

# Frankston

Beautiful parks, children's playgrounds, historic buildings, waterfront dining and entertainment, you could be mistaken for being in Hobart or perhaps Fremantle.

Look no further because all this can be found in the lovely city by the bay, Frankston.

Recent winner of **Victoria's Cleanest Beach Award**, which incorporates tidiness, visitor friendliness and hospitality among other criteria, Frankston City is fast becoming an attractive tourism destination.



**Frankston Waterfront Precinct**



**George Pentland Gardens**

**Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Park**, about five kilometres from the centre of Frankston can be accessed via a small car park on McClelland Drive. This 214-hectare reserve, managed by Parks Victoria, is an island of relatively undisturbed natural bushland and an important habitat for native fauna, particularly small mammals.

Strolling through the reserve you may see koalas, brown bandicoots and swamp wallabies, along with smaller species such as the rare New Holland mouse. A total of 94 bird species, including the rare southern emu-wren have been recorded at the Park, and about 45 per cent of the flora indigenous to the Mornington Peninsula can be found here.

Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Park is ideal for quiet recreation activities such as walking, nature study and photography. There is a network of tracks, which allows visitors to walk to most of the reserve's features.

Families with children will appreciate the vast number of regional playgrounds in Frankston City. This includes the **Waterfront**

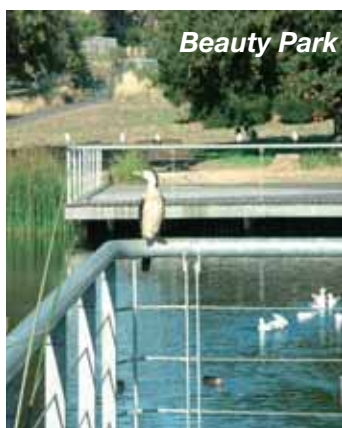
**Regional Playground** which recently won the 2007 SunSmart Metropolitan Shade Award.

The playground gives children the opportunity to let their imagination run wild as they run through tunnels, climb nets, slide down slides and build sandcastles, while parents can make use of the barbecues and picnic facilities.

Other attractions include Frankston's cultural and heritage sites such as French-style homestead **Ballam Park**, and the historic 1920s American colonial mansion **Mulberry Hill**, and **McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park**, home to a world famous collection of major works by leading Australian sculptors.

**Frankston's Cultural Drive** is a self drive tour, which includes an audio CD explains the various sights included. It can be taken as a day trip or over a number of days.

For information about Frankston City's attractions, entertainment and more call into Frankston's Visitor Information Centre at the Frankston Waterfront phone 1300 322 842 or visit [www.visitfrankston.com](http://www.visitfrankston.com).



**Beauty Park**

## THINGS TO DO

- ❖ Ballam Park Homestead, Ballam Park, Cranbourne Road
- ❖ McClelland Gallery, McClelland Drive, Langwarrin
- ❖ Frankston Arts Centre, Davey St
- ❖ Frankston Cultural Drive
- ❖ George Pentland Botanic Gardens, Foote Street
- ❖ Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve, McClelland Drive
- ❖ Mulberry Hill, Golf Links Rd, Langwarrin South
- ❖ Bayside Entertainment Centre



**Mulberry Hill**

The newly developed **Frankston Waterfront** precinct incorporates a Visitor Information Centre, boardwalks, playgrounds, restaurants, boat launching facilities and more.

With plans to redevelop **Kananook Creek** into a 'Southbank style' promenade, the redevelopment of the Peninsula Centre into a five-star hotel and possibilities of a Safe Boat Harbour at the foot of Olivers Hill, Frankston is becoming even more attractive to visitors and investors.

Even with all this development taking place you can still get back to nature.