

The next BeCA Public Meeting will be at 6.00 PM, 4th September 2023. Usual venue the Bellvista Meeting Place



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The Connector



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for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

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Welcome to the June 2023 edition of the BeCA "Connector" newsletter.

The June 2023 Public Meeting was held on the 5/6/23 at the Bellvista Meeting Place. We thank the speakers from the TMR (Transport and Main Roads Qld) Stuart Duncan and Pannie Mitchell and Jason Hunt MP Caloundra and Councillor Rick Baberowski SCC.

TMR Presentation – Bells Creek Arterial Road, Kawana Way Link Road and Caloundra Road project – Stuart Duncan, Manager Strategic Planning

TMR is undertaking planning to improve Caloundra Rd, Kawana Way Link Road and Bells Creek Arterial Road intersection. TMR is planning to deliver a staged intersection upgrade that will form a new north-south intra-regional motorway.

Surrounding Projects:

Future North South Motorway

Mooloolah River Interchange and connection to Kawana Way

Kawana Motorway

Kawana Way Link Road

Bells Creek Arterial Extension to Bruce highway

Direct Sunshine Coast Rail along the protected CAMCOS corridor

Sunshine Coast Public Transport

Project Need:

Traffic Volumes continue to grow

Existing roundabout experiences congestion during peak periods

Reduced gaps in traffic increase crash rates

Extensive queuing and delays

Project will be a two stage approach.

Stage one will be a traditional 4 lane signalled intersection and stage two will be an interchange design with bridge structures.

TMR requested community feedback with over

14000 visits to the website. Common feedback themes included – safety, need to deliver the project quickly and how it will meet network needs.

Next steps include complete business case, detailed design and construction. Timing will be subject to future funding availability and TMR will keep the community updated as further information becomes available. Final decisions have not been made yet around construction dates. Please see photos in this newsletter.

Jason Hunt MP Caloundra

New bus route 608 in the area has started today. Jason acknowledged Deb O'Reilly for her time on the BeCA committee and efforts in the secretary role for 11 years.

A report on vaping has been released.

Government will be looking at regulations regarding vaping. Information regarding the dangers of vaping are being sent out to schools.

"Coffee with a Cop" starts Thursday 8/6/23. This is an opportunity to sit down and speak with the officer in charge of the Caloundra station. Jason is hoping to have more of these in the future.

Police numbers in Caloundra to extend by 6.

This is in preparation for the new emergency services station in the Aura area.

Energy Forum will be held on the 24th June at the Powerboat Club. All welcome.

Bells Creek Arterial Road will be completed at the end of July 2023.

Questions from floor session

Residents asked **Jason Hunt MP** regarding police liaison officers in schools and new bus routes that are more direct with better connectivity to hinterland, railway station, hospital and Kawana. Jason advised he will follow through for more information on both questions.

Residents asked **Cr Rick Baberowski** about

table and chairs being taken from Canavan Gracie Park – response table and chairs have been taken away due to vandalism. Resident also asked Cr Rick regarding the SCC app – the current app is a little clunky compared to other council apps available. Cr. Rick will revisit both issues on behalf of the concerned residents.

BeCA President asked those attending the meeting if anyone had any issues with excessive noise coming from the Central Tavern as reported to BeCA by concerned residents at Bellcarra. Residents have said that karaoke noise from the tavern continues late into the night. President advised that the Tavern has a licence to trade which includes music but if residents have legitimate concerns report it through the Police Link section "Noise Complaints" for investigation.

President update on Bellvista Boulevard

upgrade that BeCA are working on- BeCA will be approaching Stockland to review the Bells Reach Drive crossing near the roundabout due to safety concerns as the upgrade develops.

BeCA will also be investigating the need for more speed signs on Bellvista Blvd as the upgrade progresses. Residents have concerns about high speeding vehicles.

BeCA will continue to provide updates to residents on the project as the work progresses. Please see our BeCA Facebook site for regular articles and updates.

Meeting Closed: 7.37pm

Next Public Meeting: Monday September 4th 2023 – 6pm – Bellvista Meeting Place which will include a presentation from the Baringa Community Centre.

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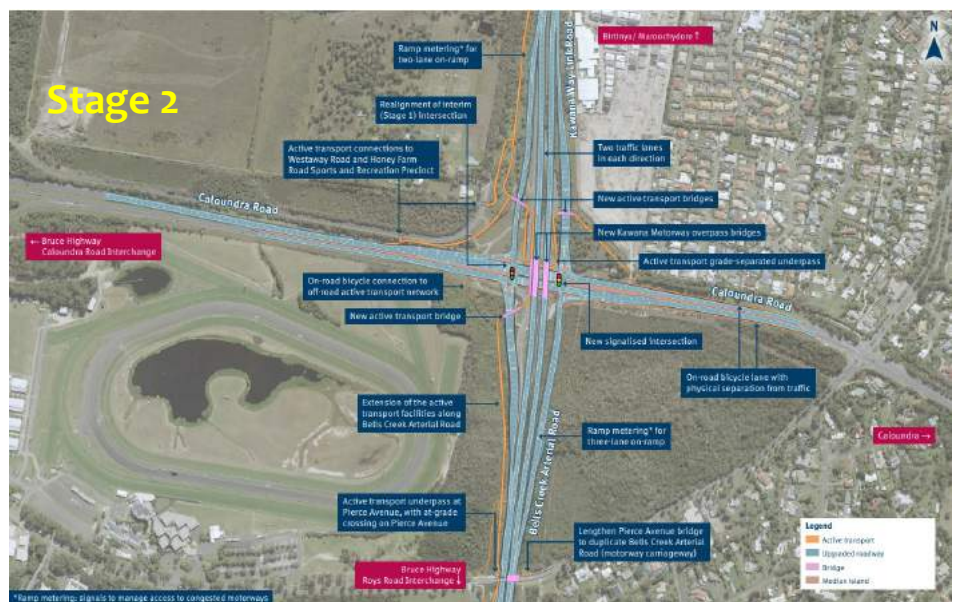
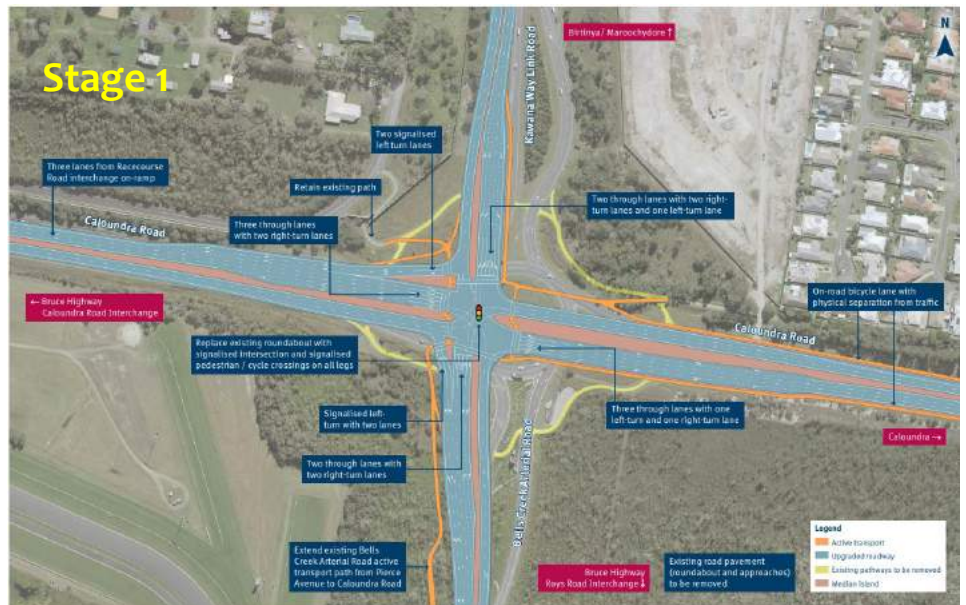
presentation made by the BeCA President (Mike Smith) and Committee member (Kev Baty) to BeCA past secretary Deb O'Reilly for her dedication and hard work for a period of 11 years. Her contribution to the community will never be forgotten. Well done Deb and thank you. Included in photo are Cr. Rick Baberowski SCC and Jason Hunt MP Caloundra.

Caloundra Road/Kawana Way Link Road/Bells Creek Arterial Road Stage 1 – A signalised intersection to replace the roundabout. Current as at January 2023 TMR has revised the design for Stage 1 and Stage 2 to consider community feedback. These changes will help ensure traffic moves efficiently through the intersection and provide better connections for pedestrians and bike riders. Proposed design changes for Stage 1 include:

- changing the turn lanes to be dual lanes and making them longer, to keep traffic moving through the intersection
- additional pathways in all directions for better pedestrian/bike rider connections
- additional pedestrian crossings on all legs to better cater for pedestrian/bike rider travel routes
- phasing (timed crossings) for pedestrians/ bike riders on all legs of the intersection.

Caloundra Road/Kawana Way Link Road/Bells Creek Arterial Road Stage 2 – A new interchange with an overpass (Stage 1 forms part of the final upgrade). Proposed design changes for Stage 2 include:

- dual left-turn



lanes added from Caloundra Road eastern approach and dual right turn lanes added on western approach • increased distance between the intersections on Caloundra Road to improve traffic signal operations • four pedestrian/bike rider (active transport) bridges including one as part of the motorway overpass • a direct east-west pedestrian/bike rider (active transport) pathway under the north-south motorway (overpass) bridges at

Caloundra Road, providing a more direct east-west connection through the interchange • improved connections for pedestrians and bike riders – making it easier and safer to travel east-west along Caloundra Road and north-south along the future motorway • ramp metering on entry ramps to the north-south motorway.



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Coffee with a cop 8/6/23

Thank you to the Officers from the Caloundra Police and Jason Hunt MP Caloundra for the opportunity for BeCA committee members to meet and discuss issues like Mobile Police Unit, E-Scooter rules, Crimestoppers meeting 6/11/23, speeding on Bellvista Blvd and CCTV Community Camera Alliance.

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/safety-and-preventing-crime/community-camera-alliance>



Staying Connected with the Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Organisation-

The 3C's of Community - Collaboration, consultation and communication. In general, social media groups can provide: a sense of belonging and community, an appreciation of different perspectives. How do you stay connected?

1. Join our Facebook followers (Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association) for all community news including the "Connector" newsletter.
2. Become a member of BeCA (free) and receive personal BeCA information advices eg Public meetings etc
3. Check our website- Bellvista.com.au (see section under newsletters)

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E-scooter crashes increase in morning commuter rush

RACQ is urging electric scooter riders to give themselves extra time to get to work, as new data reveals more crashes are occurring on the morning commute, compared to on the way home.

Principal Technical Researcher Andrew Kirk said the figures provided by the Queensland Office of Industrial Relations suggested some people were rushing to work and significantly increasing their chance of crashing.

"The data shows 36% of e-scooter crashes are occurring on the way to work and 29% are happening on the way home. It also revealed Tuesdays are the most common day for an e-scooter crash," Mr Kirk explained.

"More and more people are using e-scooters as part of their daily commute and while they're a great mode of transport, people need to remember how dangerous they can be.

"We all know how easy it is to run out of time in the morning and we're often scrambling to get into the office or wherever we may need to be.

"Make sure you're allowing extra time for your commute or accept that it's better to be a couple of minutes late than seriously injure yourself and end up in hospital."

The data forms part of a larger e-scooter injury research project being funded by RACQ and the RBWH Foundation through the Jamieson Trauma Institute (JTI). JTI Researcher Professor Kirsten Vallmuur said the data showed workers compensation claims for e-scooter crashes had tripled over the past three years.

"There were 421 e-scooter-related workers compensation claims made between December 2018 and October 2022. An

average of almost 16 claims were made every month in 2022, up from less than five per month in 2019," Professor Vallmuur said. "The majority of compensation claims were made by males, the most common age group of claimants was 25- to 34-year-olds (35%), followed by 35 to 44-year-olds (26%). If you're riding an e-scooter to work make sure you're well versed in the road rules, stick to the speed limits and wear the correct protective equipment."

The RBWH Foundation CEO Simone Garske said trauma research funding was critical if the community and policy makers were to be kept fully informed about emerging risks, such as those posed by e-scooters.

"Thanks to RBWH Foundation donors and our partnership with RACQ, much needed funding has been provided to researchers so they can review data and compile statistics which provide life-saving insights," Ms Garske said.

Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association thanks RACQ for this article.



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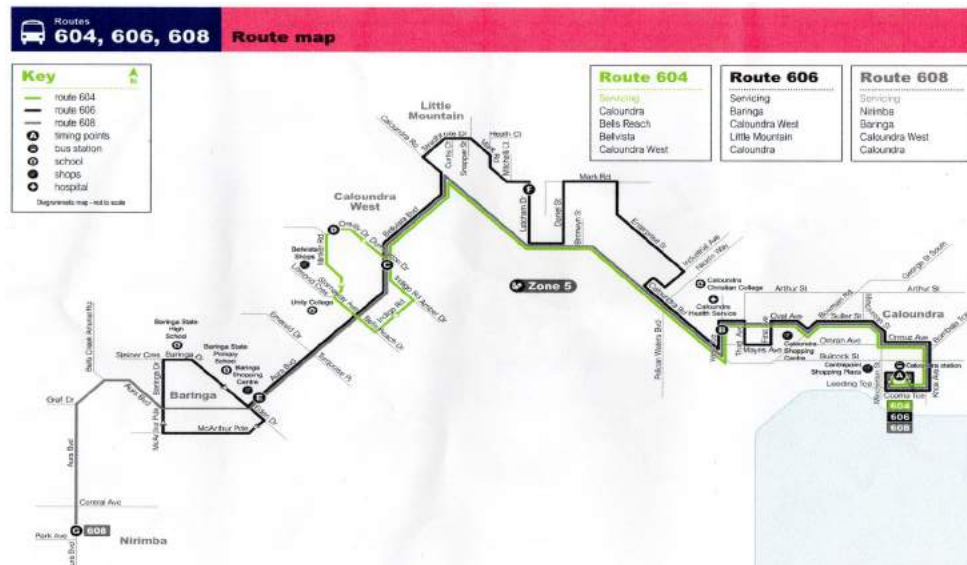
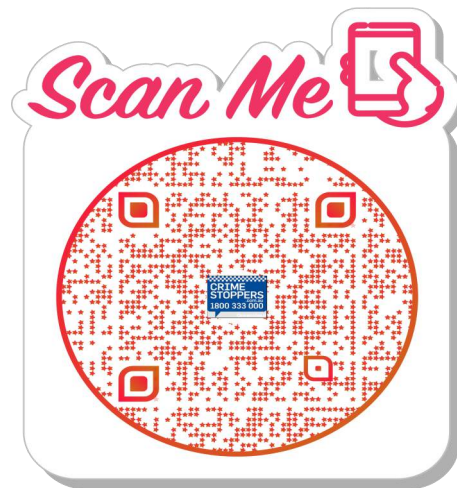
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TransLink Bus runs in the BeCA area-

As advised in previous advices from the 5th June 2023 a new bus Route 608 will commence servicing Caloundra – Nirimba.

This route will run at 60-minute intervals from 5.49 am until 8.49 pm Nirimba - Caloundra and 6.20 am until 9.20 pm Caloundra - Nirimba.

This new route 608 will have a minimum effect on Route 606 running times but means 606 and 608 will be running 30 minutes apart (more frequent services). Route 606 on weekends and public holidays with depart 20 minutes earlier than they do now. Route 604 is not affected. Thank you everyone we hope this clarifies any concerns of residents.



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