

Next Public Meeting
8/6/2026 6-7.30pm
at BellVista Meeting
Place



BellVista & Bells Reach Community Association



The Connector

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for the BellVista & Bells Reach Community Association

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BellVista and Bells Reach Community Association March meeting.



The first Community meeting for 2026 was held on the 10/3/26 at the BellVista Meeting Place with special guest Kendall Morton MP for Caloundra. We had a respectable number of residents attend for which we thank them for and hope to see you again next meeting.

Kendall provided an update on the following Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan (see photo here under).



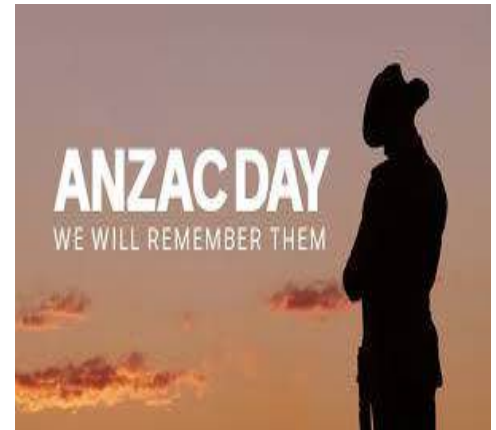
There were also discussions on the following -

1. BellVista Boulevard continual speeding issues, important to report to Police Link or Crimestoppers.
2. Police numbers in Caloundra just increased by a small number.
3. E--mobility planned changes as part of the Qld Government recent review, important to have our views in for the Government to review everyone's opinions.,
4. Recent Changes to free parking in Caloundra CBD,
5. Future shopping centre at Aura with Woolworths and Aldi to open in 2027.

The BeCA committee wants to thank Kendall Morton MP Caloundra for her time at this meeting.



The next Meeting will be held on Monday 8/6/26 and we are currently looking at having officers from the Caloundra South Police Service attend along with Cr. Jenny Broderick SCC Division 1.





Update on the Bunnings Link from BellVista Boulevard to near Bunnings Caloundra. 'More convenient active travel': upgrades to improve safety of 1.1km pedestrian corridor.

The Bunnings link corridor is an active travel corridor being upgraded in the Sunshine Coast region, specifically between BellVista Boulevard and the Bunnings Warehouse on Caloundra Road.

The upgrades will create separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians to enhance safety and convenience for active travel. Expected final completion is April 2026.

What are the benefits of active travel corridors for communities like Caloundra West?

Active travel corridors provide safe and accessible routes for walking, cycling, and using personal mobility devices, promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing traffic congestion.

They also enhance connectivity between

communities, schools, and local amenities, making it easier for residents to travel without relying on cars. This project will add real value to all residents who like to walk and ride for exercise and enjoyment.

Thank you everyone BeCA Committee.

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Sharing street parking on the Sunshine Coast requires a balance of adhering to Queensland's road rules and respecting residential courtesy, particularly in narrow or high-density areas. While public street parking is generally first-come, first-served, the Sunshine Coast Council emphasises parking safely, legally, and with consideration for neighbours.

Here are the key etiquette rules and regulations for sharing parking spaces:

1. The "Golden Rule": Leave Space for Everyone

- **3-Metre Clearance:** You must leave at least 3 metres of clear roadway beside your vehicle to allow traffic, including waste collection and emergency vehicles, to pass. If parking opposite another car, ensure a 3m gap exists between them.
- **Respect Driveways:** Do not block driveways. It is etiquette to leave at least 1m of clearance on either side of a neighbour's driveway to ensure easy access.
- **Don't Corner-Park:** Do not park within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights or 20 metres of traffic lights.

Parallel Park Close: If parallel parking, stay as close to the kerb as safely possible and do not park closer than 1m to any vehicle in front or behind.

2. Residential Street Courtesy

- **No "Dibs":** You cannot claim a public street parking spot by placing cones, chairs, or personal items on the road.
- **Prioritise Residents:** While street parking is public, if you are a visitor, try not to permanently occupy the space directly in front of a neighbour's house if they have limited off-street parking.
- **Long-Term Parking:** If you have multiple cars or trailers, store them on your property, not on the street.

Manage Visitors: Inform visitors of local parking constraints to prevent blocking the road or neighbour's driveways.

3. Safety and Legal Compliance

- **Do Not Park on Verges:** You are not allowed to park on a footpath, nature strip, or verge in a built-up area unless a sign specifically permits it.

- **Consider Emergency Vehicles:** If a fire



engine cannot get through, your car is blocking the road.

- **Check Signs:** Always check for time restrictions, particularly in popular, high-density areas like Birtinya or near beaches.
- **Avoid Yellow Lines:** Never Park on a yellow line, as this is a strict no-stopping zone.
- **If a car is frequently blocking your driveway or access,** you can contact the Sunshine Coast Council to investigate. Thank you everyone for reading this information on parking on the Sunshine Coast.



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BellVista Boulevard – new Pedestrian Crossing (near Bells Reach Drive and Sornaway Avenue) Caloundra West

The new crossing completed with some changes made for the safety of Pedestrians and School students.

Overview of Wombat Crossings

A wombat crossing is a type of raised pedestrian crossing designed to enhance safety for pedestrians. It features a flat-topped road hump with zebra stripe markings, which elevates pedestrians above the roadway. This design helps to slow down vehicles and increases the visibility of pedestrians.



Leading up to the crossing on both sides of the boulevard are the 40-kph school time flashing warning lights.

The crossing has some other warning signs with one being the yellow markers- In Queensland, yellow markers leading to a marked crossing indicate that you are approaching a pedestrian crossing, and you must give way to pedestrians and bike or personal mobility device riders on or entering the crossing. These markers help



alert drivers to the presence of pedestrians in the area.

Leading up to the crossing you will notice on the road the painted sign "School Zone" which adds to the flashing lights.

Please be aware of these critical changes. These changes have been made to help keep our community safe when crossing this busy local access road.

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