

**Aurora Community Association
2012 Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

When: Wednesday 25th July 2012

Where: Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre

Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

Present: Ange, Cara, Carly, Cr Frank Merlino, Dan, Gavan, Goran, Joan, Joanna, Kerry, Khush, Kirsten, Lisa H, Lisa M, Mayank, Michelle, Roger, Rory, Ruth, Seona, Shyam, Steven, Toni-Marie, Tony, Tracey, Geraldine, Maurie, Raylene, Colleen, Josephine, John, Richard, Noel, Sandeep, Brad

Apologies: Cr Kris Pavlidis, Kathleen A, Shali de S

Agenda items

1. Welcome

- Introduction and agenda for the night. Cara Horner, Outgoing President
- Sticky note exercise- make sure you write down your thoughts on issues which are annoying you or things which you think the ACA should be working on this year on your sticky notes. Will summarise at the end.
- Special welcome to Cr Frank Merlino and Seona Palmer from City of Whittlesea

2. Special business-

Special guest speakers-

- a) Father Maurie Cooney from the currently under construction Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Primary School and Geraldine Dalton, Principal gave a short talk on the new school. Geraldine is working from the old farm building that has been refurbished on the site. They are taking enrolments for 2013.
- b) Raylene Mac Manus (Director) and Colleen (Assistant director) from the currently under construction Wallaby Childcare centre were also present. Raylene informed us they are taking enrolments for 2013 with places for approx 130 kids. The make up of those rooms will depend on local needs.

3. Confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting

Confirmed by Steven Sansome

Seconded by Carly Martyn.

4. Receive from the committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year:

- a) Goran Zdravkovski presented the ACA's financial report for 2011-12 financial year (attached)–
Balance of the ACA bank account is \$ 4716.69, with \$42.80 petty cash in hand.
- b) Cara Horner presented the Presidents report:
ACA members and Epping North residents have been involved in organising & participating in numerous activities this last year:
 - Facilitation of planting activities at the **Spring Garden festival** in October;
 - Running of end of year function (**BBQ lunch**) on a beautiful Sunday in late November;
 - Three **general meetings**, with guest speakers including Victoria from BZE; and Jocelyn Harte from Council
 - Four very successful free **Coffee and Chat** events held at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre (CFLLC) with Kris Pavlidis and Kathy Pompetti from City of Whittlesea speaking and also Danielle Green MP attending;
 - A very enjoyable and successful **trivia night fundraiser** for the ACA;
 - The creation of the **Epping Pet Owners Club**;
 - Continued advocacy work with Places Victoria on a variety of issues under their control in our estate

- ACA member **working groups** advocating on behalf of the community by:
 - *Creation and launch of the **ACA website and forum**;
 - ***Meeting with State MPs** the leader of the Opposition Daniel Andrews, Local Member of Parliament Danielle Green, **Harry Jenkins** (Federal Labour MP) and **Whittlesea councilors** to encourage support for better public transport/ transport infrastructure in the area;
 - *Writing letters to relevant Members of Parliament on the state of our **575 bus service**;
 - *Meeting with **Craig Ondarchie** (State Liberal MP) in regards to the provision of suitable public transport and road infrastructure to our area;
 - *Making **submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry on Outer Suburban Melbourne** about our community needs (transport and other infrastructure);
 - *Continuing to **write letters to newspapers** in regards to the state of our roads/ public transport;
 - ***Applying for grants** to run workshops and get much needed IT equipment.
 - *Organising a petition for owners of **Dux SunPro** solar hot water units that are/ have been faulty to sign to try to get a fair outcome for affected residents (ongoing);
 - *Investigating whether a **Power Group Purchase** could save residents money on electricity/ gas bills (ongoing);
 - *Starting the process to set up a local **Neighbourhood Watch** group, including an article in the Northern Weekly.
 - ***FTTH Issues-** * Continuing **liaison** with Places Victoria in relation to the FTTH issues and transition to new FTTH service providers in the lead up to Arise ceasing provision of FTTH services to the Aurora estate;
 - *The **writing of a formal letter** to and subsequent meeting with Places Victoria in relation to the FTTH issues most of us have experienced;
 - *Support of a group of residents/ ACA members in their quest to negotiate a fair outcome for provision of FTTH services through **taking legal proceedings** against Places Victoria in VCAT (ongoing);

It is very exciting to see so many great initiatives being driven by our community members- the ACA is a great way for people with similar interests and ideas to come together and work towards common goals. And to also work towards the **ACA Statement of Purposes-**

1. To commit to the sustainability and enhancement of the environment.
2. To enhance community cohesion and celebrate the life of the community.
3. To be a forum for decision making and to give or advocate fair and balanced representation on any issues or services pertaining to the Aurora community.
4. To take a proactive role in developing and maintaining community infrastructure and services to all.
5. To be a conduit for sharing and communication of information and knowledge.
6. To promote action on matters of major concern to the Aurora community such as the immediate construction of a railway line to Epping North until it is completed and operational.

Thank you to all of those people involved in organising and participating in the above projects- they have all been great community driven initiatives!

I would also like to sincerely thank the current executive committee members for their dedication, commitment and tireless work in their roles for the past year:

Goran Zdravkovski (Treasurer),

Lisa Hall (Secretary),

Kathleen Ager (Ordinary Member)

Carly Martyn (Ordinary Member) and

Steven Sansome (Public Officer) - special thanks

Thanks to all of you who have supported me in my role- it's been an exciting year with many wins and great gains for our community.

5. **Business Matters:**

a) Voting on Committee Positions:

Cara thanked the outgoing committee and then declared all Committee position's vacant.

Tracey Millen facilitated the nominations process

President: Toni-Marie Wuelfert

Nominated by: Cara Horner

Seconded by: Joanna Durst

Toni accepted the position

Vice-President: Kathleen Ager

Nominated by: Steven Sansome

Seconded by: Cara Horner

Kathleen accepted the position by proxy- note accepting the nomination was read out to audience from back of proxy form.

Secretary: Khush Siganporza

Nominated by: Lisa Hall

Seconded by: Carly Martyn

Khush accepted the position

Treasurer: Roger Liang

Nominated by: Goran Zdravkovski

Seconded by: Joanna Durst

Roger accepted the position

Public Officer: Shali de Silva

Nominated by: Lisa Hall

Seconded by: Khush Siganporza

Shali accepted the position via phone call.

Ordinary Member nominations:

Kerryn Rudolph, Dan Rudolph, Tony Francis, Cara Horner, and Lisa Mifsud were all nominated as ordinary committee members and accepted their nominations. Angela Barbaro declined her nomination as an ordinary committee member. As there were 5 nominations for the 3 ordinary committee member positions, an open vote was taken by members (each member had 3 votes), with the following three members receiving the most votes and were hence voted in as ordinary members:

Ordinary Member 1: Kerryn Rudolph

Nominated by: Cara Horner

Seconded by: Kirsten Searles

Kerryn accepted the position

Ordinary Member 2: Dan Rudolph

Nominated by: Kerryn Rudolph

Seconded by: Joanna Durst

Dan accepted the position

Ordinary Member 3: Tony Francis

Nominated by: Goran Zdravkovski

Seconded by: Lisa Hall

Tony accepted the position

6. **General Business**

- a) Councillor Frank Merlino attended and talked about the planning of the Epping North area, new schools and new roads, the Aurora Community Activity Centre which will have a Kindergarten, Maternal health, Community Space. Councillor Merlino has been invited back to the next coffee and chat to give us a more detailed update as time was limited this evening.
- b) Lisa Mifsud will keep us informed about our new Neighbourhood Watch group. Although she did say it would be good if more people were interested and joined.

c) Suggested by Lisa Hall that we advertise more that we have a website with a forum for members to catch up and share ideas between general meetings and coffee and chats.

d) Sticky note exercise

- issues bugging attendees or ideas that perhaps ACA can advocate on behalf of the community in next year.

Pink = your main concern/ idea

Communications

- Better mobile phone coverage

Infrastructure

- Linked/ more extensive bike paths x2 (one pink)
- Gril (?) on cycle paths
- Epping Spur rail line x3 (two pink)
- Buses into aurora utilising stops already there x4 (three pink)
- More frequent buses in peak hour
- Better bus stop facilities for stops in use (one pink)
- Better bus services to Epping station
- Duplication of Epping road
- Edgars road continuation
- Brunswick street public transport corridor reserve needs landscaping- looks terrible
- Dirty roads x3
- 'Spoon drains' in Gammage boulevard are muddy bogs
- Trucks travelling too fast
- Campaign for improved and additional infrastructure in Melbourne's outer growing suburbs
- Hoons (one pink)
- O'herns road on/ off ramp to freeway (two pink)
- Footpaths/ linking of footpaths eg O'herns road, harvest home road.

Education/ childcare

- Steiner stream in local school

Utilities

- FTTH – locking/ opening of cabinets x2 (one pink)

Other

- Local community gym
- Book club
- More social events
- Opportunities for getting to know others in community eg trivia night, progressive dinner, other ideas. (one pink)

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm

Writer:

Lisa Hall
ACA Secretary

STATEMENT FOR AURORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1/7/11	\$2100.98	
INCOME	+ \$4100.28	\$6201.26
EXPENSES	- \$1484.57	
		\$4716.69
BANK BALANCE AS AT 30/6/12	\$4716.69	
CASH ON HAND	\$42.80	

INCOME:

MEMBERSHIP	\$865
TRIVIA NIGHT	\$695
PLACES VICTORIA	\$2500
DONATIONS	\$40
BANK INTEREST	<u>\$0.28</u>
TOTAL	\$4100.28

EXPENSES:

HALL HIRE FOR MEETINGS	\$225
DONATION TO EPPING VIEW PS	\$50
PUBLIC LIABILTY INSURANCE	\$751.97
WEBSITE FEES	\$310.24
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	
(MILK, BISCUITS, BREAD, MEAT/BBQ)	\$145.11
BANK FEES	<u>\$2.25</u>
TOTAL	\$1484.57