



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

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INVITATION TO ATTEND BECA PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY 4 MARCH

All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting which will commence at 6.45pm in the former Stockland land sales office, Lomond Crescent (near the tennis court).

Guest speakers include:

- Sunshine Coast Airport CEO Peter Pallot
- Unity College Principal Rudy Goosem and
- Councillor Rick Baberowski.

Peter Pallot will give a presentation on the final Master Plan for Caloundra Airport and answer any questions.

The meeting is also a good opportunity to hear discussions about recent helicopter activity.

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2013 BECA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:
Mon 8 April, 3 June, 1 July, 2 Sept. 2013.

Public Mtgs:
Mon Mar 4, 2013, Mon 6 May, Aug 5 .

Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:
Mid March, mid-late April, mid June, 2013.

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RESIDENTS GAIN REPRIEVE FROM EXCESS HELICOPTER NOISE

BeCA has spoken with a representative from Becker Helicopters over issues effecting residents here at Bellvista. Following concerns raised by your Community Association and residents, Becker Helicopters will adopt a 'raft' of measures in an attempt to lessen the impact of overhead repetitive helicopter training circuits on Bellvista residents.

More details on these measures will be made available in due course. This does not mean there will be a cessation of flights over the estate. However all Becker pilots have been briefed so they may safely carry out their training circuits and hopefully make life more comfortable for residents near their training circuits. Becker Helicopters have indicated they could be willing to come and make a presentation at a BeCA Public Meeting in the future and further liaise with residents (Cont. page 2).

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REPRIEVE FROM EXCESS HELICOPTER NOISE (Cont. from page 1)

BeCA welcomes this response from Becker Helicopters and will continue to advocate for the benefit of residents and in particular for the creation of a satellite training facility.

This action follows a barrage of complaints from residents about the recent excessive helicopter circuit training conducted over Bellvista estate.

Residents who were at home during the week and more recently those at home on weekends were forced to endure at least four hours of constant helicopter activity seven days per week (with usually two helicopters simultaneously) flying hundreds of circuits every day over or near their homes.

Many residents, particularly those beneath or close to the flying circuit paths, were suffering stress and anxiety from the increased noise including those with young babies trying to get them to sleep, shift workers and the elderly who were trying to go about their normal lives.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to 2013. Your Community Association has been already been busy this year dealing with issues around the estate ranging from storm damage during the January downpour to recent low level helicopter training flights on a Sunday which upset many residents.

BeCA meets monthly and this schedule includes 4 Public Meetings annually. Our first Public Meeting is on March 4th at 6:45 pm in the 'old Land Sales Office'.

Unity College School principal Rudy Goosem is a major speaker at that meeting along with Peter Pallot CEO of the Sunshine Coast Airport and managers of the Caloundra Aerodrome. Rudy will speak on Unity College, its development and the vision into the future. Peter will speak on the final Caloundra Aerodrome Master Plan Submission to be presented to Council in March. Our Councillor Rick Baberowski will also be present. We hope to see you there especially after all the recent helicopter issues.

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REPORT FROM BECA'S JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

BeCA conducted its first Management Committee Meeting for 2013 on 29 January. Much of the discussion was spent bringing all Committee members up to date on what has been happening.



Bells Reach continues to develop with the new adventure playground proving to be a great spot for local youngsters. BeCA believes there are over 20 homes now occupied at Bells Reach with more new buildings commencing daily.

Committee members raised some concerns regarding topics from the BeCA Facebook page. BeCA urges any resident with any concern over inappropriate behaviour by any person across our estate to immediately contact the police and report the incident. Either call Police Link on 131444 or 000 for serious life threatening concerns.

The BeCA website continues to receive positive anecdotal reports and the Facebook page now boasts 121 "Likers" and is a wonderful method for BeCA to communicate with a section of our community.

The Committee member is on the lookout for people of interest to include as a feature in future newsletters across the year. Let us know if you have a suggestion.

Two dead palms near the tennis court which require attention have already been mentioned to the Bellvista Gardening team. However recent severe storm damage across the region means local gardening teams have been called in to help tidy up other badly affected areas. Therefore it could be some time until BeCA's requests are attended to. BeCA has forwarded several service requests to Council for attention following the recent heavy rain and blustery winds.

The question of the installation of bollards to prevent cars being driven onto the park in O'Reilly drive was raised following a concern from a resident. It appears some people are driving cars onto the park area where they enjoy each other's company. There are signs asking people not to drive there but some people still do so.

BeCA has had a discussion with local MP Mark McArdle relating to Becker Helicopters from Maroochydore using Caloundra Airport for helicopter pilot training. It was decided to continue to monitor the situation with the proviso some action would occur should the flights become too disruptive.

BeCA has decided to have a brief naming and opening ceremony for the newly named Canavan Gracie Recreational Park, possibly at 11:30 on Saturday March 23rd. It was proposed that it be a small ceremony possibly with Cr Baberowski being the Master of Ceremonies. BeCA would give a brief report on why the names 'Canavan' and 'Gracie' were selected. Hopefully family members or friends of June Canavan and Keith Gracie would be in attendance and jointly cut the ribbon. The time and date is yet to be confirmed.

BeCA was pleased with the outcome of the Christmas Carols in the Park carried out mid December 2012. Numbers could have been higher but as a first effort it was amazingly successful with all attendees having a great time.

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR RICK BABEROWSKI

Though unable to attend the meeting because of illness, Cr Rick Baberowski wanted to report on several issues. He toured his complete "Division" over the weekend to see any flood or storm damage first hand. He visited Bells Reach and spoke with several residents there about any possible flood concerns. (Continued page 4)

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REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR RICK BABEROSKI (Cont. from page 3)

Residents reported that despite the very heavy and continuous rain and though the levels did rise somewhat, there was no damage at all from the stormwater. The water appeared to clear extremely quickly. Cr Baberowski believed Division 1 had escaped serious damage.

Rick reported on ongoing meetings he was having with Stockland over issues effecting Bells Reach and Bellvista. Stockland had applied to Council for some signage to be placed along Caloundra Rd to advertise Bells Reach. These applications had been rejected by Council. Cr Baberowski suggested that perhaps any further application be for 'permanent' signage promoting Bells Reach and its close access to Bellvista Market Place, Bellvista Tavern, Unity College and Bambini Childcare Centre. Cr Baberowski believed this sort of 'Application' would be more likely to be successful and would be of benefit to local businesses as well.

Cr Baberowski was keen to see Stockland commit to the second access to the estate as a matter of high priority and that early stages planning should be in the pipeline. The photo left shows work already completed on the extension to Bellvista Blvd heading south.

Cr Baberowski has requested SCRC shorten its timeline on the possible approval of the Old Land Sales Office being considered as a Community Centre for Bellvista. He has requested a meeting with the relevant Council officers to quickly decide on the facility so it can be brought into line with as many Council requirements as possible. Though the facility may lack some requirements that other Community Centres may have, its position right in the middle of the estate with easy access for all residents is a major advantage.

The final item discussed was the poor and dangerous condition of the tennis court fence. The loose wire ends were a concern for youngsters using the ready made access to and from the tennis courts. BeCA has forwarded another request to Stockland to attend to the fence. If BeCA were to become managers of the the Old Land Sales Office as a Community Centre, the tennis court area would then come under its control and BeCA would be responsible for its maintenance. The tennis court net is a constant target for vandalism which would be an expense BeCA could not support. This would unfortunately mean removing the net. This would be a last resort situation as many residents enjoy the occasional and free use of the courts.

FUNDING TO ASSIST KIDS PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZED SPORT

BeCA has received notice via SCRC of a funding scheme available to some families to assist with the costs of their child participating in organized sport. The state governments 'Get Started' component of the 'Get in the Game' initiative will be available from 15 January 2013 with applications closing on 15 April 2013.

The program assists children who can least afford it to join a sport or recreation club. Eligible applicants can apply for a \$150 voucher, which can be redeemed at a participating sport or recreation club.

The vouchers are on a 'first come, first served' basis. Queensland children under the age of 5 and young people under the age of 18, who hold or whose parents hold a Health Care Card or Concession Card are invited to register for the \$150 voucher.

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