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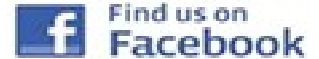


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Welcome Back to 2021.

It has been a busy time around the estates during January and now BeCA is back bigger and better than ever.

There has been heaps of movement on the new Baringa Phone Tower site with construction now underway. School has now gone back and everyone is out and about enjoying the warm weather!

The shadow of Covid19 was there for all of us in 2020 and over the recent Christmas period. As many of our local residents moved to this area from interstate or have relatives in northern NSW, border closures and border passes had become an unwanted hassle for many to negotiate over the festive season.

Traffic has been even heavier than usual over the holiday months as with Queenslanders opting to holiday in their home state rather than risk interstate travel. Travelling overseas for a well earned break is definitely off the agenda. The heavy traffic has put local roads under strain and made it a little slower to get around.

Summer storms have continued to cause concern with Council being run off its feet tending to fallen trees across roads,

pathways and private homes along with other storm damage to their public buildings. But everything is bright green and growing rapidly again. The pathway ahead looks brighter for everyone.

BeCA has begun its monthly Management Committee meetings with a final decision being made at the February Management Committee meeting to hold Public Meetings again during 2021.

We continue to monitor the re opening of The Central Tavern Bellvista with a mid February opening heavily dependent on the Liquor Licensing Board and its speed in approving the licence for the revamped Tavern.

BeCA and the local Caloundra West Lions remain keen to have a face to face meeting with the new owner but he can be hard to nail down for a chat.

BeCA has been informed that contractors may be taking some of the Parks and Gardens work around Bellvista. And there has been a move to only reacting to "Service Requests" made by phone or online via the MyCouncil website as well. Unfortunately the "Hey Mick, there's a low hanging branch on Dumbarton, can you sort

it for us please?" has gone and an online Service Request is now required. You can read more on this in the report on BeCA's February Management Committee meeting on page 2.

Some vandal damage continues to occur around the area, especially around Canavan Gracie Recreational Park but it does seem to have lessened recently, despite school holidays.

There is a Caloundra Aerodrome Forum Meeting coming up in February. We seemed to get the normal number of aircraft behaving inappropriately as we do over every holiday period. Generally these are pilots from outside the Sunshine Coast and seem much less considerate to local residents than our own local pilots and Training Schools.

You can read more on this in the report on BeCA's February Management Committee meeting on page 2.

BeCA enters 2021 with a commitment to support the needs of our local community. You can read more on this issue in the report on BeCA's February Management Committee meeting on page 2.

So we welcome everyone to 2021!



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Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association

BeCA's February Management Committee Meeting Report

The BeCA Management Committee had its' first meeting for 2021 in early February.

BeCA was delighted to have both Councillor Rick Baberowski and local State Government member Jason Hunt present at our meeting.

It was decided to re institute the four Public Meetings for the year despite some Covid19 restrictions still being in place. The website will keep you up to date on who the speakers will be for the March Public Meeting to be conducted 6:45pm on Monday March 1st at the Bellvista Meeting Place.

A major annual cost for the Association is the need for it to have Public Liability cover for Public Meetings and for our volunteer workers. Council insists on a \$20M coverage before it can allow our Public Meetings to occur at the Bellvista Meeting Place. BeCA will need to increase its cover to meet the 20 million dollar requirement. A small increase in our newsletter advertising rates will be required to cover the increase.

BeCA will investigate costings and available grants from various sources to modify the website and remove some under utilised pages and links.

With the new State Government member Jason Hunt now in office, new arrangements have been arranged for the production of the

BeCA newsletter. It is expected the new arrangements will benefit the production of this newsletter.

The Caloundra Aerodrome Community forum will go ahead in 2021 with the first meeting set down for mid February. BeCA will ensure matters affecting our residents will be raised and brought to the attention of Caloundra Airport Management.

BeCA is pleased that it seems incidents of vandalism have decreased recently. However residents need to continue to be vigilant in reporting vandalism and graffiti to keep on top of the issue.



There is a Sunshine Coast Council 'app' available for your phone but doesn't appear to be fully working for everybody. BeCA believes it is possible to use the app to make "Service Requests" but with some shortcomings. Cr Baberowski will follow up on the possibility of having the app updated and improved to allow residents to lodge a "Service Request" from an app on their phone rather than the more laborious lodgement via your computer.

Cr Baberowski assured BeCA that Council employees (The Bellvista Gardening team) will continue to maintain areas around Bellvista though some tasks may be undertaken by Council Contractors as required. Following recent storm damage which saw a vast increase in damage across the area, Council

workers have been utilised across the region to carry out clean up operations. As things settle and all storm damage has been rectified, we can expect to see the Gardening Team back on deck.

Council workers have cleared the most seriously damaged areas. Other danger areas have been roped off and will be attended to in due course. Currently there are many roped off areas.

Cr Baberowski has further followed up on the possibility of the installation of a half basketball court at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. The public tennis court (possibly the only free public tennis court in Caloundra) also doubles as a basketball court. The construction of a half basketball court would make the area more available to tennis players.

However much consultation is required prior to this project going ahead. There is already a half basketball court facility at the Violet St Park in Bells Reach. Council would use feedback from users and residents from around the Violet St park to gain a deeper insight into building a similar facility in Bellvista.

During General Business a concern was raised over progress on the construction of the Baringa Mobile Phone tower. Poor mobile phone coverage across Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour has been an ongoing concern. We can report that there is action around the proposed site with track marks from heavy vehicles and a blocking off of access around the end of Koala Court. A mid year date for the tower to be operational was mentioned. (Continued on page 4)



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Moffat Beach Brewery

The Moffat Beach Brewing Co is in full production with the new facility on Caloundra Rd now open for business. Moffat Beach Brewery produces its own craft beers and the new venue allows customers to sit and try their products. At this stage there is a pizza menu available as well.

There are bar stools and numerous full tables to accommodate customers. A large TV with a Foxtel sport subscription is available for the enjoyment of customers.

It is quite close to Bellvista/Bells Reach/Arbour but a ride home via Uber is recommended. Craft beers are usually more expensive than the regular across the bar varieties. The brewery is situated diagonally across Caloundra Rd from Bunnings and possibly a little beyond a normal walking distance.

The Central Tavern, Bellvista

Mike Dixon is the new owner of the Tavern here in Bellvista. He has been in contact with BeCA to update on progress for the re opening of the tavern.

If all goes to plan, he is hopeful the tavern (to be renamed as "The Central Tavern") can open around mid February.

Currently refurbishments to open up spaces are being completed and they appear to be going to plan.

The menu has been finalised and will comprise of traditional 'pub fare' with a clean seafood focus throughout. Locally sourced meat, seafood and vegetables will be a highlight in all dishes possible.

Simon and Tish will be looking after the day to day operations on Mike's behalf. All renovations should be complete in the next four weeks and they are hoping to open mid February, with just licensing transfers to proceed.

Mike said, "I am a very hands on operator with many years in the business across the east coast of Australia. I'm very excited to bring my personal and local touch to the tavern and hope I can

provide an exciting and safe experience for everyone involved."

We can't wait to see this popular facility back up and providing a great service for our locals. (Website Jan 15)

Bellvista Market Place Public Lighting

By the time you read this article, all the carpark lights at Bellvista Market Place should be fully operational again.

In many cases the lights needed to be fully replaced with the old lights being a model which was no longer produced.

However they should now be all up and running just in time for the The Central Tavern opening.

This will be a welcome addition to the safety of clients and workers as well as they depart the Tavern precinct.

The Bellvista Market Place complex is owned and managed by Pratt Property.

New Dog Park Open

The new Dog Park in Baringa is now open for all local residents. It's around a 2K+ walk from our estate or an easy 5 minute drive.

Turn left at the Baringa Shops traffic lights into Eden Drive. Just beyond Irwin Court (third road on the right) is an entry into a new large carpark at the Blackbutt Forest. Enter the carpark and travel as far south as you can. Now you have arrived.

It is all new with facilities for pet owners while their pet runs and frolics in the two open spaces.

This precinct is planned to be a great future open space with walks and activities for the whole family.

And it is right on our doorstep! (Web 3 Jan)



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BeCA's February Management Committee Meeting Report Continued

Traffic concerns were raised with our two guests (Cr Rick Barberowski and local MP Jason Hunt) from a Committee member.

It was reported that during one Unity College school drop off time, traffic was backed up at the Bellvista Blvd/Stornaway Avenue roundabout south along Bellvista Blvd to beyond the bridge as you leave Baringa.

Traffic has increased markedly along Bellvista Blvd as Baringa continues to grow and houses spring up further and further into Caloundra South. The increased traffic includes large trucks, tradie's vehicles, motor cycles and everyday cars.

Hoons can be heard speeding and screeching of tyres as they do a wheelie around roundabouts at all hours of the day and night annoying residents.

These drivers can be hard for the police to catch. However if it

happens at a regular pre dawn time each day as they speed along and drive to work, notify police of the approximate time and hopefully someone will be caught.

The question of the proposed road link between Baringa and Pelican Waters Blvd was raised. Cr Barberowski has always been keen on the state Govt doing a 'feasibility' study of the proposed link road to ascertain possible costs. Originally the road was estimated to cost around \$50m. However, because of the wet nature of all land between Baringa and the Pumicestone

passage, \$50m may be a vast underestimate.

The question of narrow roads and residents being forced to park private and work vehicles on the roadway thus seriously hindering traffic along these roads was raised.

This led to discussion about parents driving their children to and from school. With the infamous event of a child being abducted and murdered from a bus stop here on the Sunshine Coast, parents have become even more sensitive to getting their children to and from school safely. This has been a factor in increasing traffic on our roads.

However observations from a Committee member indicates the bike storage facilities at both schools in Baringa are quite full.

This seems to indicate that some children in our local area choose to ride their bikes to school. It is probable that the excellent veloways on our estates makes riding your bike to school a safe alternative to being driven. (Web Feb 2)





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