

'The Aurora Dawn' Community Newsletter

SPRING 2018

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WELCOME

Welcome to 2018 Aurora Community!

The winter season at Aurora was considerably busy on all fronts despite the inevitable Melbourne weather. Construction of Precinct 2 is predominantly complete, with Stage 20 titles anticipated in the coming weeks. With the civil works concluding, landscape works have commenced in Stage 14 and will flow through each stage sequentially.

Aurora has achieved some major milestones over the Winter season. The opening of Edgars Road is just one example, which has provided much needed connectivity through the estate to Aurora Village and Epping. Additionally, the opening of Edgars

Creek Secondary College has been an incredible achievement for not only the Aurora estate but also the residents within the broader community.

Moving onto the second half of the year, we welcome what will be a busy spring with continued construction of Precinct 3 Stages 30, 40, 41, 50 and 51 as well as the upcoming commencement of Stages 18 and 31.

For any additional information, please visit the Sales and Information Centre located at the corner of Edgars Road and Craigieburn Road East, Wollert.

What's on at Aurora

Halloween@Galada

Day: Friday 26 October
Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Galada Community Centre, 10a Forum Way, Epping North.

Join us at Galada for some ghoulish games and freaky fun! There will be an enchanted pop-up playgroup, spellbinding storytime, gruesome slime-making workshop and the best costume on the day wins a prize!

Diwali Festival

Day: Friday 9 November
Time: 4.00pm - 9.00pm

Aurora Village and Galada Community Centre.

Celebrate the Indian Festival of Lights at Aurora Village with lantern making, music and dancing as well as a Bollywood dance and DJ session at Galada Community Centre.

Mums & Bubs & Dads too on Thursdays

Day: Thursdays
Time: Between 11.00am - 2.00pm

The Sprout Hub has special Thursday mornings for Mums & Bubs & Dads too - drop in for coffee and chat between 11.00am - 2.00pm for a half priced (medium) cuppa.

While you relax on the deck, the kids will love the playground, babyccinos, drawing and reading books from our Little Free Library.

Bricks 4 Kidz

Fun activity for children where they learn, build and play with LEGO® bricks.

Day: Fridays & Saturdays
Time: Fridays: 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturdays: 10.00am - 11.00am

Contact: Ilka 0439 383 089 or iristeska@bricks4kidz.com

Hartbeeps

An interactive musical class for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Day: Fridays
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Contact: Stasia 0418 399 072

Meditation

Meditation classes run by Heartfulness Institute.

Day: Thursdays
Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Contact: melbourne@heartfulness.org

Community Mobile Library Bus

Limited library services at Galada Community Centre.

Day: Mondays
Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Stay 'n' Play

Would you like to meet families in your local area? You can chat, stay, play and have a cuppa for free. Just drop in, no need to book.

Day: Fridays
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Epping North Scout Group

An adventure program that encourages life skills such as leadership, resilience, confidence and working well with others.

Day: Mondays & Tuesdays
Time: Monday: 6.30pm - 8.00pm (8-10yrs)
Tuesday: 5.45pm - 6.45pm (5-7yrs)
Tuesday: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (11-14yrs)

Contact: Cara 0490 101 725

Immunisations

Public immunisation sessions, no appointment necessary.

Day: 2nd Thursday of every month.
Last Monday of every month.
Time: Thursday: 10.00am - 12.00pm.
Monday: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Contact: 9217 2170

Punjabi Dance Group

Bollywood & Bhangra dance open to women & children 5+ yrs.

Day: Wednesdays
Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Contact: Judge 0430 986 474

Latin Dance & Zumba

Fitness & Latin dance classes for ages 16+ years.

Day: Thursdays
Time: 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Contact: Florencia 0438 932 908

Bodyworx

Fitness and PT sessions.

Day: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Time: Tuesdays: 9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesdays: 9.30am - 10.30am
Fridays: 9.30am - 10.30am
Contact: Antoinette 0438 401 500



What's happening in my community

Exciting times at Edgars Creek Secondary College!

It has been exciting times since the opening of the amazing new Wollert site. Congratulations to all the students and families for a positive and enthusiastic start to the semester. The move and transition to the new site went extremely well with all parties (Brand Architects, MelbCon, Victorian School Building Authority and DET) very supportive of the school by placing the students first. The basketball court; bike racks; outside benches; and landscaping have all contributed to the making the students feel that they truly are now at their neighborhood high school! The College has had all classrooms fitted out with furniture and lockers in readiness for next year. Families with young people living in Epping North and Wollert are still able to enroll students for Year 8 2019; and/or Year 7 2019.

Recently, current families had the opportunity to tour the new facilities and share afternoon tea with their children. It was tremendous to see the current students showing parents; grandparents and younger siblings around the College. Thank you to Lendlease – Aurora for a delicious celebratory chocolate cake and afternoon tea. We currently have 89 students enrolled at Edgars Creek and we have an action packed semester planned for them all. Being in the new buildings has enabled us to introduce the following new term subjects: May the film be with you; Journey into the world of animation; Cracking the Code; Pizza, Cake and everything great; Around the World in 50 days and Running around in my sneakers.

Coming up students will be involved in an excursion to ACMI at Federation Square for English; a public art project in partnership with City of Whittlesea and Aurora; further interschool sport; Animal Assisted Therapy with our favourite dogs Ava and Charlie; Whittlesea Tech School Lamp Challenge; and an interschool Mathematics Tournament.

Like when you move into any brand, new property there is still a little unpacking to go; finishing off of a few things; caring for the new garden and buying some more new furniture. The oval is due to be finished in Term 4 and then will become available for student use during the day. We all looking forward to hosting an end of year family BBQ in Term 4 to celebrate the year.

Joanne Camozzato
College Principal



100 Years of Remembrance 1918-2018.

Marking the centenary of the end of the First World War, the Epping RSL will be holding a special celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice – the suspension of fighting - which ended the First World War (1914–18)

All are welcome to be involved at 95 Harvest Home Rd, Epping starting from 10.00am on 11th November 2018.

Leaders and Adult Helpers Sought!

Have you got the passion, interest and time to inspire the next generation?

We are looking for fun loving people who can bring out the best in young people and working with and leading teams.

You will learn by doing with the support and enthusiasm of fantastic people in your community. All necessary training, basic uniform, police checks and working with children checks are provided.

Scouting provides friendships, skill development and unique experiences that have proven success in the business world. Wherever you are in your career, Scouting will challenge you to attain new heights!

For more information, please contact the group leader on 0490 101 725 or email gl.eppingnorth@vicscouts.asn.au



My Community



Gulhan Eryegit Yoldas – Community Engagement Facilitator Al Siraat College

Tell us about your role at Al Siraat College?

As the community engagement facilitator at Al Siraat College my role is to develop platforms for our students and our community to engage with each other and the broader community in a way that's meaningful, sustainable and encourages social cohesion. We run a number of programs for students and parents on campus and I also collaborate with other groups in our community. For instance we're currently working on a number of projects with City of Whittlesea, LendLease, Co-Design, Creeds Farm, St Monicas College and The Huddle on some pretty amazing initiatives. On campus we welcome mums & bubs to our weekly Islamic Storytime program on Fridays 8.30am at Al Siraat College.

What do you love about your job? The most rewarding?

I love watching our community grow and develop and connect. We're an incredibly diverse community, a relatively young community here in Melbourne's outer north and the majority of residents are young working families. Our school community for instance represents families from over 50 different ethnic backgrounds. These community engagement projects really help instil that sense of belonging, particularly in emerging communities. There's definitely something deeply fulfilling and humbling about being able to do that as a job. Very grateful.

Have you always worked in community development?

We grew up in a very community minded household, so the short answer is yes. For my day job though I worked at Telstra Business for most of my life. I feel like contributing to the community has always been something our family did. I can only hope that my children will also continue this family tradition of supporting the most vulnerable members of our community, the youth, women, the elderly, and advocating for equality for all.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My daughters and I love swimming and really appreciate the women's only swimming sessions available all around Melbourne now. I enjoy writing, reading and road trips near and far with my family. We've travelled all over Australia from Broome to Port Douglas. Highly recommend 4WDing on the uncapped wide red dirt road in NT. Would love to try out stand up paddle boarding this summer.

Tell us one interesting thing about yourself?

I'm a proud member of Whittlesea Interfaith Network who are doing some incredible things in the community for social cohesion. I'm also thrilled to be on the advisory group for ECCV's Gambling Harm Project. If there's one cause you support this year in the City of Whittlesea, make it Gambling Harm Awareness. Youtube Ka-Ching Pokie Nation, you'll see what I mean. Peace & Love for all.



Donna Raimundo – Customer Service Sprout Hub Aurora

Tell us about your role at Sprout?

My Role at Sprout is to ensure people walk in happy and leave happy. I take pride in my customer service role at Sprout. I love to see people enjoying their time there and always happy to have a chat with them.

Each morning I prepare and make our delicious food so it is ready for the day. When the doors open I ensure people get the beautiful coffee they have been waiting for. I also check all our emails, any deliveries that come in and water our herb & vegetable garden. I have quite a varied role and it's one that I love!

What do you love about your job? The most rewarding?

The most rewarding part of my job is when people come in to meet friends, hold meetings, have kids playdates, meet new residents and hold functions here. I love when people comment on our space, the food & coffee, they stay awhile and chat and tell me they'll be back!

What was your previous role before coming to Sprout?

I have always worked in the hospitality field. My previous role before Sprout was in the city running a small kitchen for six years. I also spent a bit of time front of house before leaving on maternity leave. My role prior to that one was managing a coffee lounge in a big building of lawyers in the city for nine years.

What are your hobbies & interests?

I love spending time with family and friends and going out on little adventures with my husband and son.

Tell us one interesting thing about yourself?

I am a huge lover of animals and am a big advocate for helping animals as much as I can. I also love going out of my way to make people happy!

Community Initiatives

Harvest Home Primary School Safety Art Project

Last month Harvest Home Primary School welcomed members of the Aurora team from Lendlease into their school to talk about safety on and around construction sites.

To start with we asked the students a few questions about construction.

- What is construction?
- How do we construct Aurora?
- What happens on a construction site?
- What type of work do construction workers do?
- What kind of machinery do they use?

Alicia our Senior Development Manager spoke to the students about how before construction Aurora was all farm land, then construction starts with earthworks, laying of pipes & drains, roads get built and concrete poured. Then when civil construction is nearly finished, houses start to get built. Once the houses are built, people start to move in which could be the homes many of you already live in!

Our Project Manager David then explained about safety on a construction site.

- How does Lendlease keep its workers safe when they work on a construction site?
- What do they wear to be safe?
- How do they use machinery or drive trucks in a safe way?
- Why do we put up big fences around our construction sites?

He then asked the students about what we need to do to make sure we are safe when we are near a construction site.

- What do you need to think about when we walk or ride to school near a construction site when you get dropped off or picked up from school?
- What do drivers of construction trucks need to be careful of when they drive past the school?

David explained how construction would soon be starting at the end of the street opposite their school and showed the students pictures of machinery, trucks, construction sites and fencing and asked them to identify ways the community and construction workers could be kept safe.

The students were shown some PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and asked if they'd seen this before and what it was used for? David explained the use of PPE and how important it was that every construction worker wears a vest, gloves, glasses and hard hat in order to remain safe at all times. Nicole and Michelle from the community team asked for a few volunteers to come up the front and try on some Lendlease PPE which was exciting!

Using what the students learnt from these sessions, Lendlease invited the students to work with their art teacher Sarah and come up with some key safety messages and artwork to be installed on the hoarding along Harvest Home Road to remind everyone in the community what we can all do every day to be safe near a construction site.

We look forward to seeing the students artwork displayed on the hoarding outside the school in the near future!



Community Initiatives

Meet the Aurora Seedling Fund Finalists

By the Sprout Hub Aurora Team

We're excited to share that this year's Aurora Seedling Fund will see two great community groups receiving a share of over \$4,500, thanks to the support of our local community.

The Seedling Fund is an initiative of Sprout Hub Aurora which reinvests 10c from every dollar spent at the Hub cafe back into community initiatives through local groups and clubs. The two finalists receive a base grant of \$1000, and community voting is now underway to help determine how the remaining funds are divided.

The Seedling Fund is aimed at supporting community initiatives, projects and activities that help make Aurora a great place to live. This year's finalists and grant recipients are Khalsa Education Society and the CoderDojo group based at Creeds Farm Living and Learning. The Seedling Fund is a great opportunity to get involved and learn more about these local groups, as well as the initiatives the Seedling Fund will help support.



Creative coding opportunities for kids at CoderDojo

CoderDojo at Creeds Farm Living and Learning

CoderDojo is a free volunteer-run computer programming educational group open to all young people. Based at Creeds Farm Living and Learning, the club assists young people in learning how to write computer code and provides assistance with developing their digital literacy and inclusion. Anyone aged seven to seventeen can visit CoderDojo where they can learn to code, build a website, create an app or a game, and explore technology in an informal, creative, and social environment. The CoderDojo group will use the Seedling Fund to provide two laptop computers free of charge to be used at CoderDojo sessions at Creeds Farm, enabling the participation of children who may not ordinarily have access to equipment. The funds will be used to provide gadgets and technology to enhance the learning experience.



CoderDojo

Khalsa Education Society

Aurora Punjabi Fun Day

Khalsa Education Society aims to provide local Australian Punjabis with a positive and inclusive environment where they learn about Punjabi/Sikh culture and traditions, make friends and be active members of the community. The group also aspires to engage the wider community with the intention of forming friendships and encouraging awareness of the Punjabi culture and traditions. The Seedling Fund will be used to hold an Aurora Punjabi Fun Day, one day community event showcasing the Punjabi culture including traditional performances, music, activities for kids, free turban tying lessons, traditional dress, language and food. The event will be open to all and will be an opportunity for the Wollert/Epping community to come together to have some fun and get to know each other.





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