

# SUNRISE



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# SPRING FESTIVITIES

## AURORA SPRING MARKET FESTIVAL 2011

In October, Aurora continued the tradition of our Spring Market Festival with the second year's event. A truly successful day, we were delighted to see so many residents and friends around Aurora Display Village Park, enjoying the sunshine and festivities.

Organisers estimated about 3,000 visitors came to the Festival, making it the biggest community event in the area and the most successful market throughout other new estates.

With 94 stalls, there was entertainment and produce for everyone. We loved the garden workshops, Twisted Spuds and Latin American food. Crystal the Fairy, face painting, story time, painting workshops and the animal petting farm were all very popular. Roving buskers, live music and clowns kept everyone smiling.

It's great to bring our Aurora community together, and also to take time to focus on local produce, good food and

healthy living. We'd like to thank Urban Reforestation, the Aurora Community Association and Taegan Hannah for the tireless energy organising this Festival.

Yearly we get more ideas and inspiration for next the Spring Market Festival and look forward to seeing you again later in the year.



# RECREATION ALL THE WAY

When work has finished, Aurora residents will soon be able to immerse themselves in nature and exercise work stress away along a picturesque walkway beside lush vegetation and a creek.

Landscaping has been in full swing for the past couple of months on the first stage (500m) of the full 3.5km-long pathway alongside Edgars Creek Reserve. This path connects Aurora’s future 20km of path and the regional hike and bike network enabling residents to fully enjoy the sunshine, to walk the dog, ride a bike, or go for a run.

Places Victoria Chief Development Officer, Dominic Arcaro says: “Being able to offer this reserve to new residents, further cements Aurora’s reputation as an established community with excellent and sustainable infrastructure.

“The fact that we are revegetating the creek and surrounding land back to its pre-settlement form highlights our commitment to protecting the environment for future generations to enjoy.”

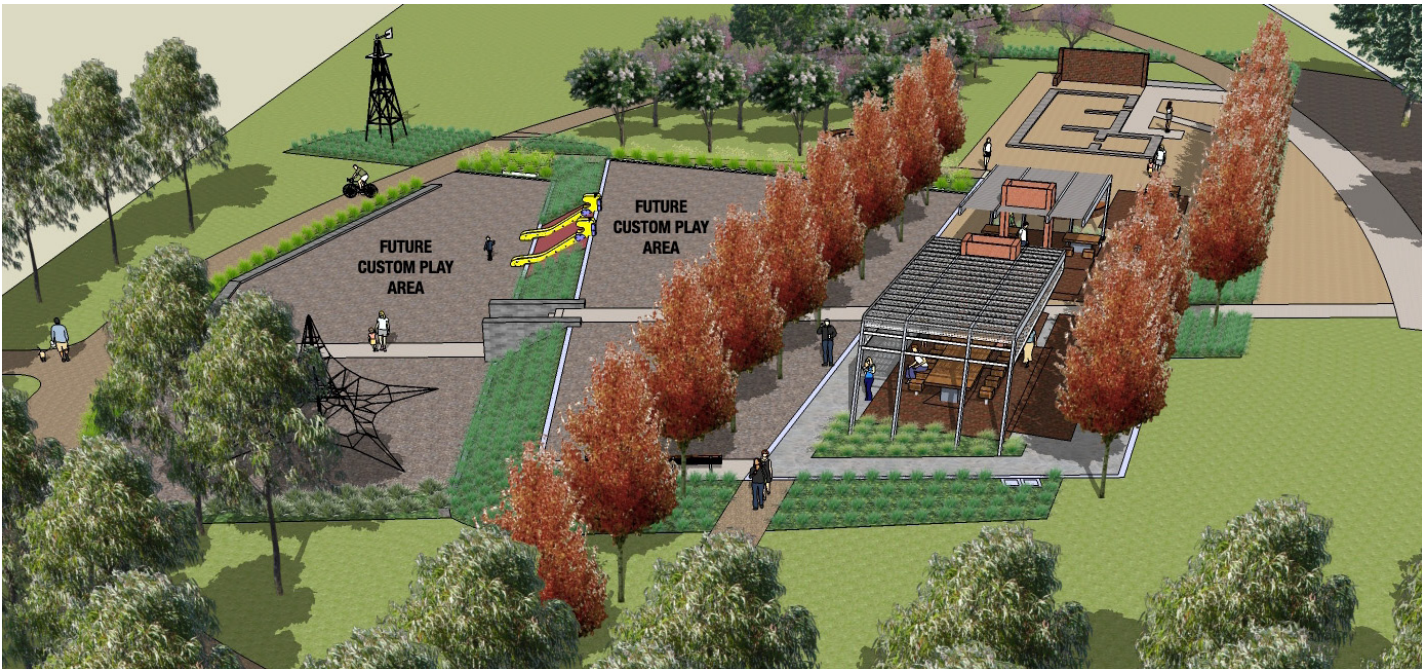
When finished, the full trail will provide 20km of hike and bike paths with exercise stations – each fitted out with pieces of fitness equipment such as pull-down machines, rowers and bench presses.

The area will have interpretative signage telling the environmental and cultural history of the area. A park containing the historic relics of Lehmann’s Farm and a custom-design play space will also be built in this stage of Edgars Creek Reserve.

The farm and surrounding areas were the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri-Willam people, which were taken up as part of the Wollert Pastoral Run first leased to John Pike and then Charles Caldwell Campbell between 1840 and 1850.

Pre-European settlement, Edgars Creek was a much more prolific watercourse than it is today and provided the Wurundjeri with drinking water and food from the birds and animals that clustered there. The Lehmann family established a dairy farm and would cart fresh milk to Melbourne town by horse and buggy from the 1850’s through to 1932.

This first stage of the landscaping construction of Edgars Creek Reserve will remain a closed site until works finish. It is anticipated that it will be opened in first half of 2012.



Digital images of what Edgars Creek walkway will look like





# MOONLIGHT CINEMA FOR EARTH HOUR 2012



Don't miss Aurora's next Moonlight Cinema - Saturday 31 March 2012.

Aurora is one of the largest sustainable communities in Australia and this event is a great celebration and chance to take part in the Earth Hour Count Down and cheer as a huge, over-sized light switch is flicked off by local children. Enjoy a fun family evening of outdoor cinema!

# SUMMER WATER SAVING AND COOLING TIPS



Summer is in full-swing now and for Aurora residents there are many things to put in place in order to keep a house cool and to save water during the hottest months.

- Watch the Aurora 6-Star design living video on our corporate website to find out more or talk to Taegen Hannah, our Community Liaison Coordinator on 8317 3452.
- To keep you house cool use ceiling fans to circulate the air.
- You can run your cooling system efficiently by setting the thermostat to no less than 26C. This will save you money on you power bill.
- Chose heavy drapes and pelmets and close the doors and windows to keep your house cool.
- Plant a deciduous vine on your pergola for extra summer shading.
- Make sure to wash down your rooftop solar collector panels to remove dust and maximise efficiency.
- Use hot water in the middle of the day and take shorter showers.
- Wash your clothes in cold water.
- Water your garden early in the morning or late in the evening when there is less evaporation.
- Use a bucket and sponge or a hose with a trigger nozzle to save a lot of water.
- Wash with biodegradable detergents

Go to [www.savewater.com.au](http://www.savewater.com.au) for more ideas on saving water.

# INTRODUCING PLACES VICTORIA



You would have noticed that the name VicUrban has changed into a new one – Places Victoria; so what does that mean?

Places Victoria, led by Chairman Peter Clarke and CEO Sam Sangster will be honouring all contracts, continue all VicUrban projects and fulfil existing commitments.

- > On 28 June, 2011, The Victorian Urban Development Authority Amendment (Urban Renewal Authority Victoria) Bill (2011) was passed through the Victorian Upper House to create the Urban Renewal Authority.
- > On 5 July 2011, the Victorian Urban Development Authority Amendment (Urban Renewal Authority Victoria) Act (2011) received Royal Assent from the Governor-in-Council.
- > On 25 October 2011 the Act was gazetted, marking the official commencement of the Urban Renewal Authority, with the appointment of a new Board.

# CREEDS OFFICIALLY OPENS

Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre (CFLLC) may have been operational since October last year, but it officially launched on Monday 5 December 2011.



< The original Board members that have facilitated the transition to community governance through mentorship and other support

Rose Babic, Executive Officer for the Centre, said the event (attended by 20 community members and 40 government delegates and other professional networks) celebrated the partnership of Places Victoria, the North East Neighbourhood House Network, The Hornery Institute, City of Whittlesea and Melbourne CityMission.

"The opening also acknowledged Federal, State and Local Government contributions and effectively 'handed over' the facility to the local community, and to the newly appointed community-represented Board," she said.

The centre is part of the Neighbourhood House sector – with community development principles underpinning its programs. Some of the events that have been held in the centre have reflected the needs of local resident (identified through community consultation) including cultural cook-ups, storytime for pre-schoolers, computer workshops, yoga lessons, break dancing for teenagers, kids' cooking class, and a World Environment Day party.

On the night Melbourne Citymission also launched the publication *Learnings from the Epping North Partnership: Establishing the Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre*.

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## IN PROFILE – WHO IS ERIKA JEREMY?



- 1. Describe your role at Places Victoria.**  
I'm a Senior Development Manager at Aurora.
- 2. What attracted you to this role?**  
It was the opportunity to deliver a masterplanned community for Victorians, while working in harmony with the existing natural environment of Aurora.
- 3. If you could be anything in the world what would you be?**  
A professional dancer, it would keep me fit and would be lots of fun.
- 4. If you could change anything in the world what would you change?**  
It would be our human dependence upon extracted natural resources for power.
- 5. My last meal on earth would be?**  
Sticky date pudding with double whipped cream and lots of strawberries and/or raspberries.
- 6. Favourite way to spend a Sunday?**  
A drive in the countryside, with a picnic lunch, a bottle of champagne and great conversation followed by a long walk or bike ride to burn off lunch!
- 7. Most embarrassing moment?**  
I had many in high school – probably forgetting casual clothes day and turning up in my uniform. I lived out of town and couldn't go home to get changed so had to spend the whole day being laughed at.
- 8. If you could time travel when would you travel to?**  
To a time where there were no mobile phones or emails. Bliss.
- 9. If you have a million dollars you would?**  
Travel around the world to all the countries I have read about.

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