

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

NEXT BECA GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING, APRIL 19TH:

The next BeCA General Public Meeting will be held at the Land sales Office at 6:45 pm for a 7 pm start on Monday April 19th. All residents are welcome to attend.

BeCA is hopeful of having a representative of the Police Force speak to advise residents on the correct procedures when confronted with others who are not obeying the law.

There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback on issues arising from BeCA's meeting with Councillor Grosskreutz (see page 3) and with Stockland (see page 4).

There will be reports from all BeCA Sub-Committees.

All residents of Bellvista are invited to attend!

FROM OUR COUNCILLOR, ANNA GROSSKREUTZ:

Hello Everyone

Bellvista Carpark or Bellvista Motors

The "unofficial" Bellvista Car Park or Bellvista Motors, off the road reserve on Caloundra Road generates plenty of comment and loads of complaints. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Tim Dwyer & I have certainly been briefed by officers a number of times.

Overtime signs have been placed indicating "no parking", some people have been booked but all to no avail – the parking lot just seemed to expand.

Overtime investigations between the Council and State Government Main Roads have indicated the land is actually Main Roads controlled and that they (DMR) will now monitor the situation. The Council signs have been removed and it appears so have the cars – we hope.

Further complaints, if the car yard emerges again should be forwarded to the State Member for Caloundra, Mark McArdle's office. His Caloundra office number is 549 1 2780.

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Next Management Committee Meeting Mon. May 3rd

CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Meetings usually occur on the first Monday of the month. Public Meetings (open to all residents) occur 4 times per year and are usually conducted in the Land Sales Office. 2010 Public Meeting dates are April 19th, June 7th, Sept 6th (AGM) and Nov 1st.

The next Bellvista Connector is due to be delivered late in May.



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CALOUNDRA AERODROME COMMUNITY AND AVIATION FORUM:

BeCA has received the minutes of the recent Airport Committee Meeting conducted on February 23rd. These minutes are quite relevant to all residents of Bellvista because they discuss the impact that the Bellvista 2 Development will have on the airport and vice versa. The new development is directly under two flight paths and will be subject to special noise regulations.

We have received information to allow residents to voice concerns relating to aircraft over our estate and using the Caloundra Airport.

Complaints can be phoned through on 5453 1501. From there a noise complaint form is completed by airport staff and forwarded to airport Operations Manager to investigate and discuss with the relevant business the issues raised in the complaint. Once this process is done, a detailed outcome is recorded of which you will be informed.



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GP FOR BELLVISTA'S NEW SHOPPING COMPLEX:

General Practitioner Dr Regina Greenwood is setting up in the new Shopping Complex. She has emailed her details to BeCA with her personal information and previous experience. She is a highly experienced doctor and has worked in a variety of medical fields. She has had her own practice near Sydney for over 10 years. Dr Greenwood has also forwarded her application for membership of the Bellvista Community Association as she will be a Bellvista resident.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BeCA is a Community Association and our Management Committee is always able to welcome members of the community who can provide volunteer assistance.

The Newsletter requires the greatest need for help at this stage. BeCA seeks interested members of the community who would be prepared to offer some time every 6 weeks to help with photocopying the Bellvista Connector. Photocopying the Newsletter takes 4 hours to do and is done at the Offices of Mark McArdle. We seek four people available to help with photocopying, 2 each for a period of 2 hours. No previous experience is necessary.

When we have our 1250 copies, we then need some help with delivering them. At this stage we have 8 committee members who deliver between 140 and 200 copies each. A couple more volunteers would see that figure fall to delivering less than 100 copies each. Contact the Secretary if you can help. Contact details for him are on the front page.

Phil Williams, President.

MARCH BECA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING:



At the last Committee Meeting (March 1st) BeCA spent most of the time going over the meeting between BeCA representatives and Councillor Anna Grosskreutz. A report on the meeting appears below:

Toilet Facilities, Lake Bellvista Park: New toilet facilities will be built at the main park by the end of 2010 and cost \$175,000. Funding will come from the Councillor's budget. Paint is to be provided to cater for vandal damage. The new toilets will be positioned near the current Land Sales Office, close to the playground and BBQ area but in an area for it to be used safely by children. The toilets will be locked up overnight.

The Renaming of Bellvista Lake Park to Canavan/Gracie Park: An article to judge community feedback is to be placed in one of Anna Grosskreutz's newspaper columns.

Bellvista Estate Emergency Entry & Exit: This will be investigated by Council possibly between Widgee Place and Rosegum St. It would be a gate with keys to SES, Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Police. Council will investigate all alternatives.

Playground Equipment, Rawson St Park: Council will audit the current equipment in the Rawson St Park and ensure there is equipment suitable for Children under 5. If required, playground equipment will be installed so the area can be used by all children. Funding will be from Council Budget or Councillor's budget.

Entrances to the new Retail Shopping Area and the Medium Density Community: Plans for both projects will need to be looked at closely to ensure any traffic concerns from two projects do not clash.

Bellvista Blvd Traffic Issues During School Pickup Times: A range of alternatives were discussed, appreciating some of these were only short term cures.

1. Keep Clear areas for Caloundra Rd Service Rd and Bellcarra Place.
2. If Bellvista Blvd is wide enough, the introduction of left turn only and right turn only lanes.
3. Better arrangements for the School Bus Stop area at Bellcarra Place.

The best answer however is the duplication of Bellvista Blvd from Caloundra Rd at least to Dumbarton Drive. This would make the pedestrian crossing connecting to the pathway behind Bunnings safe for children to use, assist with the School Bus Stop and provide safe access for heavy vehicles during the construction of a further 500 lots in Bellvista 2.

The Land Sales Office: The Land Sales Office will not be sold by Stocklands. It is currently valued at over \$1,000,000. Council is hopeful that eventually it will gain control of the building and make it available for Bellvista Community use. This would most likely be after all the Bellvista 2 lots have been sold. BeCA may well then manage the facility.

The Airport: The State Government appears to be delaying the decision on the future of the Caloundra Airport. Councillor Grosskreutz has been nominated by Council to meet with the State Minister for Infrastructure and Planning on what is happening with the airport. In the future a decision has to be made on the airport and if necessary the Council will make that decision. The State Government is not keen on funding a new airport but Camcos plans etc are still in place. People's livelihoods are in the balance and some hard decisions will need to be made. It is possible the airport may be closed and there will not be a replacement for it. A telephone Hotline for residents to ring on inappropriate aircraft behavior is being set up and will be made available as soon as possible.

Councillor Communication: The Councillor will be forwarded the dates of BeCA meetings for 2010 hoping she can attend some of the Public Meetings to report directly to residents. Dates for projected Newsletter printing will be sent to her office so she can provide articles for inclusion in the Bellvista Connector, especially pieces pertinent to Bellvista Residents.

"Bellvista Motors" – Vehicles being for sale at the corner of Bellvista Blvd and Caloundra Rd: It seems some commercial car yards have been placing vehicles for sale on Caloundra Rd. Council is unable to stop this sale of cars etc. It is a Main Roads issue, not a SCRC issue so Council does not have the power to stop this practice.

LITTLE GEMS PLAYGROUP

WHERE:	Unity College 'A' Block	(follow signs from carpark)
WHEN:	Wednesday, 8:45am - 11:00am	(school term dates)
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INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN BECA AND STOCKLAND:

Two members of BeCA were invited to Stockland's offices late in February for a meeting to share resident's views and opinions relating to the Bellvista Estate. The major issue raised by both parties was access to and from the Bellvista Estate, especially during school pick up times and the resultant congestion in Bellvista Blvd. It has been suggested by Stockland that a 60 metre long left turn only lane be added to the intersection with Caloundra Rd. However BeCA argued that residents would be much happier with the duplication of Bellvista Blvd.

Other major issues discussed were toilet facilities for the park at Bellvista Lake, appropriate playground equipment for all age groups at parks throughout the estate, inappropriate trees planted which create fire risks for residents, problems associated with inappropriate aircraft behaviour from the nearby airport, a second emergency exit from the Bellvista Estate, traffic concerns raised by the new shopping complex in Rawson St, the lack of a Keep Clear area for residents of Little Mountain entering Bellvista Blvd from Bellcarra Place and the dangerous crossing area for pedestrians across Bellvista Blvd heading to the pathway behind Bunnings.

Stockland was especially interested to hear some feedback on the nearby airport. BeCA reported that generally most aircraft seem to behave reasonably over the estate. However residents have mentioned there appear to be rogue pilots who frequently disregard regulations and use inappropriate flightpaths which bring them in right over the top of houses. Sometimes this can happen up to 6 times in a row as aircraft practise landings and takeoffs.

All points raised by BeCA were duly noted. The meeting was quite convivial and Stockland were extremely keen to hear the views of residents. However many of these issues now fall under the responsibility of the SCRC (Sunshine Coast Regional Council). But they were of interest to Stockland as SCRC may ask Stockland to address these issues when the Bellvista Estate is extended.

Stockland have submissions before Council to extend the Bellvista Estate by a further 500 lots. This area would be to the left behind the airport on a continuation of Bellvista Blvd beside the school. This explained Stockland's earlier interest regarding feedback on the airport. A further residential area would be built behind the school. In a best case scenario, construction would begin in late 2011. This extension could include another 'retail area' about half the size of the current retail project being built in Rawson St and two more medium density complexes.

In due course, Stockland would be extremely keen to speak with residents at Bellvista Community Association Public Meeting when planning is further finalized.

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