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REPORT FROM BECA MARCH PUBLIC MEETING

BeCA held its first public meeting for 2013 on Monday 4 March. Around forty residents and guests were in attendance including our first Bells Reach resident. A round of applause ensured them of a warm welcome.

Report from Councillor Rick Baberowski

Councillor Rick Baberowski reported on a range of broader issues affecting the Sunshine Coast. Noosa's de-amalgamation is one that will cause financial strain for the Council.

Cr Baberowski also spoke on the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) Masterplan and its aims to redress the current population growth trends. The Sunshine coast currently has a growth rate of 1 per cent whereas this has traditionally been 3 to 4 per cent. It is expected the Sunshine Coast University Hospital development will be a major stimulant to growth on the coast and the hinterland. On the question of growth, Stockland's Hannah Madill reported that their recent sales figures had been extremely positive and exceeded expectations.

Discussions continue on the cost to SCRC of the Caloundra South development.

One resident queried Cr Baberowski on the apparent recent practice of returning cut and fallen trees to the bushland. This practice could lead to a future increased fire hazard. It was felt this was a temporary practice by council employees in their effort to keep up with the vast number of fallen trees and bushes following recent storms. Cr Baberowski agreed to keep the matter in mind.

Cr Baberowski spoke of the new traffic interchange planned for construction at the Roys Road / Bruce Highway beginning mid 2013. This would be the second future entry and exit for Bellvista residents. Stockland's Hannah Madill reported that this would eventually cut ten minutes from a Bellvista resident's trips to Brisbane. It would also be a major link for Hinterland residents.

Later in the meeting Cr Baberowski was queried over the poor condition of Bellvista Blvd following recent heavy rain in light of SCRC's commitment to maintain the road in good condition. (cont /..2)

2013 BECA CALENDAR**BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:**

Mon 8 April, 3 June, 1 July, 2 Sept. 2013.

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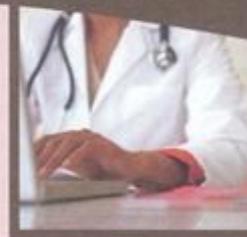
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Cr Baberowski would be driving home along Bellvista Blvd that evening and would be investigating the concerns, and if necessary, support BeCA's request for urgent action to repair the potholes. (BeCA is pleased to subsequently report that the potholes were repaired the following day).

Unity College continues to grow

Unity College Principal Rudy Goosem spoke on the development and growth of the school. He spoke of its early history and growth over recent years. Unity College enjoys buildings costing in excess of \$35 million and is expected to cater for a maximum of 1,500 students. There are plans for an additional three

classrooms in 2014, a future 200 seat lecture theatre and an amenities block for the school oval area.

He spoke of his concerns for traffic around the school and his attempts to communicate with parents regarding appropriate driver behaviour. He believes the traffic issues would be eased enormously with the building of a second entry / exit road to the south.

Caloundra Aerodrome issues

Sunshine Coast Airport's Simon Kinchington reported on the Caloundra Aerodrome's Masterplan which has been prepared for presentation to SCRC in March. A major inclusion affecting Bellvista residents was a proposal to construct a helicopter satellite training facility. This would remove much of the helicopter air traffic from over our estate, especially the behaviour on recent consecutive Sundays. Sunshine Coast Airport CEO, Peter Pallot was available to answer any questions. Peter reported that he responded quickly to concerns in emails he received from BeCA. He communicated the community's concerns and the Fly Neighbourly Policy which encouraged Becker Helicopters to modify their behaviour over the estate.

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being addressed. The outcome isn't perfect for residents or for Becker Helicopters but adopts a position where both parties can 'live' with the outcome.



Discussion continued with several residents voicing their concern over the behaviour of some fixed wing planes as they descended over their homes on their approach to the landing strip. These comments were 'taken on board' by Sunshine Coast Airport management.

Open Shed Program to be launched soon

Representatives from Stockland reported on the newly proposed "Open Shed" sharing program. Residents will learn more about this program in the next week or so. A letter drop will be conducted to ensure all Bellvista residents are aware of this program. You can also learn more about the program by visiting BeCA's website and following the link in this article. Open Shed's motto is "Why Buy When You Can Share?".

Liveability Survey response rate praised

The Bellvista Resident response to Stockland's "Liveability Survey" was described by Stockland's Hannah Madill as 'amazing'. The 21 per cent response rate was the best rate achieved by any of Stockland's previous surveys conducted in all of their developments across Australia. BeCA has received a \$500 donation from Stockland as thanks for its part in promoting the survey.

Official Opening and Naming of Canavan Gracie Recreational Park

President Les Thomas reminded residents of the 'Official Opening and Naming' of Canavan Gracie Recreational Park on Saturday March 23rd at 11.30am. The Gracie family and representatives of the June Canavan Foundation have indicated they will be in attendance. All Bellvista and Bells Reach residents are invited to attend. The opening will be conducted near the bus stop in Lomond Crescent.

Tavern's extended hours accepted by community

Bellvista Tavern's Dave Newbury was in attendance at the meeting seeking further community feedback on the Tavern's recent ability to remain open until midnight as required. Residents in attendance had no concerns to the extension of the Tavern's opening hours. The Tavern strives to ensure its operations have minimal impact on nearby residents. Cont/(....4)

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Condition of the lakes in Canavan Gracie Recreational Park

BeCA's Landscaping Committee Convenor reported on steps being taken to address the current condition of the lakes in Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. Recent storms had washed a lot of debris into the lake and the warmer weather has led to an outbreak of "Red Azolla". SCRC has been approached on both issues.

BeCA has since been advised by SCRC that a works order was issued on 22 February to clear the Red Azolla and lilies from the lake and the contractor has recently arrived on site to commence work.

It has been proposed that Cr Rick Baberowski will be having a 'Free Tree Day' on the same date again at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park prior to the park's "opening". This is still to be confirmed.

CARING FOR OUR RAIN GARDENS (BIOPODS)

A Rain Garden (also known as a Bio-retention basin) is a vegetated area that collects and treats stormwater runoff from the street. Rain Gardens protect our natural waterways by filtering stormwater runoff and removing excess pollutants like fertiliser.

They were introduced into this estate during the latter stages of the estate's development. They can be found around the estate in areas including Gippsland Place, Feathertop Crescent and other areas.

As sensitive areas, it is important that residents do all they can to ensure rain gardens or biopods can work as effectively as possible. This includes disposing of green and general waste via your whCeelie bin and not dumping unwanted items into your Rain Garden. Washing your vehicle on the grass and adopting your closest Rain Garden and helping the environment by removing weeds and dead plant material will also assist.

If you have a rain garden (biopod) near you and would like more information on the care and maintenance of biopods visit the BeCA website www.bellvista.com.au

INVITATION TO VISIT CALOUNDRA ARTS CENTRE EXHIBITION

Caloundra Arts Centre Association's exhibition "Unite, Inspire, Create" is currently on at Caloundra Regional Gallery in Omrah Avenue. This exhibition highlights and showcases the many diverse talents of C.A.C.A.'s members and is well worth a visit. It runs until 14th April and the Gallery is open Wednesdays to Sundays. For more information visit: www.caloundraartsandcrafts.org.au



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