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## COMMUNITY CENTRE SET TO BECOME A REALITY

It is now 'official', the old Land Sales Office is to be refurbished and handed over to the Sunshine Coast Council as a Community Meeting Place for Bellvista and Bells Reach residents.

Stockland has agreed to transfer the former Bellvista Sales Centre on Lomond Crescent, Caloundra West, to Sunshine Coast Council to manage and operate as a community meeting place.

Under the agreement, Stockland will invest in upgrades to the existing building to convert it for use as a local community meeting place.

Kingsley Andrew, Stockland General Manager Residential Queensland, said he was delighted the former sales office would be put to good use to benefit the local community.

"Stockland has a long-standing commitment to working with communities to help create a better way to live," Mr Andrew said.

"We will refurbish the Bellvista Sales Office to make it a great place for the community to meet. Work is expected to commence in June this year and take a couple of months to complete," he said.

The community facility, will provide a convenient meeting space for locals to socialise and engage in a range of community activities.

"Overlooking Bellvista Lake, the single-storey building will provide local residents with a valuable community resource on completion," Cr Baberowski said. "I look forward to celebrating the official opening of the centre later this year."

The announcement has been warmly welcomed by BeCA. It is a big win for our local community and will be a wonderful facility for members of the Bells Reach and Bellvista communities to utilise.

BeCA will keep residents informed of progress on the centre's upgrading through our newsletter and website.

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## 2014 BeCA CALENDAR

**BeCA Management Committee Meetings:**

Mon April 7, May 5, July 7 2014.

**Public Meetings::**

Mon June 2, Sept 1, AGM Nov 10, 2014.

**Newsletter Delivery Dates:**

Mid April, mid June, mid July, 2014.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Managing an aerodrome such as Caloundra is akin to managing a public road anywhere in Australia. Any car owner can drive along any road as long as the driver follows the road laws and their vehicle is suitable to use that road.

At the vast majority of aerodromes around Australia, an aerodrome is a 'public' place or a public roadway. As long as your aircraft is suitable (i.e. not oversized) and you follow the laws set down by CASA and Air Services Australia, anyone can use an aerodrome such as Caloundra Aerodrome.

The vast majority of Australia's aerodromes are like Caloundra and are classed as 'uncontrolled' public aerodromes. That means they do not have a local air traffic control tower assisting aircraft movements around an airport and can be used by any pilot and their aircraft.

Even at the SCA (Sunshine Coast Airport), the main control tower goes off duty at 7pm. The last commercial flight departs SCA at 8pm. There are other airports around Australia used by the major Airlines, Virgin, Jetstar and Tiger which use aerodromes where there isn't a local control tower to monitor aircraft movements. So to have an uncontrolled aerodrome is the norm.

SCA Management has no say over who can and who can't use Caloundra Aerodrome. This severely limits their ability to deal with the recent noise problem created by Becker Helicopters, as long as no laws created by CASA or Air Services Australia are being broken. The best SCA Management can do is to liaise with Becker Helicopters to limit the distress to Bellvista and Bells Reach residents from their helicopters' repetitive circuits.

The only way to change the current situation is to provide what the helicopter operators consider a better alternative, a Satellite Helicopter Training Facility.

**Les Thomas, President.**

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# STANDING ROOM ONLY : MARCH BeCA PUBLIC MEETING



Over 70 residents attended a fiery first BeCA Public Meeting last night. This is the largest group, possibly ever, to attend a BeCA Public Meeting and indicated the anger level of residents regarding the recent huge increase in noise from repetitive helicopter flights.

Sunshine Coast General Manager Peter Pallot was in attendance and did his best to placate the group. Local Councillor Rick Baberowski was also able to provide further information on the situation.

Some major outcomes from the discussion were:

A possible alternative Satellite Helicopter Training Facility may be at least 6 months away. Discussions continue with stakeholders on a week by week basis. It appears nothing concrete is on the table just yet but numerous options are being explored. At this stage there is no landing fee applicable to any aerodrome user.

There is enormous concern that any operator can treat a community with disdain and contempt, with no care for the health of residents nor any impact on their lifestyle. That an operator can deliberately set out to create an impact on a community to raise debate and seek a solution to his own commercial needs is absolutely appalling. That this behaviour cannot be controlled defies belief!

Civilian safety is major concern for some residents. Any cowboy behaviour of pilots is not governed by Sunshine Coast Airport Management nor is it their role to do so. Air Services Australia and CASA are the bodies responsible for pilot behaviour. To report issues of aircraft safety phone 131757.

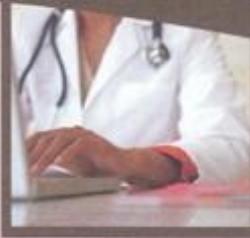
For many residents the whole episode is a public relations disaster for Caloundra Aerodrome as resentment builds among Bellvista, Bells Reach, Golden Beach and Pelican Waters residents. However BeCA has been assured plenty is happening in the background to overcome this problem.

It seems that the solution to our problems lodges firmly in the lap of our State Government and its representatives. They are the law makers, it is they who decided not to relocate Caloundra Aerodrome and it is they who offer the best solution to provide a space for a Satellite Helicopter Training Facility.

**Residents should continue to lodge their concerns with our local state government representative, MP Mark McArdle, [caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au) or call his office on (07) 5491 2780.**

It was moved that Sunshine Coast Council take immediate steps to implement a policy whereby repetitive circuits by helicopters at Caloundra aerodrome and its environs is restricted to current Caloundra Aerodrome based operators effective immediately. The motion was carried unanimously despite the knowledge that currently there is no legal standing to implement such a policy. This could only occur if there was a change made to the 'Deed' arrangements for Caloundra Aerodrome. This would require Federal Government action.

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## NEWS AROUND THE ESTATE



**The Family Fun night** held March 1st at Blue Park, Bells Reach was a great success. ‘Sneaky Sound System’ were the headliners along with local covers band Kahl and Quinn finished off with fireworks and plenty of entertainment and activities for the kids. Feedback on facebook has been very positive - people are encouraged to visit facebook to view photos from the event. We thank Stockland for organizing such a positive initiative. Lots of fun was had by all!

- Caloundra Chamber of Commerce and Sunshine Coast Regional Council are undertaking research on opportunities for economic revitalisation in the Caloundra Central Business District. As part of this research, Pracsys, a national consulting firm, has been engaging with Caloundra residents, commercial and investment property owners, and traders; as well as visitors to the area. Engagement activities to date have included local focus groups and an online survey. It is not too late for you to share your thoughts. Ongoing engagement activities will continue throughout March and you can make a valuable contribution by either: Completing the on-line survey at [culturecounts.cc/survey/caloundra](http://culturecounts.cc/survey/caloundra) by 31 March and/or by contacting Pracsys directly on (03) 9654 5775 or by email [gmoore@pracsys.com.au](mailto:gmoore@pracsys.com.au) to arrange for an over the phone feedback session or to find out about future direct engagement activities.
- BeCA desperately needs more volunteers to deliver the community newsletter. It only takes around 2 hours per edition (8 editions per year) and it’s a great way to get out in the fresh air and see more of our lovely estate. Please contact our Secretary if you can help (0498266059).
- Did you know you can book a High Tea for your special occasions at the Pod Café? Yummy! Call 0400 642 339 to make your booking.
- Interested in Photography? At Caloundra Library, join photography teacher Geoff Powell on how a camera works; learn basic techniques to improve your photography and creativity. No experience is necessary, bring your own camera. Bookings required, call Rhiannon on 1300 (542 727). March 27th 5:30-7pm.

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