

**The next BeCA  
Public Meeting  
Bellvista Meeting  
Place, 6:45pm  
September 6th  
All Welcome**



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## BeCA June Public Meeting

For a mid winter meeting, BeCA was pleased with the attendance at the June Public meeting. With issues in the community relating to use of the public tennis court it was anticipated this could be a lively meeting.

Work commitments meant Snr Constable Peter was an apology.

Cr Baberowski reported on Council's Coastal Adaptation Policy which would guide future Council planning in the wake of warming concerns and its effect on many areas of the Sunshine Coast. It is anticipated there will be a rise in the sea level by around .8 of a metre by 2100 meaning many low lying Sunshine Coast areas will be in some danger of flooding. The aim of this study is to prepare Council on adaptations required to minimize any effect future global warming may have.

There will be a review of land use policy across the Sunshine Coast as parcels of new land for development are becoming more difficult to find.

Cr Baberowski asked everyone to complete the survey on the "Mass Transit Survey" available on Council's website. Community input is essential before meaningful and relevant future planning can be undertaken. Council was conducting local 'pop-up' stations which you are encouraged to attend.

Our local State Member Jason Hunt has been on a massive learning curve since being elected at the recent State Govt Elections. He is only one of 10 new members attending mass induction training on Parliamentary procedures.

Jason spoke of his involvement in recent major policy decisions undertaken by Parliament. Jason also remarked on the value of local community groups such as BeCA which focus on important local issues and enables him to keep his finger on the pulse of local needs.

At this early stage the Mass Transit Survey was the domain of local Councils and not an area in which State Parliamentary members should be participating. Council already has excellent resources and processes in place to gain public opinion on perceived future transport needs.

With expected massive growth in population on the Sunshine Coast, effective decisions made regarding mass transport crucial to our future lifestyle.

Finally Jason spoke of the upcoming conscience vote he will have on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill. He urged everyone to learn as much as possible about the options which could become available to elderly sick community members and how they may choose their own future.

Sunshine Coast Council's Disaster Management's Lynda Williams was the final presenter for the evening.

Lynda said there 4 types of "Disasters", Cyclones (or severe storms), Bushfires, Floods and Heat Waves.

People were interested to hear that the disaster type with the greatest number of fatalities was the Heat Wave. Heat Waves would account for more deaths than the other three categories altogether!

Lynda had a video presentation which

went through a range of issues relating to preparedness for any disaster.

Residents should prepare a 'Disaster Pack' which would prepare you for between 3 and 7 days across an emergency.

You should know where you might possibly go if you had to evacuate and issues which especially affect you, your circumstances, and what you would take. This would include a hand crank radio, a battery operated light, medications, mobile phone, hearing aids and possible mobility aids. You should prepare around your home prior to a storm or fire. You should cut long grass, clear out spouting and tie down or put away 'loose' items around your backyard.

The presentation was extremely important especially when considering recent fires in our area and in Coolumb.

During General Business the issue of the local 'free' tennis court was discussed. The basketball ring meant that young adults may monopolize the facility for hours on end meaning tennis players were denied any use.

Cr Baberowski has considered that a half court basketball court be built in the near vicinity to the tennis court. Some locals are concerned that prolonged playing of basketball for hours on end and the repeated sound of the ball bounce was interfering with their peace and quiet, especially when it goes on for hours and hours up until 10pm at night. A possible site and costing for a new half court basketball court will be investigated by Council.

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### BeCA May Management Committee Meeting

The BeCA Management Committee met recently to discuss issues and to seek Committee ratification for actions which have been taken between meetings.

Cr Baberowski was an apology for this meeting.

Council has previously requested BeCA take out its own "Public Liability Insurance" to cover the association for costs up to \$20 million. The Public Liability Insurance covers our volunteer newsletter deliverers, residents attending our Public Meetings and Management Committee members. This is a substantial expense for our small association with costs being covered from revenue taken from our Newsletter Advertisers.

It took some effort from our Secretary and Treasurer to ensure the coverage from our Public Liability Insurance was adequate for our needs and to complete this task.

BeCA continues to seek funding to have its website updated and some lightly used pages removed. The time and effort required to retain these pages could be considerable and time consuming. So far we have submitted two requests for funding but we have been unsuccessful on both occasions. The reasons given as feedback was BeCA was ineligible for one application and that our requested amount was below the minimal limit

for the other. Funding opportunities arise across the year and we are confident of a successful application in due course.

Caloundra RSL has previously funded the purchase of A3 paper for BeCA to print its Newsletter and we are hopeful this generous donation will be repeated for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022.

BeCA has requested a 'cool burn' to reduce the fuel load within the Jill Chamberlain Conservation Park which borders the northern boundary of the Bellvista Estate. BeCA understands a burn will take place but recent heavy rain has caused any cool burn to be delayed until conditions are more appropriate.

We continue to await the activation of the Mobile Phone tower now constructed in the area between Arbour and Baringa. It can't come soon enough for many. **(now in use!)**

We have noted the "Bellvista Gardening Team" truck around the area. Previously residents had been able to speak with those team members on a tree that required pruning or a mess which had been left. Nowadays, residents are asked to lodge a 'Service Request' via the Council website (your "MyCouncil" dashboard) to have any work completed.

As neither our Councillor nor local MP was in attendance at this meeting, we were unable to follow up on issues previously raised regarding traffic movement during school drop off and pick up times.

BeCA is to conduct its next Public Meeting at the Bellvista Meeting Place at 6:45pm on Monday June 7th. All residents are invited to attend. Lynda

Fraser from the Sunshine Coast Council Disaster Management Team has finally been able to attend this meeting. We are pleased to have finally found a mutually convenient date which suits both parties. Also speaking at the meeting will be local State Parliament MP Jason Hunt. This is the perfect opportunity for you the public to raise any issues with Jason. Deputy Mayor and local Councillor Rick Baberowski will be at the meeting also. It seems that local transport issues including heavy and light rail options will be high up on the agenda.

We have received a late request from Federal MP Andrew Wallace to speak at this meeting which we were unable to accept at that late stage. We have extended an invitation to Andrew to attend either our September or November Public Meeting.

The host company for the BeCA website has been going through some upgrades recently which has required some fast learning on BeCA's part. The upgrades have now been completed, new processes have been absorbed and the website appears to be operating satisfactorily again.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that both the BeCA website and its Facebook page have been well received by the community. BeCA ensures strong moderation of what items and comments appear on our Facebook page. This ensures a responsible attitude for us to keep our residents reliably informed.

Some approaches have been received by BeCA to liaise more closely with our new Community Association neighbour in Aura. Currently BeCA

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meets incidentally with several Aura representatives several times per year to discuss issues relevant to both organisations. These 'incidental' meetings will continue. However it seems the purpose of the two organisations differs markedly. The Aura group seem to be wanting to serve a much broader range of issues across a much wider range of residents, sporting groups and businesses compared to the more local issues BeCA pursues.

Overall the condition of the parks and gardens around the estates is pleasing with most storm damage now being removed. Parks have been mown and pathways etc cleared of debris. Pathways have had shrubs and trees pruned back to allow clear passageways for cyclists and walkers. Some of this work is now being carried out by 'contractors' rather than the local Council employees, the 'Bellvista Gardening Team'.

The lilies, especially in the lower lake at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park have been cleared and the lake looks a lot better. However despite recent heavy rain, the lower lake in particular looks murkier and muddier than usual. BeCA will continue to monitor the condition of the lake and will report any concerns to Council. BeCA understands a council worker regularly checks the lakes to ensure they are in as good a condition as possible.

Also discussed was the new Mobile Police Station to be at Baringa on a weekly basis, CCTV coverage of the Baringa Skate Park and use of the tennis court at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park.

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### Golden Beach and Pelican Waters Community Association Meet With BeCA

Recently BeCA met with a representative from the Golden Beach and Pelican Waters Community Association (GBPWCA) to discuss common issues, but especially involvement with the Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum.

The Golden Beach and Pelican Waters Community Association has recently expanded from the Golden Beach Progress Association and has been 'reborn' as a new group now servicing the communities of both Golden Beach and Pelican Waters.

We discussed how our two bodies had been set up, how we finance ourselves, and our yearly meeting schedules.

A major task the GBPWCA took on board was to get a feeling from the community on issues which concerned residents.

This was undertaken via a 'survey' from which they received around 320 responses from around 800 distributed survey forms, a result they were rightfully delighted with.

The three major issues raised by residents were Traffic Congestion (70%), Noisy Local Planes (62%) and

Reckless Drivers (53%).

A change initiated by Sunshine Coast Council around 2019 to the "circuits" to be taken by planes doing "touch 'n goes" out of Caloundra Aerodrome meant an increase in flights over Pelican Waters and Golden Beach homes. So homes which may previously have had less than a dozen overhead flights per day, were now having to endure well over 100 daily flights.

South Easterly winds ensure planes would need to use the East West runway and then take up the designated circuits over the top of Golden Beach and Pelican Waters homes.

Lengthy spells of south easterly winds exacerbated the problem for residents.

Following the closure of a flight training school out of Caloundra Aerodrome, there has been a marked decrease in training flights. However the problem remains, the recommended training circuit for planes completing touch 'n go circuits out of Caloundra Aerodrome when weather conditions suit, still directs aircraft directly over homes in these two suburbs.

We discussed how the Aerodrome Forum worked, who attended, what sort of business the forum undertook and what authority the group had.

It is always good to meet with neighbouring Community groups and to share notes and experiences. It will be great to have yet another Community Group attending Aerodrome Forum Meetings and sharing concerns with the powers that be.

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### Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum

The June Caloundra Aerodrome Community and Aviation Forum was conducted at the Council Offices in Caloundra.

Several Community Groups were in attendance along with ourselves, including the Golden Beach Pelican Waters Community Association, Caloundra Residents and the local Chamber of Commerce.

It was reported that Caloundra Aerodrome averages in excess of 3000 aircraft movements per month meaning there has been well over 15,000 movements so far in 2021. To date there have been around 10 official complaints recorded regarding aircraft noise.

Most complaints have been raised against excessively noisy aircraft, and in particular aircraft flown regularly by one operator.

This operator may fly numerous flights in a single day. The company has been contacted and concerns have been raised.

As a result the operator now instructs his pilots to take steeper ascents and descents during take off and landings and he now uses a larger aircraft carrying more passengers where possible to further limit the number of flights required.

This won't improve the noise problem but should lessen and shorten the instances of noise for residents.

There are no regulations relating to the amount of noise an aircraft can make.

There was a peak in the number of aircraft noise complaints during 2020. This was put down to more people remaining at home during the health crisis and thus subjected to overhead flights.

It was reported a large amount of re purposed bitumen has become available and will be used to lay over current onsite roadways/tracks making them more navigable during wet weather.

Nearly all testing has been completed on the new runway lights with one minor matter still needing to be signed off.

All community associations reported that currently any concerns regarding aircraft noise were at a minimum.

Airport Management was asked to review the process undertaken by pilots prior to selecting which runway they would use for a take off or landing. Currently this is decided by the pilot

purely on the direction of the wind. Airport Management would request pilots select the runway which generated fewest noise complaints if it was safe to do so and despite the direction of the wind.

However aircraft safety was the over reaching concern and pilots would only select a less appropriate runway if it was totally safe for that aircraft to do so.

There was a powerful presentation from the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland to air their concerns on the possible acquisition of land to permit the extension of the Queensland Air Museum (QAM).

It was proposed a meeting be arranged between the Protection Society and the QAM and to consider alternatives to extending the QAM into the Isabel Jordan Bushland Reserve.

There were reports from all groups in attendance on issues relating to the Caloundra Aerodrome.

The next Forum Meeting will be held in September 2021.

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### Baringa Mobile Phone Tower

Great news that the newly built phone tower in Baringa is now operational. Residents have been waiting some time for this to occur and finally it is all 'go'. It is also setup to access 5G for those who have a 5G phone !




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