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President's Report

It seems only yesterday that I took over the reins as President of our Community Association. But during these short six months, we have experienced a number of momentous events.

Against all odds, we managed to secure a commitment by the Victorian Labor Party to contribute state funding to the **O'Herns Road Hume Freeway Interchange**. This is a remarkable achievement for which we have to thank all our members, Whittlesea City Council for its staunch support with the *Access Denied* campaign, the Whittlesea Leader for their weekly highlights, but especially our Member of Parliament, Bronwyn Halfpenny, who fought so hard for her party to commit to a sizeable project in a very safe Labor seat. Shortly afterwards, the Labor Party took over the state government, thus securing that promise. We are also encouraged by their commitment to public transport.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels. The Interchange will not go ahead without securing federal government funding, and the transport working group is forging ahead in its campaign to secure a commitment from Canberra. The working group will also work on ensuring that an appropriate part of the public transport investment announced by the state government ends up in our neglected North. All this is of paramount importance with the opening of the wholesale fruit and vegetable market still scheduled to occur this year. Thus our role as advocates continues.

Also during this period, **Places Victoria** sold a major part of the Aurora Estate to **Lend Lease**. In October 2015 Lend Lease will start developing south-westwards from Craigieburn - East Road and will also take over responsibility for the current sales office from Places Victoria. Members of the Aurora Community Association Committee met with representatives from Lend Lease earlier this year, and we are pleased to say that they appear eager to work with our community. We expect that they will be happy to talk at one of our upcoming coffee and chats, or at our July AGM.

The end of year celebration was a popular event, recognising our success as a community. Our general meeting in February showcased a sustainable energy initiative by Yarra Valley Water. The Waste to Energy Project reminds us Aurora was initially developed as a flagship eco-friendly estate. This is a bold enterprise which demonstrates that Aurora can still be at the forefront of environmental progress.

Our **Trivia Night** will be held on 21 March in our brand new Galada Community Centre. This is great fun, but is also our main fundraising event, and thus essential to our survival as an Association. Without the money to pay for public liability insurance, we couldn't organise any meetings or events. So please show your support to the Community Association that supports you! We will also have a coffee and chat meeting on 19 April. Finally, let us not forget our **Multicultural Celebration** to be held on 23 May.

I hope to see you around, at our events but also in the community. Don't forget that I am also your neighbour. If you see me around, come and have a chat and let me know what you expect from your Association and what you can do to help us to be our best for you.

Kathleen Ager
ACA President

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Galada Community Centre **NOW OPEN!**



Galada Community Centre at 10A Forum Way in Epping North is **NOW OPEN** to the public!

The centre offers Maternal Child Health services, Planned Activity Group services & a 3 & 4yo kindergarten (3yo enquiries can call the YMCA on **9407 6205**).

A playgroup and Occasional Care is also offered by the YMCA. Bookings and enquiries can be made by calling **9407 6205**.

There is a hall (150 seated or 200 standing), a commercial kitchen and two meeting rooms available for hire.

All enquiries can be made by calling the **Galada Community Centre** directly on **8401 6201**.

BOOK NOW for Playgroup & Occasional Care!

The brand new Galada Kindergarten located at 10A Forum Way, Epping North (within the Aurora Estate) is opening in January 2015!

Hurry, places are limited!
Book now for Playgroup &
Occasional Care!

Contact Geny Davis
9407 6205
or email:
geny.davis@ymca.org.au



Creeds Farm Community Garden News



Creeds Farm Community Garden members meet on the **last Sunday of each month** at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre, Corner Redding Rise and Snugburgh Way 10.30am – 12 noon.

They also run a food swap on the same morning— bring your excess home grown produce along and swap it for something you don't have and need!

The group also now has a Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Creeds-Farm-Community-Garden/1519677141629065?ref=br_tf

If you would like to participate or be kept informed of Community Garden activities, please email creedsfarmers@gmail.com



Whittlesea Kids and Dads Club

We are a playgroup for Dads and other father figures to better connect with their kids and with other fathers in the City of Whittlesea.

We meet every Saturday from 9:30 to 11 AM during school terms at Epping Views Primary school and we have access to all their wonderful facilities.

We have kids from 6 months to 10 years coming along to burn up some energy whilst having fun.

We also have excursions to places like fire stations.

Visit www.facebook.com/WDAKC for more information.

Lend Lease to build on Aurora's community development foundations

In October last year, Lend Lease confirmed the purchase of the Aurora development from Places Victoria. The property acquired by Lend Lease will ultimately deliver more than 3,100 residential lots and offer a range of living options to meet the lifestyle needs in Melbourne's north.

Lend Lease has a strong reputation and vast experience in delivering leading edge communities throughout Australia. The company's heritage in Melbourne is well demonstrated in their award winning communities you may be familiar with at Caroline Springs, Lakeside Pakenham and Laurimar. Aurora is the latest addition to a very strong portfolio of community creation across the region.

Lend Lease's vision is to create the best places and Aurora offers a great platform to deliver on this vision by building on Places Victoria's foundations and implementing a true sense of belonging for all Aurora residents.

The strong focus Lend Lease places on community development is underway at Aurora. Focus groups with local residents and the wider Epping/ northern region have commenced. The findings of these focus groups will help to inform the Lend Lease team in its pursuit of leading edge community development for the project.

In addition, Lend Lease's Community Partnerships Manager, Karen Woo is liaising with the City of Whittlesea and others to gain a comprehensive understanding of the various needs of the community as the development of Aurora progresses.

Lend Lease will continue to work closely with local authorities and government agencies to ensure that timely infrastructure delivery meets the growing needs of the local and surrounding communities, both now and well into the future.

Places Victoria is managing the ongoing development of the Aurora Town Centre, which includes the newly-opened Galada Community Centre featuring three kindergarten rooms, a community hall and a maternal and child health centre. The first stage of the town centre will also include a Coles supermarket, specialty shops and car parking.

For further information on Lend Lease's vision for Aurora, visit www.lendlease.com/aurora

FAQs available at: <http://www.lendlease.com/~media/Communities/AU/Shared/Documents/Aurora%20FAQs.ashx>



TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 21st March 2015 6:00 - 9:30 PM

No Experience Necessary!

- We had a great night at last years ACA trivia night and I've had some interesting discussions with members who didn't attend about why they didn't come along. Overwhelmingly their feedback was because they thought they weren't 'smart enough' or they had never been to one before and 'wouldn't know what to do'!
 - The Quiz Master carefully explains the rules and clearly explains each task. A mixture of verbal, visual and audio based tasks will be provided. Most of the questions are easy enough that an average adult can make an informed answer just through their general knowledge. And if you really don't know the answer, then someone else will- its all about making friends, working as a team to answer the questions and having fun!
 - **And you can always buy the answer if you really don't know it!! (it is a fund raiser, after all!)**
 - Details of the Trivia night, Saturday March 21st 2015:
 - Galada Community Centre
 - Corner Mossfield Rise & Forum Way, Epping North
 - Arrive 6pm - for a prompt 6.30pm start- will run until approximately 9.30pm
 - \$10.00 per person - 8 to 10 per table- Either organise your own table of 8 to 10 or join up on a table with others who can't fill a table entirely but would like to attend (organised by ACA).
 - **Children welcome! BYO kids activities- a kids table will be available**
 - BYO food and drinks (picnic style i.e. bring your own plates, cups and cutlery), tea and coffee provided. Cold drinks and cakes for dessert on sale.
 - Excellent prizes from local businesses, raffles and fun BIG KID games to break up the trivia rounds!
 - Bring along your brain, sense of humour & gold coins. **No trivia night experience necessary!!**
 - **Tickets need to be pre-purchased for catering and organisation purposes**
 - To secure your booking you will need to complete a booking form and pay the event organiser in cash or transfer the money into our bank account (preferred).
 - Book your tickets at: <http://aca-trivia-2015.eventzilla.net/>. You will receive an email with the details of how to pay for the tickets after you have made the booking. Then just email us the receipt/ reference details before the event.
 - Please email events@aurora.asn.au to let us know you want seats on a shared table. You will still need to book through <http://aca-trivia-2015.eventzilla.net/>.
 - Hope to see you there!

Access Denied Transport Campaign Update

The Access Denied transport campaign was launched outside the City of Whittlesea (CoW) Council Offices in South Morang on the morning of Monday 17 March 2014. With a focus on the Victorian State election on 29 November 2014, the goals of the campaign were to secure commitments from the State's major political parties to:

- Build the O'Herns Road Hume Freeway Interchange in Epping North
- Extend train services from South Morang to Mernda
- Build both projects in the first term of government

The campaign featured major input from the CoW Council with important contributions from the South Morang and Mernda Rail Alliance, the Aurora Community Association (ACA) and members of the Epping business community. Contributions from the local Whittlesea Leader newspaper were extremely valuable. Wider community involvement was sought with multitudes of CoW residents (and voters) encouraged to send emails and postcards to MPs and to display campaign signs, posters and bumper stickers. By November 2014 over 4600 emails had been sent and over 7000 postcards had been signed. The Victorian State election was won by the Labor Party which supported both Access Denied projects and had made funding commitments of almost \$650 million for transport infrastructure in the CoW. Further funding commitments for the O'Herns Road Interchange are still required from the Federal Government.

By September 2014 three political parties had committed to the Mernda rail extension, probably influenced by campaigning for the marginal seat of Yan Yean. It was only on Monday 17th November that the first and only political party support for the O'Herns Road Interchange (in the very safe Labor seat of Thomastown) was announced by Labor. It would be preferable to have an independent body deciding allocation of transport infrastructure funding for growing outer suburbs based on economic and social factors rather than on winning marginal electorates. The CoW Council no doubt helped the interchange cause with its ability spell out the economic benefits of this project. Support for the Interchange from Thomastown electorate representative Bronwyn Halfpenny MP was crucial.

The ACA transport working group has worked long and hard campaigning on local transport issues; numbers in the group vary due to fatigue and limited success from campaigning. A meeting in April 2015 will initiate further involvement with Council with regard to advocacy on issues such as extending local bus routes, more frequent bus services, a railway line extension to Epping North, Epping Road duplication, a roundabout replaced with an intersection and traffic lights, more and better paths for pedestrians and cyclists. Priority is likely to be given not only according to social and economic factors but also to government readiness and capacity to respond.

To get involved please email enquiry@aurora.asn.au or call 0490 140 078 during office hours.

Tony Francis

ACA Transport Working group Member
15 February 2015

Get Active Expo Sunday 19 April, 2015

Come along to this free expo and discover ways you can get active in Epping North. This event will showcase both formal and informal opportunities for physical activity. You'll also get to try out some of these activities for yourself on the day.

Date: Sunday 19 April, 2015
Time: 11:00am-4:00pm
Location: Galada Community Centre,
10A Forum Way, Epping North
(Melway 181 G4)

Contact: For event enquiries or if you're a local physical activity provider looking to promote your service call Kathy Pompelli, Community Development Officer - Epping North on 0408 578 564

This event is in support of Premiers Active April, which encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.





School Camping at Epping Views PS

With the Year Six, Four and Three students and staff all heading off to camp this term it promises to be a busy time with lots of fun and team-building.

The Year six students headed to Camp Woorabinda at Yallourn, Year Three students to Anglesea and then Year Four are off to Emerald in the Dandenongs shortly.

There is great excitement from the students and staff (as well as the parents) when the bus heads off to camp and lots of relief when it arrives back at school. The year Fives will be off to Phillip Island early next term.

The camping program begins in the Prep year with breakfast at school, overnight sleepovers and meals at school in Year One and Two and then the bus trips begin.

Not forgetting those children who are unable to attend camp, we have an alternative program happening back at school with mixed groupings and at least one great excursion planned for the camp time.

The camping program is designed to foster and develop independence and resilience in our students. Whilst it is often hard emotionally and financially for parents to let their children attend camps, the memories and friendships they make on school camps will stay with them for ever.

Pauline Kubat (EVPS Principal) and the EVPS Team.

Emergency Planning Continues in Epping North

This year the local emergency planning group will be looking at the risks that face the community and what is being done to reduce the impact of those risks.

If you are interested in this discussion and being an active part of the solution please come along to a meeting!

Call Gail Cumming, City of Whittlesea's Project Manager: Prepared Communities on 9217 2553 for more information.

Ziilch— where good stuff goes free

Ziilch www.ziilch.com.au is a free reuse website where people can list items they no longer want, so that others can come and collect them.

It is Ziilch's hope that they can help people de-clutter their homes, whilst simultaneously helping those in the community who may be less fortunate and could use these items being given away.

A major benefit of this is also the fact that they are diverting good, reusable items from hard-rubbish piles and landfill.

There are no fees or charges associated with the site. It's all 100% free.

Since its launch in 2011, Ziilch now has over 48,000 members and over 18,000 items have been re-housed that may have otherwise wound up in landfill. Items listed on Ziilch are usually collected within 24 hours.

Aurora General Store & Café

Fully catered café

Delicatessen / Mini supermarket services

ATM onsite

Grinders Coffee Focaccias Cakes 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



Did you know we have a FORUM?

Why not follow the link and register and chat with your neighbours and fellow residents.

<http://www.aurora asn au/forum/>

Have your say!

You can share gardening tips, tradesmen names and phone numbers, recipes, handy tips about internet, child minding, schools, activities in and around the area.

Get involved in our 2015 Multicultural Celebration– Sunday 23rd May 2015, 1.00pm– 4.00pm

Following the success of our 2014 event, the ACA, in conjunction with the Whittlesea Multicultural Community Council are beginning to organise a multicultural celebration for the Epping/ Epping North/ Wollert area to be held on **Sunday 23rd May 2015 1.00- 4.00pm at Epping Memorial Hall in High Street Epping.**

We are looking for individuals or cultural groups to volunteer to participate in the event and would like to hear from you if you are interested in participating in the following ways:

- Cultural food samples
- Dancing
- Singing
- Music
- Cultural fashion parade
- Information stall
- Other- maybe you might have another way you could participate e.g. henna painting, hair braiding, kids activities, poetry



To express interest in participating or for more details please email events@aurora.asn.au or call Kris 0407 689 032



★ **Free maths tuition/ support for all levels at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre.**

★ Day: Thursday from 12 March

★ Time: 6 - 7pm

★ Venue: Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre

★ Tutor: Ireen S (Manager Whittlesea Maths Tutoring Centre)

★ Qualification: - Bachelor of Education - Mathematics

★ - Post Graduate Diploma - Educational Studies

★ - Post Graduate Diploma - Teaching

★ To book a place email whittleseamathstutoring@gmail.com

★ **Homework Club - Volunteer Tutors Needed**

★ Volunteer tutors are needed to assist primary and secondary students at our homework club. The club will run from 4pm in the afternoon at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre in Epping North. We need people who have an interest in education and the ability to work with young people. You will need to have a Working with Children Check. Tasks include homework support for primary and secondary aged students. The program will provide one on one or small group tuition as required by students which may include assistance with reading, math, spelling, research on the internet and assistance with using a computer for projects. Teaching background would be useful but not essential.

★ If you are interested please contact Max Sargent, Manager

★ Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre 9023 4606 email manager@cflc.org.au

★ **Play Groups at Creeds Farm**

★ Would you like to join a parent run play group?

★ Does your playgroup need a home?

★ We have spaces available for playgroups

★ How it works

★ We provide the space, toys, craft materials, coffee and tea. You participate and pay \$3 per child per session and help with a working bee once a year.

★ If you are interested please contact Max Sargent, Manager

★ Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre 9023 4606 email manager@cflc.org.au

ACA Fire Watch Dashboard

The Aurora Community Association Fire Watch Dashboard <http://www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/> is a webpage that aggregates real time information from several sources to provide the local community with a consolidated snapshot of fire danger information specific for the Epping North/ Wollert area. This will help residents of the community make decisions about their fire safety.

Information available on the webpage includes:

- current and forecast fire danger ratings sourced from the CFA
 - current weather conditions from the BoM
 - a link to the VicRoads website for the local area detailing any closures and traffic alerts
 - an embedded Twitter feed which enables the community to share real time information and updates about fires in Epping North and Wollert with other members of the community. Use the Twitter feed as one of many sources of information to assist your decision making in an emergency situation.
- The hashtags used by this website are **#3076fire for Epping and #3750fire for Wollert**

You can find the Fire Watch dashboard at <http://www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/> or just click on the Fire Watch logo/ link on the ACA homepage.

You can find out more information about using the Fire Watch Twitter feed at www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/information-on-twitter/.

We'd like to see more people using the Twitter feed as this is what makes the Dashboard a powerful community tool. Please encourage friends and family who live in the Epping North/ Wollert area to add the Dashboard to their favourites and follow and use the #3076fire and #3750fire hashtags as appropriate.

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Fire Watch

This page brings together information from the CFA, Bureau of Meteorology and VicRoads. This information relates to the Aurora Estate. This page also has a Twitter feed where you in the community can let others know quickly what is happening where you are.

Current Fire Danger Rating

HIGH

CFA Website 31 minutes ago

Twitter

Tweets

Ian Rimmer @exairmech 9 Feb
#3076fire #3750fire Reported as safe now well done fireies! Expand

Ian Rimmer @exairmech 9 Feb
#3076fire #3750fire Not yet under control

Ian Rimmer @exairmech 9 Feb
#3076fire #3750fire Grass fire Anglers Drive area east of High Street North Epping smoke in the air

Ozge SA @ozgelibrarian 9 Feb
False alarm. No fire on Cooper Street & Davission St in Epping. #3076fire
@auroraepping Retweeted by healingartfully Expand

Ian Rimmer 9 Feb
Compose new Tweet...

Bureau of Meteorology Website 31 minutes ago

Current Weather Conditions

14°C
S 19.31km/h

Fire Danger Rating Forecast

Sat: 22°C	HIGH
Sun: 26°C	HIGH
Mon: 26°C	HIGH

CFA Website
BOM Website 31 minutes ago

FIRE DANGER RATING

LOW-MODERATE (Green)
HIGH (Light Blue)
SEVERE (Orange)
EXTREME (Red)
CODE RED (Dark Red)

CFA Website – Info About Fire Danger Ratings

vicroads Closures & Traffic Alerts Warnings & Incident Updates

The information in the Twitter feed above is sourced from members of the community. Use it only as one of many sources of information to assist your decision making.

Information & Instructions

Mawarra Functions now open in Wollert

The Brunstad Christian Church Melbourne owns the property at 455 Epping Rd; this is the site of the former Wollert Primary School, and many will know it today as the location of the monthly Wollert Market.

The church have set up a business called 'Mawarra Functions' and now offer the premises to the local community and beyond for hire only or fully catered, private events. People can offer the rear of the property to include the deck area, children's playground and sporting field, or the hall may be hired as well and includes a small kitchenette. They can cater for small weddings up to 80 persons seated, engagement parties, afternoon teas, corporate luncheons and wakes, senior citizens events and the like.

The hall is \$55 per hour to hire and the deck, \$25 per hour, minimum of 4 hours hire. The area will be clean and tables and chairs set up as you require, or for a small fee they can decorate to your budget. They also offer for hire a full AV system (with operator) which includes projector and screen. The bathroom amenities have recently been fully renovated and gardens are well maintained and continually being improved.

For any enquiries or questions, please contact Susan Allen, mobile 0413 797 607

My CFA

New steps are being taken by CFA to better connect with the community with the free 'My CFA' subscription service. This service utilises technology that enables the CFA to improve communications with residents. The aim is to ensure that personalised & locally relevant information is provided, tailored to the particular fire risk profile.

Register online at cfa.vic.gov.au/mycfa and be kept up to date with fire safety tips & information throughout the year.



VICTORIA IS ONE OF THE MOST FIRE PRONE REGIONS IN THE WORLD.



SUBSCRIBE to **My CFA Today**

Get information and tips about emergency planning relevant to your local fire risk direct to your inbox

cfa.vic.gov.au/mycfa

SIGN UP

Take 5 minutes to help protect the things you value most.

Sign up to **My CFA** and we'll keep you up to date with the latest information and tips to help keep you, your family and your home safe from fire.

Go to cfa.vic.gov.au/mycfa to create your **My CFA** account today.

This service does not provide warnings and updates about current emergencies. For all warnings, alerts and emergency information go to emergency.vic.gov.au, download the FireReady app, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667 and stay tuned to ABC Local Radio.

Being an ACA member

The Aurora Community Association (ACA) is an independent, grass roots, community-based organisation aimed at improving the Epping North area. We are always seeking new members, with membership open to anyone of any ethnicity in the Epping North / Wollert area, including but not limited to Lyndarum, Hayston Valley, Summerhill, Horizon, Eden Gardens, Eucalypt and of course Aurora estates.

The greater the membership of the ACA, the stronger the Association and the more likely that authorities will listen to our concerns. Therefore it is very important to join as a member of the Association, not just admire us from afar! Only together can we make the Epping North community a great place to live.

Membership costs \$20 in the first year (\$10 Joining Fee + \$10 Annual membership) & \$10 annually thereafter. As a special offer, any new members between now & the end of the financial year only pay \$5 for their annual membership (total cost \$15 in the first year, a \$5 saving).

Membership fees support the ACA in their ongoing community engagement activities. The ACA has a number of annual costs that need to be met to keep the Association functioning, such as public liability insurance, incorporation fees, website costs and event costs. Annual membership fees cover some of these costs, thereby reducing the amount of fundraising that needs to occur, thus keeping the Association alive. As a member you are able to participate in ACA working groups, be nominated to be on the ACA committee and have voting rights at meetings including the AGM.

If you wish to become a member

Complete the membership form and have it signed by two current ACA members (easiest at an upcoming meeting- download the membership form from

<http://www.aurora.asn.au/join-today/> and take completed form to a meeting or just get one at the meeting) and then pay for your membership:

1. In person (cash or cheque) at an upcoming ACA meeting/ event- see events calendar for details
<http://www.aurora.asn.au/community-calendar/>
2. Transfer money to the ACA bank account- BSB 814 282, Account 310 737 28, Name: Aurora Community Association. Ensure to include your name in the funds transfer and that you let us know you have paid this way, so we can write you a receipt.
3. Cheque made payable to Aurora Community Association. Receipts will be given in person or posted upon clearance of funds. Either present cheque at an ACA event or send cheques to Aurora Community Association, C/O 2 Snugburgh Way, Epping North, Victoria 3076.

Renewals occur in July each year regardless of when you initially joined as a member. Memberships can be renewed at any meeting. 2013-14 financial members who haven't renewed their memberships by the end of March this year (was due in July last year) will be removed from the members register.

Thank you for your continued support for all the important community work we do.

Ann Distefano, Secretary



Market & Cafe

455 Epping Road, Wollert

4th Saturday of Every Month in 2015

8am - 2pm

2015 Dates

January 24th
Feb 28th
March 28th
April 25th
May 23rd
June 27th
July 25th
August 22nd
Sept 26th
Oct 24th
Nov 28th
Dec- Twilight

Dozens of Stalls

Handcrafted Items
Cakes & Baked Goods
Homewares
Plants | Toys

Tranquil Setting

Alfresco Cafe
Children's Playground
Hot Food

+ much, much more!

Stall Holders Welcome.
Please Call : 0420 585 285

No Need to Dump Rubbish!

Free waste collections available to every City of Whittlesea household!



FREE Hard Waste & Bundled Branch Collections

Two Hard Waste collections can be booked per household per year— includes 2 large items e.g. couch and 2 small items e.g. chair

Weekly collections of bundled branches can also be booked.

Both services are **FREE** to households in City of Whittlesea.

For more information or to book a collection please call 9217 2170.

FREE TV and Computer Recycling

Council no longer collects TV and computer items as part of the kerbside Hard Waste Collection service. Unwanted television, computers and computer equipment can be recycled at the following locations:

- Wollert Landfill Transfer Station - 45 Bridge Inn Road, Wollert
- Surplus Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd- 304-308 Mahoneys Road, Thomastown
- Harvey Norman Warehouse - 62 Keon Parade, Thomastown
- Darebin Resource Recovery Centre - Kurnai Avenue, Reservoir
- Banyule Waste Recovery Centre - 307-325 Waterdale Road, Bellfield

Acceptable Items:

- Any television or computer monitor (flat screen and older style)
- Desktop PCs and laptops, printers and scanners
- Hard drives and CD/ DVD drives
- Keyboards and computer mice, computer power supplies
- Network, memory cards and floppy disks

Computers Only

You can also take computer and computer equipment (max 5) to:

- Officeworks Epping, 550-650 High Street, Epping
- Officeworks Bundoora, 1101-1181 Plenty Road, Bundoora

Any Apple products can be recycled through www.apple.com/au/recycling

Come and Recycle with Council's FREE Recycling Stations

You can drop off the following items to Council's Free Recycling Stations:

- Cameras and accessories
- CDs and DVDs
- Fluorescent light globes
- Any household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries)
- Mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players and accessories
- Printer cartridges
- X-rays

Recycling Stations are located at the entrance of:

- Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, Sth Morang 3752 (Melway 183 A10)
- Epping Depot, 68-96 Houston Street, Epping 3076 (Melway 182 A10)

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 5pm

For more information contact Council's Resource Recovery Officer on 9401 0579

THIRD PLACE



THE GREAT GOOD PLACE

GREAT MEALS



GREAT PIZZA

GREAT COFFEE

GREAT AMBIENCE



GOOD FOR
CATCHING UP

GOOD FOR
MEETINGS

GOOD FOR
FUNCTIONS

GOOD FOR
CATERING



Ph: 9409 1897

Open Tues – Sun 'til 10pm



facebook.com/3rdplc

We are located at
286a Epping Rd, Wollert
(Historic Bluestone Cottage)

Look, Cook and Learn: Tomato Preserving Workshop

Wednesday 25 March, 10am-1pm

Creeds Farm Living & Learning Centre

Corner Redding Rise and Snugburgh Way, Epping North (Melway 181 H5).

Join in a hands-on activity with Maria from My Green Garden demonstrating how to easily and safely preserve excess tomatoes into tomato sauces (for pasta and pizza), relishes and more.

Free for Lalor Community Garden Members and \$5 non-members.

Bookings are essential. Contact Sherrilyn on 0419 008 575.

Earth Hour Stargazing at Hawkstowe Park

Saturday 28 March, 8.30pm-10.30pm

Hawkstowe Park,

Gordons Road, South Morang (Melway 183 H8).

Join us at Hawkstowe Park in South Morang to celebrate Earth Hour 2015 by stargazing with the Astronomical Society of Victoria. Look at the constellations and learn about the cosmos. ASV astronomers will be on hand with telescopes.

Please bring a torch covered with red cellophane, and wear warm clothes. Bookings are essential; car parking location provided upon booking.

For more information or to book, contact Council's Sustainability Planning Department on 9217 2042 or sustainability@whittlesea.vic.gov.au.



Welcome to the 2015 school year! By now most of us have settled into our new year and the routines that starting back to school provides. At St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Catholic Parish Primary School we have had a very happy and settled beginning to the school year. Our beautiful new building has delighted all of us & we are enjoying being part of a bigger school community with 202 students enrolled. It is always a special privilege to be part of a child's first day at school and this year we celebrated the arrival of our 68 new Prep students.

The staff of SMCM have been busy preparing the learning environments and structures for 2015 and look forward to another exciting and fun year together. 2015 is the [International Year of Light](#) which is why we have chosen home group names that are sources of light. **Auroras, Sunbeams, Rainbows, Lasers, Cosmics, Optics, Solars and Photonics.** We want our working environment to be one where we can continue to encourage one another to try new ideas, challenge, question and be a source of light for each other as we journey together in 2015.

It is great to see how well the students are settling into their new home groups. The beginning of the school year is an important time for building new relationships, learning new routines and setting goals for the year ahead. As part of this process the Foundation teachers Cate, Sarah and Stephanie will be conducting home visits to develop relationships and get to know their students.

Our Term One Inquiry Unit is '**Every Face has a Place**'. We are investigating the question '**How does appreciating the diversity of the world help us to participate in our community?**' Students will investigate the beliefs, traditions and lifestyles of people around the world and compare these to their life in Australia. We look forward to sharing our learning as part of our Harmony Day celebrations on Thursday 19th March.

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Epping Views Primary School

FETE

SUN 22nd March
10-4pm

Market Stalls, Food, Rides,
Face Painting, Fairy Floss,
Group Displays, CFA Visit,
Raffle - Huge 1st Prize!

*Come on down, join us for a
Fun Family packed day out!*

Everyone Welcome!

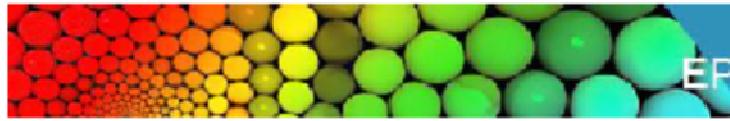
20 Mansfield Street Epping
Ph: 8401 3791

From Little things, big things grow!



Children need 2 things, roots and wings

FOR THE FRIDGE



EPPING NORTH PROJECT

Playgroups for Epping North /Wollert area

Epping Views Primary School

20 Mansfield Street Epping

Friday 9.30am – 11am Shubha 0433 012 780

Multiple Birth - Taking new interest

Epping Community Centre

378 Findon Rd Epping

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am Emma 0487 489 563

Young Parents Supported play group

Boori Children's Centre

Corner Winchester Ave and Derby Drive Epping

Thursday 10am – 12pm Kristy 9404 8800

St Mary MacKillop of the Cross Primary School

47 Farmhouse Boulevard

Epping North

- Tuesday 9.00am -11.00am School 8432 4500
- Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am Sayanti 0452 258 173

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Childsplay - Leisure City

41-53 Miller St Epping 9401 2222

Wednesday 1.00pm-3.00pm Nikki 0433 544 199

Dad's & Kids Club

Epping Views Primary School Saturday mornings

9.30am -11.00am Thomas 0409 814 112

Craft and Jive for 2-3 year olds

St Johns Anglican Church 789 High St Epping

Tuesday and Thursday 10am-12.30 Alex 0428 817 806

Mill Park Playgroup Association

Various locations Jo 0466 944 809

St Peters Playgroup

13 Davison St Epping Parish Office 9401 6300

TAKING NEW EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre

Corner Redding Rise and Snugburgh Way Epping North

Max 9023 4606

Kidz Bizz Playgroup (City Life Church)

Friday Mornings

Galada Community Centre

10A Forum Way Epping North

C/ Kathy Pompelli 0408 578 564

Yarra Plenty Library Mobile Library

Galada Community Centre 10A Forum Way Epping
Mondays 9am-12pm

Thomastown Library Playgroup

Wednesday 10-11.30

Lalor library Playgroup

Monday 10am-11.30am

Call Yarra Plenty Library for information on Story times and activity groups Phone - 9408 7888 or Email yomail@ypl.vic.gov.au



Other Places to Play

Kidspace

560 High St Epping 9401 4788

RUMBLES

30 Yale Drv, Epping 9408 4250

Childsplay - Leisure City
41-53 Miller St Epping 9401 2222

Local Playgrounds, and National Parks, Visit the YMCA or Leisure Centres

PLAYGROUP VICTORIA 1800 171 882

City of Whittlesea Playgroup Team

Michelle and Jan

9404 8864 or 9404 8863

Information Kathy 0429 190 150 or Fiona 0408 597 342

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