

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

BECA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 6TH:

The Bellvista Community Association Committee is made up of 8 local residents who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. At the moment we have 7 members made up of 6 men and 1 woman.

It would be better for everyone if we could have a greater representation of women on our committee. The election to be conducted on September 6th at the AGM at the Land Sales Office is open to all residents and landowners of our estate.

Consider becoming involved and completing a nomination form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Complete the form and get it to our Secretary, Tony Mohr at 5 Lindesay St Bellvista by 4pm Monday August 23rd.

The BeCA AGM will be conducted at the Land Sales Office on September 6th at 6:45pm. All residents and landowners are welcome to attend.

TRAINEE PILOT BEHAVIOUR, RESPONSE FROM AIRPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER,

A Bellvista resident raised a concern with the Airport Operations Manager after his home had been over flown by a helicopter 25 times in the one afternoon. Apparently the helicopter was being piloted by a "trainee" and therefore he was not required to observe the 'Fly Neighbourly' policy nor the requirement to fly the designated training circuits within the confines of the Caloundra Airport. The Operations Manager's email response can be read below:

"I have spoken with the operators of helicopters at Caloundra Aerodrome, they have advised that pilots under instructors have to fly normal circuits outside the aerodrome. Students are unable to learn to fly within the airport boundary as the circuits would be too tight, and in their initial stages of learning they would not have time to respond to instructors.

Also, there are emergency procedures where students who have only a few hours flying time, that have to fly normal circuits to ensure they have time to respond to the emergency procedure they are practising. The helpads that have been developed by council, do help when experienced pilots are operating at Caloundra aerodrome.

From what I can gather from the Caloundra operators they are flying at Caloundra as per the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations, and therefore other than keeping a communications line open to the operators, and ensuring that flying practices are as per the regulations, there is little I can do to change current practices.

Regards, Danny Eatock, Operations Manager "

Bellvista Shopping Village opening to be as early as October 2010!

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COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Update - Toilet Facilities, Lake Bellvista Park

Council's Building and Facilities Branch are responsible for delivering this \$175,000 project, and they have engaged consultants for the project and finalised prices.

Recently an onsite inspection meeting was held with the other departments of Council involved with this venture, to discuss site location, plumbing detail, and any Master Planning issues.

The next step will be to identify the level of community consultation required and to progress this. Once I have the proposed design, I will forward it to BeCA for inclusion on the website

Together we will all work to get this important project delivered.

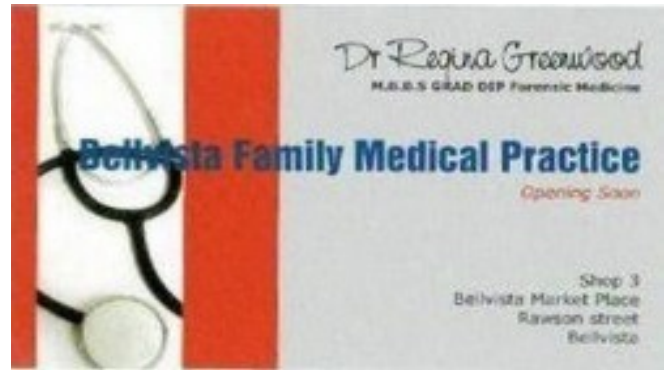
NEWS UPDATES

It is wonderful news that the new Bellvista Shopping Village may be open early in October. BeCA has been invited to attend a meeting with the owners of the new IGA Supermarket.

BeCA continues to pursue the duplication of Bellvista Blvd. This would solve the problems of traffic congestion during school drop off and pick up times, the dangerous school bus stop at Bellcarra Place and the dangerous pedestrian crossing point at the foot of the hill. It seems the emergency entry and exit problem may be solved via the Bellvista2 development. BeCA pushed for the exit to be through the park at the head of Widgee Place and through to Rosegum Street.

Don't forget the BeCA Annual General Meeting, the Land Sales Office 6:45 pm Monday September 6th.

And don't forget Unity College's 'inaugural' Fete to be held on Sunday August 29th. There are plenty of fun activities for all Bellvista residents to enjoy! See you there.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

Have you visited the Bellvista Community Association website? We are quite proud of our presence on the internet with our easy to navigate website full of all the latest news from around the estate. You can visit the website at

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

Read the Bellvista Community Association Home Page carefully as it will give advice on how to use and navigate around the website. The "Handy Links" tab is full of interesting and valuable resources for all residents. Most of the latest news can be found at "News & Events". You can even leave your own comments on issues there and present your point of view.

You will also find links to the BECA Blog Page as well. This is where you may find less topical or more highly controversial subjects are raised.

Phil Williams, President.

JULY BECA COMMITTEE MEETING:



The Monthly BeCA Committee Meeting was held on Monday July 5th at 7 pm. There were reports and issues raised from BeCA sub-committees.

1. Following the recent BeCA June Public Meeting, Councillor Grosskreutz was asked to follow up on the following issues, a possible emergency exit from the Bellvista Estate in case Bellvista Blvd is blocked, the dangerous bus stop where school students are set down at the intersection of Bellvista Blvd and Bellcarra Place and the crossing for pedestrians and cyclists at the foot of the Bellvista Blvd hill. The crossing connects the estate with the footpath which travels behind Bunnings and into Caloundra. Follow up is occurring and BeCA expects to hear back from SCRC shortly.

2. The Landscaping Sub Committee reported that they had a 'drive around' the estate with the SCRC Supervisor for this area. During the drive-around it was noted the plant garden beds around intersections where dead/dying plants had been removed, beds re mulched and some planting had taken place. Some areas still look a little bare but more planting will occur as the weather improves. Doggy Litter Bag dispensers will be installed in other park areas around the estate rather than just at the main park.

3. Kate Mackenzie from the SCRC Waterways Operations Team had inspected the main Bellvista Lake. The current red azolla bloom is a problem across the region for all man made lakes. The lake itself is quite healthy but council is at a loss as to what can be done to rid the lake of this cosmetic eye sore. There is abundant birdlife around the lake especially ibis, more than you should expect to see at this time of the year. This abundant birdlife is contributing nutrients to the lake which in turn promotes the growth of red azolla.

Following a further inspection of Lake Bellvista initiated by BeCA in mid July, Council will now 'net' the lake to remove the unsightly red algae. This work is due to be completed late July/early August. It will be a temporary cosmetic fix, the problem will not be solved until we receive a decent downfall of rain and the lake is flushed clean.

4. The Airport Forum Sub-Committee reported on the recent Forum meeting. BeCA is in constant contact with Sunshine Coast Airport Senior management and keeps them up to date on daily helicopter activities above our estate. Despite this contact, the behaviour of some helicopter pilots remains a major concern for residents. BeCA has been told that to move helicopter trainee flying circuits further south so they do not train over our estate would be OK but "if it were only that easy". It appears that many helicopter flights over the estate are carried out by students attending Chopperline's Helicopter Pilot School. Trainee pilots are not subject to the same rules and regulations as fully trained pilots and rules such as adhering to "Fly Neighbourly" policies and following recommended training circuits within the confines of the Airport. It appears there is very little if anything anyone can do. You can read the Airport Operation Manager's response on page 1. BeCA will continue to provide regular feedback to Sunshine Coast Airport Senior management.

5. BeCA approached the company building the Bellvista Shopping Village for a proposed completion date. It was told that it was hoped the Shopping Village would open early in October. Shopfitters could be able to gain access to the new buildings from late August and throughout September with the opening to happen early in October if all goes to plan.

6. The Bellvista Community Association Annual General Meeting is to be conducted on Monday September 6th in the Land Sales Office commencing at 6:45 pm. Bellvista residents and landowners are invited to nominate for any of the 8 positions on the BeCA Committee. Nomination Forms are available on page 4 of this newsletter. Nominations should be duly completed, signed and in the hands of our Secretary Tony Mohr 5 Lindesay St Bellvista by 4pm August 23rd (14 days before the AGM). Currently the committee is made up of 6 male residents and 1 female. Gender balance on any committee is always welcome.

7. BeCA has been invited to attend a meeting with Stockland to discuss the Bellvista2 development. The association will be discussing the need to duplicate Bellvista Blvd at least as far as Dumbarton Avenue. Duplication would solve several problems for residents, the bankup of traffic in Bellvista Blvd at the intersection with Caloundra Rd during school dropoff and pickup times, a safer student bus stop area at Bellcarra Place and a safer pedestrian crossing point at the foot of the hill.

8. Unity's first ever Fete is on Sunday 29 August from 10am to 3pm. There will lots of fun things for the kids including rides, show bags, face painting, toy stall, lucky dips and a surf board stall. Parents and grandparents will not miss out either with a cafe, bar, chocolate wheel, major auction, book stall, trash and treasure and plant/home grown produce stall. There will also be performances by dancers, choirs and musicians to entertain everyone.

The Mega Fete raffle has the following great prizes: 106cm plasma television; laptop computer; \$500 Sea World Nara Resort voucher; Wii console; and a \$100 Myer gift voucher. Ride arm bands and raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Federal election polling station at Unity College on Saturday 21 August. The Fete will be a great opportunity to bring together the Bellvista community and we look forward to seeing you there.

RENAMING THE MAIN BELLVISTA PARK,

After liaising with the wider Caloundra Community as well as our own Bellvista residents, BeCA will now formally complete documentation to forward to SCRC (Sunshine Coast Regional Council) to rename the main Bellvista Park to Canavan/Gracie Park'. BeCA believes the new name Canavan/Gracie Park would give due recognition to two Sunshine Coast identities who unfortunately lost their lives in an aeroplane accident in New Guinea in August 2009.

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BECA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM:



Bellvista Community Association Management Committee Nomination Form 2010/11

Name of Member To Be Nominated:

(Delete Positions That DO NOT Apply for this Nomination Form)

For: BeCA Management Committee/BeCA Secretary/BeCA President/BeCA Treasurer.

Nominating Member Name & Signature:

Seconding Member Name & Signature:

Date:

I accept this Nomination (Nominee's Signature):

This form must be completed and in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the date set for the Annual General Meeting. If you wish to nominate for more than one position, you will need a completed form for each nomination.



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