



Frankston Beach Association Inc.

Preserving the beach for all to use

2018 Winter Newsletter

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You are cordially invited to attend the

2018 FBA Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9 September 2018 at 10.30.am

Frankston Life Saving Club

Guest Speaker and refreshments at 11.00am

Guest Speaker: Neil Blake, Port Phillip Baykeeper with more than 30 years' experience in protecting Port Phillip Bay.

As founding director of the EcoCentre, Neil Blake (OAM) has been widely recognised and loved by the community for his deep knowledge, personable character, and extensive experience in environmental management, local history, biodiversity and community development.



The Port Phillip Baykeeper program works with Schools, Government, Researchers, Business and Community to protect Port Phillip Bay. It is a community program of Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc and is affiliated with Waterkeeper Alliance, a global network of nongovernmental advocates for an identified waterway. Waterkeepers are recognised by their community and local government. They advocate compliance with environmental laws, respond to citizen complaints, identify problems which affect their waterway and devise appropriate solutions.

Frankston Beach Association (FBA) aims to:
preserve and improve the natural features of the Frankston foreshore, having regard for appropriate and sustainable development, and support the provision of recreational facilities that are consistent with recognized coastal management principles.

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Supporting Our Aims: To Be or Not To Be? - Supplementary to our flyer **WE SAY NO TO THE BREAKWATER** Mayor Colin Hampton has defended Council's decision (Frankston Leader) to push ahead with plans for a new Coast Guard building and boat refuge at the base of Olivers Hill. Environmental concerns are ignored and the Leader article is full of misinformation. FBA expands on the above statements herein and provides further evidence to support them.

To add to the hyperbole the Coast Guard has placed a petition on 'change org' stating that *"we put this petition up with confidence knowing that over 20 years of detailed research into the area around Olivers Hill has been done which include as a minimum, wind, tides and wave action, geology and sand movement (littoral drift)."*

This statement is full of unsubstantiated information and FBA has asked the Coast Guard to provide a copy of the "20 years of detailed research."

Historical data

Apart from Council's effort in fiddling around the edges to increase the size of the proposed marina and the breakwater, there is no evidence that rigorous coastal modelling occurred. There was a meeting with Dr James Carley (Water Research Laboratory of University of NSW) who presented an estimate for a stage 1 scenario, but it was not approved by Council. Their Agenda (Sept 2017) states *"that it is essential that a hydrological study be undertaken to better inform the movements and accessible depths for construction of a harbour."* FBA submits this lacks funding for numerical and physical modelling.

FBA sought the advice of two coastal scientists - both challenged Council's Hydrological study *"the term hydrological survey refers to water catchment, condensation, etc. it is not a littoral process associated with sand movement arising from the effects of currents, waves and tides and in particular context of changing climate conditions, i.e. sea level rising)."*

In our opinion Frankston Council has systematically followed a duplicitous path in relation to the requirements to have coastal modelling studies carried out.

Over two decades the environmental and geological conditions and ecological footprint of the site were serious concerns for FBA and it sought the advice of nine Coastal Engineers and Coastal Scientists including the Victorian Environmental Protection Authority. They predicted that such a construction at Olivers Hill would cause erosion of the Frankston beaches and foreshore - and that Daveys Bay would silt up. The view was expressed that the larger the construction and the further it intruded from the foreshore into the waters of the Bay, the greater the interruption to the littoral drift and the more erosion and accretion would occur to the adjacent foreshore.

TO SAVE FRANKSTON'S BEAUTIFUL BEACHES PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION ON CHANGE.ORG - use search button to locate "Frankston Beach"



Maritime Risks – Lives are at Risk

Olivers Hill is located on a rocky headland and described in the Government's 'Safe Boating Guide' "as being the most dangerous part of the coastline on Port Phillip and in direct line with prevailing on-shore winds and the highest waves. The safety of small boats in this part of the Bay in bad weather is compromised and is a major concern."

Despite these risks the Coast Guard's petition unwisely seeks support for Marine safety by:

- Allowing the use of the boat ramp for launching and retrieval;
- Allowing other users of Port Phillip to find shelter when in trouble; and,
- Providing a permanent mooring for a Coast Guard rescue vessel and the Water Police vessels.

The State Government offer to the Coast Guard

The local MLA is offering the Coast Guard a new rescue boat. A small fast boat could be moored in Kananook Creek.

Frankston's beautiful beaches attract almost a million visitors a year for recreation, swimming and wellbeing. They are Frankston's greatest asset.

- What impact will this new development proposed by Council have on coastal processes?
- Why is Council avoiding the physical modelling described in Planning Amendment C30 as Mandatory?
- What is the management or risk mitigation strategy to manage the risk now and into the future?

The Frankston community needs to understand the risks to our major coastal recreation activity area so that informed community feedback can happen. The long sweep of shoreline from Olivers Hill through to Seaford is unparalleled as a natural beachscape and should not be treated in such a piecemeal fashion.

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Marine safety 2018

Victoria Police is delivering a \$7m upgrade to replace ageing vessels with a new modern fleet to include large vessels, inflatable rescue boats and jet skis. They receive more than 800 calls for help every year, and check almost 8,500 vessels for safety compliance to support safety of the coast and waterways.

The State Government is delivering the biggest boost to police resources in the history of the force, with a new air wing, a program for new and upgraded police stations, new specialist vehicles and technology, and an increased workforce.

Foreshore Activities Report 2018

The Frankston Beach Association volunteers began this year's foreshore activities on April 16. Volunteering on the beach has many rewards; a highlight of which this year was on June 25 when volunteers watched a pod of dolphins with attendant sea birds feasting on fish shoals.

A concern for our beautiful bay and local beaches is the all-pervasive presence of plastic litter of all sizes. While we do not fully know the consequences of particulate plastics as they move through the food chain, current scientific knowledge indicates it does not bode well for the future. It is fact that plastic bags are killing wildlife in Port Phillip Bay and pose a real danger to Melbourne's greatest asset. Action needs to be taken urgently. Please voice your concern and contact your State and Federal Member of Parliament and Frankston City Councillors.

This year FBA secured a project grant of \$12,200 from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for the revegetation and weed control of approximately 5,000 sq. metres of foreshore adjacent to Beach Street and Palm Court on the South Beach.

To date there have been 8 working bees which included works on the Beach Street foreshore with up to 11 volunteers present. 1500 tubes have been planted and many weeds disposed of over both sites. The City of Frankston's support for our working bees has been invaluable. The Coastal Management Team provide fantastic logistic and professional support. Without this support working bees would be difficult.

On Wednesday, August 22 the FBA and the City of Frankston will host Monash University 1st year Occupational Therapy students on the foreshore. The students will participate in litter control, weeding and planting as part of a community volunteering assignment. The local community benefits as do the students. The event has been a successful partnership for a number of years.

The Frankston foreshore needs friends. Working bees are held once a fortnight during the planting season and run until mid-October. A dedicated core of volunteers, including those behind the scenes baking morning tea, do fantastic work that benefits the Frankston community. Come along and enjoy the company, the outdoors and doing service for your local environment.

[For enquiries about voluntary work on the foreshore or in the nursery, please contact:](#)

[Johan de Bree](#)
[0418 374 981](#)

Do you really want daily parties and strangers meeting right next to your backyard?

It has descended upon Frankston and the beachfront and is expanding exponentially! AIRBNB – a \$30bn business - and similar commercial accommodation entities are operating in the middle of our residential areas. Sadly, beautiful beachfront cities like Frankston are most vulnerable, and if action is not taken immediately, their future looks bleak.

AIRBNB operates worldwide and not welcome in many locations. The number of AIRBNB listings in Australia surged by 87 percent in the past year, with more than 12,474 homes available in Melbourne. It is a major issue for thousands of Australian residents. Daytime noise and nuisance can be present 7 days a week, 12 months of the year with this new-vogue Short Stay Rental Accommodation. The continuous low volume noise and/or music can be unbearable and severely impact residents' mental health; affecting concentration, memory and sleep quality.

Frankston residents, including those near the beachfront, feel unsafe with a constant barrage of visitors to the neighbourhood, an onslaught of traffic with cars parked haphazardly, yelling from the intoxicated, and swearing at all hours of the day and night. Complaints have been made but there is little that Police can do, as there is no supporting day-time noise legislation.

Due to lack of substance in Victorian state noise and nuisance regulations, Frankston City Council and neighbouring Mornington Shire had no other choice but to pioneer and develop their own local legislation and to assist victims, have initiated court hearings at local VCAT.

FBA believes that current Victorian noise legislation is very restrictive. There is nothing about daytime noise, no technical specifications, no typical examples, and no procedures are described. We are therefore lobbying for a substantial upgrade of Victorian state residential noise pollution and nuisance legislation before it's too late, as AIRBNB say they are "aiming to have one billion annual guests worldwide by 2018". Frankston Beach Association also suggests that Short Stay Rental Accommodation be completely excluded from residential areas, as the business is commercial by nature, not residential.

FBA Membership: We thank you for your continued support and hope that you are pleased with the work undertaken by the Association and our Newsletter report of activities. Unfortunately, our membership is not increasing and we again seek your support by passing a membership and/or committee membership application to a family member, a friend, colleague or neighbour in order that we can grow and attract a wider range of views and representation.

Current FBA Committee members:

Pat Bentley
Joan Cavanagh

Kathy Cooper
Johan de Bree

Bob Graham
Kath Hassell

Vladas Petrulis
Eve Welch



FBA Membership Application and Renewal Form

1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Annual membership for the 2018/2019 financial year was due on 1st July 2018. 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.

It is more economical for us to contact members via email. If you agree to make this your preferred method of our communication with you, please include your email address below.

Thank you

Eve Welch, Treasurer FBA.

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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: _____ (This is my preferred means of communication)

Note: We consider your email address private and confidential and as such it will only be used for Frankston Beach Association business purposes.

I/we are available to assist with voluntary work (e.g. planting out, research, foreshore maintenance etc.), my particular interest is:

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.

NOMINATION for COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP of the FRANKSTON BEACH ASSOCIATION 2018/2019

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 20/08/18 TO THE RETURNING OFFICER at P O BOX 5092, Frankston South, Vic 3199