

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

BECA GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING, JUNE 7TH:

All the information you require coming out of the BeCA General Public Meeting held on Monday June 7th can be found on pages 3 and 4 of this issue of this issue of the Bellvista Connector.

AIR SERVICES AUSTRALIA COMPLAINTS COMMENT:

The Airservices (ASA) have a national data base of complaints for all airports available through a national toll free number. The data base is an information gathering tool only and used for statistical analysis. As far as I am aware ASA do not follow up on the complaints from Caloundra. We have arranged to receive copies of these (Caloundra and Sunshine Coast) complaints so we can add them to our own in house system and provide a comprehensive capture of all complaints no matter where they registered them.

Using this combined approach we can provide a comprehensive data base of complaints from which we can take a proactive stance in identifying and addressing emerging issues.

It is interesting to note that the spike in complaints in April and May coincided with significant media speculation and Council deliberation over the future of the aerodrome especially from Bellvista. There has been no significant increase in airport activity over the April /May period that would account for the increase in complaints that can be established.

BELLVISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 6TH:

Nomination Forms available:

BeCA is a volunteer organization comprised of locally elected Bellvista residents. The Bellvista Community Association Committee for 2010/2011 will be elected at the AGM to be held on Monday September 6th at the Land Sales Office at 6:45 pm. All residents are invited to attend.

Nominations are sought from interested residents who wish to become involved on the BeCA Committee. Nomination forms should be in the hands of Secretary 14 days prior to September 7th and are available from the website or by contacting the Secretary.

Visit the BeCA website at <http://www.bellvista.com.au> where you can download a nomination form to become involved. Or contact the BeCA Secretary Tony Mohr on 0407 546 311 for more information.

Contacts:

Secretary: Tony Mohr Ph 0407 546 311 OR

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Website: <http://www.bellvista.com.au>

Blog: <http://bellvistacommunityassociation1.blogspot.com/>

**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 now for Sept 6th (AGM) and Nov 1st.

The next Bellvista Connector is due to be delivered in August.



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Inaugural Fete:

Unity College is holding its first ever Fete on Sunday 29 August. There will be a wide range of stalls and activities, as well as rides for the kids. This will be a great opportunity to bring together the Bellvista community and we look forward to seeing you there.



School Crossing:

The school crossing on Lomond Crescent has been operated by a team of very dedicated volunteer parents since October 2009. With the growth in population and traffic volumes in Bellvista, the crossing is becoming even more important to improve the safety of Unity College students and their parents as they travel to and from school. Due to work commitments, several of our volunteers are no longer available. Therefore, we are currently seeking more volunteers from the Bellvista community who are willing and able to give up their time for only 30 minutes per week (either 8am to 8:30am or 2:30pm to 3pm). Volunteers are required to: have or obtain a Positive

Notice blue card; have a medical check; and attend a 2 to 3 hour training session. If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer crossing supervisor, please contact me.

Peter Baxter

President, Unity College Parents and Friends Association 0417 765 913

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

We are fortunate to live where we live. We live in a quickly developing environment, we have open green areas, playgrounds and other great facilities. We live near one of the most beautiful tourist destinations in Australia.

Possibly our most wonderful resource is our family and especially our children. They are a resource to be treasured and kept a close eye on. As our neighbourhood expands and more people make Bellvista their home, we should ensure we know exactly where our children are at all times. We should not see youngsters aged around 5 years playing by themselves without adult supervision.

The addition of toilet facilities to the main Bellvista Park area will be great. Parents need to ensure children are aware of "Stranger Danger". Parents need to educate younger children to be careful and alert and all times when using Bellvista's leafy facilities or playing unattended along pathways and around our beautiful parklands.

Phil Williams, President.

JUNE BECA PUBLIC MEETING:



Over 40 people attended the June 7th Public Meeting of the Bellvista Community Association. Councillor Anna Grosskreutz was in attendance.

Councillor's Report:

"Bellvista Motors": This issue is out of Council's jurisdiction, as the land is owned by the State Government. Please direct all complaints to: Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra 118 Bulcock Street, Caloundra 4551 Ph: 5491 2780 Fax: 5491 1801 or email Caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au

Keep Clear areas for Caloundra Rd Service Rd and Bellcarra Place: A Keep Clear area for the Caloundra Road service road is a Department of Transport and Main Roads issue as the operation of the intersection directly relates to the operation of their roundabout on Caloundra Road. Bellcarra Place is a Council issue and Council Traffic Engineers have advised that taking into consideration the requirements for Keep Clear line marking in the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Australian Standards) it is not recommended to install Keep Clear line marking. My response as your Councillor is to wrap this issue up into the whole of intersection solution which is currently being negotiated with Department of Main Roads and Stockland Traffic Consultants, as part of the Bellvista 2 planning application.

Better arrangements for the School Bus Stop area at Bellcarra Place and Bellvista Blvd: Council Traffic Engineers agree that the location of the existing bus stop is not the best outcome for patrons of the school bus. They are happy to hear of any suggestions from the community. Please forward your suggestions to Rodney.zinn@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Rawson Street Park – Playground Equipment: Council Parks staff have completed the play equipment audit for the Rawson Street Park. I am currently awaiting the report on the audit which will contain any recommendations for additional play equipment and the cost involved. If equipment is required, it will be included in next years Capital Works Program.

Toilet Facilities, Lake Bellvista Park: The funding for this \$175,000 project is still being finalised and we also need to bed down the exact location for these facilities in the Park. Once these details are ironed out the project will be added to the 10/11 Capital Works Program, and the works will be completed in this coming financial year.

Re-naming of Bellvista Lake Park to Canavan/Gracie Park: As the request for feedback from the community on the renaming of the Bellvista Lake Park, has brought no negative responses, we are ready to proceed to the next stage of the process. The next step is to apply in writing to the Council. As a general rule the following principles apply, parks are named by the road from which the water supply is drawn unless a request is received to re-name the park, preference is given to park names that have an historical, cultural or environmental context within the area and commemorative naming particularly using a personal name only proceeds in exceptional circumstances.

Bellvista 2: The Bellvista 2 application is in Council and expected to be there until late this year. Currently Stockland are responding to a number of further information requests from Council Planners about Open Space, Traffic and Density. Stockland Plan to include the construction of a Neighbourhood Shopping Centre and Retirement Village in Bellvista 2

Airport – Update: Clearly there has been a spike in noise complaints as a result of the discussions surrounding the closure of Caloundra Aerodrome; however, there has been a drop off in complaints since the last meeting held with Aerodrome Businesses and operators. Of the 27 complaints since January 2010, 4 have been fixed wing and the remainder helicopter related. 12 complaints have come from Bellvista with the next highest number (2) from Golden Beach and Caloundra West. 6 left messages with no contact numbers and described their location as Caloundra. The revised Fly Neighbourly Agreement will be presented to the Caloundra CAF at the end of the month for approval thence to industry for sign off. We anticipate this will be concluded within the next month.

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MORE FROM JUNE PUBLIC MEETING:

General Discussion Following The Councillor's Report:

1. The airport issue raised the most debate from the meeting. It appears the behaviour of helicopters over the estate is a major area of frustration for residents, the council and Airport business operators. An Airport Business owner spoke and said the behaviour of some pilots was a major concern for them as well. He said that inappropriate pilot behaviour drew public response which in turn threatened the future of the airport. He was just as keen to see Bellvista resident's concerns addressed to ensure the future of his business and the airport. Throughout some of the debate an aircraft circled around the estate, its engine noise intruding on to the meeting! Some residents spoke of the apparent disregard some helicopter pilots appeared to have to the residents and the "Fly Neighbourly" policy. A revised draft of the policy was available as a handout to the meeting. It can be downloaded from the website. Much of the Airport Business' case rests on a "Deed of Trust" document which appears to ensure the airport's future. However SCRC has approached the Federal government seeking clarity on the legality of this document.
2. Other items arising from the Councillor's report included traffic concerns in and out of the estate, especially during school drop off and pick up times and suggestions to overcome the congestion at the Caloundra Rd roundabout (extended left hand turn lane as 40% of traffic heads west at Caloundra Rd and the possibility of installing traffic lights). Stockland is currently preparing a proposal for SCRC on how it plans to improve access to and from the estate in light of Bellvista 2.

Other Issues Raised At the June Public Meeting:

1. We are entering the "Burning Off" season so we can expect to see smoke over the estate during the next few months.
2. Nomination Forms to join the Bellvista Community Association Committee are available. The new committee for 2010/2011 will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be conducted at the Land Sales Office on September 6th. Nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM date. A nomination form can be downloaded from the website or by contacting the Secretary (See front page).

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