

BeCA March Public Meeting
6:45pm
March 2nd
"All welcome."
 * Stockland Update
 * Jason Hunt and the new Dedicated Bus Service



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Issue 1

Bus Route 604

Bus route 604, the new dedicated bus route for Bellvista and Bells Reach, will commence operation on Monday February 24th. The new dedicated bus route will provide a valuable service for local residents.

All six previously closed bus stops will re open to be serviced 4 times per day, 7 days per week.

Not only will the Bells Reach and Bellvista Stops be serviced, but travellers will also have stops along Caloundra Rd, near the RSL, Stockland and the Caloundra Bus Station. (See map right)

Monday to Friday will see services arrive at Lomond Cres (near the Bellvista Meeting Place) at 9:28 am, 11:18 am, 2:18pm and 5:18 pm.

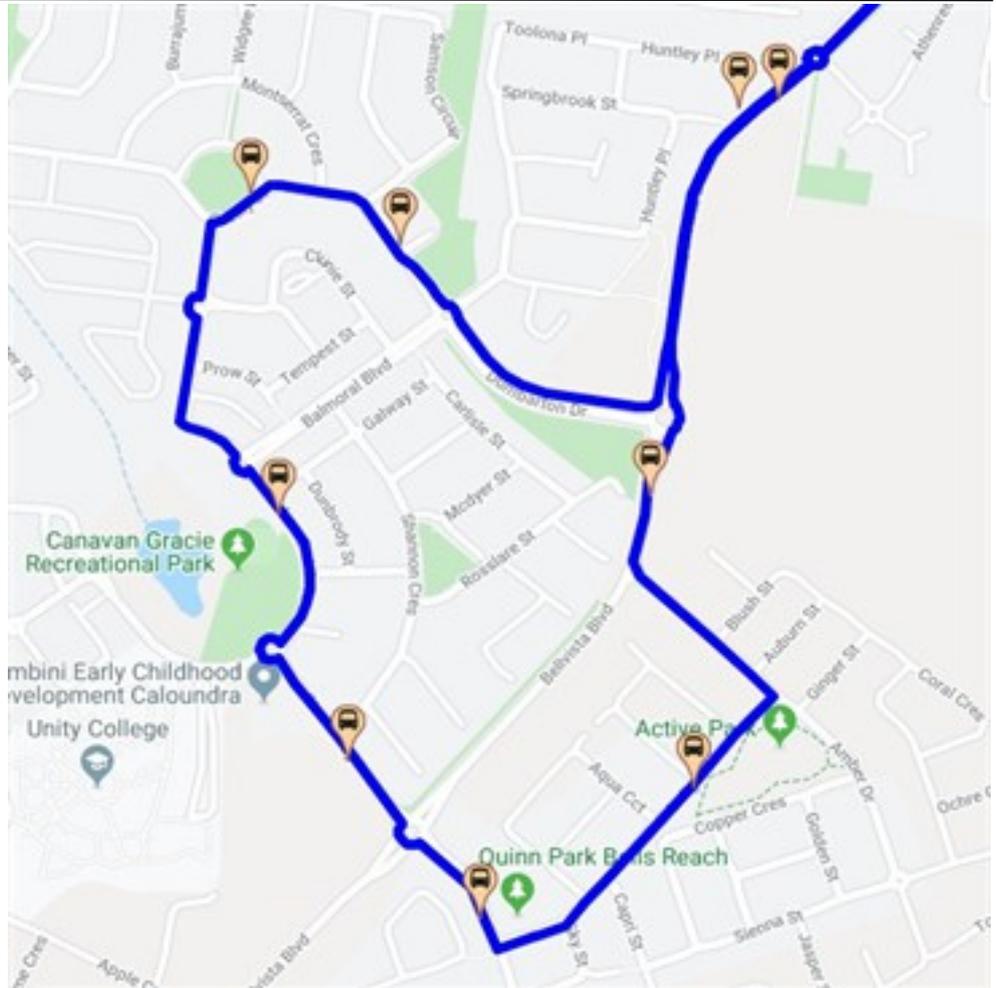
The timetable will differ on weekends. Buses will arrive at Lomond Cres at 7:48 am, 12:28 pm, 2:28 pm and 6:48 pm.

During the June 2019 Public Meeting with Translink, residents requested access to buses servicing the SCUH, especially in relation to hospital visiting hours. The weekend timetable was designed with this request in mind.

Thanks must go to the many residents and others across the community for having this service restored.

Active participation by residents in voicing their concerns to Translink and Minister Bailey's Office, ensured our concerns were raised. Mark McArdle's forums in 2019 marshalled resident support and set future plans in motion.

Deep thanks must go to local ALP



candidate Jason Hunt. It was Jason and his access to senior ALP government connections who was able to keep pressure on those responsible and have the decision to remove the bus stops overturned.

BeCA was able to liaise closely with

Jason during the negotiations.

Jason always believed it was a poor decision in the first place and disregarded the needs of many Bellvista and Bells Reach residents, especially the elderly.

BeCA is delighted to formally announce that the bus service is back! Website Feb2

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BeCA February Management Committee Meeting

The President welcomed everyone in attendance to a new year for the Community Association. Cr Baberowski was also in attendance.

It has been requested that BeCA update its Constitution to show October 31st as the end of its Financial Year. An endorsement of this change will be passed at the upcoming Public Meeting.

The meeting welcomed the three new advertisers in "The Connector" newsletter.

Currently BeCA is quite financial and



Youth Forum

The next meeting of the Baringa Youth Forum will be conducted late in February at the Baringa Community Centre and BeCA will be attending. Cr Baberowski is heavily involved with this strategy.

The purpose of the Forum is to discuss ways in which local youth may become actively involved in using all facilities appropriately and address any concerns.

Skate Park and the Baringa Shopping Centre seem to be where this program may have its most effective impact.

Sub committees have been discussing various strategies and participating in workshops to ensure all groups can work together on this issue.

The late February Meeting is an opportunity for all stake holders to again meet and formulate a range of strategies to ensure the effective involvement of local youth in the use of community facilities. Website Feb 4

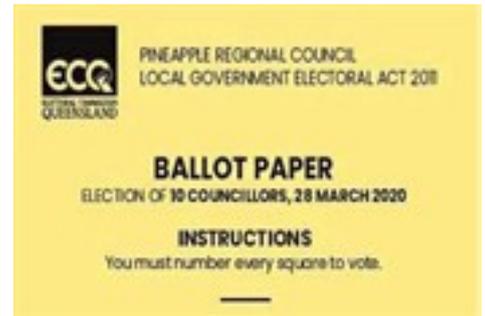
BeCA's Role in Upcoming Local & State Government Elections

Recently BeCA was approached by a candidate to request the possibility of some space in The Connector or the BeCA website as a platform for them to express their aims and desires in relation to upcoming elections.

This was discussed at the recent Management Committee Meeting and it was agreed that neither the website nor the The Connector were appropriate vehicles for candidates to promote themselves.

Caloundra's weekly newspaper was seen as a more appropriate place for candidate promotion to occur.

BeCA also reiterated that local door knocking and meet the people were preferred places for candidates to get a feel for local needs and to promote them selves re any upcoming election.



It was this personal approach which seems to be a more effective strategy. Website Feb4

Bus Stops Re Opening, Celebratory Bus Trip

Jason Hunt was extremely influential in having the Bellvista & Bells Reach dedicated bus service implemented.

At this early stage, Jason is planning to take a bus trip between Bellvista and the Caloundra Bus Station on one of the scheduled services on Tuesday February 25th.

He invites all residents to join him on this celebratory bus trip.

At this stage it hasn't been decided which of the four services that day it will be. You are invited to join him. Further details will be available on the BeCA website and Facebook pages.



considered how it may be able to use these funds. A defibrillator to be housed at the Bellvista Meeting Place was considered. After much discussion and in the wake of recent disastrous bush fires across Australia, it was decided to make a donation of \$2,000 to the Beerwah Rural Fire Service.

It was also moved that BeCA consider a further donation later in the year to a Fire Service organisation which may have been overlooked in the disbursement of funds recently collected across the nation. Website Feb 4





Aerodrome and Community Forum Meeting

The final Aerodrome and Community Forum Meeting was conducted in early December 2019. The Forum consists of Sunshine Coast Council "Facilities" representatives, some of their support team, operators from Caloundra Aerodrome, Councillors and representatives from local Community Organizations.

The forum was informed that repairs have been carried out to fences surrounding the airport as well as the clearing of a fire break. Repairs have been completed to the asphalt on service roads around the airport to ensure the easy and safe navigation of emergency vehicles during wet times of the year.

The runway lights are now 25 years old and require replacement to bring the system into line with today's safety standards. New lights should be installed and operational around July 2020.

As reported earlier, Council has utilized noise monitors to determine the loudness of aircraft flying overhead. One was set up on the roof of Bellvista Meeting Place, another on the roof of the Indoor Bowls Club in Burke St and the third in Fraser Park in Golden Beach. The noise was monitored and averaged across a period. An average reading of above 75 decibels is considered inappropriate from the view point of Australian Standards. Bellvista Meeting Place registered an average of 69.5 decibels while the other two monitoring centres recorded higher averages, though all averages were in the appropriate range.

Council can move the monitoring points as required. Future positioning will be determined by the number of complaints arising from a local community.

Airport Management also made the point that the Fly Neighbourly Agreement only refers to Circuit Training aircraft used by local Caloundra Aerodrome operators. Otherwise the aerodrome is open to all users 24 hours a day.

Residents should also be aware that recent fire emergencies have resulted in even more flights from the airport at all hours of the day and night. Energex has had its helicopter up doing observation work on any damage to electricity poles from recent bush fire emergencies. Refuelling of other emergency aircraft has also seen an increase in traffic.

On our estate we experienced a recent incident when a pilot carried out what was perceived by those on the ground as extremely unsafe behaviour. The plane flew in low and appeared to do aerobatics across our area. This was not a local pilot and the behaviour was deplored by everyone. Regretfully these 'cowboys' will use the air space above our homes from time to time. Holiday times are often when we can expect this inappropriate pilot behaviour. No one supports this sort of behaviour.

Aerodrome Management is keen to provide various information packs for new residents and keep them informed of the processes available if they have concerns. The sheet also has links where a community member can source further information.

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February Management Committee General Business

The condition of the Fire Trail area along Bellvista's northern boundary raised some concern with the grass neighbouring residents' properties now around a metre high and a possible fire risk.

BeCA will forward photos of the area to Cr Baberowski for follow up

BeCA urges land owners to use the MyCouncil website, create their personal

MyCouncil account and forward "Requests for Service" via their account to have Council related concerns attended to.

Council roadworks at the 'top end' of Bellvista Blvd probably will not be addressing the tight turn into the roundabout at Bellcarra Place.

The poor mowing of parks where tallish wispy grass seems to bend with the mowing and then stand upright again was discussed. Residents should follow up with photos attached to a "Request for Service" submitted via their MyCouncil website.

A previous "Request for Service" had been submitted to Council to address the small strip of land separating veloways and footpaths. In many cases the plants in these strips have died and disappeared leaving the area un protected during heavy rain and spreading tan bark across the veloway. Cr Baberowski took note of the relevant MyCouncil Reference number and again requested photographs to allow him to pursue the issue.

Bus shelters, rain gardens and speeding vehicles along Bellvista Blvd were also discussed.

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BeCA's 1st Public Meeting

March 2nd, Bellvista Meeting Place

All residents are invited to attend the first Public Meeting for 2020 to be conducted at 6:45pm, Monday March 2nd at Bellvista Meeting Place.

At this stage we will have a Council Report from Cr Baberowski. With an upcoming Local Government Election looming, this would be a good time to ask questions on issues.

Snr Constable Peter will provide an update on policing issues from around our estate.

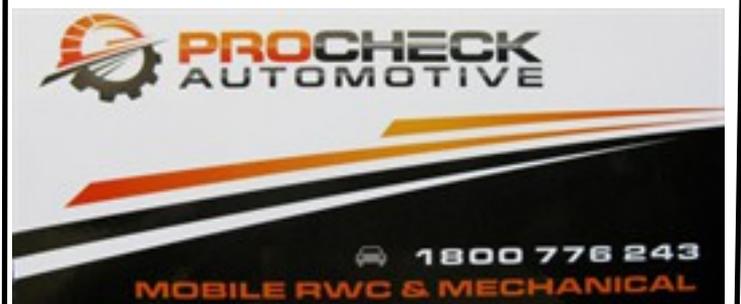
Stockland's Hannah Madill will be speaking. There could be a Stockland announcement included in Hannah's update.

Jason Hunt will also be in attendance and bring any final news and a review on the new dedicated bus service.



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Thank You from Lions Club of Caloundra West.

Lions Club of Caloundra West would like to sincerely thank everyone involved across all of our events in the past couple of months. It's been a long, hot & busy summer for us. Time for us to take a short break.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our Lions Club Members who have worked really hard over the past couple of months selling Christmas Cakes, raffle tickets at Bellvista Tavern & Baringa Tavern. Those who have helped out at the BBQ at Bunnings & other events right across our community, a stellar effort from everyone.

A sincere thanks to the communities of Bellvista, Bells Reach, Arbour, Aura &

Baringa for your ongoing support, be that buying a raffle ticket, sausage sizzle or drink or dropping your spare change into one our buckets, your generosity amazes us every time. Together we have raised just over \$4,800 during January for the Australian Lions Bushfire Appeal. Thank you.

Our thanks must also go to our many sponsors, supporters and their teams who have all helped out in some way across our events.

Thank you to Stockland – Aura City of Colour, Shadforth's Civil Contractors, P3 Events, Cr. Rick Baberowski, Mask Events Australia, Bunnings Caloundra, Positive Property People, PieVista Bakery Cafe, IGA Bellvista, Scott Properties Group, All

Fencing, Sunshine Coast Hotels - Bellvista & Baringa Taverns, Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association and the many businesses at Bellvista Market Place and Stockland Baringa Shopping Centres. Our sincere apologies if we've missed anyone.

Contact our Club Secretary Chris if you would like to know more about Lions. MB: 0431971849. From Caloundra West Lions

New Connector Advertisers

BeCA's sole income is from Advertisers in this newsletter.

BeCA has 3 new advertisers for 2020 are "Mr Locksmith", "All Fencing" and our very own local "Bellvista IGA".

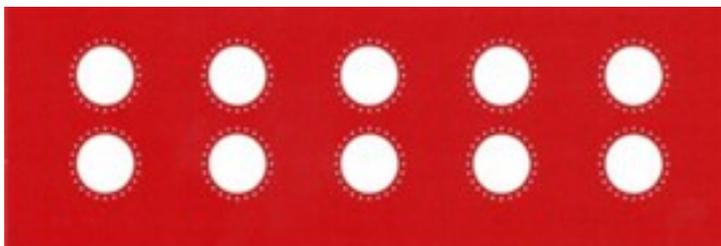
These local businesses support BeCA so we ask that when ever possible, our residents support them in return.

The local Bellvista IGA is just so handy for Bellvista and Bells Reach residents to access. A nice walk, pick up a few bits and pieces makes for a pleasant afternoon or morning.

It's a handy convenient service Bellvista and Bells Reach cannot afford to lose.

This year has seen a larger than normal turn over of advertisers but it has freed up space on our "Advertisers' Waiting List".

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