

The BeCA 2018 Management Committee will be elected at the Public Meeting, Nov 6th at Bellvista Meeting Place at 6:45pm. Nominations are invited.



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# The Connector



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## BeCA AGM November 6th

The Bellvista Community Association (later Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association) was created by Stockland at a series of Public Meetings in early 2008.

The original "Bellvista Community Association" was then formed in mid-2008 and has since endeavoured to provide a line of communication between the residents and Council, Members of Parliament, Stockland and other bodies covering a range of issues affecting the local residents.

BeCA is made up of 8 Management Committee Members who are elected annually at the BeCA AGM. This year's AGM is due to be conducted at the November BeCA Public Meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Bellvista Meeting Place at 6:45pm.

BeCA conducts 4 of these public meetings each year and the Management Committee meets monthly during the months when there isn't a Public Meeting scheduled. We do not meet in December or January but there is an extra Management Committee Meeting held in November following the AGM.

We frequently have our Councillor attend our Management Committee Meetings and from time to time, Stockland Management or other relevant representatives.

BeCA is governed by a "Constitution" which is freely available on the BeCA website.

BeCA communicates with its community via an 8x per annum publication, "The Connector" which contains advertising, the primary source of the Association's

funding. The Caloundra RSL funds the paper for "The Connector" and we are able to photo copy off the 2500 copies of "The Connector" each edition at the offices of our local MP, Mark McArdle at no cost to the Association.

BeCA also maintains a web presence at bellvista.com.au which is the primary source of information for the community. Linked to the website is BeCA's Facebook account which provides a second online presence. The Facebook account makes it simple for people to keep up with the latest happenings via an 'app' on their android or iOS device.

With the AGM due shortly, it is time for BeCA to seek Nominations for the 2018 BeCA Management Committee. Nominations are open to residents who live or work in the Bellvista/Bells Reach (including Arbour) areas. There is a nomination form available on page 4 of this Newsletter. Feel free to consider becoming involved and complete a nomination form.

It should be lodged with the BeCA Secretary (or via the "Positive Property People" office at Bellvista Market Place) by 4pm on Monday October 23rd 2017.

Note that Baringa residents are invited to submit a written request that they too would like to be involved with BeCA.

Stockland believes that as Baringa grows, so too will the need for that area to have its own Community Association. It is hoped that interested Baringa residents who become involved with BeCA could form the nucleus of a future Baringa Community Association. At the November Public Meeting BeCA has extended

invitations to Noel Baggs, the Principal of the new Baringa school and Jason Hunt, the ALP Candidate for Caloundra. It is a good chance for residents to meet and greet with Jason and pass on their views on the needs of our rapidly expanding community.

Website 27th September



## Caloundra RSL October News

With Spring now set in, there has never been a better time to come and visit the Caloundra RSL. There is something happening every day of the week with live and free entertainment 7 days a week.

Every Thursday night in Viva you can get two meals and a bottle of wine for just \$40 (members price) from 5.30pm. Make this a date night, our Chefs are really ramping up the quality and now have a dedicated following of members every Thursday Night.

"Caloundra Uncorked" (Food and Wine tasting event) is now on sale and this year it will be held on Saturday the 28th of October 2017 from 2.30pm till 5.30pm at the Caloundra RSL lower Viva deck area.

Melbourne Cup is just around the corner and tickets are now on sale for a Hampers and Champers event featuring a full day of entertainment plus a dining package that will make you think you are sitting on the grass at Flemington.

Visit the Club's website for additional details of events and entertainment coming up at the Caloundra RSL. Our Courtesy Bus is available and ready to pick you up 7 days a week.

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### Bells Reach Park Maintenance

During the construction of Bells Reach, the developer, Stockland, constructed and maintained the wonderful parks and gardens via their own contractor. During construction it was important that all Bells Reach parks and gardens should be looking their best to help support land sales. As a result there would be regular lawn cutting and garden maintenance on a scale Council could not even consider maintaining.

It was commonplace to see contract workers daily sweeping the sand back into play areas from where it had been spread by active youngsters during play the day before. Council could never afford this level of maintenance from the ratepayers coffers.

As the Bells Reach development is now all but complete, Stockland is beginning a staged hand over of the maintenance of each Bells Reach park to Council. Council inspects each area prior to handover and makes requests for Stockland to carry out some work so each park meets Council's requirements. It is expected Council

Contractors will be taking on Bells Reach Parks maintenance, unlike Bellvista which has Council employed gardeners to carry out the work.

With the staged handover in mind, BeCA recently carried out its own audit of all Bells Reach and Arbour parks to familiarize itself with the situation. BeCA will use this information as it liaises with Council or with residents over any raised concerns.

During the visit BeCA noticed some graffiti at Active Park and has used the "MyCouncil" website to lodge a request and had the graffiti removed.

BeCA encourages residents to familiarize themselves with the MyCouncil website and create their own "MyCouncil" account so they can have issues attended to by Council. BeCA received a "reference number" for their records after lodging their requests which it can use if any follow up action is required.

Take a few moments, Google "Sunshine Coast Council MyCouncil" and create your own MyCouncil account.

Website Sept 19th

### Breathing Life Back Into The Garden

Bell's Reach residents who live near the Active Park in Indigo Road may have noticed some activity happening in the Community Garden over the last few weeks.

The garden was originally built and maintained by Stockland as part of their community program, under the guidance of a number of green-fingered and thumbled local residents. The garden flourished – but sadly, over time, the garden has gone a little feral.

Enter the Caloundra West Lions who have put up their collective hands and trowels and made an application to the Council to take over the management and well-being of this great community project.

Recently, some of the Lions have been busy weeding and watering each weekend.

They have been in touch with various Council reps about how to get the garden looking and producing as it was originally envisaged – and have been grateful to Bruce Smith who provided invaluable soil, manure, mulch and liquid nutrients to help get the soil ready for planting.

The Lions are looking to have gardening days for the local residents as a regular part of the calendar in the hope that, as a community, we can come together and learn about sustainable food production that we can all share as well as getting to know our neighbours.

Look out for further information about what's happening in the garden on the "Bells Reach Community Garden" Facebook page.

The local Lions club meets on the third Monday of each month at the Bellvista Tavern – any new faces are always welcome.

Website Sept 28th

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**Baringa State Primary School  
Enrolment Information  
(from the School's Website)**

Baringa State Primary School will adopt an Enrolment Management Plan to ensure we can provide quality in public education to all students. Families residing outside the catchment area will be invited to submit an expression of interest which will be assessed by a review committee and placed on a waiting list. A detailed map of the catchment area can be downloaded from the school's website.

Broadly speaking, children living in Bellvista, Bells Reach, Baringa and other parts of Caloundra West are eligible to enrol at the new school.

Families living in the catchment are asked to complete, and e-mail, an Application for student enrolment (PDF, 337KB) for each child enrolling at the school. Once the Application for student enrolment (PDF, 337KB) form has been received, families will be contacted by the school and invited to an enrolment interview. These forms are available from the Enrolments section of the School's new website.

Families attending an interview will need to:

- Bring the child/ren named on the enrolment form
- Provide an original, full Birth Certificate (for students not previously enrolled in an Education Queensland school)
- Provide Proof of residency including
  - one primary source - e.g. current lease agreement, rates notice or unconditional sale agreement and
  - one secondary source - e.g. utilities bill (electricity, gas, telephone)
- Provide current passport and visa for any child born overseas
- Provide copies of any relevant custodial documents and/or court orders.

If you have any problems opening or emailing the application for enrolment form, please, print, scan and forward to Dianne Winthrop, Business Manager, at [dwint27@eq.edu.au](mailto:dwint27@eq.edu.au)

**Forms**

The following forms will be provided at the enrolment interview for your perusal and signature.

- Enrolment Agreement
- Third Party Website Consent Form
- Media Consent Form
- Acceptable Use of ICT Facilities and Devices
- Student Resource Scheme agreement form

Parents should make themselves familiar with all of the information available from the school's website. This should be your first 'port of call' for all information.

<http://tinyurl.com/baringaschool>

**New "Permanent" Toilet Block.**



As a requirement of the handover of Quinn Park from Stockland Management to Sunshine Coast Council control, Stockland has convinced Council to permit a permanent Toilet Block to be included in the agreement.

Generally Council will only provide for a permanent Toilet Block if a public park is classed as a district park rather than a community park. Toilet block maintenance is a hefty financial commitment for Council and therefore to have a permanent fixture at a community park is a rarity.

At the time of writing the toilet block was still under construction but should be completed and functioning by the time you read this article.

**Local Parks and Gardens Update**

BeCA has submitted Service Requests via the MyCouncil website to have other minor maintenance issues attended to at several Bells Reach Parks. The requests included repair to a broken gate and the repair of two broken "Doggy Bag" dispensers.

It appears the bore water pump for the lakes in the middle of Canavan Gracie Recreational Reserve cannot be repaired. BeCA has been notified that a new pump should be fitted before the end of September. At BeCA's suggestion, and while the water level is low, Council will carry out a further clean up of larger items which have been discarded into the lakes. Larger items can be spotted more easily because of the lower water level.

Website September 19/21

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## Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association Management Committee Nomination Form 2017/2018

Name of Member to be Nominated: .....

(Delete Positions Below That DO NOT Apply for this nomination Form)

For: BeCA Management Committee/BeCA Secretary/BeCA President/BeCA Treasurer.

Nominating Member Name & Signature: .....

Seconding Member Name & Signature: .....

Date: .....

I accept this Nomination (Nominee's Signature): .....

This form must be completed and in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the Annual General Meeting to be held on **06/11/17**.  
If you wish to nominate for more than one position, you will need a completed form for each nomination.

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