

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

BECA GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING, APRIL 19TH:

Over 40 residents attended the recent Public Meeting conducted in the Land Sales Office at Lake Bellvista on Monday April 19th. A full report on the Public Meeting can be found on BeCA's website.

Caloundra Policeman, Peter Dickens spoke on actions residents could take to alert police to problems. Communication was the key point of his address. If you witness something that is outside the law, contact the Caloundra Police station ASAP.

Di Kirkland, Sunshine Coast Crime Prevention Officer then addressed the meeting on home security issues and then on identity theft.

During General Business local issues were raised which included Caloundra Airport, the tennis court net, the condition of the lake, the future of the Land Sales Office, Stage 2 of the Bellvista Shopping Village and a vacancy on BeCA's Committee.

FROM OUR COUNCILLOR, ANNA GROSSKREUTZ:

Bush Tucker Free Tree Day

The recent Free tree Day which focused on bush tucker food was a roaring success with many residents taking the opportunity to sample the food and collect their trees. We ran out of food and recipes and my office has been busy sending out the recipes to those who missed out.

Amenities Block for Park

I know community are keen to see amenities block constructed in the parkland and near to the sales office. I have had meetings with the parks and facilities team within the council and they have put together plans for this building.

I am currently seeking finance from the developers reserve account and am hopeful this approval will not be too far away.

This addition will make a difference to the park and I thank the association executive and other residents who have been part of the discussions.

I will be attending the next BeCA Public Meeting to be held in the Land Sales Office 7pm, June 7th.

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Next Management Committee Meeting Mon July 12th.

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 June 7th, Sept 6th (AGM) and Nov 1st.

The next Bellvista Connector is due to be delivered early in early July.



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BECA GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING, JUNE 7TH:

The next BeCA General Public Meeting will be held at the Land Sales Office at 6:45 pm on Monday June 7th. All residents are welcome to attend.

BeCA is hopeful to be able to report on all happenings in relation to the Airport as well as other issues affecting residents. There will be reports from all BeCA Sub-Committees.

BeCA has extended an invitation to Councillors Anna Grosskreutz and Tim Dwyer to attend this meeting. Anna has replied that she will be there!

These two Councillors are involved with issues surrounding the Caloundra Airport

All residents of Bellvista are invited to attend!

Please note this date on your calendar as there will not be another issue of the Connector before that date as a reminder.

BELLVISTA'S NEW SHOPPING COMPLEX:

Construction of the new Bellvista Shopping Village continues. Concrete pours have seen the floor of the underground carpark laid. Residents are reminded to be careful when using the footpath between the construction site and the waterway as it can become very slippery with water seepage from the construction site, the gardens and the lawn in that area. Council is installing an under pathway drain in the area too.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

Lake Bellvista hasn't been looking its best recently. Our Landscaping Committee Leader Paul Harrison has great contacts with the maintenance people at the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Paul contacted the Council after the condition of the lake was raised at our last Public Meeting.

The brown growth seen floating in the lake is actually a natural phenomenon. The growth is called Red Azolla and it is a small, native, floating fern - one of only six, free-floating, aquatic fern species. It grows from 1 cm to 2.5 cm wide and is a bright green colour. Its colour changes to deep red when it is exposed to the sun, thus the name Red Azolla. The red Azolla should disappear as quickly as it arrived. It seems the Council have cleared the lake of other floating rubbish too.

Paul is working on having the Telstra Pit Covers at the corner of Cougal Circuit and O'Reilly Drive attended to as well.

Phil Williams, President.

MAY BECA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The most recent Committee Meeting (May3rd) BeCA was spent covering the following Sub Committee Reports and community issues.



Landscaping Sub Committee:

1. Rubberized moulding has been installed along the eastern side of the playground near the tennis court, probably to divert water running from the Land Sales Office/Tennis court areas through the playground and thus washing the tan bark from the playground area into the lake.
2. A proper drain is to be installed running under the pathway which runs between the Bellvista Shopping Village and the waterway behind Bellcarra Retirement Resort. If necessary further 'aggie' pipes could link to this drain to stop further seepage across the pathway. "Slippery When Wet" signs are only for roads and therefore will not be placed at either end of this area.
3. Trees have been planted at the roundabout on Dumbarton Drive.
4. Garden areas of many street corners are being removed and replaced with turf for easier and more effective maintenance.

Airport:

A lively discussion was had, and views were aired on the current Caloundra Airport situation. BeCA had to be conscious that closing the Airport was not totally supported by all residents and that opinions were divided. Some possible scenarios were vigorously debated. Possibilities stretched from closing the airport to the status quo with many options in between. None of the options listed below is Bellvista Community Association policy!

BeCA sees its role to facilitate healthy discussion on issues and provide forums and communication channels for residents to present their views and receive opinions and information from others. The most aired complaint (and there has been a recent surge in the number of complaints) relates to the behaviour of helicopters over the estate. Possible options for the future of the Caloundra Airport could range from:

1. Close the Airport.
2. Relocate the Airport to an area which is away from all residential areas.
3. Close the Airport and negotiate with the State Government and other agencies to ensure all businesses can be successfully relocated to other current facilities where ever possible.
4. Ban aircraft from landing or carrying out training overhead of any residential community. (Close the East/West runway?)
5. Relocate the Helicopter Schools.
6. Stop Helicopter School aircraft from coming in to land or training over residential areas.
7. Renegotiate the Fly Neighbourly Policy to ensure helicopter noise does not impact on local residents, (e.g. possibly triple current minimum heights, renegotiate flying hours, limit repeated takeoffs and landings to an area that does not overfly residential developments, and for helicopters to exclusively use the north/south runway).
8. Status Quo

Caloundra South:

Discussion was had following the release of the Government's review of SCRC plans. What was originally listed as 'maximum' (e.g. buffer zones) were now listed as 'minimums'. Provision of a water supply for Caloundra South was also discussed.

Bellvista Shopping Village:

The current rumour around town is that the new Supermarket will be approximately the same size as the IGA Beerwah Supermarket and that it would open to the public in August/September 2010.

The Next BeCA Public Meeting, 6:45 pm June 7th, Land Sales Office. ALL WELCOME

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THE FLY NEIGHBOURLY POLICY FOR HELICOPTERS:

BeCA received this copy as a file labeled "Draft_Fly_Neighbourly_Policy_Document". It makes for some interesting reading! BeCA has unsuccessfully requested official copies of this policy. This document (which cannot be authenticated) came from an unofficial source.

Caloundra Aerodrome Fly Neighbourly Policy

Helicopter Operations

As an operator of Helicopter Operations at Caloundra Aerodrome (Company's name) is committed to undertaking operations in a Fly Neighbourly manner.

We commit to undertake our operations in a manner which is considerate to local residents whilst maintaining safe operation of the helicopter.

We will do so by endeavouring to adhere to the following principles:

- ☐ All pilots to plan all flights to minimise flights over built up areas
- ☐ Wherever possible, use satellite strips for helicopter circuit operations
- ☐ Avoid flying low over populated areas
- ☐ Avoid tight manoeuvres and turns while operating helicopters over populated areas
- ☐ Oval circuits at 500ft for helicopters is preferred remaining within the airport boundary where possible
- ☐ A maximum of 5 aircraft in the circuit area at any time
- ☐ No training to occur between the hours of 1900 and 0700
- ☐ Night training available for Caloundra based operators between 1900 and 2100 Monday to Friday only
- ☐ Ensure that environmental and noise issues are included in pilot training
- ☐ Respond to community enquiries about noise in a co-operative manner

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