



**Bellvista Community Association - BeCA**

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## BeCA PUBLIC MEETING SEPT 1, 6:45PM:

A last minute overseas engagement means Mayor Jamieson is a late apology for the BeCA September Public Meeting. This meeting will now have local MP Mark McArdle as the major speaker. Cr Rick Baberowski will also be in attendance and bring everyone up to date on recent SC Council issues.

This meeting will now commence at the usual time of 6:45 on Monday September 1st. It is expected that the new Community Meeting Place will be the venue for this meeting. BeCA is seeking confirmation on its readiness from Council to ensure the venue is available. BeCA has sought to re schedule Mayor Jamieson for the November BeCA Public Meeting.

## REPETITIVE CIRCUITS BY HELICOPTERS

In January this community was harassed by Becker Helicopters in what appeared to be a deliberate ploy by the company to stir public feeling so they could achieve their goal of obtaining a Satellite Helicopter Training Facility. Previous attempts by Becker Helicopters to negotiate an appropriate satellite facility had met with inaction from authorities. The tactic of purposefully targeting a community was further described in a public letter from Becker Helicopters read out at a Public Forum Meeting called by local MP Mark McArdle. (You can read the letter on our website). In a recent article in a Qantas In Flight magazine, Becker Helicopters were highlighted as a developing mid sized company. The following quote is taken from that article:

*THE GAME-CHANGER: "To grow, you have to be prepared to bend the red tape, Becker suggests. She recalls occasions when bureaucratic procedures threatened to drastically slow the school's capacity to grow. While not ignoring those rules, she says you might need to be creative in adhering to them. Anything regulatory, such as government paperwork or safety, you have to stay in your lane. But sometimes you've just got to drive forward and get things done. Then you can seek forgiveness."* (Read the full article on our website).

BeCA remains concerned that when the proposed Satellite Training Facility is available to use that Becker Helicopters MUST not ever return to Caloundra Aerodrome and harass our residents again!

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## 2014 BeCA CALENDAR

**BeCA Management Committee Meetings:**

Mon Aug 11, Oct 7, Nov 24, 2014.

**Public Meetings:**

**Mon** Sept 1 6:45pm,

AGM Nov 3, 6:00pm, 2014.

**Newsletter Delivery Dates:**

Mid Sept, mid Oct 2014.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Friday August 29th is the date of the official handover by Stockland to the Sunshine Coast Council of the refurbished Land Sales Office as a “Community Meeting Place”. Stockland is celebrating this occasion with a small ‘Handover Ceremony’. Guests will be at Stockland’s invitation.

Prior to the agreement being reached that the building would become a community facility under the ownership of the Sunshine Coast Council, BeCA was consulted regarding the possible layout and what facilities should be included in the final plans. It was suggested that ‘concertina’ doors be included to close off areas to allow different groups to use the building at the same time. It was also believed that with a Public Toilet block nearby, the current toilet arrangements could be modified so a storage area could be created. Reasonable kitchen facilities were an imperative to further expand the building’s attraction and usability to prospective hirers.

There has been no further consultation with BeCA regarding the building’s layout. BeCA understands there will be financial constraints in the current economic climate but remains hopeful its suggestions have been included in the final layout.

The Community Meeting Place will be available for BeCA’s Public Meeting with local MP Mark McArdle at 6:45 pm on Monday September 1st, the first BeCA community function in the new building. All are welcome. Whatever the final layout is, the facility will be a marvellous addition to the Bellvista and Bells Reach communities.

**Les Thomas, BeCA President**

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## CALOUNDRA MUSIC FESTIVAL VOUNTEERS WANTED

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the Caloundra Music Festival, this years festivities run from October 3-6. Applications are open for locals wishing to volunteer, with a free t-shirt and festival entry among some of the rewards on offer!

Go to [www.caloundramusicfestival.com/about/apply/volunteers](http://www.caloundramusicfestival.com/about/apply/volunteers) to apply.

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## BeCA COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 10TH

The BeCA Management Committee met on Thursday July 10th. Correspondence had been received from a concerned resident who was walking with his wife and 5 month old grandson and they were approached by a large dog. This made the couple fear for their own safety and that of their 5 month old grandchild. SC Council By-Laws indicate all dogs in public places should be on a leash. The incident occurred near the new Blue Park at Bells Reach during the mid year school holidays. The park was full of happy families enjoying the sunshine and the park's facilities.



Some BeCA Management Committee members reported on various recent incidents with dogs including unleashed dogs at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. BeCA will place a Sunshine Council By Laws "Fact Sheet" regarding dogs in public on the Public Notice Board and will feature the issue in the upcoming "Connector" newsletter.

As the new "financial year" gets into full swing BeCA has revamped its Advertising Rates Schedule to better reflect the access the newsletter has into 1400 Bellvista/Bells Reach homes. The revised scheme will come into effect with the August Newsletter. BeCA has had more interest for spaces than the number of spots available. Hopefully this will insulate the Association from future unforeseen circumstances regarding the newsletter's production.

Councillor Baberowski was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded a written report. His report remarked on the closeness of negotiations between Council, State Government and the relevant land holder working together to deliver a resolution to the Satellite Training Facility.

Upgrading Bellvista Blvd: The project coordinator was hopeful that "traffic delaying" works would be completed by Fri July 11th. Unfortunately some drivers experienced longer than expected delays week 1 (particularly Wednesday) due to the nature of the stabilisation works and the equipment being used. At the last minute, due to in-situ material variances it was necessary to change the stabilisation medium from bitumen to cement which resulted in the additional delays.

The New Community Meeting Place: The current building renovations being undertaken by Stockland, and including the additional extras regarding the toilets which are being funded through Councillor Baberowski, need to be completed to the agreed specification of the Council. The legal process of transfer of the Bellvista Land Sales Office land and the building, is also linked to the current development application to create another 350 lots in Bells Reach lodged by Stockland with the State government. It is understood from discussions this week with the State government that a decision on this application by the State is to occur in the next 10 days. With the mechanism of the State approving the new Bells Reach allotments, and provided the building renovations are completed to Council's specification, the final steps will be able to occur allowing the transfer of the Bellvista sales office over to the Sunshine Coast community. BeCA thanks Cr Baberowski for supplying these updates.

One of the BeCA Management Committee Members is involved with the creation of smart phone apps. Following a presentation at the July BeCA Management Committee meeting, BeCA will further investigate

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having a smart phone app created and available for download at no cost to residents. This would be a marvellous way for us to reach out to more residents and provide updates on incidents around the estate and new additions to the website or our Facebook page. It would also be an excellent way for many local businesses to promote themselves and to alert local residents to 'special deals' or happenings.

A BeCA Sub-Committee will meet again in August to further discuss the promotion. This would further ensure that the app could be produced at no cost to BeCA.

## NEWS AROUND THE ESTATE

### "OFF LEASH" OR "ON"?

On the Sunshine Coast, it is Council law that all dogs in public places must be on a leash. Recently, an elderly couple were carrying their 5 month old grand child near the Blue Park in Bells Reach when a youth on a bike rode past with his largish dog in tow and not on a leash. Out of curiosity the dog went to the elderly couple to check things out. It sniffed around the elderly lady and eyed off the 5 month old baby. This caused much anguish to the couple who were concerned for the safety of themselves and the infant. When challenged about the dog not being on a leash and that this behaviour was against SC Council By Laws, the youth replied that this was not true and that his behaviour was quite legal.

The facts are, all dogs in Public Places on the Sunshine Coast must be on a leash unless they are in a designated 'off leash' area, of which there are none in our estates. A pdf copy of the Council Regulations regarding dogs and leashes is available on our website if you are unsure how the rules effect you.

**BONDI VET VISIT A BARKING SUCCESS:** It was standing room only when the star of The Bondi Vet TV Show made an appearance at Luke's Bellvista Market Place IGA on Friday July 11th. Cameras were popping everywhere as people sought a better look or a photo of the TV Personality, vet Dr Chris Brown. The carpark was full and there were lots of dogs (all on leashes) there as well. Well done IGA team for organising such a great event for our community.

**HALLS CREEK TOUR:** In August (Sat 23rd and Sun 24th August), Stockland is hosting free guided site tours of Halls Creek. There are two tours per day – either a 10am or 12.30pm tour – with Stockland providing 4WD bus transport. Each tour will take approximately 2 hrs (includes travel time) – with pick up and drop offs from the Bells Reach Sales Centre. Bookings are essential. People can register via [www.caloundrasouthhalls creek.com.au](http://www.caloundrasouthhalls creek.com.au) or via email address: [fleur.thresher@stockland.com.au](mailto:fleur.thresher@stockland.com.au). Stockland will have some of their technical experts on site for any questions people may have. This is a great opportunity for residents to better understand the issue regarding the possibility of Halls Creek being a future site for residential development post 2031 under the current State Government's plan.

**BLUE PARK:** The Blue Park has won yet another award! Urban Play has received a Playspace Award of Excellence in the Parks and Leisure Australia Regional Awards for the design and creation of the playground. Last year, Eureka Landscapes won the Best Landscape Feature in the Landscape QLD Construction Excellence Awards. Remember you can access free WiFi at Blue Park! To use it, search for a WiFi connection & when you have a link to the Stockland Bells Reach WiFi page, you'll see a screen where you click on 'proceed'!

\*\*\*\*For the latest news around the estate visit [www.bellvista.com.au](http://www.bellvista.com.au)\*\*\*\*

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