



# Frankston Beach Association Inc.

*Preserving the beach for all to use*

## Spring 2010 Newsletter

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2A Fenton Cres.  
South Frankston, Vic 3199  
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For enquiries about voluntary work on the foreshore or in the nursery, please contact the Secretary via the details above.

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### Annual General Meeting - November 21

The AGM of the Frankston Beach Association will be held on Sunday 21st November at 11:00am. in the upstairs function room of the Frankston Yacht Club. The meeting will review the activities of the Association throughout 2010, and importantly, elect the new committee for 2011. If you are interested in joining the committee, or nominating someone else, then please see the Nomination Form at the back of this newsletter. In particular, we are looking for a new Secretary that can progressively take over duties of the existing incumbent (see position details below).

Our guest speaker this year will be Dr. Bill Robinson, a retired veterinary surgeon and Frankston kayaker. Bill will talk on his experiences in kayaking the waters of both Port Phillip Bay and Bass Strait.

### Damage to Port Phillip Bay Beaches

Whilst we wait for Frankston City Council to receive a response from their consultants, relating to recommended studies for future beach and foreshore management, we set out a few reasons below why rigorous environmental coastal studies are so necessary.

Frankston beach is one of the most popular bathing beaches along the east side of Port Phillip Bay. It is not necessary to look far from Frankston to see the extent of the damage mostly caused by marina breakwaters and groynes, built on the eastern coastline of the Bay.

The beaches of Sandringham, Hampton, Brighton, St. Kilda and Middle Park, in their original state, were golden sandy beaches, having a beautiful attraction for open sea bathing. Today these beaches have been largely destroyed and polluted, and can no longer be enjoyed as bathing beaches. Other popular bathing beaches in Port Phillip such as at Frankston, Mornington, Mt. Martha, Rye, Blairgowrie and Portsea are under threat.

The coastal reserve areas for most of Australia are provided for under the Constitution of Australia. Since the 1960's the management of these reserves has largely been placed under the jurisdiction of local Councils. Society is continuing to pressure local councils for development of these foreshore reserves to provide such facilities as bathing boxes, boat launching ramps, bowling clubs, bicycle paths, caravan parks, car parks, croquet clubs, fishing clubs, life saving clubs, marinas, piers, playgrounds, public toilets, restaurants, sea baths, skate board facilities, walking paths, yacht clubs and yacht maintenance facilities.

All these developments bring their own forms of environmental destruction and pollution. Governments and councils have ploughed huge sums of money into providing these facilities from which they are now dependent on receiving a financial return. In fact, many of these facilities would be less destructive if they were simply located away from the foreshore.

Councils have generally not undertaken coastal environmental studies and coastal modelling before approving such developments, claiming that such studies are too costly to undertake. The facts are that development without prior coastal studies is a recipe for a disaster.

As a result of the construction and enlargement of marinas at St. Kilda, Brighton

and Sandringham, the near-by beaches and foreshore reserves, have been destroyed and desecrated. So for more than 60 years, millions of dollars have been spent on unsuccessful beach restoration projects.

Rigorous environmental studies, prior to approval of such developments will demonstrate likely environmental and financial outcomes. There is no alternative satisfactory option, and less than rigorous studies is a waste of time and money, and will likely produce inaccurate forecasts. The Central Coastal Board have acknowledged that for the whole of Port Phillip Bay there is a dearth of environmental data suitable for coastal modelling and that gathering such data, particularly as to the quantities of sand translocation, is a necessary endeavour.

The other main reason for requiring rigorous coastal modelling studies to be carried out before any development of a Frankston marina commences, is that following 20 years of deliberation and considering much evidence, three Planning Panels and three Planning Ministers require such studies to be undertaken.

## Foreshore Planting Report

During 2010, the FBA work group and volunteers, together with Frankston City Council Ranger, Danny Caswell and supporting staff, commenced a new restoration project on the Frankston foreshore. This project falls under 'Caring for our Country' federal government grant scheme and involves the restoration of the primary dune between the Frankston Yacht Club and the Frankston Life Saving Club. In total, 6,000 species were planted between April and October 2010. That means the project is now half way through the planting, and will recommence in April 2011 when the weather returns to more "plant friendly" conditions.

Apart from our regular FBA work group and council officers, our volunteers task force has included the assistance of up to 45 students from Monash University, as well as 20 volunteers who joined in on National Tree Day. We are very pleased that six new volunteers have joined our regular work group during the 2010 season. Over the year, our volunteers have contributed a total of 478 hours of labour, giving an in-kind contribution of \$14,340.



We have achieved the best results for years for our newly planted species. Of course we have been blessed with good rainfalls, but we believe it also was due to a new planting technique that we have introduced, courtesy of Russell Bailey, a member of our regular work group.

Five of our volunteers joined with FCC and a number of school students on World Environment Day to plant 700 indigenous species on a newly formed dune at the Pier Forecourt. Thank you to Alison Kuitert and five students of a Peninsula Special School who also planted 300 indigenous species on the west side of the boardwalk south of the pier.

Because of our busy planting season on the foreshore dune, propagation of indigenous plants at the FCC indigenous nursery (by FBA volunteers) has been pretty much on hold. However, we are looking forward to re-start this program through the remaining months of 2010 and into 2011.

We require volunteers for propagation activities, as well as planting and maintenance on the foreshore. Planting has now ceased until next Autumn, however watering of the new tube stock, weeding, etc is still required. THURSDAY is our preferred work day but please contact our Secretary, if another day is preferred (details on the front page of this newsletter). The Secretary can explain further details like the location of the work, dates where volunteers are required and just what the work entails.

## Grants

Our association has recently been successful in applying for a grant of \$5,000 through the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority. The purpose of this grant is to purchase low shrubs, sedges and ground covers to halt erosion and serious environmental weed problems on the dune system north of Beach St. This will not only provide support to the remnant vegetation by introducing a strong indigenous understory of coastal dune shrubs, but will also protect the primary dune from erosion.

The project covers two sites –

- Mile Bridge, 0.5ha (one of the largest patches of good quality remnant vegetation on the Frankston foreshore).
- Long Island foreshore between Annie Street and Fiocchi Ave, 0.75ha. A revegetation project completed here in 2009 (6,000 species at a cost of \$19,000) yielded very poor results, so this area will now undergo further revegetation.

The \$5,000 will cover the purchase of approx. 3,000 indigenous species (about half of the required number of plants). The remaining 3,000 species will be jointly provided by FCC and the FBA. Work on the planting will commence in 2011.

## Environmental Honours 2010



The FBA was delighted to receive advice that our long standing Committee Member and past Secretary, Kathleen Hassell, has been recognized by Frankston City Council for her outstanding work in the field of Environmental Care of the Frankston Foreshore and Sweetwater Creek. The Environmental Pioneers

Award for 2010 honours recipients who have made an outstanding, long term contribution to the protection and enhancement of Frankston City's natural environment. The FBA congratulates and thanks Kath for her leadership and industry within the FBA and the community.

## Membership of the FBA

Existing FBA membership subscriptions expired on June 30 2010, so if you are an existing member and have not renewed your subscription for 2010/2011, please do so by using the form provided with this newsletter.

New members are also welcome, so if you would like to



become involved in supporting the many activities of the FBA, why not join us now. Again, just use the form provided in this newsletter.

Our membership numbers do count when we apply for grants, so please consider renewing your subscription or joining our association.

## Honorary Secretary Position

The Frankston Beach Association is looking for a new Secretary to take over from the existing incumbent from Feb. 2011. The aim is to have a new volunteer join the FBA Committee as soon as possible in 2010, and then have them learn "the ropes" over the remainder of 2010. The position of Secretary involves pretty much the normal duties expected for a secretary to any community based organisation. These activities include: management of correspondence inwards and outwards, organisation of committee meetings, production of meeting minutes, editing and distribution of the twice yearly newsletter, liaison with other key committee members (especially the President and Treasurer). The opportunity exists for the Secretary to get involved in sub-committees that focus on a particular area of activity (eg. finance, communications, foreshore planting etc.).

If you are interested in this position, please contact the current Secretary, Graeme Lyell on 9783 7445.



## FBA Membership Application

(July 1 2010 to June 30, 2011)

I/we wish to join, or renew my/our membership, of the FBA for an annual subscription of \$10 per household (concession \$5). In the event of my/our admission as a member, I/we agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest (eg. propagation, planting out, foreshore maintenance): \_\_\_\_\_

Hours/days available to assist in the areas described above: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to assist the Association's activities, and enclose a once-off donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach this application form and send with payment to:

FBA Treasurer  
PO Box 924  
Frankston, Vic 3199

Receipt of payment required? Yes/No



# Annual General Meeting

## Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

### 11:00am. at the Frankston Yacht Club

#### AGENDA:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2009 AGM.
4. President's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Foreshore Report.
7. Adoption of Revised Constitution.
8. Election of 2011 Committee.
9. Presentation by Guest Speaker.
10. Meeting close, followed by a light lunch.

#### Explanatory Notes:

Re Item 7, the FBA constitution (rules governing the operation of the FBA) have been amended to bring them into line with the guideline rules published by Vic. Consumer Affairs. A copy of the proposed constitution can be obtained within 7 days of the AGM by contacting the FBA Secretary (details on page 1 of the Newsletter).

Re Item 8, nominations for office bearers or general committee should be made on the form below, forwarded to the FBA Secretary, 2A Fenton Crescent, Frankston South 3199, and be received at least 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Further nominations will be accepted at the meeting.



## Nomination for the FBA Committee for 2011

I wish to make the following nomination for the 2011 Committee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the position for which the person is being nominated:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

General Committee

Your Name & Contact Details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Seconded By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination accepted by (nominee):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date nomination received by FBA Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_