

### **Autumn Newsletter**

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# President's Report

It's 2014 and so much is happening around the Epping North/ Wollert area with the ACA. We have already had our first General Meeting with Sandra O'Connor (Whittlesea Crime Prevention Officer) talking about preventing crime and staying safe in a growing outer suburb.

Our next event is the ACA's major fundraiser for the year: the Trivia Night. This is going to be a whole lot of fun (in teams), and you might surprise yourself at how much trivia you do know. We are also continuing our advocacy campaign for better roads, bus services and a train for the area. To do this effectively we are joining with the City of Whittlesea in their campaign for the O'Herns Rd interchange with the Hume Freeway and the extension of Edgars Rd.

For the first time, we will be holding a Multicultural Celebration in May. This joint event with the ACA, Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre and Whittlesea Multicultural Community Council will be held at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre; complete with food, dancing and music. To make this day a success and hopefully a yearly event, we are asking the community to register their interest to participate, for further details see page 7.

Earlier in the year we had a succession of grass fires in the area, and this time the community was better prepared. The ACA has been working with the City of Whittlesea and the CFA for the last year to get the message out about what to do in grass fires, and it has worked! People moved back from the fires and did not get in their cars and clog the already busy roads. The ACA was pleased to be part of this process in getting information out relevant to our area and creating on our website a Fire Watch Dashboard complete with a Twitter feed.

But there is still a lot of work to be done informing the whole community about what to do in an emergency, not just grassfires. Therefore many of our members are part of the Emergency Planning group organised by the City of Whittlesea, which is meeting on March 13 at 7:30pm at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre. This meeting is open to all residents of Epping North/ Wollert to come and be involved in putting together a community led emergency plan.

Look out later in 2014 for the new State electoral boundaries that come into effect at the next election, Epping North/ Wollert area will now come under the Thomastown electorate, and the Mill Park Electorate, the dividing line is Epping Rd.

Lastly I would like to thank Lisa Hall for all her dedication and support in putting together our quarterly newsletter over the past few years. Thanks Lisa! Lisa is one of a large number of volunteers who work in making this Association what it is today. These dedicated workers like Lisa will not be able to continue forever, we are always looking for new/ old people to shape the ACA into the future. If you would like to help then email <a href="mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au">enquiry@aurora.asn.au</a>.

Keep safe and I hope to see many of you soon!

Toni-Marie Wuelfert ACA President

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### 'THERE'S NO DROUGHT HERE'

Whilst the area has dried off considerably and the ever present threat of bushfires loom, Epping Views Primary School continues to develop and grow.

As our motto states 'From Little Things Big things Grow" that is just what has been happening at EVPS. Our student numbers are now over 960, our staff up to 100 and the Epping Views Kindergarten has commenced with almost full classes. We continue to employ great staff to work with our students with all year levels having Aide support. Extra rooms have been brought in to accommodate our growing school and we have added to our play equipment, sandpits and seating.

Having won the Resource Smart Sustainability award for Waste again in 2013 and the Whittlesea Council Walk to School competition Sustainability is still a major part of our school ethos with all students and staff belonging to Action Teams.

The Biodiversity Team raised over \$1000 in December to support biodiversity in poorer communities overseas. Our students gain so much valuable learning from our chickens, gardens and composting it is great to see their developing understanding of what this can do for families and communities elsewhere.

Some of our students are heading off to camp shortly where they will learn about other environments and gain some valuable experiences in independence. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting year.

Pauline Kubat (EVPS Principal) and the EVPS Team.

### Help develop your community's emergency plan!

A local group is meeting on March 13 at 7.30pm at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre to discuss and plan how the community manages emergencies such as grassfire.

This group started meeting last year with the support of the City of Whittlesea. So far, a Fire Watch Dashboard <a href="www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/">www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/</a> has been placed on the Aurora Community Association's website, the CFA has organised some 'community-friendly' street meetings to discuss the grassfire risk and residents have attended preparedness sessions.

We've had a hot summer and a few fires. If you'd like to get involved bring your ideas along – see you on the 13<sup>th</sup> March!

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

# ACA Newsletter Editor Needed

Lisa Hall, ACA past Secretary and current member, has done a wonderful job putting together the newsletter from 2010 to 2013 and due to a busy work and personal life has had to resign from the role of newsletter editor.

The ACA would like to thank Lisa for her time and effort in putting the newsletter together for the past few years.

As a result of Lisa stepping aside, the ACA is looking for a volunteer to coordinate and put together its community newsletter three times a year (generally Autumn, Winter and Spring)..

The person would need to have very good computer skills and have access to Microsoft Publisher (or similar) and of course a computer and the internet. Experience in putting together newsletters is not essential but would make the job easier.

If you are interested in helping create our newsletters then please email <a href="mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au">enquiry@aurora.asn.au</a> or phone 0490 140 078 during office 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.

### **Transport Working Group Update**

With the recent heatwave, many residents in the North Epping-Wollert area will remember the grassfire of February 18<sup>th</sup> last year. In addition to the vulnerability of fringe suburbs to natural disaster, this alarming event also highlighted the poor infrastructure which left local residents trapped. Hundreds of drivers attempting to escape danger along a single lane on Epping Road were stuck in a massive bottle neck for up to four hours.

The Aurora Community Association set up the Transport Working Group to draw the attention of state and federal government to the lack of transport facilities in North Western Whittlesea and to promote solutions to the issues and dangers this presents. A normal commute which would take 20 minutes off peak can turn into an hour at peak times, most of which involves stopping and starting in between Craigieburn Road East and Cooper Street. This is bad for health, family and business, as well as the environment. However, with minimal bus services, residents often have little choice but to drive.

Since its inception, the group has succeeded in organising and tabling a petition of more than 1,600 signatures in both state and federal parliaments, demanding the creation of a Hume Freeway/O'Herns interchange, which would divert traffic to and from the City away from High and Cooper Streets. Other targets the Committee is promoting involve improvement of bus coverage, possibly through the introduction of a community bus, the duplication of High Street between Findon/O'Herns and Memorial/McDonald Roads, the opening of Edgars Road between O'Herns and Cooper Street and the introduction of traffic lights on Epping Road at both Harvest Home Road and Findon/O'Herns intersections.

These are particularly necessary in view of the future opening of the new Melbourne Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market set to open in Epping next year. A railway line extension to Epping North needs to occur immediately rather than be deferred for the long term Bringing trains to Epping North remains a long-term goal.

The Transport Working Group is managed by a small committee and new members are always welcome. The Group needs all the assistance it can get in a political and business climate where great inner city projects take priority over outer and northern suburbs.

Please email enquiry@aurora.asn.au if you would like to help.

Kathleen Ager ACA Transport Working Group Coordinator

## New youth program in Epping North

Do you live in Epping or Epping North? Are you 12 – 17 years old?

Come and check out our free activities and help plan future activities for other young people.

Tuesday: 4, 18, 25 March & 1 April

Time: 5pm-7pm Age: 12 – 17 years

Where: Epping Views Community Centre 15 Lyndarum Drive, Epping North

Melway 182 B5

Bookings are essential

Contact: Baseline for Young People on 9404 8800 or email

baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

# Creeds Farm Community Garden News



# Free gardening works shops at Creeds Farm Community Garden.

Creeds Farm Community Garden Group recently held a compost and worm farm workshop presented by Wendy Mather. The workshop was funded by the City of Whittlesea through their Sustainability Outreach Whittlesea (SOW) program.



The SOW workshops are designed to meet the needs of members of the gardening group, which is free to join by anyone interested.

Upcoming workshops include Biodiversity Totem Sculptures (insect hotels) for families on Sunday March 30th.

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.

If you would like to participate or be kept informed of Community Garden activities, please email <a href="mailto:creedsfarmers@gmail.com">creedsfarmers@gmail.com</a>

# New Small Business Group

We are looking to establish a Small Business Group within the Epping North/ Wollert community who can meet on a regular basis to discuss business development and issues within the area.

If you would like to get involved please contact Chris Borg on 9988 2801 or 0414 737 280. You can also email at

cborg@bagroupaccountants.com.au.



### Free TV and Computer Recycling

After January 2014 Council will no longer collect 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 (flat screen and older style)
- · desktop PCs and laptops
- · printers and scanners
- hard drives and CD/DVD drives
- flat screen and older style computer monitors
- · 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 the Apple website, www.apple.com/au/recycling

# Come and Recycle with Council's Recycling Stations

You can drop off the following items to one of 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 and accessories

iPods and MP3 players

Printer cartridges

X-rays.

Recycling Stations are located at the entrance of:

Civic Centre office, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang VIC 3752 (Melway 183 A10)

Epping Depot, 68-96 Houston Street, Epping VIC 3076 (Melway 182 A10)

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

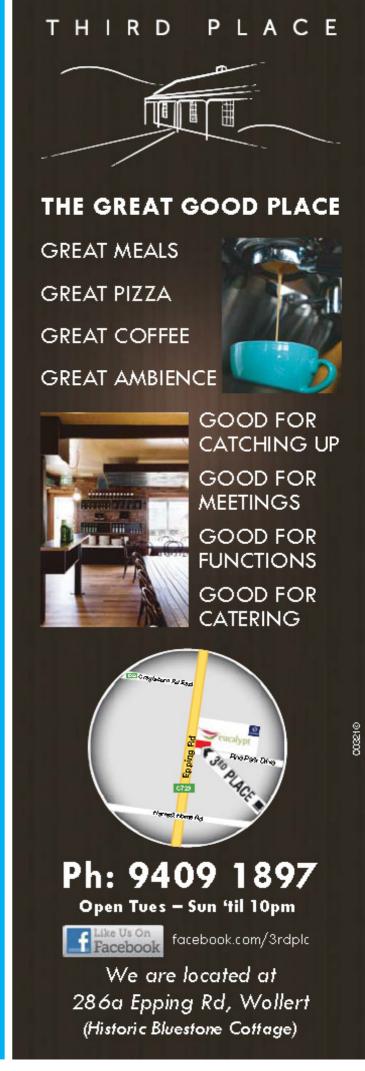
### Can I Recycle It?

The Can I Recycle It? webpage on City of Whittlesea's website will help you determine the best way to dispose of unwanted household items, and easily identify which items can be recycled or recovered.

Visit: www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au and search Can I Recycle It?

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

iocelyn.harte@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



### Changes to State electoral boundaries

Recent changes to state electoral boundaries mean communities of North Epping and Wollert will form part of the Thomastown electorate after the November 27 election.

I have had contact with Aurora Community Association and I know some of the issues that concern residents ranging from public transport, roads, schools, community facilities, internet, just to name a few.

It is important for me to understand what issues matter to you, and I encourage you to contact me with any concerns or ideas you have, or if you need assistance with any State Government matters.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Bronwyn Halfpenny MP State Member of Parliament for Thomastown Electorate.

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### Campaigning For Improved Transport Services in Growing Outer Suburbs of Melbourne

The ACA has been campaigning on improved transport services in Epping North and surrounding areas since it began in 2009. Apart from some extra 575 route bus journeys, there has been little to show for this campaigning. Campaigning has included letters to newspapers, pre-budget submissions and petitions; more recently some Twitter tweets and a campaign video being launched in 2014 which will hopefully go viral. The ACA has learned that its transport situation is shared by numerous people throughout Melbourne, in particular other growing outer suburbs. The savings from not spending on urgently needed transport services in these suburbs is clearly outweighed by the costs of not having these services.

Yet the top transport priority for the Victorian State Government is the inner city East West Link road tunnel currently estimated to cost around \$15 billion. This project is inadequately justified and highly unlikely to solve the traffic problems it is supposed to address. It is being promoted by State Government and some of the media with outrageous dishonesty and disinformation. It will take away substantial funding for urgently needed transport services elsewhere for many years to come.

I have tried to explain why this is happening in a 12 page paper entitled "Big Business and Bad Government" (link: <a href="bit.ly/1jHDnff">bit.ly/1jHDnff</a>) and which I introduced on Twitter (@TonyFrancis70) in January 2014. This paper attempts to show that the East West Link project is not a government, political or economic project; it is a big business project. Big corporations (including media corporations) are becoming increasing powerful and increasingly able to manipulate governments to help them increase their profits. These profits may come from unproductive speculative investment, unproductive projects, tax avoidance, deregulation and projects that impose huge external costs.

The fossil fuel industry has basically given us a Federal Government that refuses to recognise climate change. The Victorian Government is very much under the influence of road developers. The big challenge is to raise public awareness that this is happening and to get something done about it. The great majority of current public opinion leaders are unlikely to do this because of possible big business retaliation. The answer will have to come from the grassroots level with people taking much more responsibility themselves for what is happening around them and for choosing appropriate people to represent them in dealing with this. Allowing democracy to disintegrate will have extremely costly consequences.

Tony Francis ACA Transport Working group Member











# Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

# 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!)

Question categories include: Sport, Pop Culture, Music, TV, Celebrities, Politics, Food, & Geography just to name a few!

Details of the Trivia night, Saturday March 29th 2014:

Epping Views Primary School 20 Mansfield Street, Epping North

Arrive 6pm - for a prompt 6.30pm start- will run until approximately 9.15pm

\$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 samosas/ spring rolls on sale.
- Excellent prizes from local businesses, raffles and fun BIG KID games to break up the trivia rounds!
- We are hoping to have a local performer or two at the event too (if you are interested let us know)
- 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-2014.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-2014.eventzilla.net/.
- Read more about the 2013 trivia night at <a href="http://www.aurora.asn.au/2013/03/fun-games-at-trivia-night/">http://www.aurora.asn.au/2013/03/fun-games-at-trivia-night/</a>
  Hope to see you there!

### Get involved in our Multicultural Celebration— Sunday 25th May 2014, 1.00pm— 4.00pm

The ACA, in conjunction with Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre and Whittlesea Multicultural Community Council are beginning to organise a multicultural celebration for the Epping North/ Wollert area to be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014 1.00- 4.00pm at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre in Epping North.

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 eg henna painting, hair braiding, kids activities

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





For the month of March community organisations throughout the City of Whittlesea are celebrating responsible gambling by hosting or promoting 'non-gambling' activities and events. Keep an eye on the March Away from Gambling website – <a href="https://www.marchawayfromgambling.org">www.marchawayfromgambling.org</a> – for these days of fun.



CFLLC itself is promoting the following activities and events this March:

#### Sew Happy Club

If you are interested in or looking for something new join the lovely ladies of the Sew Happy Craft Group on Tuesdays between 10:30am – 2:00pm. If you enjoy yourself you are welcome to continue on after March.

#### Computer Seminars

Each Friday in March our Manager Claire Butler will be hosting a variety of computer seminars on a Friday 10:30 – 2:00pm:

7 March - Getting started with Google Apps (gmail, google calendar, google drive and others)

14 March - Social media for individuals

21 March - Social media for small businesses and organisations

28 March - Getting started with Joomla and Wordpress

### **Twilight Picnics**

And we bring you twilight picnics at 6:30pm - 8:00pm every Friday of March. We leave from Creeds Farm at 6:30pm. Register your interest now at <a href="http://www.creedsfarm.org.au/sign-up-for-ongoing-activities">http://www.creedsfarm.org.au/sign-up-for-ongoing-activities</a> so we know to expect you.

#### Neighbour Day BBQ

Enjoy a casual event to get to know your neighbours. Join us on the 30 March for a Neighbour Day BBQ from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. There will low cost sausages and soft drinks and family friendly games and activities; especially the kids.

We have teamed up with the ACA to deliver the paper version of this newsletter, which should have reached you with a fridge magnet with our NEW web address – <a href="www.creeedsfarm.org.au">www.creeedsfarm.org.au</a> – that's the place to go to find out all our latest news, sign up for our newsletter and link to "like" us on Facebook! We look forward to seeing you this March and beyond.

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### **ACA Fire Watch Dashboard**

The Aurora Community Association Fire Watch Dashboard <a href="http://www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/">http://www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/</a> 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:

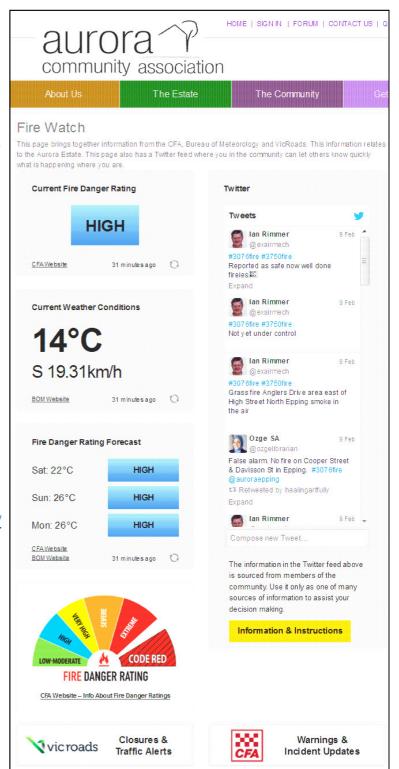
- current and forecast fire danger ratings sourced from the CFA
- current weather conditions from the BoM
- a link to the VicRoads website for the local area detailing any closures and traffic alerts
- an embedded Twitter feed which enables the community to share real time information and updates about 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 <a href="http://www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/">http://www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/</a> 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 <a href="www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/information-on-twitter/">www.aurora.asn.au/fire-watch/information-on-twitter/</a>.

We were pleased with the level of usage by community members this fire season given the dashboard only made its debut this spring! 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.

Many thanks to ACA member Anthony Damtsis for leading this valuable project.



## Bunnings Epping Ladies Night 13th march 2014 Celebrity Chef Tobie Puttock

You are invited to attend Bunnings Epping Ladies Night on Thursday 13th March 2014, 6.00-8.00pm

With Celebrity Chef Tobie Puttock Cooking up a Storm

Give aways

Light refreshments

Bookings Essential-call Marlene on 9409 8600 or email eppingao@bunnings.com.au



The Epping Kids and Bubs Market was held on a warm sunny afternoon on Sunday 1st December 2014 at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre. The market had over 30 stalls selling a wide range of preloved (second-hand), handmade and new childrens and baby goods. Apart from the market stalls we also had face painting for the kids, sand painting, a sausage sizzle, gelati van and a free kids mobile animal farm! Parents and children really enjoyed the event, especially the animal farm and sausage sizzle!

The ACA executive committee would like to thank the organising committee (Alana Borg, Zeinab Hamad, Melinda Di Palma, Ozge Sevindik-Alkan, Cara Horner and CFLLC Manager Claire Butler—pictured below) & other CFLLC/ ACA volunteers for their time and effort in making the event such a success, John Tindall for designing the colourful promotional artwork, Tom Egan Real Estate for the advertising boards & Places Victoria for animal farm sponsorship.



### 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 and the end of the financial year only pay \$5 for their annual membership (total cost \$15 in the first year, a saving of \$5).

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 <a href="http://www.aurora.asn.au/join-today/">http://www.aurora.asn.au/join-today/</a> 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. 2011-12 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.

Cara Horner, Secretary





Catholic Parish

St. Peter's St. Mary of the Cross

MacKillop

**Epping** 

Epping North



# ndian Playgroup



This project is proudly supported by the City of Whittlesea Community Development Grants Program.

Join us for a morning tea on Thursdays 13 & 20 February 9.30 - 11.30

ESEA - EPPING



VICSEG culturally specific playgroup offers you this opportunity:

- Promote your children/grandchildren's skills through cooperative play
- Develop your children's cognitive, social, emotional,
- Provide health information, parenting, early learning
- Share information and experiences and discuss issues of interest in a friendly environment

When: Thursday's 9.30am - 11.30am

Saint Mary of the Cross Venue:

MacKillop Catholic Parish Primary School

47 Farmhouse Blvd, Epping

For more information and bookings please contact:

0452 258 173 Savanti:

Surmeli or Jeanette: 9353 5811 (VICSEG)

The playgroup is facilitated by a trained playgroup leader that speaks your language.



### CULTURAL BRIDGES COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Join us at our Inaugural General Meeting

Promoting diversity & intercultural harmony and campaigning for the needs of Whittlesea's multicultural community

Date: Tuesday 11 March 2014

Time: 6 - 7.30 pm

Venue: Thomastown Library community rooms / 52 Main St Thomastown

Melways Ref: 8 C7

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mr Andrew Giles MP Federal Member for Scullin Cr Kris Pavlidis City of Whittlesea

> RSVP: 4 March 2014 Nessie Sayar 0411-111-718 nessiesayar@hotmail.com

The Cultural Bridges Community Action Group (CBCAG) would like to invite you to it's Inaugural general meeting where we will welcome all members and all those interested in becoming members.

The aim of this meeting is to formally introduce the CBCAG to the community, which is open to all residents, community groups and agencies, provide more information about the CBCAG and state our vision and mission.

The meeting will formally endorse the CBCAG's first committee of management and it's draft Rules of Incorporation. Following the meeting, the CBCAG will apply to Consumer Affairs Victoria for recognition as an incorporated association.



# 11 McDonalds Rd, Epping Vic 3076

(OPPOSITE EPPING SECONDARY COLLEGE)

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Email: reception@northstardental.com.au

We are a family run business and personal devotion to our patients is the key focus at North Star Dental. We take that extra step to make our patients feel comfortable and safe, and above all our friendly team of dentist and staff guarantee a high level of quality in all areas of dental treatment.

Our philosophy is to provide outstanding dental care with a personal touch.

# **Preventative - Restorative - Emergency**

10% Seniors Discount
Accepting Medicare Child/Teen Dental benefits schedule 100% bulk billed
Dentures & Repairs
Teeth Whitening Specials
\*\*On the spot health insurance claims\*\*



# **OPENING HOURS**

Monday/Thursday: 10:30am - 6:30pm Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm Wednesday/Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm

