

# Frankston City News

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## New Youth Council set to tackle community connections and mental health

**Council welcomed its new Youth Council for 2022 with 11 passionate and excited members ready to make their mark.**

Frankston Youth Council is a youth advocacy and action group of 12–24 year olds who are connected to the Frankston area. It meets fortnightly from March to December, providing

a vital forum for young people to have a voice and represent other young people within Frankston City.

The new council has already set its sights on healing some of the damage caused during COVID lockdowns.

Youth Councillor, Isabella Gervasoni, said: “In 2022 I would love for the community to feel more like a family

again, since we’ve been in and out of lockdown. For all of us to come back together and celebrate each other.”

Youth Councillor, Yasmine McCoy, added: “When you have those strong foundations with the community you live in and the people you’ve grown up with, it’s setting you up for a brighter future. We’re working together for the

sake of the community and together with the community.”

Youth Councillor, Jorden Lancaster said: “I was on Youth Council last year and I found it really empowering. Even though it was during COVID, we still found ways to connect with the community through various projects.”

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## Mayor's message

### Family fun days

It's been fantastic to see so many residents out and about experiencing all that Frankston City offers. From the popular Party in the Park at Cruden Farm, to our recent engagement at Monterey Reserve and the Anzac Day commemorations, I've enjoyed spending time with our community, receiving your views on a range of important topics and simply catching up for a chat.

At the Draft Monterey Reserve Master Plan, we loved chatting with you and hearing how much you love your local area and how you want to see facilities such as the Reserve and Pines Pool improved for all interests, ages and abilities.

There's more upcoming, so be sure to keep an eye out. The Enchanted Family Fun Community Days at Monterey Reserve, Frankston North and at Banyan Reserve, Carrum Downs will soon be bringing joy and activity to our local area, with the chance for families to participate with free activities involving all things fairies, wizards and magic! Keep an eye on Council's social media platforms for more details.

### Bold vision for Nepean Boulevard

Through the development of a new long-term (20-year) Structure Plan for the Frankston Metropolitan Activity

Centre (FMAC), Council has prepared an Emerging Ideas Paper with our preliminary thoughts and ideas for how the city centre could be planned into the future.

One of the potential opportunities identified is the chance to revitalise the Nepean Highway corridor, which has traditionally served as an arterial connection for people annually travelling from suburbs across the Mornington Peninsula towards Melbourne City. Nepean Highway provides a great opportunity to reimagine our city centre, encouraging people to linger in the city by transforming the busy thoroughfare into a pedestrian friendly beachside boulevard.

Our advocacy efforts and discussions with local Members of Parliament are part of the Council Plan to ensure Frankston City has a thriving economy and healthy, safe and connected community. To find out more about Frankston City Council's plans for a revitalised city centre visit: [engage@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:engage@frankston.vic.gov.au) / [Frankston\\_City\\_Centre](https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston_City_Centre)

### Our amazing volunteers

National Volunteer Week (May 16 - 22) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. Frankston City's volunteers make our communities



stronger, especially during times of need, crisis or isolation. This year's appropriate theme during National Volunteer Week is 'Better Together'. If you know a dedicated volunteer in the Frankston community who deserves to be recognised for their contribution, then please nominate them in this year's Frankston City Volunteer Awards. The awards aim to celebrate and recognise the valuable contributions that volunteers make to the local community. Nominations open from May to August and winners will be honoured at an awards event in October.

Don't miss the annual Impact Volunteer Expo at Frankston Arts Centre, held during May supporting National Volunteer Week, for volunteering opportunities in Frankston City. For details, please visit: [impactvolunteering.org.au](https://www.impactvolunteering.org.au)

**Nathan Conroy, Mayor**

## Message from the CEO

### Council Plan and Budget process

Our recent Saturday Council Plan and Budget planning session with Councillors and the Management team was highly successful, with great ideas and collaboration from all involved. The next Budget is shaping up to be the biggest and boldest budget for Frankston City — we look forward to making further announcements soon and receiving feedback from residents during the Budget consultation process. We have also been working tirelessly to deliver our Council Plan priorities with critical projects guided by outcomes within the Plan, including Healthy and Safe Communities, Well Planned and Liveable City, Sustainable Environment, Progressive and Engaged City, Thriving Economy and Community Strength.

### Advocacy

Council has also been working closely with our key stakeholders, as well as Federal and State Government representatives and candidates, to ensure we have a strong collective voice advocating for our flagship priorities. This includes working with

McClelland Gallery, Cruden Farm, Sports and Recreation Victoria, South East Water, Gymnastics Victoria, Basketball Victoria, Life Saving Victoria, Royal Lifesaving Australia and many local primary and secondary schools, to name just a few. We've also received invaluable feedback from residents on our five key priorities — a state-of-the-art district basketball and gymnastics facilities at Frankston Basketball Stadium; a bigger and better Pines Pool; the Sandfield Reserve Precinct revitalisation; a bold rejuvenation of Nepean Highway; enhancing access to recycled water; and the Frankston Regional Arts Trail proposal.

The priorities were developed following and informed by extensive community consultation. Councillors and officers will continue to work hard to deliver these vital projects for our community.

### Council Meetings

It has been wonderful to see passionate locals come back in person to view our Open Council Meetings since we locked down. Attendance is growing and it makes for a great vibe at Council Meetings, bringing community spirit



and participation back to the Chamber and allowing us to receive your valuable input.

Residents and interested persons are always welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings (pending COVID-19 restrictions). It's a great opportunity not only to have your say, but to keep abreast of current issues under consideration by your elected representatives. Public participation in the meetings is invited during Public Question Time and Submissions Time. If you have any queries regarding attendance or participation at Council Meetings, please visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:frankston.vic.gov.au) or phone: 1300 322 322 for more information.

**Phil Cantillon,  
Chief Executive Officer**

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## Welcoming our Youth Council 2022

### Continued from cover.

**Mayor, Nathan Conroy said: "This year our Youth Council is working towards strengthening connection to community and mental health awareness after a difficult and isolating two-year period. "The members of Youth Council 2022 are extremely passionate about issues that currently affect young people and are driven to evoke change for their community, through projects, consultations and events," he said.**

In previous years, Youth Council has been involved with anti-bullying events at schools and providing kindness kits for local vulnerable people, while closely working alongside schools and other relevant organisations to enhance outcomes.

The Mayor added: "Each unique viewpoint can help ensure Council is providing the right kind of opportunities and assistance to our young people in our community, in addition to the amazing outreach work our Youth Council members will undertake this year. "I commend each and every member for stepping up to the challenge and to committing their time and energy to helping others in this way."

Yasmine said: "Personally I think lockdowns had a really big effect on young minds and coming out of that we need to work together as a community to support young people through this transition back to normality. Keeping discussions open and honest."

Council Youth Worker Jane Thomson said: "We have a mixture of new members and veterans on the council this year, which makes a great combination of fresh ideas and experience.

"We continue to be amazed and inspired by the passion these young people show for their community. They truly want to make a difference and make things better, not just for other young people but for everyone," she said.

Youth Council is one of many Council programs design to give younger residents leadership opportunities. Frankston Youth Service also runs the Fresh Entertainment (FReeZA) program, for youth interested in pursuing a career through music, arts or culture, our Youth Stewards program and our Youth Advisory Group (YAG).

## Welcome and congratulations to our Youth Councillors for 2022

**Samantha Beaumont  
Oliver Robinson  
David McFarlane  
Mac Zamani  
Peter Martin  
Laura (surname withheld)  
Jessica Healy  
Olivia Sutherland**

**Yasmine McCoy  
Jordan Lancaster  
Isabella Gervasoni**  
For more information on Frankston Youth Services, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/YouthServices](mailto:frankston.vic.gov.au/YouthServices)

## Our Community



Youth Council 2022, David

Youth Council 2022, Isabella

Youth Council 2022, Jessica



Youth Council 2022, Jorden

Youth Council 2022, Laura

Youth Council 2022, Mac



Youth Council 2022, Oliver

Youth Council 2022, Peter

Youth Council 2022, Yasmine



Youth Council 2022, Olivia

Youth Council 2022, Samantha





## Frankston's city centre is changing — have your say

As Frankston emerges from COVID-19 lockdown, the city centre is ripe for revitalisation. To provide a framework to guide the future use and development of Frankston's city centre, Council is seeking community feedback and input on the future of Frankston's CBD.

Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "This is long term, big picture thinking – how do you want your city to look 20 years from now? Do we want more green open space in the city centre for people to gather and spend time? Where do

we want to concentrate development and what does that development look like? How do we guide changes around the Nepean Highway and Kananook Creek Boulevard in a sensitive way? Key themes addressed in the Emerging Ideas paper for Frankston's city centre include, more parks, plazas and gathering places, diverse housing, strengthening Frankston's arts, entertainment and culture, the creation of a safe and convenient cycling network, car parking that is easy to locate and access, thriving Kananook Creek promenade and more.



Mum Gina with daughter Tahlia

### Fun for the little ones!

Supported Playgroups are a FREE, safe and friendly place for you and your child to have fun while receiving parenting tips and support.

They are a great way to meet other families in your local area and one-on-one in-home support is also optional for eligible families.

Sessions are run weekly during school terms by qualified early years professionals in your local community. Catch ups are currently being held outdoors in venue playgrounds. If the group needs to be moved indoors, all adults must wear a mask. For more info, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/SupportedPlaygroups](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/SupportedPlaygroups)

#### Supported Playgroups are currently run at:

- Aldercourt Primary School — Frankston North
- William Road Kindergarten — Carrum Downs
- Riviera Playgroup — Seaford
- Lakewood Child & Family Centre — Frankston
- Karingal Place — Karingal
- Orwil Street Community House — Frankston
- Mahogany Rise Child and Family Centre — Frankston North
- Langwarrin Community Centre — Langwarrin

## FREE mental health first aid training for the community

Council is offering FREE mental health training to people who live, work, play, socialise, study or have family in Frankston City. The short 1.5 hour information session, 'Mental Health Matters', is run by the Australian Red Cross and covers typical indicators of mental health concerns and discusses effective support.

Resident, Kristina, recently attended a session. "I've personally struggled with mental illness myself, but I didn't really understand what happened to me. So, I started to look for more information to educate myself a little bit more. I also know a few people who are facing a mental health concerns. "I learned a lot from the session, which opened my eyes and my mind about mental health. Being able to

notice when people around us may be having down times or difficulties is crucial. [Recognising the signs] means we can reach out and support them and direct them to find the right professional help, if needed. "We also learned how to properly approach someone who is struggling — how to make the person feel comfortable and build some trust between you. Our instructor was

very knowledgeable and experienced, I would definitely recommend the training to others," Kristina said. These 90 min information sessions are also available in-person at Frankston library. Sessions will run until end of June. To register, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/MentalHealthFirstAid](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/MentalHealthFirstAid)

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## Reconciliation Week 27 May–3 June

There are many activities planned to help us celebrate Reconciliation Week, including a flag raising and Baymob Expo at local Gathering Place Nairn Marr Djambana and dedicated activities at Frankston City Libraries and the Frankston Arts Centre.

National Reconciliation Week is an important week

for all Australians and stories are an important part of our culture. First Australians have been sharing stories for thousands of years. Stories help to share history, culture and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. To get involved, visit: [djambana.org.au](http://djambana.org.au) and [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)



## Is your business Seniors Friendly?

Local small businesses are important spaces for older people to meet and connect with others.

Council's Seniors Friendly Small Business project is all about identifying and promoting local businesses that are friendly, welcoming and accessible for older people. The project was kick-started by the Age Friendly Frankston Ambassadors (AFFA), an advisory committee established in 2019.

Ambassador, Brian, says the idea that staff within small businesses may be the only interaction some older people have throughout the day. "We want to make sure every older resident has a chance to have the same meaningful daily interactions that so many of us take for granted. Social isolation is a huge issue for older Australians and there are lots of little things we can all do to ensure no one ever feels lonely," Brian said.

A Senior Friendly Small Business:

- Remembers customers' names
- Is physically easy to access
- Its staff keep an eye out for people
- Generally creates a welcoming and inclusive environment

To nominate a local business you consider to be Seniors Friendly, or for more information, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/ActiveAgeing](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/ActiveAgeing) or get in touch with our Positive Ageing team: 9768 1324



## IDAHOBIT Day Tuesday 17 May

This year Council celebrated IDAHOBIT Day with our busiest event calendar yet.

Council recognised the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia with an official rainbow flag raising ceremony and celebration morning tea as well

as community events supported by Frankston City Libraries, our Jobs Victoria Advocates, sport and recreation team, Community and Neighbourhood Houses, Frankston Youth Services and more. For more information on IDAHOBIT Day, visit: [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au)





## Home Library Service a real page turner for Frankston City residents

### Frankston City's Home Library Service is proving a real page turner for bookworms!

Mayor Nathan Conroy said Home Library Service volunteers deliver a range of resources including books, magazines, large print books, talking books, films and music CDs. The service is free and available to Frankston City residents who are unable to visit the Library due to illness, frailty, disability or short-term mobility restrictions. Our dedicated volunteers are currently delivering vital and much anticipated resources to over 78 residents across Frankston City. "Locals love reading and library materials - when the Library closed during the first lockdown, library items were couriered with 904 library bags delivered from April - November 2020," the Mayor said.

Home Library Service volunteer Rhondda Millar, said, "I love being part of the Home Library Service as it gives me the opportunity to combine my love of libraries with my love for meeting people who also enjoy what a library can offer but due to various circumstances are unable to go to their local library to pick up their books, DVDs and other items." "The social connection with my home library patrons when I drop off a selection of items or when I drop by to assist with an e-book is a treasured part of my day.

Frankston City Libraries offer an extensive range of services including the FrankTALKS discussions with authors in the series, online 24/7 student support, language tutorials, free access to researching family history and digital magazines available. For more information, please visit: [library.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://library.frankston.vic.gov.au)

Mayor Conroy and volunteer Rhondda

## - Celebrating National Volunteer Week -

### Volunteer Awards: Nominate today

Do you know a dedicated volunteer in the Frankston community who deserves to be recognised for their contribution?

Nominate them in this year's Frankston City Volunteer Awards! When you nominate a worthy candidate, you'll be highlighting the great work they do as a volunteer, as well as creating awareness for the good work of their organisation.

Volunteering is an important element of many community services and has many benefits, including building self-confidence and satisfaction, creating opportunities for social contact and developing new skills, as well as a chance to follow your passion and pave a pathway to paid employment. Nominate someone today, visit: [impactvolunteering.org.au](http://impactvolunteering.org.au)

### Volunteer Expo

Tuesday 17 May, 11am-2pm, Davey Street, Frankston, FREE, no booking required

Want to know the what, why and how of community volunteering? Come along to the free annual

Volunteer Expo hosted by Council's Impact Volunteering program. The Expo includes many local

organisations and programs showcasing their great work and current volunteer opportunities.

### Why volunteer?

You may already be volunteering and not even realise it!

If you regularly help out your neighbour with the weekly shopping, walk your Nan's dog, help out at the school fete or the footy working bee you are one of the many volunteers making our community a better place. There are many other volunteering opportunities that often fly under the radar. Did you know you can volunteer your time as a migrant tutor, tour guide, community visitor,

for youth services, community centres, art centres, historical societies, even fishing support for mental health? Volunteer roles have adapted to the changing needs of our society and now more than ever, many essential services could not operate without volunteers. To get started, phone: 9768 1407 or email: [ImpactVolReferrals@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:ImpactVolReferrals@frankston.vic.gov.au)



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#### Road Improvements

Over the past two years, I have been approached by residents about roads that were in poor condition. Although many roads are not the responsibility of Council, some are and quick action is usually able to be taken to rectify any problems. I am pleased with Council's advocacy outcomes which have paved the way for significant rehabilitation works for the following roadways. Examples include:

- Skye Road, Karingal — \$130,000
- Dandenong Road East, Frankston — \$70,295
- Karingal Drive, Karingal — \$978,116

If you have a road in mind that is causing you bother, please contact me and I will have a look at it.

#### Karingal Hub Works

Last year Council was able to provide three-way funding to enable a 200 metre bicycle path that connects the cycling path along Peninsula Link to Karingal Hub. At one point, this bicycle path seemed unlikely — mostly due to land ownership red tape — but with Council intervention this bicycle path is now constructed. Furthermore, when Council approved Karingal Hub's \$160 million redevelopment permit, I inserted a provision in the permit that requires the planting of additional trees on the perimeter of the Karingal Hub site. These planting works, which will include 100 plus Sydney Red Gums, will commence shortly and complement the upcoming Council-funded stage two redevelopment of the \$150,000 Cranbourne Road boulevard planting program, which will span from the Karingal Drive to St John of God Hospital.

#### Ballam Park Precinct Upgrade

When I returned to Council, one of my aims was to give Ballam Park a 'refresh'. To date, I have been able to work with residents to achieve dozens of improvement works to the precinct. Examples include:

- Repair of the historic windmill and new replacement fencing
- Two new tracks
- New public art ('the dog collar')
- As part of creation of green zone area, a total of 30 semi-advanced trees, 300 understory plants and 100m2 of organic mulch and 5 bird boxes
- New solar lights for pedestrian safety
- Retrofit of the public toilet and new CCTV
- New dog ability play area and drinking taps
- The construction of an overflow car park with 41 car parks

Keep your ear to ground as there are some exciting announcements regarding Ballam Park to be announced very soon.



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#### Ensuring our ongoing pandemic recovery

Our COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Package, launched in the 2020-2021 financial year, provided comprehensive community grant funding, rates relief, tenant relief for local sporting clubs, care packages and welfare checks, direct funding support to local charity groups, business rent relief, increased sanitisation across the city and much more. Since our first package was released, our focus has shifted towards recovery versus immediate relief. Of the \$9.128 million in support provided to date, \$3.86 million was allocated in 2021-2022 for more targeted efforts to boost our local economy and support residents. Our updated COVID-19 Recovery Package included \$1.352 million in economic support for businesses. We also allocated \$400,000 to extended our hardship rates waiver and provided a \$1 million boost to our existing community grants program, which includes operational funding directly to Community Support Frankston. This year's funding also included the \$1.1 million Ratepayer Rewards Program, a one-off discounted voucher program across the following services: an at-call hard waste collection, PARC pass or Arts Centre show. This would equate in value to approximately \$25 per ratepayer. For more information on access the rewards program, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/RatepayerRewards](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/RatepayerRewards) To apply for rates relief, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/RatesRelief](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/RatesRelief)

#### Collaborating with our local service clubs

The Lions Club of Karingal, Lions Club of Frankston, Rotary Club of Langwarrin, Rotary Frankston Peninsula 2.0 and Peninsula Rotaract Club joined Council on 12 April for our regular Project X Change meeting. The meetings, now in their ninth year, were established to ensure ongoing acknowledgement of the significant contribution Service Clubs make to our community through their volunteering and fundraising efforts. Council has a long standing relationship with our local service club community and these meetings provide an opportunity for clubs and Council Officers to exchange ideas about projects and to identify possible partnership opportunities. Each of these clubs provides a unique and vital service to our community, through direct fundraising, creating community connection and supporting those in need in a variety of ways. Staffed almost entirely by volunteers, these clubs are made up of passionate locals dedicated to improving their communities.



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#### Ensuring access and inclusion

One in six people in Australia (19.6% of the Australian population) live with disability. Around 25,800 residents live with a disability and approximately 12,486 more are providing assistance as unpaid carers. Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Committee collaborates closely with Council officers on issues relating to access and inclusion for people with disability, and the families and carers of people with disability, living, working in or visiting Frankston City. The Committee, comprised of community members and local organisations, provide critical advice and promote innovative ideas to inform Council's planning and provision of services and facilities to ensure our City is an accessible and inclusive one for all. Creating positive change and advocating across a wide range of projects and events, the Committee works to remove the barriers those with a disability face in obtaining and maintaining employment, as well as accessing goods, services and facilities. They also promote inclusion and participation of people with a disability in the community and help achieve changes in attitudes and practices that discriminate.

I feel privileged to be a part of such a proactive Committee this year and have already seen firsthand the great work they are doing to represent everyone living with a disability in our municipality. A good example of the important work to come out of this collaboration was evident at a recent Committee meeting, where Council officers took the opportunity to seek advice on our Draft Community Safety Policy and Strategy that will guide the work of Council and our partners to ensure people feel safe, connected and welcome to participate in community life. This type of feedback will be critical to shaping the future of community safety in Frankston City for those living with a disability. The Committee also recently undertook a site tour of George Pentland Botanic Gardens to physically examine the accessibility of the site to contribute to the George Pentland Masterplan, and has been invaluable to the planning and delivery of Council's Disability Action Plan 2021-2025. The plan outlines how we will work over the next four years to improve access and inclusion for people with disability and recognise and support the role of carers. For more information, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Disability](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Disability)



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### Designing our programs, services and infrastructure for civic good

I presented recently at the RAIL & NCHA Melbourne Design Week 2022 event, hosted by Monash University, on how local governments can design for civic good. There are, of course, many examples I could have sited on the work Council has done, and is doing, to shape the future of Frankston City. Everything we do as a Council, all our planning, projects, strategies and consultations with the public are based around the desire to ensure the sustainability and liveability of our city for many generations to come. This kind of forward thinking can benefit an entire city, from residents, to visitors and businesses. At the core of all of Council's planning efforts — whether that be the design of a new sporting pavilion, a large scale event, a road upgrade, a new playground or other community asset — are the people who will be making use of these assets. We know how critical it is, not only for these projects to be beautiful but functional as well, and to truly reflect of the needs of our community. A great example of this people-centred planning and design is our recently adopted 2021-2025 Health and Wellbeing Plan — creating well planned and liveable environments with healthy, strong and safe communities, so everyone has the equal opportunity to enjoy good health and wellbeing.

### Community Engagement Pop Ups

As you will see outlined on page 17, our engagement and advocacy teams have been busy these past few months, out and about in our community asking locals and visitors their opinions on our key projects and plans. We know that many residents are passionate about where they live. The popularity of our still relatively new Engage Frankston! website, with 47,000 visitors since it launched in July last year, and attendance at the increasing number of pop ups across the city is testament to that. So too is the incredible response we received to our call out last year for new members for our expanded Community Panel. What became Mini Frankston City attracted an incredible 530 members, willing to donate their time to improve their City. I am proud that Council has, and will continue to, invest in new ways to create lines of communication with the community we serve. Visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

### Combating homelessness in Frankston City

Frankston Zero is a major initiative to combat homelessness and assist rough sleepers in Frankston City, driven by the Strategic Housing and Homelessness Alliance, of which Council is one of 15 members. Launched in July 2021, Frankston Zero is still in its infancy, however it the project is running a strong coordinated homelessness response, with information and resources being shared between partner agencies to implement the project. It was wonderful to hear last year that the State Government offered to continue funding for local Assertive Housing and Supportive Housing Teams (Strategic Alliance members Launch Housing and Neami National) for an additional two to four years. The project has had a big impact on Council officers who are out and about in the municipality and encountering rough sleeper sites. They now have a positive referral pathway for rough sleepers, knowing that they will offered the support that they need. A total of 15 rough sleepers have been supported into permanent housing since the project began in June 2021. Council will continue to work with other Strategic Alliance member organisations and State and Federal Governments to address the housing shortage and ensure everyone in Frankston City has a place to call home.

### Hats off to an incredible non-profit supporting our community

I would like to congratulate Sikh Volunteers Australia on the opening of their new local base in Langwarrin. Sikh Volunteers Australia had served hundreds of thousands of meals over the past few years, delivering freshly cooked vegetarian meals to the homes of vulnerable members of society in 41 suburbs across six councils. Two hundred sixty volunteers keep this amazing service running and these dedicated individuals have been there for the community during the bushfire crisis in early 2020, throughout the pandemic and most recently, supporting those impacted by floods in NSW and Queensland. Frankston City has been a lucky recipient of their support. Through their **Free Food Van and Free Take-Away Food Kitchen** they have helped so many, from the elderly and single parents, to those self-isolating, international students impacted during COVID, the homeless and anyone facing hardship. I am thrilled that Sikh Volunteers Australia will now have a place to call home right here in Frankston City. Council looks forward to supporting you in your ongoing mission to help others.

### So much to see and do on your doorstep

North East Ward residents already know how amazing their part of the world is but many of you may not be aware of just how much your Ward and its fringe suburbs have to offer. From exploring nature at the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve and Cruden Farm, to connecting with your community at the Frankston North Community Centre in Mahogany Avenue or seeing everything Carrum Downs Library has to offer, from books to After Hours and Storytime. Take a splash while the weather's warm at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre, visit McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, take a walk or ride through on of our 36 reserves and playgrounds or join one of our many local sporting clubs, including cricket, basketball, soccer, football and many more. For more ideas to get the most out of your neighbourhood, visit: [discoverfrankston.com](http://discoverfrankston.com)

### Supporting women to be their best

I spoke recently at the Women's Spirit Project: Spirit Transformation Program event in April, alongside Cr Baker and Cr Harvey, of which Council has been a strong supporter through funding and other contributions. It was an honour for us to meet Founder, Jodie Belyea, who is inspiring in her passion and dedication to helping women to reach their full potential. The Women's Spirit Project helps to transform the lives of women experiencing disadvantage, through fitness, health and wellbeing activities and programs. Jodie recognised there were many women who had experienced domestic violence, social disadvantage, homelessness, long term unemployment, social isolation and other barriers who as a result, lacked confidence and belief in themselves. She and her staff have since transformed many lives by providing an easily accessible, supportive environment for women to meet, connect and regain the confidence to achieve their life goals. The Spirit of Transformation Program provides step by step guidance for participants, including mapping goals, weekly group walks, fitness sessions, meditation, health and nutrition advice, communications and problem solving skills. Meeting some of the participants and mentors in April, I was inspired by their strength and perseverance to make a change in the face of great difficulty. Keep up the amazing work. For more information, visit: [womensspiritproject.org](http://womensspiritproject.org)



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### Ballam Park homestead revitalised

Frankston's historical jewel — the much loved Ballam Park Homestead — is back to its best thanks to Council's support. Council funded approximately \$250,000 maintenance works, initiated following a significant electrical fault. The recently completed works included painting, rewiring, a CCTV camera system, new external LED lighting around all buildings, replacement of rotting timber, restumping and more. Ballam Park Homestead provides an important connection to Frankston's rich history, noting it is the oldest house in Frankston and was built for one of Victoria's early pioneering families, the Liardets, in 1855. It is of course critical that we preserve our local history. Glenda Viner has been a member of Frankston Historical Society for 35 years and President for 22 years. Her remarkable contribution to preserving our history was recognised when she was awarded Frankston's 2015 Citizen of the Year. Glenda previously contributed to a history curriculum project — supported by Council — that provides extensive information enabling local students to have a deeper understanding of Frankston's history. Material in the package, which has been made available digitally to local schools, includes indigenous history and beliefs, European settlement and significant milestones in Frankston's history. For more information about Frankston Historical Society, visit: [frankstonhs.org.au](http://frankstonhs.org.au)

### Assisting local job seekers

Our Jobs Victoria Advocates have been busy out in our community these past few months, helping to connect people with new pathways for employment and training. In fact, between 1 January and 31 March, the Jobs Advocates worked with close to 800 individual clients and have been adding new locations to their outreach activities, including Gateway Shopping Centre in Langwarrin, Karingal Hub Shopping Centre, Orwil Street Community Hub, Carrum Downs Library and Frankston Train Station. They have also popped along to National Youth Week activities at Youth Central, International Women's Day events at the Frankston Library forecourt and were a part of the Building Connections Career & Development Expo held on 24 March. Job Advocate, Paolo, also features in a recently launched State Government campaign to motivate job seekers and businesses to seek support and celebrate Victorians' resilience and connectedness. The campaign can also be seen across social media, print and outdoor advertising. Well done to Paolo and all our Jobs Victoria Advocates. For more information, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/JVA](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/JVA)



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### Toward a Circular Economy

Earlier this year I had the privilege of participating in a Circular Economy Leadership course run by the United Nations, as Council Delegate to the Metro Waste and Resource Recovery Group. Over the six-week course we learned about the circular economy and sustainable development; unlocking circular value; circular businesses and circular cities; sustainable lifestyles, and mainstreaming the circular economy. The course commenced with a reminder that Australia is a signatory to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Goal 12 relates to the pursuit of Sustainable models of consumption and production (or doing more and better with less). It is also about decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation, increasing resource efficiency, and promoting more sustainable lifestyles. Sustainable consumption and production can contribute substantially to poverty alleviation and the transition towards low-carbon economies. It is also a key component to addressing our current waste crisis.

The current e-bike trial provides a perfect illustration of what it might look like to shift toward models of sharing that emphasise access to use as and when needed, rather than product ownership. When responsibility for a product remains with a company over its lifetime innovation around product longevity and resource re-use is incentivised. I suspect that we'd see a dramatic drop-off in the amount of stuff put out for hard rubbish collection if we placed a proper value on 'things' over their entire useful life.

The transition toward a Circular Economy requires collaboration and cooperation across all sectors toward the common goal of producing and consuming more responsibly, for the sake of all life on earth now and into the future. We all have a part to play. I welcome contact from any community members who are keen to move this conversation forward in support of seeing the Circular Economy spring to life here in Frankston City.

### Helping our learner drivers be safe on our roads

We will soon be paying tribute to our L2P volunteer mentor drivers at a special thank-you event. The TAC L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program, celebrating its 12th anniversary this year, is a community-based program, providing on-road driving experience to learner drivers. These are young drivers would otherwise find it difficult to gain the minimum 120 hours driving required to apply for their probationary licence. In addition to driving skills, the program provides an opportunity for young people to interact with positive role models, gain confidence and move towards social independence. This program is only possible with the generous assistance of our volunteer mentor drivers. Some of our drivers have been with the program for many years and each and every one has chosen to take time out of their day to help a young person to be safer on our roads. We have now seen over 200 young people successfully obtain their probationary licence. Many have told us how invaluable the program has been in their lives, with some of our former learner drivers maintaining a friendship with their mentor beyond the program. The program of course doesn't just benefit these young drivers. Our mentors tell us the role helps them to feel connected to their community and to have a real sense of 'giving back'. I would like to thank each and every one of our mentors for the incredible work they do helping young people.

### Grants a boost for small business

It won't be long before we can announce the successful recipients of the Seaford Activation Grants and City Wide Facade Improvement Grants. With a total grant pool of \$70,000 and \$100,000 respectively, these grants will assist with revitalising shopfronts and facades in the central Seaford Activity Centre and to activate kerbside trading. It will be exciting to notify the successful businesses shortly so that we can start to enjoy the fantastic shopfront and facade upgrades as they develop throughout the municipality. For more information on funding and supports available to small businesses, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Business](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Business)





# Celebrate Neighbourhood House Week!

Our community centres and neighbourhood houses deliver a vital community service: providing locals with vital opportunities for connection, learning and fun. There are nine community centres and neighbourhood houses across Frankston City.

We have provided a snapshot of each, focussing on a recent achievement, volunteer or service within each centre to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week 2022, with the theme 'Bringing People Together'. All part of Our Next Chapter: supporting Community Strength for the 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget.

For more information our Frankston City's Neighbourhood Houses, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityHouses](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/CommunityHouses)



## FRANKSTON SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Supporting young people to find their path

In February 2022, during the first round of our Adult Community Further Education (ACFE) program, the Frankston South team met a young aspiring baker, Caitlyn.

Caitlyn was enrolled in Frankston South's Catering with Frankie's program. When they met her she expressed her passion for baking and told the team she wanted to pursue a career as a pastry chef. During training, she showed some of the work she had done and the team felt they needed to share her amazing skills with the community. Since International Women's Day was around the corner, centre staff saw the perfect opportunity. Caitlyn baked over 400 cookies to be delivered to 22 locations in Frankston including Community Centres, Neighbourhood Houses and Libraries, with the support of the other student in the program as well as FSCRC staff. During the program the team also introduced students to local café owners. As a result Caitlyn was successful in gaining employment as a cook at a local Frankston café. To get involved in the Frankie's Café or catering program and for other programs and activities, phone: 9293 7122 or email: [fscrc@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:fscrc@frankston.vic.gov.au)



## ORWIL STREET COMMUNITY HOUSE

### Supporting big ideas

Early in 2021 Orwil Street received a phone call from local, Sue, asking if Orwil Street Community House had a Women's Shed.

They didn't, but centre manager, Karen, said, "Sue, that's a great idea for a program!" — and that's how our Friday Women's Shed Workshops started. Sue was looking for a group to learn basic home maintenance skills with other women. Orwil Street started with a workshop on how to change a tap washer, run by one of its volunteers, Joe, and since then has run a workshop teaching different skills each Friday.

Karen received another call earlier this year from Lyrebird Community Centre: they'd had an enquiry from a woman named Deb wanting to start a Women's Shed, so Karen gave Deb a call and she dropped into Orwil Street to chat about it. Deb has big dreams of raising awareness for women of all the skill building and workshop opportunities available to them. Deb has also fostered a wonderful partnership with Chelsea Men's shed to run workshops there for women.

These chance meetings have developed into valuable connections, with Sue now assisting Orwil Street to grow its Gardening Group, as well as supporting the Women's Shed facilitators. Deb has since become a volunteer with the house, organising a morning tea to celebrate International Women's Day in March. These chance meetings have grown from a phone call to weekly groups that support women to become empowered to fix things, learn new skills, connect with other women and build friendships. With community leaders like Sue and Deb, the opportunities for building resilience and bringing people together are endless! To get involved, phone: 9783 5073 or email: [info@orwilst.org.au](mailto:info@orwilst.org.au)

## LYREBIRD COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Keeping Carrum Downs moving

Lyrebird provides local residents and groups with a safe, modern facility and programs and services that promote and encourage a connected community.

The centre recently recommenced its Lyrebird Walking Group and have been overwhelmed by the positive responses and feedback they have received already. The consensus from the group of walkers is how wonderful it has been to reconnect with others after being isolated for so long. The group meet at Lyrebird each Wednesday at 10am and walk for approximately one hour. Lyrebird is also a Learn Local provider and hundreds of locals attend the centre each week. Centre Manager, Fiona Dannock, says: "We cater for all ages across the diverse programs and services offered including pre-accredited adult education, recreation, social activities and children's services."

If you haven't visited Lyrebird already, please drop in and say hi to the team. Lyrebird is open during school terms, Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4pm and limited hours during the school holidays. More information on what's on at Lyrebird can be found at: [lyrebird.org.au](http://lyrebird.org.au)



## KARINGAL PLACE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

### Creating social connections for men after retirement

The Men's Social Group meets each Monday at Karingal PLACE Neighbourhood Centre from 10.30am-12.30pm.

The group began in 2016, after a few people mentioned that there was not much for men to do when they retire. Most members are locals, from Karingal, Langwarrin, Carrum Downs and Bonbeach and all really look forward to catching up and chatting each week about a variety of topics. One member noted: "I come here for the company", another said: "I like to chat about sports, find local recommendations and to socialise." One member said he enjoys going to a U3A class and then coming along to the group after his class. The group is really keen to welcome some new additions to their group and would love anyone who is interested to come and try a session or two to see if they like it. For more information, phone: 8786 6650 or email: [karingalplace@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:karingalplace@frankston.vic.gov.au)

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Building resilience by bringing people together  
#NHWeek2022



## FRANKSTON NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Passionate volunteers

David has been volunteering at Frankston North two days a week for the past few months; after completing a course there and liking it so much he wanted to find a reason to stay.

"Everyone here is so friendly and professional. Lots of people use the centre for different reasons and it's a great space. On Wednesdays, Josh in the kitchen creates lovely meals, for which they charge a very small fee. They do a lot of good things for people." David has since moved out of the area but has chosen to commute a long distance to continue his relationship with the centre. "I work in the kitchen, taking meals out and making coffees, whatever they want me to do. There's no stress here, it's pretty laid back." Located in the heart of Frankston North, the Centre is a Council run facility with programs and activities that are community led and/or facilitated. They work with agencies, groups and organisations to foster a sense of belonging, curiosity, skills development and health and wellbeing for all. To get involved, phone: 8773 9546

## BELVEDERE COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Celebrating 30 years, before and beyond

In 1975 a group of six local women met to discuss women's non-participation in recreational activities in the Frankston area. Problems identified were inadequate transport, lack of childminding, low income, lack of self-esteem, social and physical isolation.

Arising from this, the Women's Activity Group (WAG) was born. WAG originated at the Frankston Police and Citizens Hall and over the next 16 years was housed in various locations in Frankston. In 1996, WAG changed its name to Bayside Adult Community Education to better reflect the changing dynamics of the community and to welcome men to its programs. In 2000 the name was changed again to Belvedere Community Centre (BCC). In 1991, BCC moved into a purpose-built facility at our current location, built by Council at 36 Belvedere Road, Seaford. In 2023, BCC will again be on the move as the organisation has outgrown the current site and building. The centre is relocating to the Healthy Futures Hub at 151 East Road, Seaford, where they will be co-located with an amazing array of organisations with a health and wellbeing focus. After almost 40 years Belvedere will continue to run adult education programs, art, craft and social inclusion programs, exercise and children's programs. Find out more: [belvedere.org.au](http://belvedere.org.au) or call our office on phone: 9776 8922



## NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA

### Creating a sense of belonging

Nairm Marr Djambana is a not-for-profit Aboriginal Gathering Place providing health and wellbeing and cultural programs to the community.

Their dream is to continue on the journey their Elders started, to create a culturally welcoming, safe and accessible space for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Frankston — a place to gather, to connect, to heal and to have a sense of belonging. Nairm Marr Djambana has recently reopened its doors to community and reactivated its community programs, including: community lunch, Kirrup Playtime, women's program, men's program, garden program, Integrated Team Care Program — Transportation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are chronically ill. To get involved, visit: [djambana.org.au](http://djambana.org.au)

## LANGWARRIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Community-based childcare for thriving kids

Langwarrin Community Centre is proud to offer high-quality childcare services to many families, delivered by qualified and caring educators.

They offer two programs for children under five: Occasional Care, which provides a chance for children to interact in a supported play based environment or Three Year Old Pre-Kinder, with some structured experiences such as art and craft, group times and attending to the community garden bed. Among the benefits of community-based childcare is knowing that the organisation doesn't exist to make a profit and any surplus funds from running the service go back into supporting programs and initiatives for neighbourhood families and residents. A win-win all round! The centre currently has limited spaces available in children's services, please call 9789 7653 to find out more or place your child on the list for 2023.



## EBDALE COMMUNITY HUB AND LEARNING CENTRE

### Lending joy to our littlest locals

Ebdale is home to the Frankston Toy Library, a not for profit, cornerstone community service to the Frankston community operating for almost 45 years.

As one of the longest running community services in Frankston, the library provides families, community groups and organisations that work with children an array of quality toys, games, activities and equipment for a minimal annual fee. The Frankston Toy Library is one of the largest services of its kind in Australia and

one of the largest providers of special needs toys and resources. They also provide an array of party pack items, puzzles and games for people to borrow. Mum Lisa said, "The Frankston Toy Library has been amazing and so beneficial for my child's development. It also saves money, as you borrow the toys and return them."

Mum Casey said, "I love the Toy Library and have been coming here for nearly eight years. If my children decide they don't like a toy, I can return it so my house is much less cluttered. They have different things I could never afford to buy...

and it's so much more sustainable than buying new all the time." Volunteers are always welcome at the service, phone 9871 3900 for more information or head down to the Centre.



# FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE

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



Kutcha Edwards  
**Circling Time  
 - Songs & Stories**  
 Wednesday 1 June, 7.30pm  
 FAC Theatre  
 Tickets: \$27-\$60



Ben Maiorana Entertainment  
**The Beatles: 50 Years On**  
 Saturday 11 June, 8pm  
 FAC Theatre  
 Tickets: \$49.90-\$69.90



Critical Stages Touring  
**The Year of  
 Magical Thinking**  
 Wednesday 15 June, 7.30pm  
 Cube 37 Theatre  
 Tickets: \$30-\$44



NCM  
**Unsung**  
 Friday 17 June, 1.30pm & 7.30pm  
 FAC Theatre  
 Tickets: \$20-\$22



Circa Contemporary Circus  
**Wolfgang's Magical  
 Musical Circus**  
 Monday 27 June, 11am & 2.30pm  
 FAC Theatre  
 Tickets: \$23-\$25 (Family of 4: \$100)



ATA Allstars  
**The Celebration of Swing**  
 Sunday 10 July, 3pm  
 FAC Theatre  
 Tickets: \$54.90-\$84.90

## Frankston City Libraries



Children's Programs  
**National Simultaneous  
 Storytime**  
 Wednesday 25 May 11am,  
 all branches

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously around the country.

Frankston City Libraries Storytime Facilitators will be reading this year's book 'Family Tree', by Josh Pyke & Ronjooy Ghosh at all 3 of our branches for families to come along to and join in.

Children's Programs  
**Reconciliation Storytimes**  
 Through reconciliation week, we will have selected storytime sessions involving Reconciliation themes, full details of these sessions and events available on our website, closer to the time.

Stay up to date with all our kids activities including Storytime & School Holiday Events, by signing up to our e-news.



Presenting  
**Sunday Sessions are  
 back!**  
 Last Sunday of each month  
 1-3pm

Join us on the last Sunday of each month in the library lounge at Frankston Library for free, live music sessions. Local artists covering a wide range of genres will be joining us to while away the afternoon. Details of upcoming performers, available on our website.

## What's on

Presenting  
**Warm Winter Read**  
 Wednesday 1 June  
 - Sunday 31 July

Grab your book, blanket and beanie - we're hibernating with books this winter. Join the Warm Winter Read campaign and find time every day to cosy up with a book.

Head into any of the Frankston City Libraries Branches for more details and help to register.

See other free events coming up at Frankston City Libraries.



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

## Invest Frankston



### Invest Frankston campaign launches

Invest Frankston is widening the scope for investment opportunities across several industries.

To those commercial, residential and industry investors who may not yet consider Frankston as a commercially viable place to invest, we are launching a campaign to bring Frankston front of mind. In late April, we launched a bold and persuasive campaign to get potential investors, existing business owners and the general business community who are

looking to invest in their respective industries, to consider Frankston as a great place to invest in NOW. An overarching digital strategy was the focus of the campaign, being complimented with Eastlink billboards, posters in the city centre and advertisements in local magazines. Part of Our Next Chapter: Creating a Thriving Economy, as part of the 2021-2025 Council Plan and Budget. To find out more, visit [investfrankston.com/befrank](http://investfrankston.com/befrank)



### Digital Marketing Masterclass

The Invest Frankston Digital Marketing Masterclass aims to provide Frankston City businesses with leading edge training, tips and resources to give them the advantage when it comes to strategic, dynamic and practical digital marketing skills.

Run by an industry expert, the program is run over several weeks and provides a digital toolkit and a hands-on upskills program to help support local businesses to have an online presence and build

a consumer following. During the masterclasses, participants will learn to understand the digital marketing landscape and come away with an actionable marketing strategy to implement within their business. They will learn practical digital marketing skills and techniques to maximise their digital marketing capacity and become more confident in understanding key aspects of digital marketing. Interested? Visit: [investfrankston.com/news](http://investfrankston.com/news) for more details.



### Local businesses quick to grab \$1,000 incentive

Council's Local-to-Local program aimed to assist local businesses to grow or change their business model following the impacts of the pandemic.

Council offered limited \$1,000 vouchers to local business operators to use for professional services from other Frankston City business providers. There were 100 business operators who quickly applied,

sharing in the \$100,000 - accessing up to two separate vouchers, for two individual service providers. Services included business planning, accounting, legal services, marketing and social media, human resources or health and wellbeing. Many businesses also jumped on board the campaign and created \$1,000 packages to compliment the incentive, which ran throughout April.

### Connecting students with local business

The Linking to Business Program, a collaboration with Council and Monash Business School is back for winter!

The two-week program starts in July with a meet and greet on 28 June and is for students studying a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) at the Monash Peninsula Campus, majoring in marketing, finance, accounting, economics, management practice

and more. Local employers can share their industry and business expertise, and mentor students as they build their working experience. Employers can also learn a thing or two from a fresh perspective! While expressions of interest closed on 2 May, if you are keen to host a student, please get in touch. Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au/business](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/business) under Business Opportunities for more details.

### Business Networking Nights

What a fantastic quarter year of networking nights it has been.

In March, Invest Frankston held an event at Sandhurst Club showcasing the club's new menu plus PGA dropped by to talk about the golfing industry's return, as well as Sandhurst's new learning hub. In April, Dainton Taphouse hosted 50 local business networkers keen to check out the Carrum Downs space and meet fellow local business owners.



Invest Frankston will be hosting our next event at General Public in June. Tickets on sale now. More details at [investfrankston.com/news](http://investfrankston.com/news)

For all the latest news, updates and supports for local business follow @InvestFrankstongov.au/Subscribe



Council is making our way across Frankston City, upgrading our sporting facilities to create a state-of-the-art environment for local sports to flourish.



Left, Miranda Castles, FDNA Operations Manager and Ailsa Kenney, FDNA Life Member at the official sod turning November 2011

## Local netballers excited to welcome a revitalised Jubilee Park stadium

We're rejuvenating Jubilee Park into a major hub for regional and women's sport, with the Frankston District Netball Association (FDNA) welcoming the \$35.3 million indoor stadium redevelopment.

The new facility will be THE home base for netball in Frankston, with a clear pathway from grassroots level right through to the Victorian Netball League.

"I used to remember watching my mum play netball down at Balmoral car park, when there was literally only a car park there and they had to move the cars so they could play. That's a long time ago and netball has come a long way in the Frankston area since then, which is fantastic," said Gary Zeuschner from Langwarrin Netball Club.

Sarah Duncan, Peninsula Waves athlete said, "[It's great] to have a pathway between the grassroots girls and connections with the Victorian Netball League. Girls training on a Saturday will be able to walk around and see our pictures on the wall, see the trophies we have won and watch our games."

FDNA Operations Manager, Miranda Castles, said, "[The new facility] will actually change the way we administer sport. Our Association will be able to run and manage a facility that is going to be a real centre of excellence for women in sport, will really increase the profile of netball and netballers in our area. It presents a range of new opportunities."

The new stadium will feature: six multipurpose indoor courts including a 1000 seat show court, elite training facilities, female-friendly change rooms and a crèche for players and spectators, cafe, community meeting and function rooms, four indoor cricket training nets and facilities to service the adjoining sports oval.

This project is made possible with investment from Frankston City Council (\$20.56 million), the Victorian Government (\$10 million) and the Federal Government (\$4.56 million) and Cricket Victoria (\$200,000). The stadium expected to be completed in June 2023. All part of Our Next Chapter: for Healthy & Safe Communities. For more information, visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)



Left, Pines Football Netball Club President, Jeff Svigos and Pines Cricket Club President Brad Saunders

## Eric Bell Pavilion construction to start mid-2022

Design for the revitalised Eric Bell Pavilion is nearing completion, following extensive community feedback over the past 12 months and tenders for construction are now underway.

Council, in partnership with the Victorian Government, will undertake a \$6.75 million redevelopment, including demolition and extensive reconstruction of the existing

pavilion to include modern, user-friendly facilities and enhanced surrounding landscaping and car park improvements. Importantly the upgrade will also provide female-friendly facilities for the community and local clubs Frankston Pines Cricket Club and Pines Football Netball Club. Construction is expected to commence mid-2022, with completion scheduled for late-2023.

## Nat's track works completed

New sustainable lighting and landscaping works have now completed extensive improvement works at Nat's Track, with an official opening held on 3 May.

Council has previously invested significant funds to improve safety and amenity along the popular student thoroughfare, which joins Skye Rd in Karingal (near John Paul College) to Montere Secondary College in Frankston North. The track is bordered by Peninsula Kingswood Golf Club and Long Island National Golf Club. Peninsula Kingswood Golf Club and the National Golf Club also each replaced 100 metres of fencing along the track with the support of a \$20,000 Council

grant. Funding has also been provided to display artistic panels along the Track in the future.

The track has also been repaved to improve wheelchair and bicycle accessibility. Peninsula Kingswood Golf Club Caretaker, Brendan Day said improvements to the track had resulted in increased usage, adding: "It's great to see mums with kids in prams, families walking their dogs and more people on pushbikes." Council initiated the works following consultation and overwhelming community support, allocating \$185,000 for improvements at Nat's Track in the 2021-2022 Capital Works Program Budget.

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## Climate change community consultation

In the 2020 Community Climate Change Survey, our community told us that in relation to local climate change impacts, they are most concerned about:

- Loss of biodiversity, vegetation and habitat
- Sea level rise and coastal erosion
- Harsher and longer fire season and bushfires
- Extreme weather events
- More hot days and heatwave or drought

We are developing a new Climate Change Strategy and Action plan to help identify the risks, opportunities and priorities for Frankston City to reduce emissions and build resilience to climate change impacts for the benefit of the community, economy and the environment.

The voices of our community are highly valued and necessary for this project. Through active participation in the process, your voice can help shape Council's climate response. Council will be using your input to develop a variety of climate mitigation and adaptation measures. There will be multiple opportunities to get involved between now and September 2022, all of which can be found at our Engage Frankston website. Visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Saving the planet, one stamp at a time

Charli Evans

Australia Post has recently made a large step towards reducing waste in thousands of homes by introducing biodegradable mail pouches Australia-wide.

The mail pouches are water-resistant, tear-resistant and even better, biodegradable, which will contribute to the reduction of landfill. These mail bags are made of mostly plant-based materials such as PLA and a certified compostable material which is known as PBAT.

Pouch creators, Hero Packaging, designed the HEROPACKS and the padded HEROBUBBLES, which both feature a reusable strip for return-to-sender mail. These mailers can be composted at home, or sent back to Hero Packaging to be composted there. Hero Packaging has now sold over 5 million compostable packs and will continue to supply Australia Post as an alternative for hazardous single-use plastic. For more information, visit: [heropackaging.com.au](http://heropackaging.com.au)

Charli Evans is a Year 12 student at Frankston High. Having completed VCE physics as an accelerated subject Charli went on to graduate as a 2022 National Youth Science forum alum and is looking to go forward to a career in STEM communications.

## LED street light upgrade

Council has completed a \$1.73 million bulk street light upgrade throughout the Frankston municipality by replacing approximately 7,000 street lights on residential roads with energy efficient LEDs.

The new LED lights provide a higher quality of light, last longer and are between 44% and 55% more energy efficient than the T5 fluorescent lights they have replaced.

The project is expected to save Council and ratepayers around \$4 million in electricity and maintenance costs over the life of the lights, with the savings able to be redirected into other important services.

The new 17 watt and 13 watt LED lights will save an estimated 8,912 tonnes of

greenhouse gas emissions over the next 20 years (446 tonnes each year).

Council was the first local government authority in the United Energy distribution network to install the highly efficient 13.7 watt LED light by advocating to fast-track the approvals. Council successfully secured a \$394k financial rebate through the Victorian Government's Victorian Energy Upgrades program for replacing the old street lights. Including the rebate, the project cost was reduced to \$1.3 million and the estimated financial payback to 5.5 years.

The project is a key action of Council's Towards Zero Emissions Plan (2019-2023) and supports Council's climate emergency response.

## WEBINAR

Fungi, what are they doing in our bushlands?

Thursday 2 June, 7pm

With the drop in temperatures and increase in soil moisture that autumn brings, you may have begun to notice a range of fungal forms emerging within the environment. Fungi and mushrooms (fungal 'fruiting bodies')

abound with folklore, mystery and even fear. But what are they doing? Join Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher as she helps to unpack some of the mystery of how fungi are essential contributors to ecological health within our bushland areas.

Dr Sapphire has been involved in fungal research since the 1990s, and received her doctorate from The University of Tasmania. To register, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn)

For all the latest upgrades happening near you, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/MajorProjects](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/MajorProjects)



## Wonder What's On no more

Finding events in Frankston City just got a whole lot easier with the launch of Council's new What's On Frankston event hub. Embedded into the Discover Frankston website, the Hub has improved landing page features including:

- 'Not to be missed' featured events
  - 'What's on this weekend' to plan your weekend at a glance
  - The option to search by category, location or date
- As a user, you can:
- Mark events as 'favourites' and create your own event calendar
  - Set reminders for events you want to attend
  - Set alerts for events or areas of interest
  - Upload and promote your events for FREE

The Hub pulls content from multiple websites including EventBrite, Try Booking and Humanitix so you get to see more events from more genres



and in more locations. You will now be able to find major festivals and events, as well as live music in venues, community events, markets and fairs, art exhibitions, and also business events.

The Hub was developed following community and visitor consultation where we were told that users of the Discover Frankston website wanted to be able to see what's on right now as well as to explore a calendar of events for the year ahead. What's On Frankston gives you more content that you want, when you want it and is now live. Check it out: [whatsonfrankston.com](http://whatsonfrankston.com)



## Enjoy Australia's best street art tour experience, right here in Frankston

You've probably heard by now that Frankston's Street Art Walking Tours won GOLD in the 2021 Australian Street Art Awards for Best Street Art Tour.

Following the 2022 Big Picture Fest in March, the City is now home to over 50 murals, waiting to be discovered and these tours are the best way to see them all!

Led by knowledgeable local guides and with hot drink in hand, the 90

minute tours are a deep dive into the unique and inspiring artworks created by local, national and international artists. See how they have carefully re-created moments in history and childhood memories and left messages for future generations. Just \$15 per person, tours run weekly on either Saturday or Sunday during winter. Bookings are essential: [discoverfrankston.com](http://discoverfrankston.com) or phone 1300 322 842.

## Sunday Soirees at McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery



A new series of Sunday Soirée music performances will be held at McClelland on the first Sunday of every month, 2-4pm, featuring professional performers from across Victoria.

To be held in the Sarah & Baillieu Myer Education Pavilion at McClelland, the Sunday Soirées will be a great way to enjoy an afternoon where art and music will come together with a selection of house made food and locally produced wines.

### Evergreen Ensemble 5 June

The luxuriant Evergreen Ensemble effortlessly intertwines folk music with art music.

### Eddie and the Fast Boys 3 July

Eddie and the Fast Boys take us on a hilarious genre-defying joyride of storytelling through song.

### Wattleseed Ensemble 7 August

The ambrosial Wattleseed Ensemble catapults their Baroque string instruments from ancient cathedrals into the 21st Century and beyond.

For more dates and to book your tickets now: [mcclellandgallery.com/programsandevents](http://mcclellandgallery.com/programsandevents)

### We love receiving feedback from our diverse community!

You may have seen Council's Advocacy and Engagement teams out and about in the community recently, chatting with locals on a variety of projects.

This has included a marquee at the popular Waterfront Festival in February, a family-friendly event at Sandfield Reserve including our Youth Services What Bus, free coffee, face painting and our local Frankston and Carrum Downs Police Officers playing basketball with local youth, as well as a pop-up event at the Hoyts Cinema Forecourt on Wells Street.

By engaging with us, you can help shape projects that impact you. By sharing what you value about your local neighbourhood, so we can include different people's views, experiences and expertise in Council decisions. All part of Our Next Chapter: supporting a Progressive & Engaged City.



## Advocating for Frankston's future

In the lead up to the federal election in May and the state election in November this year, our Advocacy Team has been raising awareness of Council's top advocacy priority projects that we're seeking contributions from federal and state governments.

Council has developed robust plans and costings and is advocating for funding towards delivering the following key projects:

- Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Stadium
- Pines Forest Aquatic Centre redevelopment
- Sandfield Reserve Precinct Revitalisation
- Frankston Regional Arts Trail
- Nepean Highway Precinct Revitalisation
- Improved Recycled Water Capital

Here's some feedback we've received from local residents of all ages on why they believe these projects are important:

**"All kids should be able to play sports and have the best facilities available to them"** Frankston Basketball and Gymnastics Facility

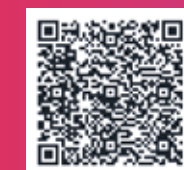
**"I love playgrounds they are so fun"** Sandfield Reserve Precinct Revitalisation

**"My child goes there all the time and would love to have more to do and be able to learn to swim"** Pines Forest Aquatic Centre redevelopment

To learn more about our advocacy, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy)

### How you can get involved

- Familiarise yourself with our projects
- Share with your friends and family
- Sign up to our eNewsletter to receive regular updates
- Tell your local Members of Parliament and candidates that these projects are important to you.



Visit [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code



## Engagement

Community engagement is essential for an informed, active community. Your feedback helps shape decisions in your local neighbourhood and the wider municipality.

You may have recently seen us out and about in the community talking about the following projects:

- Coastal and Marine Management
- Safe Community Strategy and Policy
- Seaford Wetlands

In July 2021, Council launched a dedicated consultation tool [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

We recently undertook deliberative engagement on the Safe Community Policy and draft Asset Plan with the Mini Frankston City representative group. This group of residents provide regular feedback on key projects and issues. The group consists of over 500 Frankston City residents aged 15 and over, from all backgrounds and suburbs who share ideas and feedback.

Our Engagement Team are actively seeking your input to influence and shape our projects. Check out what else is open for community feedback, visit: [engage.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au)

To date, we have consulted on 66 projects, with over 47,000 visitors and an incredible 8,641 items of feedback.





### Enjoy a FREE personal training session in Beauty Park — any time that suits you!

Get ready to get fit and enjoy the great outdoors with a personal training session tailored to the equipment at Beauty Park — available at your convenience. We've installed a QR code at the Beauty Park exercise station that links to a PARC guided video, featuring award winning personal trainer Pru, who will guide you through the circuit to help make the most of your workout. It's just one way we're working towards a healthy and safe community.

## Sprucing up Seaford and Stiebel Lane

**Council, in partnership with the Victorian Government is funding activation grants to bring Stiebel Lane and Seaford's Nepean Highway shopping strip to life.**

Council is offering a range of different grants in 2022, in partnership with the Victorian Government, to support businesses put their best foot forward. It's Council's largest pool of business grant funding on record, as Council supports businesses impacted by rolling lockdowns.

As part of this funding round we are looking at two specific locations in Frankston, Stiebel Lane and Seaford's Nepean Highway shopping strip – two highly visible parts of Frankston with lots of opportunity to improve.

"There's lots of scope to make this a more inviting, pedestrian friendly part of the city and our urban design team is already investigating lighting options as well as street art. We can also do our bit by supporting retailers to improve their presentation and activation on Stiebel Lane whether that's new awnings, servery hatches or signage," Mayor Nathan Conroy said.

Between Frankston's iconic Seaford Beach and Seaford Train Station, lies Seaford's Nepean Highway shopping strip. This highly visible and popular tourist destination will also benefit from Council and Victorian Government funding.

"Seaford Beach is a popular destination for local and visitors alike with its crystal-clear waters, architecturally



designed Lifesaving Club and excellent transport connections," the Mayor said. Read the full story: [frankston.vic.gov.au/SprucingUpSeaford](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/SprucingUpSeaford)

All part of Our Next Chapter: creating Well-Planned & Liveable Cities, for the 2021–2025 Council Plan and Budget. For more information about Council's economic development program, including grants and support for businesses, contact Invest Frankston's Business Concierge: Phone: 1300 322 322, email: [businessconciierge@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:businessconciierge@frankston.vic.gov.au) or visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessGrants](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/BusinessGrants)

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## Council advocates for arts and sculpture trail from Frankston to Langwarrin

**Council is seeking to partner with the State and Federal Governments to deliver an immersive arts and cultural experience trail from Frankston Foreshore to McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery, Langwarrin.**

Mayor Nathan Conroy said the 7.4km immersive arts and cultural trail, along the popular Baxter Trail shared user path, will connect to existing regional cycling and nature trails.

Key features of the project include:

- Enhancing the existing Baxter Trail shared user path from Frankston Foreshore, following the Stony Point Rail Line past Frankston Hospital (Peninsula Health), Monash University Peninsula Campus and recreation reserves, finishing at McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery
- Pathway rehabilitation and improvements, including a

pedestrian crossing opposite McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery (west side of McClelland Drive, Langwarrin) and new pathway connection to Bunarong Park

- Installation of nine sculptures and three murals, complementing six existing public sculptures
- Boosting local recreation, tourism and arts experiences while improving health outcomes and economic viability of the Frankston City arts and culture sector
- Connections to Jubilee Park, Ballam Park, Bunarong Park and Cruden Farm

Mayor Conroy said: "The project is costed at \$6 million and we're seeking equal contributions of \$2 million from both the State and Federal Governments with Council also contributing \$2 million. Residents told us they love the arts, how its transforming Frankston and that

they're enthusiastic for an arts trail – we've listened and that's why we're calling on the State and Federal Governments to partner with us to deliver this exciting project."

McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery Director, Lisa Byrne, said: "The Arts Trail is an amazing opportunity to link the existing vibrancy of the arts and culture offerings across the municipality. It will grow participation through actively engaging the local community and visitors to walk, scoot, e-bike or use their mobility vehicles.

Cruden Farm Executive Director, Daniel Sinclair Johnson, said: "Cruden Farm is an incredibly passionate supporter of the Arts Trail project. We are extremely excited by the proposal and believe it will enhance the community by linking places of cultural and artistic significance together delivering immeasurable benefits.



Mayor Nathan Conroy, McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery Director, Lisa Byrne, and Cruden Farm Executive Director, Daniel Sinclair Johnson, at Cruden Farm.

For more information about Frankston City Council's advocacy program and to register for regular updates, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/Advocacy)



## Want to get involved in Council's major events?

**Expression of interest for involvement in Council-run major events for the 2022/2023 season open on Wednesday 1 June.**

Events include Pets' Day Out, Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights, The Waterfront Festival, Party in the Park and more. To provide a range of experiences for everyone

to enjoy, we want to hear from you, whether you are a stallholder, performer, community group, demonstration or activity. Applications close on Friday 1 July. To apply and for more information visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/GetInvolvedinCouncilEvents](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/GetInvolvedinCouncilEvents)



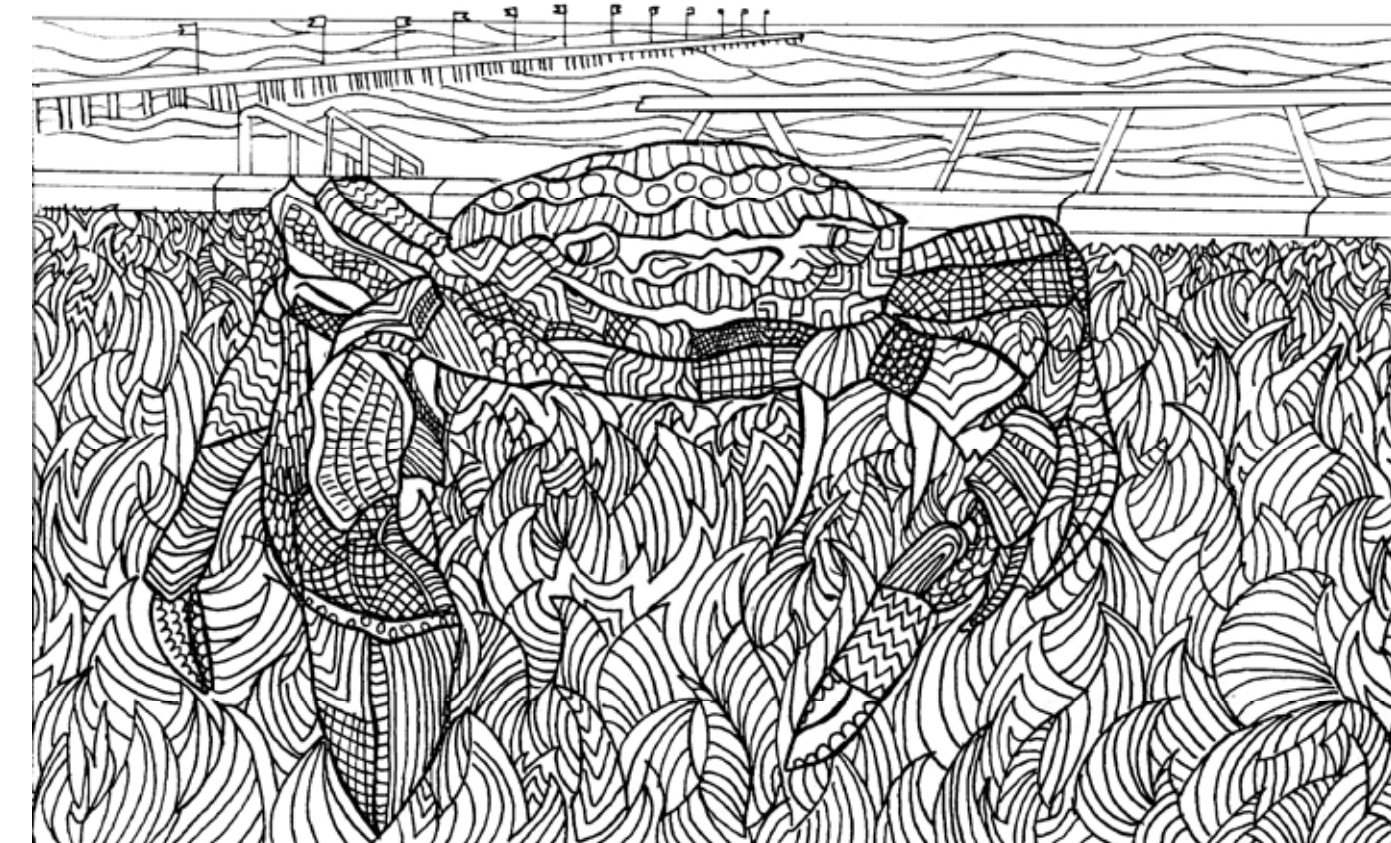
## Winter wanders at Cruden Farm

**The future of Cruden Farm is not possible without the support of the general public — our visitors. Every time you take a garden to wander or book a garden tour, it all helps keep Cruden Farm alive for everyone to enjoy.**

Once a month on a Sunday, Cruden Farm welcomes people to take a tour or just come for the day and have a leisurely stroll around the gardens and farm. You are welcome to bring a picnic.

Tickets for the Garden Tour must be pre-purchased. The next Sunday opening at the farm will be Sunday 19 June. Cruden Farm is also open throughout the year from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), 10am–4 pm. Visitors are welcome to meander around the magnificent property and enjoy the fruits of Dame Elisabeth's 80 years of horticultural endeavour. To book, visit: [crudenfarm.com.au/tickets](https://crudenfarm.com.au/tickets)

## Colouring in fun



Laura is a Frankston-based high school student pursuing legal and political studies. She is passionate about encouraging the connection between mental health promotion and understanding and celebrating creativity, believing in the role of mindfulness to anchor us in our passions and express our individuality. She designed this piece to convey her appreciation for our beautiful city.



## Meals on Wheels needs you

**Meals on Wheels is a vital service provided by Council for eligible senior and disabled residents providing nourishing meals five days a week.**

This service is run by seven staff with the assistance of 150 Meals on Wheels volunteers but they are always looking for an extra set of hands. Volunteers assist with food preparation, kitchen hygiene, meal packaging and delivery of meals to residents. To register your interest, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/MealsonWheels](https://frankston.vic.gov.au/MealsonWheels)





# Campaigning for gender equality in sports

**Frankston's new 'Gender Inclusive Sporting Club Toolkit' has been developed to assist clubs in evaluating how welcoming and inclusive their club is for women and girls.**

Providing details of the resources available to help integrate positive change, the tool assists by identifying key actions clubs can undertake to implement small but powerful changes on the path towards equality.

Creating a safe space of equal opportunity in sports benefits the community on many levels. Advocating gender equality in all aspects of the club provides better health outcomes for a greater amount of people, improving individuals' physical and mental wellbeing as well as providing a means for important social connection. Women and

girls are engaged not just as participants, but as leaders, encouraging more dynamic sports organisations and increasing the representation of women in leadership positions such as coaches, umpires, officials and committee board members.

Increasing gender representation directly benefits clubs as well. With larger and more diverse circles, they can enjoy membership growth and greater spectator numbers.

Club committees are encouraged to use the toolkit which includes a 'Self-Assessment Tool', an 'Action Plan Template' and 'Supportive Resource' to identify their current strengths and weaknesses and highlight potential areas of improvement. For more information, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/SportingClubToolkit](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/SportingClubToolkit)

## Enjoying our shared spaces responsibly

**Frankston City has more than 30 free roam areas for your dog to enjoy some off leash exercise.**

As many of these areas include local sporting fields, Council requires all owners to ensure pets are kept away from and remain on-leash within 10 metres of sporting fields in use. Please also remember to pick up after your dog at all times. There have been instances

where dogs have run on to the field while a sporting match is under way and this unfortunately not only interrupts the game but can endanger players and pets. Let's all remember that these are shared spaces there to be enjoyed by all. For more information on free roam areas and other animal regulations, visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals](http://frankston.vic.gov.au/Animals)



## Fancy a game of basketball?

Signing up with Active Basketball is a fun and friendly way to keep healthy. We play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Monash Peninsula and we always have space for new teams to join in! If you have a few friends you'd like to play basketball with, we'd love to get you connected. Check out the vibe on our socials @the.active.hub or get in touch with us at [basketball@gateway.asn.au](mailto:basketball@gateway.asn.au) — we'll see you on the courts!



## Souths celebrate 50 golden years of rugby

**The Southern Districts Rugby Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2022!**

Formed back in 1972, the club was originally named 'Skye Frankston Rugby Club' and played its first games in Lyndhurst in a field off Frankston-Dandenong Road. Relocating over the years, the club settled in the 1990s to their current grounds at Riviera Reserve, Seaford, where they've been playing strong ever since. Colloquially known as the 'Souths' or 'Southern Pirates', the club still proudly wear their original colours of blue and gold, dating back to the very first set of

jerseys the club had, which were an old set of Parramatta jumpers. The rugby club now has over 250 members with nine teams, ranging from U7 juniors to seniors and masters, including U14 and U16 girls teams. New members are always welcome!

The club would love to hear from any old members, players or supporters to help celebrate an upcoming club day and gala dinner later in the year. For more information, go to: [southerndistrictsrugby.club](http://southerndistrictsrugby.club) or contact: 0402 744 353

To keep up to date with local sports project milestones, follow @FrankstonCityCouncil or visit: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)