



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Special Meeting 2020/SP1

Wednesday 13 May 2020

Being held at Frankston Arts Centre
cnr Young & Davey Streets, Frankston

In accordance with the Minister's Good Practice Guidelines, from 1 May 2020 until 1 November 2020, Councils can conduct virtual meetings which must be streamed live through its website. Frankston City will continue to stream its Ordinary and Special Meetings.

During 1 May 2020 to 1 November 2020, all meetings will be closed to the public. If circumstances change, updates will be provided.

Verbal Submissions

If you have registered or intend to register to speak to an item on the Council Meeting Agenda, speakers now only have the option of making a verbal submission via telephone. Officers will make contact and the speaker will be greeted by the Chair who will invite the speaker to make their verbal submission.

There are no changes to the limit on speakers i.e. the limit is still a maximum of 10 speakers and it will be at the discretion of the Chair, if further speakers are permitted. Speakers still have 3 minutes to address Council, with the exception of S223 submitters who will receive 5 minutes.

Questions with/without notice

If you wish to submit questions with or without notice, the same timeframes apply. It is strongly encouraged to submit questions via email or on-line by the specified timeframes. If you still prefer to submit these in person, a box will be placed at the front entrance in the Civic Centre only. It should be noted that the questions, including responses will not be read by the CEO at the Council Meeting. All questions will be taken on notice and a written response will be provided within 5-7 business days.

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<https://www.facebook.com/FrankstonCityCouncil>



THE COUNCIL MEETING

Welcome to this Meeting of the Frankston City Council

The Council appreciates residents, ratepayers and other visitors taking their places in the Public Gallery, as attendance demonstrates an interest in your Council and community affairs. Community spirit is encouraged.

This information sheet is designed to help you to understand the procedures of Council and help you to gain maximum value from your attendance.

The law regarding the conduct of Council meetings enables the public to observe the session. However, to ensure the manageability of Council meetings, opportunities for public participation are limited to Question Time and registered submissions in accordance with Council's guidelines, which are available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au. It is not possible for any visitor to participate in any Council debate unless specifically requested by the Chairperson to do so.

If you would like to have contact with Councillors or Officers, arrangements can be made for you to do so separately to the meeting. Call the Councillors Office on 9768 1632 and ask for the person you would like to meet with, to arrange a time of mutual convenience.

When are they held?

Generally speaking, the Council meets formally every three (3) weeks on a Monday and meetings start at 7.00 pm, unless advertised otherwise. **The Ordinary Meeting 2020/OM4 has been moved to the Frankston Arts Centre, Cnr Young & Davy Streets, Frankston due to the COVID-19 crisis and to support the State/Federal Government directive to adhere to social distancing.**

Council meeting dates are posted in the Davey Street and Young Street entrances to the Civic Centre (upper level) and also on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Governance Local Law No. 1 – Meeting Procedure

34. Chair's Duty

Any motion which is determined by the Chair to be:

- (1) *defamatory of or embarrassing to any Councillor, member of Council staff or other person;*
- (2) *abusive or objectionable in language or nature;*
- (3) *a direct negative of the question before the Chair;*
- (4) *vague or unclear in intention;*
- (5) *outside the powers of Council; or*
- (6) *irrelevant to the item of business on the agenda and has not been admitted as Urgent Business, or purports to be an amendment but is not,*

must not be accepted by the Chair.

88. Chair May Remove

- (1) *The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction, or cause the removal of any object or material that is deemed by the Chair as being objectionable or disrespectful.*
- (2) *Any person removed from the meeting under sub-clause 0 must not return to the meeting without the approval of the Chair or Council.*

It is intended that this power be exercisable by the Chair, without the need for any Council resolution. The Chair may choose to order the removal of a person whose actions immediately threaten the stability of the meeting or wrongly threatens his or her authority in chairing the meeting.

The Penalty for an offence under this clause is 2 penalty units which is \$200

Live Streaming of Council Meetings

Frankston City Council is now Live Streaming its Council Meetings.

During the COVID-19 crisis, Council is strongly encouraging residents to view the meetings via the live streaming.

Live Streaming allows you to watch and listen to the meeting in real time, giving you greater access to Council decision making and debate and improving openness and transparency.

There are three (3) fixed cameras in the Council Chambers and it is intended that the cameras will only provide vision of the Councillors who are present at the meeting.

Every care will be taken to maintain privacy and as far as practically possible, it is not intended that there be either live or recorded footage of the public or Media personnel, however, there might be incidental capture; for example footage of a person exiting the building depending on which camera is being used at the time, or audio recording of a person who interjects the meeting. Council officers who address Council will be heard on the live audio stream, and audio of them speaking will be recorded.

Archives of meetings will be published on Council's website generally within three (3) business days after the meeting date for the public's future reference. Council will make every reasonable effort to ensure that a live stream and recording is available. However technical difficulties may arise in relation to live streaming or access to Council's website.

Appropriate signage will be placed at the entrance to the meeting location notifying all attendees that the meeting will be streamed live and recorded.

It is not intended that public speakers will be visible in a live stream of a meeting. Cameras are to be positioned so that these members of the public are not visible. If you do not wish to be recorded you will need to contact the Councillors Office on telephone (03) 9768 1632 or via email councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options prior to the meeting.

The Formal (Ordinary) Meeting Agenda

The Council meeting agenda is available for public inspection immediately after it is prepared, which is normally on the Thursday afternoon four (4) clear days before the meeting. It is available from the Reception desk at the Civic Centre (upper level), on our website www.frankston.vic.gov.au or a copy is also available for you in the chamber before the meeting.

The following information is a summary of the agenda and what each section means:-

- **Items Brought Forward**

These are items for discussion that have been requested to be brought forward by a person, or a group of people, who have a particular item on the Agenda and who are present in the Public Gallery.

- **Presentation of Written Questions from the Gallery**

Question Time forms are available from the Civic Centre and our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions with Notice” are to be submitted before 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person at the Frankston Civic Centre, online using the Question Time web form or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions without Notice” are to be submitted between 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting up until 4pm on the day of the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person via the designated Question Time box located at the Frankston Civic Centre front reception or the after-hours mail box or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

A maximum of 3 questions may be submitted by any one person at one meeting. There is no opportunity to enter into debate from the Gallery.

More detailed information about the procedures for Question Time is available from Council’s Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

- **Presentation of Petitions and Joint Letters**

These are formal requests to the Council, signed by a number of people and drawing attention to matters of concern to the petitioners and seeking remedial action from the Council. Petitions received by Councillors and presented to a Council meeting are usually noted at the meeting, then a report is prepared for consideration at the next available meeting.

- **Presentation of Reports**

Matters requiring a Council decision are dealt with through officer reports brought before the Council for consideration. When dealing with each item, as with all formal meeting procedures, one Councillor will propose a motion and another Councillor will second the motion before a vote is taken. If the members of the public wish to clarify any of the items on the Agenda, please contact the relevant manager by phoning 1300 322 322.

- **Presentation of Delegate Reports**

A Councillor or member of Council staff who is a delegate may present to Council on the deliberations of the external body, association, group or working party in respect of which he or she is a delegate or an attendee at a Council approved conference / seminar.

- **Urgent Business**

These are matters that Councillors believe require attention and action by Council. Before an item can be discussed, there must be a decision, supported by the majority of Councillors present, for the matter to be admitted as “Urgent Business”.

- **Closed Meetings**

The Council Meeting cont.....

Because of the sensitive nature of some matters, such as personnel issues, contractual matters or possible legal action, these matters are dealt with confidentially at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity to address Council

Any person who wishes to address Council must pre-register their intention to speak before 4.00pm on the day of the meeting, by telephoning Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) or by submitting the online web form or by using the application form both available on the website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

The submissions process is conducted in accordance with guidelines which are available from Council's Councillors Office and on our website. All submissions will be limited to 3 minutes in duration, except for Section 223 submitters, who have a maximum of 5 minutes. No more than ten (10) members of the public are to be permitted to address the Council. Further speakers will be permitted to address the meeting at the discretion of the Chair. All speakers need to advise if they are speaking on behalf of an organisation and it is deemed that they have been appropriately authorised by that said organisation.

Public submissions and any subsequent discussion will be recorded as part of the meeting, and audio recordings of Council meetings will be made available to members of the public. If a submitter does not wish to be recorded, they must advise the Chair at the commencement of their public submission.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

If a Councillor considers that they have, or might reasonably be perceived to have, a direct or indirect interest in a matter before the Council or a special committee of Council, they will declare their interest and clearly state its nature before the matter is considered. This will be done on every occasion that the matter is considered by the Council or special committee.

If a Councillor has an interest in a matter they will comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, which may require that they do not move or second the motion and that they leave the room in which the meeting is being held during any vote on the matter and not vote on the matter.

If a Councillor does not intend to be at the meeting, he or she will disclose the nature of the interest to the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor or Chairperson prior to the meeting commencing.

MAYOR



NOTICE PAPER

ALL COUNCILLORS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Council will be held at the Frankston Arts Centre, Cnr Davey and Young Streets, Frankston, on 13 May 2020 at 7.00pm.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- *Based on the individual merits of each item;*
- *Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and*
- *Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.*

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

OPENING WITH PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of Frankston City. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We respectfully acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong in this special place now known by its European name, Frankston. We recognise the contribution of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our community in the past, present and into the future.

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2020-20212

5. LATE REPORTS

Nil

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Phil Cantillon

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

11/05/2020



Executive Summary

4.1 Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021

Enquiries: (Nicole Auchettl: Chief Financial Office)

Council Plan

Community Outcome:	4. A Well Managed City
Strategy:	4.3 Resources
Priority Action	4.3.1 Continue to maintain a financially sustainable Council by advocating for operational grant funding from other tiers of Government to deliver services required by the community, ensure funding decisions are based on Council's priorities, seek alternative revenue sources and ensure the operations of Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre are financially sustainable

Purpose

To provide information to the hearing of submissions regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget for consideration prior to its adoption.

Recommendation (Chief Financial Office)

That Council:

1. Notes the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act* 1989, and that 17 written submissions were received;
2. Notes six (6) people have registered to speak via telephone at this meeting in support of their written submission; and
3. Notes a report to formally adopt the 2020/2021 Annual Budget will be presented to Council at its meeting on 1 June 2020.

Key Points / Issues

- At its Ordinary Meeting of 30 March 2020, Council resolved to commence the statutory process to make the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget available for public comment.
- A public notice was placed in The Age and on Council's website on Saturday 4 April 2020 inviting public submissions and stating that Council will consider all written and verbal submissions at its Special Meeting held on 13 May 2020.
- At the time of writing this report, Council has received seventeen (17) written submissions and six (6) have confirmed that they wish to address Council at the Special Meeting scheduled on Wednesday 13 May 2020. A copy of the written submissions are attached as Supporting Information to the Agenda. Should Council receive any further submissions, these will be distributed under separate cover.
- The proposed/amended 2020-2021 Annual Budget will be presented to Council for adoption at its Ordinary Meeting held on 1 June 2020.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications with this report.

4.1 Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021

Executive Summary**Consultation****1. External Stakeholders**

At its Ordinary Meeting on 30 March 2020, Council resolved to advertise its proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget seeking submissions from interested parties. A hearing of submitters meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 13 May 2020 to consider submissions and to hear from any person or organisation wishing to be heard in support of their written submission.

Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget

Seventeen (17) written submissions were received with six (6) submitters requesting to be heard to support their submission at the meeting scheduled on Wednesday, 13 May 2020.

Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget	Issue	Request to be heard? (5 Minutes)
Submission 1	Ms. Ngoc Huynh Rate cut and interest waive on overdue accounts for Commercial Properties	No
Submission 2	Ms. Kristy Robinson Requesting one basketball ring at Granite Drive Park in Langwarrin	No
Submission 3	Ms. Melanie Attard Climate change	No
Submission 4	Mr. Ian Smith Belvedere Bowls Club extension	No
Submission 5	Ms. Joan Cavanagh Frankston Yacht Club fit-out for the accommodation of the Frankston Coast Guard Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Management Plan Implementation, design and upgrade of beach access at Armstrong's Road, Seaford foreshore • Moon and fairy light trail • Seaford Foreshore Activation Project • Kananook Creek Arboretum • Coastal Management Plan Foreshore Signage and Pathway Implementation • FOSS Implementation Oliver's Hill Landscape and Lookout Plan, Frankston South 	No

4.1 Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021

Executive Summary

Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget	Issue	Request to be heard? (5 Minutes)
Submission 6	Mr. Michael Crowder Removal of the differential rate for industrial and commercial sites	No
Submission 7	Mr. Geoffrey Crowder Various issues – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising rate increases for all rate payers. • Landfill levy • Frankston Yacht Club • Frankston Coast Guard • Industrial Land rezoning/ Land Use Strategy 	No
Submission 8	Mr. Alex Rose Care package for support of COVID-19 - financial relief packages	No
Submission 9	Mr. Jeff Svigos Pat Rollo Reserve pavilion - upgrade Eric Bell Reserve pavilion – upgrade	No
Submission 10	Mr. Ron Crosling Care package for support of COVID-19 and Theodora's Cheerful Givers	Yes
Submission 11	Ms. Ginevra Hosking Removal of the differential rate for industrial and commercial sites	Yes
Submission 12	Mr. Larry Muston Upgrade and improvements to facilities, lighting and courts for Carrum Downs Tennis Club	Yes
Submission 13	Mr. Tony Cooper RF Miles Recreation Reserve – Capital Contribution	Yes
Submission 14	Mr. Iain Finlayson Upgrade and improvements to Ballam Park Athletic Facility	Yes
Submission 15	Mr. Robert Thurley Frankston Music Festival	Yes

4.1 Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021**Executive Summary**

Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget	Issue	Request to be heard? (5 Minutes)
Submission 16	Mr. James Willmore Redevelopment of areas that were used for the level crossing removal on Skye Road Frankston	TBA
Submission 17	Ms. Angela Cursio Provision of indent parking on Gardenia Crescent and Silver Avenue in Frankston North	TBA

2. Other Stakeholders

The Executive Management Team has been consulted in the lead up to the preparation of the 2020-2021 Annual Budget. Council's Audit and Risk Committee will be provided with a copy of the documents at their next scheduled meeting.

Analysis (Environmental / Economic / Social Implications)

Economic implications in regards to this report are detailed under Section 'Financial Implications' above. The 2020-2021 Annual Budget allocates significant resources to the implementation of the Council Plans Key Community Outcomes.

The 2020-2021 Annual Budget recognises the leadership role Council has within the community to actively promote sound environmental outcomes and to facilitate other levels of government and the community to act in a similar vein.

The 2020-2021 Annual Budget contains financial resourcing for a wide range of programs that deliver important community services to the Frankston community. The 2020-2021 Annual Budget is based on the principle of maintaining services that are presently available to the community with some minor service growth to meet service demands.

Legal / Policy / Council Plan ImpactCharter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to the content of the report.

Legal

The proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Policy Impacts

Nil.

Officer's Declaration of Interests

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Risk Mitigation

There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

4.1 Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021**Executive Summary****Conclusion**

The draft 2020/2021 Annual Budget has been advertised and 17 written submission has been received. Six (6) of the submitters have requested the opportunity to speak to Council regarding their submission.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A:	↓	Submission 1
Attachment B:	↓	Submission 2
Attachment C:	↓	Submission 3
Attachment D:	↓	Submission 4
Attachment E:	↓	Submission 5
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Attachment P:	↓	Submission 16
Attachment Q:	↓	Submission 17

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Ngoc Huynh

Comment: Please have a council rate cut and late interest waive for the overdue or late payment for this period of time especially to the commercial property such as restaurant. They are forced to be closed and out of business and no income therefore unable to pay.

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Kristy Robinson

Comment: Basketball ring x 1 at granite Drive park in Granite Drive Langwarrin I've recently been through a cancer battle and need to keep fit I can't play on the equipment because I'm 37 years old I live in a unit so no room to put a basketball ring I take my niece's to this playground it's right near my house but I have nothing to do except sit and watch

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Melanie Attard

Comment: Hi there, I see climate change as the biggest threat facing the planet and humanity. Science has proven this. We need to direct a large percentage of funds to tackling climate change urgently. We can also create many jobs in this sector, so financially this can be a sound proposal. We need to protect and invest in - our native habitats and green spaces -slow and halt development in fossil fuel and animal agriculture industries -protect and encourage native wildlife -create and support green jobs -support and enhance local community living -education around climate change and environmental protection - more events to encourage business and residents to halut and ultimately revers climate change -lobby state and federal governments to take swift and decisive action to halt and reverse climate change, and too protect our forests,reserves, waterways and wildlife from logging and mining Thank you Regards Melanie Attard

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Belvedere Bowls Club Inc

Comment:

The budget provision for the upgrading and extension to the clubhouse at the Belvedere Bowls Club is a really worthy project that will not only improve the amenities for all members but will provide a significant upgrade to facilities for our female members and guests that will lead to increased participation in the club's sporting and social activities. The increased floor space will allow the club to maximise social activities such as when all greens are used for bowling and croquet competition events and other activities including meetings and barefoot bowls. The Councillors are to be commended for including this project in the 2020/21 budget and we look forward to the commencement of this "shovel ready" project once the budget is approved. Ian Smith Treasurer On behalf of the Board and Members of the Belvedere Bowls Club Inc.



Frankston Beach Association Inc.

Preserving the beach for all to use

28th April 2020

Mr Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer
Frankston City Council
PO Box 450
Frankston Vic 3199

Dear Phil

Proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021

The Committee of the Frankston Beach Association, at its April meeting, discussed the Frankston City Council proposed Annual Budget 2020-2021 and Capital Works Program and seeks further information and clarification on the following proposed expenditures.

- Frankston Yacht Club fit-out for the accommodation of the Frankston Coast Guard

At the 14 October 2019 Council meeting, Council resolved to commit \$400,000 to the 2020/21 budget from the Strategic Reserve to undertake fit out and associated building works to the first floor of the Frankston Yacht Club facility to provide permanent accommodation for the Frankston Coast Guard at the Frankston Yacht Club facility subject to an appropriate occupancy agreement and approvals.

Can you please provide a summary of the proposed works to explain the costing increase to \$1.5 million in the proposed budget 2020/21?

We also seek further detail on each of the following items or alternatively a direction as to where this can be viewed.

- Coastal Management Plan Implementation, design and upgrade of beach access at Armstrongs Road, Seaford foreshore **\$154,000**
- Moon and fairy light trail **\$110,000**
- Seaford Foreshore Activation Project **\$ 40,000**
- Kananook Creek Arboretum **\$526,000**
- Coastal Management Plan• Foreshore Signage and Pathway Implementation **\$ 19,000**
- FOSS Implementation Olivers Hill Landscape and Lookout Plan, Frankston South **\$ 50,000**

We look forward to your response
Many thanks and kind regards

Joan Cavanagh
Secretary FBA Inc



4th May 2020

Mr. Phil Cantillon - CEO
Frankston City Council
30 Davey Street
Frankston VIC 3199

By email to: Phil Cantillon info@frankston.vic.gov.au
All Councillors councillors@frankston.vic.gov.au
Wil Scully info@frankston.vic.gov.au

Dear Sirs,

Subject: 2020/21 Frankston City Council - Draft Budget

Further to previous recommendations we write in respect to the 20/21 Frankston City Council Draft Budget. In particular, we object to Council applying a 25% surcharge on Commercial Industrial properties.

We object on the following grounds: -

1. It is unjust and unfair in the current COVID-19 climate to impose an additional 25% surcharge. Which last year raised the Council an additional \$2.7m (approx.) in rates. At a time when businesses are going broke at a rate not seen since the great depression.
2. Council do not provide a waste function IE Commercial/Industrial owners pay for their own bins.
3. The Commercial/Industrial owners cannot afford the additional burden placed on them based on the ill conceived idea they can afford same.
4. The Council have applied the levy on the basis that C&I owners can claim Council rates as a tax deduction. Why then are Residential Investors not charged the same levy. They can similarly claim the Council Rates as a tax deduction.
5. Councils differential rate is applied to promote the economic development of the CAD. All rate payers benefit from a healthy thriving CAD. Not only business owners and tenants.
6. The Council seven (7) years ago extended the differential rate to include the Industrial areas. In 7 years not one cent has been spent in capital works despite the fact the Councils own Rate Strategy document saying "Industrial businesses are expected to be the beneficiaries of ongoing significant investment." There hasn't been any and nor is there going to be any according to this year's draft budget.
7. We are not advocating for residential rates to increase to offset the lost revenue. To the contrary we want the Council to reduce costs.

8. Council officers have advised Councilors time and time again that the cost of providing services is increasing faster than your revenue base (66% Rates) and your ability to deliver services in the future is going to be severely restricted, and yet this Council goes against (not only) the advice of your own Council officers but also your highly paid consultants to even consider their recommendation which was to investigate the rezoning of Greenwedge land at Carrum Downs to Industrial increasing your revenue base and future proofing our children and grand children's future employment opportunities.
9. The Federal and State Government has legislated that Commercial owners must pass on any savings they receive in reductions of municipal rates to their tenants. The strong inference being that Council will reduce rates and those rates reductions can be passed onto tenants.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Crowder
Director
Nichols Crowder Property Solutions

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Alex Rose

Comment:

I believe overall and community support should be the priority. People's jobs and livelihoods have been affected and a great deal of focus should be placed on financial relief packages (rate fee relief packages, etc). It would be premature to assume this pandemic would go away when there is extremely uncertainty. We cannot view this pandemic similar to any of the past as they have all been different with different durations.

4th May 2020

Phil Cantillon - CEO
Frankston City Council
30 Davey Street
Frankston Vic 3199

By email to: Phil Cantillon info@frankston.vic.gov.au
All Councillors councillors@frankston.vic.gov.au
Wil Scully info@frankston.vic.gov.au

Dear Sir,

Re: Draft Budget 2020/21

Total Revenue	-	\$197.96 million
Total Staff	-	850
Employee Costs	-	\$80.957 million
CEO's Office	-	\$3.778 million
Consultants	-	\$2.292 million
Finance & Legal	-	\$754,000
Conferences, Seminars, Training	-	\$896,000
Total Borrowings	-	\$30.733 million, Interest \$1.487 million (4.5%)
\$9.39 million	-	to stimulate activity in the Municipality through events, festivals, arts and libraries.
Footpaths & Bicycle Paths	-	\$1.99 million
\$13.84 million	-	Provision of indoor/outdoor Aquatic Centres. "Key Projects" include 7 new sporting pavilions plus \$2.95 million addition to rectification work by the Level Crossing Authority and Grant Funding (Total \$7.9million) on the R.F. Miles Reserve.
Evelyn Park	-	\$650,000
Centenary Park Tennis Centre upgrade	-	\$2.8 million
Belvedere Bowls Club building extension	-	\$2.3 million

That is a quick snapshot of the Draft Budget and I make the following comments:-

1. In the current economic and social climate, where there is massive emotional and financial stress, Council should look to minimise the amount of Rates for all of our Ratepayers. If that means looking at staff numbers and deferring more low priority projects, then surely that must be done. In the revised Budget only \$205,000 has been taken out of the Capital Works Programme. There is no reason why total Revenue should not be held below the current \$197.96 million to enable a small reduction in rates.
2. Land Fill Levy. It is noted that State Government Land Fill Levy has increased from \$28 per tonne to \$66 over the last 5 years and will almost double to \$126 in 2 years time. In addition to that, Ratepayers are paying \$21.74 million for waste management at the Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre. It would be good to know how much our Ratepayers are contributing to Government, and exactly what they are doing for it. A 91% increase over the next 2 years to be levied on all Ratepayers in Victoria, will amount to an extraordinary sum, and needs explanation. Are our Ratepayers paying council and the State Government for the same thing?
3. The Frankston Yacht Club is an absolute scandal, and whilst the mantra might be openness with Ratepayers, there has been none. So again I ask for the disclosure of all amounts paid by Ratepayers, starting at the original estimate of approx. \$5.5 million, right through to the present time where I believe it has more than doubled and still going. An inappropriate design for purpose which has led to it being vacant for more than 3 years, various prospective tenancies fallen through because of layout and the cost to make it fit for purpose, culminating in the latest attempt to lease the ground floor at \$40,000 per annum with 3 months rent free. \$100,000 per annum was budgeted for Annual Maintenance of the rough sawn timber exterior, I also believe it is a combustible material that has to be replaced, if not already done. The Buck has to stop somewhere. It is either the Architects who didn't have the faintest idea of design and layout, consultants engaged by Council, or Councillors who recommended and signed off on the project without taking reasonable steps to satisfy themselves that it would be an appropriate expenditure by Ratepayers.
4. Frankston Coast Guard. Another \$1.5 million is in the Budget for alterations to the Yacht Club to accommodate the Coast Guard on the 1st Floor. They are currently occupying 2 rooms in the Mechanics Hall paying \$10 a year. No matter what they occupy, their rescue boat will still have to be launched from Patterson Lakes which takes longer than using the Patterson River Coast Guard who have an active and well resourced facility virtually at the ramp. The State Parliamentary Enquiry in September 2014 into marine search and rescue recommended that services should be coordinated, not duplicated, and come under the umbrella of a single organisation similar to the one in NSW. The State Government appointed a Minister for Fishing and Boating to oversee the \$30 million per year they receive from Licences. More than \$500,000 has again been spent by Council on the Olivers Hill proposal, and attempts to identify an alternative location. I have suggested previously that the Coast Guard and Boating Industry Association should be lobbying Government for that comprehensive plan, prosecuting their case for need, location and facilities. Not a single dollar should be spent until this is done.

5. Industrial Land. The recommendation from Consultants engaged by Council, and your own Planning Department, to investigate the possible rezoning of land at Carrum Downs was twice voted down recently.

The need for industrial land was firmly established. The location perfect, environmental impact minimal.

It was pointed out that Mornington Peninsula Shire have a similar problem, but are doing something urgent about it. A new Marine Precinct at Yarringa Boat Harbour plus another 400 hectares close to Tyabb for general industrial are under way.

The 300 hectares at Carrum Downs is the perfect site from every point of view. 15 hectares will have to be set aside for recreation, the location on Peninsula Link and proximity to Melbourne and Dandenong will give it preference over land further down, it is flat and has minimal significant trees and vegetation.

There is one last opportunity if Council will grasp it. The final Melbourne Industrial and Commercial land Use Plan has just been released by the Minister for Planning.

The reason for this plan is to analyse population growth, match it to land use, and take a short term approach to rezonings where necessary. They have clearly identified industrial providing most of the future jobs, not retail. It is a remarkably detailed study, identifying 92% of industrial land in our city as already occupied and currently employing 16,423 people which is expected to grow by 6000 over the next 10 years.

Each Council is expected to prepare an Industrial Land Use Strategy to identify possible rezoning, and lodge it within the next 6 months. The Consultant's Report as well as your own internal submissions can form the basis for it. It will be comparatively easy, cost very little, and should be capable of quick completion.

I ask Council to urgently get a quote for the work, and make provision for it in the forthcoming Budget.

Kind Regards,



Geoffrey K. Crowder
FREI. FAPI. CPP VALUER

P.S Please note that I wish to be heard at the Council Meeting on 11th May, 2020.

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Jeff Svigos

Comment: Thank you for including the Pat Rollo pavilion upgrade to be funded from strategic reserve. As president of the Pines Football Netball Club an improved facility for our juniors will help us in achieving our vision as a pre-eminent provider of elite life pathways through community sport. I also congratulate council on initiating the intention to perform shovel ready planning for the improvement to the Eric Bell pavilion. The senior and junior clubs offer both men and womens football pathways as well as netball and have begun to integrate our sporting programs with the 3 education entities within Frankston North. We expect both sports and education to centre in this community as pivotal for the future health and well-being of the community, and broader Frankston region. In a practical sense, we see the improvement of firstly Pat Rollo, as vital to showcase the commitment to continue to grow the junior programs. Frankston will get a great return on these investments.

Attn: Manager Financial and Corporate Planning

Dear Sir/Madam

It is pleasing to see that the CoF has allocated funding of \$3.37 million for a care package for support of COVID-19 relief activities in the Frankston municipality.

While the Federal and State Governments have introduced a wide range of support mechanisms to help businesses and citizens to survive the COVID-19 restrictions, there are still many people – families and individuals – who are falling through the gaps in this safety net. The financial hardship of many of these people is so desperate that they need to seek emergency food relief.

In Frankston, a limited amount of emergency food relief is available from Community Support Frankston, however, to satisfy the needs of all families and individuals seeking food relief, other agencies such as Theodora's Cheerful Givers have had to step up.

Theodora's Cheerful Givers has operated a Food-bank in the Frankston area for over twenty years. (Their Chairperson - Gina Poulos – is the 2020 Senior Citizen of the Year). While many other community support agencies have closed down due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Theodora's Cheerful Givers have adapted their procedures to enable a no-contact food-hamper delivery system to be put in place. Currently, each week, approx. 400 food-hampers and 1,200 pre-cooked frozen meals are delivered to families and individuals in need.

This is being achieved by Theodora's Cheerful Givers in the face of ever-increasing financial difficulties to resource their operations. To make matters worse, their own fund-raising activities have had to cease due to the COVID-19 restrictions and donations from long-standing benefactors are drying up as their businesses are hit by the COVID-19 restrictions. Alternative sources of funding are required by Theodora's Cheerful Givers to bridge the financial gap until normal conditions return.

The purpose of this submission is to ensure that Council is aware of:

1. the value of Theodora's Cheerful Givers Food-bank to the Frankston community
2. the importance of the role it is playing in the community during the COVID-19 crisis
3. the need to allocate funding to Theodora's Cheerful Givers from the CoF Care Package to enable their continuing emergency food relief during the COVID-19 crisis.

Details of who much money is required can be the subject of a more detailed examination of Theodora's Cheerful Givers financial situation as the COVID-19 crisis develops.

Sincerely

Ron Crosling



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20 April 2020

Frankston City Council
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**Re: Council Budget - COVID-19 response
Removal of Frankston's differential rate for industrial and commercial sites.**

Phil
Dear Mr Cantillon

The impact of COVID-19 is like nothing else we've experienced. While Frankston's health system grapples with the rapidly increasing demand on its resources, our community is facing acute economic pressures, unprecedented business closures – within an already susceptible commercial environment – and a rising surge in unemployment.

Before COVID-19, Frankston had just one local job per three residents. Following the forced closure of large parts of the retail and hospitality sectors, Frankston's employment base has been decimated. It is now more important than ever for Frankston Council to ensure that it **reviews all existing policies and practices through a strong 'pro-employment lens'**. Foundational longer-term structural reform, not short-term marketing, will determine how successfully Frankston's businesses recover and the future job opportunities available to our residents.

The Committee for Greater Frankston has compiled a list of suggested post lockdown policy reforms for consideration in Council's economic recovery plans. However as a minimum, whilst Frankston Council's 2020-2021 budget is currently under consideration, the Committee for Greater Frankston is asking that **Frankston City Council prioritise the permanent removal of Council's differential rate commercial and industrial land** going forward.

Burdening local businesses with a rate premium – not linked to specific special charge schemes – is not business and employment friendly and has the unintended consequences of increasing vacancy rates and artificially devaluing future commercial and industrial sites.

Frankston's 25% rate premium on employers is a highly questionable economic policy in favourable times but financially detrimental under the current circumstances.

Yours faithfully

Ginevra Hosking
Ginevra Hosking
CEO, Committee for Greater Frankston

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Larry Muston

Comment:

Carrum Downs Tennis Club has been in operation for 45 years & we find that our facility has become degraded, court surfaces are cracked & lifted in many areas making 2 of our 4 courts unsafe for play, lighting is inefficient & requires constant costly maintenance, within the tennis pavilion both electrical & plumbing requires major upgrades to meet safety standards. We currently provide: club coaching, junior, senior & mid-week ladies competition, Hot Shots, all abilities Hot Shots, Tennis4Teens, Get Your Racquet On, Mum's Tennis (inc Child Care), Cardio Tennis, FAST4, Hot Shots Community Play, Female Participation Programs, Kids Tennis Program (operates at local schools), & Resilience thru Tennis. On the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve we have seen the upgrades to all facilities around our Club & applaud the Council initiatives in providing these quality facilities. We request that Council give consideration in the 2020/2021 budget for an allocation to the Club to assist us.

Tony Cooper
Secretary – Seaford Cricket Club

To the Manager Financial and Corporate Planning FCC

I am submitting on behalf of Seaford Cricket Club Inc. In my capacity as secretary. This submission is related to the City of Frankston proposed budget 2020-21 - inviting comment and submissions.

We are concerned that a contribution requested of us by council officers of \$55,000.00 (inc GST) has been included in the “funds sourced from external contributions” component of the 2020-21 Budgeted Capital works program.

The project I am referring to is the RF Miles Recreation Reserve which is listed as a key infrastructure project and nominated as a project under the Council Plan Theme **1.1 Community Infrastructure**.

The project is also nominated in the property class and significant Grants commentary.

While we have not been nominated directly by name anywhere in the document we are acutely aware of the request to our club to contribute a sum of \$55,000.00 (inc GST) to the project and when considering section **9.2.2 Contributions** (\$1.78 million) “contributions by developers and other parties in relation to capital works” we are clearly concerned that while we are not listed as significant contributors , the shortfall in total addition of the nominated contributions in this section , of around \$50,000.00, to the contribution total of \$1.78 Million Dollars may in fact be attributable to the current request on us. It is therefore important we believe that we resolve this before that budget is ratified.

This is of significant concern to us as an organisation on a number of levels. First and foremost is our concern that the Councillors could approve a budget containing forecast income for which we are responsible (despite any formal agreement on our part) , and , if that provision has in fact been made , the potential then exists for us to then be seen as not paying our contribution , leaving a shortfall in funding and significantly damaging our reputation in the process. We have requested a copy of the Councils Capital Works Contribution Policy previously and been told the most recent policy document regarding this practice of requesting contributions to capital works from tenants was published in 2005, is now redundant , has not been replaced , and accordingly no written policy regarding this exists.

This is in our view problematic in several areas. In the Frankston City Sports Development Plan **2013-2019 - 6.4 Broader Community Use S Capital Works Contribution Policy**. The strategy advises a “Review of Capital Works Contribution Policy to encourage broader community use of facilities was recommended .” In addition then , when considering the nomination of this project in the 2020-21 budget as specifically being considered “community Infrastructure” we are concerned the current contribution request impossible to consider with any balance in equity or merit by us, in the absence of any guiding policy . This concern is further heightened when reviewing other comparatively sized municipalities current published policies on this, which generally reflect no contribution is required by tenant sporting clubs for capital works in council owned facilities other than the tenant clubs funding social area development – which is an expectation we already have for the new facility , this is a separate commitment we have which already and one exceeds the \$50,000.00 capital works contribution request significantly . In agreement with the winter tenant at R F Miles Reserve the Seaford Football Netball Club our contribution of half the required funding to establish the infrastructure of around \$35,000.00 added to the council officers request of \$55,000.00 Totals a commitment of \$90,000.00 . – Only once in the last 10 years have we had an annual turnover exceeding \$90,000.00 Dollars.

It is our understanding that the Council has the ability under the Local Government Act to waive payments for a particular purpose or as a condition of any agreement or arrangement which has not yet been performed if the council believe the payment of the money would cause hardship. We are well able to demonstrate the hardship that would be evoked by this request for a capital works contribution , and as we are concerned that the request for the contribution is not supported by any guiding policy or apparent contributory scale , I would appreciate the opportunity to present our case in detail and in person to the assembled councillors seeking they waive the requested contribution before it is potentially enshrined in budget estimates and funding models to our mutual detriment.

Email from General Enquiries page

Name Iain Finlayson

Comment:

Ballam Park Athletic Committee manages a regional not-for-profit facility that caters for the athletic needs of schools and community groups in the area. BPAC provides the pavilion, equipment and event support to school sporting carnivals servicing 30-40,000 students annually. We are comprised of four individual athletic clubs with approximately 700 members, ranging from juniors to seniors. Frankston Little Athletics Centre uses the facilities for 20 weekends over the Summer season with approximately 200 children and 300 parents attending. The pavilion is ageing, having been renovated at least 20 years ago, resulting in deterioration of the plumbing. There are no disabled toilets in the facility, and there is limited disabled access to the toilets and in general. We wish to be considered in the future budget so we will be able to provide the best athletic experience and continue to promote healthy active lifestyle options to our members and the broader Frankston community.

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Mr Phil Cantillon
Chief Executive Officer
Frankston City Council
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2020-2021 Proposed Annual Budget -Submission

Dear Phil

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the 2020-21 Budget. Nearly six months ago, on 20 November 2019 we had a very constructive and positive first meeting regarding our proposal for future directions of Frankston Music Festival. **We sought an opportunity to share the new concept with the Mayor, Councillors and key officers by February 2020 when the new budget would be framed.** In good faith we provided an updated PowerPoint presentation, our 2019 Official Souvenir program and the Noosa Alive Arts and Culture festival 2019 program.

On 7th February 2020 we were assured ***“that details would be sent out to the Councillors to consider what the future of the Frankston Music Festival could look like.” And “we are providing a good opportunity in the short term for Councillors to properly consider the matter. We will keep you posted.”***

We were not made aware that at that very same time in February 2020 Council had an open Public Tender for Expressions of Interest for Major Event Design, Development and Delivery.

On becoming aware, a “devastated” Frankston Music Festival, representing its numerous community stakeholders made an official complaint on 24th March and, as of today, the closing date for the 2020-21 Annual Budget Submission we are awaiting an official response.

Consequently, as of today, the ongoing future of Frankston Music Festival is not yet secure and our FMF Organising Committee are very concerned that community efforts to develop an out of season major event (commencing in 2012 by our predecessor Proudly Frankston) might be wasted.

Effectively, Frankston Music Festival have been denied any reasonable opportunity to present our new concept to Councillors during the full six-month period of the 2020-21 Annual Budget Process.

Although not specifically identified in the budget papers, we are informed that the Arts and Culture budget in 2020-21 of \$9.3 m contains two items totalling \$270,000:

- \$70,000 covering the Arts Centre component in a revamped Frankston Music Festival showcasing our arts and culture, held in April/May 2021 based in the Arts Centre. We understand that there is no provision for marketing, production, festival management, etc in this allocation.
- \$200,000 (recurring for six years) to procure a proposed month long Winter Festival as a New Signature Event highlighting arts, culture and heritage, to be held between April and September of 2021. We understand that the public tender process seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced event managers is currently on hold. Despite specific direction to Officers to consider organic growth of an existing event, Frankston Music Festival have never been consulted and were not seen as stakeholders in this process. We have strongly complained about this.

Council clearly wishes to fund a new showcase event and has set aside sufficient funding to deliver this. We strongly support this.

Councillors are effectively presented with two clear proposals in relation to the \$200,000 p.a. New Signature Event funding:

1. A New Winter Festival proposal operated from Events in Council's Corporate Development

2. A New Autumn Festival being an Organic growth of Frankston Music Festival's existing community-based festival

All Frankston Music Festival is asking is that the process in which the two bids are assessed is fair and independent. No proponent should also be an assessor of the bids. Given the history to date, this selection process needs serious attention by Councillors.

We respectfully submit:

- Frankston Music Festival be given the opportunity (as sought six months ago in November 2019) to present its concepts and options for organic growth as a new, community based, Autumn Festival to the Councillors
- Frankston Music Festival's existing wide base of community stakeholders –local musicians, participating restaurants, cafés ,bars plus the many community groups that have been the most devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic and are in urgent need of support going forward.
- Given the economic cost of the Covid -19 emergency, we contend that only one major off-season event in 2021 should survive the budget process.
- There needs to be a detailed revenue and cost breakdown provided for each proposal.
- If one event is to survive then the event funding should be consolidated. The festival manager and office and the Arts Centre music festival allocation should be in the same event budget
- If the community based concept is preferred then, similar to most successful community based events, the event should be in a separate not for profit structure, with appropriate governance which properly reflects community stakeholders.
- The investment should be for six years.
- There needs to be a sense of urgency. Post Covid-19, our community will need to invest in a major community event in support of the devastation caused by the pandemic to local restaurants, musicians and performers. Planning for most major festivals takes a year from approval so we need to start this May to deliver in the 20/21 Financial year. The Frankston Music Festival framework is proven and "shovel ready" for organic growth.The decision process on the New Signature Event has drifted for several years- if the New Festival is seen as an appropriate Covid-19 response then a decision needs to be made now- before the end of the current financial year..

Yours Faithfully
Robert Thurley
Frankston Music Festival Director

On behalf of the 2020 FMF Organising Committee
Monday 4th May 2020



Introduction

Aldercourt Primary School is one of three schools involved in the Frankston North Education Plan (FNEP). This is a long-term Place-Based education plan designed to ensure improved educational and community outcomes for Frankston North. The vision of the Frankston North Education Plan is **that every child and family is successful in learning and life.**

This FNEP was informed by extensive community engagement undertaken by the Victorian School Building Authority in October 2017 and guided by the Strategic Advisory Group, made up of Council, principals, school council and community representation.

The Victorian Government is working in partnership with the Colman Foundation and the City of Frankston to deliver the transformational change required. The Victorian Government has committed \$26.2 million for new facilities at Aldercourt Primary School, Mahogany Rise Primary School and Monterey Secondary College.

The Colman Foundation has committed to \$6million to provide the Our Place model which will bring a wide range of health and family support services together on site at all three schools, making it easier for children and parents to get the additional support they need, when they need it. Parents will be able to see the school nurse or visiting doctor, enrol their child in a playgroup, join an adult education class or get help for anything from parenting problems to employment and training advice.

The City of Frankston is leasing the early learning centres and will be providing early learning services.

Together we are helping our schools become vibrant community centres for everyone in Frankston North because helping parents is one of the key ways to help children thrive and reach their potential.

This budget submission is to request provision of indent parking on Gardenia Crescent and Silver Avenue, outside Aldercourt Primary School, to ensure community safety, particularly that of young families, when accessing the early learning centre, community and health and wellbeing services.

The investment

The cost of providing indent parking in both Gardenia Crescent and Silver Avenue is in the vicinity of \$200,000. There are four key reasons why this is a vital investment in the Frankston North community:

1. The overriding concern is community safety for City of Frankston constituents. The inclusion of an early learning centre at Aldercourt Primary School means that parents and carers will be dropping off and collecting very young children throughout the day, 5 days per week up to 50 weeks per year. Currently the only safe parking option is the car park at Pat Rollo Reserve. As this Council car park is across the road from the school, it requires parents to cross a road to reach the school. With potentially several small children to manage, this is a safety concern for parents. Indent parking allows parents to safely unload prams and children and access the site easily as there will be no roads to cross.

Silver Avenue, Frankston North
Phone: 9786 4488

Kathie Arnold
Principal



2. It is believed that the Pat Rollo Reserve will be undergoing development in the near future in which case there will be no parking option available for dropping off and picking up of passengers.
3. From spaces specifically designed for community groups to the consulting suites off the welcoming entrance way, the school is designed as a gathering point for the whole community – not just families with children enrolled at Aldercourt Primary – but the broader Frankston North community. This includes vulnerable community members such as the elderly, disabled and young children who need safe access to the site.
4. Council will be leasing and operating the early learning centre at Aldercourt Primary School. This investment is flagging to the community its support of and commitment to improved educational, health and wellbeing outcomes for Frankston North.

Summary

In some highly vulnerable communities such as Frankston North, the challenges to improving achievement, engagement and wellbeing outcomes in a community go beyond teaching and learning programs or infrastructure solutions alone and are beyond the control of a single education service.

The Frankston North Education Plan aims to bring local stakeholders together to drive improvements in a range of outcome areas which in turn deliver improved outcomes that benefit students, families and the wider community. An investment of \$200,000 is a small, but proportional cost for improved community safety and participation for the broader Frankston North community.

Angela Cursio

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Aldercourt Primary School Council

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