

Owing to stringent Covid19 Restrictions, BeCA's September Public Meeting has been cancelled.

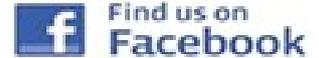


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Where We Are At

Hi everyone, it is good to be back up and running again.

BeCA is slowly getting back into full swing after the easing of Covid19 pandemic restrictions.

However the current restrictions still make having Public Meetings extremely difficult.

Extensive cleaning prior to and following meetings would have to be done along with "Social Distancing" requirements. At this stage BeCA has cancelled its September Public meeting.

But now we can get back into Local M.P. Mark McArdle's office to print this newsletter. His support has been most welcome by all.

But before we go much further we must thank our sponsors in this Newsletter. All have stuck with us and we urge you in the local community to support them all.

Baringa Tavern will take over the newsletter advert from the Bellvista Tavern and we urge all residents to support them and the other businesses which have stood by your Community Association during these difficult times.

BeCA has been able to liaise with Pratt Property, the owners of Bellvista Market Place with a range of suggestions as to what should happen to the vacant Bellvista Tavern.

If suggestions on the BeCA website are anything to go on, a new publican and a re opening of the Tavern under new ownership came out quite strongly in

suggestions from the community.

Now we just wait and see!

August Management Committee Meeting

BeCA welcomed Cr Baberowski to the meeting.

With the production of the Connector newsletter about to be re introduced, the BeCA Treasurer expects an improvement in BeCA's financial position.

At the August Management Committee meeting, reports were given on a range of recent issues which included an update on the construction of the new Baringa Phone Tower (see page 2), Forums recently attended by BeCA representatives (see page 2) and a request to encourage resident feedback on a survey on Federal MP Andrew Wallace's Facebook page.

The survey was on possible funding to fast track construction of the Bells Creek Arterial (Website 30/8).

BeCA representatives attended a round table meeting with Senator Murray Watt (Shadow Minister for Northern Australia and Disaster and Emergency Management) and others on repercussions within our community to Queensland's Covid-19 restrictions.

Major points to come out of the meeting was that there had been a major spike in cases of Domestic Violence and drug related crime which had stretched police resources to the limit. There was

an update on some continued repeated damage to areas around Canavan Gracie Recreational Reserve. This inappropriate behaviour will be followed up with an onsite meeting attended by stake holders.

There has been good follow up from Council on several issues raised by BeCA regarding cutting back plant growth along local pathways and the extensive re mulching of gardens across the estates.

Council manages the gardens around Bellvista with its own Council employed teams who are usually onsite across the week. Bells Reach and Arbour parks are maintained by Council's contractors who are only onsite during contracted times to carry out mowing or garden maintenance.

The park in Arbour has a number of palm fronds which have dropped over recent weeks leaving the area looking most untidy. Cr Baberowski will liaise with Council's Parks and Gardens to get a representative to regularly visit these contractor maintained parks and carry out any incidental tidying up as required.

BeCA will also seek a follow up on Council's next steps in relation to the Bellvista Lake and its in depth investigation of the condition of the lake. (see page 4).

The September Public Meeting has been cancelled because of Covid-19 requirements.

However plans are underway for a basic Public Meeting in November as required for a BeCA AGM.

(Website Aug 4th)



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Mobile Phone Tower Update

Though nothing has been set in concrete, there has been some movement on this issue. BeCA has been informed of a couple of dates which have been pencilled in for construction. How accurate they are will only be seen as time passes by. By December this year is looking a promising possibility.

Youth Behaviour Management Forum

The June Youth Behaviour Management Forum meeting was attended by representatives from nearby schools, Community Policing groups, Council representatives, Stockland, BeCA, Aura Connected and Aura Safe. The meeting was convened and chaired by Cr Rick Baberowski.

The forum originally met back in 2019 to address community concerns regarding the behaviour of some groups of youths around the Baringa Skatepark and other park areas in Baringa, Bells Reach, Arbour and Bellvista.

Police continue to report that they do not consider the overall behaviour of youth across the area to be of great concern, but they do remark there are pockets of anti-social behaviour along with some criminal behaviour going on.

Recently BeCA has been made aware of a spike in youth anti-social behaviour in

our area and, via its contacts both with Council and Caloundra Police, has taken steps to address these concerns. The Police and Council response is currently on-going.

When visiting a hotspot several residents approached the police to vent their concerns over the behaviour of some younger people climbing on Council structures and other anti-social behaviour. When the residents were asked if they had reported the incidents to Police Link or Crime Stoppers, they answered that they had not.

And this is the major problem confronting police on local youth behaviour issues, residents observing the inappropriate behaviour and their failure to report it.

Whether we like it or not police respond to the number of reports affecting an area. 4 or 5 reports may lead to an area being designated as a hotspot and thus attracting increased police activity around the area.

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Representatives from local schools who were in attendance at the Forum were keen to hear of inappropriate behaviour by their students either during or outside school hours. Quite often students who are disruptive outside of school hours are also disruptive while at school.

Confidential reports from the public on inappropriate behaviour outside the classroom may assist the school during student and family counselling sessions. Just give the school a call and leave the details at 'front office'. The details will be picked up by the Student Counsellor for attention.

A difficulty for those wishing to lodge a



report is to differentiate between what is an inappropriate behaviour issue and what is a law and order issue. Is bottle smashing breaking the law or is it an anti-social issue? Generally, if the behaviour is to have a result where a person is injured or the behaviour has the potential to cause injury, property seriously damaged or an activity which is clearly illegal, it is a law and order issue.

However, is a person climbing on the rooftop of a Council owned building or structure illegal or anti-social?

Today's modern technology means most adults with a mobile phone now have a handy camera available to them. A quick hidden sneaky snap of the behaviour is wonderful evidence for police. It is better to lodge a report than to not report the incident at all. If in doubt, report it!

Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) is a wonderful preventative tool for Council and Police. CCTV is also ridiculously expensive not only to install but to maintain and then monitor over a period of years. This is an expense Council is not keen to take on. A 'mobile' CCTV system which can be moved from one hotspot to another as the need arises is considered a much more beneficial expense for Council to fund.

Stockland are submitting a proposal to Council to have permanent CCTV coverage for Baringa Skate Park. Much of the required wiring is already in place. The cost to install, maintain and monitor the CCTV would be covered by Stockland.

The Behaviour Youth Forum will meet again in September.

(Website June 24th)



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Issues Arising From The July Management Committee Meeting

The July Management Meeting was BeCA's first full Management Committee Meeting for several months with a lot of minor issues to attend to.

BeCA sought Council action to repair various bus shelters across the area and to repair the Bells Reach Drive road sign on the Bellvista Blvd/Bells Reach drive roundabout. The bus shelter sign in Stornaway Drive required attention as well.

Council now turns off the public lighting at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park a lot earlier in response to some behaviour issues and vandalism which have occurred there after dark. Residents need to report all and any incidents of inappropriate behaviour. Some of these incidents include illegal behaviour around the park areas.

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Call Police Link on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000.

Some concern was raised over the condition of the lake at Canavan Gracie and BeCA will follow up with Council. Much of the maintenance of the lake is cyclic with works being carried out across an annual program. (See page 4)

Residents walking their dogs are urged to use plastic bags to collect their dog's droppings with many of our pathways now seeing an increasing number of unsightly droppings left on footpaths. BeCA will approach Council to have the Ranger increase his presence in the area and fine people who are not obeying Council By-Laws regarding their pets.

BeCA is pleased to report that Council tidied up the footpath around Bells Reach giving walkers and riders improved access along the pathway. Low branches have also been removed along the pathway around Arbour. BeCA had requested Council look at tidying up and removing encroaching growth along the long pathway which runs along Bellvista's western boundary and we can report this work has been completed.

The spreading of mulch across many public garden areas (photo below) has improved the sight of many local Council maintained gardens as well.

(Website July 7th)



Upcoming State Government Elections

BeCA usually has 4 Public meetings per annum. At its Public Meetings, BeCA has speakers who provide an update on a range of issues.

Planning for who will speak and when begins many months in advance and for most years BeCA would have most speakers confirmed by early in that year.

With an upcoming State Election scheduled for late 2020, BeCA had pre arranged for the candidates of the 2 major political parties to speak at our September Meeting. But Covid19 has forced the cancellation of the September Meeting.

The candidates requested an opportunity to present their case for the area via the BeCA website.

BeCA has compromised and will present 3 questions (see below) to each candidate and ask them to respond to those questions on a single A4 sheet which we will publish on our website.

1. As the Caloundra West and South areas grow, what are your plans in relation to ongoing traffic issues and especially issues affecting the Caloundra Rd and Bellvista Blvd roundabout?

2. What are your other top 5 priorities for Caloundra West if elected?

3. List your achievements in addressing issues affecting Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour residents.

When BeCA has received the responses, they will be published on our website. As usual there will be a link to the website post via our Facebook page and members of the public will be able to comment.

All comments will be moderated closely to ensure fairness to all involved.

(Website August 4th)



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Concern Over Bellvista Lake

At its July Management Committee meeting, BeCA raised some concerns over the condition of Bellvista Lake. BeCA had requested a tidy up of gardens near the shelter closest to the lake and any further information on the overall condition of the lake. Council's lengthy reply is below:

Council's Parks Division undertook the tree uplift pruning and removal works around the shelter as a response to ongoing bad behaviour and constant litter being thrown into the lake.

While this has reduced some of the litter in this particular area it is still occurring at other locations in the park. As you are aware Council attends to this as it is able, but really a reduction or cease in the litter being thrown in would assist more than ongoing attention to this problem.

Council undertook a quick assessment of the types of litter being retrieved and have followed up on some of the items with IGA (Milk crates, trolleys) Other items include a range of food & drink containers – Considering there are bins in the main part of the park – Council has requested the possibility of another bin being located on the IGA side before you cross over the bridge (over drain and top of lake). Waste Management will advise once they have assessed this area and the need. Council will attend to the litter in

the water that they are unable to reach from the edges with a Kayak likely again in the near future in an ongoing capacity.

BeCA had also requested Council investigate lake sedimentation.

In respect of the sediment Council believes there are a couple of reasons for this:

*Increased sediment due to the development which can be wind, water born or from vehicles moving around development sites

*Large volume of Tilapia pest fish nesting and breeding in the site

As part of Council's understanding and managing of Tilapia – Council engaged a Contractor to undertake a Pest fish survey at Bellvista.

During this survey any pest species including the Tilapia were disposed of humanely.

Check out the BeCA website for further information on the Tilapia fish species.

BeCA News & Events tab:

“Concern over Bellvista Lake, 19-07-2020”.

(Website July 19)

Caloundra Aerodrome Community & Aviation Forum

Despite Covid19 restrictions, Council conducted an Aerodrome Forum Meeting in August.

Complaints from residents regarding aircraft noise were above average in the

first half of the year but have now fallen back and are well below average. Covid19 restrictions are considered as the main cause of this with a partial lockdown early in the year, as more residents were at home and subjected to noise. As restrictions on the movement of the public were eased, the number of noise complaints fell. Covid19 has also seen a fall in aircraft movement totals.



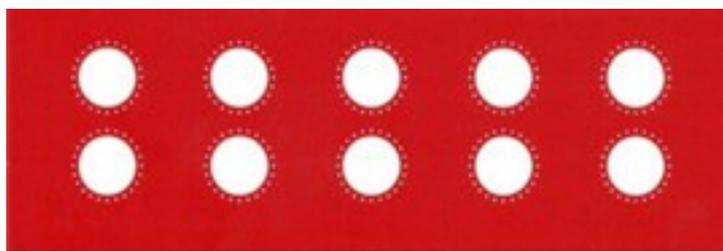
General repairs have continued to Aerodrome fencing and internal safety roadways.

Council continue to work on a website for Caloundra Aerodrome and plan to make it a resource for the community.

Runway lighting installation has been put on hold as recent restrictions meant interstate companies were unable to visit prior to submitting a tender.

Recently Helimods (a company situated at Caloundra Aerodrome) has completed a multi million dollar major fit out of a helicopter for Victoria Police equipping it with the very latest technology. The two year project has gained the attention of the ADF.

(Website Aug 5th)




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