



Frankston Beach Association Inc

Preserving the beach for more than 40 years

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The Frankston foreshore continues to be a very popular location during all seasons, attracting many dedicated visitors, touring sightseers and members of the community. Frankston Beach Association (FBA) steadfastly endeavours to achieve its aim in preserving the beach for all to use, and will do so through restoration and preservation of the foreshore and in ensuring that there is community awareness of plans for change which may have an impact on dune stability, local fauna and flora and on our beach and waterways, that are a source of pleasure to many.

42nd Annual General Meeting

**You are cordially invited to attend the Frankston Beach Association Inc Annual General Meeting
Sunday 06 October, 10.00 a.m. at the Frankston Life Saving Club Inc**

Guest Speaker: Sheree Marris, Marine Biologist

FBA is fortunate to have Sheree Marris as our 2024 AGM Guest Speaker. Sheree is a renowned marine biologist.

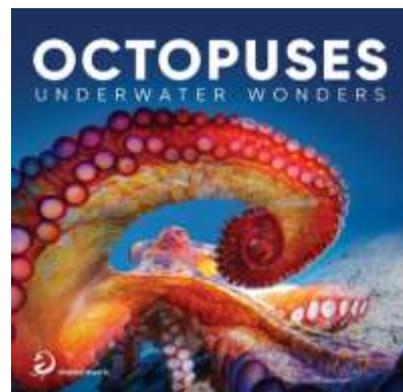
She is a TV and radio commentator, features in documentaries and is a regular contributor to Ocean Geographic, Australian Geographic and Club Marine magazines, to name a few. Her work has been recognised with numerous accolades; including several Young Australian of the Year awards, 2014 Deakin Alumni Award and Centenary Medal for Outstanding contribution to conservation and the environment. Sheree is also an Adjunct at James Cook University and a scholar for the Centre for Sustainable Leadership.

If Sheree had her choice, she would have gills instead of lungs, a breath-hold to rival the sperm whale and a sparkly green mermaid-esque tail. Since she doesn't, she spends most of her time blowing bubbles and developing innovative marine environmental projects that bridge the gap between science and the public. A born communicator, this sassy marine scientist is an award-winning author and has several publications under her belt including Melbourne Down Under and KamaSEAta – Secrets of Sex in the Sea. View Sheree's latest publication at:

<https://www.octopusesbook.com>

The Presentation

Octopuses - Underwater Wonders - Dive in to discover the breathtaking diversity of the planet's most extraordinary animals showcased by stunning imagery and vivid storytelling from Australian award-winning author and local marine biologist Sheree Marris. From shapeshifters, mimics, illusionists and even jelly wrestlers, it will answer fascinating questions about their downright bizarre biology. Do they really eat through their armpits? What was mother nature thinking when she put teeth on their tongues and how in the name of Neptune can they change colour even though they're colour-blind? Meet octopus species from across the globe, including locals in Port Phillip Bay ranging from the tiny and infamous Blue-ringed Octopus, to the giant Maori Octopus. Don't miss this compelling and entertaining presentation. Sneak peek into Sheree's new book which will be available on the day for purchase and signing.





Foreshore Working Bee Activity

The FBA working bee group works to restore and preserve the Frankston foreshore. The remnant foreshore vegetation links us to our pre-colonial past when the foreshore was densely covered with native coastal vegetations, our natural heritage!

The FBA Foreshore Activities Coordinator schedules the working bees for FBA projects. Volunteers work with Frankston City Council Coastal Management staff every 2nd Tuesday morning from March until October each year.

The Frankston Indigenous nursery provides plants for FBA projects. Prior to the start of planting out new projects, nursery staff and volunteers collect seed and cuttings from local foreshore vegetation for propagating and growing. These plants are ready in tubes to plant the following year.

This circular economy process maintains the local floral gene pool, helps with the nursery's bottom line and uses local staff and volunteers.

Our current team of volunteers is a small dedicated group who have worked tirelessly over the years to manage projects funded by Victorian and Australian government agencies. This year, despite inclement weather causing

working bee cancellations on at least 3 occasions, some 2,500 tubes have been planted and heaps of weeds removed.

We welcome your assistance in our efforts to protect and maintain Frankston's Foreshore Reserves. Not only will you assist to shore up dunes, you will also take part in preserving Port Phillip Bay's natural history.

Your support is welcome. If interested, please contact Johan de Bree, Foreshore Activities Coordinator on: 0418 374 981

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Planning and VCAT Matters

High Rise Buildings on Nepean Hwy/Kananook Creek Boulevard

FBA joins with members of the community in raising concerns on climate change and the possible impacts on our city and foreshore. The coastal areas and Kananook Creek are susceptible to inundation and storm surges, and it is with this in mind, that FBA has continued its involvement in city planning matters.

To date, FBA has lodged submissions of objection to the development proposals for Harbour Frankston (446-450 Nepean Hwy), PACE (438-444 Nepean Hwy) and OYOB/ former Brockwood House (424-426 Nepean Hwy). All have plans revised down to 14 storeys.

A permit for the Harbour development was approved by VCAT, but the PACE permit application was refused, largely on the basis of its visual bulk and its failure to meet the DDO14 requirements for width, height and tower setback. Pace has sought leave to appeal the VCAT decision at the Supreme Court. The owner OYOB has now demolished the former Brockwood House building and a decision on a permit for the development and an extension of time is being considered by VCAT.

FMAC Structure Plan 2023

FBA presented an excellent and very detailed submission to the Planning Panel which sat in July to consider Amendment C160fran to implement the provisions of the adopted FMAC Structure Plan 2023 into the Planning scheme. It seems likely that the C160fran Panel Report and adoption of the ACZ1 (possibly with some recommended changes) will come to a meeting of the new councillors who will then need to adopt it and send it to the Planning Minister for approval.

Council elections are due to be held in October.

Climate Change

“Summer heat arrives in August, threatening to break all-time Australian winter temperature records”. In recent times, that is just one of the few statements recorded in news broadcasts referring to climate change across Australia.

In the short term, the effects can just be uncomfortable, but the long-term outcomes may drastically affect the way we live.

As a city by the bay, rising sea levels, inundation, erosion, estuarine flooding and storm surge will mean some parts of Frankston City are vulnerable.

Richard Clough presented to the August FBA committee meeting on CoastKit, a Victorian Government free online mapping service, that hosts publicly available spatial information to support evidence-based decision making, assist with planning applications and show opportunities for restoration activities.

Learn more about Victoria’s marine and coastal data. Coastline sea levels are very interesting. There are clear instructions to lead you through the process. [CoastKit \(marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au\)](http://CoastKit (marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au))



Vacant Committee Positions

All committee positions are considered each year at the Annual General Meeting. We are looking to introduce a younger generation to participate in protecting and preserving the beloved Frankston foreshore. Should you wish to assist in ensuring that FBA continues to preserve and protect the Frankston foreshore, now is the time to consider making contact with your family and friends to seek their interest in joining with others to protect the environment. Current knowledge and experience needs to be passed on, including foreshore preservation through weeding and planting and the effects on the foreshore from climate change or inappropriate planning and development.

If there is any interest in these committee positions, please contact the Secretary at: fbainc2006@hotmail.com



Frankston Beach Association is a member of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network (FEFN), an active network that provides a local forum for collaboration and communication between environmental and friends group volunteers, within Frankston’s municipality and beyond.

There are many opportunities to learn more about environmental activities that protect and preserve our native flora and fauna. Fertile soil and pollination are made stronger because of biodiversity. Your participation in these activities will benefit generations to come. A diverse environment is pivotal to all kinds of life.



FBA Membership Application New Members and Current Member Renewal

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Annual membership for the 2024/2025 financial year starts from 1st July 2024. Membership is currently \$20 (single or family) or \$10 (concession). Concession includes seniors and pensioners.

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

Thank you,

Secretary FBA

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I/We wish to:

Renew FBA membership Join Frankston Beach Association (please identify with tick)

I/We agree to support FBA aims and be bound by its Rules of Incorporation.

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email: This is my preferred means of communication

Signature

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I/We are available to assist with voluntary work (e.g. planting out, research, foreshore maintenance etc.).

My/Our 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 Secretary, Frankston Beach Association, 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:

Westpac BSB 033-362 Account No. 176020

When using EFT, your SURNAME and INITIALS must be included in the REFERENCE FIELD, so that we can identify your payment. PLEASE ALSO SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BY POST OR EMAIL.

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Date Membership approved by Committee