

Next Public Meeting
6PM, 3rd March 2025
Venue: Bellvista
Meeting Place



Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association



The Connector

February 2025

for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

Issue 1

Welcome to the first Connector newsletter for 2025.

The costs to operate a Community Association continue to increase and this has meant that we have had to implement changes to how we produce and distribute this newsletter. We will continue to produce 6 editions each year with the support of our loyal business advertisers.

We will be using Social Media like Facebook, emails to our members and our BeCA website as the main ways to communicate important articles and updates, we believe would interest residents of Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour and other Associate members.

Sign up today to be a BeCA member (free) and we will email you each edition as it is produced.



The dates of distribution for 2025 follow-

12th February Newsletter – Edition (1)
9th April Newsletter – Edition (2)

11th June Newsletter – Edition (3)
13th August Newsletter – Edition (4)

8th October Newsletter Edition (5)
2th November Newsletter Edition (6)

BeCA 2025 Public- Community
Meetings - venue “Bellvista Meeting
Place”, 18 Lomond Crescent Bellvista

This year we will conduct 4 Public - Community Meetings, with dates set out hereunder for your information.

We will continue to have guest speakers (Cr. Jenny Broderick SCC) and (Kendall Morton LNP Caloundra MP) along with other interesting business leaders including the Federal Government MP for Fisher.

Come along and join in with other local

residents to find out what is happening in our area and to ask questions important to you as a resident.

Public Community Meeting Dates:

3rd March 2025- 6pm to 7.30pm

2nd June 2025- 6pm to 7.30pm.

1st September 2025 6pm to 7.30pm.

3rd November 2025- AGM and Public-Community meeting- 6pm to 7.30pm.

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Thank you everyone and we sincerely hope you will continue to support our local Community Association in these changing times.



[Link- https://bellvista.com.au/membership](https://bellvista.com.au/membership)

We will still produce around 200 paper copies mainly for our residents, who may not have access to social media or email. These will be available at IGA Bellvista in a BeCA newsletter stand as





are many new features to come, so download the App and get exploring.

This year, Council will be bringing you the Draft Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme. This is an opportunity for you to have your say on the direction and growth of our Sunshine Coast.

Keep an eye on my social pages, as I will be letting everyone know when that's happening.

You will have noticed the new yellow lines painted in Verde Cct, Lime and Apple Cres Arbour. This has been in response to a history of complaints of illegal parking, often blocking driveways, so it's just a reminder of where it's already illegal to park.

Thank you for the incredible response we have had to the potential Dog of Leash Area in Canavan Gracie Park. With significant support for the dog exercise area, the project will be added to Councils' capital works program for the future.

Regarding Bellvista Bvd - Council are very aware of the need for safety on this road, and I am pushing it hard. We have applied for Black Spot Funding and will hear whether we are successful in June this year. There are other design options also being considered.

In the meantime, please drive carefully and watch out for our kids. I look forward to seeing you all as we're out and about in our community!

Don't forget to check out the dates for the next BeCA Public-Community meetings too!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break.

Wow! Time flies when you're having fun! It's been a whirlwind 9 months, and there hasn't been a day go by where I haven't learned something new.

Thank you for all your comments and suggestions - please keep them coming. We love to hear from you.

Please ensure you have downloaded our new SCC App so you can quickly snap a photograph of an area that requires our attention and send it through. You can also set it to remind you of your bin days! There

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The Bells Reach Community

Garden has been a cherished local hub since 2015. This initiative was made possible through the efforts of Stockland, the Sunshine Coast Council, and the dedicated residents of Bells Reach. Featuring raised vegetable beds, a mini orchard, and composting areas, the garden is lovingly maintained by volunteers.

Over time, the garden has evolved into a welcoming space for locals to gather, share gardening tips, grow fresh produce, and form lasting friendships. It has become a "little oasis" for the community, where people of all ages practice gardening and enjoy the rewards of their work. The garden also has public plots, ensuring produce is shared with the community, with clear signage when crops are ready for picking.

As the garden approaches its 10-year anniversary in mid-2025, volunteers are excited to celebrate not just the garden's success, but the strong sense of community it has nurtured. The garden has hosted various events, including BBQs, school visits, and seasonal celebrations like Halloween, bringing the community closer.

The Sunshine Coast Council supports the garden, and those interested in membership will need to provide some information for insurance purposes. The garden's funding is supported by a designated collection point for cans and bottles.

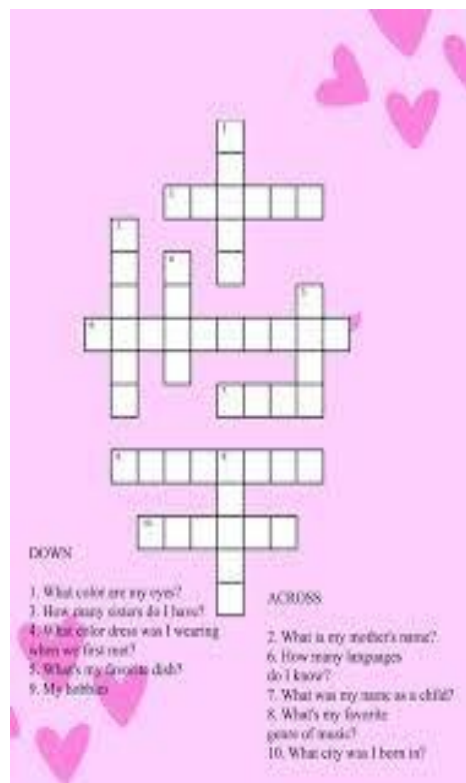
The garden is seeking more members to help with tasks like weeding, planting, mowing, pruning, and other small jobs. Opportunities for increasing social media presence, event planning, and grant writing would also be appreciated. Whether you have gardening experience or not, all are welcome to lend a hand and meet like-minded neighbours.

If you are interested in volunteering or

want to learn more, reach out to the Bells Reach Community Garden at bellsreachcommunitygarden1@gmail.com.



Follow the garden's Facebook page for updates and event notifications.



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BeCA News & Updates

News of interest involving our area over the past few months.

These are some of the stories which may interest residents.

Highpoint Residential estate at the corner of old Caloundra Road and Bellvista Boulevard was in the news with a project update. Building of homes are about to begin in 2025. Some residents were again concerned about the potential traffic issues this development may bring. BeCA was

advised by the SCC that with 23 blocks they do not expect any significant issues with traffic flow. BeCA will monitor.

Spud the lost dog – lost when he ran away on New Years night. There were several caring groups seeking information and searching for SPUD as he was a very loved pet. The owners wish to thank the Community for all the help provided to locate him.

Roofs for Recovery a charity working to address homelessness advised that they were opening a shop at 1-9 Bulcock St Caloundra called R2R Bazaar. Please go along and have a look at what they have on offer to support the homeless on the Sunshine Coast. Thanks everyone.

Upcoming Changes to parking in Arbour involving certain streets backing on to Unity College were advised by the Sunshine Coast Council in January (reasons for change) with

street signs erected. BeCA sought more information on these changes for residents and students. Please refer to our Facebook site for more detail for interested residents.

Billions of dollars dedicated by the Federal Government to upgrade the Bruce Highway-this was fantastic news and BeCA will watch with interest on the progress made especially in an election year federally.

Suburbs of Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour enjoyed quite a low level of vandalism reported involving SCC assets over the holidays which was good to see. In previous years we had to report damage to park benches, BBQ areas and lighting fixtures. Please remember to report any vandalism etc to Police Link or Crimestoppers QLD.



February 14th is a special occasion when we celebrate with our loved ones.

The BeCA Committee wishes everyone a great Valentine's Day for 2025.