

BeCA is currently liaising with the Minister For Transport and Main Roads, Mark Bailey to attend an Information Meeting for all residents in September/October



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BeCA Management Committee Mtg, July 2018

BeCA conducted its most recent Management Committee Meeting on Monday July 2nd.

In a report given on the progress of "The Connector", it was noted that one couple were no longer available to deliver Newsletters owing to a family illness requiring more of their time. The couple delivered to two areas for a total of around 400 newsletters.

BeCA regularly advertises via its website and Facebook page for more volunteer deliverers. Without volunteer deliverers BeCA would not be able to ensure all 2500 residences in Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour received their copy of the newsletter. You can always contact BeCA to volunteer your services.

The Caloundra RSL has agreed to sponsor BeCA another \$500 for the purchase of the photocopy paper on which to print the newsletter. That will cover "The Connector" paper costs well into 2019. BeCA sincerely thanks Caloundra RSL.

Concerns remain on the level of maintenance of parks and gardens in the Bells Reach and Arbour areas. BeCA has noted several tasks that have been attended to at BeCA's request by the Council Contractors. BeCA continues to monitor the situation. Meanwhile the Bellvista Gardens team has recently carried out some street tree pruning.

BeCA will highlight the lack of seating and shelter for several bus stops in Bells Reach and Arbour. We have asked Cr

Baberowski to follow up on BeCA's request to see if funding can be found to have shelters and seating provided.

BeCA is hopeful (but not overly confident) that funding can be found to provide a pathway connection between Arbour and Koala Crt/Baringa. Closer examination of the area shows it to be quite flood prone and most likely environmentally sensitive as the photo on page 2 indicates. It is not a straight forward task to put a concrete pathway through this area. With both the Council and Stockland promoting 'connectivity' between communities there may be a grant available for some manoeuvring.

Because of the flood prone areas and environmental sensitivity of the area, a raised nature walk pathway connecting Arbour and Baringa would be an attraction and a motivator for people to get out, enjoy the outdoors and foster connectivity between local communities. BeCA will continue to raise the proposal whenever we can. There is a more detailed item on page 2.

There was much discussion over the completed section of the duplication of Bellvista Blvd. Concern has been raised over the tightness of any entry and exit into the Bellcarra Place roundabout especially heading into the estates from Caloundra Rd. BeCA understands there is minimal space there for a fully compliant roundabout. Therefore the construction of any roundabout there is predominantly (and understandably) for the benefit of residents either side on Old Caloundra Rd and from Bellcarra Place. The alternative

would mean those residents would have to use the Dumbarton Drive roundabout which is really out of the question.

Concern is the tightness of the entry/exits, especially for vehicles (trucks) entering Bellvista and those with trailers when navigating the roundabout. It is necessary for these vehicles to cut the corner or to navigate at almost walking speed. Some residents would see this as great benefit forcing traffic to slow through the roundabout.

The patchwork quilt effect of the old and the new road surfaces was raised. Sections of both lanes of Bellvista Blvd have part new and part very old road surfacing giving the impression the job hasn't been finished yet!

Upon entering the estate from Caloundra Rd, there isn't even line marking on the 'old' road surface until you come to the new section. BeCA believes this would have a negative effect on new home buyers heading to Aura/Baringa. Possibly it is a Council vs Stockland issue with Council being responsible for that section of the road.

The next question is when will the duplication of Bellvista Blvd will be extended to Stormaway Avenue?

In September, the Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association will celebrate its 10th birthday!

BeCA has recently been required to take out Public Liability Insurance. To ensure cover is available to those attending BeCA Public Meetings, all attendees are now expected to sign in. Website July 3rd

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A "Connected" Community

Council has announced that a wonderful new Community Centre is under construction at Baringa. Council insists that the new Centre would be one for Bellvista, Arbour, Bells Reach and Baringa communities with activities involving all local communities. Go to the BeCA website to read more about the new facility, expected to be operational later in 2018.

Council is keen to see that Baringa should not develop all on its own, but all Community Facilities would be shared with neighbouring Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour Communities.

Connectivity is a theme promoted by Council to ensure all of its facilities are available for all of the community.

On Friday July 15th, BeCA representatives met with Cr Baberowski onsite to investigate how the physical sense of a connected community could be further enhanced with the construction of a connecting pathway between Arbour and the pathway leading into Little Mountain's

Koala Court.

It would be a spectacular walking track of several hundred metres passing through dense bush and crossing waterways, waterways which most likely become flood ways following heavy rain.

The photo above illustrates some of the terrain any pathway would be required to navigate through.

It would require a large amount of funding to complete the project. However there may be a chance funding could be found to foster the new "Connected Community" policy.

BeCA has asked Cr Baberowski to consider any possible feasibility study for the project should funding become available. Website June 15th

106 Army Cadet Unit

Tony Mohr of the 106 Army Cadet gave a presentation at a recent BeCA Public Meeting. The group has been in existence for a relatively short time but continues to go from strength to strength as it grows in popularity.

'Unit106, Army Cadet Unit' is part of the Australian Army Cadets, which is Australia's largest Youth Development program, funded by the Australian Defence Force and run by the Australian Army. They parade every Friday night, during the school term, from 6:30 to 9:30 at Meridan State College in their Sports Complex.

They give cadets a military like experience to include: Fieldcraft, map reading, first aid, navigation, drill and adventure training, free uniforms, equipment, training courses and annual camp. The unit is run the same as an Army sub-unit using the same rank structure as the ADF with senior cadets training junior cadets, supervised by adult Army Cadet Staff.

They insist on cadets being neatly groomed and attired.

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Our thanks to Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra for facilitating the printing of BeCA's Newsletter.

BeCA Management Committee 2019

Currently, the BeCA Management Committee consists of 8 members elected annually. Working people, stay at home parents and retirees make up the current Management Committee.

A BeCA Management Committee member is expected to attend our 7 Management Committee Meetings and 4 Public Meetings each year if available. Management Committee meetings are usually conducted on the first Monday of the month at the Secretary's residence. There also 4 General Public Meetings a year (usually on the 1st Monday of the month) at Bellvista Meeting Place.

Currently several of our Management Committee members set off for a month or so of travel as "Grey Nomads" so BeCA operates with fewer members. Other times there may be an illness or family commitments to attend to.

Management Committee Members are involved for as much time or whatever their working commitments permit.

Cr Baberowski is a regular attender of most BeCA Management Committee meetings where he keeps the Management Committee and in turn the local community up to speed on Council issues. BeCA is able to raise our local community concerns with him on a face to face basis.

In 2019 BeCA is keen to increase Management Committee member numbers to 'at least 8 but not more than 10'. This will encourage greater community involvement and provide a backup if other members are ill or are away.

Recently BeCA has been forced to accept the resignation of one of its Management Committee Members as a result of on-going family commitments. Family commitments have the highest priority so reluctantly it accepted the recent resignation.

This has now created a temporary BeCA

Management Committee vacancy which we can fill at our discretion. As we were wanting to increase our Committee Numbers for 2019, this too seems the ideal time to encourage not just one, but up to three new members to become involved. There are three meetings remaining for 2018 prior to the AGM in November. There is a Management Committee Meeting in August and October, and a Public Meeting in September. So any commitment at this stage would be minimal.

Check the Constitution on the BeCA website, Section 5 under the "About" tab to confirm you are eligible to be a Management Committee member. BeCA considers Arbour as an integral component of the Bells Reach development.

New 'temporary' BeCA Management Committee Members can therefore become involved on a trial basis. If it suits everyone, then a full year's involvement should follow for 2019! We look forward to welcoming some new fresh faces onto our committee.

If you are an eligible 'BeCA' member and wish to become involved for the remainder of 2018, please contact the BeCA Secretary ASAP and put forward your expression of interest.

Email secretary@bellvista.com.au or phone 0498 266 059.

We look forward to fresh faces, fresh ideas and fresh opinions and views so the Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association can better represent the views of our community.

You are very welcome to become involved!

Website July 12th

Veloway Lip Paint Job

Following several nasty incidents involving pedestrians and cyclists around the Baringa School, workmen have recently completed painting the lip separating the footpath and the veloway. Wherever there is a lip, the lip is being painted. The bright color should make the lip more visible and should reduce the number of accidents occurring along this section of the veloway.

Stockland's Hannah Madill has been working on this project for some time. It has taken several requests from her to the EDQ before permission was granted to paint the lip. Some of those requests have included BeCA's reports on incidents requiring hospital treatment for some residents.

All has worked out in the long run and we now have a safer veloway pathway network for all to enjoy.

Website June 22nd



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Baringa State Primary School Official Opening

On June 28th the Queensland Premier 'officially' opened Baringa State Primary School. A press release from local MP Mark McArdle said that this was the perfect opportunity for the Premier to announce the 2020 opening for Baringa State High School. Regrettably for the current year 5 students at Baringa State primary School, this did not happen.

Congratulations go to Baringa State Primary School on its Official Opening! The school remains a magnificent asset for the community.

At the Official Opening, local petitioner Debbie Harding expressed her disappointment at the lack of a commitment to the confirm the date for the opening of the new Secondary School for 2020 from the Premier.

Baringa State primary School's current

year 5 students will join their current year 6 classmates in needing to find an alternative Secondary School for 2020 rather than being able to attend their own local Secondary School.

Earlier it had been indicated the Secondary School would open in 2020 but the opening date has been put back to 2021.

The photo shows Debbie Harding speaking with the Press at the official opening.

Mark McArdle's full press release can be read on the BeCA Website, News and Events tab, June 28th. **Website June 5th**



BeCA Public Meetings

BeCA conducts 4 Public Meetings each year and these are held at Bellvista Meeting Place and commence at 6:45pm.

There are always presentations from local groups or from important dignitaries such as 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 a resident 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 and 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. **Website June 5th**



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