



# Frankston Beach Association Inc.

*Preserving the beach for all to use*

## Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Frankston Beach Association (FBA) extends sincere thanks to Members and Friends who continue to support our efforts to preserve the beach for all to use. Our thoughts are with you at this time of World Health Crisis and we do hope that you, your family and friends are well and coping with the change that has been brought upon us.

### News About Us

FBA has attracted three new Committee members over the past six months. The most recent appointment is that of a new Treasurer who has taken over the role which was managed by Eve Welch for many, many years. Sincere thanks are extended to Eve for her dedicated work and most recently, for her efforts in seeking a replacement for the position.

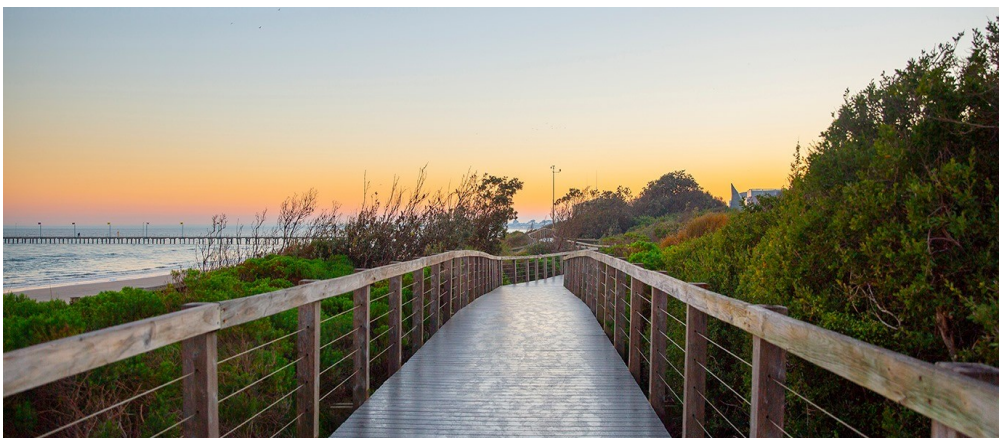
With the advent of new members, the Committee is now looking at how best to promote FBA and its activities. As a first step we have moved to a new website location that better reflects FBA Inc. as a not-for-profit organisation. <http://www.frankstonbeach.org.au>

The huge task ahead now is to renew and revitalise the website to include current information and activities. In order to bring all our thoughts together, FBA has established management and operational plans which we hope will assist in transferring knowledge and in expediting actions. We encourage ideas and input from all members to continually progress as the Frankston Beach Association. Our contact details are below.

FBA continues its business through virtual Committee Meetings and are grateful that we have the opportunity to keep abreast of community activity through this medium. Our focus remains on projects and activities that may affect our foreshore. We also continue to support other environmental issues that arise as items on the Frankston City Council Agenda, or which are brought to our attention by interaction with the Frankston Environmental Friends Network.

### Recent FBA Activity

#### Lighting of Beach Boardwalk



**Frankston Beach Boardwalk**

Source: Visit Frankston

FBA is not supportive of the Frankston City Council proposal to install lighting along the 625m long boardwalk for a number of reasons; including disturbance to wildlife, removal of vegetation for the installation of cabling and also, as we deemed the project is an unnecessary expense. We are therefore very pleased that Frankston Council is not going ahead with the project at this stage.

## Frankston Volunteer Coast Guard

Frankston City Council advise that the **Frankston Coast Guard** is now occupying a section of the first floor of the Yacht Club. A Working Group has been established to work through their requirements for use in this allocated space. These requirements and functions will be further scoped once an Architect is engaged. Construction works are intended to commence early in the financial year 2020-21.

The budgeted cost for the works is \$1.5 million, which certainly far exceeds the \$400,000 to be allocated from Strategic Reserves for the Yacht Club refurbishment, as passed by Council in October 2019. In its recent submission to the Council's Proposed Annual Budget 2020-21, **FBA** has requested a detailed breakdown of the budgeted costs to explain the increase to \$1.5 million for the works.

## Other FBA activity

Other items of focus so far this year include the draft **Green Wedge Management Plan** and the new **Short Stay Accommodation Local Law**, which after 3 years of lobbying by FBA and the wider community was passed by Council in April 2020 and has now come into effect.

FBA has ensured representation at Frankston City Council meetings where all of the above were Agenda items. We understand also that there have been individual representations which support FBA views and it is rewarding to see that community input can lead to positive outcomes.

## Foreshore Activities Report

Unfortunately, working bee activity has been put on hold due to government recommendations on Covid-19. Many project plants were ready to kick off the season on April 6. These are being held at the Indigenous Nursery until working bees commence.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, one of our funded projects has been extended from May 2020 to November 2020 and requests have been submitted for extensions to our other grants, one Victorian Government (Coastcare) and one Australian Government funded grant (CEP).



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Johan de Bree will be in contact with the Working Bee members as soon as it is advisable and practicable to resume the normal working bee group work.

## FBA AIMS

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

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**FBA Website**

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## FBA Committee Members

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