



Frankston Beach Association Inc.

Preserving the beach for all to use

Winter 2017 Newsletter

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Frankston Beach

Association aims to:

Preserve and improve the natural features of the Frankston foreshore, having regard for appropriate and sustainable development, and to support the provision of recreational facilities that are consistent with recognized coastal management principles.

You are cordially invited to the

Annual General Meeting

of the

Frankston Beach Association

Sunday 1st October 2017 at 10.30.am at the Frankston Life Saving Club followed by Guest Speaker and refreshments at 11.00am

Guest Speaker: Matt McArthur

Matt spent his childhood in Frankston and became interested in Marine ecology while playing on the shores of Port Phillip Bay. He has spent 25 years working in marine ecology in Australia, New Zealand and Antarctica. He returned to Melbourne in 2011 and now primarily works in science communication and school incursions

We urge members and friends to attend to hear our very entertaining speaker.

The Committee meeting time is the third Wednesday in every month at 4.30 pm at Long Island Tennis Club. We invite you to nominate for the FBA Committee for the 2017/2018 using the form supplied with this newsletter.

OAM for FBA's KATHLEEN HASSELL

Long serving member of the Frankston Beach Association, Kathleen Hassell has received the Order of Australia Medal in the 2017 Queens Birthday



Honours List for services to Conservation and the Environment.

Nearing her 90th year and still working tirelessly for the environment, Kathleen Hassell is best described as a "Lioness of the Environment".

Kathleen has devoted a lifetime to volunteering for the communities in which she has lived to save the environment including motivating and involving others.

Kathleen joined with other early members of FBA embracing the knowledge she had attained on coastal vegetation and indigenous plants and identifying weeds and plants that were destructive to the area while gathering a network of like-minded people around her.

Working with the FBA Kathleen has overseen the planting of tens of thousands of indigenous plants since 1995 and secured Government grants of approximately \$200,000. Kathleen's work has greatly contributed to the magnificent restoration of a very special beach.

Kathleen formed a relationship with the local indigenous community, the local Historical Society and other Friends of the Environment groups.

Kathleen has prepared and presented many protest documents to protect the Frankston beach foreshore and Port Phillip Bay. She is highly respected in the local community and is considered a community treasure . Her work has been acknowledged by receiving:

*Outstanding Individual Achievement Award (Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence) 2013

*Dame Phyllis Frost Award(Keep Australia Beautiful Awards) 2011

*Frankston City's Citizen of the Year 2000

*Frankston City's Environmental Pioneers Award 2000
Kathleen's work continues to this day through active involvement in the Frankston Beach Association including providing morning teas for volunteers, by writing submissions (including grant applications) and through her role in mentoring others.

Kathleen epitomizes a true community conscience and care for the land she lives on and has always worked to leave our environment in the best state she can for future generations.

JOIN FRANKSTON BEACH ASSOCIATION!

Living on Long Island for the past 20 years has been a privilege and a pleasure. As Frankston residents helping to maintain the beauty of the beach, foreshore and Kananook Creek is a responsibility we all have. Members of volunteer organizations experience enormous satisfaction when joining committees and assisting with Working Bees. Friends are made and happiness in achievement is shared. When walking along the beach, boardwalk or by the creek, seeing the thousands of plants now thriving is an absolute joy. The Frankston Beach Association in partnership with Frankston City Council has planted this native vegetation over many years. **JOIN THE FRANKSTON BEACH ASSOCIATION. FEEL THE JOY AND KNOW YOUR EFFORTS ARE HELPING MAINTAIN FRANKSTON'S JEWELS.**

Helen and Barry Priestley. FBA Committee members.

FORESHORE ACTIVITIES REPORT 2017

The Frankston Beach Association volunteers have been active on the foreshore in 2017. This year FBA was fortunate in securing a grant for a revegetation and weed control project on the South Beach foreshore. A grant of \$12763 was received from the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Authority (PPWCMA) Community Grants programme for the planting of 5,000 endemic coastal plants. The grant included funds for weed control also.

The project area follows the boardwalk south from the Pier to the end of the boardwalk. The front dunes along this area experienced severe erosion and the beach lost enough sand to warrant replenishing in 2014. The City erected a sand trap fence along the dune line in 2015. It is along this fenceline that some 2,000 Spinifex Sericeus are being planted to help stabilize the sand that has built up along the fenceline. The City of Frankston's support for our working bees has been invaluable. At our first working bee for 2017 on April 3 nine volunteers planted some 400 tubes on the South Beach foreshore opposite the service station on the Nepean Highway. To date several Working bees have been held on South Beach foreshore between the Pier and the southern end of the boardwalk. Over 1500 tubes have been planted and numerous weeds consigned to the compost heap. On Tuesday, August 22nd August the FBA and the City of Frankston hosted a volunteer day on the foreshore for Monash University, 1st year Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy students. The student's activities directly benefit the local community. Working Bees run till mid October. A dedicated core of volunteers including those behind the scenes making morning tea do fantastic work that benefits the Frankston community.

The Frankston foreshore needs friends. Working bees are held once a fortnight during the planting season. Come along and enjoy the company, the outdoors and doing service for your local environment.

Johan de Bree Foreshore Activities Coordinator



PLANNING MATTERS

Over the past year FBA has been occupied with a number of submissions to the Frankston Council regarding planning and development issues that negatively affect the beach/foreshore.

1. Municipal Strategic Statement C100

In our submission September 2016 we supported the deletion of the 22ha Frankston Safe Boat Harbour (FSBH) from SUZ3, Schedule 3 of the Frankston Planning Scheme. However recently we were shocked to discover the following clauses remain within the Planning Scheme: • Section 6 - the Sunset Clause is still viable for Ministerial intervention, and Clause 2 is not limited only to a 22ha FSBH but it may be considered in part, e.g. Pleasure Boat Facility, Residential Hotel, Restaurant, etc.

FBA's response is that Council rezone the Special Use Zone (SUZ3) to Public Parks & Recreation (PPR2) and keep this part of the foreshore as the only remaining accessible natural vista for all to enjoy.

2. Coastal Management Plan

Within the same time frame another department prepared the Draft Coastal Management Plan (CMP) which included the SUZ3, schedule 3, 22ha FSBH. Our submission requested that this be deleted as it conflicts with the MSS C100; however this was ignored by Council and the CMP has been approved.

3. Amendment C123 to the Frankston Planning Scheme. FBA comments on Precinct 1B in the Activity Centre regarding the Planning Practice Note 60; the Vic. Government's guide to the drafting of Structure Plans for Activity Centres, which clearly states that mandatory height limits will only be considered in exceptional circumstances – identified as: "Sensitive coastal environments where exceeding the height limits will unreasonably detract from the significance of the coastal environment and significant landscape precincts such as natural waterways"

Frankston's Amendment C123 does not comply with the Practice Note 60. Geelong Council (the only other designated Activity Centre with a coastal aspect) does comply and has introduced lowered height controls overlooking the waterfront.

FBA submits that FCC should comply with the Planning Practice Note 60 – 32 metres is not a sensitive response to a coastal or creek environment.

4. Frankston City Council Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021

FBA is very concerned to note the Safe Boat Harbour is featured as a second priority project in the Proposed Council Plan and firmly believe it should be removed to comply and align with the Municipal Strategic Statement C100.

We opposed the Coast Guard building at Olivers Hill because of the potential negative impact this infrastructure could have on coastal processes. Historically, the Frankston Coast Guard has been a small group and could be suitably accommodated at Carrum Coast Guard headquarters, close to where its large boat is moored.

What is now on the drawing board: •

Following a Council meeting to discuss the Proposed Council Plan the Safe Boat Harbour has morphed into 'constructing a new Coast Guard building and a safe boat refuge'

Council applied for and has been offered \$500,000 from the Federal Government for a hydrographic survey and modeling for a small harbour. Note: copies of our submissions can be found on our web site <http://www.frankstonbeachassociation.com>

Kathleen Hassell

MORE ON AMENDMENT C123

The Structure Plan for Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre, (Amendment C123) bounded by Kananook Creek to the west, O'Grady Avenue to the north, Fletcher Road to the east and Davey Street and Plowman Place to the south, has been up for discussion, with many changes along the way, since 2005 (TAFE to Bay).

It is about to be implemented into the Frankston Planning Schedule and is waiting for our Councillors to cast their vote.

Councillors have deferred passing the amendment a number of times initiating further discussion on the proposed height of buildings along the Nepean Highway.

The buildings' heights currently specified for both sides of Nepean Highway are for high rise towers like the South East Water building on the foreshore. The Frankston Planning Department is now seeking to balance the community's wishes with the requirements of the planning scheme at a workshop to be held between **5pm and 7pm in the Acacia Room on 21st September 2017.**

If you would like the height reduced along Nepean Highway, especially on the west side closest to the foreshore along the Kananook Creek, leaving the higher heights further back towards the railway station, it is important that you attend the meeting on 21st September and/or immediately contact your councillor, the Frankston Council CEO, the Planning Department.

Councillors' contact details are: email **cr(insert surname)@frankston.vic.gov.au**

Individual phone numbers are **Cr Brian Cunial 0400 236 977, Cr Steve Toms 0418 953 576 Cr Quinn McCormack 0419 446 930 Cr Colin Hampton 0400 236 109 Cr Michael O'Reilly 0418 721 679 Cr Glenn Aitken 9786 3274 Cr Kris Bolam 0417 921 644 Cr Lillian O'Connor 0419 298 838**

MEMBERSHIP We would like to thank our members who have already renewed their membership in response to our earlier letter. However if you have not already done so, we enclose another form for your convenience.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE OF THE FRANKSTON BEACH ASSOCIATION 2017/2018

I/We hereby nominate:.....**Date**.....

For the position of :.....

Proposer:.....**Signature**.....
PLEASE PRINT NAME

Seconder:.....**Signature**.....

I ACCEPT THIS NOMINATION:.....
SIGNATURE of CANDIDATE

Please return by 20/9/17 TO THE RETURNING OFFICER at P O BOX 5092, Frankston Sth. 3199

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FBA Membership Application

(July 1 2017 to June 30, 2018)

Annual membership for the 2017/2018 financial year was due on 1st July 2017. We welcome you to apply to join our group by taking out an annual membership or renew if you are already a member.

Membership is \$10 (family) or \$5 (concession). Concession includes seniors and pensioners.

I/we wish to join or renew my/our membership of the FBA, and agree to support the purposes of the FBA and be bound by its rules of association.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ (preferred means of communication)

If you might be available to assist with voluntary work (eg. planting out, research, foreshore maintenance etc.), then please identify your particular interest below:

Interest _____

I/we wish to further assist the FBA's activities, and enclose an additional once-off donation of \$_____

Payment Please send payment with this form to the Membership Secretary, Eve Welch, PO Box 5092, Frankston South 3199. OR

To pay your subscription via EFT, please refer to the following FBA bank details:

BSB 033-362 Account No. 176020

YOUR SURNAME AND INITIALS must be included in the REFERENCE FIELD when using EFT so we can identify your payment.