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WELCOME TO 2015!

Welcome to 2015. It is great to be back again, ready for a new year of activity and catering for the needs of Bellvista and Bells Reach residents.

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the road works on Bellvista Blvd will be nearing completion. When completed, drivers should find leaving the estate at Caloundra Rd a lot easier and safer. This should also mean a quicker trip for many parents taking their children to and from school.

Our new website is up and running. We hope you find it easier to navigate around and to keep up with the latest happenings. The News & Events Blog is where you will find the latest news. It is from this page that we copy/paste many of the articles you see in this Newsletter.

Have you tried to access the website on your mobile device? The new website has been constructed to be 'mobile responsive' meaning quicker and easier access on mobile devices.

This year, BeCA will continue to fight for a permanent solution to the Satellite Helicopter Training Facility. BeCA is eager to speak with our local Member in the newly elected State Government.

BeCA also welcomes the Bells Reach Community Garden Committee as a new BeCA Sub-Committee in 2015. This could be the forerunner for similar community organisations who wish to establish themselves and provide community based programs.

Les Thomas, BeCA President

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2015 BeCA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee

Meetings:

April 7th, May 4th, 2015.

Public Meetings:

March 2nd, June 1st, Sept 7th, 2015.

Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Feb 20th, March 18th, 2015

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First BeCA Management Committee Meeting for 2015:

The first BeCA Management Committee Meeting for 2015 took place on Monday Feb 2nd. The President welcomed all back for 2015 & introduced three guests to the first Management Committee Meeting for 2015, local resident Kim Polistina, Cr Rick Baberowski and Jason Hunt.

Kim Polistina had approached BeCA to discuss a study she had applied to undertake at the University of Central Queensland. She was looking to study local businesses and companies, and the impact their business would have on a local community. Kim was seeking BeCA support for the project, especially in light of the effect that local Helicopter Pilot Training Operator, Becker Helicopters has had on the residents of Bellvista and Bells Reach.

BeCA committed to any assistance it could provide for the study and looked forward to the final report. Kim's study will be multi-faceted with the issue relating to Becker Helicopters and others taking up just one section of the overall work. The study should be completed prior to the end of this year.

Cr Baberowski brought the Management Committee up to date with progress on the establishment of the Interim Satellite Helicopter Training Facility. It appears stakeholders continue to jostle with several relatively minor sticking points still to be negotiated. Management Committee members reported the current helicopter repetitive circuits situation was a vast improvement on what was happening in January/February 2014.

It was expected a final agreement on the Interim Satellite Helicopter Training Facility would be in place before the end of February. Cr Baberowski reported the current Becker Helicopter training schedule was due to be completed by mid February so any final agreement on an Interim Satellite Helicopter Training Facility would be too late.

The possible fall out from the recent State Election results is the possibility that the long term Satellite Helicopter Training Facility permanent solution would be delayed, owing to the possible change of government. Our local member may no longer be on the side of the party in power, and this may hamper his ability to implement the long term solution.

Recent ALP candidate Jason Hunt assured the BeCA Management Committee that should the ALP assume power, that he would use his influence to take up the issue with the new Minister responsible.

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Cr Baberowski sought feedback from BeCA on the establishment of the Bells Reach Community Garden. At its April Meeting, the BeCA Management Committee will likely formally accept the Bells Reach Community Garden as an official Sub-Committee of BeCA. This will assist the Bells Reach Community Garden to become legally established and with the possibility of it becoming an identity on its own in 2016.



Cr Baberowski raised the issue of the management of the Bellvista Meeting Place. Currently the facility is managed by the Lake Kawana Community Centre. This arrangement does not seem to be in the best interest of facility and local groups who may be considering it for their activities. BeCA is seeking to have the management handled locally.

The general consensus was that 2015 should be viewed as an establishment year to encourage the full use of the Bellvista Meeting Place. Ordinarily, a Management group would be expected to raise income to cover all the facility's running costs. It is felt this would place undue pressure on any prospective management group and deter them from becoming involved in the first year. A full year to establish the facility without the burden of the responsibility to cover all costs would be more likely to attract a local group to take on the management role.

Cr Baberowski reported he was hopeful that the final section of missing footpath from the bus stop on O'Reilly Drive near Maroon Crt to Huntly Place will be finished in the near future.

The meeting continued with updates on several local issues. These included the Indigo Rd/Bellvista Blvd intersection, the line of sight issue at the intersection of Bells Reach Drive and Indigo Rd, local roadworks including additional lanes in roundabouts and other minor issues and updates. (More details and photos about this are available on the website).

A report was received from the Landscaping Committee on some staffing issues for the Bellvista Gardening Team.

BeCA has been assured the team will continue as is, but as one of the team members approaches retirement, a change would be required. BeCA sees the pruning back of low tree branches as a priority.

BeCA identified its Sub-Committees for 2015 & welcomed new blood into various roles around the Committee.

Speakers for 2015 Public Meetings were discussed. BeCA would approach Sunshine Coast Airport Management for speakers for its March Public Meeting. The subject would be the Interim Satellite Helicopter Training facility implementation, and the planned major upgrade to the Sunshine Coast Airport.

Discussion was had on advertising rates in the Newsletter, with a new round of several 6 month agreements to be negotiated. It was felt that the rates outlined in the document titled 2014-2015 Newsletter Advertising Rates would be maintained until mid year when a new round of rates could be considered. Advertisers get access to almost 1800 local homes 8 times per year for a relatively inexpensive amount via the BeCA Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

A business card for The Bellvista Family Medical Practice. The card has a pink and white color scheme. At the top, it says "The Bellvista Family Medical Practice" and "Reception@bellvistafamilymedicalpractice.com". Below that, it lists "Dr Regina Greenwood" and "Shop 3 - 2 Rawson Street". Further down, it says "Bellvista Caloundra West 4551". At the bottom, it provides the phone number "07 5438 1855" and fax number "07 5438 1877". On the right side of the card, there is a photograph of a person's hand holding a stethoscope.

Community News...

Bells Reach Community Garden

The Bells Reach Community Garden Committee is looking to become involved with BeCA in this, their formative year of operation. BeCA warmly welcomes this involvement and sees it as the first of several groups becoming involved.

"We are very excited to announce that plans for the Bells Reach Community Garden are well underway. The garden, which will be over 20m in length and grow fruit and vegetables, is going to be located in the Bells Reach Active Park on the corner of Amber Drive and Copper Crescent. If you have a green thumb or are just interested in getting involved in a community activity, please register your interest by emailing hannah.williams@stockland.com.au."

New BeCA website launched

We are delighted to confirm that our new BeCA website is up and running! A big thank you to Stockland for the Community Grant BeCA successfully applied for and won. You can now access our website on your Smart Phone as well as computer. Have you had a look yet? www.bellvista.com.au.

Locked In or Out?

Mister Locksmith is a local locksmithing service based in our area and run by Seth, who has been in the security industry for over 10 years. This service is available 24/7 and includes some extra things you may not expect, including: - open locked doors (home/car/safe) -Supply install and service: keys, locks, safes, security doors/screens, alarm systems, CCTV systems, car keys and remotes, intercoms and more. For more info you can go to his website www.misterlocksmith.com.au. As Seth likes to say: They can help you OUT, or IN.

Looking to Get Fit?

Have you tried a session with Metafit Sunshine Coast Indoor/Outdoor Fitness at the Bellvisa community hall? The group meets on Mondays at 9:15am: high intensity interval training - 30 minute metabolic workout for only \$10! More details call

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Great Results: Tavern Australia Day Fundraiser

Australia Day events at the Bellvista Tavern were a great success! So much fun was had by all attending, with crab races, pie eating competition & raffles and just under \$800 was raised for the Animal Refuge! Well done by the Tavern team and all involved!

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