

The next BeCA Public Meeting will be at 6.00 PM, 5th June 2023. Usual venue the Bellvista Meeting Place



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for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

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First Public meeting held Monday 6th March 2023

Welcome from President Mike Smith and Introduction of invited guests. The meeting was attended by some 25 residents for which we thank them.

Presentation to Les Thomas (Past President of BeCA) – Life Membership Award Mike (President) and Bob (Committee member) presented BeCA Life Membership to Les and spoke about his history in the area and his role as BeCA as president for more than a decade. Les thanked everyone for the Life Membership Award and the BeCA Committees over the years, especially Debye O'Reilly (past Secretary) and the local residents for their support.



Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) update

Deputy Mayor Cr. Rick Baberowski provided an update on a number of items as follows:

- The Caloundra SCC office is to be converted to a state of the art Library and meeting centre.

- The new city hall at the Maroochydore CBD has opened and Cr. Rick shares his time between Caloundra and Maroochydore.
- The Caloundra Music Festival has been funded again for another three years.
- SCC planning scheme is being updated and Cr Rick is encouraging residents to contribute.
- Opening of the public artwork on the pedestrian bridge at Nirimba. SCC worked with Stockland to develop and design the "birds" on the end of the bridge, which have been designed by talented local artists.
- A call for CCTV to be set up in Canavan Gracie Park. Cr. Rick wants more information on the damage that occurred over the past months. A decision will be made after this regarding the option of setting up CCTV in Canavan Gracie Park.
- Bellvista Blvd upgrade will start this month as it has hit a trigger point. Two additional lanes will be added in between Dumbarton Drive and Emerald Drive. Protected pedestrian refuges will be added as well.
- Complaints have been made about dogs being off leash at the Violet Street Park. SCC is looking at areas where an off-leash dog park could be set up. This will not be easy as regulations are tight as to where a dog park can be, especially existing neighbours. Cr. Rick has requested Council staff to investigate various options in our area.
- Sunshine Coast Art Prize is open to contemporary artists. Prize money up to \$40 000 is on offer.

Other matters raised by Residents attending were:

- Vandalism that is happening at Arbour Park. Teenagers are loitering at night and are causing noise, vandalism and graffiti. Cr. Rick advised the data the council would require from residents for action to happen. 1. Any assets that are broken need to be reported to SCC on a Work Request (with photos where possible) and 2. Unlawful activities need to be reported to Police. (Options are Police link and Crimestoppers which is anonymous reporting). After a discussion, the BeCA President reinforced the importance to report these incidents to Police, Crimestoppers and/or Policelink. Reporting allows for uploading of videos and photos. (Please always be discreet if videotaping any incidents).



- Street crossings in the area. Concerns that it is difficult for pedestrians to cross the road in heavy traffic. It was requested that during the upgrade of Bellvista Bvd by Stockland, there needs to be proper crossings implemented. The BeCA President advised that we need to wait and see what is developed during the upgrade and ascertain if changes need to be discussed with SCC.
- Broken glass on the bike ways and footpaths. Cr. Rick confirmed that SSC will action these when submitted as Work Requests. BeCA Secretary has emailed the resident a link for the SCC Dashboard to report these incidents.



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The BeCA President reported on the following updates:

- Mobile Phone Signal Issues Update – The Little Mountain Optus tower should be up and working by the end of April and Telstra have also stated that their equipment upgrade should be working within the same timeframe. We are all hoping for a positive change in Mobile phone signal strength from these improvements.
- Bellvista Blvd Upgrade – Stockland will provide BeCA with progressive information regarding the upgrade. BeCA President urged residents to follow the BeCA Facebook site for this information. If you are not a Facebook follower please become one to keep up to date.



- "What would residents like to see at future BeCA public meetings". Suggestions will be investigated by the BeCA Committee. Ideas include presentation by the Baringa Community Centre, as this centre is for us too and a Home Security Company on ways to protect our major asset "the home". Other suggestions are welcome,

The next meeting in June may include a presentation from Department of Transport and main Roads (TMR) on the Bells Creek Arterial/Kawana Way link and Caloundra Road.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm

April 2023 update from Jason Hunt, State Member of Parliament for Caloundra



I hope you all had a great Easter! I always enjoy the chance to celebrate with family, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the year. It's an exciting time to be a Caloundra resident!

Locally, I'm looking forward to being able to drive directly from the highway into Aura and Bellvista via the Bells Creek Arterial Road, which is on track to open mid-year. It will be a relief to be able to avoid the congestion on Caloundra Road, and I'm sure the motorists who still take that road will appreciate some pressure being taken off too.

Last week I was there for the activation of the traffic lights on the Roys Road/Bruce Highway intersection, another step towards project's completion. I am also happy that pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross the new road thanks to the iconic new 'Bird Bridge' connecting Baringa and Nirimba.

We have also taken another step towards safer roads on the Sunshine Coast, with Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras rolling out, helping police immediately identify stolen cars as they drive past.

More broadly, there are some exciting changes happening in Queensland, such as in energy and renewables. If you are interested in the future of energy in our state, I am holding a forum on the topic at the Caloundra Power Boat Club on the 4th of May, from 11am to 2pm. The advances in this technology are fascinating, especially the role of hydrogen in helping us to store and transport renewable energy. I'd love to see you at the forum to talk about it - please email my

office and we'll send you more information - caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au.

I'm well aware we are also facing some serious challenges as a state. Through my office I hear from a lot of locals who are struggling with the costs and availability of housing. This is one of the challenges that has come with Queensland becoming the fastest growing state in the nation, with residents of other states coming here in unprecedented numbers.

Rest assured that I and the government are working relentlessly to find solutions but of course the issue won't be solved overnight. The government has recently announced another array of measures including limiting rental increases to once a year and extending the immediate housing response package to help families doing it tough to maintain their tenancies. Locally I am delighted that we have announced plans to build 137 additional new social homes on the Sunshine Coast in the next two years.

Of course there is more work to do and that is why we have launched a new Housing Opportunities Portal for Queenslanders to submit ideas that will increase housing supply, especially for affordable housing.

As always, I'd like to encourage you to contact my office if you have any thoughts or questions about what's going on in the electorate - we're always happy to help!



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April 2023 update from Deputy Major Cr. Rick Baberowski Sunshine Coast Council

Bellvista Boulevard Upgrade

Most will have heard by now that the next phase of road duplication is commencing along Bellvista Boulevard. This much needed upgrade will construct extra lanes starting at Dumbarton Drive, past the entry to Bells Reach and finish at Emerald Drive (the entry to Arbour). I'm sure most of us will look forward to the improved safety and carrying capacity, but dread the inconvenience of delays during the construction period. So please plan a little ahead and if you're a rare person that's able to choose your travel times please consider avoiding peak times; every little will help! As always, we appreciate your patience as we continue to work with Stockland to upgrade the local transport networks as the trigger points occur.

The map provides an outline of the key features of the project.

Dogs in Violet Street Park

A great many of us love our furry friends and currently there are more than 50,000 registered dogs across our region. Regrettably, not everyone always does the right thing and concerns are regularly being raised with me over an increasing number of dogs roaming public areas including Violet Park. Although Council does install signage to regulate dog activities, it would be unsightly and impractical to have signage everywhere. The norm is that your dog must be on a leash unless your in an designated off leash area, which will be signed. That way everyone gets to share the public space and parks as intended. For more information, please visit Council's website pets.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Stockland confirms the duplication of a 1.3km section of Bellvista Boulevard will commence shortly, following recent Council approval.

The road works will create two new lanes along a 1.3 kms corridor along Bellvista Boulevard between Dumbarton Drive and the Emerald Drive and Turquoise Place roundabout.

This will upgrade the local road network to two lanes each way through these sections. The additional lanes each way is planned to help manage traffic and reduce congestion and improve travel times during peak use of Bellvista Boulevard.

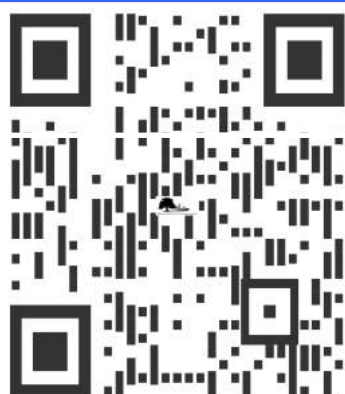
While there will be changed traffic conditions from time to time as the new road infrastructure is delivered, the road will always remain open for 2-way traffic. Stockland will shortly announce the contractor, the start date and program. Enquiries/contact currently, is email -

contact@construct-projects.com



Bells Basketball

Come Out & Play' **Last Sunday of the month from 4.30pm** at the BBQ in Canavan Gracie Park. Free BBQ provided by BELLS Church and a 3on3 Basketball Comp at the new court.



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