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for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

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BeCA June Public Meeting

There was lively discussion during General Business at Monday's June Public Meeting attended by around 30 people.

A concern was raised from the floor over the apparent inaction of Council and others to a series of incidents involving the behaviour of some youths at one of the pergolas at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park.

There is a definite procedure to be followed which has been in place for some time now.

If you notice any illegal or damaging behaviour happening you should contact the police. It is not the responsibility of BeCA nor Council to lodge the complaint, but the role of the individual considered as the witness.

This can be done in various ways with the appropriate contact details available on the "Links Page" of the BeCA website.

If an incident involves the immediate well being or safety of an individual, you must use the 000 phone number or call the Caloundra Police on (07) 5439 4444.

If the situation is not life threatening nor immediately harmful to any person, you use the Police Link number 131444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000. It is possible to lodge an anonymous complaint or report this way.

There isn't any value contacting Council as this is not the set out procedure. If you call BeCA to do something about it or to lodge the complaint it won't happen. Residents must use the procedure as set out above.

As Senior Constable Peter Oxenford was in attendance, the vocal resident can be assured that his message was heard and an extra careful watch will be focussed on the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park area.

Councillor Baberowski reported on an upcoming meeting with BeCA on a proposed pathway links. A more detailed report on this issue is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Cr Baberowski followed up with the value of residents having a "MyCouncil" account to lodge Service Requests. There is an item on page 3 on Council's "MyCouncil" website.

Council will have a day for the free micro chipping of pets on Saturday June 23rd. Call 5475 7272 for more information. Usually you would expect to pay \$120 to have a pet micro chipped, so this is a great deal free of charge.

The Sporting Complex at Baringa should see the new Clubhouse available to the Public in a couple of weeks. Currently the complex boasts several soccer fields but is expected to expand further as construction continues.

Work is expected to begin on a new "Baringa Community Centre" shortly. This will be a much larger concern than the Bellvista Meeting Place and is expected to house many amenities and services available for everyone in Baringa as well as Bellvista and Bells Reach.

The new Baringa Town Centre will boast a smart city network and utilise the latest technology for residents. More information is to follow.

Cr Baberowski reported that the new phone tower to be situated in the conservation area between Arbour and Baringa should be completed in a matter of months rather than years. For many residents who are experiencing poor mobile coverage, the new tower can't come online soon enough.

As the design of the new Baringa School had some late design changes, Council has become aware of the need for a Pedestrian Safety Crossing and is monitoring the situation. Safety Crossings have strict guidelines which must be met and this poses some problems for where a new crossing could be positioned.

It was reported that almost 1,000 new homes in Baringa have now been occupied with hundreds more still under construction. Baringa population is currently around 2,500.

Snr Constable Peter Oxenford reported that

there were very few incidents or calls from the Bellvista, Bells Reach, Arbour area over the previous 3 months. Unfortunately some people still leave their car keys in the ignition, the centre console or above the sun visor. This was the case in the only report of a stolen vehicle in our area.

Overall the Caloundra Police received around 2700 calls over the previous 3 months. The majority of these calls were related to Domestic Violence.

Reports from the public (many via Crime Stoppers) had led to the dismantling of a drug and crime gang in a neighbouring suburb. Peter urged residents that if they witness any suspicious or dangerous behaviour to call Police Link or Crime Stoppers. The police are best able to respond if they are aware of a problem and public information is crucial in solving many crimes.

Tony Mohr from the 106 Caloundra Cadets was unable to hide his enthusiasm for the cause during his presentation. It is easy to see why 106 Caloundra had grown from 20 cadets around 12 months ago to now boast 80.

Tony outlined the Cadet program which is conducted during school terms on each Friday night at Meridan State College.

Sue Dickie from the Caloundra Arts Centre Association outlined the many and varied groups that this marvellous organisation cater for. Situated in North St Caloundra and with over 500 members, CACA provides for the fostering of many arts and handicrafts and provides a wonderful social network for both men and women.

CACA run two large fairs each year to celebrate the Arts. One Fair was conducted recently and demonstrated the huge range of arts for which they cater and was open free to the public.

The lively "General Business" session followed.

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Has The Traffic Congestion All Gone?

If all goes according to plan, views like the one we have in the photo above will be but a faint memory of how things used to be in Bellvista and Bells Reach.

The baffling decision by Caloundra Council many years ago to permit a 1400 student school on the Bellvista Estate without the requirement to duplicate Bellvista Blvd will finally be overcome!

It has taken many years to achieve. It was back in 2010 when BeCA first approached Stockland to duplicate Bellvista Blvd and fully accommodate traffic in and out of the estate during school drop off and pickup times.

But now we are part way there with the duplication of Bellvista Blvd duplicated between Caloundra Rd and Dumbarton Drive.

Hopefully the next stage to duplicate from Dumbarton Drive to Stornaway Avenue won't be another 8 years away but will follow on quickly from the current works. We can only hope!

And then will arise another difficulty for motorists who like to use Indigo Rd to enter Bellvista Blvd and head to Caloundra Rd. Any duplication of Bellvista Blvd will probably mean motorists can no longer complete a right hand turn at Bellvista Blvd and force all traffic exiting Bells Reach to use the Bells Reach Drive/ Bellvista Blvd roundabout.

This roundabout is already busy during school drop off times and this will only add to the level of congestion.

By the time you are reading this article in your June edition of "The Connector", the duplication of Bellvista Blvd between Dumbarton Drive and Caloundra Rd should be fully completed.

BeCA To Meet With Cr Baberowski

Veloways and footpaths make up a wonderful network for cyclists, walkers and dog exercisers to explore this great community. Veloways are a major feature across Aura and Stockland's desire to create an outdoor activity environment for residents to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

As each stage of Aura comes into being, another network of pathways and veloways emerge for those seeking to enjoy the outdoors.

Stockland is a little restricted as it can only plan for new veloways and pathways on land that it owns.

In Baringa, Stockland has built a pathway which extends from the new playing fields just beside Baringa State Primary School and connects with Koala Court in Little Mountain.

It is around 200 metres from the new connection to Koala Court and the new pathway recently funded by Cr Baberowski which connects Grampion Drive/Crater St in Bellvista with Mantis Cres in Arbour which BeCA hopes to have connected.

There are mitigating circumstances as any proposed pathway connecting the two points would pass through a conservation area, probably cross a water course and be through an area where no current dirt pathways exist.

There may be some alternative options available but this seems the most logical.

But what a fantastic link this would create between Bellvista, Arbour and the new playing fields and Baringa State primary. Also it would create a major pathway link between the Koala Cr area and Unity College and Bellvista Market Place. The onsite meeting is scheduled for mid June.

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BeCA's Public Meetings

BeCA conducts 4 Public Meetings each year held at Bellvista meeting Place commencing at 6:45pm. There are presentations from local groups or from important dignitaries including the local State or Federal Member of Parliament, the Sunshine Coast Mayor or our local Councillor.

Often a representative from Caloundra Police is in attendance or we may have representatives from Stockland. Where possible we ask presenters to remain behind after the meeting to socialize with residents and to provide an opportunity for a one on one consultation with anyone with a concern.

This is the perfect opportunity if you have something which is bugging you to raise the issue in a one to one situation. Often this is the perfect, non confronting opportunity to make your views known or to have your concerns attended to.

Our next Public Meeting is on the first Monday in September at Bellvista meeting Place.

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Safety Paint Strip Between the Veloway and Footpath in Baringa

What seemed a simple request from BeCA to Stockland has struck a major hurdle.

BeCA has sought to have the lip between the veloway and pathway which has brought some unsuspecting cyclists to grief painted a bright green. But we have run into some hurdles as currently the lip meets all safety regulations. To have it painted may admit that the current regulations are not suitable and could then mean every lip between a veloway and pathway across the state would need to be painted!

But we soldier on!

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2020 or 2021 For State High School Opening?

When Baringa State Primary School was first discussed, there seemed to be an agreement that the new Baringa State High School would open 12 months after the primary school and be able provide a smooth transition for students moving on from primary school in 2018 to the new state high school in 2019.

When this opening date for the new state high school was put back to 2020 it meant primary school students exiting primary school at the end of 2018 would now need to attend another state high school for 12 months while the promised Baringa State High school was still being completed.

The photo above shows the state high school site today and as you can see it would be a huge push to have the site ready as a fully functional state high school even by the beginning of 2020.

Does this mean another year's delay and the sending of another year level of Baringa Primary School kids off to an "interim" state high school?

Consider the implications for the parents of these children. Another school uniform, another year or two of getting your state high school child to another school outside of the area.

Think of the resultant traffic hassles! There will need to be new friends, new surroundings and now you would have to travel away from your own neighbourhood!

The 2020 opening was bad enough but to add another year as well as another year level of new students to an interim state high just isn't fair on the kids or their parents.

What can you do? You can sign the petition urging the state government to fast track the new Baringa State High School and for the good of parents, students and the neighbourhood, have the school ready by the beginning of 2020.

Parents may accept 2020 as an opening date but there could be a community up in arms if the opening is put back another 12 months to January 2021.

Go to the website at <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=2941> to add your signature to the petition.

Visit the BeCA "News and Events" page, find this item and use the direct links listed at the end of that post, or sign the petition at the office of The Positive Property People.

Website May 30th

Bells Reach and Arbour Parks Update

The maintenance of parks and gardens across Bells Reach, Arbour and Bellvista are all

maintained by Council. The parks in Bellvista are maintained by Council Employees while the newer areas of Bells Reach and Arbour are maintained by Council Contractors.

BeCA has been disappointed with the level of work carried out by contractors and in early May met onsite with Council Management to discuss areas of concern.

A range of issues were raised and noted by Council Management and a commitment to liaise with contractors and carry out a series of works proposed by BeCA was agreed to.

By early June it seemed that very little or no further work has been done following the May onsite meeting.

BeCA followed up with further photos and an update on the current status of parks maintenance in our newer areas. BeCA passed its concerns regarding the lack of any follow up onto Council Management. Very few (if any) issues raised at the early May onsite meeting appeared to have been attended to.

In response, BeCA was informed that Council would be conducting a follow up onsite meeting with Contractor Management to ensure all works discussed at the May meeting would be attended to.

BeCA had also received information relating to a line of sight issue at the pedestrian and veloway crossing across Bells Reach Drive/ Bellvista Blvd roundabout. BeCA had asked the resident concerned to lodge a Service Request on the issue via the MyCouncil website as is BeCA's suggested practice.

Councillor Baberowski has been kept fully informed of the situation. Website June 4th

MyCouncil Website.

BeCA urges all landowners in Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour to register with the MyCouncil website for the Sunshine Coast Council.

Let Google be your friend.

Type "MyCouncil" into your search box and create your own MyCouncil account. Once you have created your account, you will see an option to lodge a "Service Request".

This is the option you should use to have pot holes filled, branches removed and to allow you to access a range of other Council services.

If you do not get satisfaction with your request after a reasonable length of time then you should contact BeCA to do follow up for you.

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News From Caloundra RSL

The Sunshine Rock & Blues Festival will be held on the weekend of Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th June 2018. An exciting three-day celebration of Australian music, featuring national recording and touring artists, the kind of event never before seen in a Sunshine Coast venue.

Spread across three separate sound stages, festival attendees can experience continuous free live shows on the Main Stage, ticketed events in the Function Room and an acoustic breakfast performance on the Lower Viva Deck.

This will be a unique and memorable music festival experience, presented by Caloundra RSL in conjunction with 92.7 Mix FM and Give Me 5 for Kids, to raise money for our local hospitals.

Be sure to visit caloundrarsl.com.au and learn more about all of the free shows that will be happening for the duration of the weekend, there will be no better place to be than the Caloundra RSL.

Caloundra West Lions Club

Lions Club of Caloundra West are now holding their monthly meetings at Parklands Tavern in their private room.

The format of the meeting will now include dinner (optional) and a guest speaker.

Anyone is welcome to come to these meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6.30pm with meal orders to be made by 6.45pm.

The meeting will commence at 7pm and usually finishes no later than 9pm. We are a growing club with great expectations for the future. Already the club has made several donations of money and time into the local community and we would love you to be part of this.

For further information regarding membership please contact Lorraine Hendy 0419 248 548 and like us at our Facebook site to get updates of our community involvement.

Also a huge welcome to our newest member Deb O'Reilly.

Bells Reach and Arbour Parks Update

Following BeCA raising concerns over the failure of contractors to follow up on works discussed three months ago, we are pleased to report that some action has been taken to address several of BeCA's immediate concerns.

However it is over the ensuing months that everyone will have to wait and see if there is any real and ongoing improvement.



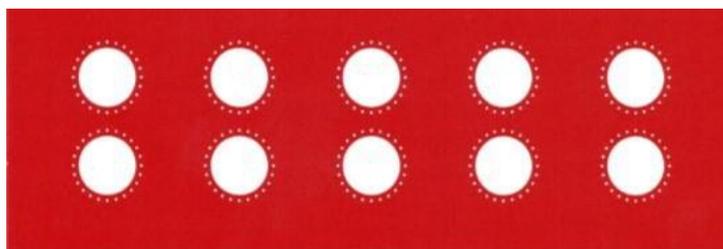
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