

# THE CONNECTOR



## Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to inform Bellvista residents that we can now welcome Lani Ogilvie to the 2013/14 Bellvista Community Association Management Committee. Lani is a younger resident and will ensure the views of younger families are represented at BeCA Meetings.

BeCA is considering different ideas for its Public Meetings to ensure they remain relevant with Bellvista and Bells Reach residents. Timing of these meetings is always difficult when our area has so many young families.

Young families are usually at their most hectic as mum and dad return home from work, prepare evening meals and get young families ready for bed before stretching out and relaxing themselves. The last thing these people want to do is attend a 6:45 pm public meeting! The reality is these members of our community will find attending any meeting at any time out of the question.

Therefore, usually but not always, Public Meetings will attract members of the community who are 'available' to attend, people who no longer have a young family to oversee. BeCA will endeavor to ensure residents available and interested in attending Public Meetings are made to feel welcome and that these meetings are relevant to their interests and needs.

Les Thomas  
**President**

### 2013 BECA CALENDAR

**BeCA Management Committee Meetings:**

Mon October 8, Nov 25, 2013.

**Next Public Meeting:**

Mon November 4 2013.

**Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:**

Mid October, early December 2013.

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### ITS MAGPIE SWOOPING SEASON

Its magpie season again when our friendly magpies swoop on unsuspecting walkers and bike riders to protect their young. If you see any swooping magpies or experience one yourself please let your community know its location by posting a note on our facebook page. This will alert other people to avoid or be careful in the area.

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We have changed the name of our newsletter from the 'Bellvista Connector' to 'The Connector' to reflect the inclusion of Bells Reach in our readership.



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## MEET LANI OGILVIE OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

I've always been a fan of Caloundra, and my husband and family have enjoyed many wonderful holidays here. Living on the Northside of Brisbane, we found we were starting to spend an increasing amount of time on the Bruce Highway escaping the city to Caloundra for an afternoon swim, dinner out, to meet friends and family and so on....everyone here seemed so fit, friendly and happy!

So just over 2 years ago, my husband and I decided to move here to get fit and healthy and start a family.

After extensive research, it became clear to me that Bellvista was definitely the right place for us with the different parks, lake and walkways. We walked morning and night around the lake, the weight fell off (20kg's for me), the shoulders relaxed and then came a little boy, (now not so little at 14 months and 12 kilos of cheekiness!). Soon my sister moved here with her family and my parents after that, we all love meeting at the park to kick around a ball or the Tavern for dinner. It has been the best decision of our lives!

I wanted to join BeCA, to help give back to this lovely place that has given me so much! Being active in the local community is really the best way to ensure places like Bellvista stay safe and enjoyable for our families, I strongly encourage you do the same.

**Lani Ogilvie**

## POST BOX FINDS NEW HOME

Despite being told a move for the post box from near the bus stop in Lomond Crescent to Bellvista Market Place was not going to happen, that move did happen . The post box is now in Rawson Street near the Bellvista Market Place entry driveway.

It had to be positioned in the new spot to provide Postal services easy access to collect mail for delivery. Though the new position isn't in the safest place, it is believed that was the best spot available.

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM BeCA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

For those residents who were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in August we would like to provide the following information.



Key speakers were Rick Baberowski, our local Councillor from Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) and Mark Stephens from Stockland.

Dave Newberry (former Duty Manager of the Bellvista Tavern) introduced Sara Bliesner who has taken over the Duty Manager's role at the Bellvista Tavern following Dave's move to the company's new Brightwater Hotel.

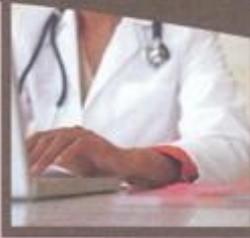
Les Thomas reported on a busy 2012/13 year for BeCA and on issues to be addressed for the upcoming year. These include concerns such as the missing footpath in O'Reilly Drive, improved foot access between Bellvista and Little Mountain, shade over the play equipment in Rawson St, bus seat shelters, adequate road access into and out of Bellvista and Bells reach, ongoing concerns over the condition of Bellvista Blvd and the Land Sales Office as a future Community Centre. The President also reported on the need for involvement of the Bells Reach Community within the Community Association.

BeCA's Landscaping Committee representative reported on the wonderful job being done by our local "SCRC Gardening Team". He went on to say that he still conducted regular face to face meetings with Council Supervisors ensuring our parks and gardens concerns were being addressed. Finally it was reported that recent maintenance had been carried out on many biopods across the estate. The parks and gardens are looking at their best thanks to the work of the 'SCRC Gardening Team'.

All those who had previously nominated for positions on the BeCA Management Committee were then elected unopposed. One remaining vacancy has since been filled by Lani Ogilvie.

Councillor Baberowski reported on his recent 'road' trip to investigate issues facing other Councils and Shires. He visited Councils in NSW and Victoria and noted their concerns reflected concerns also confronting the SCRC. Cr Baberowski mentioned that he would initiate discussions with Stockland on the current unacceptable condition of Bellvista Blvd. He reported that an 'in principle' agreement had been reached with Stockland on the future of the old Land Sales Office as a Community Facility subject to satisfactory financial costings affecting both Council and Stockland.

Mark Stephens advised that planning for Caloundra South was well underway with future stages to be announced during 2014. He described some of the design features currently being investigated as quite innovative, especially discussions with Education Queensland on a government school site to the south of Lamerough Creek. Planning on future roads is underway. In due course this could include the partial duplication of Bellvista Blvd. However the major road planning development would most likely be an extension to Kawana Way. A future major shopping precinct is to be situated to the south of Bellvista and would be larger than "Chermside". This too is still some time away. We can expect to see lots released for sale in Caloundra South when the Bells Reach lots have all been sold.

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## FIRE SEASON LOOKOUT

It has been reported to BeCA that the local kids have built an awesome BMX track in the forest at the top of the estate where the fire tracks are behind Huntley Street. BeCA has heard that local residents have no problems with this as the kids are well entertained and active out of school hours. Regretfully they are leaving litter everywhere and recently they have got articles of ladies clothing hanging from the trees. Recently they have been burning them.

The introduction of fire into the scene, especially at the beginning of the fire season, changes the nature of this situation. BeCA encourages local kids to get out and enjoy themselves and have fun. However with the beginning of the fire season, the introduction of burning items in a bush area close to Bellvista homes could have dire consequences for residents.

The issue is being handed on to Caloundra Police for their attention.

## AROUND THE ESTATE

- Waterways around the estate have been cleared of overgrown weeds and plants to allow storm water to get away more easily. With the storm season approaching, this maintenance work is most welcome. Bellvista and Bells reach remain well above the 'once in a 100 years' flood line, unlike many other areas here on the Sunshine Coast.
- Despite being one man down (the team leader is enjoying his annual leave) the remaining two workers of the SCRC Bellvista Gardening Maintenance Team are hard at it keeping the estate looking its best. If you spot a gardening or parks issue around the estate which may require attention, find the team where ever they may be working and pass on any information.
- Reports are that sales are going along nicely in the Bells Reach development. If you haven't wandered over to the new development for a look recently it is worth a visit. The building activity has to be seen to be believed. Don't visit for a few weeks and when you go back, there are complete new stages open and builders hard at work. The most recent stage opening has been to the north of development and borders quite closely to the aerodrome runway. This hasn't appeared to have deterred purchasers as building continues at a frenetic pace.

## AIRPORT FORUM

BeCA representatives attended the Caloundra Aerodrome Community & Aviation Industry Forum conducted recently at the Caloundra Council Offices.

Since the last Forum meeting, a Sunshine Coast Airport representative has had meetings with the State Government regarding funding for the construction of a Satellite Helicopter Training Facility. However there has been no concrete outcome to these meetings at this stage. A full report from the meeting is available on the BeCA website under 'News and Events'.



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