

Aurora Community Association Annual General Meeting 2014 Minutes

Date: Wednesday 23rd July 2014

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

Time: 7.30pm

Attendees: Aideed, Andrew T, Ann, Avantha, Bianca, Cara, Chris, Ian, Itzel, Joanna, Jose, Kathleen, Kathy, Linda, Luz, Mary A, Mary S, Nessie, Orly, Ozge, Peter O, Peter W, Sally, Sarathy, Sash, Sri, Steven, Surbi, Symone, Toni-Marie, Tony, Thomas.

7.35pm- Welcome/ Apologies (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President)

Toni-Marie welcomed the group, acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and gave an outline of the evening. Welcome, introduction and agenda outline for the night.

Apologies were received from the following people: Andrew Giles MP, Lily D'ambrosio MP, Councillor Kris Pavlidis, Wilma Van Der Staal, Ruth and Ankim Swamy, Brad Costin, Nerilee Kerslake, Nimesh and Padmini Raval, Suzie Tzimis.

7.40pm- Special Business

Two guest speakers updated attendees on new educational facilities for the area:

- 1) **Mary Sayers**, Manager Family & Youth from **City of Whittlesea** will tell us about the new Epping North Community Activity Centre and Kindergarten and the new Champions Parade Family Centre.

- General update on early childhood infrastructure in City of Whittlesea:

50% more early childhood rooms built over past year to accommodate the extra 5 hours of contact time required for kindergarten kids. 15 hours funding is given- 10 hours state, federal extra 5 hours. New Federal government led by the Liberals hasn't committed to ongoing extra 5 hours. Productivity commission yesterday said that it should be continued.

Recent survey completed by the City of Whittlesea on needs of families with pre-school age children. 5-7 hours length for kindergarten preferred to enable people to work. Maternal child health visits- 32% wanted after hours, 31% on weekends.

- Aurora CAC/ kindergarten

Aurora kindergarten 6 weeks ahead of schedule and should hopefully be open for start of new school year next year (2015).

3 early years rooms at Aurora CAC and 2 at Epping Views FACC- confident this will cover areas needs. YMCA of Whittlesea will be running early years component at Aurora CAC, including possibility of occasional care.

Hall 200 people capacity. Consulting room will be used by other people than MCH.

Offers for kindergarten places are with parents at present with - 96% given first preference.

Mary gave us photos of CAC today and also plans of the centre.

- Mobile library

Monday mornings for mobile library after Whittlesea library has been constructed and opened (we will get their time slot).

Early next year to start Council hopes. Toni-Marie commented that Monday mornings isn't a good time for our community given what the survey said. Mary Sayers said they will bring up the time with them.

- Champions Parade Child and Family Centre.

Growth in Epping north faster than previously projected. Did a study on how they could do early provision of services for early learning so community doesn't have to wait. Idea of Champions Parade Child and Family Centre was devised to fill this gap. Not full scale building, modular design for the centre, designed to be movable. Opening 2016. Three years conception to opening. Around \$4million in cost, normal around \$6million to build full centre. DEECD putting in some money \$1.2 million, council rest. Can be used for other activities if not needed by early years at the beginning. 'CPS' will be delivering services at centre. Service centre, including play groups, early intervention, allied health, MCH, Kindergarten etc. Consultation next Wednesday night 30th July to inform people about centre and also give feedback on what services might be needed- for details see <http://www.aurora.asn.au/2014/07/champions-parade-consultation/>.

- 2) **Mary Agostino**, Executive Manager Advocacy, **City of Whittlesea** updated us on the planned Epping North Primary School that was funded in the recent Victorian state budget (on behalf of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development).

DEECD unable to attend so Mary spoke on their behalf. Council has been advocating strongly for new schools for the area, presenting business case for Epping North, with this school announced in state budget in May. Council will try to get it

sequenced first out of the other 11 schools announced. Mary says there should be 3 primary to one high school. Need to bring secondary school forward for the area- council advocating on this.

Information provided by DEECD to Mary for tonight

What grades will be at the new school opening

Why is the school opening in 2017 not 2016 as reported in the media?

What year is a fully functional school expected for all grades

Epping North Primary School was announced as part 2014/15 State Budget, which included \$191 million to delivery 11 new schools through a Public Private Partnership. These schools will open in 2017 and 2018. Epping North will be fully operational as a full primary school offering prep to grade six from 2017.

As there are 11 schools being put out to tender as part of the one contract it will take longer to get them planned, thus the delay of at least 1 year.

Media release: <http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/State-Budget/2014-15-State-Budget/Budget-media-releases/Coalition-Government-delivers-500-million-to-build-better-schools>

Will the permanent buildings be ready and furnished for 2016 or will there be portables to start?

New schools across the state are planned and delivered to accommodate 475 students, with three classrooms provided in new relocatable buildings.

Where do the kids go who should have been going to the school on opening in 2016?

Students within the Aurora/Epping North area will continue to be able to access Epping Views Primary School, along with any other government school which have capacity to accept students from outside their neighbourhood boundary as per the Department's Policy: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/participation/Pages/placement.aspx>

When will a principal be employed?

A Principal will be appointed 6 months prior to the school opening

Will there be a catchment area and how will this affect Epping Views Primary School?

Once the school is open, the Department's neighbourhood boundaries will be readjusted to take into account the new school. Neighbourhood boundaries are drawn to show the half-way point, as the crow flies, between two adjacent schools of a particular cohort. They are measured from a point at the entrance of the school, where the road meets the property boundary.

When will community consultation occur?

How do people get involved in the planning committee?

School Planning Committees will be established prior to the commencement of construction. DEECD's Regional Office will lead the establishment of these committees which will likely include a senior representative from the Regional Office, two to three local principals and/or senior teaching staff, members of local government and parent representatives.

The exact timeframes and the process to appoint community members are yet to be set.

What other services will be provided to the community with the school?

How is Council involved in the planning process?

Consultation is currently underway with the City of Whittlesea to investigate opportunities to deliver additional community facilities alongside the new school, as well as initial conversations around ensuring the design of the school will facilitate afterhours access by the local community.

Mary emphasised that we need to chat **NOW** about getting Scouts, YMCA, music programs etc. planned onto the school site.

Linda asked what about an aquatics centre there? Mary- Council strategy now in place, Wollert not for another 10 years – see <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/your-council/news-and-publications/news/council-meeting-18-march-2014> .

How do we get a Scout group (etc.) based at the school?

The Department of Transport, Planning and Community Infrastructure, who are assisting the Department with the project, have had some initial conversations with the Scouts about the project. They have yet to confirm their interest in the project.

The private consortiums bidding for the project will also have the opportunity to make partnerships with third party providers

such as the Scouts. The first school PPP project the consortium partnered with YMCA, which saw the delivery of early learning and sporting facilities alongside many of the 12 schools.

How does a public private partnership work?

A typical PPP involves a service contract where the government pays the private sector to design, deliver and maintain infrastructure and related services over an extended period (usually 25-30 years). PPPs are about obtaining the best deal in delivering infrastructure for Victoria.

Once a PPP project is announced, interested financial firms (or project 'sponsors') will arrange prospective project consortiums with other private sector firms, including construction and facility management organisations. Appropriate consortiums will be invited to participate in a competitive tender process which will present government with options in terms of project cost, school design, facility management services and community partnerships.

Achieving value is not just about cost. Compared to traditionally-built infrastructure, PPPs provide a vehicle for innovative and higher quality design. Efficiencies in operation are pursued through a 'whole of life' approach to asset management, reducing maintenance requirements. The private sector absorbs cost overruns, time delays or performance failings.

If you have any questions you can contact the following DEECD representative:

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Mary thanked the association for all their work and she has enjoyed working with us. Reminded us to make our local politicians accountable and get them to fight for us.

Toni-Marie commented that the Kinder opens next year and then school not for another year or two, so nowhere for the kids to go locally after they finish Kinder- not good enough.

Places Victoria Update (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President)

Coles scheduled to open mid-2016.

Harvest Home Rd lights. Light contract goes to tender in next 3 months, but won't be operational for another yr- 18 months.

Only building for road as it is now, so when it gets duplicated then more works will have to be done at that intersection.

Places Victoria will develop out to Craigieburn East Rd – will take 5 years. Not going to the South (towards O'Herns Rd).

Toni-Marie has asked for Cotters Rd to be sealed as it provides us with another route out of Aurora.

Linda asked what is going onto the corner of O'Herns Rd and Cotters Rd- Peter thought apartments but Kathy Pompetti from Council will check.

8.25pm- AGM Business

1. Acceptance of 2013 AGM minutes (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President)

Jo accepted, Kathleen seconded.

2. To receive and consider—

- (i) The annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President)

Last year has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year for the ACA. It started with the New Citizens Practice Voting Session followed by the Federal Electoral Candidates 'Meet and Greet' where we first met Andrew Giles who is now the elected Member for Scullin. Andrew has continued to support the advocacy work of the ACA since he was elected, and he has spoke on behalf of the area in Parliament.

In October we prepared the community for the coming summer with an 'Alert and Prepared' emergency session with the CFA and Council staff. Then it was lots of fun with the Kids and Bubs Market with Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre and finally for 2013 a BBQ for members to thank them for their support.

We started again in 2014 with Sandra O'Connor (Whittlesea Crime Prevention Officer) who spoke on preventing crime and staying safe in outer suburb. Then it was a largest fundraiser of the year the 'Trivia Night' where some teams soared and others fizzled.

Our most heartfelt meeting was our launch of the video 'Congestion Costs' starring local people talking about local issues. This was an amazing night of people passionately sharing their stories of how the transport issues affect them every day.

In May we held our first Cultural Celebration together with Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre and Whittlesea Multicultural Community Council. This event was one of the highlights of the year there was: food, dancing, face painting, sausages, drumming and even a fashion parade. And recently we had guest speakers, Helen Said and Lily D'Ambrosio MP talk about how to advocate for better bus services in the area.

Apart from the normal work above of the ACA we have also joined the Access Denied campaign with the City of Whittlesea and the Mernda Rail Alliance to connect O'Herns Rd to the Hume Freeway and Build Mernda Rail. We have also had articles from Committee members in the Age, the Australian, The Herald Sun, Whittlesea Leader and the journal Planning News.

In August 2013 the Victorian Auditors General Report "Developing Transport Infrastructure and Services for Population Growth Areas" was released with members of the contributing. The case study in the report was on the Aurora Development.

We also had a petition signed by 1600 residents tabled in parliament to connect O'Herns Rd to the Hume Freeway and lastly we are in the process of forming a Tennis Club that will mean the start of the process in building a Tennis pavilion.

If that wasn't enough we have also provided a new Firewatch dashboard on our website with a Twitter Feed. Our work in emergency planning for the area continues and the Transport Working group is growing in its influence and advocacy work for better buses, roads and the promised train.

Behind all of this is a great team of people who I have had the privilege to work alongside: Cara, Tony, Kathleen, Chris, Sri, Nessie and Ozge, together with a large volunteer base. Thank you all for the amazing work you do to connect and advocate for our community.

I would also like to thank those who support the ACA, our federal and state politicians, the City of Whittlesea, local businesses, Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre, Places Victoria, members and residents.

The ACA is a strong association today because of all the support we have received.

Toni-Marie Wuelfert
ACA President 2012/13- 13/14

Financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act. (Chris Borg, Treasurer)

See appendix for summary. Full 2014 financial statement can be found at http://www.aurora.asn.au/?file_id=135.

3. To confirm or vary—

- (i) The amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President)
\$10 recommended. Accepted- motion carried
- (ii) The date for payment of the annual subscription. (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President)
AGM

4. To decide the number of ordinary members of the Committee it wishes to hold office for the next year. (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President).

Committee recommended that we have 5. 14 people voted for 5. 0 for 4 and 1 for 6.

5. To elect the members of the Committee; (rule 50) (Toni-Marie Wuelfert, President/ Joanna Durst, Returning Officer)

Toni-Marie thanked the group for all their hard work. Cara thanked Toni-Marie.

Toni-Marie declared all positions on the Committee vacant and then Joanna Durst, as returning officer, conducted elections for each committee member position in accordance with rules 51 to 54.

President= 0 nominations

Vice= 1 nomination. Nessie Sayer accepted

Secretary= 1 nomination, Ann DiStefano nominated.

Treasurer= 1 nomination, Chris Borg accepted

Thomas suggested at the end of the election that because we didn't have a President (and that committee would be one person short than anticipated) that we consider re-voting on the number of Ordinary members so that it can be made 6, to keep the number of people on the committee originally envisaged by the group (9) in the absence of a President. Group agreed it was a good idea and 19 voted in favour.

Ordinary members= 6 nominations, all accepted. Cara Horner, Toni-Marie Wuelfert, Sash Srinivasan, Sri Thulasiraman, Kathleen Ager, Thomas DiPalma.

Group can function without a President but aims to find one within the newly elected committee.

9.05pm - **End of formal meeting** (Vice President)

Nessie spoke as Vice President closing the meeting and thanking people for attending.

AURORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$
INCOME	
Donations	31
Membership Fees	775
Trivia Night	2,663
Advertisement	210
Markets Income	936
Reimbursed Income	760
GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	<u>5,375</u>
OTHER INCOME	<u>5,375</u>
Interest Income	121
EXPENSES	<u>5,496</u>
Advertising & Marketing	20
Bank Charges	2
Insurance	769
Flowers	45
Office Expenses	55
Server Hosting & Monitoring	305
Events Expenditure	1,301
Meeting Expenses	228
Registration & Subscriptions	127
Operational Costs	121
Venue Hire	348
Postage & Shipping	10
Telephone	20
Profit before income tax	<u>3,351</u>
	<u>2,145</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$
RESERVES	
Surplus	7,802
TOTAL RESERVES	<u>7,802</u>
Represented by	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
CUA Cash at Bank Account	93
CUA Easy Saver Account	7,309
Pledges Receivable	760
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>8,162</u>
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LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Trade Creditors	360
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>360</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>360</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>7,802</u>



Schedule 1

Regulation 15

Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

This form is required to be provided to the members at the AGM with the association's accounts.

**Annual statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of
incorporated association**

We, Cara Horner and Christopher Borg being members of the Committee of the Aurora Community Association,
certify that—

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of
the Aurora Community Association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30th
June 2014.

Signed:  (Cara Horner)

Dated: 20/7/14

Signed:  (Christopher Borg)

Dated: 20/7/2014