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President's Report

I hope many of you have heard the good news that a State Primary School has been approved for Epping North, a feasibility study for Edgars Rd funded and the new Community Activity Centre is well on the way to be open for the 2015 kinder year.

As this is my last report for the ACA as President, I would like to draw your attention to our major local issue: the lack of roads and public transport in the area. The ACA has advocated for better roads, bus services and the promised train line over many years. We were promised so much, but little has been delivered, now the community and businesses are suffering because of the underinvestment in infrastructure: Epping Rd needs to be duplicated, Edgar's Rd extended, the traffic lights at Harvest Home Rd and the traffic lights at Findon Rd/ O'Herns Rd - High St/ Epping Rd constructed, and the O'Herns Rd Freeway Interchange ramps built.

The fruit and vegetable market will open later this year/early next, and when it does, residents will see an influx of heavy vehicles on already congested roads. With the knowledge of the traffic increase on Cooper St and the influx of new residents, no major political party has committed to providing necessary roads and upgrades to our area.

Earlier this year the ACA partnered with the City of Whittlesea and the Mernda Rail Alliance to advocate for two major projects, the O'Herns Rd connection to the Hume Freeway and for a Mernda train station. The campaign has had wide publicity, but continues to need your support in filling in the Access Denied postcards and going online at www.accessdenied.net.au to send a message to politicians that you support these two vital projects.

As well, the ACA has produced a video 'Congestion Costs' which we launched in May, it can be accessed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFbrPBjDWqA. The video showcases local people telling their stories of how the road congestion and lack of public transport affects them.

We are fast approaching a new State election. Electoral boundaries have changed in our area, with the East side of Epping Rd now in the Mill Park electorate, while the extended Thomastown electorate boundary is now the West side of Epping Rd. The ACA continues to meet with our politicians and some understand the situation and know the issues but not all. Now is the time to be approaching candidates and seeking their views on what concerns you!

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Aurora Community Association Annual General Meeting 2014

Wednesday 23rd July 7.30pm



Venue: Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre
Corner of Redding Rise and Snugburgh Way, Epping North.

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm (arrive 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start)
Light refreshments provided.

Guest Speakers: Find out about new educational facilities in Epping North!
Mary Sayers, Manager Family & Youth from **City of Whittlesea** will tell us about the new Epping North Community Activity Centre and Kindergarten.
A representative from the **Department of Education and Early Childhood Development** will update us on the planned Epping North Primary School that was funded in the recent Victorian state budget.

RSVP: for catering purposes by 5pm Monday 21st July 2014 to:
<http://aca-agm-2014.eventzilla.net/>

Each year at our Annual General Meeting, current **paid up** members must nominate and **vote in an Executive Committee** to oversee the running of the ACA.

Without a functioning committee the ACA will cease to function.

Would you like to be on the ACA executive committee? If so, call 0490 140 078 or email enquiry@aurora.asn.au to arrange a discussion.

If you would like to become committee member then please make sure you:

1. Are a paid up ACA member (2013-14 FY) before Sunday 13th July 2014. Membership costs are listed below. (Forms available at: <http://www.aurora.asn.au/join-today/>).
2. Complete a nomination form and return by 5pm 22nd July (available at the bottom of: <http://www.aurora.asn.au/association-structure/>).

There are also **other opportunities** for members to become involved in the ACA apart from being on the executive committee. We are always looking for volunteers to help with roles such as **newsletter drops, website updates, local campaign work, fund raising and organisation of social events**. We especially need an **events coordinator**!

The ACA was incorporated in September 2009 as a means for residents to become involved in the community and advocate on their community's behalf. We advocate strongly on issues affecting our community and organise many social events for residents to enjoy. We are **always open to new members**, with membership open to anyone in the **Epping or Wollert** area. Only together can we make our community a great place to live.

All ACA memberships are renewed annually in July regardless of the time of year membership of the Association initially occurred. **Current ACA members should renew their membership at the AGM.** Membership costs **\$20 in the first year** (\$10 Joining Fee + \$10 Annual membership) & **\$10 annually thereafter**.

Membership fees support the ACA in their ongoing community engagement activities. Annual membership fees cover some of the annual costs the Association incurs (e.g. hall hire, insurance), thereby reducing the amount of fundraising that needs to occur.