



# The Connector

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for the Bellvista & Bells Reach Community Association

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## Stockland Calls Road Safety Workshop



Following the recent serious traffic incident where a young boy from Bells Reach was seriously injured, Stockland met with local representatives at Bellvista Meeting Place to discuss a range of proposals designed to address road safety concerns held by many Bells Reach and Bellvista residents.

Local representatives present included those from Stockland, Sunshine Coast Council, BeCA, the State Government's Economic Development Queensland Department and other traffic safety representatives. Cr. Rick Baberowski, the Stockland Development Manager for Bells Reach, engineers and other pertinent council representatives were all in attendance.

The 3-hour long meeting included a site visit to Active and Blue parks and extensive discussions regarding community concerns and possible solutions. Discussions focused on numerous issues including excessive speed, traffic calming, youth education programs along with

other considerations such as disability access, and the behaviour patterns of both drivers and pedestrians.

Further research is obviously required to balance all these elements, and all groups involved in the Road Safety Workshop will continue to work together to implement the appropriate measures to improve road safety in this community.

BeCA and our community has been assured we will be kept informed by both Stockland and Sunshine Coast Council on further developments.

Among many amazing features, the new school will include a robotics lab, a recording studio, and a kitchen garden program. Stockland has also released a video on Education in Aura, which you can find on our BeCA Community Website at :

[www.bellvista.com.au/new-school-underway/](http://www.bellvista.com.au/new-school-underway/)

Work at the Caloundra South site is well underway with the new road joining Bellvista Blvd with Bells Creek Arterial and Caloundra Rd due for possible completion around October. The aerial photograph of the new road under construction can be viewed on our BeCA website.

The current Bells Reach Land Sales Office buildings will then be moved to be based onsite in Caloundra South.

Final landscaping work is being undertaken for the sale of the last lots at Bells Reach! Beware of trucks carrying loads of topsoil as final landscaping is completed.

## New School Well Underway

Stockland have released information that earthworks for the new school to be built in Caloundra South have now been completed. The school can expect new enrolments to begin in 2018.



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## April Management Committee Meeting

The BeCA Management Committee Meeting held early in April was very much a 'housekeeping' meeting. BeCA welcomed the recently returned Cr Baberowski to the meeting. Of major concern were reports from several residents regarding speeding cars around the estates, following an earlier issue raised at the recent Public Meeting regarding speeding cars on O'Reilly Drive.

BeCA contacted local police. Several days later a police car was able to nab a couple of speedsters and they were fined accordingly. BeCA has now requested that police presence be increased not only along O'Reilly Drive but also on Indigo Rd/ Bells Reach Drive in Bells Reach and near the Tavern around 10pm.

BeCA had earlier passed on its concerns to local police regarding behaviour around and in the underground carpark at Bellvista Market Place. Following BeCA's requests we can now report the behaviour in question has stopped.

As Stockland begins to increase its activity in Aura and winds down its presence in Bells Reach, the Community Garden is after an increased interest from local residents. An independent management group will be required to take over the running of the garden. If you are willing to become involved, contact Hannah Williams via the Bells Reach Sales Office.

The Bells Reach Facebook page is another project which Stockland is looking for another group to take on board.

Biopods do a great job in helping to cleanse storm water before it enters local waterways and eventually the Pumicestone Passage. If you have a biopod just outside your home take a few minutes to ensure it is tidy and that it hasn't be-

come overgrown. Recently a Bells Reach resident discovered that a reptile family had set up home in the local biopod and has since had the reptile family removed. This is of concern especially where young children may be involved.

A Council sub contractor is employed to maintain the biopods in Bellvista. Currently Stockland maintain the biopods in Bells Reach.

BeCA is urgently seeking its meeting with the local Parks and Gardens Supervisor. Previously BeCA had regular meetings with the then Council Parks and Gardens supervisor. However the replacement supervisor has been much more difficult to tie down. BeCA will continue to press for a meeting and improve communication channels.

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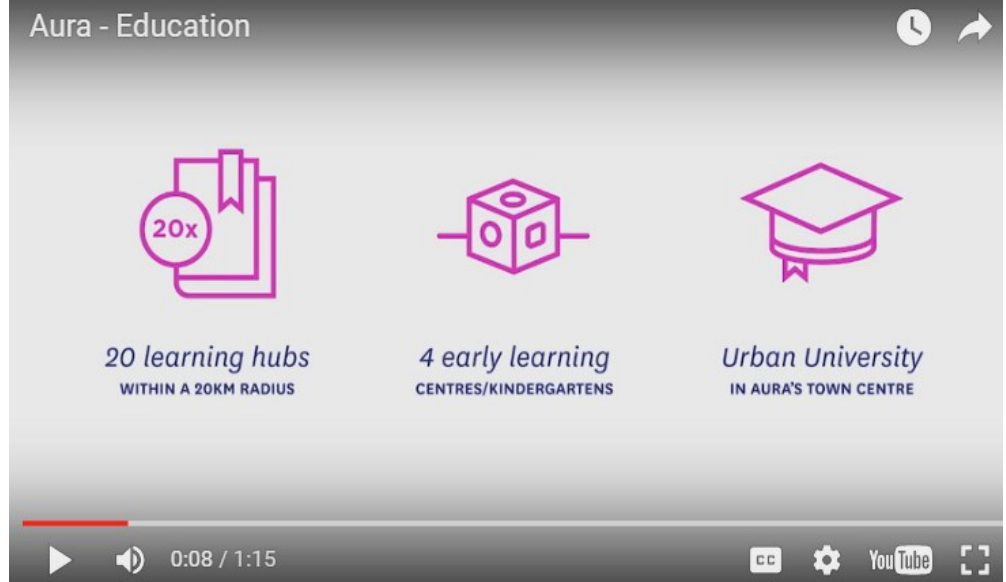
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excellent access to "Service Requests" where you can quickly request potholes to be fixed, broken tree limbs to be removed, trees overhanging roadways etc plus concerns you have with local parking or other local ByLaws issues.

There was lengthy discussion with Cr Baberowski regarding discussions BeCA recently had with local MP Mark McArdle and the State Government Minister for Main Roads, Mark Bailey. BeCA is after a new link road to be constructed between Bellvista Blvd and Pelican Waters Blvd. Now it seems BeCA's major focus will be to get a commitment on a feasibility study for the new road. The feasibility study would address costings, more detailed planning, access to sensitive environmental areas and the creation of a road reserve.

BeCA is hoping to meet again with representatives of the Golden Beach Progress Association and Sunshine Coast Rate Payers for a further commitment to



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pressing for a feasibility study.

BeCA also welcomed 6 new members to the Association.

## BeCA meets with Minister for Main Roads

The State Government Minister For Main Roads, Mark Bailey visited the Sunshine Coast on Thursday March 31st, to make announcements on future intersection upgrades around the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

He was also present at the announcement of the opening of the Cooroy Bruce Highway Bypass that morning.

During his visit he found time for a 30 minute chat with representatives from BeCA to discuss Caloundra Road and other traffic issues around our area.

It appears the first priority for the Government and Council is to explore alternative routes into Caloundra away from the Nicklin Way/Caloundra Rd roundabout and Bowman Road and thus lighten traffic along Caloundra Road.

The Department of Main Roads was working closely with the Sunshine Coast Council to plan, upgrade and build a variety of strategies and road improvements to try to lighten the traffic using the major roundabout.

The map (right) shows several of the ideas currently on the planning board and in full discussion between the Department of Main Roads and the Sunshine Coast Council.

At this stage the new east west corridor link (from Pelican Waters Blvd across to Bellvista Blvd and the Bells Creek Arterial) was seen as proposal for consideration in over 12 years time, rather than sometime in the immediate future.

BeCA was keen to see planning and

building of this link road, get underway as a matter of urgency. BeCA believes this should be seen as a longer term solution to solve traffic issues along Caloundra Rd.

BeCA argued that two new schools to come online just south of Arbour in the new Caloundra South by the beginning of 2018 and a rapidly growing community in Caloundra South will continue to create a major concern for traffic on Bellvista Blvd.

This argument was countered by saying the new second entry/exit road along the soon to be completed Bells Creek Arterial would take much of this traffic.

However BeCA remains unconvinced that the new Bells Creek Arterial Stage 1 will be the solution to many of our traffic woes, and that many parents and residents will continue to use Bellvista Blvd to drive

children to and from school and visit Caloundra or Brisbane.

BeCA Management Committee Member and owner of the Positive Property People Real Estate Agency, Lani Cooper, suggested as many as 40% of our local residents commute daily to Brisbane to work.

There was a great exchange of ideas between residents, planners and the Minister on a range of issues. Minister Bailey thanked the residents for the frank exchange of ideas and went away from the meeting with a deeper understanding of the issues involved.

It isn't often that a small Community Group can have such a wonderful opportunity to openly discuss issues with the person holding the purse strings!



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## BeCA meets Roads Minister

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The meeting was arranged by Jason Hunt who has been most supportive of BeCA and its desire to find a solution to many of the traffic issues of our area.

## Rise For Blake

On Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> a candlelight event was held in Active Park, Bells Reach to support young Blake who was critically injured near the park on his scooter.

There was a giant soccer game, sausage sizzle, raffles and a candlelight vigil, with amazing turnout and support by community members and businesses. \$2377.75 was raised on the night with further donations to follow. If you would like to support the Byrne family, these are the account details. BSB: 923 100. Acct No: 32014052. Account name: T Settle.

## Councillor Rick Babrowski Returned for another 3 years.



Cr Rick Baberowski has been returned to act as our Division 1 Councillor following the recent Council elections.

Cr Baberowski got a substantial vote of confidence at the polls, which allowed the vote counters to concentrate on our other Council Divisions where the voting was much closer. Ricks win was significant for our community, as he's always very approachable and conscious of our issues.

BeCA welcomes the opportunity to keep working with Rick for the betterment of all Bellvista and Bells Reach residents.

## Does your dog need a clean?

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