

Aurora Community Association

General Meeting Thursday 16th May 2012 Minutes

Venue: CFLLC

Time: 7.30pm

Attendees: Cara Horner, Lisa Hall, Goran Zdravkovski, Heather Smith, Angela Cardenas, Tony Francis, Brad Costin, Nerilee Kerslake, Wilma Van der staal, Felishia Patania, Mark Batmosswaran,

Apologies- Kathleen Ager

1. Welcome
2. Fundraising-
 - a. Trivia Night round up- raised just under the amount we needed for our PL insurance, will need to raise this amount again to cover website hosting fees etc.
 - b. Other ideas for fund raising- discussion led- Ideas from the group included:
 - benefit night (musicians coming to play)
 - Karaoke night
 - wine and cheese night (though have tried to run in past with no success)
 - Mass Garage sale/ car boot sale

Mass Garage sale/ car boot sale seemed to have most interest from the group though the Karaoke night idea also sparked some interest. Now looking for interested parties to form a working group to drive an event- can you help? If so email the ACA on enquiry@aurora.asn.au

3. Neighbourhood Watch Epping North update- Lisa Mifsud is coordinating with Tony Francis as assistant.
 - a. Just need to join as a member of the Whittlesea city group (free) and our sub group can meet bimonthly, on opposite months to when the Whittlesea city group meets to discuss info and ideas that came out of the municipal meeting.
 - b. Next city of Whittlesea meeting is **Thursday 14th June**, 7:30 pm, Mernda Village Community and Activity Centre. 70 Mernda Village Drive. Hope to hold a local Epping north meeting the month after (July)
 - c. If you would like further details on Neighbourhood watch in Epping North please go to <http://www.aurora.asn.au/groups-clubs/nw-epping-north/>
4. Power Group purchasing update-
 - a. Wed 30th May 7.30pm there will be a meeting to discuss moving forward with the process. Venue TBC depending on numbers. Please RSVP at <http://www.doodle.com/bf6qvpypxpwwah> by Wednesday 23rd May (so to organise venue).
 - b. Background information- The ACA has the ability to register as a group of residents to get discounts on electricity and gas through <http://www.powergrouppurchasing.com/>. This is something which could potentially save residents who join this group considerable money on their electricity and gas bills.
In summary the process is:
 1. Register as a group- need a working group to drive this process
 2. Tender is then put out (by Power Group Purchasing) and tender applications received from energy retailers (again through power group purchasing)
 3. ACA working group then chooses best tender (if any suitable)
 4. Discounts then are received by members of the group- often 15% plus payments for swapping retailers.

Need to investigate if green power can be included as an option and also if people with solar PV systems can also participate- need to be included in tender.

If you want to participate in this exciting community driven opportunity then please RSVP to the meeting at <http://www.doodle.com/bf6qvpypxpwwah>

5. FTTH working group update- apparently all of the people who wanted to transition have transitioned.
 - a. Routine checks of cabinets- commonly occurring at the moment. Out of office hours checks now being offered. Checks occurring due to issues identified during transition to new RSPs, including the locking of cabinets previously unlocked. Have asked PV to be more open about reason why checks need to be made. Assured the ACA that it was not a policing program checking that the cabinets were still locked.
 - b. VCAT working group- meeting occurring Sunday 20th May 10am. Application process still moving
6. Solar Hot Water petition/ group action update (Lisa)
 - a. Meeting will be held Tuesday 29th May SHW meeting- go to <http://www.doodle.com/5nctcw5k364aw3e> to register to attend the meeting. Please RSVP by Friday 25th May. Venue address to be confirmed to RSVP'd attendees after this date.
 - b. We have organised a meeting for interested residents who are willing to door knock in the AURORA ESTATE to gather contact details for a petition to the makers of Dux in relation to the terrible solar hot water product most of us have installed on our rooves at the Aurora estate. The more people we have doorknocking the quicker and easier it will be for our community to gather this information- Can you help out??

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the doorknocking process, discuss area maps/ coverage and also the signup sheet so we can get started collecting names and details.

Lisa Hall, ACA Secretary will be spearheading this process- thanks to Lisa for being willing to take this on board. The meeting will be held at Lisa's home (unless there are huge numbers attending), address to be confirmed to attendees closer to meeting date.

If you know of a neighbour or friend in the estate who has had solar HW troubles and they would be interested in attending this meeting and helping out then please forward this onto them- the more people we have assisting the easier and quicker the data collection will be.

7. Buses-
 - a. bus stop location changed from Hennessey St to top of Redding Rise in Eden Gardens estate without knowledge of community or Places Victoria- email sent in this regard, waiting for reply on what PV are doing to get us a closer bus stop.
 - b. Feedback on bus connections with train was sought- connections seem to be working alright, though the peak time buses are hopelessly late and don't connect with the trains they are supposed to due to terrible traffic along high street.
8. Wallaby Childcare- works have now begun. 7 rooms, 4 play yards, up to 4yr old kindie and also before/ after school care. Due to open January next year if all goes to plan. Details <http://www.aurora.asn.au/2012/05/childcare-construction-started/>
9. Felishia Patania- Aurora Resident who is fundraising to get to L.A to represent Australia in the World Championship of Performing Arts 2012. Felishia is holding a fundraising night this Friday night 25th May (\$10pp, St Kilda venue) to raise money to get to this prestigious event- please go to <http://www.aurora.asn.au/2012/05/felishia-in-hollywood/> to find out more details about the WCOPA, the fundraising event and also RSVP to the event.
10. ACA AGM-wed 25th July 7.30pm, invite will occur in June after coffee and chat.
 - a. committee for 2012 will be nominated at this meeting
 - b. Cara Horner will NOT be up for re-election as President (as she has been in the role of vice president and president for 3 years now) and so it is time for someone new to step up to the plate.
 - c. Need to have a functioning committee for the ACA to exist. If you value the work that the ACA does and wish for the group to continue then we need people to volunteer some time to be on the committee. We currently have an ordinary member role and vice president role open. Please contact Cara to discuss these roles or other committee roles on enquiry@aurora.asn.au
 - d. Ideas discussed for guest speaker at meeting- e.g. CFA, Primary school principal, local MPS e.g. Craig Ondarchie, Danielle Green, Places Victoria, new childcare provider or new aurora catholic PS. It was suggested that perhaps a 'Creeds Farm Precinct' speaker list could be set up for the night

where the new CFLLC manager, catholic PS representative and child care centre manager could attend the meeting and have 10 min each to introduce themselves, tell people about their services, allow people to ask questions and put names onto waiting lists etc.

11. Letterbox drop for next coffee and chat- coffee and chat Sun 17th June 3pm.
 - a. We need some assistance letterbox dropping flyers again for the next coffee and chat- will be required during week of 2nd to 10th June. If you are available please let Cara know on enquiry@aurora.asn.au.
12. Community Dinner tomorrow night, Friday 18th May, CFLLC 6.30pm. Please go along to this great community event if you are available. Bring a plate of food to share.
13. Any other local business
 - a. CFLLC Community Garden- meeting last Sunday of each month, 10.30am at CFLLC. All welcome. Email cflc.garden@gmail.com for more details.
 - b. Discussions on website forum in regards to Public Transport issues- need to ramp up discussions so we are not left in the wake of the push for a train line extension to Mernda. Check out our forum at <http://www.aurora.asn.au/forum/> . Perhaps another letter box drop for website flyer may also be appropriate/ needed?

Meeting closed 9pm