

Aurora Community Association 2010 Newsletter

Hi Aurora residents,

The Aurora Community Association was incorporated in June 2009 as a means for residents to become involved in their community. Members have achieved so far:

- Petitioned the Department of Transport/ local members of parliament for the Epping North Railway Line and improved bus service (575), with responses gained;
- Caused improved bus services to the Epping North area as a result of the petition;
- Received funding from the Whittlesea council to run two very successful sustainability workshops (Sustainable Gardening and Sustainable Buying and Cleaning Workshops) as part of their Sustainable Homes Partnership Program;
- Received seeding funding from the City of Whittlesea and VicUrban to help grow and strengthen the association, including the provision of Public Liability Insurance;
- Achieved incorporation status for the association;
- Run regular committee and general ACA member meetings;
- Assisted in the planning of a community garden at the Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre in partnership with the CFLLC;
- Regularly run the Monday night Aurora walking group;
- Had interested members meeting informally to swap home grown produce and support each other in gardening sustainably;
- Hosted a Trivia night Christmas break up event in partnership with VicUrban;
- Held popular stalls at VicUrban community events;
- Started to plan for a new Aurora Community Association website; and
- Organised social gatherings with more planned for 2010 (see below for details).



Aurora Community Association residents table at the Aurora H2Grow festival in 2009

We are always seeking new membership, with membership is open to anyone in the Epping North Area. Only together can we make the Aurora Community a great place to live. Please remember that the **Aurora Community Association is not part of VicUrban** whatsoever, we are an independent community based organisation aimed at improving our area. As such, we are free to pursue our own aims. We meet regularly, with a calendar of events already established for 2010.

Yours sincerely

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Upcoming important dates for 2010

Fundraiser at Bunnings Epping to raise funds for the Aurora Community Association. May 22nd. **Please support us.**

Aurora Community Association statement of purpose

1. To commit to the sustainability and enhancement of the environment.
2. To enhance community cohesion and celebrate the life of the community.
3. To be a forum for decision making and to give or advocate fair and balanced representation on any issues or services pertaining to the Aurora community.
4. To take a proactive role in developing and maintaining community infrastructure and services to all.
5. To be a conduit for sharing and communication of information and knowledge.
6. To promote action on matters of major concern to the Aurora community such as the immediate construction of a railway line to Epping North until it is completed and operational.

**Do you want to help improve your community?
Do you want to meet other residents and enjoy a friendly atmosphere?**

Become a member of the Aurora Community Association. Membership means you can keep in contact with other like minded residents who want to create a wonderful neighbourhood.

Membership costs

\$10 joining fee per family

\$10 per year

To request a membership form, email:

auroracommunityassociation@gmail.com

Updates on Aurora Community Association happenings....

Community Gardening at Aurora – Brad Costin

A group of residents keen to increase their gardening knowledge has started a community gardening group. We have been tentatively allocated some garden space at the soon to be completed Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre. As well as growing food, residents can also share ideas and skills of gardening. Contact Brad for more details

Epping North Train Line update - Tony Francis

In campaigning for the Aurora railway line around September 2008, about 200 Aurora residents signed a petition to the State Minister for Transport that supported prompt development of this line. The main Government response to this was to announce an “improved” local bus service with significant and necessary extra services but still way below a level that would attract large numbers of extra local passengers. Forty minute waits for a bus after arriving at Epping railway station are common and a bus takes around 20 minutes to reach Epping North from the station after previously taking about 10 minutes.

Aurora Community Association Website

A website set by founding resident Mary Mequita allows ACA members to catch up with news, communicate with other residents and post questions. We hope to upgrade the website this year. See <http://theaurorarians.wikispaces.com/>

Walking Group

A walking group of residents who like to exercise departs every Monday from the corner of Earlybird Way and Sheild St. Walks start at 7.30pm and go until 8.30pm. A different route each week is sought out.

Sustainable Homes – Cara Horner

Aurora Community Association residents helped obtain funding from City of Whittlesea for 2 workshops on sustainable gardening and green cleaning and ethical purchasing. Both workshops were attended by over 25 people each who came to learn about permaculture and safe ways to clean your house. Well done Cara and other members who helped organise the day.

Other issues of interest raised so far at meetings:

- Post Box at Aurora
- Mothers Group / Day Care Group
- Telecommunications options (Arise)
- Building Issues – Hot Water systems
- Social opportunities like family friendly events
- Public transport
- Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre

Have you checked your Solar How Water System?



Many residents have reported problems with the solar hot water panels. Please check the solar panels on your roof. Faulty panels can **leak water, resulting in hundreds of litres being wasted daily**. Contact your plumber if you have an issue and check if your system is under warranty.