

BeCA Management Committee wishes to extend the compliments of the season to all and wishes everyone a Happy New Year

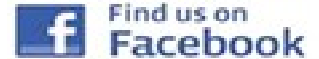


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BeCA's 2019 Final Public Meeting Report

Cr Rick Baberowski was able to shed light on the late withdrawal of SC Airport Management from attending our AGM. Cr Baberowski explained there had been a major restructuring of Airport Management aimed at giving Council better input into decision making. New senior staff have been employed to accommodate the realignment of responsibilities. There was a misunderstanding on who can and who can't speak at Public Meetings on the new Management's behalf. This misunderstanding has now been clarified and BeCA expects Airport Management to attend a 2020 Public Meeting.

All AGM requirements, adoption of reports, official election of Management Committee members, a report on BeCA's Finances and an overall report on recent activities was provided by the President. BeCA welcomed new Management Team member Steve Whitfield.

Documents covering these reports and elections are available on the BeCA website.

Cr Baberowski provided updates on procedures now available to better monitor the speed, height, identification and noise level of aircraft using local airports. The monitors are portable and can be moved from one area to another. So hotspots for aircraft behaviour complaints can now be more effectively confirm any unacceptable noise concerns. Early indications indicate recorded noise levels are within an acceptable range.

Cr Baberowski will monitor the condition of bushland behind Bellcarra Retirement Resort as a possible fire risk to residents there.

The recent Youth Behaviour Forum has seen Working Parties meet to further discuss the issue. The Forum will reconvene later in 2019

to discuss recommendations to ensure the behaviour of some younger members of the community is reasonable.

Trampolines in the Violet St park will be replaced with safer "Play Stations".

Following some community consultation, the half court basketball court proposal for Gracie Canavan Recreational Park will not be proceeded with.

Work is about to commence on a new sports precinct to be constructed by Council on land opposite Corbould Park on Caloundra Rd.

Questions to Cr Baberowski mentioned the behaviour of motorists around schools at drop off and pick up times.

Local State MP Member Mark McArdle began his report by stating as a resident living near Meridan State College this concern was not limited to schools at Bellvista and Baringa.

Mark went on to say that residents who take pride in their area and report inadvertent dumping of rubbish such as cigarette butts will always lead to a cleaner and more proud community environment.

Mark then flagged the imminent water shortage which may affect SE Queensland if there isn't substantial rain over the next 12 months. Mark urged residents to be vigilant on their water usage now rather than waiting for the shortage to become a possible crisis in 12 months time.

The traffic problems affecting Caloundra will only worsen if action isn't taken now. As suburbs such as Aura and Harmony grow, the road crisis for this area will only worsen. However the plan to 'resume' areas such as the R.S.L.'s Memorial Garden for roadworks is not an answer that the community should accept.

Future planned areas with further population growth such as Beerwah East will

put further pressure on the condition of the Pumicestone Passage. Relevant groups with a vested interest in the future of the Passage will be required to work together to ensure that population growth does not have a detrimental effect on this waterway.

Mark praised the work of local community members and organisations which fought for the provision of services for their communities. He highlighted the work of residents in having the Meridan State College school bus service extended to Baringa and BeCA for its work in having the six closed bus stops re opened with a new dedicated bus service. Mark denounced the idea that Translink believed it was OK for elderly residents be made to walk over a kilometre to catch a bus at a bus stop which was previously just a few metres away from their home.

He urged local residents and organisations continue to fight for the needs of their community members and ensure they had a fair and reasonable life style.

Mark finished his presentation by detailing a project he is currently involved with as a State Parliamentarian. He is currently on a Working Party discussing the possible introduction into Queensland of a new Palliative Care and Euthanasia policy. There was overwhelming support from those present at the meeting that access to Euthanasia was a right they could exercise. The Working Party will require much more discussion is to be had on the issue which would not go to Parliament until sometime in 2021.

Mark will not be standing for re election at the next State Poll due for late 2020. At the closure of the meeting many stayed back for wine and nibbles kindly supplied by "The Positive Property People".

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Caloundra West Lions News

Well, what a few weeks the Caloundra West Lions Club has had, not only the usual Bunnings BBQ's but also celebrating all that is happening in Baringa. The latest function was Halloween and the start of the Sunday Aura Music in the Square events.

During the lead up to Christmas and moving forward into January, the Caloundra West Lions Club is at its busiest to date.

Last month at their dinner meeting they had Vice District Governor Elect Steve Hood and his wife join them and how proud they were to hear that as a young Club they are setting a standard for other clubs to follow.

The Caloundra West Lions Club would so like to invite new Baringa residents to become Lions. If you feel that you would like to join the thriving Caloundra West Lions club and support your local community please contact Deb O'Reilly

our Membership Chairperson on 0498 266 059 or just pop into their monthly Club Dinner Meetings and they will be pleased to welcome you and show you who they are and what they do.

The Caloundra West Lions Club's Dinner Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Birdcage, Parklands Tavern, Meridan Plains Qld 4551 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Dinner (not obligatory) needs to be ordered on arrival ready for a prompt 7pm start. Most meetings have a guest speaker, usually from the community, to address the club.

Everyone is welcome to join the Caloundra West Lions and it is an opportunity to see who they are and what they do not only locally (we are not just about sausage sizzles!) but nationally and internationally.

Please contact Chris Pentecost our Club Secretary on 0431 971 849 for further information or to let her know you will be attending so we can welcome you.

2019 Comes to A Close For BeCA

BeCA will be monitoring issues over the Christmas New Year break and will keep our residents updated via the website (bellvista.com.au) and the BeCA Facebook Page.

Of major interest will be the dedicated bus route timetable when it is released. Whatever we get will be an improvement so we need to maintain the "glass half full" attitude. We do have some powerful allies to back us up and do further work for us if required.

And of course the new phone tower to vastly improve our mobile phone service is another issue we will be following.

This newsletter will be the final production for 2019. We do deliver to 2500 homes across Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour.

Advertising in the BeCA Newsletter is limited to 10 business card sized adverts per issue. A couple of our advertisers are not continuing with their adverts in 2020

and we currently have three on the 'waiting list' for the three upcoming vacancies. They may or may not wish to take up the offer of space in upcoming 2020 newsletters so contact BeCA (0498 266 059 secretary@bellvista.com.au) if you are interested in prime advertising space delivered into 2500 local homes!

On behalf of your Community Association, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing everyone back, fit, well and rested into 2020!

Compliments of the Season and a Happy New Year to all from the Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association!



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President's Report 2019

The unexpected closure of 6 bus stops across Bellvista and Bells Reach was BeCA's major concern in 2019.

To the average resident it appeared that any consultation with the community was conducted from Stockland Shopping Centre where Translink representatives told residents that 6 bus stops were to be closed in the interest of an improved more frequent service for Bellvista/Bells Reach and the new suburb of Baringa.

Some elderly residents had bought homes close to a bus stop which would serve them in their later years. These stops disappeared overnight without any community involvement. One day there was a bus service, the next day there was not!

Previous experiences with Translink's alterations to bus routes had met with a 'no change' outcome. Translink had their reasons for the change and they would stick with those reasons through thick and thin.

BeCA encouraged disgruntled residents to contact the state minister responsible and voice their disapproval. Local MP Mark McArdle sided with local resident Dave Thompson and a petition was raised. BeCA investigated all avenues available. Our Councillor was contacted and he made representation on behalf of the community.

BeCA spoke at length at a Mark McArdle organized Public Forum at the Power Boat Club to discuss various bus issues and a range of strategies were developed. Previously BeCA had been able to achieve success with issues via the likely State ALP Candidate for Caloundra, Jason Hunt. Jason attended BeCA meetings (both Public and Management) and knows our area and its needs very well. Jason made inquiries on behalf of BeCA with political powers in Brisbane. Eventually Jason was able to convince the decision makers of the necessity of the Bus Stops through, in his own words "sheer persistence, and bloody mindedness". It was then BeCA was informed via the Office of State Minister for Transport Mark Bailey that Bellvista and Bells Reach would have all 6 bus stops re opened with a new dedicated bus service. The new bus service would run 4 times per



day 7 days per week. The down side being that the new service begins in early 2020.

So thanks for having the service re opened goes to many across this community, to local residents who took the time to contact the Minister or Translink, to Mark McArdle and Dave Thomson for initiating the petition and organizing the Public Forum and to BeCA for its lobbying. However special plaudits go to Jason Hunt for getting the deal 'over the line'. His efforts ensured the deal was finally done.

The next major task for BeCA is to improve mobile phone services for this area. With strong support from Stockland and others, we can now say all the requirements for the construction of a new mobile phone tower to be situated between Arbour and Baringa have been completed.

The task is now firmly in Telstra's hands and their programming for the construction of their new mobile phone towers. The latest estimate remains sometime early in 2020, possibly by the end of February.

Another 2019 task for BeCA was keeping the community informed. We had Bellvista Blvd resurfacing works, construction of Baringa Shopping Centre, keeping our parks and gardens looking their best, the constant battle to have rain gardens improved, and we had regular communication from Caloundra West Lions as this fledgling club slowly continued to grow and spread its wings.

In March BeCA met with the Minister for Roads and Transport Mark Bailey to push for

planning to begin on a new link road connecting Pelican Waters Blvd with Aura Blvd. A veloway for the new road was suggested and should be included in any future planning.

BeCA continued to attend quarterly Caloundra Aerodrome Community Forums which discussed a wide range of subjects including issues of aircraft noise.

Then there were the usual muddy spots in parks, vandal damage reports, concerns over contractors and their park maintenance program. During 2019 BeCA was able to build closer ties with senior Council Parks and Gardens staff which we expect to further develop in 2020.

2019 saw the resignation of its one and only Life Member and Treasurer John Lehmann who is leaving the area to head further north. Thanks John, all the best to you and Margaret.

The Connector Newsletter is delivered to 2500 homes across Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour. Every facet of the large task to produce, print and then deliver "The Connector" is performed by volunteers. We thank these people very much for their commitment and efforts. We always need more volunteers.

Cr Rick Baberowski attends many of our Management Committee Meetings where we have face to face contact with him over issues. BeCA thanks Rick for his support for BeCA and the residents.

Snr Constable Peter provides informative updates at our Public Meetings which provide a real-life snapshot of life here on the estate.

And finally, to all members of the BeCA Management Committee, may I say thanks for your efforts over 2019. It has been a successful year for us, a year of very good achievements.

The heart beat behind our organization continues to be our hardworking Secretary, Debye O'Reilly. Her contributions to the Community Association should never be underestimated. On behalf of everyone, Deb thank you so much!

Merry Christmas everyone and we look forward to seeing you again in 2020.

Les Thomas, BeCA President.

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Debye O'Reilly	Secretary	William Pentland	Les Thomas
Mike Smith	Treasurer	Les Thomas	Barrie Baker
Bob Smith	Committee Member	Les Thomas	Barrie Baker
Lani Ogilvie	Committee Member	Debye O'Reilly	Les Thomas
William Pentland	Committee Member	Barrie Baker	Kevin Baty
Nathan Hill	Committee Member	Kevin Baty	Debye O'Reilly
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