

## #frankstoncity

### Bringing joy this Christmas

#### Community Giving Tree

Council, in partnership with City Life, is encouraging residents to support their local community by leaving a small gift under the Community Giving Tree inside Frankston Library.



Jason and Scarlett leaving a donation under the Community Giving Tree at Frankston Library

Your generosity will help bring festive cheer to adults and seniors who attend the City Life Christmas Lunch, as this group is often overlooked in gift appeals. Not everyone has family or friends to celebrate with this season, so a special lunch and gift reminds them they are part of a supportive community.

You could help make someone's day by donating a practical gift to the value of

\$10, such as toiletries, scarves, shortbread or simple gift baskets. Gifts can be placed, unwrapped, under the Christmas tree at Frankston Library from Saturday 25 November until Friday 23 December.



### Kokoda Youth Foundation

#### On the right track

Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 students from six local secondary schools who recently completed a 48 km challenge as part of the 'On The Right Track' program supported by Council's Youth Services.

This event took 27 hours and pushed them to their physical and mental limits. Combined with skills learned in

12 weekly workshops, the program challenges negative behaviours and boosts the students' engagement and leadership skills. The students have also been involved in community activities including Second Bite, graffiti removal, visiting residents in an aged care facility and the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance.

### Batonbearers announced for Queen's Baton Relay

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) has announced the batonbearers who will carry the Queen's Baton in Frankston City during the 100-day countdown to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

Respected Elder of the Boon Wurrung people N'arweet Carolyn Briggs and creator of Young Veterans, Christopher May (both pictured) will be a part of history as the Relay makes its way around the country to the Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

A total of 18 batonbearers will make their way to Frankston Waterfront on Sunday 11 February 2018, 4.30-6pm:

- N'arweet Carolyn Briggs
- Anthony Callea
- Debbie Flintoff King
- Jane Jelekainen
- Robert Kabbas
- Dan Langelaan
- Christopher May
- Lisa McLeish
- Sarah Miller
- Tina Miller
- Bailey Miller

- Darren Murphy
- Paul Olsson
- Ray Peak
- John Pingiaro
- Matthew Rizzo
- Trevor Vincent
- Jake Ward

More details of the Queen's Baton Relay will be available from 17 November on Council's website: [frankston.vic.gov.au](http://frankston.vic.gov.au)



### 16 Days of Activism

#### #ChallengeGenderStereotypes

Council is proud to support the 16 Days of Activism, an international campaign to raise awareness about the impact of gender-based violence and gender inequality, which runs 25 November to 10 December.



#### Gender equality for a violence-free Victoria

Gender equality is critical for the community's health and wellbeing, as well as to help prevent family violence and other forms of violence against women and girls.

#### In Frankston City in 2016:

- Male weekly incomes were 57% higher than females
- 44.2% of females were earning below the minimum weekly wage (below \$649 per week), compared to 28.4% of males
- 14.4% of females were providing unpaid assistance to a person with a disability compared to 12.9% of men
- 81.6% of all single parents were female
- More than double the number of women aged over 75 were living alone compared to men
- The number of reported family violence incidents with a female victim was more than three times higher than that for male victims

Source: ABS 2016 Census, Crime Statistics Agency Victoria

To support the campaign, students from schools across Melbourne's South East have drawn pictures that challenge gender stereotypes. These pictures will feature on posters, postcards and social media posts throughout the campaign, that has been developed by Women's Health in the South East (WHISE) including the image shown right.

#### Further information

- If you are in danger, phone 000
- For 24/7 family violence support, call Safesteps on 1800 015 188 (toll free)

- For more information about gender inequality and causes of family violence, visit: [ourwatch.org.au](http://ourwatch.org.au)

