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Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

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At the time of printing this newsletter roadwork at the top of Bellvista Boulevard (at Caloundra Road roundabout) was largely complete and early indications from some residents is that it has helped improve traffic flow out of the estate.

Although it is not a total solution to entry / access issues to the estate it does improve traffic flow with the provision of two clearly marked lanes onto Caloundra Road. BeCA Committee is keen to receive feedback from residents and this can be done by visiting the Bellvista Community Association Facebook page.

EARLY MORNING TOUCH 'N GO'S

A small single engined aeroplane decided to do several touch 'n go landings at Caloundra Airport soon after 6 am on Monday 12 March. For aircraft based at Caloundra Airport this is outside the guidelines set out in the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement".

After completing at least four touch n go landings the aircraft disappeared to the west and over the horizon. This seemed to indicate the offending aircraft was not one based locally but a visitor from another airport using Caloundra Airport facilities to practise landings at no fee.

Non Caloundra Airport based aircraft are not subject to the special conditions set out in the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement" but are subject to CASA's guidelines. CASA's guidelines permit this sort of behaviour.

BeCA's website recently added a page under the News & Events Tab called "Airport Noise Complaints". The page endeavours to set out a 'fair' representation of the situation regarding our estate and the rules that Caloundra Airport tenants try to maintain above and beyond the regulations set out by CASA, the major aircraft rules and regulation body for all aircraft operating in Australia. The website also provides details on how you can lodge a complaint regarding excessive aircraft noise.

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CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:

Mon April 2, June 4, July 2, 2012

Public Mtgs:

Mon May 14th, Aug 6, Nov 5, 2012

Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Late March, Early May, Mid June 2012

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi everyone,

There are times when people seek out BeCA to discover what the residents think about different issues, be they about the new Tavern, the proposed stage of the International Rally of Queensland at Caloundra Airport or feedback for Stockland on how the new roadworks have impacted on access to the estate. You can do this via the BeCA Facebook page. If you go to the BeCA website at www.bellvista.com.au you will find links on every page to the BeCA Facebook page. Follow the BeCA Facebook page link and leave your feedback, it is as easy as that to have your views recorded!

The news in this newsletter can be a little outdated by the time it is written and printed before getting to your home as the Bellvista Connector. For the latest information always visit the BeCA website. BeCA tries to keep the community Information Board at Bellvista Market Place reasonably up to date with relevant information as well. The board is in the small passageway leading to the toilet facilities. It is easy to spot if you are heading from the shops down to the underground carpark too.

Les Thomas, President.

RESIDENTS WELCOME NEW TAVERN AND PIZZA SHOP

'Pepper's Pizza & More' Take Away Food shop opened mid March at Bellvista Market Place. A copy of the menu is available via the BeCA website.

This now means that all shops at the shopping village are occupied. Together with the newly opened Bellvista Tavern, residents now have access to a range of eat-in / take-away food without having to leave the estate.

Adjacent to the shops the new tavern offers a range of eat-in meals including nightly specials, Monday \$15 Schnitzel and choice of toppings, Tuesday 2 mains for \$25, Wednesday \$15 Steak specials, Thursday \$10 pizza or pasta. Blackboard specials are also proposed. For those who like a friendly challenge Trivea nights have commenced every Thursday evening and new players are welcome.

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REPORT FROM MARCH BECA COMMUNITY MEETING



The President welcomed all who had braved the extremely wet weather conditions to attend the meeting and then introduced the speakers and guests to the audience. The guests included the five candidates for the upcoming SCRC Division 1 Council Election.

1. The President welcomed Dave Newberry (part owner of Bellvista Tavern) to the meeting. He spoke on various issues on the opening of his establishment and the aims they have to support the community and its residents. Some issues regarding noise, pokies and opening hours were raised from the floor.

2. The President then welcomed Mick Graham (President Golden Beach Progress Association) to the meeting. Mick spoke on his vision for the future of Caloundra Airport. This included:

- A Private/Public Partnership should be negotiated between SCRC, State Government, Federal Government and various private enterprises to fund the airport relocation.
- There is a need to preserve jobs and create permanency for the current tenants.
- To ensure the viable future preservation it should be relocated to a site to the south of Caloundra and near the Pumicestone Passage. It could be built on flood prone land.
- There is a need for 'people power' to facilitate the relocation, i.e. co-ordinated pressure from local community groups to pressure SCRC and the Government into considering relocation.
- The opportunity for a private developer to relocate the airport to create a business involving fly in/fly out facilities and to be a centre for the export of tropical Queensland fruits and seafood to the Asian market should be a focus.
- The Queensland Air Museum must be retained at all costs. It too should be relocated to an area possibly opposite Corbould Park where it could be developed into a major Tourist Attraction. The Caloundra RSL has a substantial collection of wartime memorabilia and it too should be encouraged to relocate its collection and combine with the Queensland Air Museum to create a unique Tourist attraction and social hub on the main road into Caloundra.

3. The International Rally Of Queensland (IROQ) "Super Stage" at Caloundra Airport Proposal. The President outlined a proposal received from SCRC on its plan to conduct a "Super Stage" of the IROQ and its possible impact on local communities. Feedback from Bellvista residents is being encouraged via its Facebook page. There was some trepidation to the timing of this consultation, as several in the audience felt the Super Stage was already fully planned and 'set in stone'. Another view expressed was that it is impossible for Bellvista residents to know what it will be like until after the 26th May event has occurred. If there was a negative impact for Bellvista residents, then they would want to re assess their options. There was not any negative feedback from the audience on the proposal as it stands, only positives as many saw it as a wonderful tourist opportunity for our area.

4. All five candidates for the upcoming SCRC Division 1 Councillor Election were introduced: Steve Attrill, Rick Barborowski, Bob McLean, Rhys Reynolds, and Anne Ross. Steve Attrill and Bob McLean addressed the meeting. The other three candidates had previously addressed the November Meeting.

BeCA will provide a post on its website with web page or Facebook link for each of the candidates for Bellvista resident information.

Visit the BeCA website for further information on reports tabled by individual BeCA Committee members.



INCREASED AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

As the weather improves, particularly the nights, residents can probably expect a few more movements in and out of Caloundra Airport over the next couple of months.

BeCA has received and passed on to Chopperline concerns from several residents over increased movements (especially at night) by helicopters and alerted them to comments appearing on our Facebook page.

Chopperline always insists they instruct their pilots to observe the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement". Residents should be aware that non Caloundra Airport based aircraft are not subject to the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

As a general note we have had the Surf Rescue Helicopters flying at Caloundra which is only temporary for their Pilot on-going Training and maintenance flights of these helicopters.

The AGL rescue helicopter has also had a few flights in & out. Other helicopter operators not based at Caloundra have also been doing some training at Caloundra Airfield.

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OTHER NEWS AROUND THE ESTATE

BeCA has received several concerns from residents over vandalism issues, hoon activities and Airport Noise Complaints. BeCA shouldn't be the first option when these complaints are made. Complaints regarding vandalism and hoon should first be directed with full details to Caloundra Police (Ph. 5439 4444). Airport noise complaint should be directed to Caloundra Airport (ph. 5453 1501), Caloundra Airport Operations Manager (5453 1505) or Air Services Australia on (1800 802584). If there are still concerns, then contact BeCA.

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Stockland Staffers were busy at work Friday 9th March afternoon on a community based program to tidy up Bellvista as a part of their Keep Australia Beautiful campaign. The staffers targeted the lake and Bellvista Blvd to collect 10 large bags of rubbish from beside the lake and the road. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

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A group called The Green Army is being utilised by Parks & Gardens to carry out work around the estate, e.g. removal of dead plants, cutting back pathway overhang etc. It was reported that a tree planting exercise would be carried out to provide appropriate shade trees in around parks. The lakes have been cleared of much of the lilies and other plant growth.

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Regarding park playground improvements the shade sail over the main playground has been repaired and the rubberised boundary at the eastern side of the play area is to be repaired when weather suits.



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