankston City. Council will host two similar sessions for Frankston High School Year 11 students in October.



Mount Erin College students attended a panel session at the Council Chambers.

## Invest Frankston Business eNewsletter

**Are you subscribed to the monthly Invest Frankston Business eNews?**

Stay updated with the latest business news, including local, state, federal and private resources. You'll also find information on business grants, local networking events, collaboration opportunities, educational webinars,

start-up and tax information, industry-specific news, and Council programs and services. If you have a new business or offer a free service to local business owners, get in touch to potentially be featured in eNews too! Visit [investfrankston.com](http://investfrankston.com) to subscribe or email [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au).

## Invest Frankston Business Grants 2023/24

**Drum roll... the Invest Frankston Business Grants are back!**

Opening this October, businesses can apply for a grant to help their business and the local economy grow. Whether you are a home-based or industrial business on the grow and looking for a vacant premises, a business interested in relocating to Frankston City, or a local business ready to expand, you

may be eligible for an Invest Frankston Business Grant.

Now in its 12th year, with more than \$1.4 million in grants awarded, the Invest Frankston Business Grants, by Frankston City Council, turn today's business vision into tomorrow's reality. This grant program has helped bring over 75 innovative and sustainable business ideas to life since 2012.



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## Business Mentor Program

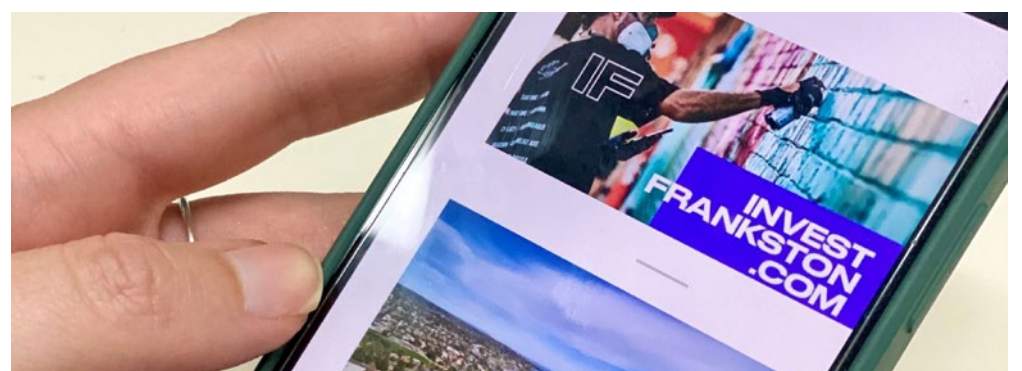
**Are you a Frankston City business owner in need of business mentoring?**

Whether you need help with reviewing your business plan, managing your finances, taking the next steps to grow your business, or optimising your marketing capabilities, Frankston City Council offers free business mentoring to address your needs. Our panel of

Business Mentors, with various backgrounds in industries such as hospitality, construction, manufacturing, retail, and marketing, can provide expert advice and guidance. All registered businesses in Frankston City can access two free one-hour mentor sessions with one of our 12 mentors. Find out more today by emailing [business@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@frankston.vic.gov.au)



Business owner Ian Creswell meets with a business owner to tailor business mentoring catering to the owner's needs.



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# Susono comes to Frankston City



**Forty-one years ago, an agreement was formalised between Frankston and Susono cities that has focused on enhancing the bonds of friendship between the cities, the children and their families.**

In early August, the sister cities marked a very special day with a Susono delegation visiting Frankston for the first time since 2018.

Assembling at the Susono Tribute Garden on Susono Way, a bus full of Japanese and Derinya Primary School students, teachers and chaperones were greeted by Cr Kris Bolam, Council officers and the Frankston Susono Friendship Association committee.

Cr Bolam warmly welcomed the delegates and expressed Frankston City's dedication to the more than 40-year relationship.

Visitors were delighted to see the recently installed Susono City Map, gifted by Susono to Frankston City on their 40th anniversary, unveiled with some interested pointing and comments from the school children.

In October this year a delegation of Frankston representatives will be making the 8,173km journey to Susono Japan where they will experience the culture of Japan over the week and participate in the annual Australian Fair event.

## A step towards respect and inclusion

### International Pronouns Day is on 19 October

**Let us imagine a world where everyone uses the pronouns they identify with.**

It would be a world where everyone would be recognised for who they truly are, allowing all people in our community to feel safe and validated, and that is why 19 October has been designated by the United Nations as International Pronouns Day.

By using correct pronouns, we can help break down barriers and combat discrimination faced by marginalised communities.

Pronouns also contribute to effective communication. Through their use, we demonstrate an understanding of someone's gender identity and show them the respect they deserve. It is a simple but powerful gesture that helps create a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

Embracing pronouns encourages empathy and understanding. By adopting pronouns, we create an inclusive space for people to authentically express themselves.

Together, we can transform society to celebrate people's different identities!

## Japanese Taiko Drumming

**The Frankston Susono Friendship Association (FSFA) is seeking new members to experience the power, passion and energy that is Japanese taiko drumming.**

Earlier this year the FSFA committee established a Frankston Taiko Drumming group with a workshop held in March where local families joined committee members to construct 16 gomi daiko (practice drums) and the bachi (drum sticks).

Practice lessons and sessions are held at Frankston High School Senior Campus for \$10 per lesson with a taiko instructor and \$5 per practice session. Contact Bev on 0413 777 313 or email: frankston.susono@gmail.com.

## Gambling Harm Awareness Week event in Mt Eliza

In our rapidly evolving world, it's important that we pause to examine the potential negative consequences that come hand-in-hand with progress. One such pressing concern is the increasing harm caused by online gambling. At Council, we are taking proactive steps to address this issue through the "Talk. Share. Support - Gambling Harm Awareness Week" event on Thursday, 12 October. The event is for anyone experiencing gambling harm, their loved ones, and those working in the field.

Gambling Harm Awareness Week is an annual campaign shedding light on the adverse impact of gambling on individuals, families, and communities. From 16-22 October, our focus is on the theme "Talk. Share. Support," encouraging open conversations, what support is available and how to start a conversation on the harms of gambling".

On 12 October, we bring together Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Frankston City Council, and Better Health Network for a collaborative event. Distinguished speakers, including Peta Murphy MP and Tim Costello AO, will share their insights about online gambling. Personal stories of recovery from individuals affected by gambling harm will humanise the issue and spark much-needed community conversations.

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Join us on 12 October at the Mt Eliza Community Hall from 7-9pm. Your presence matters—join us in creating a safer, more resilient Frankston City. For event details, scan the QR code.



## Vaccines for Purchase

**Vaccines are essential as they protect the community by preventing the spread of infectious diseases.**

You can now purchase non-government-funded vaccines through Council, online or over the phone. These include meningococcal B and ACWY, whooping cough, the flu shot, and chicken pox. Vaccines are administered by our nurses at multiple locations, including Seaford, Carrum Downs, Frankston, Langwarrin and Frankston North. Scan the QR code for more info.





## FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL **SENIORS FESTIVAL 2023**

2–31 October

Bookings open 10am Tuesday 19 September

Whether you're a long-time resident or a new face in town, this Festival provides the perfect opportunity to connect with others whilst enjoying an array of free and low cost events.

We acknowledge and are proud to collaborate with various community groups to bring you the Frankston Seniors Festival. These passionate organisations will host events that welcome you to explore new hobbies, discover hidden talents, and perhaps forge lifelong friendships.

So mark your calendars and get ready for the Frankston Seniors Festival 2023!

### Signature event

**Get into the Swing of it! A Night of Laughs and Dancing**

**Saturday 28 October**

Be transported back to a world of sophistication, glitz and glamour. 1920s flapper girls will welcome guests before Dave O'Neil kicks off the night with his authentic brand of observational comedy. Afterwards, the excitement will build with The Wild Tonics bringing the roaring 20s back to life with current and classic hits. A night not to be missed! For more information visit [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code.



### Sample of events

**Planes and Automobiles  
Day Trip**

**Friday 6 October**

First stop on this day trip will be the Moorabbin Air Museum; the Museum has one of the most significant collections of aircraft and engines in Australia. For approximately 90 minutes you will enjoy a guided tour and then have some free time to explore at your leisure.

We will then make our way to Charlie's Auto Museum in Arthurs's Seat where you'll be able to eat your packed lunch\*. Charlie Schwerkolt's Museum is a unique collection of over 80 motor vehicles. There are also motorcycles, petrol bowsers, thousands of model cars and memorabilia spanning over 100 years.

**Wingham Park Senior Exercise  
Space**

**Friday 6 and 20 October**

Looking for an exciting way to stay active and connect with others? The Wingham Park Senior Exercise Equipment is an outdoor exercise space which includes stations specifically designed to help improve balance, strength, functional movement and mobility. Trained volunteers will show you how to use the equipment safely. Bookings essential.

**African Drumming Workshop**

**Friday 20 October**

Experience the joy of community music! Come along and enjoy the fun of playing on African drums; this will be a fun and inclusive rhythmical music activity for bringing people together. Spaces limited. Bookings essential.

**The Age Pension Explained**

**Thursday 26 October**

Everything you need and want to know about the Age Pension. Financial Information Service Officers from Services Australia (formerly Centrelink) will explain many things related to the Age Pension, including eligibility, means testing, the asset test, the Work Bonus and My Aged Care.

A full calendar of events and details on how to book tickets can be found in the Frankston Seniors Festival program. The program will be available from Council's Customer Service Centres, libraries, community centres and online at [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code.





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## National Carers Week shines a spotlight on our caregivers

Annette White and other local carers meet for some social time and to share knowledge and experience.



Local resident, Annette White, is one of the 2.65 million carers in Australia being celebrated during National Carers Week, which runs from 15-21 October.

Carers like Annette make up nearly 11 per cent of the country's population, with the majority being women and the average age being 54 years. This week-long event aims to recognise the vital contribution carers make to our community.

Annette first took on the role of carer when her son, Bailey, was diagnosed with autism at a young age. Her daughter, Holly, has also more recently been diagnosed with autism. Today, Annette describes herself as a "sandwich carer" due to her responsibilities of caring not only for her children, but more recently for her ageing mother and aunt — her mother being widowed for 30 years and her aunt currently in hospital.

Annette explains that each caring role someone takes on brings with it new challenges for the carer. "People often think that being a carer is just something that you have to do for those you love. They don't recognise the extra time and responsibility it takes to for care for them, to build your understanding of their unique needs, let alone the learning and advocacy required to navigate a the

support systems and services," Annette explains.

"It can be hard to build connections and maintain friendships with people who don't understand these demands. Social outings become infrequent. So it's easy to become isolated as a result."

Fortunately, over the years, there has been increased awareness surrounding the needs of carers and Frankston City Council has stepped up to offer support.

Two years ago in National Carers Week, Council and local service partner Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) launched a Frankston chapter of the statewide Pathways for Carers program with Annette volunteering for the role of 'Lead Carer' of program — where she helps to welcome participants and identify their needs in order to guide the future direction of the program. Now managed by new partner Orwil Street Community House, this program continues to grow in popularity. It offers carers the opportunity to build connections with other local carers over a monthly gentle stroll along Frankston foreshore, followed by a free morning tea with guest speaker from a local support service.

This National Carers Week, Council is hosting a Carer Information Expo featuring a range of carer support providers in one location in order to help carers quickly and easily access helpful resources, create connections with support organisations, and most importantly interact with fellow carers who share similar experiences over morning tea.

The Carer Information Expo will be held on Wednesday, 18 October, from 9.30-11.30am at the Ebdale Community Hub (20 Ebdale Street, Frankston). Places are limited, so booking your free ticket is essential, through Eventbrite or by scanning the QR code.



## Personal stories unveiled

Each Council Direct Care Worker has a journey to share



Vicki Bredin (Direct Care Worker), Naomi Pora (Community Care Team Leader), Stacey Simpson (Direct Care Worker).

**Naomi Pora, a Council Community Care Team Leader, first got in the business after caring for a close friend with multiple sclerosis.**

Similarly, Direct Care Workers Vicki Bredin and Stacey Simpson began their journey by taking care of their own loved ones – a son and a husband respectively. Their personal experiences led them to discover the greatly rewarding career path into the Caring field.

Reflecting on their experiences, Stacey said, "During the COVID pandemic, we were often the only people our clients would see. They relied on us to support them, and

often be that one friendly face to connect with face to face.

Emphasising the importance of boundaries, the team recognised that whilst our clients rely on us to provide a high level of care, and for social support, it is important to be aware of our professional boundaries, and not get too close emotionally.

The Council currently employs 87 Direct Care Workers, and a team of 15 office-based staff who support with onboarding, rostering, reviewing and all other elements required to provide a high level of care to our community, in accordance to the Aged Care Quality Standards. We welcomed 1,017 new clients in the 2022-2023 period. The team provided support to 1,842 clients and completed 1,200 client reviews. Additionally, they dedicated 55,999 hours of in-home services throughout the year.

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



## Flagship social inclusion group seeks community help to support wellbeing

**Frankston City will become one of the first Councils in Victoria to establish a new initiative to promote community inclusion and wellbeing, and is looking to local community members to play a key role.**

The Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) is a flagship program recommended by the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System, and aims to bring together a diverse group of people to develop initiatives that focus on social inclusion, wellbeing and mental health. Applications are now open to join the group, with Council seeking interest from a wide range of community representatives, including local residents, community leaders, those with lived experiences and people with strong connections in the community. Group members meet regularly over the coming year to identify needs within our community, and develop initiatives to increase social connection.

Frankston City Council Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "We want group members from all walks of life, who bring different skills and perspectives, and can learn

from each other's expertise.

"Led by the community, this group will provide a unique opportunity to change people's lives through the inclusion and wellbeing initiatives it develops."

State Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, said the Victorian Government announced Frankston would be one of the first local governments to receive funding for Social Inclusion Action Groups in October 2022.

"Being part of this local advisory group is a great opportunity for community members to meaningfully develop initiatives that focus on social connection, inclusion and wellbeing."

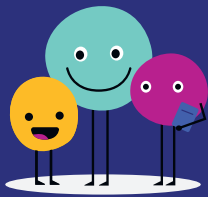
Joining the SIAG has numerous benefits. There are opportunities for professional development, connect with key organisations, and receive compensation for their time.

Applications for joining the SIAG are open until 11 October 2023. To learn more and submit your interest, scan the QR code or email [communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitystrengthening@frankston.vic.gov.au)





# What's On



## Frankston City Libraries What's on

Scan the QR code to check the full list of upcoming events.



FrankTALK  
**Chris Hammer**

Thursday 12 October 1pm  
Frankston Library Lounge—FREE

Chris Hammer celebrated selling over 5,000 copies of his breakthrough novel, 'Scrublands'. Since then, he has released another five best-sellers. He joins us for a chat on his newest release 'The Seven', other favourites, and the burning question: When will we see the screen adaptation of Scrublands on our TV's?



FrankTALK  
**Jaclyn Crupi**

Friday 20 October 11.30am  
Frankston Library Lounge—FREE

Pasta can be a quick and simple meal or a culinary masterpiece, but in essence, it is about generosity, comfort and the beauty to be found in simplicity. Jaclyn Crupi's book, Pasta Love, is a celebration of pasta and the people who make it. Join Jaclyn as she chats and demonstrates how to make fresh pasta at home and how to improve your dried pasta dishes.



FrankTALK  
**Trevor Hand**

Thursday 5 October 6.30pm  
Carrum Downs Library—FREE

As part of Space Week 2023, we will be joined by Trevor Hand and his meteorites. Visitors can hear about the things we can see and the things we can't, in our skies each night. This presentation is suitable for the whole family to come along to!

To book: [library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats\\_on](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on) or phone: 9784 1020

# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

## SESAME STREET: ELMO'S CIRCUS DREAM

Wednesday 20 September –  
Friday 22 September

10am and 1pm

Tickets: \$32-\$33.50, VIP \$69

This thrilling show takes you on an enchanting journey with Elmo and his friends as they discover their hidden talents and dreams at the circus. Don't miss the magic!



## PSEUDO ECHO: THE ULTIMATE TOUR

Saturday 23 September 8pm

Tickets: \$65



## PERSONAL

Thursday 28 September 7.30pm

Tickets: \$32-\$42

## MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL®

Tuesday 3 October 7.30pm  
& Wednesday 4 October  
2pm and 7.30pm

Tickets: \$69.90-\$79.90

Inspired by a hot flush and a bottle of wine, *Menopause The Musical®* is a celebration for women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change".



## THE DIVINE MISS BETTE STARRING CATHERINE ALCORN

Friday 6 October 7.30pm

Tickets: \$31-\$60



## SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR: HOPE

Sunday 29 October 5pm

Tickets: \$49-\$89.90

Book at [thefac.com.au](http://thefac.com.au) or 03 9784 1060



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## Amber Wilson, leading the way towards reconciliation



Amber Wilson is Council's new Reconciliation officer looking to make a difference.

**Council welcomed its new Reconciliation Officer, Amber Wilson, who brings with her a strong commitment to promoting cultural awareness and respect.**

As a proud Yorta Yorta and Dhudhuroa woman living on Bunurong country, Wilson's cultural background has shaped her into a strong, empathetic and kind individual. Then there's also the Italian side of her family, which has given her an

understanding of migrant issues.

"I was always taught to be strong in culture, which has prepared me to be strong in life and proud of who I am and the connection I have to my country and community," she said.

When asked about her vision for Frankston City in terms of reconciliation, Amber emphasised the importance of "listening to the community directly and making the changes they not only want but need to be supported and heard in all walks of life".

Reconciliation plays a significant role in both the lives of First Nations peoples and the wider community. According to Amber, "Reconciliation requires the Australian community to respect the traditional owners of this land, the first people. It is to acknowledge past and present inequalities experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since colonisation and to commit to working towards an equal and respectful future that acknowledges, upholds, and respects our culture and our way of life."

For Amber, respect is a philosophy. Coming to Council fresh from a trip to Bali, Amber said she has been taught to "honour and respect the land and country" she is in regardless of whether it was her own. "They have a saying in Bali—'with blessings'—which warmed my soul because everything we do should be with purpose and or blessing to uphold respect and remember to show it."

She looks forward to working through Council to ensure harmony and reconciliation so that everybody in the community can enjoy inclusion.

## Artist's striking portrait wins Annual Open Exhibition Prize



Jessica John with Deputy Mayor Liam Hughes.

**A striking ink and pastel portrait, titled *Cycle of Life*, by artist Jessica John has taken out top honours at Frankston Arts Centre's Annual Open Exhibition Prize for 2023.**

Ms John said she was chuffed to win the prize, adding: "It's an absolute pleasure being involved ... it's what I love to do. Thanks to Frankston Arts Centre."

She estimated she had spent 50 to 60 hours creating her artwork.

Deputy Mayor Liam Hughes said, "Jessica's stunning artwork *Circle of Life* is an absolute delight — shining with an essence key to this year's theme of renewal and executed with amazing detail and skill."

Ms John's prize includes an exhibition and Opening Event at Frankston Arts Centre in 2024 and a cash prize of \$1000. For more information, visit [artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au](https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Safer Communities

**Council is seeking your input on the Draft Safer Communities Policy and Strategy 2023-2033, open for consultation from early October to November.**

The Draft Strategy focuses on all aspects of community safety, including diversity, inclusion and community wellbeing. Our community has helped shape this Draft. Since early 2022, Council has spoken to over 300 community members who have shared the most important safety issues for them and what Council can do to help create a safe, fair and inclusive city for everyone.

The Strategy is based on five key priorities, including inclusive and connected communities, community wellbeing, safe environments, housing security and community empowerment. Follow the Safer Communities Strategy page on Engage Frankston or scan the QR code.



## Save the date for children's week

**Children's week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills and achievements and their rights.**

The theme this year is: "Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy." (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 31).

At Council, we reached out to children and when asked what activities they enjoyed doing, responses included water play, messy play, craft, playing with animals, soccer, running, puzzles, lego, painting.

When asked what they would like to learn more about they told us animals, dinosaurs, caring the environment, planets and space, learning new songs. We will plan to incorporate as much as these into the event as possible.

You will also have the chance to speak to the Children's Services team and other Frankston children's service providers about their programs.

**Date:** 26 October 2023

**Time:** 10am-1pm

**Location:** Healthy Futures Hub, 151 East Road, Seaford.





## Purple glass recycling bin initiative to help reduce waste to landfill

The Victorian Government is introducing a new separate purple bin for glass recycling to help reduce waste to landfill and improve the quality of all recycled commodities.

The new separate purple glass recycling bin joins the existing three household bins — yellow mixed recycling bin for plastic, metal and paper/cardboard recycling; green for food and garden organics; and red for landfill.

### When will I get my bin?

Eligible residential households will have a separate purple glass recycling bin delivered between 28 August and 29 September 2023. Please bring your new bin into your property once delivered. You can start to use your bin as soon as it is delivered.

### How often will Council collect my new bin?

Glass collection will occur once every four weeks, commencing in October. A collection calendar will be delivered with your new separate purple glass recycling bin.

### What are the benefits?

By using your separate glass recycling bin, you can contribute to the creation of new glass products and replacing precious resources in making new local roads and footpaths. The separating of glass from the yellow mixed recycling bin, results in the reduced cost of recycling and improves the quality of materials for reuse/recycling.

Want to learn more? Scan the QR code to learn more about the new separate purple glass recycling bin.



## Help BeachPatrols combat plastics

Seaford BeachPatrol volunteers are doing their part to clean up litter from the beaches and raise awareness about the ongoing impact of packaging and plastic on our coastline and local environment.

Thanks to funding from Council's annual grant program, the group was able to conduct an audit, revealing that plastic manufacturers need to take responsibilities for their actions.

Shockingly, 80 per cent of all items found during the audit were plastic pre-production pellets, which Seaford Beach seems to particularly be affected by. Known as "nurdles", they are often mistaken by marine wildlife as food, posing a serious threat to their health. Highly persistent, these pollutants can circulate in our oceans and wash ashore for decades.

To support Seaford BeachPatrol with their research and conservation efforts, you can join their monthly litter clean-up from 10 to 11am on the first Sunday of every month, whereas Frankston BeachPatrol holds its monthly clean-ups on Saturdays. All volunteers are welcome, and your contribution can make a significant difference.

You are encouraged to join one or both of these community action groups. To get involved just visit the website and register.

3199 Frankston BeachPatrol: [facebook.com/FrankstonBeachPatrol](https://facebook.com/FrankstonBeachPatrol)

3198 Seaford BeachPatrol: [beachpatrol.com.au/beach-groups/3198/44](https://beachpatrol.com.au/beach-groups/3198/44)



Seaford BeachPatrol is working with volunteers to clean up litter from beaches.

## Home energy saver toolkits

Looking for some ways to save on your power and water bills? We've got you covered!

Home Energy Saver Toolkits are now available for loan from Frankston Library and will be coming to Carrum Downs and Seaford Libraries later in the year.

Two toolkits are available:

**Kit one:** contains an energy saving contact thermometer to measure temperature; noncontact infrared thermometer to measure draughts; water flow measuring cup to discover water flow rates from taps; power-mate lite energy meter to measure electricity consumption.

**Kit two:** contains a thermal imaging camera to reveal where hot or cold air is

leaking in and out of your home.

Easy to read and watch instruction guides are provided with each kit (and are also available—along with video instruction—on our website).

Residents can also borrow a copy of the book, 'Your Home,' a comprehensive guide to environmentally sustainable homes.

Drop into your Frankston Library to test one out at home for yourself.

Development of the kits is one of the actions in Council's new Climate Change Strategy.

Scan the QR code for more information.





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## More fun times at our upgraded play spaces!



Yarralumla Reserve in Langwarrin includes a range of play equipment for children of all ages.

### Frankston City is now home to two more beautifully upgraded play spaces — and there's another on the way this year!

New-look Yarralumla Reserve in Langwarrin and Rosemary Reserve in Frankston North were opened to the community in July and have already become popular with families from across the municipality.

Fully funded by Council, Yarralumla Reserve now includes a range of play equipment for children of all ages, a multicourt (basketball/netball), drainage improvements, water sensitive urban design features, landscaping, accessible paths ways, upgraded seating, picnic shelter and BBQ area, parking bays and a drinking fountain.

At Rosemary Reserve, the iconic fire engine that's entertained kids since the 1960s has undergone a few modifications but remains a local favourite! Visitors

to the park can now also enjoy senior and junior play equipment, improved paths, landscaping, seating, and a new picnic shelter. Throughout the park, colourful concrete pinecones with tiny homes on top add a special touch of magic and play homage to the area's history as a former pine plantation. The upgrade was made possible thanks to a partnership between Council the Victorian Government (Sports and Recreation Victoria's Local Sports and Recreation Fund).

We're now upgrading Willow Park in Frankston by providing nature play and new play equipment for younger children, as well as facilities the whole family can enjoy, including a picnic shelter and table, seating, drinking fountain, landscaping, and new paths. Nearby Bayview Pre-School will also benefit from new access points to the play space from their centre. Fully funded by Council, the park will be open in time for Christmas.

## News in brief

### Spray can audit

To prevent unlawful sales to minors and ensure the secure storage of spray paint products, Council's Safer Communities team conducts periodic audits of businesses that sell spray paint, with the team conducting 28 audits in the last 12 months. Subsequently, the team educates these businesses on their legal obligations as Victorian retailers selling spray paint products.

### Rapid Response Team

Council's Rapid Response Team has made significant impact on improving safety in our community since starting their proactive patrols across Frankston City, including our beaches, reserves, suburban retail shopping strips and town centres. The team walk around 16km each day while addressing issues in our community including, anti-social behaviour and dogs off leash.

When the weather starts to warm up Council's Beach Patrol will add additional patrols of our beaches including patrolling every weekend and public holiday all summer long.

### Indigenous plant nursery

Council's indigenous nursery is ending its opening season for the year with a sale on remaining plants. Residents can pick up tube stock for \$1.50 each and 140mm pot plants for \$3 each. The nursery at McMannis Way, Seaford, is open every Wednesday in September (unless plants sell out sooner). The last retail day will be Wednesday 27 September and then re-open in April next year. It will not be open on Saturdays again until next year. For more information, call 9768 1513 or email [fin@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:fin@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Join the Aussie Bird Count at Seaford

During one week in October (16-22 October), citizen scientists are urged to participate in the Aussie Bird Count.

It just takes 20 minutes for participants to sit in their preferred outdoor space and record the birds they observe during that time. The count results can be submitted using a phone app or website form.

Council is joining in with a bird spotting tour at Seaford Wetlands, home to over 190 recorded bird species. The tour will be guided by Council's Natural Reserves team.

To learn more about the Aussie Backyard Bird Count and to register for the Seaford Wetlands Bird Spotting Tour on Saturday, October 21, scan the QR code.



### Most recorded species in our area

388 observers participated in the Bird Count, submitting 522 counts:

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| 1. Silver Gull: 1970;      | 6. Common Myna*: 694;      |
| 2. Rainbow Lorikeet: 1888; | 7. Spotted Dove*: 641;     |
| 3. Noisy Miner: 1869;      | 8. Red Wattlebird: 553;    |
| 4. Australian Magpie: 859; | 9. Eastern Rosella: 461;   |
| 5. Little Raven: 796;      | 10. Common Blackbird*: 455 |

*\*Note: These species are considered introduced*



## Netball Jubilee

A dream come true for the FDNA



**In 1966, the same year Frankston officially became a City, the Frankston and District Netball Association (FDNA) was established.**

The growth of the FDNA, much like the growth of the City, has been exponential, becoming one of the largest netball associations in Victoria with powerhouse players having passed through.

Could it get any better? Apparently, it has, with new Jubilee Park Stadium expected to further invigorate the area's local talent.

"A lot of people want to be part of the new Stadium. Whether to work here or play, we are constantly getting new enquiries," Corinna Harvey, FDNA Board of Management President said, adding that apart from volunteers there are several paid positions which allow FDNA to operate in a very professional way.

### Opportunities for players

Teagan, Gabriella, Annie and Sydney are all aged from 13- to 14- years and play in the Under 15s, and are among the nearly 3,000 active players in the FDNA, and randomly training on any given day.

They say they are excited. "I can't wait to use the new facilities," Teagan said.

Gabriella added, "It's a good upgrade. I feel that it will bring more people from around the area and out of the area to play and look at it."

The girls would even like to "give cricket a shot". "Why not?" they say, the FDNA also hopes that more boys will also decide to give netball a try.

Even FDNA General Manager Miranda Castles played some cricket in her younger years. "With two brothers, what do you expect?" she asked, adding that netball has always been her passion.

"I started netball in Frankston in the outdoor courts in 1981. Right here in Jubilee Park. And I came and went a little bit as an adult depending on where I was at work and on my stage in life. I started as an administrator 15 years ago and am thankful to be a manager and lead the organisation at arguably the most significant stage in its history!"

There's a general belief in the FDNA that the Stadium heralds a new era. "I think that a new facility like this does a number of things in terms of boosting morale and psychology," Ms Castles said.

"For one, when you walk into a building that is warm and inviting and provides you with a range of different amenities from appropriate toilets, cafes, seating spaces and water fountains—all these things make you feel welcome.

"Furthermore, it has allowed us to bring our State League Peninsula Waves Team home. From an athlete aspirational and motivational point of view, it now means that our young players can see elite athletes in their own venue, training on their court, next to them. From that point of view, it makes the aspiration feel tangible."

The dream became a reality during the announcement in late 2018 when Premier Daniel Andrews came to Jubilee Park with Paul Edbrooke MP and Federal Member Peta Murphy MP. "We were under the impression they were coming for a check-in meeting, but that was when the primary announcement for the significant state funding was made—a \$10-million commitment from State Government! There were huge cheers, celebrations, even tears. Some of the people there at the time had been talking about this project for 20 years," she said.

"To see this dream realised is incredibly emotional for lots of people, especially life members who played netball here, have seen their children play and come and support their grandchildren."

## Hey Frankston Cricket, you've come a long way!

**The new cricket facilities at Jubilee Park are the latest pit-stop in a remarkable history of the game in Frankston.**

The first recorded cricket match was played in 1863 against Mornington. Frankston won. The Melbourne Age reported on it.

"We have been part of the Frankston City community in all that time," said Dennis Prendergast, Vice President of the Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club (FPCC), who played his first game on a dirt pitch in 1961, even before Frankston became a City. In 2019, Cricket Victoria made him a Life Member.

FPCC President Cameron Wallace, who also grew up with cricket, says that there are 60 players, up to 50 in the junior academies, and an additional Under 18s team being created next season as well as a women's team and girls' academy as well. There's an interest in increasing women's participation.

"We hope the new facilities will help," Mr Wallace said, adding that it will solve other problems as cricket players need to travel as far as Hallam to train.

"A high-performance environment is a huge asset, with high performance skills assessment, training, coaching all being done locally!"

An elite multi-purpose training facility to complement the outdoor cricket turf training nets will make the team even more competitive. Indoor cricket facilities include four pitch lanes and retractable net.

Mr Prendergast—Prendy to his mates—said that it's been a while since the

team won the championships though they have been runners up a couple of times. "We're against the Melbournes, the St Kildas and the Carltons and all that—so we are definitely in the big leagues," he said.

"The importance of the Frankston Peninsula is that it is a pathway to play for Victoria and Australia. Two steps further on and you are playing for Australia. That is the hierarchy."

Mr Wallace adds, "The dream has come true, you might say!"



FPCC President Cameron Wallace and Vice President Dennis Prendergast.