



Frankston Beach Association Inc.

Preserving the beach for all to use

Winter 2015 Newsletter

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Frankston Beach Association Aims to:

Preserve and improve the natural features of the Frankston foreshore, having regard for appropriate and sustainable development, and to support the provision of recreational facilities that are consistent with recognized coastal management principles.

You are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Frankston Beach Association

Sunday 30th August 2015 at 11.00am
at the Frankston Life Saving Club

Guest Speaker: Dr Paul Fraser



Dr Paul Fraser, one of the world's most renowned atmospheric chemists, will be addressing the meeting on Greenhouse Gases, Climate Change and Impacts such as sea level rise.

As early as 1978 he founded the Cape Grim Air Archive, the most critical archive of background air in the world. Through this, his team discovered several new greenhouse gases in the background atmosphere.

He has received many awards for his research, including the prestigious

Eureka Prize for Environmental Research (1995), and the US EPA Ozone Protection Award (2002). He was part of Al Gore's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for this research.

We urge members and friends to attend to hear our very eminent speaker address the meeting on a topic that should particularly concern all Frankston residents. Light refreshments will be served.

FORESHORE ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Frankston Beach Association volunteers have been very active on the foreshore in 2015.

To kick off the 2015 season, the FBA coordinated a Cleanup Australia Day event on March 1. This event was well attended. Volunteers, including a contingent from Monash University, collected waste from the Pier and north to Fiocchi Ave.

A BBQ, coordinated by committee members and cooked by the council foreshore Ranger, closed the event.

Revegetation work along the dunes system began on March 30 and continues on a fortnightly basis till late August. Up to 11 volunteers a day have given their time to plant some 3600 native coastal plants on the South Beach dunes. To date there have been 9 Working Bees totaling over 150 volunteer hours and that is not counting the hours Kath Hassell and helpers have put in preparing morning teas. A fantastic community effort!



Much of the planting has been directly behind the erosion control fence installed by the Frankston City Council last year. A further 1200 plants will be planted by season's end. The 5000 plants in total were grown by the Frankston Indigenous Nursery and financed through a grant by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries. Frankston Council have been invaluable in providing support for our 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 the satisfaction of doing a service for your local environment. This year Monday is our scheduled day for working on the foreshore.

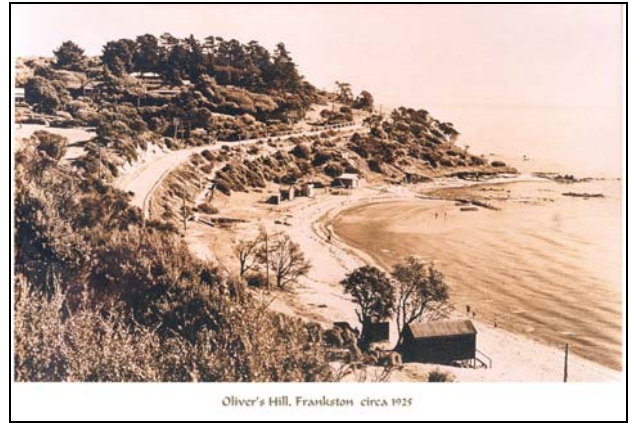
Johan de Bree (Foreshore Coordinator)

OLIVERS HILL

Olivers Hill is a coastal setting of significance. It provides a stunning, panoramic view of the bay, but the surrounding area has been neglected and degraded, providing a low level experience for users.

Frankston's main beach has been revitalized. The Olivers Hill precinct could also be revitalized to extend and enrich the Frankston beach experience with different but complementary activities.

FBA would like to work with FCC to revitalize the area to provide a rich experience for all.



Focus for improvement -

1. How can we improve Olivers Hill lookout?

The lookout provides a stunning vista and attracts visitors but the surrounding area is neglected and unattractive - one lookout is closed, the surrounds and cliffs below are weedy with little native vegetation. This is in stark contrast to the revegetation of the main beach. We could investigate different ways to enrich the user experience with vegetation, seating, lookout binoculars and better maintenance of the area.

2. How can we improve the base of Olivers Hill?

The base of the hill is currently a car park with little vegetation and a rough derelict track around the base of the hill; not welcoming with warning signs blocking visitors exploring further. The base of Oliver's Hill area attracts many visitors - walkers, fishermen, fitness classes, ocean swimmers' training, people sitting in their cars watching the ocean and sunsets, kayakers, snorkelers, rock pool rambles etc. The experience for these users could be enriched by creating a fitness trail, ocean swimming trail, support for paddlers, seating, or continuing the sculpture theme eg. crab at main beach.

3. How can we conserve and improve the coastal environment?

The current environment is neglected and requires revegetation to restore it to a natural, stable state. Significant features should be promoted eg. native vegetation, signposting of the rocky outcrops, indigenous middens, fish traps and underwater gardens. The diving spot is not well known but provides an underwater exploration experience with a variety of seaweed and fish life. A unique environmental park experience for children could extend the playground experience in a creative way.

Frankston Beach Association has strongly supported the other areas of the foreshore for 30 years and we believe that Olivers Hill deserves better.

CENTRAL REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN 2015-2020 DRAFT

In March of this year, the FBA Committee made a submission to the Central Regional Coastal Board re their draft 2015 Coastal Plan. Our intention is to provide a summary of this submission in our next Newsletter.



FBA Membership Application

(July 1 2015 to June 30, 2016)

Annual membership for the 2015/2016 financial year is due on 1st July 2015. We welcome you to apply to join our group by taking out an annual membership or renew if you are already a member. For your convenience, a form is set out below.

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

I/we wish to join or renew my/our membership of the FBA, and agree to support the purposes of the FBA and be bound by its rules of association.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ (preferred means of communication)

Membership Category (please circle): Standard or Concession

If you might be available to assist with voluntary work (eg. planting out, research, foreshore maintenance etc.), then please identify your particular interest below:

Interest _____

Hours/days available: _____

I/we wish to further assist the FBA's activities, and enclose an additional once-off donation of \$_____

Payment

Please send payment with this form to the Membership Secretary, Eve Welch, PO Box 5092, Frankston South 3199.

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.

We are currently surveying members to see if they wish to be contacted via email. This contact is preferable for our committee and for speed of getting information to members.

If you are happy to be contacted by email, please make sure you include your email address when paying your annual subscription, or drop us a line with your email address.

Committee Meeting Room

For the past few months the Beach Association Committee has been meeting in the Long Island Tennis Club rooms in Gould Street. Recently renovated and comfortably furnished, heated and offering kitchen facilities, it has been a pleasure for our committee to meet at this venue. We thank the Tennis Club, and hope this opportunity continues.

We cordially invite you to nominate for the FBA Committee for the 2015/2016 year, using the form supplied below.

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NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE OF THE FRANKSTON BEACH ASSOCIATION
2015/2016

I/We hereby nominate:.....**Date**.....

For the position of :.....

Proposer:.....**Signature**.....
PLEASE PRINT NAME

Secunder:.....**Signature**.....
PLEASE PRINT NAME

I ACCEPT THIS NOMINATION:.....
SIGNATURE of CANDIDATE

Please return by 17TH AUGUST 2015
TO THE RETURNING OFFICER at P O BOX 5092, FRANKSTON VIC. 3199