



# Frankston Beach Association Inc.

*Preserving the beach for all to use*

## Winter Newsletter 2021

### 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the FBA AGM

on Sunday 29 August at 10.30 a.m. at the Frankston Life Saving Club Inc.

Guest Speaker is Jenny Warfe: "The state of our Bays - Port Phillip and Westernport"

Jenny is an environmental activist and Secretary of the Port Phillip Conservation Council, a federation of 14 bay-wide environmental groups. As President of the Blue Wedges Coalition, Jenny was a major opponent of the Port Phillip Channel Deepening project.

#### FBA History

The Frankston Beach Association was formed following a public meeting held in 1982. This meeting was called to protest against a proposal to build a marina at the bottom of Oliver's Hill.

Over the past thirty-nine years, FBA has worked tirelessly to preserve and improve the natural features of the Frankston foreshore. Our aim now is to ensure the history of our endeavours is preserved.

The Committee's intention is to sort through treasured archives and create an historical profile of our Association, for record-keeping and display purposes.

Member input is most welcome. Should you wish to contribute in some small way, we would be delighted to hear from you. A small working group will oversee operations, so please do make contact if you are able to assist with our ventures: [fbainc2006@hotmail.com](mailto:fbainc2006@hotmail.com)



**Founding members Bob Graham - with the late Margaret Grice and Pat Bentley**

#### Our Primary Dunes Require Greater Protection

FBA seeks Frankston City Council support to advance the principle that Frankston's important coastal areas warrant additional mandatory Planning and Building regulations to achieve greater environmental protection.

There are concerns about possible detrimental effects to the foreshore because of high-impact developments in Gould Street, where residences occupy a thin strip of very low-lying primary dune, between the Bay and Kananook Creek. Primary dunes provide the most effective and natural protection against storm surge and high waves, stabilising the beach and reducing coastal flooding. Dunes also act as sand storage areas, supplying sand to eroded beaches.

Urban development on primary dunes has an adverse impact on beaches. It locks up the source of sand and disrupts the sediment budget - the balance between changes in the volume of sediment held within the system and the volume of sediment entering or leaving the system.

Frankston Beach primary dunes, especially fronting Gould Street, must be protected in order to safeguard what lies beneath and behind them - the water table, stable sand deposits, homes, roads and other important infrastructure.

A request has been submitted to Council to formulate an overlay for the area to trigger a planning permit requirement and protect this coastline, without delay.

**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.

## Successful Grant Funding

Heartiest congratulations to the Foreshore Coordinator, Johan de Bree who was successful in seeking a grant from the 2021 Port Phillip Bay fund. On 9 June 2021 the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change announced the successful 2021 Port Phillip Bay Fund grant recipients.

The Fiocchi Avenue foreshore project will rehabilitate approximately 3,700m<sup>2</sup> of degraded coastal dune through weed removal and revegetation. New plantings will strengthen remnant flora stands, providing a contiguous corridor of vegetation for native fauna.

## CoastSnap stations

Frankston City Council set up a CoastSnap station at Frankston and Seaford Foreshore and invited FBA to participate in the citizen science aspect of the program.

CoastSnap is a citizen science project that began in NSW and is now a global project that relies on repeat photos at the same location to track how the coast is changing over time, due to processes such as storms, rising sea levels, human activities and other factors.

Using the phone cradle at the station means that photographs are taken at a consistent location and angle, then sent to coastal scientists. When collated, they provide a time lapse of the coast for scientists to analyse changes over time and forecast how coastlines may change in coming decades.

An instruction board will soon be installed.

<https://www.coastsnap.com/>

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



## Working Bees

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.

Please contact Johan de Bree, Foreshore Activities Coordinator: 0418 374 981

## Members and Membership

The Committee is very keen to enhance engagement with members. A short survey seeks to understand members' needs and ensure that interest in member contribution is maximised. Please do set aside 5 minutes to complete the short survey which will soon come your way. Your input is very much valued and appreciated.

Renewal of Membership is looming for the financial year 2021-2022 and the form is attached to this Newsletter for your completion and return as soon as possible.

Please circulate our newsletter to friends and family. New members are most welcome.

## Current Committee Members

John Maudsley, President  
Joan Cavanagh, Secretary  
Ash Steegstra, Treasurer & Membership Secretary  
Johan de Bree, Foreshore Coordinator  
Kathy Cooper, Assistant Secretary  
Kerry Gilbert, Website Co-ordinator  
Glenn Aitken  
Bob Graham  
Vladas Petrulis  
Eve Welch

## Committee Workgroups

The FBA Committee is looking for member support to assist with two working groups:

- (i) To plan an event to celebrate FBA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- (ii) To undertake a review of our Constitution. An additional person with legal knowledge would be much appreciated for this group.

If you are able to assist, please contact the Secretary, Joan Cavanagh on 0409 001 838.

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# FBA Membership Application

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Annual membership for the 2021/2022 financial year starts from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. We welcome new members and invite you to apply to join our group by taking out an annual membership. For current members, renewal of membership is now due and we welcome your timely payment.

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

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

Thank you,

Ash Steegstra  
Treasurer FBA



I/we wish to join or renew my/our membership of the Frankston Beach Association and agree to support FBA aims and be bound by its Rules of Incorporation.

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:   This is my preferred means of communication

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 one-off donation of \$

**Payment** Please send payment with this form **by post** to the Membership Secretary, Ash Steegstra, PO Box 5092, Frankston South 3199, **via email** to: [fbainc2006@hotmail.com](mailto:fbainc2006@hotmail.com) 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.

Dear Member,

We thank you for another year of support and do hope that our performance over the past twelve months meets with your expectations in respect of the Association's aims and activities.

We would like to remind members if you have joined over the past five months, that fee covers membership for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Many thanks,  
Ash Steegstra, **Membership Secretary**