

The next BeCA Public Meeting will be held on the 5th September 2022 at 6.45pm at the Bellvista Meeting Place



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BeCA enquiry regarding lack of mobile phone signal 23/5/22

Telstra Rf response as follows below, it explains the issue and timeframe

The new basestation Little Mountain South was turned on in May 2021 however due to the direction of the signal the retirement village does not benefit from this new site. The data from the mobile number provided below suggest the customer is predominantly serviced by the larger site Little Mountain site 1.7km North of the retirement village location (near Caloundra Rd/ Sugar Bag Rd) and is under heavy traffic load for most of the day. The mobiles program has earmarked a future upgrade at Little Mountain but won't be scheduled in the near future. It is related to 3G closure therefore has a deadline to upgrade before June 2024.

There are no commercial co-investment projects nearby that can help with coverage or capacity either so no good news to report.

BeCA further action-

BeCA will approach our local Federal Member Andrew Wallace to put our case forward.

BeCA June Public Meeting 6/6/22 6.45pm

First meeting of 2022 and BeCA was pleased with the number of interested residents who attended. The 2022 President opened the meeting and welcomed our invited speakers, our local State Member Jason Hunt and SCC Cr. Rick Baberowski. The President then introduced the new BeCA volunteer Committee members and the members who have been volunteers for some years now. President hopes we can get 2 more volunteer committee members in the near future.

Our local State Member Jason Hunt provided an update as follows-

Bells Creek Arterial Road – Date being pushed back until September 2023. Substantial amounts are being spent on Nicklin Way off ramp/road into Caloundra and Kawana Way roundabout is being looked at as well.

Ten extra police will be employed in Caloundra – 5 now and 5 in the new financial year. This is due to growth in the area. Nirimba will be opening with a new Police Station. Caloundra will have 2 x 24/7 police stations in the area.

Pumicestone Passage– Has reinvented itself. The passage does this from time to time. This is a natural occurring event. Jason has commissioned a study to look at cause factors. Further details will follow.



Cr. Rick Baberowski reported on Council matters-

Bells Reach – Street garden. Rocks, structures have been added to traffic island. These need to fit in with Australian standards to meet requirements. Council to work with residents to find a suitable outcome.

Bells Reach Community Garden – needs volunteers. Council are working with a current volunteer for the garden but we need more volunteers. BeCA has advertised in this newsletter and will pass on any details of anyone interested.

Canavan Gracie park upgrade- Basketball court and tennis court changes – work commenced 6/6/22 with graders working and fences erected. See separate article in this newsletter on the planned changes.

Unity College Parking – investigating further options of parking around Unity. This will be in addition to the new parking recently completed near the sports fields.

SCC Green waste bins will be delivered mid to late June. Green bins are garden waste. A good outcome for the environment.

Bunnings has recently introduced regulated 2hour parking limits. This is a Bunnings decision and does not apply to any council requirements.

The BeCA President provided an overview of the following coming up or further actions.

Stockland presentation at September meeting regarding the Bellvista Bvd upgrade.

Important for interested residents to attend.

Telstra feedback on the continual issues with phone signals in Caloundra West (please see separate article in this newsletter)

Bells Reach Community Garden seeking volunteers (please see separate article in this newsletter)

BeCA to instigate a survey to get feedback from residents around noise levels and lighting issues in Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour.

The meeting closed at 8pm.



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Caloundra West



Report on Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum April 12th.

There were over 20 in attendance at the April meeting consisting of Council personnel, Caloundra Aerodrome Industries, Community representatives, Councillors and others.

Some thinning of trees, repairing of asphalt and other minor repairs had occurred. Some further asphalt works and line marking is to be carried out later in 2022. Recent heavy rain and resultant flooding caused the closure of the airport on two days.

Figures were presented showing the number of aircraft movements had fallen from over 7,000 to around 2,400 across the previous few years. The closure of 3 Pilot Training Schools over the period contributed to the fall. Currently there are 2 remaining Pilot Training Schools based at the aerodrome, both are owned by locals and both have a vested interest in working with resident groups to keep any noise concerns to a minimum.

The Caloundra Aerodrome Master Plan which will recommend the future development pathway for the Aerodrome may be reaching 1st draft stage in a matter of weeks. Contributors will be invited to discuss the draft and make further recommendations.

A presentation from a representative of the Airport Museum indicated a route into the future the museum could take. All future planning is centred on using the current site. A major focus will be on moving all exhibits to be under cover which will involve the building of structures and the planting of trees.

Volunteer workers had found working in the summer sunshine difficult, exhaustive and a danger to their health.

A new "Hanger" will be constructed over time to add further exhibits. There will be up to 4 stages to complete all changes.

"Virtual Reality" exhibits will be included along with an expansion of the museum's extensive library facilities.

There was a lengthy discussion on a concern raised

by the Golden Beach and Pelican Waters Community Association regarding aircraft noise. Though much improved, there can be consistent and repetitive flights over the community from aircraft. Much of this is from the Pilot Training Schools.

It was agreed that the current training school operators would trim their cruising revs to 4,500rpm which could offer a 10% reduction in noise. It was also agreed that planes taking off would now make a right turn whilst over the middle of the Pumicestone Passage rather than turning earlier and following the foreshore southwards until turning over Pelican Waters.

Both operators agreed that aircraft noise abatement would be a major focus.

There could be some flights outside the new recommendations dependent on the skill and experience levels of trainee pilots. Some recommendations on taxiways were to be considered in the formulation of the Master Plan.

Cr Baberowski spoke of the airport in relation to the proposed Camcos corridor and the introduction of heavy rail via Caloundra to Maroochydore. Cr Baberowski believes the Camcos Corridor proposal was now "when" rather than "if". History shows that the building of the Redcliffe line in Brisbane was a Federal Government project and was funded on Federal money 80%, State money 20%. The Camcos Corridor proposal is also a Federal policy yet current funding proposal is on a 50/50 basis. It is expected discussion between the State and the Commonwealth will finalize eventual funding terms. The building of the train line and the positioning of a train station somewhere near the Airport could have a positive outcome for the Caloundra Airport Museum and should be taken into consideration for their development plans. The meeting closed at midday.



support for basketballers to have their own area to play.

Last September, Sunshine Coast Council asked the Bellvista community to share their thoughts on a proposed relocation of the basketball court.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 1 Councillor Rick Baberowski said engaging with the community allowed council to better understand how the park was being used by locals and visitors, and measure demand for the basketball court.

"Due to the popularity at the current facilities, council received several requests to relocate the basketball court to its own area, rather than be combined with the tennis court," Cr Baberowski said.

"After conducting print and online surveys, the feedback showed the parks are much-loved with 80 per cent of respondents enjoying the park at least once a week, and 65 per cent more than three times per week.

"Almost 90 per cent of respondents supported relocating the basketball court – so on that note, work on the new basketball court at Canavan Gracie Park will start in early May.

"The four-square basketball court, which includes a hopscotch area, has been moved to a new location opposite the AFL field and lends itself to being a space for groups to gather and play different sports without impacting tennis players.

"The overall position will enhance the park area and improve connectivity to the existing facilities like the playground, cricket and AFL fields and amenity to the lake.

"And, in great news for cricketers, the concrete cricket pitch will also be replaced as it's coming to the end of its usable life.

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"I would like to thank everyone for contributing to this important outdoor recreation space and I'm looking forward to seeing the completed works in the coming month."

The works also include installing two new park seats for onlookers and connecting pathways linking the existing facilities.

Landscaping, including six trees and a mix of different groundcovers species, will be planted in the garden beds.

Cr Baberowski said creating these spaces encouraged an active lifestyle for our youth and contributed to council's vision of becoming Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart and creative.

The works started in May and are expected to take four weeks to complete, pending weather and site conditions. **Hop down and have a look at the work in progress and on completion.** BeCA thanks Cr. Rick Baberowski for his commitment to the Residents of Caloundra West.

Alley-oops and slam dunks soon won't be sharing the combined basketball and tennis court at the Bellvista Meeting Place in Caloundra, thanks to strong community



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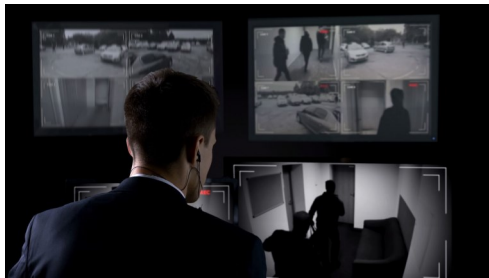
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This column is compiled by the Sunshine Coast District Crime Prevention Unit.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting.

Report crime information anonymously via Crime Stoppers. Call 1800 333 000 or report online at www.crimestoppersqld.com.au.

Article follows-

My Police: how residents with home and business CCTV can join safety alliance.

A new alliance between the police and the community, involving CCTV, is set to make our region a safer place.

The Community Camera Alliance is a Queensland Police Service voluntary closed circuit television registration program.

It's aimed at promoting the relationship between police and the community, to make people in homes and businesses safer.

As reported by Sunshine coast News, the program encourages people to register their CCTV systems on the QPS website, in order to prevent and disrupt crime on the Sunshine Coast.

CCTV has become a major investigative tool and is invaluable when used as evidence to solve crime.

Investigators have benefited greatly from CCTV systems in commercial premises over the years.

Advancements in technology, affordability and accessibility have resulted in more members of the community utilising CCTV in their own residences for security and safety purposes.

It provides an unquestionable account of an offender's actions and identity in the commission of an offence

The aim of the program is to know where the CCTV locations are established within our community, so police can maximise the efficiency of investigative resources and reduce investigation times.

Locating CCTV can be very time consuming and resource intensive, particularly in the case of a serious incident

Registration is open to any individual, owner or operator of a CCTV system on the Sunshine Coast.

This information will be entered on the QPS secure database called QPrime.

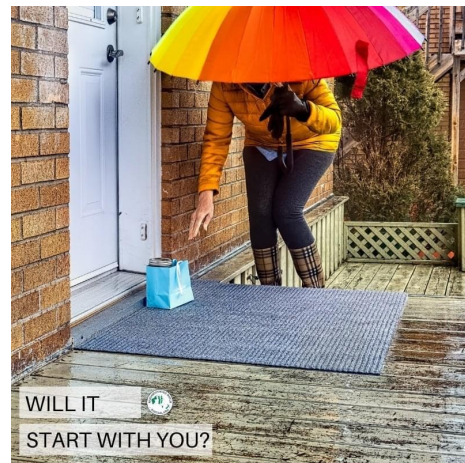
This is solely accessed by members of the QPS and it will only be accessed for purposes of investigating crime.

If your registration can assist to solve crime the QPS will be in contact to ask for help. CCTV may be used for court purposes.

If you change your mind, you can notify the QPS at any time and your registration will be removed.

Register your home or business CCTV cameras with Queensland Police Service.

For more information or to register go to Queensland Police – Community Camera Alliance.



Article from Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

Living in a safe and vibrant community is something we all aspire to and it is achievable if we all work together. Creating a good neighbourhood is everyone's responsibility.

There are so many ways you can help, but here's just a few to get you started:

Being the kind of neighbour you would like to live next door to.

Getting involved in community groups and activities, like Neighbourhood Watch

Getting to know your neighbours.

Reporting issues in your neighbourhood to the council, police or relevant authorities so that they can be addressed.

Supporting local small businesses.

Helping to keep the neighbourhood beautiful by keeping your house and yard well-maintained.



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Should your family require the services of one of our Advertisers please contact or visit them.

Many thanks,
Mike Smith
President.



2 Vacancies remain in the BeCA Management committee and these may be filled by interested and eligible Community Members.

Please contact BeCA on email – beca.secretary@gmail.com
If you wish to become involved to ensure BeCA is able to continue to support the Community and it's needs.

BELLS REACH COMMUNITY GARDEN- Volunteers needed

The community garden is at Active Park on the corner of Indigo Road and Amber Drive.

The community garden of Bells Reach, the first for Stockland on the Sunshine Coast, has not been left behind by the growth of the community, with more fresh produce being picked, planted and enjoyed than ever before.

The garden was completed in June 2015 and was funded by Stockland, Sunshine Coast Council, Bunnings, other businesses and community donations. Even at the very beginning, the garden was

bustling with those coming to practice their gardening, to meet their neighbours and enjoy the fresh fruit, herbs and vegetables together.

The volunteers who currently operate the garden are seeking more community support.

Contact can be made with Jo—
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