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STOCKLAND UPDATE & WINE TASTING @ BeCA PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 2:

The Bells Reach development is about to reach a further 'trigger point'. The new trigger point will mean traffic management improvements will be required both along Bellvista Blvd & at the intersection with Caloundra Rd. It also brings the Caloundra South development a step closer which requires further traffic management improvements.

Stockland's Mark Stephens and Josh Sondergeld will provide an up to date briefing at the upcoming June BeCA Public Meeting on all issues effecting Bellvista and Bells Reach residents. This may also include news on the Old Land Sales Office refurbishment as it is transformed into our Community Meeting Place. This is the time to come along and ask your questions.

A wine and cheese tasting is planned for those who wish to stay after the meeting. It won't be your ordinary everyday 'run of the mill' wine and cheese night but rather a cut down version which promises challenges as well as the chance for you to put your wine tasting expertise into practice! Even though you will only be sampling wines, drink & drive responsibly.

Our guest speakers for this meeting is a 'repeat' of last year's "Sunshine Coast Council Waste Management and Recycle" topic. This was a marvelous evening in 2013, one of extremely interesting facts, of very humorous stories and a thoroughly entertaining evening for all.

We desire to steer away from the controversy of repetitive helicopter circuits and focus on a subject which is less controversial but remains extremely entertaining and informative. From a personal perspective this was a topic which I believed was less than enthralling when set for a Public Meeting in 2013. How wrong I was ...

It turned out to be a sensational night with a great presentation delivered by an extremely entertaining & thoroughly knowledgeable person.

This looks to be the last ever Public Meeting in the Old Land Sales Office, with a total refurbishment of the building beginning at the commencement of the new financial year. The new Community Meeting Place will be a marvelous facility for the Bells Reach and Bellvista Communities, hopefully completed by the September Public Meeting. It seems this will be a tight squeeze but Stockland are hopeful all will be ready in time.

Look forward to seeing you on June 2nd!

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2014 BeCA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Meetings:

Mon May 12, July 7, August 4, 2014.

Public Meetings::

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

Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Mid May, mid June, mid Aug, 2014.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

As a general rule, most residents are more than happy with the overall behaviour here at Bells Reach/ Bellvista. As with every area anywhere in Australia, there can be just a few who spoil it for others. So, as a community we need to band together and be strong to protect what we have.

Recently there have been several incidents after dark at and around Canavan Gracie Recreational Park or the Blue Park at Bells Reach. These incidents involve noise and tomfoolery. If let go unchecked, this behaviour could develop into something more serious. There has been some smoking of inappropriate substances using home-made smoking devices at the rotunda closest to the lake at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park.

If you live close by to Canavan Gracie Recreational Park at Bellvista or the Blue Park at Bells Reach and you suspect there is some inappropriate activity going on at the park call 000 or the Caloundra Police Station on (07) 5439 4444 immediately and report the incident.

This will ensure our area remains a great place for families to raise their children. It is up to each and every one of us to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

Les Thomas, President

NEW BELLS REACH SALES OFFICE:

The new Bells Reach Land Sales office is situated beside the "Pod Café" near the adventure playground at Blue Park in Bells Reach. Not only is it a spot for purchasing a new home, the Bells Reach Land Sales Office and Caloundra South Information Centre has large 'walk around' maps of the whole Caloundra South development and shows how it is to be integrated with Bellvista and Bells Reach.

It provides an excellent overview of the whole project and shows just how Bellvista and Bells Reach will form the gateway into this new exciting project. It is well worth heading over and having a look.

While you are there you can grab a quick coffee and scone at the great Pod Café as well.

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APRIL BeCA COMMITTEE MEETING:

BeCA Management Committee welcomed new committee member Nigel Marsh on board at its April Meeting. Nigel had previously attended a Management Committee meeting and was keen to be involved. Nigel fills the vacancy recently left by the resignation of former Treasurer Kerri Baxter. Nigel and his wife live in Bells Reach.



Some concerns have been raised regarding inappropriate behaviour after dark near and around the lake area by some young members of the community. BeCA urges all residents living near the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park area to report all and any inappropriate behaviour to the police. You can use "000" or call Caloundra Police Station direct on (07) 5439 4444. A resident who recently reported some poor behaviour was immediately patched through from the police station to a patrol car to provide all details. The patrol car then attended the area. It is everyone's responsibility to report inappropriate behaviour. The sooner we rid this community of these offenders, the better it will be for everyone. We need your help now!

BeCA continues to receive email correspondence on inappropriate behaviour by helicopters. These are filed and where necessary forwarded on to the relevant authorities.

Councillor Baberowski attended the Management Committee Meeting and reported he was unaware of any upcoming meeting organised by CASA where the Caloundra Aerodrome Noise issue was to be discussed.

The BeCA Landscaping spokesperson reported that weeding and mulching continued to be the major focus of the Bellvista Council Gardening team over the next few weeks. Council sub-contractors were again cleaning out biopods and they reported they were disappointed that several biopods were still being used to dump lawn clippings. These biopods should be left clear of all rubbish and garden waste to ensure they operated effectively to clean storm water 'naturally' prior to it finding its way into local waterways and eventually the Pumicestone Passage. The SCRC lawn mowing sub-contractors continue to do a marvellous job.

The 'missing' footpath in O'Reilly Drive is to be extended to the bus stop near Maroon Crt to be funded from Cr Baberowski's 'Discretionary' Fund. The final piece to extend the pathway again from Maroon Crt to Huntley Place will go onto SCRC's major works list for 2014/5. Cr Baberowski is conscious of the need to preserve some of his Discretionary Funds to ensure the new Community Meeting Place is fully completed and equipped.

B.E.L.L.S SEEKING IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE USE:

B.E.L.L.S. has expressed an interest in 'Managing' the new Community Meeting Place due to be completed early in September. B.E.L.L.S is seeking community feedback to include in their application to SCRC to ensure the facility serves the needs of the local community. BeCA believes it would be great to have a 'local' management arrangement to best serve the residents of Bellvista, Bells Reach and other neighbouring communities. Their request for community input appears as follows:

B.E.L.L.S is gathering as many ideas as possible about uses for the Community Meeting Place when it becomes a council facility later this year. We'll collate them for the Sunshine Coast Regional Council with a proposal for neighbourhood management.

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Continued... Whatever you have in mind: running a ballet class or a book club, a men's discussion group or Probus chapter. Perhaps we could organise a neighbourhood art exhibition or an afternoon of jazz on the deck. Whatever ideas you have, for regular activities or one-off events, let's add them to the possibilities. You can email ideas to bellscaoundra@gmail.com or text Phil Smith (Unity College) on 0414 823125.

Introducing: Narelle from Bella Hair @ Bellvista

We would like to introduce you to Narelle Ayres, the new salon owner of *Bella Hair @ Bellvista*.

With over 13 years in the hairdressing industry Narelle has a vast range of experience in all areas of her profession. Becoming an award winner as a first year apprentice, she knew this is where she wanted her career path to go. Over the years, Narelle has won various hairdressing competitions, worked backstage at Sydney fashion weeks and Exclusive hair shows, proving she has a flair for hair like no other. She prides herself on constantly growing and improving her skills through business and fashion seminars, and is excited to bring all of this to her clients in her own salon.

Narelle has big plans of growth for the local salon in Bellvista, tweaking the look for a more stylish and comfortable feel and offering yummy cappuccinos and luxurious massages.

To make a booking with Narelle, phone 5499 6666, or drop into the salon.

New Cycling Road Rules:

Recently the Queensland Government announced an update to the state's Cycling Road Rules. In summary: the rules now read: By law motorists must give a minimum of 1 metre when passing cyclists in a 60 km/h or less speed zone, & at least 1.5 metres where the speed limit is over 60 km/h.

Motorists will be allowed to cross centre lines, including double unbroken centre lines, straddle lane-lines or drive on painted islands to pass cyclists provided the driver has a clear view of any approaching traffic and it is safe to do so. The minimum passing distance will be trialed for 2 years and will help make drivers more aware of cyclists. To improve road safety, cyclists who break the road rules will pay fines equal to motorists. To put the new rules into practice let us imagine a cyclist is riding north on Bellvista Blvd midway between the roundabouts at Dumbarton Drive and Bellcarra Place. You are driving your car towards Caloundra Rd and you drive up behind the cyclist. You are required by law to give that cyclist 1 metre space when passing. The new law says you can cross the double line if safe to do so. You would need to cross the double lines as the roadway is so narrow there. Let us add to the situation and say there are now 2 cyclists riding abreast in the same situation. As a driver you must give the two cyclists 1 metre when you pass them! To further complicate the issue we could have one cyclist riding north, another riding south at the same spot and it could be 2:45pm on a school day!

Hopefully cyclists possess enough common sense to use the pathways and not Bellvista Blvd. The safest route for a cyclist to get to Caloundra Rd from Bellvista Blvd is to follow the pathway which heads behinds Bunnings, turn left at the playground which leads into Heathglen Crt, then left into Bellcarra Place and follow the footpath up Bellvista Blvd to Caloundra Rd.

Lets all work together to ensure everyone understands the rules so we can keep each other safe.

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