

BeCA's First 2017 Public Meeting will be conducted at Bellvista Meeting Place 6:45pm Monday March 6th. All are welcome. The major speaker will be Representatives from Stockland



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Now Open For Business

By the time you read this article, the new Bells Creek Arterial (BCA) will have been open for several weeks. The official opening was conducted in early February and BeCA was delighted to be represented.

Stockland dignitaries, the Minister for Main Roads, other Government Department Officials, Local Member Mark McArdle, Mayor Jamieson, Cr Baberowski and BeCA representatives were in attendance for the 'Official' opening of the new Bells Creek Arterial (BCA) earlier this month.

BeCA representatives had time to liaise with many Stockland officials and government representatives. Having met previously with BeCA, the Minister for Main Roads is fully aware of BeCA's desires for a connecting road linking Pelican Waters Blvd and Baringa. BeCA is also seeking funding to complete the BCA through to Roys Rd and thus create a second east-west corridor connection between Caloundra and the Bruce Highway.

The 'official' BCA road opening provided a great opportunity for BeCA to build ties and glean information regarding future roadworks and other developments.

Further refinement is in store to better improve the sequencing of the Baringa traffic lights. The lack of pathways to provide a more direct (and practical) route from Baringa to Unity College was discussed. There was also chat about possible alternatives to complete an East West corridor via the proposed Caloundra South industrial area, though this pro-

posal may have some costing drawbacks.

The photo below shows Stockland's Kingsley Andrews, Mayor Mark Jamieson and the Minister for Main Roads Mark Bailey at the opening. The new road stretches away into the background!

So finally, after many years, residents of Bellvista and Bells Reach now have their much sought after second entry/exit to the estates.

This issue is one which has been a major concern for BeCA and the community over many years. The new second entry/exit road will allow better traffic movement during school pick up and drop off times and hopefully improve the bottleneck at the Bellvista Blvd/Caloundra Rd roundabout.

There were safety concerns as well.

This was demonstrated when a bush fire closed Bellvista Blvd many years ago cutting off residents from returning home or leaving the the estate.

Unity College is a wonderful asset for this area. To construct a school in an area with one entry/exit road could have been a disaster waiting to happen. But those days are now behind us.

All that residents want to see completed now is the veloway. The veloway's roadworks should be completed when you read this newsletter and the final completion of the veloway itself should be close at hand.

Cyclists will have an even longer bike ride available to them via the new BCA with a veloway following the new road from Baringa to Pierce Avenue.



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Bellvista Lakes

Isn't it wonderful to have swans back again on the lakes at Bellvista? A pair of swans has been a regular sight on the lakes up until the last 12 months or so. Swans would lay their eggs and then set about raising their cygnets. Unfortunately large eels which inhabit the lake saw the cygnets as a meal and following a hatching, walkers would note the number of cygnets gradually decrease as mother nature took its course. Then last year even the parents disappeared from the lakes.

So to have two adult swans back again is great for early morning walkers and cyclists around the lakes.

The BeCA Landscaping convenor has been in contact with Council regarding the encroachment of water lilies across the lakes. It won't be just the lake at Bellvista which is affected, it will be all Council controlled lakes across the area which will be suffering.

Council has employed a contractor to remove or cut back water lilies in all Council controlled waterways.

This work is expected to occur later in February and into March.

Website: Jan 27th.

Construction Begins On New School

The Aura community is celebrating another first, with the Queensland Government and Stockland breaking ground on an innovative, new public primary school that will revolutionise the future of education in Queensland through a unique new form of community partnership.

The first sods were turned on the new site just recently.

The new primary school, catering to students from Preparatory to Year 6, will be located in Caloundra South. First enrolments will commence later this year for the start of the 2018 school year.

The school is part of a new collaborative concept between the Queensland Government and Stockland. It will see the development of state-of-the-art facilities made for learning, teaching and play, including a robotics lab, recording studio, innovation hub and an indoor sports and performance centre.

The new school will also have a strong focus on STEM learning (Science, Education, Engineering and Maths), to prepare the next generation of children for the jobs of the future.

Under this innovative model, the new

primary school classrooms and associated facilities, such as auditoriums and sports fields, will be available for the entire community to use outside of school hours. Kingsley Andrew, General Manager for Queensland at Stockland, said: "This is a once in a generation opportunity to create a leading education facility that will nurture young minds and develop the talents and skills of the coast's children.

"Creating a multi-functional education, sporting and cultural environment that is a school by day and open for community use in the evenings and weekends, significantly enhances the return from this important community asset.

This improves the quality and delivery of facilities, providing an enhanced learning experience for students, and broadening the number of services, courses and experiences that will be available to residents of Aura and the Sunshine Coast."

The Hon. Kate Jones, Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events attended the event to celebrate the milestone.

The innovative new school located at Baringa, the first suburb in Aura, will incorporate world-class urban design with 37 classrooms configured over two storeys, creating more space for learning and play and allowing for greater community engagement.

When it opens in January 2018, the school will educate up to 1,100 students drawn primarily from the surrounding Baringa, Bells Reach and Bellvista communities of Caloundra.

The school is expected to employ more than 80 full time and part time staff, with recruitment to be undertaken by Education Queensland.

The new school site is on the Bellvista/Bells Reach side of the new entry exit road (Baringa Drive) beside the proposed new Shopping Centre.

Website Jan 25th

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Community Garden Call For Help

The Community Garden situated at the northern end of Active Park on Indigo Road, Bells Reach was a Stockland initiative, designed to promote community involvement. Stockland has supported the project with funding assistance and has arranged grants and donations to see the garden fully operational with its own water bore and solar electricity supply.

A small group has been battling the odds to keep their heads above water managing the garden. The prime movers are Scott and Ian who arrange the leasing of the garden plots to community members and generally maintain the facility.

As Stockland begin to hand over areas such as Active Park and the Community Garden, it is then up to Council and local organizations to take over management. This is easy for the parks and gardens as Sunshine Coast Council takes on board the responsibility and funding of them. The Community Garden is not so lucky as it will remain up to the community

to take on board the management and maintenance of the area.

One does not fully expect Stockland to just walk away from the project and leave it solely up to Scott and Ian and others to look after. Stockland have opportunities where grants can be applied for to fund community projects. Much of the cost of revamping the BeCA website came as the result of a Stockland Community Grant.

And there may be other avenues for funding which can be used to assist with covering costs and funding extensions.

So the situation is this, Scott and Ian are keen to be involved with managing and developing the Bells Reach Community Garden but would love some assistance.

Many of our residents are 'retireds' and new to the Sunshine Coast. They come from Brisbane, from farming communities, from interstate and possibly even overseas. What a great way this could be to get to meet some new people in your new home area, especially if you have a passion for gardening. But this is not just for our

older residents as residents of all ages are welcome to become involved. It is anticipated community social events are to be organized to support the community garden and foster community involvement.

If you wish to be put in contact with Scott and Ian, use the BeCA website "Contact Us" page to drop us an email with your contact details so we can pass it on to Scott and Ian.

Keep your eye on the website and this newsletter for further interesting and exciting developments on this issue. The Community Garden is an amazing community asset, one BeCA believes should be maintained and developed as a wonderful community resource.

Website Jan 20.

Noisy Weekend

Early in January BeCA received several messages from people regarding especially noisy aircraft activity one evening.

It seemed a robbery at Currimundi drew a response from "Polair", the Police Helicopter.

BeCA understands the police helicopter was in the air for a couple of hours over the Sugarbag Rd area while it continued its search for those responsible.

A traffic accident on the same night also drew a response from the Emergency Services Helicopters and Polair, causing further aircraft activity overhead.

BeCA will always support the wonderful work done by both the Emergency Services Helicopters and Polair as they do a superb job keeping residents safe and supplying emergency aid as required. Residents need to be mindful that we have decided to live near an airport. There will be times when aircraft noise does impact on us much to our distaste.

Visit the BeCA website and click on the Airport Noise Complaints tab under "News And Events" for recommended procedures to lodge complaints.

Website: Jan 9.

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To keep our community fully informed, BeCA has a regularly updated website (News & Events Tab), the BeCA Facebook page, a regular updating of notices on the Public Notice Board (just behind the Chemist at Bellvista Market Place), and "The Connector" newsletter.

There is also a mobile version of the BeCA website which should make keeping up to date on your mobile device easy!

Most of the articles appearing in this newsletter are lifted directly (some editing may be required) from the BeCA Website, News & Events page.

The BeCA Facebook page is a popular source of news for our younger residents.

The news and information appearing in this newsletter may be 'old hat' and available online up to 6 weeks earlier.

BeCA knows and fully appreciates that the newsletter is an extremely popular method for many of our residents to remain informed.

For the very latest news go to bellvista.com.au and click on the News & Events tab!

**Public Meeting Notice
Monday March 6th
Bellvista Meeting Place
6:45 PM
All Welcome.**



Stockland have answered a last minute call to provide a presentation following the late withdrawal of Federal Member Andrew Wallace.

BeCA is hopeful of having Andrew attend a later Public Meeting and have offered him several spots to consider for Public Meetings later in 2017.

At the time of writing the subject was still to be finalized but I am sure there will be a question and answer time so you can ask away to nothing regarding our estates and also Caloundra South.

Founding BeCA Management Committee member Tony Mohr is on the program to speak about his involvement with the creation of the Meridan College Cadets. Tony is a veteran and brings his wealth of knowledge and experience to assist with the establishment of Meridan College Cadets.

Councillor Baberowski will provide a report. At the end of each meeting there is a warm drink and biscuit available as well as the opportunity to catch up one on one with speakers.

So March 6th, 6:45pm, Bellvista Meeting Place.



New Exciting Bike Ride

It is a little over 9kms for the round trip for budding cyclists, long distance walkers or joggers.

If you begin at Bellvista Market Place, head north along the pathway and then across through Little Mountain Common. From there you travel up to Pierce Avenue and turn west where you pick up the new veloway running beside the Bells Creek Arterial. After 2k's you enter the Baringa Estate and work your way through the traffic lights in Baringa Drive and turn left into Aura Blvd.

Follow Aura Blvd/Bellvista Blvd back to Stornaway Ave and Bellvista Market Place. It is a little over 9kms for the round trip!

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