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Bellvista Community Meeting Place - OPEN!

A small group, including representatives from Sunshine Council Staff, Mayor Jamieson, Cr Rick Baberowski, Stockland, representatives from the Kawana Forest Residents Association and BeCA, attended the official hand over on Friday August 29th, of the Bellvista Meeting Place as a Community facility. The Mayor praised Stockland, Cr Baberowski, members of the Sunshine Coast Council Team and the Bellvista/Bells Reach communities for their resolve in seeing the task through to a successful conclusion.

A 'draft' Bellvista Meeting Place Fact Sheet has been drawn up for potential hirers (a copy can be seen on our website) for use by the interim management group. A key for those wishing to hire the building will be available locally.

In due course, a permanent management team will manage bookings and the operation of the facility. It is anticipated the selection of the successful full time and on-going applicant will be announced within two months and a more permanent management arrangement will make hiring the facility even easier. Local Community Groups can hire the facility at \$16 per hour, regular classes and workshops \$19 per hour, & commercial organizations & private functions \$22 per hour.

Nestled centrally within Canavan Gracie Recreational Park and overlooking the Bellvista Lake, the Bellvista Community Meeting Place has been renovated to suit the needs of the local community. The venue can accommodate up to 60 people & has been configured to include people with disability (PDW) accessibility. The building is a timber framed structure with large aluminium sliding windows and full height bi-fold doors which open onto a timber deck area at the rear of the property. The deck area can also be freely accessed externally from the park. The building is air-conditioned, has a Kitchenette, has one Amenities area- including one PWD unisex toilet and one unisex ambulant toilet, there are 14 designated car parks, 60 plastic chairs, 3 rectangular tables (1 x 1.5m) and 1 round table. It is not a serviced venue, so the setup and pack down of the room, catering and cleaning is undertaken by the hirer. Bookings Contact: Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsman Parade BOKARINA.

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2014 BeCA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Meetings:

Mon Oct 7, Nov 24, 2014.

Public Meetings:

AGM Nov 3, 6:00pm, 2014.

Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Mid October 2014,
 Early December 2014

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Now is your chance to become involved with BeCA!

The BeCA Management Committee consists of eight residents who oversee the Bellvista Community Association. BeCA prides itself as a highly credible organization which enjoys the respect of SC Council, our local MP, Stockland and other organizations whose operations have an effect on the lifestyles of residents of both Bells Reach and Bellvista.

To be a member of BeCA you just need to reside in, own property in, or be employed in either Bellvista or Bells Reach.

The election of the new Management Committee will occur at our Annual General Meeting to be conducted at the final BeCA Public Meeting on November 3rd 2014 at the Bellvista Meeting Place. Currently we have a vacancy on the Committee and we may have further vacancies if there are current members who do not seek re-election.

You can download a BeCA Management Committee nomination form from our website or cut one out of an upcoming Newsletter. Any nomination must be accompanied by a nominator and seconder who are residents, owners or employed in Bellvista or Bells Reach.

The BeCA Management Committee is a relatively informal organization which allows its members to be as involved as they wish to be.

This is your opportunity to nominate and become involved with helping our community! We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Les Thomas, BeCA President

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BeCA PUBLIC MEETING SEPT 1ST:

Mon Sept 1st, an enthusiastic group of residents attended the 3rd BeCA Public Meeting for 2014. The meeting was conducted in the new Bellvista Meeting Place with many complimentary comments about the new building and its facilities. Some even took time to venture onto the deck to enjoy the night air before the meeting.



Our major speaker was local MP Mark McArdle. As the Minister for Energy and Water Supply, Mark spoke about future developments residents could expect on the efficient use of solar power. A major advance would be the use of batteries to 'store' solar generated power for use overnight, thus further cutting electricity costs. Though expensive to install nowadays, as technology improves it is expected there will be a sharp fall in these costs in the near future. Users had experienced major electricity price rises recently owing to an extensive program to build poles and wires to carry the electricity system across the state. The vast majority of the cost of people's bills was to fund this expansion. It is expected that as this phase of construction is completed there will be a marked drop in electricity costs to homes. Currently 48% of the total costs of the electricity system is taken up by this program.

Mark McArdle is interested to get people's feedback on their preferred option for the future expansion of Caloundra South, whether the government should focus on Beerwah East or Halls Creek. Mark implored residents to seek out information and provide him with feedback on their preferred option.

Mark then produced a document which he said all but tied up the proposed Satellite Helicopter Training Facility. It all now hinges on just one final piece of correspondence which requires a couple of signatures. This short term solution is designed to last for three years. A longer term solution is almost tied up as well and extends for a further 15 years. When questioned about whether or not a company such as Becker helicopters could be trusted to abide by a decision, the meeting was told that serious pressure would be applied by both the government and the SC Council to ensure it did.

Phil Smith was introduced by the President to the meeting. It is Phil's Group "B.E.L.L.S" which has expressed an interest in managing the Bellvista Meeting Place. Phil spoke of his group's desire that, if granted the right to manage the Bellvista Meeting Place, they would strive to ensure a broad range of Community based interests were encouraged.

Councillor Rick Baberowski then spoke. He praised the new Bellvista Meeting Place and all involved in seeing the project through to a reality. He spoke in glowing terms of the outcome and how, despite a difficult process, many hurdles had been overcome. The refurbished Bellvista Blvd also received favourable comment and Cr Baberowski said he would follow up on further upgrading the green verge of the road and also the replacement of the bollards.

Rick reiterated Council's position that the preferred option was for further residential development on the Sunshine Coast was at Beerwah East. This was the more appropriate choice due to its proximity to current transport and other commercial infrastructure.

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There was some discussion that the green belt separating outer Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast could be lessened if there was an alternative sought. It was later pointed out that most likely cost would be the major influence on which way the government went on this development. As the vast majority of the Beerwah East project land was currently under a 99 year Forestry lease, the cost to government to buy out the leases could be exorbitant.

A major concern arising from the floor of the meeting during General Business, was the number of nasty dog incidents we have had in our community recently. There were stories of elderly persons being charged by dogs off leashes, of children being terrorized and of the increasing amount of dog droppings walkers are being asked to step over. On the Sunshine Coast ALL dogs in public must be on a lead. Concerned residents were advised to immediately contact SC Council and report any incident. Residents should take notes of when and where the incident occurred and use their phone to take photos of offending off-leash animals and use this information when alerting Council.

Stockland will be requested to monitor the left turn only intersection from Indigo Rd into Bellvista Blvd as the no right turn sign there was being openly and defiantly ignored.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm and many people stayed around after the meeting for tea and coffee and to continue their chat.

NEWS AROUND THE ESTATE

SPRING IS HERE - LOOK OUT FOR THE DUCKS!!

A distressing message was posted on our BeCA Facebook page last month regarding a careless driver speeding along and connecting with one of our duck parents, then driving off. Residents, please take care especially when driving in Dumbarton Drive, as there are a few duck families that we share this space with.

DAMAGING BEHAVIOUR - SEE IT, PLEASE REPORT IT!

Regretfully, and as with most areas, an element exists in the community which believes it can deface or damage public buildings and facilities at will. (Such as the school boy in full local school uniform who was spotted recently climbing on the new sail. It is a shame we didn't get a name or a photo of the offender. However the incident has been reported to the school involved.) There was also a group who decided to rip up much of the new safety adhesive tactile sheets designed to make slippery surfaces safe. Both incidents have been reported to SC Council for attention.

As the Bellvista Meeting Place (BMP) is now owned by the Council, and as with many government buildings, any priority to upgrade any CCTV surveillance is usually dependent on the number of Police Reports recorded. BeCA understands a new round of funding applications for Councils for CCTV coverage will be available early in 2015.

BeCA therefore urges that any case of inappropriate behaviour spotted around the BMP be reported immediately to the Police.

Use these numbers to make a police report: Caloundra Police Station: 07 5439 4444, or Police Link: 131444. Feel free to drop BeCA an email or a report via the Facebook page so we can monitor the activity.

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