

Next Public Meeting (AGM)
6PM, 4th November
2024.
Venue: Bellvista
Meeting Place
18 Lomond Crescent
Caloundra West.



Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association



The Connector

October 2024

for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

Issue 5

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of the "Connector".

To all the new residents and business owners in our area, we thank you for deciding to reside or operate your business in our area.. We look forward to meeting and seeing you at our Public-Community meetings in the future.

being held on Saturday 26/10/24 for the seat of Caloundra.

Thank you to the candidates Jason Hunt (Labor), Kendall Morton (LNP) and Dr. Peta Higgs (Greens). We had a good number (57) interested residents and supporters attend, who had the opportunity to ask questions of each candidate.

certainly were given an insight into the position on these issues by each political party...

The night included a number of lucky door prizes which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

We wish the candidates the very best in the election and we look forward to

Meet Your Local Candidates

Community Meet & Greet Event

On the 30/9/2024 we had an Event for interested residents with the 3 candidates in the Qld State Election



The event was chaired by the BeCA President with support from the BeCA Committee. We also thank the Baringa Community Centre for their support in providing the microphones, speakers and expert operator.

Cr. Jenny Broderick from the SCC also attended.

After each candidate gave a 7 minute presentation a number of key issues and concerns were raised by residents and each candidate gave their response to what action would be implemented or further investigated if elected.

The main issues discussed were-
Traffic congestion, Cost of living pressure, Youth Crime, Abortion laws, Homelessness and lack of suitable housing together with higher rental costs.

There were healthy discussions on each of the main items and the residents



seeing the Sunshine Coast and especially Caloundra go from "strength to strength" in the coming years.

Thank you to all the residents who attended and we hope to see you at the **AGM on the 4/11/2024.**





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Sunshine Coast Regional Council updates

In late July we reported on the progress of the safety and signage audit that BeCA requested. Councils Transport Capital Works department had submitted a blackspot application for the raised zebra crossing at the southern leg of the roundabout.

The submission was based on a safe systems assessment of the current pedestrian movements across the Bellvista Blvd.

Once council have received the response council will then proceed with the upgrades and signage.

Latest update for this October "Connector" edition- the Council is still awaiting for the necessary approvals to allow any changes to be made. BeCA continues to monitor and follow up for action.

State Government initiative updates- "Bus and train fares reduced" - Bus Fares and train fares reduced to 50c per trip for 6 months from 5/8/24.

Latest update for this October "Connector" edition-

Since the original announcement both Labour and LNP have reportedly confirmed the reduced fares will continue after the trial period. We will need to see this reconfirmed after the October 2024 State Election. We have also received some positive feedback regarding the reduced fares on the train services especially family trips to Brisbane to see the museum and other attractions. Comments like "would probably never have done this before but the reduced cost for a family by train allowed us to enjoy this outing".

The feedback on the Local bus services 604, 66 and 608 was mixed with one longtime resident recommending the services be combined into one service. This residents feedback will be provided to the SCC and TransLink for their comment once the trial period is

complete.

We would love to receive more comments from other residents on the local bus services.
Secretary@bellvista.com.au

Important update for Residents

Bus fares reduced to 50c per trip from 5/8/24 for 6 months- **please support the use of our local services.**



We have 3 services in this area as follows-

-604 Caloundra to Caloundra West servicing Caloundra, Bells Reach, Bellvista and Caloundra West. Operates 7 days.

-606 Caloundra to Baringa servicing Caloundra, Little Mountain, Caloundra West and Baringa. Operates 7 days.

-608 Caloundra to Nimba servicing Caloundra, Caloundra West, Baringa and Nimba. Operates 7 days. Download the MyTranslink app for the most relevant bus, train, ferry and tram information in the palm of your hand.

The BeCA Committee thanks everyone for their support as we have residents who need these services to continue.



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Smooth Transitions:



Uncovering Local Sellers' Winning Strategies

It's heartening to see homeowners in our community transitioning to their next chapter. Whether it's a young family finding their forever home or long-term residents looking to downsize, selling doesn't have to be overwhelming. Many are experiencing a seamless and stress-free journey that opens up new possibilities.

Recently, one couple who had lived in their family home for over 30 years decided it was time to move to a more manageable space. Initially daunted by the idea of selling, we worked closely together to create a plan that ensured a smooth process, allowing them to focus

on the exciting aspects of their new lifestyle without the worry of managing the sale themselves.

Homeowners of all ages are discovering that with the right support, moving can be a fresh start filled with opportunity. Whether preparing a property for sale or handling logistics, careful management allows sellers to transition with ease.

With the current market generating plenty of buyer interest, now is a great time to consider your options. Remember, it's more than just selling a house—it's moving forward in a way that feels right for you.

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AGM and announcement of the BeCA Committee for 2025 and Presidents/Treasurers yearly reports.
Special guests include-

Cr. Jenny Broderick Division 1 – update on Council activities.

Presentation by GoodLaw QLD—Solicitors at Bells Reach (Wills and Enduring Power of Attorney) - Sian McNamara

Lucky door prizes on the night and invite all interested residents to attend.