# Bellvista Community Association

## **BELLVISTA CONNECTOR**

### Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

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# OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Bellvista / Bells Reach Community Association (BeCA) is looking for new members to join the Association's management committee and/ or sub-committees. We are particularly keen to hear from Residents in Bells Reach.

BeCA has been operating since 2008 and is made up of a committee of enthusiastic residents.

Committee members are elected for a twelve month period at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is conducted in August of each year. This year the AGM will be held on Monday, 5th August.

BeCA has established itself as a strong voice and advocate for Bellvista/ Bells Reach residents and is regarded as a source of advice for local and state governments on issues affecting our area.

If you are interested in nominating for a position on the committee we encourage you to complete the nomination form on page four of this newsletter. If you would like further information on the types of roles available please do not hesitate to contact our Secretary, Debye O'Reilly on 0498266059.

Contacts:

Secretary: Debye O'Reilly 0498266059 OR Email: secretary@bellvista.com.au Website: http://www.bellvista.com.au

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#### CALENDAR

**BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:** Mon July 1, Sept 2, Oct 8, Nov 25, 2013

Public Mtgs: Mon Aug 5 (AGM), Nov 4, 2013

**Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:** Mid/Late July, Mid Sept, Mid-late Oct, 2013

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#### SAFETY IN NUMBERS

BeCA recently received a presentation from the creators of "Safety In Numbers". "Safety In Numbers" is promoting stick on reflective household numbers. Something as simple as a clear house number can make a difference in an emergency. For your own safety residents are encouraged to ensure that their house numbers are clearly marked and not impeded by vegetation and identifiable from the road. More information on reflective numbering can be found on our website or by calling 0410300045.





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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Nomination forms for election to the 2013/14 BeCA Management Committee appear in this newsletter. Please consider becoming involved. We are losing one of our younger female committee members this year and urgently need to replace her. Her input to discussions ensured the views of younger residents were always put forward. A similar new committee member is essential for BeCA to present a 'balanced' view.

We urgently require representation from residents at Bells Reach to ensure a balanced perspective can be maintained.

We understand that any involvement with BeCA can take some time for busy household members. But take a few minutes and consider being involved in your Community Association. Email any questions to secrety@bellvista.com.au or call 0498266059. Nominations will close at 4pm on Monday July 22nd.

Les Thomas, President.

# **GETTING TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY** — Dave Cooper, Sales Consultant, Ray White Caloundra South

Bellvista Market Place's newest business is Ray White Real Estate (formerly known as EZYRENT).

Recently Dave Cooper, Sales Consultant with the firm introduced himself to BeCA with the aim of promoting his presence within our community. He has 19 years experience in real estate and recently moved to the Sunshine Coast from Narangba Valley where his previous business thrived. Dave has two daughters and their families living in Bellvista. Like many other people he is very impressed with the lifestyle and sense of community our area has to offer. Clearly with many existing homes and hundreds of new homes being erected in the area Dave saw an opportunity to use his skills and experience to forge a successful business in Bellvista.

When Dave is not working he loves nothing better than spending time at the beach with his four young grandsons. One of life's pleasures is taking a long walk with his wife Joan, and relaxing with a coffee with his wife afterwards. Dave has been out pounding our streets getting to know the streets and residents. If you see him give him a wave and say hello.



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#### BELLVISTA COMMUNITY CENTRE A STEP CLOSER

At a recent meeting both BeCA and representatives from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) agreed the former Land Sales Office at Canavan Gracie Recreational Reserve would make an excellent Community Centre for Bellvista and neighbouring areas.



BeCA is interested in ascertaining any feedback from groups both locally and neighbouring which would be interested in using the facility. This is desired so SCRC can ensure the upgraded building could effectively cater for those groups. Email your interest or feedback to our secretary at secretary@bellvista.com.au or call BeCA on 0498 266059.

Stockland has considered providing the facility to Bellvista in lieu of a space it would need to provide under current planning agreements in line with the further extension of Bells Reach.

Though not reaching the standard of a purpose built facility, Council believes it could make an adequate Class 9B Community Centre with modifications.

BeCA has indicated the building would probably need to cater for two areas, a larger area and a meeting room area. There would need to be modifications on several aspects, lighting, power, disabled toilet access, uninterrupted access to and from either space to toilets and kitchen facilities. Floor surfaces would need to be considered as well. Some building protection (awnings etc) would be needed to further weather proof the building and it would need to meet all Health and Safety requirements of a Community Centre.

The building was initially designed as a purpose built land sales office with a limited lifespan. It would need to become a longer lasting community facility robust enough to handle the everyday use by gym groups, play groups etc.

SCRC will make a presentation at the August 5th BeCA Public Meeting where more information will be available on the process and on the formation of a Management Committee, its duties and responsibilities.

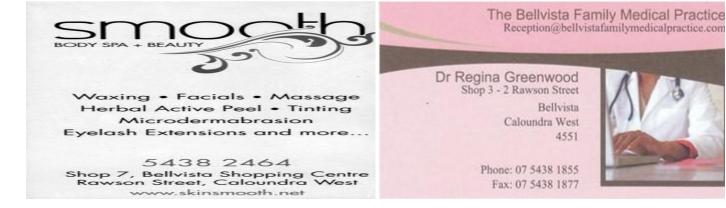
Several hurdles remain to be overcome before the Bellvista Community Centre becomes a reality. These steps may take some time. However there is confidence that if Stockland agree to the Council's proposal, the appropriate documentation could be completed sooner rather than later as Stockland is pursuing finalisation of planning for an extension of Bells Reach.

Following an agreement between Stockland and Council, the current building would need to be brought up to an appropriate standard. Stockland will also need to consider that any financial outlay required to bring the facility up to standard is viable for them.

The Bellvista Community has remained supportive of Stockland and its initiatives. At the time, a 21% return rate on Stockland's recent liveability survey was a record. The Community Association has enjoyed a long and friendly partnership with Stockland and to see the old Land Sales Office become a Community Centre would be a wonderful gesture by them and a great facility for this community.

#### **NEW FAMILY WELCOMED**

The black swan family which has made the lakes in the middle of Canavan Gracie Recreational Park their home for some time, have again welcomed 6 new cygnets into the family. We hope they survive as many were lost last time. Bellvista families should make for the lakes ASAP and show the new 'swan' arrivals off to their own young family!



#### BeCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 5TH

The Annual General Meeting of the Bellvista Community Association will be held on Monday August 5th at the Land Sales Office and will begin at 6:45 pm. All residents, land owners and members of the community who work for a business on the estate are invited to attend.

The AGM will see the election of 8 BeCA Management Committee Members. (5 Management Committee, 1 President, 1 Secretary and 1 Treasurer). Nominations from BeCA member residents, land owners or workers who work in an industry based on the estate are welcome to stand for election. The format of the election is such that people can nominate for all positions, President, Secretary, Management Committee Member etc.

Nominations close at 4pm on Monday 22 July. Contact the Secretary by email (secretary@bellvista.com.au )or by phone on 0498266059.

#### BeCA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2013/14



## Bellvista Community Association Management Committee Nomination Form

Name of Member To Be Nominated:
Nominating Member Name & Signature:
Seconding Member Name & Signature:
Signature of Acceptance By Nominee

