



The Connector

November 2023

for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

Issue 6

The AGM for 2023 was conducted on the 06/11/23.

Many thanks to the Guest speakers, Caloundra Police -Senior Constable Peter Oxenford and Jason Hunt MLA, and to the residents and members who attended.

Special mention to the Qld Air Museum for their kind donation of two Family passes to the Museum won by two lucky residents who attended. A reminder that 2024 is the Air Museum 50th anniversary.



A new Secretary was elected and we are pleased to welcome Chris Stewart to the team. The remaining committee renominated and were reelected. We wish to thank the retiring past Secretary Nathan Hill, for his valuable service of eight years on the Committee.

The BeCA Treasurer also presented the Financials for year ending 31/10/23 and a copy is attached the AGM Minutes.

The BeCA President presented a copy of the "President's report for 2023" to the residents and members

in attendance. Minutes, including financial statements and the full President's Report will be available on the BeCA website for interested residents and members at www.bellvista.com.au

Caloundra Police -Senior Constable Peter Oxenford joined us at this community meeting.

Fires – emergency declaration was made for the fire in Landsborough as it came very close to residential areas. Another fire near the area was deliberately lit and suspect has been charged. First fire in Roys Road area was deliberately lit. A person has been charged for this fire also.

Refurbishment of Caloundra watch house is just about complete. Watch house has been turned back into a conventional watch house. This watch house also will be an overflow facility for use by other courthouses close to Caloundra.

QPS will be expanded in 2024 to manage disaster management functions, marine rescue activities in the soon-to-be-established Marine Rescue Queensland (MRQ), and the State Emergency Service (SES). Bells Creek arterial road is open. QPS looking at putting number plate recognition cameras

on the road to monitor vehicles not usually in the area and could be suspicious.

BeCA President asked Constable Oxenford about e-scooters as this was an issue from residents in the area. The new laws should soon come in about e-scooters as advised by the transport minister on the 12/10/23. President also asked Peter about illegal parking in the Arbour area. Students are parking, sometimes illegally, in the area. Requests were made for a patrol of the area, if possible, in 2024.

Resident asked Constable Oxenford about people sleeping rough in Caloundra area. The situation is an issue around the area. There are particular places around the coast for people camping short term. If people are creating a disturbance, residents should call the police to report or use Police Link/ Crime stoppers, otherwise issues should be raised with Council, for Local Laws officers to investigate.

Resident also asked about level of domestic violence (DV) in the area. DV is a big issue everywhere and it takes up a lot of QPS time for these matters. Accordingly, QPS is trialling a number of new initiatives. To improve outcomes.



Jason Hunt MP Caloundra.

BeCA President presented a certificate of appreciation for Jason and his office staff for helping BeCA print our newsletters over the years.

Bells Creek Arterial Road has opened. This road has unlocked the development of emergency services precinct which are now being built. This should be completed by the middle of next year. Ambulance, Fire and 30 police will be stationed at the new precinct.

Unemployment just hit a low of 3% on the Sunshine Coast which is a record.

Parliament has just completed the first reading for coercive control with DV for legislation.

Borumba Dam pumped hydro scheme construction will start soon. This is a large project using renewable energy to generate base load power.

Resident asked Jason regarding the road upgrades for the area, with a recommendation that residents refer to the TMR website for all project updates.

General business

President discussed the recent BeCA survey – e-scooters, illegal parking and road access to the local area. Residents want easier road access in and out of our suburbs if possible.

President also discussed safe pedestrian crossings around the area. President believes we need to wait for the Bellvista Bvd construction to be finished and then see what issues may come to light. SCC (Council) has met with Unity College regarding safe crossing for students near the school. We understand a new Principal commences in 2024 and discussions may proceed further then with the SCC.

A Council survey, seeking residents views, for a off-leash dog area being created in the Bellvista/Bells Reach areas will be released soon. Keep an eye out and provide your feedback in due course.

At the previous public meeting, residents were asking about noise issues and the President advised the process required to make a complaint.

Next BeCA Public Meeting

4th March 2024- (Monday) - 6pm – 7.30pm

A new format with a “Meet and Greet” rather than presentations. Come along and chat with:

- * Deputy Mayor Cr. Rick Baberowski.
- * Jason Hunt Qld MP Caloundra
- * Jeff Frazer Chairperson Crimestoppers Sunshine Coast.
- * Garry Hills President Qld Air Museum
- * Tegan Kubler, Bravery Buddies Charity

Future Meetings

6th August 2024

(Tuesday)-6pm -7.30pm

4th November 2024

(Monday)-6pm – 7.30pm

AGM and General Meeting

Venue- Bellvista Meeting Place, 18 Lamond Crescent Bellvista



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During September and October 2023 BeCA sought feedback from residents and members in Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour through two online surveys.

BeCA Public meetings

Survey results (majority vote) are as follows-

1. Best days are Monday or Tuesday.
2. Best Start time 6pm (unchanged from 2023) and 1.30hrs duration (unchanged from 2023) .
3. Presenters/ topics to include - Federal and Qld MP's, Councillor, Crimestoppers, Police Charities, Local Business representatives,

Important Local Issues for You

Survey results (top 4 issues) are as follows-

1. E-scooters – Road rules and speeding through parks and on walking paths. Recent planned changes announced 12/10/23 by the Qld Govt may help reduce these incidences.
2. Parking (Illegal) in certain areas (e.g. around streets in School areas).
3. Traffic congestion in the area (Access to main roads continues to be an issue).
4. Safe Pedestrian crossings on Bellvista Blvd for Residents and Students.

The BeCA committee wishes to thank all residents and members who responded to our surveys. Our first Committee meeting in 2024 will include further discussions on these issues.



Dumbarton Drive Roundabout area update -October 2023

The new design represents an improvement on the existing pedestrian network and allows for the storage of 8 pedestrians on the northern side of the Dumbarton Drive roundabout and 4 on the south side which will allow for a safer crossing of the road.

Fencing at the pedestrian refuge has also been added to the final design, as well as the upgrading of ramps for prams and wheelchairs etc. at the intersection.

The design has also tidied up the landscape planting palette to improve sightlines and reduce the visibility concerns.

Any specific concerns about the existing vegetation that may be restricting visibility should be raised with the Council, as this is a maintenance matter and isn't within the works scope.

BeCA will monitor these visibility issues and action where required with the Council through Work requests where warranted.

Bellvista Boulevard upgrade

The project is approximately at the 70% completion mark.

The road construction contractor, BMD, is hopeful the full construction scope of the project will be completed and opened by early 2024, depending on weather.

This will include new pedestrian crossing upgrades with pedestrian refuges in the central road median. Over the next few weeks, BMD will undertake consolidation of road base, seal the additional lanes, and construct new cycleways.

Accordingly, the next phase of the project may increase traffic and pedestrian impacts, and the patience and support of the local community is greatly appreciated. Following these works, traffic switches will be in place and new cycleways will be opened.

BMD encourages all residents to observe signage and safety instructions, as they progress through work areas.

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Wishing the Sunshine Coast community a safe and happy holiday season! May your homes be filled with joy and laughter as you celebrate this festive time with your loved ones.

If you're in the area, drop by to say hello to the team in the **BellVista Market Place** (between the bakery & the IGA). Or call Tavis & Leisa directly on **0477 990 192**. We'd love to assist you in crafting a success story of your own.

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