

BeCA Management Committee 2020 will be elected at the next Public Meeting, Nov 4th 6:45pm Bellvista Meeting Place.



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BeCA September Public Meeting Report



An above average period of rain earlier this year created a problem for construction of the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project, according to Ross Ullman (photo above) who spoke at BeCA's recent September Public Meeting.

A small amount of chemical remnants has been discovered in the ground from previous Airport Fire fighting activity. The left over chemical is now being mixed with the captured rain water being kept onsite to ensure there is no environmental damage.

In comparison to other airports, this left over chemical is minimal here on the Sunshine Coast. But this hasn't deterred the Airport Expansion team from treading warily on the issue and ensuring there is no damage to the environment

The effect this issue could have on the environment is considered minuscule, but it demonstrates the care and attention which has gone into all facets of the airport's expansion project.

Despite some unsuspected hurdles, all is progressing to plan with the opening still scheduled for the end of 2020.

Cr Baberowski has acted on resident

concerns with the park in Arbour. Some plants and trees have now been replaced. Teams have also been put to work to tidy some of the rain gardens and improve the overall look for the area. Any move to improve the appearance of parks and gardens is welcomed.

Some consideration is being given by Cr Baberowski to the construction of a half-court basketball court in Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. A possible site is an area just to the south of the public BBQ's and Cr Baberowski is seeking feedback on the suggested site and whether such a facility would be welcomed by the community. BeCA is happy to take any feedback.

The troublesome and now considered dangerous trampolines in the Violet Street Park in Bells Reach will be replaced by safer equipment which would fit into the area.

Cr Baberowski has welcomed any input BeCA can have as Stockland moves to create a community residents' association body similar to BeCA for Baringa. Public meetings are to be conducted to facilitate the creation of a new association.

Senior Constable Peter praised Stockland and Council for their prompt response to vandalised trees at the top end of Bellvista Blvd. Despite the recent arrest and charging of a 15 year old for graffiti, there continues to be a spike across local communities. Residents should contact Council ASAP to report incidences of graffiti to have it removed. Either call (07) 5420 8200 or use your MyCouncil account. 131444 is a number to call to report such instances to police.

The government has announced a revised set of rules in response to an increase in people using electric scooters and bicycles. Owners of such vehicles should familiarise themselves with this update.

BeCA was delighted to introduce the Federal

Member Andrew Wallace to the meeting. A rejigging of the tendering process has seen a saving of some \$400,000,000 on the current stage of the Bruce Hwy upgrade. The saving will be poured into the next stage of the upgrade, the addition of a 3rd lane.

Funding is still being finalised for the 3rd Stage of the Bruce Hwy upgrade, extending the extra lane all the way to Caboolture. Andrew reported that confirmation of the State Government's 20% contribution to the third stage is still being negotiated.

A fast rail solution for the area from Brisbane, both to Maroochydore and a line duplication to Nambour could reduce travel time to under an hour. However we would be talking 'mega dollars' for a light rail project, an amount which is a "mountain too high to climb" at this stage.

Problems with Caloundra Rd were next on the agenda with the Federal Government footing \$5m towards a \$10m study to best address the issue. The State Government's \$5m share to fund this study has not been announced as yet.

Andrew suggests that 2023 could be a better bet for when the Bells Creek Arterial could be pushed through to the Roy's Rd intersection on the Bruce Hwy as market issues become a concern for the developer. It would not be desirable for Aura to be perceived by prospective buyers as a one way in, one way out community.

And finally Andrew had little joy for those in attendance when he read a prepared statement from Telstra on the proposed new Baringa phone tower following inquiries his staff had made that day. The news was that 2020 was seen as the probable date for that new mobile phone tower to come online.

Page 3 has a further update on the expected completion date.

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BeCA Management Committee Elections



BeCA Life Member and current Treasurer, John Lehmann is leaving the area and moving further north to live. Regretfully he can no longer be a BeCA Management Committee member and has thus resigned both as Treasurer and a Management Committee Member.

John has been involved with BeCA since its inception and has travelled BeCA's long journey beginning with Public Meetings to discuss the formation of a Community Association, to the Community Organization it is today.

Recently he has served as Treasurer and has been involved with Airport Forum Meetings as a BeCA representative.

At the recent Public Meeting, John's resignation was accepted and Management Committee Member Lani Ogilvie will take on the responsibility of Treasurer.

BeCA wishes John and Margaret all the best for the future and a happy move northwards.

Currently the BeCA Management Committee consists of 8 members and it can have up to 10. With an upcoming Annual Election due in November, nominations are now called for the 2020 BeCA Management Committee (see page 4). All residents are invited to nominate.

Nominations can be completed and lodged at the office of the Positive Property People Bellvista Market Place or with the Secretary at secretary@bellvista.com.au.

Phone contact is via 0498 266 059 for further information.

BeCA urgently seeks 'new blood' to add to the Management Committee for 2020.

Nominations should be lodged by 4pm, 14 days prior to the AGM which is set down for November 4th 2019, the final Public Meeting date for 2019.

The closing date for nominations is Monday October 21st, at 4pm.

Behaviour Forum

Representatives from Council, Queensland Police, Baringa Retailers, BeCA, Baringa Pre School, Unity College and Bellvista Retailers were invited by Councillor Baberowski to attend a Forum to discuss behaviour concerns which seem to have spiked recently.

Areas under discussion included Canavan Gracie Recreational Park and other local parks and behaviour by young teenagers around Bellvista Market Place. Of concern too was behaviour around the new Skate Park at Baringa.

The new manager at White's IGA in Baringa reported she had shown a strict one strike and you're out approach if young teenagers behaved inappropriately around the new busy supermarket. Children were even stopped from riding skate boards inside the supermarket putting themselves and customers at risk. They were immediately removed from the premises.

Some school age children are showing inappropriate behaviour despite wearing their school uniform.

A young mum and her child were 'chased' by a group of young teenagers wearing Meridan Plains School uniforms at the new Baringa Skate Park. She jumped in her car and fled while the youngsters continued to thump their fists on the car windows and bonnet. Needless to say the young child in the car was terrified.

In situations such as this where you or a child are in any danger, call 000 immediately.

It seems that most problems occur after 4:30 pm when primary school aged children have finished their play and the older children begin to take over.

Note it isn't all teenagers who cause the trouble, the vast majority are courteous and caring towards younger children as they play. But there is an element which give the others a bad name.

If you witness any inappropriate behaviour, use the Police Link or Crimestoppers app on your phone. However if you feel you or any one else is in danger, call 000 immediately.

If you witness suspicious behaviour, a group of cars in a carpark with youngsters coming and going on a regular basis, take vehicle registration numbers and contact Crimestoppers straight away.

Stockland will take immediate measures to address concerns. Improved signage will go up

around the Skate Park, CCTV will be considered as will a higher police presence be sought and funded by Stockland.

Staff at the Baringa Community Centre will also raise their staff's awareness on what is happening and keep police informed if they witness any inappropriate behaviour.

Other approaches with local schools were discussed along with the 'Adopt-A-Cop' program.

If you witness inappropriate behaviour with the misuse of bikes etc around Bellvista Market Place please contact Crimestoppers or use your Police Link or Crimestoppers app on your phone straight away.

Each report via Police Link or Crimestoppers is recorded. Then when police become aware there is a hotspot of inappropriate behaviour, they will respond.

BeCA is fortunate to have an excellent resource available at Caloundra Police station so don't be afraid to keep us in the loop of inappropriate behaviour and we will pass the information on.

Following advice from residents, police are aware of strange goings on at local out of the way carparks and monitor these situations with surprise visits from time to time.

We live in a beautiful area and we are so fortunate that police related incidents are much less prevalent here than in some of the other areas around the Sunshine Coast.

The Forum was designed to keep things this way and not let the behaviour of a minority spoil the our great area. Your reporting of inappropriate behaviour via Police Link, Crimestoppers and 000 (in an emergency) will help to keep it that way! **Website Sept 11**

Baringa Tavern Opening, October 30th.

Recently BeCA attended a meeting where the Bellvista Tavern owner Scott Armstrong was also in attendance.

Scott's company owns several Sunshine Coast Hotels (including Brightwater Hotel and Parklands Tavern).

Scott recently cancelled a meeting with BeCA to share his plans for the future of the Bellvista Tavern but was forced to cancel when some complications arose.

If you keep your eye on the BeCA Facebook page and the BeCA website (bellvista.com.au) as soon as we learn more we will update everyone. Many would be disappointed to see the local Tavern close. **Website Sept 19**



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Mobile Phone Tower Update

At the September BeCA Public meeting, Federal MP Andrew Wallace's most recent update from Telstra said that we could expect the new mobile phone tower in Baringa to be operational in 2020.

BeCA followed up on this report with its contact at Stockland to seek a further clarification on Andrew Wallace's update.

The Stockland representative said that 2020 was a viable date for the tower to be up and running, but added their belief was a new tower in Baringa would be providing service by February 2020 at the latest.

However Telstra builds towers on a needs basis and if another situation is believed more needy than ours, then that could effect the February 2020 deadline. **Website Sept 4**

Caloundra Aerodrome and Community Forum, Sept 2019.

The third Aerodrome Forum meeting for 2019 was conducted recently. The major topic of the meeting was an increase in noise complaints received by SC Airport Management regarding Caloundra Aerodrome. Over 60% of the complaints were from Pelican Waters (and one small area in particular) while a little over 25% were from 'Caloundra West'. For our area this totalled a little over 20 recorded complaints.

Anecdotal evidence indicates it is the persistence of the noise in conjunction with pilot training circuits rather than the odd noisy or low flying aircraft that causes concern. One operator has experienced a 400% increase in pilot training applications over recent years thus increasing the number of training flights.

Residents concerned about the noise and

how it could develop even further, should worry no more. Pilot Training operators agreed that a maximum had now occurred and that it was physically impossible to conduct any extra flights as the training circuits were at saturation point.

A maximum of 5 aircraft are permitted on a circuit at any one time.

But the number of complaints has tripled from a total of 23 in 2018 to around 90 in 2019. Yes there has been an increase in flights as training schools take on more students, but that number has now peaked.

Perhaps home owners are now more aware they can lodge a complaint while there appears a strong case that some complaints have been lodged by numerous residents who all live in the one street. Possibly a disgruntled resident has letter boxed neighbours to organize a concerted email campaign to highlight a problem.

The Forum discussed a range of issues on how the noise level of repetitive training flights could be managed. Was it one or two particularly noisy aircraft which set some complainants off, or is the large increase in the number of training flights? Testing of an aircraft's 'decibel' range could be a consideration with owners of noisy aircraft being directed to lower the noise of their aircraft.

Cr Dwyer suggested a 'satellite landing and take off area' where aircraft on training circuits could go for 'touch and go' be investigated. This would require a large input from the state as it was the major owner of land which could be deemed suitable for such a facility. This would be a costly and therefore a less attractive option for a state government to consider.

Cr Baberowski reminded the Forum that if it came down to a battle between Caloundra Aerodrome and the local residents, the aerodrome would be at a severe disadvantage. So it was dependent on operators to come up with a solution

Currently aircraft are required to take off and land into the wind. This determines which runway should be used. Airport management has noted there are fewer noise concerns raised when one runway is used over the other.

However if a 6% tolerance was introduced and the less noisy runway became the major nominated runway for takeoffs, aircraft could use this less noisy runway despite it not being quite into the wind. It was believed this would remove many complaints if introduced.

One major local operator said his company with offices all over the world (including Caloundra) had recently entered into a contract to purchase 10 new electric powered aircraft. He believed that if we could manage the current noise situation for a few more years the problem would just disappear in time as electric powered aircraft superseded the current fuel powered noisy planes.

Airport Management took away a range of suggestions and options to best fight the battle against aircraft noise. It won't happen over night, but there was a clear and strong message from everyone that all possible avenues would be investigated to minimize any disruption from aircraft noise to the lifestyle of residents.

Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum chairman, Greg Hunt has accepted an invitation to be a speaker at our final Public Meeting for 2019, November 4th at 6:45pm. **Website Sept 4**

Bellvista/Bells Reach Dedicated Bus Route

As reported by the Sunshine Coast Daily on Thursday 19th, the Minister for Transport has confirmed that a bus service will be restored to the six stops in Bellvista and Bells Reach that had services removed in the bus network change earlier this year.

At the request of the Minister, TransLink have made contact with BECA and have confirmed that the service will operate 4 trips a day, including at weekends, which is a great outcome from our advocacy.

TransLink are now working on finalising the details of the timetable which will take around 4-6 weeks and they are aiming for an implementation date of late January 2020, subject to how detailed planning progresses.

SCUH Visiting Hours are from 2:30pm to 8pm and Translink has suggested a variation in BeCA's suggested timetable to accommodate resident requests to link with this SCUH bus service. **Website Sept 20**

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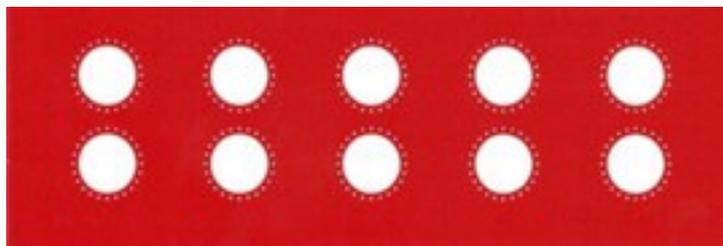
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This form must be completed and in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the Annual General Meeting to be held on **04/11/19**. If you wish to nominate for more than one position, you will need a completed form for each nomination.



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