



Frankston Beach Association Inc.

Preserving the beach for all to use

Spring 2011 Newsletter

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| President - | Graeme Lyell |
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For enquiries about voluntary work on the foreshore or in the nursery, please contact Johan on 0418 374 981.

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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.

Frankston – Cleanest Beach Awards

Frankston's foreshore won the prestigious **2011 Victorian Clean Beach of the Year Award** announced on July 29 at the Keep Australia Beautiful Awards 2011. Frankston also won the **2011 Victorian Clean Beaches – Friendly Beach Award** for its accessible board walks and pier, Visitor Information Centre, playground public artworks and events complimenting this beautiful location. Frankston City was up against some of the state's best coastlines including Mallacoota and Blairgowrie to win the State's Cleanest Beach Award.

Congratulations also go to the Foreshore Advisory Committee who won the **2011 Clean Beaches – Community Leadership Award** for their sterling work on the Seaford Lifesaving Club development. Pat Bentley, a long term member of the FBA committee acts as a community representative on the Foreshore Advisory Committee.

And finally although the Frankston Beach Association did not win an award, they featured in the list of 4 finalists for the 2011 Clean Beaches – Community Action Award.



A special state wide award known as the **Dame Phyllis Frost Award** was won by Kath Hassell for her strong participation in community issues over many years, as well as her never ending commitment to the protection of the environment. Kath has been a long term member of the FBA Committee, and was our Secretary for many years. Our heart felt congratulations go out to Kath for her wonderful contribution over this period. The photo above shows Kath receiving her award from the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Ryan Smith.

Frankston Beach Association

Formed in 1982, the Frankston Beach Association has taken up the challenge to preserve and enhance the Frankston Foreshore Reserve's natural features. To achieve this, the Association is involved with:

- Seed/cutting collection and propagation.
- Revegetation and protection of the fragile dune system from erosion.
- Removing environmental weeds and litter.
- Improving public awareness through education regarding environment and recreational values.
- Gaining the involvement of schools and the community in revegetation programs.
- Promoting the conservation of Olivers Hill and the foreshore's natural beauty.
- Offering expert advice.
- Participating in coastal management and planning.
- Opposing environmentally unsound development of Crown land.
- Applying for funding through available grant programs to increase resources to the foreshore planting and maintenance program

During 2011, the Frankston Beach Association has contributed to consultation, education, and volunteer development. We have raised issues of concern on foreshore planning, development and management. Long term members have readily passed on their skills and knowledge to new members and volunteers.



Personal Water Craft- Hoon activity

Authorities have determined that a speed limit of less than 5 knots applies to all powered water craft within 200 metres of the shore of Port Phillip Bay. They have also determined that restricted zones for water craft are to be introduced in many areas around the Bay.

Local community groups, including the FBA, have raised concern with Frankston Council about jetski use and behaviour, especially over the busiest days in summer. During the year the Council has added their voice to these concerns. They have raised the issue with local police, requesting additional assistance from the Water Police.

In September, in a letter to the Frankston Police the Council wrote: *'If this additional assistance is provided by the Water Police and is partnered with additional measures from Parks Victoria, that Council have also contacted, we may be able to reduce the risk to our beach users and alleviate the concerns of our valued and committed community group members.'*



Annual General Meeting

27 November 2011

11.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Frankston Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: Bruce West, KABV

Refreshments provided

Guest speaker will be **Bruce West**, a Board member of the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards (KABV). Bruce will speak on the history of the organisation and the Awards. He will also talk about the legacy of Dame Phyllis Frost. It was the Award honouring her that our member, Kath Hassell won.

All FBA members and other interested people are encouraged to join us at the AGM.



Foreshore Planting

The foreshore areas cared for by the Frankston Beach Association (FBA) are in a relatively healthy state considering the enormous pressures, mostly by people, placed on this remnant coastal environment. This year mother-nature's hand has been very evident with extensive erosion on the beach north of Oliver's Hill.

The FBA has had a busy & very successful revegetation (planting) season in 2011. The season began just prior to Easter 2011 and will finish late October 2011.

A dedicated core of volunteers assisted Reserve Rangers of the Frankston City Council (FCC) in the planting of over 12,000 indigenous trees and shrubs this year.

Planting bees were conducted on a fortnightly basis. Remarkably only one day was lost to inclement weather. Regular follow up rains have succeeded each new planting, helping to markedly increase survival rates.

This year revegetation works were carried out on the foreshores at Mile Bridge & Fiocchi Avenue. Planting at these sites was possible through a \$5000 grant (used for plant purchases) from the Victorian Government agency, the Port Phillip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority, and a 1500 plant donation by the Frankston City Council. A variety of indigenous coastal shrubs and trees were planted.

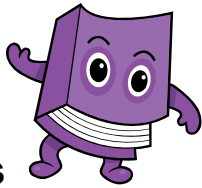
A second revegetation program was financed by a 2009 Federal Government 'Caring for Our Country' grant. Half of this project was completed in 2010 with the planting of some 6000 trees and shrubs. The program was completed with 6000 more planted in 2011.

This year student volunteers also ably assisted the FBA. Eighteen Year 9 students from Toorak Girls College volunteered on August 25 and twenty Monash University students from the Schools of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy assisted on August 23 – planting a total of 940 indigenous plants.

On National Tree Day July 31 this year members and family of Rotary, North Frankston Branch and other like minded volunteers donated their time, making for a very successful planting session. Twenty two people in all attended

Our Association encourages and supports community volunteers, in particular secondary and tertiary institutions, in our propagation and planting activities. Tuesday is our scheduled day for working on the foreshore and the community nursery - a propagation program once a month at the nursery is also part of our work program. **Time 9.30-11.30am.**

Volunteers are welcome for all aspects of our activities. Please consider giving two hours fortnightly or monthly. If you can help, please contact our foreshore volunteer coordinator (details on the front page of this newsletter).



Grants

During 2011, FBA used the remaining funds of a 2009 Federal Govt. 'Caring for our Country' grant of \$23,304 and a Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (PPWCMA) grant of \$5000.

The FBA recently applied for two new grants to fund weed removal and revegetation along the foreshore running from Mary Street to Wells Street Frankston. This coastal strip has a large weed population imbedded amongst some fine stands of indigenous vegetation.

One application, of \$21,000, was for a 'Caring for our Country' Commonwealth Govt. grant. The other application sought \$16,500 from the PPWCMA.

The FBA will know the outcome of the applications by December 2011. Should we be successful, the projects will have to be fully completed by October 2013.

The revegetating of these coastal strips will do much to improve the visual amenity and health of the foreshore.



Membership of the FBA

It is difficult to remember when annual subscriptions are due, or which you have paid, when you belong to more than one association, so we have sent a letter to those who are currently not financial. If you haven't received a letter, then we are pleased to tell you that your 2011/2012 membership of the FBA has been paid, so don't concern yourself with the attached form.

Renewal of membership before the AGM, is required for voting rights.

New members are also welcome. If you, a friend or family, would like to become involved in supporting the many activities of the FBA, why not get them to join the Association. Just use the form below.

Our membership numbers do count when we apply for grants, so please consider renewing your subscription or joining our association.



FBA Membership Application

(July 1 2011 to June 30, 2012)

I/we wish to join, or renew my/our membership, of the FBA for an annual subscription of \$10 per household (concession \$5). In the event of my/our admission as a member, I/we agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Areas of Interest (eg. propagation, planting out, foreshore maintenance): _____

Hours/days available to assist in the areas described above: _____

I/we wish to assist the Association's activities, and enclose a one-off donation of \$ _____

Please detach this application form and send with payment to:

FBA Treasurer
PO Box 924
Frankston, Vic 3199

Receipt of payment required? Yes/No



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 27 November , 2011
11:00am. at the Frankston Yacht Club

AGENDA:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2010 AGM.
4. President's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Foreshore Report.
7. Election of 2011/2012 Committee.
8. Presentation by Guest Speaker.
9. Meeting close, followed by a light lunch.

Explanatory Notes:

Re Item 7, nominations for office bearers or general committee should be made on the form below, forwarded to the FBA Secretary, PO Box 924, Frankston 3199, and be received at least 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Further nominations will be accepted at the meeting.



Nomination for the FBA Committee for 2011/2012

I wish to make the following nomination for the 2011/2012 Committee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please circle the position for which the person is being nominated:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

General Committee

Your Name & Contact Details:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nomination Seconded By:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nomination accepted by (nominee):

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date nomination received by FBA Secretary: _____