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*Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year
from Bellvista Community
Association*

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2014 BeCA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Meetings:

Mon Feb 3, April 7, May 5, 2014.

Public Meetings::

Mon Mar 3, June 2, Sept 1, 2014.

Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Mid Feb, mid April, mid June, 2014.

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FREE CHRISTMAS EVENT AT BELLS REACH PARK

Stockland is hosting a free Christmas event on December 14 kicking off at 5.30pm at Blue Park, Bells Reach. There'll be food and refreshment stalls, plus a visit from Santa, Mrs Claus and their elves along with Christmas carols and songs. The movie 'Super Buddies' will be shown on the big screen at 7pm with a firework finale at 8.30pm.

Residents are encouraged to bring a rug along. Sounds like a fun night for the whole family.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Christmas is almost with us again and I would like to wish all residents a very merry Christmas, a happy new year and most importantly a safe return from the Christmas break.

Our community is a wonderful mix of first home buyers, families making a new home on the Sunshine Coast and older couples seeking a sea change or moving from larger inland centres to retire here.

Our roads are designed to keep speeds down. We all need to take extra care on our local roads as children enjoy their holidays. They don't always think before they act so we older members of the community need to maintain care and be on the alert on our roads. Roads around parks and pathways are probably where drivers need to keep their wits about them.

We have received reports of snakes on or near footpaths so we all need to maintain a careful watch as we travel around Bellvista and Bells Reach.

Thanks also to those dog walkers who use plastic bags to clean up after their pet. Our Gardening Team does request that these bags go into rubbish bins rather than disposed of behind stone walls or into gardens.

Have a great break everyone and we look forward to catching up again in 2014.

Les Thomas
President

CALOUNDRA AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

BeCA attended the above forum on 13 November. A full report can be found on our website including the latest on the satellite helicopter training facility and recent emails concerning excessive helicopter activity over the estate (www.bellvista.com.au)

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FOCUS ON NEW PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND OUR HEALTH AT BeCA NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETING



In excess of 40 people were in attendance at the final BeCA Public Meeting for 2013 on Monday November 4th. BeCA was delighted with this support, especially as there were many new faces in attendance. Many remained after the meeting to chat further with presenters and were able to discuss personal concerns with the appropriate dignitary and enjoy a hot drink and some snacks.

Kevin Hegarty (CEO of Sunshine Coast Health Service) spoke at length on the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital. The smaller "Private Hospital" opened early November.

When the project is completed in 2021 the complete Public hospital will have almost 750 beds and have a combined staff of about 10,000. The "Private Hospital" section currently up and running on the site has a component to take "Public" patients.

The size of the new Public Hospital building will be about the size of Suncorp Stadium when completed. The overall size of the total project is amazing. It is expected the completed University Public Hospital will be receiving patients in December 2016. The adjacent Private Hospital is really quite small when compared to the overall completed project.

There has been interest from doctors all around the world wishing to make the Sunshine Coast their home and work in the hospital. The hospital will lift the Coast's health self-sufficiency percentage from 85% to 95%. This means that almost all medical procedures can be carried out here on the Coast and patients would only need to travel to Brisbane for highly specialized procedures, e.g. heart transplants, serious burns etc.

There are two informative Youtube Videos which contain much of the information received at the BeCA Meeting. These videos provide the viewer with some idea of the magnitude of this project:

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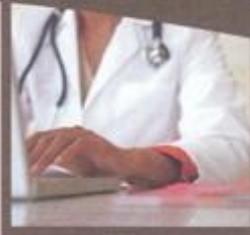
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MP Mark McArdle speaks on health issues

Local MP Mark McArdle spoke at the public meeting on issues relevant to life on the Sunshine Coast. He also suggested the audience should not underestimate the effect the new hospital would have on life here with a huge influx of young professionals and families into the area. Not only would the new hospital provide improved services for the community but it would also be a major research facility at the cutting edge of medical research and development.

With an ageing population Mark was at length to point out the danger that diabetes poses to residents of the Coast. The current level of people suffering from diabetes is predicted to treble in the next ten years. Residents should be doing at least 30 minutes exercise per day (walking was highly recommended), should monitor their dietary habits, quit smoking and reduce their alcohol intake.

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NOVEMBER BeCA PUBLIC MEETING (Continued from page 3...)

Mark McArdle said the Pumicestone Passage is a pristine water area which should be maintained at all costs. There is a need to protect migratory birds, to be extremely vigilant on any effect the Caloundra South development would have on the waterway, and to stamp out any inappropriate use by negligent owners of certain water crafts (some irresponsible owners of Jet ski's) using the area.

As a lifetime resident of Queensland, Mark pointed out the need for all residents to "Prepare" for the upcoming storm season. Residents should ensure they have a torch with new batteries, a battery operated radio and a fully charged mobile phone as a basic storm preparation pack. Residents should also check their insurance policies to ensure they are covered and be sure their flood cover is really 'flood cover'.

And finally, Movember is a cause close to Mark's heart and he touched on his own recent experiences with Prostate cancer. He urged all males to seek an annual check-up with their local GP.

Cr Rick Baberowski Council Update

Cr Rick Baberowski brought the audience up to date with numerous activities and celebrations in various towns of our very large Division 1.

He too reiterated the effect the development of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital would have on the whole Sunshine Coast. The influx of young professionals would fuel the growth of areas such as Caloundra South which would also have an impact on communities and businesses in towns such as Beerwah and Landsborough.

He believes the extension of the runway at Sunshine Coast Airport and the subsequent opening of the region to direct International flights, and the future Maroochydore City Centre Project were major developments the coast would enjoy in the near future.

Rick mentioned in closing that Council was now at the pointy end of de-amalgamation with 450 jobs now being re allocated back to the new Noosa Council. Many of these positions will become redundant as Noosa seeks to streamline its operation. This will cause pain for some local families.

Other matters

Representatives of Stockland were also in attendance and spoke of an extension to Bellvista Blvd to accommodate the next stages in the development of Bells Reach. It was expected this would occur early in 2014. BeCA will be kept informed on these developments and communicate information to residents.

The future of the Old Land Sales Office and the condition of Bellvista Boulevard remain on the negotiating table regarding a Caloundra South infra- structure agreement between Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Stockland. We were advised that these issues were still well and truly in the midst of negotiations.

The BeCA President spoke of issues BeCA is pursuing. Many of these issues had already come to a successful conclusion. Issues include the proposed Helicopter Satellite Training Facility, the use of heavy trucks servicing the Bells Reach development on Bellvista Blvd, Blue Park lighting issues at the new adventure playground at Bells Reach, and the situation of members of the SCRC Bellvista Gardening Team.



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