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Another piece of Major Road Construction is on it's way!

Despite the recent 'turning of the first sod' marking the official commencement of construction of the new second entry road into Bellvista and Bells Reach on Friday, work had already been underway on the new road for several weeks. A bridge over the Lamerough Creek is a major feature of the new road. As the photo above shows, work on the bridge is well underway.

BeCA tells us that there will be a magnificent view of the mountains and the hinterland from the top of the new bridge. Some of the pylons in the photo will be trimmed but the height of the bridge is fairly close to the lowest pylon in the photo. With the bridge to go on top of the pylons, you can see the roadway will be quite high and afford a splendid view. The "Haul Road" has been re-sited to sit beside the current construction.

If you haven't been down to Arbour recently it's worth a look. The rate of new house construction of there, is really quite surprising.

Stockland rethink their Plan

There has been a rethink on pipe laying works at the Bellvista Blvd/Stornaway Ave roundabout.

Originally it was planned to minimize traffic interruptions and bore under the roundabout and therefore avert any need to 'close' the roundabout.

Problems with the soil and obstructions



under the roundabout have proved insurmountable and the boring plans have been tossed out in favour of the more disruptive 'open cut' method.

This has resulted in the need to close off sections of the roundabout. When the sewer upgrade was eventually completed, the roundabout would then have needed to be dug up again to lay the water main upgrade pipelines planned for early 2016.

It has been decided to keep the roundabout closed for a further week and lay that section of the water main upgrade now instead of in 2016.

Hopefully if all goes to plan the rounda-

bout will fully open in a week or so, weather permitting and that should be the end of it. The eventual re opening of the roundabout will then make the southbound lane of Bellvista Blvd available to motorists.

Currently south bound traffic is being detoured through Indigo Rd and Bells Reach. However many other motorists are using Dumbarton Drive, Balmoral Blvd and Lomond Cres to bypass the need to travel via Bells Reach when entering the estate.

Little difference is being felt by traffic leaving the estates as the Bellvista Blvd northbound lane has been virtually unaffected by the roadworks.

See full report on our website.

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The New Exit Road for Bellvista & Bells Reach scheduled for Christmas 2016



If you go to our website you can enjoy a flyover video of the New Exit Rd now being built for Bellvista & Bells Reach. Weather permitting the road should be in operation around Christmas 2016.

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Rawson Street Park



Thanks to Councillor Rick Baberowski, the shade cloth cover has now been extended to cover all play equipment at the Rawson St Park.

When first created, the park's play equipment was designed for older children. As a first home buyers area with young families, BeCA urged the installation of equipment suitable for younger children.

This was added in due course but unfortunately the new equipment was placed outside the protection provided by the sunshade.

The equipment become hot to the touch during the heat of summer and couldn't be used. BeCA sought to have the sunshade cover extended to ensure the new equipment could be used 12 months of the year. The extension recently constructed by Council now means the new equipment will receive adequate year long protection, thanks again, Rick!

Important Roads Review

Recently, local ALP Branch President Jason Hunt took on the responsibility of arranging a meeting between advisors to the State Government's Minister for Roads and BeCA. The meeting took place in Brisbane and was attended by two BeCA Management Committee members, Jason Hunt and an ALP Executive worker.

BeCA attended with maps in hand and a preparedness to bring both advisors up
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First Sod Turned with Stocklands \$25M construction stage

BeCA was invited to participate in the turning of the first sod of Stockland's new link road which will provide a second entry/exit to the estate for all residents. This is the first stage in a \$M25 project to construct the first stage. The new road will begin at the Caloundra Rd roundabout near Corbould and link into the new Bellvista Blvd extension.

The road should be completed and in use in 12 months time.

In attendance was the State Govt Minister for Roads, Mark Baily, Stockland's Ben Simpson, local MP Mark McArdle, BeCA's President Les Thomas and local Councillor Rick Baberowski who can be seen in the photo turning the first sod.

This road is a project that BeCA has sought to be constructed for many



years. Though it does fit in with Stockland's plans to extend their estates, it also serves to provide that long sought after 'second' entry exit for Bells Reach and Bellvista residents.

Also in attendance were the Minister's 'advisors' with whom BeCA had met recently along with Jason Hunt. The representatives were able to confirm an upcoming meeting before Christmas to further update BeCA's representatives on the government's plans for any processes for road upgrades around the Sunshine Coast.



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to date on current traffic conditions around our estates, the shambolic situation which is Caloundra Rd, and a possible new link between Pelican Waters Blvd and Bellvista Blvd.

As the meeting got underway it became obvious that the advisors were all over the traffic situation here and shared our concerns over current traffic conditions on Caloundra Rd. As it turned out, one of the advisors lives in Kawana and regularly travels to visit relatives in Golden Beach.

The State Government is well under way with exploring all possible solutions to the current Caloundra Rd concerns.

The Government asked Stockland what would be required to have the new link road from the roundabout at Corbould Park to Roys Rd and the Bruce Hwy brought forward and built now. It is suggested that the total cost to build this road is around \$100,000,000.

Currently the new link road is to be built depending on land sales and the staged development of Caloundra South. It is expected to be completed in around 12 years.

To have the road built now rather than later, Stockland is said to have asked the State Government to commit \$50,000,000. This is an amount the government is unable to justify at this stage.

The President's Report

from the final Public Meeting for 2015



Fifty or so residents were in attendance to hear presentations from Federal MP Mal Brough, State MP Mark McArdle and our local Councillor, Rick Baberowski.

There was a common theme in their presentations, roads and traffic movement, in particular the rapid build-up of traffic along Caloundra Rd. This will mark the major thrust of BeCA in 2016.

Mal addressed local issues relating to the Bruce Highway which comes under the Federal Government umbrella.

He was keen to promote the "Boost the Bruce" website and urged all to visit the site and participate in the petition found there.

During 2016 BeCA will further follow up on the long term solution to the Satellite Helicopter Training Facility.

BeCA understands the final solution was sitting on the LNP Minister's desk awaiting his signature to bring the long term facility online.

The sudden calling of an election and the Liberal Government's fall from power saw the resolution go unsigned. BeCA is assured a signature is close at hand and



eagerly await its signing off as a permanent solution set in stone!

As President, I must thank all those involved as Management Committee Members and volunteers for their support and work throughout 2015.

We saw two Management Committee members leave the group to be replaced with two new ones. To the former members thanks for all you have done, to the new members, welcome aboard. BeCA will move into a form of 'hibernation' over the Christmas break as everyone gets on with their Christmas festivities and holidays. The website and Facebook pages will still be your major source for any new developments and news.

Have a very Merry Christmas, a safe and prosperous New Year, and we all look forward with confidence to 2016.

Les Thomas, BeCA President.

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