

BeCA Management Committee extends the compliments of the season to all and looks forward to welcoming all back to a 2021 Covid19 safe New Year!



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2020 Annual General Meeting

BeCA was delighted to welcome over 20 residents and guests to its AGM recently. The BeCA Constitution nominates the Association's AGM be a "Public" meeting. BeCA conducted its 2020 Annual General Meeting under strict Covid19 protocols.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Councillor Baberowski.

Cr Baberowski's report covered items of interest including an update on the Maroochydore City Centre. Several buildings in the new precinct have been completed with new Civic Centre, the future home of the Sunshine Coast Council expected to be completed in 2022. Cr Baberowski suggested residents make the effort to travel to the "under construction City Centre" and tour the site.

Council is about to launch its Mass Transport proposal and will begin with a soon to be determined consultancy company to undertake wide ranging discussion across the Sunshine Coast community. Residents will be able to register for regular updates on the progress of the community consultation.

The multi million dollar submarine cable is expected to add a wide range of new employment opportunities for Coast residents as its impact is further

developed.

In line with the new Maroochydore "City Centre", a Caloundra City Activation Program will be initiated to further upgrade aspects of Caloundra. The initial focus would be on the Caloundra Council building and the Library precinct. Cr Baberowski suggested inviting a speaker on the subject to attend a 2021 BeCA Public Meeting to provide more details.

CCTV has been installed at the Bellvista Meeting Place and footage has been sought regarding a recent hooning event. We all wait with interest to see what effect the CCTV footage has on Council's ability to follow up with any police action.

Cr Baberowski congratulated BeCA on its efforts across 2020 and wished the association the best for 2021.

There were reports on the mobile phone tower for Baringa with the news that Telstra remains hopeful for the tower to be operational by Christmas. Regretfully, BeCA does not support optimism for a pre Christmas completion date at this stage.

From the floor it was indicated the Bellvista Tavern will reopen as a Tavern again. It had been hoped it would be open by now but some last minute hurdles regarding the building itself have delayed the re opening.

Representatives from The Positive Property People reported on the current extremely 'tight' rental market existing across the Sunshine Coast. It was not uncommon for up to 120 people to apply for a lease on a vacant rental property. House sales have dried up as well with very few (if any) homes currently on the market in Bellvista, Bells Reach and Arbour.

BeCA waits patiently to see what effect the election of Jason Hunt as the State Government member for Caloundra has to our area following his election as local representative of the "in power" ALP Queensland State Government.

The change of State Government member may have an immediate impact on BeCA's ability to print its November Newsletter. BeCA uses the offices of the former member Mark McArdle to do its newsletter printing.

BeCA congratulates Jason Hunt on his election and looks forward to working with him on local issues.

The formal "AGM" requirements were then completed with the President's Report and the presentation of the BeCA 2020 Finance Report. There was great support for the work done by our BeCA Secretary across 2020.

Former MP Mark McArdle was then
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positive property people



Next to IGA, Rawson St, Bellvista



2020 Annual General Meeting Con't.

nominated and elected as a Life Member of BeCA in recognition of his long time support of the area, his support of BeCA initiatives and the great help his office has provided in the production of BeCA's newsletter. Mark will be presented with his Life Membership at a Public Meeting in 2021.

In "General Business" residents discussed working with Council to have a "Responsible Dog Owner's" event in 2021 in response to concerns over the increasing incidents of dog droppings being left on our footpaths and gardens. There was strong support for this initiative and BeCA will look to work with Council on arranging an event in 2021.

There has been another spike in graffiti around the three estates with residents encouraged to refer them via the "MyCouncil" website for clean up. Residents are requested to photograph (on their phone) and add them to their online service requests.

Cr Baberowski will investigate if local volunteers could 'paint out' any Graffiti. The paint out would not have to be in a matching color but would erase the graffiti as quickly as possible. Council would later re paint the 'paint out' so colors match.

The procedures for removing graffiti from Energex power boxes is much more complicated especially where any local unauthorized cleaning is undertaken.

BeCA is hopeful that as Covid19 restrictions are eased, Public meetings can be resumed in 2021. The President wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Covid19 Safe New Year and looks forward to another successful year in 2021.

(Web Nov 3rd)

Veloway Narrow Strip Trials

Council Officers have confirmed that they will do a turf trial for the narrow strip of land which separates the veloway and the footpath along Bellvista Blvd. The turf species suggested is 'Sir Grange' a Zoysia cultivar which requires little to no mowing and is also drought tolerant.

The turf planting will be initially delivered as a 400m trial from Indigo Rd back up the Bellvista Blvd dual carriageway to the foot of the hill. It is expected to be completed shortly.

If the trial proves successful Council will deliver this outcome the full length of the impacted area. (Web Oct 17)



BeCA Representatives Attend Major Project Announcements

During October, BeCA representatives were invited to attend several major project announcements for our region.

Firstly was the announcement of funding to complete the Bells Creek Arterial, a major local road which will eventually connect Caloundra Rd with the Bruce Highway at Roys Rd. Bellvista/Aura Blvd will connect with completed Bells Creek Arterial and provide a second access route to the Bruce Hwy for Bellvista, bells Reach and Arbour residents.

It will also be a major part of an eventual second east/west corridor link connecting Caloundra with the Bruce Highway.

Later BeCA attended the first sod turning as work actually commenced on the Bells Creek Arterial, the first sod being turned by Queensland's Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk.

BeCA also attended the announcement of a major new project where the Police Minister Mark Ryan revealed a new \$9 million police facility would be constructed at Caloundra South.

This was welcome news for local residents where concerns have been raised by the behaviour of some local youths who are committing acts of vandalism and some drug related offences.

A new police facility built virtually in our own backyard is welcome news.

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BeCA's 2021 Management Committee

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
Les Thomas	President	Barrie Baker	Kevin Baty
Debye O'Reilly	Secretary	Mike Smith	Les Thomas
Mike Smith	Treasurer	Les Thomas	Steve Whitfield
Bob Smith	Committee Member	Les Thomas	Mike Smith
Lani Ogilvie	Committee Member	Barrie Baker	Kevin Baty
William Pentland	Committee Member	Debye O'Reilly	Nathan Hill
Nathan Hill	Committee Member	Debye O'Reilly	Lani Ogilvie
Barrie Baker	Committee Member	Kevin Baty	Lani Ogilvie
Kevin Baty	Committee Member	Barrie Baker	Steve Whitfield
Steve Whitfield	Committee Member	Mike Smith	Les Thomas

The members, along with their respective nominators and seconders listed above, were declared elected at the BeCA Annual General Meeting held on Monday November 2nd 2020 at the Bellvista Meeting Place.

The members of this team are the same as for the previous year and will ensure continuity for 2021.

However there are some forecast changes for the following years. So BeCA is constantly on the search for future interested residents who would like to become involved.

It is possible for interested

residents to become involved in the BeCA Management Committee as a Sub-Committee member. Sub-Committee members are invited to attend Management Committee meetings and can participate in discussions. They can get a 'feel' for how BeCA runs and if they want to become more permanently involved.

As some residents come and go from the area, so do some of our Management Committee members. Illness can be another reason for a sudden 'retirement'. A replacement Sub-Committee

Member is then able to slot into any vacancy seamlessly.

Just let BeCA know if you may be interested in an invitation. Contact details are available on the front page of this newsletter.

Mark McArdle BeCA Life Member

Former Caloundra MP Mark McArdle represented Caloundra for many years as its Member of Parliament. Across his time in Parliament he has always stood for and represented the needs of the community.

He served as the Minister for Power and Energy during the Campbell Newman LNP State Government.

Mark has always been a keen supporter of BeCA and supported our campaign for the return of the bus service to Bellvista and Bells Reach along with other local issues.

Mark was a frequent speaker at our BeCA Public Meetings.

He has provided invaluable resources to allow BeCA to produce its Newsletter at no financial cost to the organisation.

In recognition of his long time support for causes from both our area and other areas across Caloundra, BeCA believes to present Mark with BeCA Life Membership was due recognition for his service to this area over a long period of time.

BeCA wishes both Mark and his wife Judy all the best in retirement and thank him for his service to this community.



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Caloundra West Lions Club

Lions Club of Caloundra West would like to sincerely thank our local community for the support they have received over the past year. Without your generous support they would not be able to assist the many community groups and individuals as they do.

COVID has certainly slowed the club down in 2020 leaving Caloundra West Lions with not much ability to fundraise. However once isolation was relaxed, they slowly returned to raffles every Thursday from 5pm at the Baringa Tavern & the Bunnings BBQ.

Funds dispersed into our community

in the past year include donations to Beerwah Rural Fire Brigade for replacement of equipment, local schools for assistance with educational supplies for families in need, to local children in need of specialist medical appliances such as mobility walkers or communication devices. "Share the Dignity" annual campaign for women at risk is also an important cause the club supports each year. Donations were also made to disaster assistance appeals Lions Bushfire and Drought Appeal for communities right across the country affected by the disasters of 2019/2020.

Rosie's Friends on the Street Winter Appeal was absolutely amazing.

Trolley loads of food, drinks and toiletries were donated. A huge thankyou to everyone. 100% of all funds raised by your local Lions Clubs goes back into community.

The Bells Reach Community Garden in Active Park is always open. If you are a gardener pop over, have a look and perhaps help with the maintenance of the garden.

Recycle for Sight – Drop off your used glasses or sunglasses into one of the bins at Bellvista Medical Practice or Positive Property People's office.

Lions Christmas Cakes will be available for purchase shortly. Large and medium cakes will be available from PieVista Bakery Café. Mini cakes available at Pepper's Pizza & Bellvista Medical.

Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$17.00

Lions Christmas Cake 1kg \$13.00

Lions Christmas Pudding 900gm \$13.00

Lions Mini Cake 80gm \$2.00

Puddings and larger orders can be obtained by contacting Secretary Chris MB: 0431 971 849 or email christmascakes.lionscalwest@gmail.com

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