

The next BeCA Public Meeting will be held on the 5th September 2022 at 6.45pm at the Bellvista Meeting Place



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Presidents half year report for 2022

Well, it is July and half the year has flown. BeCA had a slow start to the year with cancellation of the March Public Meeting due to Covid issues. The Committee meetings also became face to face online each month which we have found to be successful. Our local councillor Rick Baberowski attended each meeting and his updates and ongoing support continue to be appreciated.

The BeCA Committee this year had a number of vacancies and 3 roles have now been filled with residents from Bellvista and Arbour. I take this opportunity to thank each BeCA committee member for their dedication and support of our Community Organisation.

Let us not forget our volunteers (delivering the "Connector" newsletter) as they are a very loyal group and without them we would not be able to bring our news in paper form to the 2500 local residents. **Thank you again Volunteers.**

We as a Committee are currently endeavouring to get outcomes and increased communications on the following-

- Lobbying for improved phone signal service in the area.
- Help the Bells Reach community Garden gain more volunteers through social media.
- Improve our ability to communicate with our residents through increased Community news items in the newsletter, Facebook and website. (Ongoing improvements being made to our website are proving worthwhile)
- Survey our residents on issues that may affect them (one due August/Sept this year).
- Continual communications on Home and Car security tips and ideas through the articles by Crimestoppers and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

Highlights this year to date include-

- The upgrade of Canavan Gracie park (tennis/ basketball courts and cricket pitch). Thank you again to Cr. Rick Baberowski for his efforts in making this a reality.
- The increased visibility in Council (Garden and Parks contractors) working in all three areas to keep things looking great.
- Our representation on the Airport Forum continues, which allows us to advise residents of updated information which may affect them. My thanks to past President Les Thomas for his continued support on the forum.

We continue to maintain a strong independent, informed voice, to lobby, liaise and advocate for our Community, with all levels of Government and other involved parties.

Special thanks to the following government/council representatives-

Qld MP for Caloundra Jason Hunt for his service and his team for their ongoing support of the BeCA Community.

Cr. Rick Baberowski SCC Division 1 for his service to our BeCA community.

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Thanks to the **Bells Reach Community Facebook site** for allowing us to add articles to their site so we get important messages out to the community.

The second half of 2022 will see the following-

Bellvista Boulevard upgrade - a major agenda item to communicate the program of work at the September Public Meeting 5/9/22
BeCA survey specific concerns with noise (other than airport related) and lighting issues in our suburbs. (August/ September)
Lions club convention in September - information for interested community residents.
Master Plan for Caloundra Aerodrome - Council is currently in development of new plan - more detail to come.
Airport Museum improvements into the future. All future planning is centred on using the current site - more detail to come and a possible presentation at a Public Meeting.

Many thanks for your support and don't forget to visit our website (bellvista.com.au) and our **Facebook** site for regular articles and updates.

Mike Smith
BeCA President 2022



Lions International MD201Q3 Convention at Unity College, Caloundra West 23rd-25th September 2022

Lions International is the largest not for profit service Club in the world with all members being volunteers with a desire to assist their community. Lions District 201Q3 includes members from 74 Clubs from a large region encompassing Bribie Island to the east, Quilpie to the west, The Sunshine Coast to the north and Brisbane North to the south. The 2022 Lions District 201Q3 Convention will be held from 23rd to 25th September 2022 at Unity College, Caloundra West. It is expected that approximately 400 Lions members will attend the convention.

The Convention will be hosted by the Lions Clubs of Zone 12 which is made up of seven Lions Clubs located on the Sunshine Coast. These clubs are Beerwah, Blackall Range, Caloundra, Caloundra West, Lake Currumbundi - Kawana, Maleny and Mooloolah Valley. Our thanks to Sunshine Coast Council for being extremely forthcoming with financial support for the upcoming Convention.

Members of the public are welcome to attend so if you are interested in learning more about Lions come along to join us over the weekend. For more information, please contact Secretary Chris on 0431 971 849.



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Exercising Dogs- SCC rules 2022

All dogs must be kept on a leash when in public areas, unless in a designated off-leash area. When using off-leash areas on the Sunshine Coast:

Dogs must be near their owner and responsive to their commands.

Owners must carry a leash with them at all times.

Dogs must not interfere with any other people.

Regulated dogs are not allowed to be in off-leash areas.

Dog droppings must be removed and disposed of properly.

Dogs are not allowed in children's playgrounds or picnic/barbecue areas.

Dogs are not allowed to be off-leash on sports fields.

Ensure the council registration tag is worn.

In designated off-leash areas you must be able to control your dog. Be sure to check the signage to see whether dog off-leash times or conditions have changed. Penalties apply if dogs are off leash outside of these times.



Canavan Gracie basketball court and cricket pitch update from Sunshine Coast Council.

The concrete slabs for both the cricket pitch and basketball court have been poured and are just over 2 weeks into the required 28 day curing period before the line markings can be completed.

During this curing period we are hopeful that the rain will give us the time needed so that these assets can open to the community this month!



Waste and Recycling on the Sunshine Coast

With the introduction of the new Green waste bins to our area, we thought residents may appreciate knowing more about the Sunshine Coast Waste and Recycling processes that are currently in place.

Please refer to the attached Link-

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Waste-and-Recycling>

'Significant milestone': when shortcut between Caloundra and Brisbane will be revving up



An aerial photo of progress on the Bells Creek Arterial Road project. Picture: TMR
SUNSHINE COAST NEWS

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THE LONG-AWAITED SHORTCUT BETWEEN CALOUNDRA AND THE BRUCE HIGHWAY THAT COULD SLICE UP TO 15 MINUTES OFF THE DRIVE TO BRISBANE HAS REACHED A MAJOR MILESTONE.

WORK ON THE \$70 MILLION BELLS CREEK ARTERIAL ROAD, DUBBED 'THE ARTERIAL', HAS TAKEN A BIG STEP FORWARD WITH THE COMPLETION OF TWO NEW BRIDGES.

THE FAST-DEVELOPING 11KM LINK IS NOW CONNECTED OVER THE CREEK AND THE FOCUS WILL TURN TO THE SOUTHERN CONNECTION FOR RESIDENTS IN BELLS CREEK.

DEVELOPER STOCKLAND ANTICIPATES THE NEW ROAD, WHICH WILL PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO AURA, AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY AND HOME TO 50,000 NEW RESIDENTS, TO BE FULLY COMPLETED BY JUNE 2023 – JUST 11 SHORT MONTHS AWAY – SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. CURRENTLY, ALL SOUTHBOUND DRIVERS ARE FORCED TO BATTLE CALOUNDRA ROAD, WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONGESTED.

BUT THE NEW ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL SLICE THROUGH THE HEART OF AURA AND ITS CITY CENTRE BEFORE POPPING OUT AT THE ROYS ROAD EXIT ON THE BRUCE HIGHWAY.

THE ARTERIAL IS FUNDED 50-50 BETWEEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND STOCKLAND.

TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS MINISTER MARK BAILEY CELEBRATED THE LATEST MILESTONE, WHICH HE SAID WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY ANOTHER RECORD ROAD AND TRANSPORT PLAN.

"WE'VE HANDED DOWN OUR SEVENTH RECORD ROAD AND TRANSPORT PLAN, TOTALLING \$29.7 BILLION IN PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE OVER FOUR YEARS," MR BAILEY SAID.

"THIS INVESTMENT WILL HELP QUEENSLANDERS GET HOME SAFER AND SOONER, WHILE SUPPORTING 25,200 GOOD JOBS ACROSS A WIDE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES. TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS MINISTER MARK BAILEY AND MEMBER FOR CALOUNDRA JASON HUNT.

"IT'S FANTASTIC TO SEE THE BENEFITS OF THAT INVESTMENT IN ACTION HERE AT BELLS CREEK."

MEMBER FOR CALOUNDRA JASON HUNT SAID THE NEW ARTERIAL ROAD WOULD MEET THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF EMERGING COMMUNITIES IN THE RAPIDLY GROWING CALOUNDRA SOUTH AREA.

"MANAGING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS LIKE AURA AND WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH STOCKLAND AS THEY DELIVER THIS PROJECT," MR HUNT SAID.

"THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO NEW BRIDGES AT BELLS CREEK SIGNALS THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE MAJOR PROJECT.

"ONCE COMPLETE, LOCALS WILL HAVE A QUICKER, SAFER DRIVE BETWEEN CALOUNDRA AND THE HIGHWAY, ESPECIALLY THOSE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE AURA ESTATE."

MR HUNT SAID WORK HAD ALSO STARTED ON AN OVERPASS OF BELLS CREEK ARTERIAL ROAD TO MAKE CROSSING SAFER FOR PEOPLE WALKING AND RIDING TO BARINGA AND NIRIMBA.

"THE ADDED ACTIVE TRANSPORT OPTIONS BEING BUILT AS PART OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING DEDICATED PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE RIDING PATHS, ARE A REAL WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

STOCKLAND PROJECT DIRECTOR, JOSH SONDERGELD, ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR THE AURA COMMUNITY.

"THE BELLS CREEK ARTERIAL ROAD IS A SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY STOCKLAND," MR SONDERGELD SAID.

"IT WILL IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY FOR THE REGION AND SUPPORT THE ACTIVE LIFESTYLE OF THE AURA COMMUNITY WITH DUAL-PURPOSE BIKE AND WALKING PATHS BEING CENTRAL TO THE DESIGN," HE SAID.

"CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELLS CREEK ARTERIAL ROAD IS NOW AROUND 60 PER CENT COMPLETE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE WIDESPREAD BENEFITS THAT IT WILL PROVIDE ONCE COMPLETED."

THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTED \$35 MILLION TO DELIVERING THE BELLS CREEK ARTERIAL ROAD EXTENSION, WITH STOCKLAND MATCHING THIS CONTRIBUTION



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Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum- Wednesday 10/8/22 10am

The Aerodrome Forum met recently at the Caloundra Council Offices and representatives of BeCA were in attendance.

Glenn Paine reported on recent site works, and that further clearing of plant growth and tree pruning continued as required around the fence area. The problem now appears well in hand and further time to time maintenance is all that is required. Other minor earthworks have been completed to permit easier access for large loads, aircraft and Queensland Air Museum exhibits.

There was a report on processes being employed to monitor drone and model aircraft traffic. Drone usage by Real Estate agencies has increased with sellers looking to avail themselves of drone footage to aid the sale of homes. A protocol between the airport and local agents has resulted in excellent communication between those involved to alert airport staff of local drone usage.

A comprehensive report was given on noise complaints received by Airport Management and by the Commonwealth's Air Services Australia (ASA). There are literally thousands of aircraft movements from Caloundra Aerodrome each month. The combined total number of complaints for 2022 is 20. Some can arise by a single incident where a resident has lodged a complaint with both the SC Council and ASA. Reasons given for the low number of noise reports were listed for the meeting's information. With the moving on of several Training Schools from Caloundra Aerodrome, there are now fewer training flights. Those training schools remaining are managed by locals with a vested interest in keeping noise levels down. Their future is dependent on maintaining a respect between their business and local residents.

Flight paths have been modified to keep noise levels away as much as possible from residential areas. Many operators have modified their take off procedures to keep engine revolutions to a moderate level until they have reached a certain height thus reducing noise. Prevailing seasonal winds also have an influence. The winds determine which runway will be used for take offs and landings. Prevailing westerlies see the east

west runway used the most, thus creating a greater possibility of noise concerns for residents under that flight path.

It was reported that there were some 'teething' problems with the newly installed runway lights. The major problem has now been identified and steps are underway to rectify any concerns.

Council has been taking comprehensive details on the operation of the airport since 2019. In 2022 the figures are creating a valuable snapshot on the operation of the airport and a valuable tool to monitor airport performance and identify possible future concerns.

The Airport will be closed for take offs and landings over a 10 day period in October as extensive resealing and line marking on runways takes place.

The Queensland Airport Museum (QAM) has concerns over its lack of a definite future at Caloundra Aerodrome. It would like to see its future 'set in stone'. This certainty raises its ability to seek extensive funding for future exhibits and grants to extend this valuable resource for our community. Many say the QAM is the best of its kind in Australia and it wins high praise from companies such as Boeing and our own RAAF. A certain future from the QAM is required so that its further growth and development continues.

Meeting finished 11.20am 10/8/22



Have you walked around the outside of your house, looking for the things a burglar might take advantage of? Notice any valuables, like expensive furniture, electronics or art, that are easily spotted through windows? If you do, so will a thief.

See if there's anything you can do to make those items less visible through the windows.

No need to tempt thieves any more than you have to, right?

Be smart. Be safe. Be aware.

Let's work together to reduce crime in our neighbourhoods.

Our thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

As petrol prices soar, eco-driving can save money on fuel and reduce emissions, experts say.

Despite all-time-high petrol prices, the way you drive can help you save money on fuel. (AAP: Lukas Coch) none.

Amid rising cost of living expenses, and petrol prices over \$2 per litre, experts say eco-driving techniques could help Australians save money on fuel and reduce emissions.

According to the RACQ, eco-driving is a "smart, smooth, and safe" driving technique that can lead to fuel savings of 15 per cent, or up to \$400 a year, based on an unleaded petrol price of \$2 per litre.

So what exactly is eco-driving?

Eco-driving is a technique of driving that involves adjusting the way you drive — within the road rules — as well as keeping up with vehicle maintenance and planning trips carefully so you are driving more efficiently.

Ultimately all this results in using less fuel.

According to toll road operator Transurban, some simple changes all drivers can make to drive more economically include driving as smoothly as possible, reducing harsh braking and keeping a gap of around three seconds from the car in front.

The RACQ suggests watching ahead to help you drive smoothly, braking and accelerating gently, avoiding stop-start driving, and if you're in a manual car, using the right gear for the conditions and shift through gears quickly.

They also suggest avoiding idling and turning off the engine when parked, even if you're only stopping for a few minutes.

Does eco-driving really reduce fuel consumption?

Transurban conducted an eco-driving trial with 400 participants over a four week period — where participants improved their fuel efficiency by more than 5 per cent, with a corresponding reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Based on the results of the Transurban trial, if the average motorist put eco-driving behaviours into practice they could save more than \$120 a year on fuel.

Transurban head of sustainability Matt Brennan said the company's eco-driving trial showed drivers could make small changes that had a big impact on the environment and their fuel bill.

"The good news is that anyone can benefit from these findings — imagine the possibilities if these changes in driving behaviour were adopted more broadly," he said.

"Eco-driving is safe driving, because a lot of these behaviour changes can help to minimise accidents."

What does the research say about eco-driving?

Researchers at the University of Technology Sydney have reviewed the research on eco-driving and conducted their own study.

UTS senior lecturer in environmental engineering Nic Surawski said, theoretically, if drivers were doing all elements of eco-driving, fuel savings could be as high as 40 per cent.

That's the equivalent of taking a conventional petrol car and converting it to a hybrid.

"Realistically though, when you monitor fuel consumption savings in the fleet, with people under different driving conditions, I think the benefits are a lot less, but still it's quite possible to get a 20 per cent fuel saving," he said.

"That takes into account that if you're on a freeway you've got less options available to perform eco-driving, you're really just maintaining driving speed and that's it."

"Combine freeway driving with all the other things you've got to do, you may not be able to apply all the strategies, so 20 per cent would be a realistic achievement for most drivers."

Mr Surawski suggested maintaining a good driving speed, by not driving too slow or too fast, and paying attention to the way you accelerate.

Being organised can help you save on fuel

Planning to do all your jobs in one trip, avoiding duplicate trips and when possible using public or active transport can also reduce fuel costs, the RACQ says.

Paying attention to the routes you're taking, and choosing shorter and less congested routes where possible, can also help.

Monitoring your fuel use by keeping a log of how much you are using — either by hand, using the in-built car fuel monitor, or an app — can also help you change habits, the RACQ says.

The cost of using air-conditioning in cars

Having windows open, and not using air conditioning under speeds of 80 kph can reduce fuel consumption, according to the RACQ. But at speeds over 80 kph, the increased drag caused by open windows will cost you.

Removing unnecessary weight from the vehicle, and not transporting items on roof racks and spoilers, can also help reduce fuel consumption.

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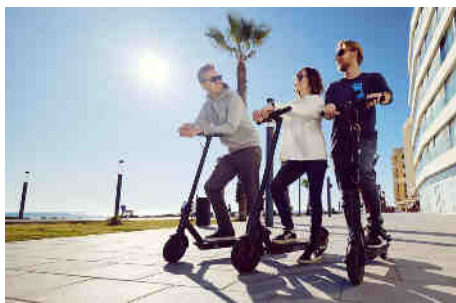
1. Noise levels in your local area. Please exclude aircraft noise. (see note below).
2. Street Lighting concerns in your local area.

Complete the survey online:

<https://bellvista.com.au/survey-2022>

Or scan the QR Code below to complete the survey.

If you have a concern regarding the behaviour of any aircraft, you are entitled to lodge a complaint. You can do this via the Caloundra Airport on (07) 5475 7272.



My Police-
6 JULY 2022

The use of e-scooters and e-bikes, otherwise known as personal mobility devices, across the Sunshine Coast and other areas is increasing rapidly.

Holiday-makers and residents are using PMDs. In a previous article, we outlined what PMDs are and the laws around their use.

This includes having a maximum speed of 25km/per hour for riders aged 16 years and over, while a helmet must be worn by riders. With their popularity increasing, police have also seen a rise in e-scooters and e-bikes being stolen.

So, it's important to highlight options on how to secure e-scooters and e-bikes, with the pros and cons of each.

Cable lock: This is the cheapest, most convenient way to secure your e-scooter/e-bike. It consists of a cable, with either a keyed lock or a combination lock. Unfortunately, these can be cut with a wire or bolt cutter, but they will generally deter opportunistic offenders.

Chain lock: While chain locks with a padlock provide a higher level of security than cable locks, a high-quality chain lock not easily cut by bolt cutters can be quite heavy – up to 3kg. A cordless angle grinder would be required to cut through a high-quality chain lock, making it more secure but with limitations (the weight) when compared with the cable lock.

U-lock: U-locks are lighter and easier to carry than a chain lock, but are more expensive than the other two options. A U-lock is a metal shackle with a removable bar and it can be a combination lock or key. The U-lock is looped around a metal railing/bar to secure the e-scooter/e-bike and generally provides a higher level of protection than either the cable or chain lock.

All e-scooter and e-bike owners are being urged to secure their property.

Take the time to consider which option is best for you and to also take a photo of your PMD and record the serial number.

If you have access to an engraving tool, your initials and date of birth may assist police.

This column is compiled by the Sunshine Coast District Crime Prevention Unit.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at Queensland Police – Reporting.

Report crime information anonymously via Crime Stoppers. Call 1800 333 000 or report online at Crime Stoppers.

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