



# Frankston Beach Association Inc.

*Preserving the beach for all to use*

## 2022 Autumn Newsletter

### Save Frankston Beach

FBA members Gracie and John, Kerry and Brendan led a very successful *Save Frankston Beach* campaign. In Save the Beach T-Shirts, they mingled with crowds attracted to the foreshore for the Frankston Waterfront Festival. In no time, awareness was raised of the proposed harbour development and the impact a large, solid, coastal structure would have, if built at Olivers Hill. In general, the public was disturbed to hear of the plans and were happy to have meaningful conversations, raising pertinent questions and gaining more details on the proposal.



Promotional activity initiatives drew vital attention on the foreshore during the weekend of the Frankston Waterfront Festival. Sincere thanks to Kerry and Brendan for the time and energy devoted to the Save the Beach campaign.

### The Campaign Continues

It was pleasing to see that Paul Edbrooke MP states that while he is the State Member of Parliament there will be NO harbour at Frankston's Olivers Hill. However, community concerns with any future development at Olivers Hill must be advertised and spread more widely and the campaign will continue. Your assistance in our endeavours is much appreciated.

### How you can help

1. Protect, Improve, Preserve and Enhance Frankston's beautiful and unique beaches and waterways for all to enjoy now and in the future. Save Frankston Beach and protect Olivers Hill from future harbour development. <https://www.facebook.com/PIPE-UP-Frankston-102618558832837>
2. Read the Paul Edbrooke petition at this link: [SIGN & SHARE THE NEW PETITION NOW!](#)
3. FBA seeks volunteers to host "Save Frankston Beach" campaign banners or corflute signs at high traffic, highly visual locations. If interested, please contact [pipeupfrankston@gmail.com](mailto:pipeupfrankston@gmail.com)

### Frankston's Senior Citizen of the Year

It is some months now since we conveyed our heartiest congratulations to FBA member Minio Rossetto, who was named Frankston's Senior Citizen of the Year in the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

We again thank and congratulate Minio, a dedicated community volunteer who has worked for many decades with community groups such as the Frankston Beach Association, the Kananook Creek Association, Long Island Tennis Club and other sporting clubs. A well-deserved award for a special community member who is admired by all who have had the pleasure of his company.



## Welcome back FBA Working Bee Volunteers!



### Foreshore Preservation and Restoration

Johan de Bree, FBA Foreshore Activities Coordinator, works closely with Council staff in preparation for Working Bee activities. Keeping a Foreshore reserve densely planted with endemic plants, provides the community with a window to the past, our natural heritage. Our reserves are remnants of vegetation that existed on the shores of Port Phillip Bay prior to European settlement. The reserves also form a contiguous wildlife corridor providing food and shelter to a variety of native animal species. The role of vegetation in erosion control shouldn't be forgotten.

The first project for 2022 began March 28 on the foreshore north of Fiocchi Avenue. Volunteers plan to weed and plant 5,000 endemic coastal plants amongst remnant vegetation. The project is funded by the State government via a DELWP CoastCare fund. The project is scheduled for completion in early September 2022.

Our sincerest thanks to Council Rangers and residents who engage in working bee activity. We wish you well and hope you enjoy time with colleagues preserving and restoring Frankston's much-loved foreshore.

**Weeds Training** You may wish to check out Graham Lorimer's weed management training videos available via the Frankston City Council website at: [Environmental Weeds - Frankston City Council](#)

### Call for Volunteers

FBA continues to seek support to assist Frankston City Council Rangers and the Foreshore Activities Coordinator with ongoing foreshore weeding and revegetation. Working Bees are held once a fortnight during planting season, which is now in progress. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Johan de Bree 0418 374 981.

## Seeking New Members

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.

Our attention is focussed on components under the areas of Environmental, Recreational and Social Values as outlined below.

**Environmental:** natural physical features, water, reefs, beach, primary and secondary dunes, cliff faces (significant vistas), creeks and drains, marine life, flora and fauna, piers and jetties and other man-made structures.

**Recreational:** public health and well-being, swimming, diving, snorkelling, beach sports, walking, jogging, fishing, sailboards, kyaking and canoeing, yachts, jet skis, powerboats and picnicking.

**Social Values:** preservation of public open space, access - equality vs privilege, community pride, community participation, history and heritage, education, fair allocation of public funds and subsidies.

FBA has received excellent support from community members who have read our brochures, flyers or newsletters and the input provided is much valued and appreciated.

We now extend a very warm invitation to those who wish to join with Frankston Beach Association in "Protecting the Beach for all to use". New thoughts and approaches to support the Association's management and operations are most welcome.

Membership is \$10 (family) or \$5 concession, (includes seniors and pensioners). For further information please make contact with the Secretary. Email: [fbainc2006@hotmail.com](mailto:fbainc2006@hotmail.com)

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**Protecting Frankston Marine Species**

Sincere thanks to FBA Secretary, Joan Cavanagh who spoke to Council Meeting 2022/2 Item: 12.3 Lighting of Frankston Pier. In order to safeguard Frankston’s precious marine creatures and irreplaceable ecosystem, FBA put forward a case to Council urging abandonment of the plan for glow lighting under the pier.

Frankston City Council responded saying the design approach for lighting the Frankston pier will provide an integrated lighting solution to allow for safe public access in the evenings, while minimising environmental impacts. In order to protect the circadian cycle of sea life, the concept of glow lighting under the pier is not supported and will not be pursued for the Frankston Pier.

FBA will maintain awareness in this regard and ensure protection of our valuable marine species.



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**FBA Committee Members**

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

**Generous support is provided by:**

Brendan Gilhome, Michele McKinlay and Judy Wachendorfer.

The Committee holds monthly meetings and works to a Management and Operational Plan.

**Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre (FMAC) Structure Plan**

Frankston City Council is preparing a new 20-year **FMAC Structure Plan** for the City Centre. Currently, the central activity area has no built form requirements and already some excessively high buildings have been approved.

Frankston Beach Association considers that future City Centre developments along the highway adjacent to Kananook Creek, should be restricted to a maximum height of 20 metres.



Also considered essential are architectural design guidelines to ensure quality, articulated buildings which don’t overwhelm the creek and dominate bay and creek vistas, and which contribute to the greening of the area, avoid generation of unpleasant wind conditions, overshadowing of public spaces and night light interference.

Please consider adding your views in the online survey open until 30 May 2022 at:  
[https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston\\_City\\_Centre/structure-plan-survey](https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/Frankston_City_Centre/structure-plan-survey)

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**FBA Website**

[www.frankstonbeach.org.au](http://www.frankstonbeach.org.au)

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# Save Frankston Beach

Frankston beach is our No. 1 natural asset and drawcard. It has unique, beautiful, stable and safe sand bars, which not only provide one of the best beaches on the bay, but they also protect the shoreline.

Any intrusive breakwater construction will strip sand from Frankston beach.

## NO HARBOUR AT OLIVERS HILL

Beach damage has already occurred around Port Phillip Bay from other breakwater constructions. The precautionary principle must be applied to avoid catastrophic effects on Frankston beaches.



Frankston's boating home and natural safe harbour is at Kananook Creek.

It needs improvement.  
Investment must start there.

If you love Frankston and wish to protect our beaches, please spread the message.