

**Next Public Meeting**  
**6PM, 30th September**  
**2024.**  
**Venue: Bellvista**  
**Meeting Place**



Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association



# The Connector

April 2024

for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

Issue 2

**Our first Community meeting for the year was a “Meet and Greet” event which was a great success and was enjoyed by all.**

Firstly, thank you to all the residents who came along and thanks to the invited guests for their valuable time which was appreciated by all who attended.

The meeting coincided with immense rain, but this did not stop over 40 residents plus guests from coming along to support BeCA in 2024. We hope to see more interested residents come to our other community meetings later in the year. We are considering another “Meet and Greet” event closer to the Qld State Election with local candidates in attendance to present to our residents.



The night included our **Special guest**, the outgoing Deputy Mayor

and Division 1 Councillor Rick Baberowski. The Residents and the BeCA committee recognised his contribution to our area of some 12 years by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation.



**Other Guests were** Garry Hills-President Qld Air Museum, Jeff Frazer- Chairperson Crime Stoppers Sunshine Coast, Tegan Kubler -Bravery Buddies a local Charity, Dan McShea- new Principal Notre Dame College Aura, Snr Constable Peter Oxenford Qld Police. Some of the guests came with displays and handouts for residents to enjoy or take home.

We also welcomed the **three Local Government Division1 candidates** for the March 2024 election - Jenny Broderick, Kristy Taylor-Rose and Stan Nawrocki as they joined in the “Meet and Greet “with the residents.

**Federal Member for Fisher** Andrew Wallace was a last-minute guest, and we thank him for joining our community event.

**Jason Hunt QLD MP** due to Parliamentary commitments was unable to attend.

BeCA acknowledges each of our guests and their support of our residents, plus the value each individual and their organisation provides to the Sunshine Coast.

The evening also included some **free door giveaways** provided by the QLD Air Museum and Corner Pocket Bar and Grill Caloundra. The Sunshine Coast Council also provided items. Thank you to these businesses for this support which the residents attending enjoyed.

**Barista Coffee and tea** from local business “Grounds for Good” Mobile Coffee was offered and a special mention to Murray who got drenched in the storm leading up to the event. His commitment to keep serving our guests and residents was greatly appreciated.

Finally, a special thank you to the BeCA committee for your efforts which all contributed to the success of the event.



**ROADWORK  
AHEAD**



In October 2023, BeCA wrote to the Sunshine Coast Council regarding the need for safer school and pedestrian crossings on Bellvista Boulevard. The outcome of that correspondence was that a number of Pedestrian Refuges would be erected as part of the road upgrade. During construction BeCA was prepared to wait and see what these Refuges would look like from a safety perspective. BeCA would also monitor reactions from residents, including those who would need to cross the road, whether it be for their children or as a pedestrian themselves.

Bellvista Boulevard was finally completed at the end of February 2024 and calls for a "better solution

to crossing the road" started to be broadcasted on social media. BeCA then wrote to the Sunshine Coast Council on the 28/2/24 requesting that further discussions with the local Unity College school be conducted asap. We await responses in relation to our request.

During the Sunshine Coast Local electioneering period, we approached two of the candidates who both agreed that a better solution was needed for the safety of pedestrians and school students.

Suggestions such as "Wombat crossings" and "Footbridges" were made by local residents during this period.

BeCA will continue to follow up the Sunshine Coast Council traffic and transportation area and the new Division 1 Councillor in an attempt to get a solution to what we as a Community Association believe is important for the safety of our local residents.



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## NEW COUNCILLOR:



Jenny Broderick has been elected as our Division 1 Councillor.

Jenny has already touched base with BeCA, and we look forward to a productive relationship with Jenny and Council.

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## BeCA Community News & Updates

In late 2023, BeCA sought feedback from Residents and Members in Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour on **Important Local Issues for You-**

**1.E-scooters** – Road rules and speeding through parks and on walking paths. BeCA followed up Jason Hunt MP Qld, on this issue and the following is the latest as of February 2024 from the Qld Government.

The Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 proposes new measures to improve safety for riders of PMDs and other path users. As follows:

- make it an offence for the rider of a PMD or bicycle to ride without due care and attention ,
- require the driver (including rider) of any vehicle, tram or animal involved in an incident on a road-related area that results in injury to or death of any person to immediately stop, remain at the

scene and render any necessary medical assistance to the injured person. This requirement already applied to roads; and

- require the rider of a PMD who is involved in a crash to stop and provide their particulars, including their name and address, to any other driver involved in the crash, anyone else injured in the crash or the owner of any property damaged in the crash.

Timeframes for commencement of new changes will be advised to the public once known. The new laws will be supported by a communications campaign to ensure that all PMD riders, bicycle riders and the general public are aware of the new rules and obligations.

BeCA recommends if any resident is concerned about any dangerous incidents with e-scooter riders then consider reporting it to Police link Qld.

**2.Illegal Parking in certain areas** (e.g. especially in School areas).

BeCA spoke with a local Caloundra Police representative and sought some assistance in monitoring the parking especially in Arbour backing

on to the school. Recent feedback from a resident revealed that the situation has improved in 2024 to date. We thank the school and the students for taking the necessary actions.

**3.Traffic congestion in the Caloundra area**

BeCA Facebook posts indicate a high level of followers have engaged with our recommendations re new roads, night works and other road changes.

BeCA President also wrote to TMR regarding the three roundabouts on Caloundra Road, in an attempt to understand any immediate plans to improve traffic flows. A response was received from TMR which continues to monitor the intersections on as part of routine operations and will assess its suitability for upgrade in the future. BeCA will follow up and keep in contact with TMR.

NB the other Survey issue was "Safer student and pedestrian crossings for Bellvista Boulevard" which is the subject of the previous article included in this Newsletter.



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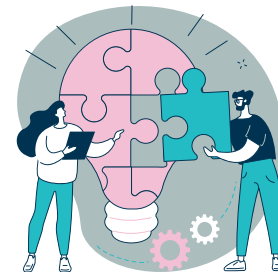
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## a sad update

**BRavery BUDDIES**



After five wonderful years in operation, it is with an incredibly heavy heart that Tegan (Founder) has made the most difficult decision - to wind down Bravery Buddies. This year so far has been incredibly hard financially - in fact it has been the worst year to date, despite having amazing exposure last year with our feature on the Project and winning national awards. Planned fundraising events in May will continue, to help cover the cost of distributing all our remaining stock to little cancer warriors across Australia. In addition. There are currently around 500 Buddies on hand in need of sponsorship, so the website will remain in operation until all dolls are sponsored and distributed.

**BeCA will again donate \$500 this year, but your support of Bravery Buddies, and the brave little people around our country impacted by cancer, would be appreciated.**