

BeCA Public Meeting
 6:45pm sharp
 Bellvista Meeting Place
 Mon March 4th
 All welcome.
 Stockland, Council, and
 QPS Reports
 University of the 3rd
 Age Presentation.



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Issue 1

Welcome to 2019

BeCA has returned for 2019 rested and ready to go again on a range of issues effecting the Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour communities.

The first major event for 2019 will be BeCA's first Public Meeting for the year, to be conducted at the Bellvista Meeting Place, at 6:45pm sharp on Monday March 4th. All are welcome to attend.

Stockland will be represented at the meeting as they have some important announcements to make regarding new road openings around Baringa. The new roads may impact on drivers accessing Bells Creek Arterial as an exit onto Caloundra Rd.

There will be a presentation from Colin Maddocks from the University of the 3rd Age, what courses are available and their plans to expand their services in 2019.

Ross Ullman who is the Project Director for Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion is a cancellation for this meeting. We are

hopeful he will be available at a later meeting. He was responsible for the new runway project and has a fascinating story to tell especially involving the range of approvals required for this major work.

From removing and re-establishing some forms of wildlife to where in Moreton Bay you would be permitted to pump and remove sand are just two approvals which had to be obtained and met.

This speaker time will now be made available for General Business from the floor of the meeting.

Senior Constable Peter will provide an update on activities effecting this community over the Christmas break with one local area in the spotlight regarding a drug bust.

Cr Baberowski will provide an update on Council happenings and take questions from the floor on resident queries and concerns.

Website: Feb 7th

Road Resurfacing Works Completed

Council has successfully completed major road re surfacing works along Bellvista Blvd between the Dumbarton Drive and Stornaway Ave roundabouts.

At Cr Baberowski's insistence, BeCA was included in pre works on-site discussions with Council and the contractor.

During those discussions BeCA mentioned the alternate detour route involving Dumbarton Drive, Balmoral Blvd, Lomond Cres and Stornaway Ave which hadn't been considered in the contractor's initial plans.

So it was rewarding to see this detour route utilised during the roadworks as a quicker alternative to the contra flow traffic movements along Bellvista Blvd suggested in the initial information notice to residents.

And all would agree the roadworks were completed with minimal disruption to local traffic.

Website: January 29th



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Mobile Phone Reception, New Tower Update:

Recently BeCA received a request from a resident on an update regarding the proposed mobile phone tower planned for the area of bushland between Arbour and Baringa.

We made inquiries via our Councillor and Stockland and have received an update.

It is expected that the new phone tower will be constructed some time during the 3rd quarter of 2019. However this date is certainly not 'set in stone' at this time.

Mobile Phone coverage for our area is best described as patchy with some providers virtually unable to provide a service to Bellvista at all.

For these mobile phone customers, the new tower cannot come quickly enough.

However it is expected the phone tower will be 5G enabled meaning some local businesses will then have access to a reasonably priced super fast internet connection. Website Jan 15th.

Management Committee Meeting Feb 2019

BeCA had its first Management Committee Meeting for 2019 early in February.

Issues discussed included supporting a resident's request to Cr Baberowski for a half court basketball court for the park in Rawson Street.

Discussion was also had on rain gardens and how some had been beautified thanks to residents. However some other rain gardens remain an eyesore and BeCA would recommend that individual residents contact Council to have their rain gardens upgraded.

Fact Sheets are available from Council.

Several trees in various parks have died during the current 'dry'. The situation will be monitored. BeCA will continue to monitor the mowing of parks. Mowers are travelling at quite a speed and possibly some sections are not getting a close cut.

There has been a further spike in vandalism across the estates. Photo evidence has been gathered and the police contacted. Council has been requested to carry out repairs.

Concern has been raised over the picking up and dropping off of children at Baringa State Primary School.

BeCA has been informed that the school population is currently around 600 students. BeCA also believes the school is accepting out of zone enrolments. Parking issues have arisen so driver care is required during these busy times.

A further 60 carpark spaces will become available early in March. Website Feb 5th

Improved Baringa Access For Tradies

Stockland has opened a new section of road which provides improved access for tradesmen, builders and deliveries for many areas of Baringa.

As the extension to Aura Boulevard remains closed while finishing touches are completed, Baringa Drive (opposite the new High School site) and on the western side of Baringa now connects through to McArthur Parade (near Frog Park) on the eastern side of the development.

Traffic lights where the roads intersect at Aura Blvd are not in use but this section now permits much improved access for trucks and tradies to the expanding areas of Baringa especially those around Burnett Circuit and Robertson Cres.

The new access also stops many heavy vehicles from passing the school, freeing up access especially during school pickup and drop off times. Large vehicles waiting at the traffic lights near the new shopping development are out of the equation. The new opening provides better direct access for larger vehicles, especially those entering Baringa from the BCA. Website Jan 8th



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DJ Barker Park

Late in 2018, Council officially named the park surrounded by Glennie Close and O'Reilly Drive, the D J Barker Park.

BeCA has been informed the request came from a local resident and member of the Barker family. BeCA has come to understand David Barker was an important figure and pioneer businessman in the development of Caloundra. The park has been named to recognize his contribution to the Caloundra Community.

David John Barker and his wife moved to Caloundra in 1933 and opened the pharmacy 'Barkers Pharmacy' on Bulcock Street in 1936. War years saw him establish a radio hire and battery recharging business for the Australian and American Troops stationed at Battery Hill and Bribie Island. Anticipating a further need in the growing community he mastered spray painting and later electrical installations. Finally he qualified as a refrigeration mechanic, all the while, maintaining the flourishing Pharmacy Business.

David Barker was also very active in civil and local affairs being the foundation president and life member of Caloundra Bowls Club, life member of Caloundra Golf Club and a foundation member of the Caloundra Masonic Lodge.

His family continue to reside in the Caloundra area and BeCA has been

informed that relatives still live in Glennie Close.

Website Jan 13th

Baringa Update

MacArthur Parade traverses Baringa and provides an alternative route for vehicles to exit the estate and also allows vehicles to access the various stages of developments. It is also the site of a smaller park on the corner of Wishart Cres. The smaller park is another great spot for children to play. It also has an area where children can run around and participate in ball games. This is a great spot for families to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Construction of the new Shopping Centre in Baringa has been going on since late 2018. But things are now beginning to take shape.

Stockland are holding their cards close to their chest when we ask what shops will be there.

We have been assured there will be a supermarket but unfortunately neither of the bigger players has expressed an interest in being involved. That leaves IGA as the most likely occupant.

Stockland are also hesitant to supply an opening date but later this year in September/October seems a likely candidate.

This complex is just under 2k's away from Bellvista/Bells Reach and therefore is easily accessible for those residents as well as Baringa locals.

If you haven't been down to Baringa lately it is well worth a short trip and a drive around, you'll be amazed at the progress going on down there.

It is great to see more and more walkers, joggers and cyclists travelling between Bellvista/Bells Reach to Baringa along the veloway and the footpaths. It is becoming a popular and safe walk for everyone.

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Caloundra West Lions

From Sue Scott:

Happy New Year (February already!) from Lions Club of Caloundra West.

During 2018 we have received amazing support from the community and in turn this has allowed us to continue to help our local residents in so many ways who maybe doing it tough at the moment.

Our decision to help 'Share the Dignity' as a charity of choice was at times overwhelming with so many

donations for their Christmas "In the Bag" Campaign.

We handed over around 300 bags and several boxes of products. Thank you one and all from all over Caloundra West and beyond.

Our Bunnings BBQ'S continue to raise great funds and there is a dedicated team of volunteers who come rain, wind or hot temperatures manage this regular event.

More recently we have had pleasure being of assistance at the Stockland events and the Lions Boredom Buster Park Party was a wonderful event with around 300 adults and children having great fun.

Our latest contribution to the community was a BBQ at Aura Celebration of Summer.

We have many plans afoot for 2019 as our Club continues to grow and thrive.

If you have any READING OR BIFOCAL GLASSES ONLY that you could donate please drop them off to Positive Property People office as we are participating in Lions Recycle for Sight. You can also continue to donate personal hygiene products to Share

the Dignity where a pink bin is also at PPP office.

We recently inducted Jan Grant and our newest members to be accepted into the Club are Kellie Woodbridge, Chris Madsen and Les Giles.

PLEASE NOTE: The Lions Club of Caloundra West meets on the second Tuesday of each month in "The Birdcage" room at Parklands Tavern, 238 Parklands Boulevard, Meridan Plains, 4551.

Time: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

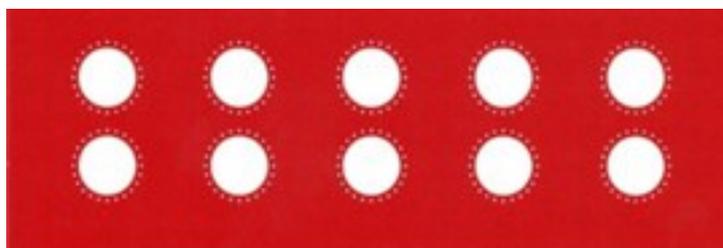
Come along, meet other members of the team and find out more about what your local Lions Club does.

Mark Bailey Meeting Postponed

Two meetings with both the Premier and Mark Bailey, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads due to be conducted recently have been cancelled owing to the flood emergency in Northern Queensland.

The Mark Bailey meeting was an actual face to face meeting held locally exclusively for BeCA to raise its concerns on local traffic issues.

BeCA expects the Mark Bailey meeting to be re convened at a suitable time and held locally.



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