



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

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INVITATION TO ATTEND BECA PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH

All Bellvista and Bells Reach residents are encouraged to attend the next Bellvista Community Association meeting which will commence at 6.45pm in the former Stockland Land Sales Office, Lomond Crescent (near the tennis court).

Guest speakers confirmed for the meeting are Sunshine Coast Airport General Manager Peter Pallot and our local Councillor. Local MP Mark McArdle has a Parliamentary sitting and is unavailable for the meeting.

Both speakers will bring residents up to date on any developments regarding the Airport Noise issue.

Though it appear some resolution to the problem has been reached, (see page 4) it is crucial that residents “maintain the rage” until the vast majority of repetitive touch ‘n go circuits are removed from our skies and no longer impact on our “Quality of Life”.

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2014 BeCA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Meetings:

Mon April 7, May 5, July 7, 2014.

Public Meetings::

Mon Mar 3, June 2, Sept 1, 2014.

Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Mid April, mid June, mid July, 2014.

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Pod Café a Winner with locals

The newly opened ‘Pod café’ situated beside the wonderful Blue Park at Bells Reach is proving popular with local residents. Cherie Montague, manager of the café, said that the intention is to create a relaxing environment where people can enjoy great coffee, smoothies, light meals such as savories, pastries, cakes, gourmet sandwiches and rolls along with friendly service.

The Pod café is open 7 days a week from 7.30am to 5pm. The café also has a separate breakfast menu along with daily specials. It is a prime spot for parents to sit, relax, and enjoy a great cup of coffee and a scone yet keep an eye on their children enjoying the wonderful playground facilities. Say hello to Cherie when you visit!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to 2014.

The year has got off to a bumper start for your Community Association with the recent intrusion of additional noise via Becker helicopters. This is a vexing topic with many residents up in arms over the intrusion while others say, "You bought near an airport and this is what you get".

Most residents 'wear' living near the airport and some of the resulting noise problem. But it seems a time has come when many people are beginning to say that what we have been experiencing is above what we could reasonably expect. This is further confirmed when our Councillor publicly states he is prepared to fight to have non Caloundra Aerodrome Helicopter businesses stopped from using Caloundra Aerodrome.

In excess of 300 residents from all around Caloundra attended the recently called Public Forum on Helicopter Noise in Caloundra on Feb 7th. You can read a report on the forum on page 4 of this Newsletter.

At the forum I publicly congratulated residents of Bells Reach and Bellvista for their wonderful efforts by emailing and writing to various authorities to voice our deep concern with the huge increase in repetitive circuits by helicopters across the two estates. It was this pressure which eventually brought a possible solution to the problem. Well done everybody!

BeCA endeavours to keep all residents up to date with the latest happenings. We have our excellent website at bellvista.com.au, the great and sometimes willing Bellvista Facebook Page, and the Public Notice Board at Bellvista Market Place.

Through the sponsorship of the Bellvista Tavern, we are to add a 'sandwich board' to our arsenal of communication formats. You will soon spot the sandwich board outside the IGA letting everyone know of any upcoming Community events. We are hopeful of adding two more sandwich boards to the supply, one to place near the old Land Sales Office and the other for a spot near the Café at Bells Reach. If you are interested in sponsoring the cost of one of the sandwich boards feel free to contact BeCA.

Les Thomas
President

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1st BeCA Management Committee Meeting For 2014



The Bellvista Community Association Management Committee conducted its first meeting for 2014 on Monday Feb 3rd. Cr Baberowski also attended and was able to bring BeCA up to date on numerous issues.

It was with regret that BeCA accepted the resignation of foundation committee member Kerri Baxter. Kerri's family responsibilities have increased markedly and regretfully, this along with her work commitments, prevent her from being an active committee member. BeCA is on the lookout for a replacement for her.

Landscaping Co-ordinator Bob Smith reported the Bellvista Gardening team was up and running for 2014 with pruning occurring on several large areas around Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. There has also been a recent visit by the council mowing sub-contractor and the parks and gardens are looking great. Mulching had occurred over the recent December/January period. Cr Baberowski reported that following the success of the Bellvista Gardening team, similar teams had been formed in other areas of Division 1.

It was also recommended that BeCA pursue the issue of the implementation of Caloundra Aerodrome landing fees which had been recommended in the recent Caloundra Aerodrome Master Plan. A letter will be forwarded to council on this issue requesting a date on which residents can expect this initiative to be implemented. Currently no fees are charged to land or take off from Caloundra Aerodrome and this applies to Becker Helicopters and their numerous touch n go's.

A variety of speakers were suggested for BeCA's 4 Public Meetings during 2014. The current Helicopter issue will be the major focus of the March 3rd meeting with invitations being extended to Sunshine Coast Airport Management and our local MP for this meeting. Cr Baberowski will also provide an update on this issue at the March Public Meeting on March 3rd. It is likely MP Mark McArdle will be involved with Parliamentary duties.

Another suggestion was someone from Main Roads to bring the community up to speed on plans to better manage traffic between Bellvista and Bells Reach with Caloundra South and future access to the Bruce Highway.

Cr Baberowski reported that negotiations were slowly continuing on the old Land Sales Office as a future Bellvista Community Centre. Negotiations continue and it is hoped a final decision is closer than some people may expect.

The missing footpath in O'Reilly Drive was raised again. A disabled resident using a wheel chair was seen negotiating traffic islands and the roadway recently as there was no footpath. Cr Baberowski will investigate this situation and, as long as costs are within reason, he could see no reason why the footpath could not be built.

It was reported that there was some concern over the behaviour of a group of teenagers at Bells Reach's "Blue Park". BeCA will report this to Caloundra Police who will be requested to keep an eye on this area.

The Meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

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February 7th Airport Noise Forum Report:

It was standing room only for Friday Feb 7th Forum meeting to discuss the huge increase in Helicopter Noise. The forum was arranged by local MP Mark McArdle and in excess of 300 people from Bellvista, Bells Reach, Little Mountain, Pelican Waters, Golden Beach and other areas around Caloundra were in attendance. BeCA presented around 40 letters and emails from Bellvista and Bells Reach residents unable to attend the Forum to our local M.P. prior to the meeting.

There was always a question as to what to be gained from this forum and what the hidden agenda may have been. This became obvious in the final few minutes of the forum when Mark McArdle produced a map provided by the State Government Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing, Steve Dickson indicating possible available areas for a future Helicopter Satellite Training Facility in nearby state forestry areas. There is to be further consultation between Council, Sunshine Coast Airport Management, State Forestry officials and Becker Helicopters to determine the most suitable area. It is expected that this facility may be available for use helicopters doing touch n go's in several months time.

What this means to our community is that the vast majority of helicopter touch n go's by both Becker Helicopters and Chopperline will eventually occur at another site, thus removing the majority of them from above our homes. Becker Helicopters expect to complete the current phase of training some time during the week ending Feb 14th. Then things should return to some form of normality. Many views were raised across the Forum. Several in attendance supported the helicopters but they appeared to represent a small minority.

A letter from Mike Becker was read by MP Mark McArdle to all present. Sections of the letter confirmed that Becker Helicopters had legally and deliberately set out to spark debate by impacting upon local communities. The pain and discomfort inflicted upon our community was a deliberate tactic designed to spark public debate so Becker Helicopters could achieve their aim of creating a satellite helicopter training facility.

BeCA believes this to be a deplorable tactic for any business to inflict on a helpless community, to set out to severely disrupt their lifestyle for their own commercial gains defies contempt. Many in the forum audience believed that some of the claims in Mr Becker's letter were misrepresentations of the facts! The letter was greeted with derision by many in attendance. Cr Baberowski declared in his address that Becker helicopters would never return to Caloundra Aerodrome after the current training phase is completed.

Cr Tim Dwyer trotted out the old chestnut that the airport was there first and that people who elected to buy at Bellvista and Bells Reach should have done their homework before purchasing. Some residents at the forum felt Cr Dwyer's comments appeared to show little concern for fellow residents and lack compassion or any appreciation of the reality of the situation. His comments were greeted with some jeers from sections of the audience.

This sort of comment does not reflect the reality, there are residential areas around Caloundra Aerodrome and these residential areas are about to explode in size. There is a need for Caloundra Aerodrome to adapt to this huge change in circumstances. It needs to work hand in hand with the community so both can exist together in harmony. If Caloundra Aerodrome fails to adapt then it will encounter mammoth problems.

An invitation has been extended to Sunshine Coast Airport General Manager Peter Pallot to attend the next BeCA Public Meeting in the old Land Sales Office on Monday March 3rd at 6:45pm. All Bellvista and Bells Reach residents are invited to attend. Cr Baberowski will also be in attendance. Both of these speakers will have the latest updates regarding the new Satellite Helicopter Training Facility.



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