



Frankston Beach Association Inc.

Preserving the beach for all to use

Spring Newsletter 2022

40th Annual General Meeting

FBA's 2022 AGM brought together a packed audience of members and friends and online attendees to celebrate the Association's milestone 40th anniversary. We reflected on the range of our activities and endeavours over the past years and elected office bearers for the coming year.

Guest speaker Ian Stevenson of the Mornington Peninsula Fossil Beach Interest Group had the audience enthralled by his engaging presentation on the history on Mornington's fossil beach and the surrounding coastline. We were astonished to learn details of the structure of the earth and of Mornington Peninsula's geological and geomorphological history spanning 5 to 50 million years.

Ian's informative presentation has whetted the appetite of many to learn more about our coastline and its significant fossil treasures.



Guest Speaker Ian Stevenson



FBA Member Ann Miller cutting the cake

Life Membership

In recognition of her outstanding commitment and invaluable service over 25 years, FBA Life Membership was awarded to Eva Welch at the AGM. Our heartiest congratulations go to Eva who has been an active committee member since 1997 and who has served as Treasurer/Membership Secretary for many of those years. Eva has also represented the FBA on the Committee of the Port Phillip Conservation Council Inc. for many years.



Bob Graham and Eva Welch

The following nominations for the FBA Committee were proposed, seconded and accepted at the AGM. A previously unfilled position of Vice President was also filled.

Committee Members 2022/2023

Office bearers:

John Maudsley, President

Kerry Gilbert, Vice President

Joan Cavanagh, Secretary

Jarrold Bosanko, Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Johan de Bree, Foreshore Activities Coordinator

Other members: Kerry Barber, Kathy Cooper, Bob Graham, Vladas Petrulis, Eva Welch.

Protecting the Foreshore

A clean beach with natural coastal vegetation is among the top requirements of surveyed beach users in Victoria.

More than 355,000 endemic plantings on the foreshore by FBA members and volunteers have helped shore up the dunes, provide habitat for sea and shore birds and other wildlife, and added to the stunning natural coastal views and vistas.

In conjunction with the Frankston City Council (FCC) Coastal Management team, our working bee members have removed thousands of weeds and planted over 5,000 tube plants this year.

This concludes a DELWP/Port Phillip Bay funded project. Orders for new plants have been placed with the Frankston Indigenous Nursery in readiness for a new DELWP/Coastcare funded project to commence in April 2023.

There is a never-ending weed eradication task on the foreshore where invasive pest species include large pockets of Mirror Bush, Wormwood, Gazania sp. and stands of Marram Grass.

Endemic flora species are part of our natural heritage, and its preservation is an important aspect of FBA'S tasks. New plantings completed will strengthen the remnant vegetation classes

and allow for a contiguous corridor of vegetation to provide habitat for diverse shore birds and other coastal wildlife.

Our foreshore activities seek to stave off potential beach sand movement and erosion by improving dune stability. Plantings of stabilising species include Coastal Saltbush, Austral Stork's-bill, White Correa, Coast Everlasting and Spinifex Grass.

Foreshore working bees are now in recess. Our sincere thanks to the Council team, Foreshore Coordinator Johan de Bree and the volunteers who have worked tirelessly on revegetation of the foreshore. A fantastic and significant contribution to Frankston's natural coastal environs!



Wormwood removal

Safeguarding our Beach and Waterway Pollution

Very worrying is the magnitude of discarded plastics and other garbage that litter the sand dunes, entangle foreshore and marine plants and wildlife, and mar the natural beauty of our beaches.

What is not always readily apparent to beach users, are receptacles for their rubbish disposal. For the protection of marine and coastal fauna and flora, and for everyone's enjoyment of a clean beach, we urge the Council to provide added garbage bins and rubbish collections at hotspots along the foreshore.

Urgent action from all levels of government is required to address the environmental harm to marine and coastal species from plastics. We ask that you raise this urgent concern with local Members of Parliament please.

FCC DRAFT FMAC Structure Plan: Have your say

Frankston is a designated Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) providing a wide range of services for Frankston and surrounding suburbs.

A recently released *Draft FMAC Structure Plan* includes built form and other recommendations for a number of designated city centre precincts including a "Waterways Precinct" which extends along the west side of Nepean Highway adjoining Kananook Creek from the Cheeky Squire to Beach Street.

It is vital that all efforts are directed to ensure that future recommendations in the FMAC Structure Plan will not negatively impact the beach and the waterway, Kananook Creek.

The preferred maximum height intended for the Waterways Precinct in the FMAC is 41 metres/12 storeys. In our view this is excessive, and we strongly urge a maximum height of 20 metres/4-5 storeys next to the creek.

High rise structures adjoining the creek will overwhelm the coastal environs, dominate skyline views and vistas from all vantage points with potential permanent amenity impacts including wind generation, night light spillage, glare, loss of sunlight and shading of public places, increased traffic, road congestion and noise.

Please let the Council hear your views by 12 December on the *Draft FMAC Structure Plan* which is available at the link below along with a choice of feedback options:

<https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/FMAC-structure-plan>

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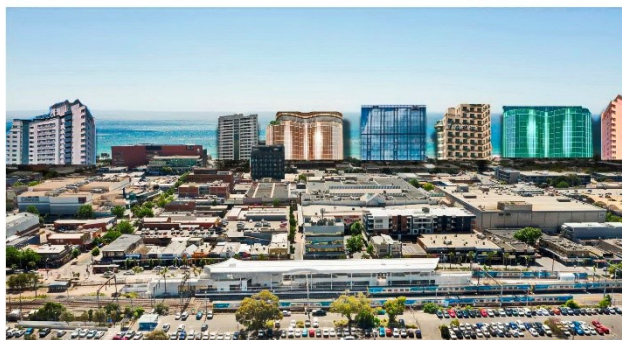
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Great wall of Frankston



Artist's impression of potential waterside outcomes

Please say NO to this great wall of Frankston.

Coastal and Marine Management Plan

Frankston City Council is undertaking a Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) which will set out the vision, objectives and actions for the management of the Frankston's coastal and marine areas for the next 10 years.

FBA committee members participated in FCC online and in-person workshops to provide our input to what is most valued, the risks/issues foreseen and the opportunities to enhance specific areas. We also contributed to the *Draft Frankston CMMP 2023-33* with a written submission, outlining values, issues and opportunities for three Frankston Precincts in the plan.

Read about the CMMP at this link:

[Coastal and Marine Management Plan | Engage Frankston!](#)

Preservation of Marine and Coastal Assets

For 40 years, FBA has been dedicated to the preservation of Frankston's natural marine and coastal assets and values. We have been fortunate to be able to work cooperatively with Frankston City Council on many projects of great benefit to the community and the environment. Our expressed views align with those of fellow members of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network, which represents 23 member groups, and the Port Phillip Conservation Council, a federation of 14 member organisations around the Bay.

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



FBA Membership Application/Renewal

01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Current members, if you have not already done so, please renew your membership. Annual membership for the financial year 2022/2023 is now due and we welcome your timely payment.

New members are most welcome. Please make application to join our group by taking out an annual membership.

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,

Jarrold Bosanko
Treasurer FBA



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

Name(s)	<input type="text"/>	
Address	<input type="text"/>	
Telephone	<input type="text"/>	
Email	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 or **to pay your subscription via EFT, please refer to the following FBA bank details:**

BSB 033-362 Account No. 176020

When using EFT, **please include YOUR SURNAME AND INITIALS in the REFERENCE FIELD** 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.

Many thanks,
Jarrod Bosanko, **Membership Secretary & Treasurer**