



## Frankston Beach Association Inc.

### *Preserving the beach for all to use*

## *Summer Newsletter 2022*

The Frankston Beach Association Committee extends sincere thanks to members and friends for the ongoing support provided in our joint mission, to preserve the beach for all to use.

The year has passed so quickly with the Committee coming together for ten monthly meetings as well as the Annual General Meeting, and to discuss priority matters, three special meetings. Our sincerest thanks to Michele McKinlay and Judy Wachendörfer for their excellent research and hands-on support, which greatly strengthens Committee endeavours.

Our thanks also to Frankston City Council, to the Frankston Environmental Friends Network, and the Port Phillip Conservation Council members and friends who work together with us in addressing environmental matters that may affect the community and its much-loved foreshore.

### **FBA's 40<sup>th</sup> year Protecting the Foreshore**

Sincere thanks to the Frankston City Council for the opportunities available through Engage Frankston to provide feedback on proposed initiatives for the city. This year a number of FBA hours have been directed towards absorbing the information provided, assessing the merits and noting the concerns, prior to preparing submissions to Council on those proposals which relate to the foreshore and environs.

Of significance in 2022 is the enormous effort that went into our campaign to *Save Frankston Beach and protect Olivers Hill from future harbour development*. Other areas of concern relate to sections of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure plan and the Great Wall of Frankston.

FBA joins with community groups in imploring FCC to limit building height to a maximum 4 storeys at the waterfront and not the 12 storeys proposed. We say NO to the Great Wall of Frankston. This article may be of interest: *Cities and climate change: why low-rise buildings are the future – not skyscrapers*. Published Oct 28, 2021

<https://theconversation.com/cities-and-climate-change-why-low-rise-buildings-are-the-future-not-skyscrapers-170673>

Our thanks to Kananook Creek Association and the Long Island Residents Group who have worked collaboratively with FBA to identify and raise issues of concern both to the community and to FCC.

Current focus for the foreshore, is to review the Values, Issues and Opportunities Paper for the Coastal and Marine Management Plan and the Draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. We urge you to have your say too, ASAP at: <https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/>

### **Contributing to Foreshore Data Collection**

Two locals supported Baykeeper Neil Blake to successfully complete 3 beach profile transects at Frankston in late November. FBA has been invited to assist with further volunteer work which will support data collection aims of a current bay-wide research project:

- recording dune plants species and their relative abundance;
- sieving sand samples in the upper-intertidal zone to recording live mollusc species
- conducting a shoreline shell survey
- increasing the number of volunteers involved in the data collection.

To register interest in data collection, tentatively scheduled to take place in Easter School Holidays, please email [fbainc2006@hotmail.com](mailto:fbainc2006@hotmail.com)

# Season's Greetings



## **Frankston City Council (FCC) Environmental Sustainability Grant Award**

How thrilled we were to receive congratulatory news from FCC on December 1, that our application for an Environmental Sustainability Grant FY 2022/2023 was successful, in the amount of \$5,000.00.

***History of the Frankston Beach Association 1982-2022*** is a project which will be addressed over three stages. The Council grant will cover Stages 1 and 2. The first stage will entail sorting and editing the Association's documents from 40 years of operation and the professional electronic scanning of this material. The second stage will be undertaken by a paid professional author and will involve historical research and gathering of primary source material. A professional transcription service will be engaged for the recorded oral histories.

The ultimate aim at Stage 3 is to produce a publication of the FBA story which we envisage will inform and inspire community participation in the conservation of the marine and coastal attributes of Frankston and in the management of coastal environments. We plan also to promote the publication as a learning and reference source for secondary and tertiary students of environmental science/social science, etc., in the hope that they will be encouraged to participate in planting and regeneration and other activities to protect and enhance our natural assets.

Committee meetings are now in recess until the new year; however, work continues in collating and sorting through project materials.

## **Fossil Beach Tour**

On Tuesday 06 December, a group of 10 enthusiastic members and friends joined Ian Stevenson (our recent AGM Guest Speaker) for a guided tour of Mornington's Fossil Beach, a small cove which has a rich natural and cultural history of the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung people, Aboriginal middens which are registered and protected, fossils, and the remains of Victoria's first cement works.

The tour began at the Esplanade and followed the walking track down to the beach where stunning views of the Mornington coast were encountered.

From the beach, a challenging, but rewarding walk north was taken over rocks to the cliffs, where Ian pointed out examples of the 15-million-year-old fossils of marine animals preserved in fine grey clays, known as Gellibrand Marls or Balcombe Clays. Much was learned from Ian's amazing knowledge of fossils.



***Fossil Beach Midden***

The walk then led to part of the remains of the Patent Septaria Cement Company, which operated at Fossil Beach from 1862-1864, but fell into ruin when the supply of quality raw materials couldn't be sustained. In the late 1960s, eminent Melbourne University historian William (Bill) Culican joined with local architect John Taylor to begin an archaeological excavation of the cement works. The original rock work which was exposed, was able to be seen. Unfortunately, due to time constraints,

the group was not able to reach the remains of the kiln.

For those who could stay, the excursion was followed by a very enjoyable lunch at the nearby Dava hotel.

FBA extends sincere thanks to Ian Stevenson for a great day and a wonderful learning experience.

### **Coastal and Marine Management Plan**

FBA contributed with a written submission in October 2022, commenting on Values, Issues and Opportunities for three of the Frankston Precincts in the plan. You can still have your say by reviewing the updated Values, Issues and Opportunities Paper and ensure they have taken into consideration community comments. Share your feedback by 5pm 16 January 2023.

<https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/>

### **The Great Wall of Frankston**

Development and revitalisation of our city centre is desirable and necessary. However, we implore Council to recognise that high-rise developments at the front line is NOT the solution. We have a vision for our city that showcases rather than conceals our prized assets of the beach, foreshore and Kananook Creek, the acknowledged jewels in Frankston's crown. These assets should be available to all.

If you have not already done so, please sign the online petition. After signing with name and email address, you can uncheck the box (remove the tick) if you do not wish your name to show. You do not need to donate money - just press "later".

To access the petition, you can copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-great-wall-of-frankston>

### **Foreshore Working Bee Activity**

The Frankston Beach Association working bee group will resume scheduled activity in early April 2023. A grant from the 2021-2022 Port Phillip Bay Fund will be used to restore eroded coastal dune from Fiocchi Avenue to Allawah Avenue. The project will involve weed removal and planting of 5500 species of native coastal dune plants.

The team is seeking further support and will be grateful to receive notification of your interest to assist in protection and preservation of the foreshore. We do understand that there is sometimes difficulty in identifying weeds from plants, but rest assured, we are very happy to work with newcomers and you will be an expert in no time.

If interested, please contact Johan de Bree, Foreshore Activities Coordinator: 0418 374 981

### **FBA Committee**

#### Office bearers:

John Maudsley, President

Kerry Gilbert, Vice President

Joan Cavanagh, Secretary

Jarrod Bosanko, Treasurer & Membership Sec.

Johan de Bree, Foreshore Activities Coordinator

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

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**Best wishes to all for a Safe and Happy Festive Season**



## FBA Membership Application

01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

**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,

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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)

Address

Telephone

Email

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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**

When using EFT, **please include YOUR SURNAME AND INITIALS in the REFERENCE FIELD** so we can identify your payment.

**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.