



Frankston Beach Association Inc.
Preserving the beach for all to use

2023 Spring Newsletter

41st Annual General Meeting

**You are cordially invited to attend the Frankston Beach Association
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 08 October, 10.30 a.m. at the Frankston Life Saving Club Inc.**

Guest Speaker: Dr Greg Moore

Preserving old trees: essential during climate change

Guest Speaker Dr Gregory Moore

Dr Greg Moore is a Senior Research Associate of Burnley College, University of Melbourne, where he was Principal from 1988 to 2007 and was the Head of the School of Resource Management at the University, 2002 to 2007.

Greg has a general interest in horticultural plant science, revegetation and ecology, and is particularly interested in arboriculture. He pursues an active research profile in matters that relate to trees in the urban environment, and to revegetation. He speaks regularly on topics involving tree science, cultivation and management and benefit, cost and value.



Dr Greg Moore has written two books, contributed to five others and has published over 165 scientific papers and articles. He was awarded the Order of Australia medal 2017 for services to the environment, particularly arboriculture.

Vale Warwick Exton

It is with much sadness that we mourn the passing of much-loved community member and treasured Action Sweetwater Creek and FBA member, Warwick Exton. The Creek and the Beach held a life-long interest for Warwick, a respected environmentalist.

Over a life-span of 100 years, Warwick is remembered for his participation in many activities and much-valued achievements, most of which have been in the City of Frankston. He was passionate about preserving and protecting the waterways and reserves and an inspiration to those who became involved with him, in particular, group members of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network.

Warwick Exton, a truly valued community member, who believed council planning should be with the community in mind, not developers.



Our condolences to family and friends. Rest in peace, Warwick.

Many thanks to Frankston City Council

Our sincere thanks to Frankston City Council for their recognition of those who have contributed to protecting and preserving the environment.

As we move slowly towards the end of gathering, sorting and preparing FBA history data for publication and scanning, we are extremely grateful that some funding for this project comes from FBA's successful FCC Environmental Sustainability Grant.

We are also very grateful to learn of Council's recent installation of a Memorial Plaque at the Sentinel in memory of lifetime environmentalist, dear friend and FBA member, the late Kath Hassell.

Details of a planned memorial service at the Sentinel will be communicated to all when finalised.

Stop the Great Wall of Frankston Campaign

It was extremely disappointing for many when Council adopted the FMAC Structure Plan without change in June 2023. This means for the Waterfront Precinct/Kananook Creek and the riparian corridor zone, the preferred building height is 41metres/12 storeys, which can be exceeded, subject to approval by the Responsible Authority.

As a result, in addition to regular activities, much of the FBA focus over past months has shifted to safeguarding the beach, waterway and coastal environs, from the overwhelming heights planned for new building development in this precinct.

High-rise development will cause wind downdrafts, overshadow the beach, creek, neighbouring residential properties, as well as the highway outdoor public spaces and median avenue of trees, and lead to many other adverse amenity and environmental impacts.

FBA representatives continue to work determinedly in a campaign with other local environmental groups - Kananook Creek Association, Long Island Residents Group,

Mornington Environment Association and Port Phillip Conservation Council, with the aim of securing lower building heights for the Waterfront Precinct.

Two waterfront high rise applications are under appeal at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). In early July 2023, the Minister for Planning issued a temporary planning control, setting a mandatory height of 3 storeys for this waterside area until the end of October and proceedings at VCAT have been put on hold.

In the interim, the combined groups are continuing to work to make a similar height control permanent. However, they are contending with a very vocal cohort who support high rise developments at the waterfront.

Foreshore Working Bee Activity

FBA'S 2023 Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) grant project is almost complete with 5,000 tubes planted and many weeds dispatched!

Preliminary work on a new DEECA Port Phillip Bay Fund project has begun. Plant orders have been placed and ground work begins late March 2024. Weeding and planting will continue north of the area currently being worked on.

Sincerest thanks to our volunteers and Frankston City Council. We appreciate your assistance in the effort to conserve our natural history for future generations, whilst reducing foreshore erosion.

The protection and preservation of our Port Phillip Bay foreshore is of paramount importance. Please come along and do your bit for the environment.

For further information, please contact:
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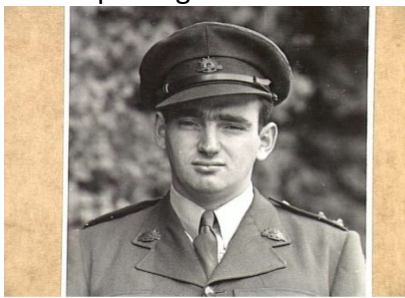
Further memories of the past

Concurrent with sorting through over 40 years of FBA records and memories, reminiscences from a recent trip to the War Memorial in Canberra by current Committee Member Bob Graham, has reminded us of the contribution to Australian art, made by past FBA member Raymond Ewers.

Raymond Ewers was born in Wyalong NSW in 1917, educated at Frankston High School and then spent a year as a jackeroo. He won a scholarship to train as a commercial artist at the Working Men's College (now RMIT) Melbourne. Eminent Australian sculptor Leslie Bowles, selected Ewers for a 5-year apprenticeship. He worked as his assistant on two memorial sculptures: King George V and General Sir John Monash in Melbourne.

Ewers enlisted in the AIF as a sapper in 1941. On recommendation from Bowles, he was transferred to the Military History Section in 1943 and appointed as an official war artist with the rank of lieutenant. During the early stage of his commission, Ewers worked in the Memorial's Melbourne office and in his own studio in Frankston. His primary task was to research and create the sculptural elements of the Second World War dioramas.

He was commissioned to collect materials from New Guinea and Borneo for the construction of dioramas. Between 1943 and 1958, Ewers produced 32 dioramas depicting events from the 2nd World War. From the late 1940s until the 1960s, he executed commemorative sculptures for the Memorial. 22 are held in the art collection. Of significance is the impressive Australian Serviceman, now a feature of the Memorial's sculpture garden.



Ray Ewers died on 5th June 1998

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C19030>



Vale Coralie Davies

FBA is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Coralie Davies, President of the Peninsula Field Naturalist Club. Coralie was an extremely proactive member of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network and very supportive of FBA aims. It is through these interactions that FBA members learned of her strong commitment to the environment and her passionate approach to protect all flora and fauna.

Our condolences to family and friends. Rest in peace, Coralie.

Vacant Committee Positions

The roles of President, Vice President and Treasurer are now vacant. If there is any interest in these positions, please seek a position description by making contact with the Secretary at: Email: fbainc2006@hotmail.com

FBA Committee

Office bearers:

Joan Cavanagh, Secretary
Johan de Bree, Foreshore Activities Coordinator
Kathy Cooper, Assistant Secretary

Other members: Bob Graham, Vladas Petruilis,
Andrew Smith, Eve Welch

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FBA Membership Application

01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

Renewal of current membership is now due. Please see details below for payment options.

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, please include your email address below.

Thank you,

Joan Cavanagh,
Secretary, FBA

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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

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 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:**

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.