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Aurora Community Association  
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### Presidents Address

A full new committee for the ACA was elected at the Annual General Meeting in July, you will some familiar faces but a few like myself are new to the ACA.

President: Toni-Marie  
Vice-President: Kathleen  
Secretary: Khush  
Treasurer: Roger  
Public Officer: Shali  
Committee Members: Tony, Dan and Kerry

The first few months the committee was learning about each other and taking up our new roles. It has been obvious since our first meeting that there is a passion amongst the committee to work for the Aurora and Epping North community especially in the areas of transport, including roads, buses and a train line.

This has been reflected in our recent general meeting with Griff Davis Director of Advocacy and communication in the City of Whittlesea, and again at our coffee and chat. The transport needs of the area are significant and the committee has agreed we require a working group to concentrate on bringing the needs of the Epping North community to all levels of Government. This groups first meeting is on the 31st October and we hope to make a major impact over time by drawing the Governments attention to this areas transport needs.

Recently we held a coffee and chat with Karen Vella from Places Victoria who updated the community on what is happening with the new developments, including the parks and the town centre. This was a chance for the community to ask questions and they did. It was also a time to meet with the nominated candidates for the upcoming council elections and let them know the needs of our community and the passion we have.

Concerns raised by residents on the day were:

- a community garden
- the use of the unused Discovery Pavilion by ACA working groups
- community engagement with Places Victoria
- restructure of Places Victoria
- Lehman's Park opening
- Fibre to the Home (FTTH) issues

If you are thinking that you would like to get involved or would like to meet a few residents then there are opportunities:

- Join the transport working group (we will have many organised opportunities coming up with petitions, letter writing, stalls, etc)
- Help out with our letter box drops
- Help out with our trivia night (16th March 2013) or car boot sale
- Post on the ACA website and forum <http://www.aurora.asn.au/>
- Come to our next coffee and chat in April

We are an active group and our last activity for the year will be the Car Boot Sale held on November 18th come and meet us. We are looking for stall holders (vendors) for the Car Boot Sale – to get in touch and book a spot email us at [enquiry@aurora.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au) and we will reply.

I hope to see many of you around the area in the future and keep you informed of what is happening in our community. On behalf of the ACA Committee members we wish you a happy, warm and safe holiday season with your family and friends, and to all who celebrate Christmas have a Merry Christmas.

Kind Regards

Toni-Marie  
President ACA

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### Dates to put in your Diary

November 3, 2012  
Access Family Fun, CFLLC, 10:00 am

November 3-4, 2012  
Whittlesea Show  
9.00am - late

November 17, 2012  
Diwali Festival, CFLLC

November 18, 2012  
ACA Car Boot Sale  
9.00am-1.00pm

December 14, 2012  
Carols by Candlelight,  
Redleap reserve Mill Park  
7.00pm-10.00pm

See Community Calendar on the ACA website for further event details and for more to see and do:  
<http://www.aurora.asn.au/community-calendar/>

# CAR BOOT SALE

to raise funds for the  
Aurora Community Association



**When:** Sunday 18 November 2012  
9 am to 1 pm  
(No early bird callers)

**Where:** Aurora Estate, car park  
behind the Discovery  
Pavilion, corner Crimson  
Cres. and Shields St.

[Melway Ref. 181 H4]

Gold coin entry (kids free)

\$10 per stallholder  
(e-mail to book your spot:  
[enquiry@aurora.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au))



## Facebook Competition

- **Grab a bargain!**
- **Enjoy a sausage sizzle!**
- **Sell unwanted items and upcycle with style!**

### Coffee and Chat Update from Saturday 13th October 2012

Karen Vella, Marketing Manager from Places Victoria (PV), informed the Coffee and Chat meeting that she works two days a week and is involved with six projects. .

She said an announcement was due in 2-3 weeks that PV would be working on the Aurora Estate in partnership with a private property developer.

The Aurora Estate town centre would be developed in stages and was due to start at the beginning of 2013 with the first stage due for completion a year later. A question was raised about fencing around the proposed public transport corridor. The fencing was thought to be there to facilitate landscaping. Karen indicated that ACA use of the Discovery Pavilion during the day would be no problem for the time being. Places Victoria was likely to be organising one or two social events on the Aurora Estate before the end of 2012.

There was discussion about the possibility of PV making land available for community gardening.

Ahmet suggested that the Aurora community should be consulted when they could be affected by future development planning. Such consultation in the past may have helped to avoid time-consuming confrontations between PV and residents such as over the issue of residents not being allowed to have access to their FTTH cabinets.

Cara suggested having another community development officer for the Aurora Estate. The previous community development officer was a valuable contact for keeping the ACA aware of estate developments on the Aurora Estate & for passing on ACA concerns to PV.



### Car Boot Sale Facebook Promotion



Click 'Like' on our Facebook page  
<http://www.facebook.com/auroracommunity>  
to enter our Bunnings Voucher Promotion!



To enter the draw for a  
**\$50 Bunnings Voucher:**

1. Click the like button for the ACA page
2. Click the like button for the **Car Boot Sale 18-11-12** post
3. Describe in 25 words or less what you like about living in Epping North

We will announce the promotion winner at the Car Boot Sale, Sunday 18th November 2012 at 11.30am.

Venue: Carpark behind the Discovery Pavilion, corner Crimson Crescent and Shields St, Epping North, Melway ref: 181 H4

Promotion closes 12.00am, Saturday 17th November 2012. Winner notified on Facebook Monday 19th November.

For terms and conditions please go to  
<http://www.aurora.asn.au/events/car-boot-sale/>

### ACA Transport Working Group

The ACA Transport Working Group aims to create a strategy to organise, improve and increase advocacy and activism on transport issues in Epping North. These transport issues are seriously worsening as the State Government continues to largely ignore them - despite an extended period of transport advocacy from the City of Whittlesea Council. The involvement of lots of local residents is likely to increase the chances that the Transport Working Group will be noticed and effective. Time lost from road congestion is increasingly depriving people of time for proper meals, exercise, sleep and socialising which adversely affects health and decreases livability in the area. Campaigning for improved transport services will not work when people have no time for it because so much time is lost from local travel.

It is relatively easy to identify where more road development and more public transport is needed. But so far little attention is being given to the consequences of transport problems, why additional transport services are not being provided and what can be done to change this. In addition to health concerns, there are substantial extra costs to local residents because of lack of public transport; these deserve to be addressed with top priority.

Lack of media support could be met by a more creative ACA website with a lively transport forum and You Tube type videos with viral potential. Lack of Government support could be met with a letter write-in to the Minister for Transport and detailed surveys of people hit by transport problems. A letter write-in could combine model letters to choose and adapt from, individual letters with editorial support where needed. Large numbers of outer suburban residents meeting with politicians and members of political parties could indicate that significant vote numbers are involved.

Tony Francis, 22 October 2012

## Discount Pet Micro chipping

We have numerous lost animals in the Epping North area, one way you can get your animal back after an escape is through micro chipping. Residents get a discount on pet registration fees if their cat or dog is micro chipped. You can have your pet micro chipped at a vet clinic, or one of the council supported discount micro chipping days.

City of Whittlesea regularly provide a discount micro chipping session, in partnership with PETstock. You can have your pet micro chipped on any of the following days, and at the discounted rate of \$25 per animal. You can also register your pet at the same time.

All micro chipping days are held at the PETstock Store,  
2/88 Cooper Street, Epping from 11am to 3pm.  
No appointment is necessary.

Upcoming 2012 dates

Saturday, 15 December

For more information about micro chipping  
or registration, call 9217 2100.

No matter the type / size of pet you should have your pet micro chipped.



### Aurora General Store & Café

Fully catered café  
Grinders Coffee

Delicatessen / Mini supermarket services  
Focaccias Cakes

ATM onsite  
Breakfast and Lunch

Trading Hours:

Monday to Friday 6.30am to 9.30pm

Weekends

Saturdays 7am to 9.30pm, Sunday 7.30am to 9.30pm

1 Gammage Bvd Epping VIC 3076 (03) 8320 5000

### Online Marketing opportunity for businesses

The ACA has an independent website <http://www.aurora.asn.au> which attracts at least 30 different individuals to the site per day. The number often increases up to 80 especially during regular newsletter updates or coinciding with event promotions, i.e. flyer drops. There has also been a **49.35% growth** (1,298 new visits) in new individual visits in the last quarter.

The ACA website has been able to cater for the needs of our local business through the following:

#### 1. Local business directory

The local business directory is the most viewed section after the home page. It is available **FREE** to businesses and retailers physically based within the Epping North area. Businesses or retailers physically located outside of this area that offer services to residents within the boundary, can list their business in the ACA website Local Business Directory for \$10 a month, payable annually.

#### 2. Premium advertisements

For \$10 a month, your business can have its own page on our website, including all page management and hosting services and costs. The page content can include (but is not limited to) the business logo, a product and/or service description (including multiple PDF attachments such as menus or price lists and photos), contact details and an external website link if applicable. The business logo is also featured on the ACA home page (automatically scrolls through all premium advertisers) and this logo links to the businesses premium page on the ACA website.

More details are available at <http://www.aurora.asn.au/advertise-your-business/>





Every month or so, a group of women from the neighbourhood get together over some afternoon tea and devote some time to their crafts. There's no commitment, no expectations, no requirements. We simply want to make time in our lives to get cracking on some of the projects that otherwise don't get a high enough priority. We bring whatever we're working on and a plate to share and sit around working on our individual creations. There has been necklace beading, clothes dying, sewing a dog coat, candle making, bangle decorating, felting, yo-yo making (no, not the biscuit), knitting and embroidery. We help each other or just enjoy the opportunity to make progress. If there are other women who would like to join us, please ring Joanna on 9018-8169.

## About the ACA

The Aurora Community Association (ACA) was incorporated in September 2009 as a means for residents to become involved in the community.

Being part of the group puts you in contact with other residents who may share your issues and concerns, and collectively can work towards improving our area.

We are seeking new members, with membership open to anyone in the Epping North / Wollert area. Only together can we make the Aurora Community a great place to live.

Please remember that the Aurora Community Association is not part of **Places Victoria**. We are an independent community-based organisation aimed at improving our area. As such, we are free to pursue our own aims and objectives.

## Committee Member Profile– Tony Francis– Ordinary Member

Tony Francis is a retired public servant who has lived on the Aurora estate since November 2007. He attended and was involved in Aurora resident meetings which led to the formation of the Aurora Community Association and the first ACA executive committee of which he was an ordinary member.

Since becoming an Aurora resident he has campaigned for a railway line extension to Epping North and for additional public transport and infrastructure in Epping North. Tony is one of three ordinary members on the ACA executive committee for 2012-13 FY.

His earlier life includes secondary schooling and primary teacher training in Melbourne, five years of teaching in country Victoria, four years full-time ANU study in Canberra (mainly Psychology) with lots of part-time tertiary study (including Economics) over the following decades. He was a Commonwealth public servant in Canberra from 1972 to 2005 and worked as a computer programmer from 1986 to 2005.

Do you want to know more about the area you live in?

Would you like to meet your new neighbours?

Do you like social outings?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions please come and join us and be a part of a growing number of residents who want to help improve our neighbourhood and connect with our friendly, welcoming community.

To become a member go to <http://www.aurora.asn.au/join-today/> to find out more and download the membership form.

Check out our informative, regularly updated website for news and local information at <http://www.aurora.asn.au>.

**Find us on Facebook /auroracommunity and Twitter @auroraeping**

To be included in our e-newsletter and email distribution list please click on the newsletter sign up link on the front page of our website and complete your details or email your details to [enquiry@aurora.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au).

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The Creeds Farm Community Garden commenced in 2011 with a small group of Epping North residents working with Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre.

We have raised funds and purchased and installed a number raised garden beds. The garden is a work in progress and is directed and maintained entirely by volunteers.

Anyone can be a volunteer in the garden, it is free to join and you just need to fill in a membership form and take part in an induction.

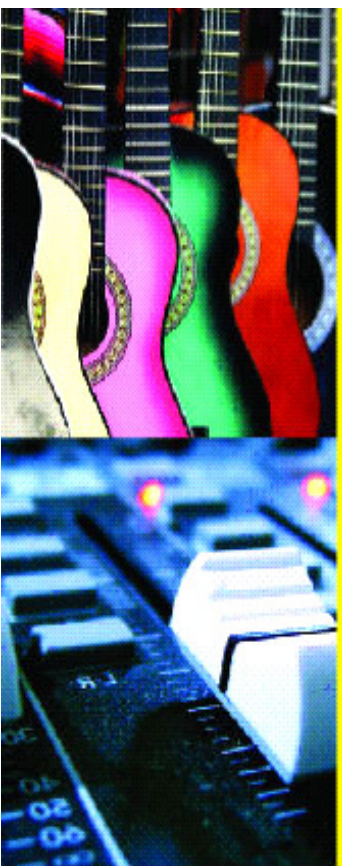
The garden is a communal garden, with volunteers coming together to share in the harvest.

We meet on the last Sunday of the month 10.30am-12pm for our working bee at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre.

The Community Garden has received a Community Development Grant for \$2200 from the City of Whittlesea to run a series of FREE demonstration days for the community. People are encouraged to attend these FREE workshops and join as members of the community garden. Tentative dates for the workshops are as follows:

- Gardening in difficult sites: Sunday 25th November 2012
- Seed saving of summer vegetables: Sunday 24th March 2013
- Establishing fruit trees: Sunday 30th June 2013

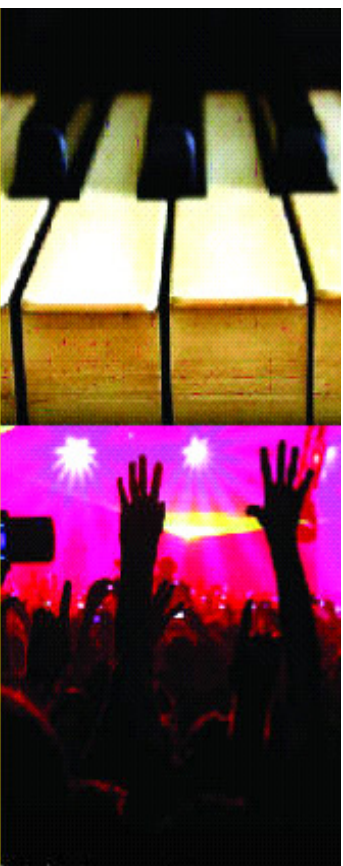
Email [cflc.garden@gmail.com](mailto:cflc.garden@gmail.com) if you would like more information.  
(by Brad Costin, Garden Coordinator)



# PRIVATE LESSONS

# \$25

SINGING GUITAR PIANO DRUMS  
KEYBOARD VIOLIN



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## Attention Vendors!

Do you have unwanted items lying around your house or garage that you would like to sell? Consider booking a stall at the event. Cost is \$10/car. Email [enquiry@aurora.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au) for more details, and to book. Spaces are limited, so register today!

