

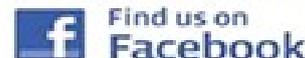
BeCA Management Committee, 2018 will be elected at the AGM to be conducted at Bellvista Meeting Place on Monday November 5th. Nomination forms will be in the October Newsletter.



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September's BeCA Public Meeting



The attendance number was a little down but the angst level was at fever pitch when General Business rolled around with heavy discussion on Airport Noise, Pedestrian Crossings and Rain Gardens (or otherwise known as biopods) at the recent Public Meeting.

And the strong message from it all was to let Council or the relative authority know of your displeasure via the Council MyCouncil website or via Air Services Australia. If there is minimal response to your request, go to the Councillor if or repeat your concern again to Air Services Australia.

Strong concern was raised over the 'look' of many of the "Rain Gardens" around both Bells Reach and Arbour with many appearing to be well overgrown with grasses sometimes up to 1.5m in height.

Residents who had attempted to 'beautify' the Rain Garden at their front door by planting other plants in the Rain Garden have been directed by Council to remove their introduced plants immediately.

Rain Gardens (or Biopods) were installed by Stockland as method of

cleaning storm water prior to it entering the system and emptying into the pristine Pumicestone Passage. Special varieties of grasses which return a high rate of nitrogen into the soil and aids in the removal of impurities from storm water have been selected to be planted in the Rain Gardens.

Over time some Rain Gardens have become cluttered with rubbish and the grasses are now up to 1.5m high. This creates a wonderful habitat for snakes and mice, an eyesore and a danger to residents.

Some Rain Gardens stretch up to 15 to 20 metres in front of resident's homes and appear to have been barely maintained by Council.

So if you have a concern with a Rain Garden near your home get onto the MyCouncil website (if you are a ratepayer), create your account and lodge a service request for Council to attend to the problem.

Council will respond with a reference number so if your concern isn't attended to, follow up with a call to Council and quote the reference number. If you are still dissatisfied, contact Cr Baberowski and make him aware of your concerns and provide the relevant reference number.

During General Business a resident raised the issue of noisy fixed wing aircraft and repetitive circuits. Again contact Air Services Australia with plane identification details and let them know. If another noisy aircraft becomes a problem, again let Air Services Australia

know. Every complaint affecting Caloundra Aerodrome finishes up on the desk of Glenn Paine at Sunshine Coast Airport. In this case Glenn has followed up with the resident in person to discuss the concerns.

Again if you feel there is a need for an 'official' pedestrian crossing, raise your concerns with Council. There are strict guidelines and requirements for a pedestrian crossing and if your suggestion meets those requirements, Council will take steps to create an 'official' pedestrian crossing.

In each case keep the Councillor 'in the loop' with your concerns and actions.

Snr Constable Peter reported on incidents of concern for residents in this area. The greatest concern is criminals from Brisbane heading to the coast to find 'easy marks'. So the advice is keep it locked and keep the keys in a safe place.

The BeCA AGM is to be conducted at the next Public Meeting and for 2019, BeCA is wanting to extend the Management Committee to a maximum of 10. So there are definite vacancies for residents who wish to be involved. If insufficient nominations are received by the due date, nominations can be taken from the floor at the AGM.

And while mentioning the upcoming AGM, guest presenters at the November 5th Public Meeting will be the Council's Parks & Gardens Supervisor and also the SC Council Contract Officer who supervises all contractors. Needless to say, Rain Gardens will be high on the list of interests.

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Good News For Bus Travellers

It is expected that as facilities improve, then so too will the number of residents availing themselves of the local bus network. At recent Management Committee Meetings, especially when the Councillor is in attendance, BeCA seeks to have bus stop shelters and seating provided. Following recent representations to Council and via our Councillor, this new bus shelter (photo above) has been installed near Gillies Close Bellvista for the comfort of bus travellers.

BeCA is also pleased to report that Stockland are in the process of providing seating at the bus stop in Indigo Drive as well as stops either side of Bellvista and Aura Blvd in Arbour. Currently no seating is provided. BeCA has been informed that Stockland have 'actioned' the provision of the new Bells Reach and Arbour bus stop seating!

The sight of young adults sitting on the concrete while they wait for their School Bus to arrive should soon be but a memory!

Website Aug 27th

Fire and Storm Season Information

At the recent BeCA September Public Meeting a highly informative and detailed presentation was given on Council's preparedness for the upcoming Fire and Storm Season.

The centre for all information prior to or during an emergency is available from Council's online "Disaster Hub".

Use Google to search "Sunshine Coast Disaster Hub" and you will find yourself at this award winning web site. It has all the information you could possibly need to know prior to or during an emergency.

It is always updated with the latest information even if there isn't an imminent emergency.

It is highly recommended that you check the Disaster Hub website .

Council regularly runs information sessions for both adults and for children in schools to spread the message on adequate preparation prior to an expected emergency and discusses what you can do to ensure that you and your property are best prepared.

There is too much information to

report in a single newsletter article, but be fully conversant with the Disaster Hub Website.

The information from the Disaster Hub can also be accessed via the Sunshine Coast Council app for your smart phone or tablet.

An issue which arose from the 2017 Caloundra West Fire incident was the supply of regular and accurate up to date information to the public. Further procedures have now been introduced to ensure this happens more effectively.

For accurate updates, ABC Radio is the official broadcaster in such emergencies and will provide accurate up to date information every 15 minutes. Residents should disregard any item they access via Social Media. Information supplied via this medium in 2017 was often inaccurate and overly sensationalized.

There will be more information provided via the website over the next few weeks.

Website Sept 4th

Caloundra RSL Update.

Caloundra RSL has been an institution in this community over many years.

Please note that the RSL Complimentary Bus Pick-up service now extends during RSL opening hours to Bellvista, Bells Reach and Baringa areas.



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Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum, August 2018



The Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum meets four times each year and provides an opportunity for all parties (Council, SC Airport Management, Community Groups and Aerodrome Tenants) to meet and raise issues and provide updates affecting the Caloundra Aerodrome.

It is at these meetings where BeCA can raise concerns on aircraft noise and behaviour affecting the lifestyles of all residents. Recently the behaviour of aircraft above our homes has improved markedly and there are usually a handful of concerns raised from the community.

Council representatives reported on a small increase in noise complaints, mainly apparently relating to Becker Helicopters carrying out extended night training activities over the southern end of the coast.

There were several intermittent concerns from noisy aircraft, especially if they are performing repetitive circuits.

CASA is responsible for any activities in the air while Council and Airport Management are responsible for activities on the ground.

It is expected the changing of the flight training circuit for aircraft taking off towards the Pumicestone Passage will further reduce the volume of noise complaints. These circuits are designed so trainee pilots can practise touch n go landings and take offs via repetitive circuits. It is repetitive circuits which raise the greatest angst from residents.

The current flight path directs aircraft

turn to the right after taking off to the east and then leads them to fly over the residential areas of Golden Beach and Pelican Waters while under full power. This path was first implemented in the early 70's. At that stage there were few if any homes in that area. The development of Golden Beach and now Pelican Waters has markedly changed that situation.

As a result Airport Management is in the midst of seeking permission from CASA to alter this flight training circuit to one which turns left when over the water after take off, circuits above the Caloundra Industrial area and makes a final turn over vacant land to come in over Bellvista to land again on the east west runway.

CASA requires extensive and lengthy risk assessment investigations to be undertaken and these can take up to several months to complete. If all goes to plan the new left turn training flight path could be implemented in February 2019.

Cr Robinson reported that the recent inaugural Aviation Expo conducted at Sunshine Coast Airport was successful with many young people attending and becoming involved with many of the activities.

Extensive asphaltting of runway aprons has now been completed. This will reduce damage to aircraft as they manoeuvre around the area. However space issues now arising with the number of aircraft now being parked on the aprons. Tree trimming around the runways is to be undertaken along with a full overhaul of runway lighting.

It is envisaged a section of an updated Sunshine Coast Airport website will be devoted to the Caloundra Aerodrome. Residents will be able to access numerous documents and information relating to aircraft use and behaviour and how they can respond.

The Fly Neighbourly Document is in the midst of being updated and will be available both as a hard copy document

for all pilots of all aircraft across Australia and for download by residents.

As Caloundra Aerodrome is a 'Public Aerodrome' any aircraft from SE Queensland (or wider) is able to use it for training purposes. It is becoming a more popular training centre for aircraft from as far afield as Archerfield. Aircraft with trainee pilots take off from Archerfield and fly to the Sunshine Coast. They then use Caloundra Aerodrome flight training circuits to complete numerous circuits before returning to their home airfields. Currently these pilots are not operating under the Fly Neighbourly document as the Fly Neighbourly document is only for locally based aircraft and pilots!

It seems Gympie Airport has stopped repetitive circuits. Pilots who used to train there are now looking for alternative airports where they can train.

A Master Plan is being drawn up to map the development of the Sunshine Coast Airport as it becomes a fully international airport when the new runway is completed. There will need to be a decision made on what will happen to the current runway. If the old runway is closed it could mean that pilot training at the airport would need to work within international aircraft coming and going.

It is well known that pilot flight training and international flights do not mix. If the old runway is closed then those aircraft will need an alternative airport at which to do their training.

The Forum Meeting believes the State Government will need to step in and mandate to all local airports that they all must accept aircraft training circuits. Airports such as Gympie cannot say "Training flight circuits are now banned" as it will impact on other local airports. Each airport must shoulder some of the load.

The Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum is due to meet again in mid November.

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Sunshine Coast in 2016. Tara has a background in hospitality managing restaurants. After having her 2 children who are 6 and 4, she decided to change career direction into the childcare sector, completing a diploma in early childhood education. Tara is continuing her studies currently for a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) with an expected completion date of 2019. Tara is a passionate Lion and has great ambition for the Club to continue growth in membership and community activity.

Our Monthly Dinner Meetings are held at Parklands Tavern 6.30pm on first Wednesday of the Month. Food orders need to be given by 6.45pm (not compulsory) with the meeting commencing at 7pm. For further information please feel free to contact Chris Pentecost, Secretary 0431 971 849 or message through our FB Page Lions Club of Caloundra West.

The photo above shows the new Caloundra West Lions President, Tara Pentecost (left) with Past President Lion Penni Nulty.

Susanne Scott, Caloundra West Lions

Lions Club of Caloundra West Changeover Dinner

Lions Club of Caloundra West held their first Changeover Dinner on Saturday 21st July at Pelican Waters Golf Club. This was attended by 50 people including members from other clubs and Past District Governor Norm Jensen who installed the new Board.

President Lion Penni Nulty, was

appointed the previous year when the club was a Branch Club of Lions Club of Sandstone Point. In February 2018 the membership numbers grew sufficiently for the club to be Chartered as the Lions Club of Caloundra West.

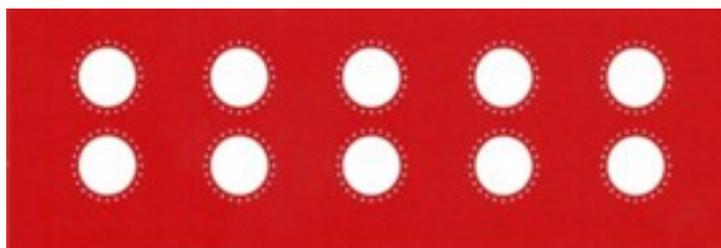
Lion Penni handed over to the new President, Lion Tara Pentecost. Tara was born in Sydney and moved to the



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