

Sunrise

at **aurora**

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Welcome to Aurora Sunrise...

Nearly 400 residents now call Aurora home and we are fast becoming one of Melbourne's greenest communities. The Aurora team has been working with our new residents to build the networks, facilities and points of contact that can help you feel more at home.

Sunrise is the next step in keeping everyone up to date with what's going on at Aurora and will be packed full of tips, updates and community event information to keep you in the loop.

This is a community publication and we would love to hear from you. Please send us your questions, sugges-

tions and ideas for upcoming issues and we will try to include them. Email auroraliving@vicurban.vic.gov.au.

We look forward to your feedback from Issue 1 of *Sunrise* and hope you enjoy the read!

The Aurora Team

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Water wise at Aurora

An update from Yarra Valley Water



Yarra Valley Water
a fresh approach

As one of the first communities in Victoria to incorporate recycled water, we expect you're keen to know when recycled water will become available for outdoor use and selected indoor use.

We've completed construction on the Aurora Sewerage and Recycled Water Treatment Facility and are in the process of making it operational. This is a two-stage process in terms of first completing the sewage treatment process and second, completing the recycled water treatment process. The extensive undertaking requires strict compliance with Environment Protection Authority Victoria and Department of Human Services guidelines. The treatment process to produce recycled water will be closely monitored and tested over time before it will be delivered to customers' homes.

All things going as planned, we expect the facility to become operational in late 2009. Once available, water will be delivered through a dual-pipe system. These purple pipes have already been installed during the development of the

subdivision and will convey the recycled water from the treatment plant to Aurora homes to flush toilets, wash cars, water gardens and for use in open space. Currently, potable (drinking) water is being supplied through the purple pipes for flushing toilets and outdoor use.

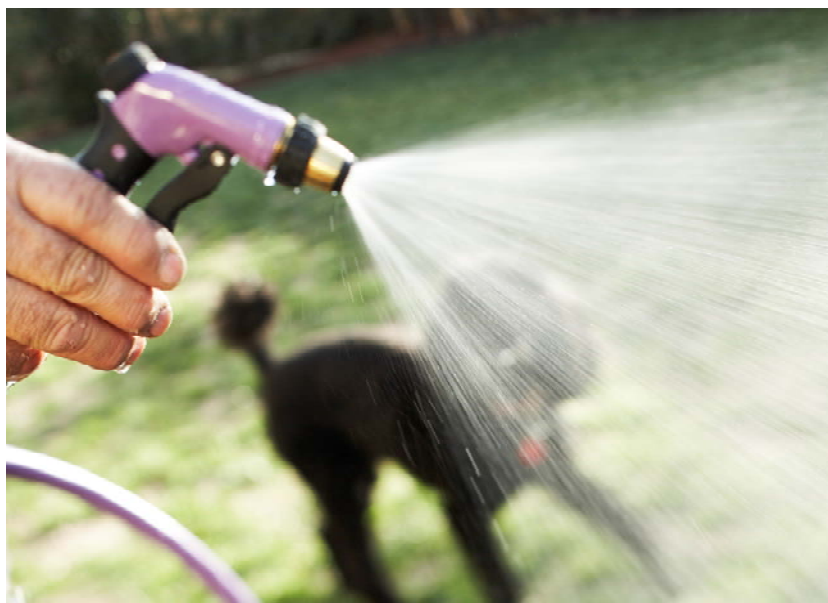
The recycled water will be treated to Class A standard in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority

Victoria and Department of Human Services requirements that outline suitable applications for recycled water. We will notify you well before recycled water is 'turned on' and will provide you with more information on the use of recycled water during the change over period.

We appreciate your commitment to using recycled water, which will make more water available for the environment

and population growth while not add to the amount of treated effluent and stormwater entering Melbourne's rivers and bays.

Until recycled water becomes available, Aurora customers are using potable water for everything (including toilet flushing) and we remind you to follow water restrictions. Further details on current water restrictions can be found on *page 4*.



Recycled water is anticipated to be "turned on" late next year.

Coffee 'n' Chat

There was a record turnout, to the *Coffee 'n' Chat* last month, with around 40 people from the Aurora community coming along to the Redgum Café on Saturday morning May, 10.

The casual meet and greet sessions have been held every month at Aurora since the first residents moved in, in late 2006.

The *Coffee 'n' Chat* provides a great chance for Aurora-ians of all ages to come together and talk about what kind of community they would like to create. The Aurora Multicultural Feast, End of Year Party and Aurora Idol karaoke competition and the Aurora Community Garden Group are just some of the projects and events that have been initiated through the *Coffee 'n' Chat* sessions.

At the last *Coffee 'n' Chat*, hot topics included the design of the Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre and the next community celebration to be mid August – a huge Indian curry feast, Bollywood style! More details on that are below.

Drop into the next *Coffee 'n' Chat* session on Saturday July, 26 at Red Gum Café at 11am. Contact Taegen Hannah (pictured right) on: taegen.hannah@vicurban.vic.gov.au or call 8317 3568.



A record turn-out at the *Coffee 'n' Chat* in May 2008

Community 'Bollywood' Feast—your help needed



After the success of our multicultural feast and end of year party last year, the next community celebration at Aurora will be a huge Indian curry feast – Bollywood style! Dancing, dressing-up, Bollywood performances and other fun are sure to be part of this event.

We need ideas and volunteers! Please let us know if you have some good ideas about decorations, performances or activities that could be part of the event – or if you are

simply happy to help out on the day.

The feast is hoped to be an exciting event and a great way to learn more about Indian culture, while meeting your neighbours.

The feast will start at 1pm at Aurora Park on August 16th. Please contact Taegen Hannah on 8317 3568 or taegen.hannah@vicurban.vic.gov.au if you would like to part of planning the event, or would like some more information.

Fibre Optic to your home

A year ago, Aurora helped the City of Whittlesea win not one but two of the largest national awards for delivering broadband excellence to its community at the 2007 ATUG (Australian Telecommunications Users Group) Awards.

What's so special about fibre optic?

Fibre optic cabling, or Fibre to the Home (FTTH), is one of the latest telecommunications technologies being used in the world today. It is able to deliver a range of services down one powerful fibre optic line replacing copper telephone lines to deliver telephone, TV, internet and pay TV services.

Aurora is currently a leader with one of the largest FTTH rollouts to a residential community in Australia, delivering the following services:

- telephone
- Internet
- free to air TV
- subscription TV (ie Foxtel)
- video On Demand



Fibre Optic explained:

An **optical fibre** is a glass fibre that carries light along its length to enable fast transmission over longer distances and at higher data rates than other forms of communications. Fibres are used instead of copper (metal) wires because signals travel along them with less loss and they are immune to electromagnetic interference.

ARISE phone prices coming down!

We hope you enjoy some of the new pricing from Arise including:

capped telephone to mobile calls for the first 20 mins*
 capped STD calls for the first 30 mins*
 free house-to-house neighbourhood calls within Aurora

**Terms and conditions apply. Speak to Arise about their Arise Home Phone 2 Plan".*

Welcome to Vivianne—and a message from Ester!



Hi All,

My name is Vivianne and I am really enjoying my time at Aurora. While Ester is certainly a hard act to follow, I am finding the role of Customer Relationship Manager to be busy and interesting. My favourite part is meeting Aurora purchasers and residents and helping you all settle in. I look forward to meeting you during my year at Aurora.

Best regards,

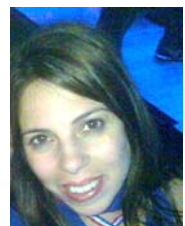
Vivianne Itailiano

Hi everyone,

I am proud to introduce my little baby girl, Lucia born on March 7th. Life's wonderful and I'm loving motherhood! Lucia is a happy little baby & loves her sleep (at this stage).

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Best wishes, Ester x



Ester, Aurora's Customer Relationship Manager is currently on maternity leave



New playground at Creeds Park

All reports show that Aurora residents love the new playground at Creeds Park on the corner of Shimmer and Shields Streets.

Following community feedback on playground and park design, the Aurora Development Team has delivered a contemporary playground for younger children that is interactive and colourful, including shelters and seating to cater for families.

On your next walk around Aurora, check out the park soon to be completed along Daybreak Street, running between the two walkways,

The Dairy and The Well. This park is proposed to include play equipment, and historic stone benching. Another park is planned for

the corner of Gammage Boulevard and Shields Street – to feature a half court basketball court for our older children (and parents!) and a BBQ.



STAGE 3a water restrictions are in place across Melbourne



Yarra Valley Water
a fresh approach

A reminder on water restrictions

As mentioned in our cover story, until recycled water becomes available, Aurora customers are using potable (drinking) water for everything (including toilet flushing) and we remind you to follow water restrictions.

Currently we're in stage 3a water restrictions. Under stage 3a restrictions the following applies:

- Lawns must not be watered at any time
- Even and no-numbered properties can water plants on Saturday and Tuesday 6 am-8am
- Odd-numbered properties can water plants on Sunday and Wednesday 6 am - 8 am
- Residents aged 70+ can water plants on their designated days between 6 am – 8 am **or** at an alternate time of 8 am – 10 am
- Automatic dripper systems can be used to

water plants on specified watering days between midnight and 2 am

- Rainwater and grey water can be used at any time
- Cars can be washed at commercial car washes or at home using rain water
- No watering is permitted on Monday, Thursday and Friday

Visit www.ourwater.vic.gov.au for full details on stage 3a water restrictions. Stage 3a restrictions are in place until at least 30 November 2008.

Customers can report a breach by calling 13WATER (13 92837).

We thank you for your support in helping conserve water at Aurora.

Aurora helps the Northern Hospital CHARITY HOUSE AUCTION

Aurora will soon be the focus of a major drive to support the Northern Hospital with the charity auction of a beautiful four bedroom Orbit home, on Redding Rise, this September.

Through a partnership spanning five years and raising more than a million dollars, VicUrban, Orbit Homes, their sub-contractors and suppliers will once again offer a home and land package to raise much needed money for the Northern Hospital. The 'No Reserve Auction'

means that the home must be sold on the day with all proceeds going to the hospital.

'The Northwood' is a 6-Star energy rated, four bedroom home situated in a prime position in the Aurora development opposite Sunrise Park. Orbit's contemporary double storey home is cleverly designed to maximise light and space and contains open-plan, multifunctional living areas that link through to alfresco entertainment. The money raised will allow the hospital

to purchase additional equipment. The charity auction will be supported by Epping's Stockdale and Leggo Real Estate with the auction expected in early September.

Please join us in supporting the Northern Hospital by telling your family and friends about the charity home. Look out for invitations closer to the time to join us for what we hope will be an exciting result for one of our community's most important resources, The Northern Hospital.



'The Northwood' on Redding Rise will be auctioned for the Northern Hospital in September.

Community Events

Come Along to Aurora Walking Group! Bring your kids or pets, and come and meet your neighbours ... everyone welcome. Mondays at 7.30pm , meet at the corner of Cerise Avenue & Farmhouse Boulevard.	Tea Party @ Creeds Park Bring your tea set, teddies and some tea party food to share ... Saturday 2nd August at 10.30am Creeds Park	Aurora Community Garden Meeting To find out when the Aurora community garden working group is meeting next, email Brad on Brad.Costin@dpi.vic.gov.au
Next Coffee n Chat Come and talk about what community events, activities and projects we could get happening at Aurora – everyone welcome! Saturday 26th July , 11am at Red Gum Café, Aurora	Pizza Night for Aurora Youth Do you have ideas about what things we could get happening for teenagers at Aurora? Parents and young people - come along and dream up ideas for the Aurora community while meeting your fellow Aurora-ian teenagers. Thursday 7th August , 7pm at the Discovery Pavilion	Aurora Bollywood Feast Bollywood dancing, performances, dressing up and lots of other fun ... along with a huge Indian curry feast! Saturday 16th August 1pm at Aurora Park – there are limited seats for this event!

RSVPs are essential for events:

Invitations will be sent via mail with confirmed dates. Also feel free to contact Taegen for more information on 8317 3568 or email: taegen.hannah@vicurban.vic.gov.au

Community Garden Tour

The Community Garden Tour and Design Workshop held in April with Aurora residents was a great step forward for residents interested in getting a community garden happening at Aurora.

With only twelve seats on the bus, spots were snapped up quickly by interested residents and members of the Community Garden working group that has recently formed.

The working group is now

drafting a proposal to submit to VicUrban and the Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre Committee next month. This proposal will include a series of options around community orchards, herb gardens and communal veggie gardens. If you would like to find out more about the Aurora community garden project, contact local resident Brad at: Brad.Costin@dpi.vic.gov.au



Members of the Community Garden working group inspect some of Melbourne's established gardens.

The Green Page

Tips on getting the most out of your home from our locals

Here are some tips for getting the most out of your 6-Star home from Aurora resident, Brad Costin:

1. Ensure you have your 6-Star Building Verification Manual from your builder.



2. Check the elements that make up 6-Star in your particular home, conduct a visual check of your home and discuss any concerns with your builder.
3. Check for draft stoppers above exhaust fans and draft seals on doors. Even buy a few more to cover doors that aren't done. *[Ed: If unsure contact a local handy man for help.]*
4. If your home is riddled with halogen down lights, either; reduce their use; try replacing with low (20watt) bulbs; substitute with alternatives; stop using certain lights altogether.
5. We have installed a pleated patio awning on our pergola. This can be extended in the summer months for shade and retracted in winter to let in all that warming sunlight.
6. If running a drinks fridge in winter, unplug it and switch from beer to red wine as it doesn't need cooling.

Cheers

Brad (local resident)

Editor's note: we would like more tips from residents on ways to save money around the home and help the environment. Please send your tips to:

auroaliving@vicurban.vic.gov.au

Hot water tips

“After all we’ve got a long winter ahead of us and this is one time you want to be in hot water!”

We’ve had some requests from residents on how to get the most out of their gas boosted hot water systems. As you know, every home at Aurora uses these environmentally friendly water heating units and like you, we want to make sure they do the job!

So we contacted a number of electricians and gas hot water unit suppliers and found that the most common reason people find that their unit is underperforming—that is switching over to the gas booster more often than solar heating—is that the solar pump is plugged in but not turned on. “It seems

pretty simple, but honestly, most of the jobs we get called out on require the flick of a switch, “ said one hard working sparky.

When you require hot water at night, that’s usually when your gas booster kicks in. During the day, once your water unit drops below 40°C it will pump the water up to the roof to circulate through the solar panels. On cold or cloudy days the gas booster will remain the primary source to heat your water, but in summer and depending on your family size, you should be able to flick the gas booster switch off and rely on solar power

alone.

Another tip for times when you’re away on holiday is to turn the thermostat on your unit down to a setting of 1 but remember to turn it up when you return.

If you still feel your unit is not performing properly, we suggest you contact your installer if it’s still under warranty, or a plumber, and get them to take a look at your unit.

After all, we’ve got a long winter ahead of us, and this is one time you want to be in hot water!

Proudly supported by Aurora:

The Epping Primary School

Epping Primary School is situated at 305 High Street Epping. The current enrolment is 380 children. This makes us 'big' enough to offer all Victorian Essential Learning Standards Domains (subjects), but 'small' enough to know each child as an individual and provide individual learning and programs for all.

The staff is highly experienced with well over 70% being classified as Expert Teachers or higher. Our

younger teachers have been carefully selected and are of the highest standard. Due to this staffing strength we offer outstanding teaching and learning outcomes for all.

The following human values are pivotal in shaping and defining what the Epping School Community stands for:

Respect differences in beliefs, race, ability and



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religion.

Persistence to overcome setbacks and obstacles in life.

Effort in all endeavours to attain personal best outcomes.

Commitment to each other and to all that we attempt to

Caring for each other and our environment.

Courage and Confidence to move beyond the known.

Honesty and Integrity in all that we do.

Well known children's author and Premier's Reading Challenge Ambassador, Phil Kettle, with six of the Year 2 students.



EPPING RSL
Harvest Home Road, Epping

The Epping RSL Free membership for Aurora residents

The President, Committee and Members of the Epping RSL would like to congratulate you on the purchase of your new home at Aurora.

To welcome you to your community, we would like to offer each new household **one free RSL community membership**, valid for one year. This is an ongoing offer for new Aurora residents. Membership entitles you to:

- Free meal voucher valid for the month of your birthday;

- discounts on drinks
- receive points with every purchase made with your membership; and
- many other rewards.

The Club is heavily involved in supporting our Veterans, Aged Care facilities and our Welfare Officers make regular hospital visits.

The Epping RSL has Sporting Clubs which are proudly sponsored by Aurora such as our Bowling

Club, Golf Club, Darts Club and a very active Angling Club. These sporting clubs have events all year round so there are plenty of options for everyone.

There is an extensive Bistro menu with Two Course Meal Deals and Senior Meals.

For further information and to arrange your membership, contact Danielle on 8408 1566. The RSL's website will be up and running soon and we look forward to a long and happy association with all the residents at Aurora.

Community Development update

Building your new community at Aurora is an important focus for VicUrban. Creeds Farm Village is the first large community facility planned to deliver a range of initiatives.

Final designs for the Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre should be available for you to see at the end of July and the centre is expected to open in mid 2009. A big thank you to all who contributed ideas at the recent *Coffee 'n' Chat* at Aurora. Your support and enthusiasm have been fantastic.

Other learning facilities planned for Creeds Farm Village include a childcare centre, primary school and a general

store. We have been working hard to finalise the childcare and school operators, however there have been some unforeseen delays to these facilities. The anticipated opening dates are as follows and we'll

keep you regularly updated as we know more:

Early Learning Centre

VicUrban has commenced a process to secure a new operator for the Early Learning Centre. The

centre is planned to provide long-day childcare, occasional care and a kindergarten program, anticipated to open in early 2010.

Primary School

VicUrban is currently in negotiations with a primary school operator. If the process is successful, we hope for the school to open for the beginning of Term 1 in 2010.

General store

A general store is planned in Creeds Farm Village including a café and an attached dwelling for a business owner occupier.

For further details on these facilities please contact Aurora's Community Development Manager, Dave Hamra (pictured right) on 8317 3424



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Aurora is the first of a new generation of innovative communities designed and developed by VicUrban. A shining light in sustainable living, it's a community that sensitively balances the needs of the environment with your desire for a more rewarding lifestyle.

At Aurora, you'll enjoy the benefits of living greenly and cleanly, through the more efficient use of valuable resources like water and energy. The 6-Star energy rated homes are designed and positioned to be warmer in winter and cooler in summer. All homes are built using environmentally responsible materials.

The master planned streetscapes and spaces ensure the lifestyle you choose to live today will be preserved for tomorrow.



Free Coffee



Special Offer:

This coupon entitles you to one free coffee or hot drink at Aurora's Red Gum Café.

Offer valid until September 30 2008.