

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

FIRST BECA PUBLIC MEETING FOR 2011, MARCH 7TH:

The first Public Meeting for 2011 will be conducted at 6:45 pm Monday March 7th. The meeting will be conducted in the Land Sales Office.

All Bellvista residents, Bellvista landowners, residents and Bellvista business owners are welcome to attend.

2011 will be an exciting time for Bellvista as the Bellvista2 development swings into action. BeCA will be doing its best to ensure construction has as little impact on residents as possible.

BeCA has invited a SCRC Representative to speak on Emergency Management and its effect on the Bellvista Estate.

Those interested in the emergency exit issue should be interested in this.

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Next Management Committee Meeting Mon April. 4th

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. 2011's first Public Meeting date is set for March 7th.

The next Bellvista Connector for 2011 is due to be delivered late in March 2011.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

The Bellvista Community Association (BeCA) is made up of a committee of enthusiastic community members first elected at a Public Meeting in November 2008. The Annual Meeting is now conducted in August or September of each year where the Committee is elected for the following 12 months. The BeCA Committee usually meets on the first Monday of each month to monitor events arising from the BeCA Public Meeting conducted quarterly. The BeCA newsletter is distributed to all Bellvista residents up to 8 times per year.

You can support your local Community Association by:

- 1/ Attending the 4 times per year "Public meetings",
- 2/ Regularly visiting BeCA's website at www.bellvista.com.au,
- 3/ Consider standing for election to the committee, or join one of our Sub-Committees,
- 4/ Help by volunteering to deliver Newsletters,
- 5/ Supporting our advertisers on the website and in the Newsletter,
- 6/ Contacting BeCA on issues effecting you and other residents.

ISN'T IT MARVELLOUS!

"Isn't it marvellous" was a comment made by one of our residents recently. Of course he was referring to Bellvista Market Place and the new IGA Supermarket and other shops and services there. How handy it is for residents to pop in and pick up their needs and all within easy walking distance. Many morning walkers now have a shopping bag in hand as they incorporate picking up some daily needs or the morning newspaper from the bakery or supermarket while enjoying an early morning walk.

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COUNCILLOR GROSSKREUTZ'S REPORT:

Bellcara Road Unsafe Bus Stop Update

Unfortunately the solution to this issue is not as simple as putting up a bus shelter. A bus indent is required which will involve road and curb and channel works.

These works also need to be approved by Queensland State Government - Translink. In the meantime Council is doing the design work so that once we have the approval to go ahead, the work can be programmed in.

These works will be a substantial investment by Council, and an important one for everyone's safety.

We are hopeful that this project can be delivered in the 11/12 financial year.

Important Information About Your Rates.

Due to the recent flooding in South East Queensland there was a one week delay sending out the Sunshine Coast Council rates notices.

Council has therefore decided to extend it's 5 per cent discount for prompt payment by one week. You will now have until Friday 25 February to pay your rates and still get the reduction. Unfortunately the extension hasn't been included on the rates notice, which still has the original due date. If you need any further information please contact Sunshine Coast Council, Ph 07 5475 7542

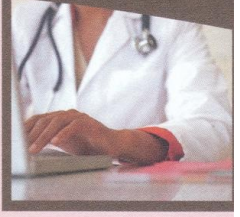
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Hi Everyone,

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Already 2011 is off to a flying start. When you read the report on the first Committee Meeting on the next page you will see what I mean.

We have to get our estate back to looking its best after the incredibly high amount of rainfall we have experienced so far this year. All areas of the Sunshine Coast are in a similar position to ourselves with everyone wanting parks and gardens back to looking their pristine best. Unfortunately it may take some time for SCRC to get around to the needs of the whole region, not just ourselves. We will all need to show a little patience. BeCA has excellent communication with the 'powers that be' so we will be ensuring Bellvista doesn't miss out.

An emergency entry/exit point has been a priority of BeCA's harking back to when the estate was cut off from the rest of Caloundra by fires several years ago. This is a situation which could all too easily happen again. SCRC has an Emergency Management team which has planned for all sorts of emergencies across the region. A representative from this team will be speaking out our first Public Meeting (March 7th 6:45 pm at the Land Sales Office) on how Bellvista fits into these plans. This could be a great opportunity for all residents interested in this topic to hear how the SCRC recommendations would effect an emergency incident in Bellvista. All residents, landowners and business people from the estate are welcome to attend.

Paul Harrison, President.

FIRST BECA COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 2011:

BeCA had its first meeting for 2011 on Jan 31st. All Committee Members were in attendance.



Correspondence included:

- (1) concerns on rubbish and lawn clippings being dumped on Council property. This was seen as an issue for SCRC rather than the BeCA.
- (2) the behaviour of traffic at the front of Bellvista Market Place and the positioning of crossing points. Some traffic seems to travel fairly quickly in this area so the issue was put on an agenda for discussion with the Councillor. Anyone would be foolish to cross at the crossing point directly in front of Bellvista Market Place.
- (3) concern by a resident on the quality of recent grass mowing on the estate. This issue has been dealt with in another post on the website. SCRC Parks and Gardens has been asked to respond to the concern.
- (4) an email enquiry to hire the Land Sales Office for a child's birthday party. This facility is owned by Stockland. To BeCA's knowledge it is not available for hire. Stockland Sunshine Coast can be contacted at (07) 5444 1333.
- (5) an email enquiry on a primary school being included in the plans for Bellvista2. Preliminary plans that BeCA has seen do not include any school. However BeCA will raise this again when speaking with Stockland who appear keen to meet with BeCA in the near future.

The meeting then moved on to Reports and General Business.

The first Newsletter for 2011 'The Bellvista Connector' is about to be printed and delivered to all homes on the estate. BeCA seeks further volunteers to assist with delivering the Newsletters. Usually a person is asked to deliver between 120 and 200 newsletters. Contact the BeCA Secretary via email by (see front page) or by phoning 0407546311 if you are available to help.

There is a concern over several bushes beside the street sign which tend to restrict the view of traffic entering and leaving Bellvista Market Place. SCRC Parks and Gardens will be contacted to remove the plants.

There has not been any negative feedback from residents effected by the carpark lighting at Bellvista Market Place since baffles have been installed.

BeCA wishes to arrange a meeting in the near future with Councillor Anna Grosskreutz to pursue issues effecting residents. These issues include road line marking and traffic movement outside Bellvista Market Place, the dangerous crossing point at the foot of Bellvista Blvd, the deterioration of roads on the estate especially Bellvista Blvd following recent heavy rain, an emergency exit/entry to the estate, an update on the construction of the Toilet Block at the main park and, any further developments on renaming the main park.

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There was report that one of the water inlets for water reticulation system into the top lake may be blocked. BeCA will approach SCRC to attend to this issue.

BeCA will invite a representative from the SCRC to speak at the next Public Meeting (March 7th) on Emergency Management on the Bellvista Estate. This should alert Bellvista residents on how the SCRC would react to an emergency here on the estate.

BeCA has heard that several residents have been injured recently when falling on slippery pathways around the estate. BeCA wishes to remind all residents of the need to be careful when walking after rain and to wear appropriate footwear. "Slippery When Wet" signs are NOT available for pathways. Residents will need to exercise full care in these situations.

The next BeCA meeting is a Public Meeting and will be conducted at 6:45 pm in the Land Sales Office on March 7th. All residents, business owners and landowners are invited to attend.

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AIRPORT FORUM MEETING, FEB 1ST 2011:

Two representatives from BeCA attended the meeting at the Caloundra Council Offices.

Now that the state government has decided the Caloundra airport is not to be relocated, a Master Plan is being formulated to map out the airport's future development. The master plan will also include community involvement. The Sunshine Coast Airport (Maroochydore) Management Team also oversee the Caloundra Airport. As the airport is not to be relocated, its industries now need to expand to survive. However current residential land requirements will mean the actual land size of the airport cannot be extended. All expansion will need to occur on the current site. It was mentioned there is a possibility that 12 businesses from Maroochydore Airport are looking to relocate to Caloundra airport.

It is expected the early stages of the Master Plan will be presented to SCRC in March with a final plan and report due to go before Council in August 2011.

A representative from Sunshine Coast Skydivers stated that as they do not have a lease beyond 2014 they are unable to get finance to extend their business. Without a lease he cannot sell his business as it is worthless. His business will go from being one of the biggest and best Skydiving businesses in Australia to bankruptcy if his lease isn't extended. Extending the lease would mean he (and other current Caloundra Airport businesses) would be able to further expand their businesses. Much of the discussion then centred on the how best the SCRC and Airport Management could overcome the current lease problem and therefore be able to provide security for Airport businesses going forward. However all this needs to happen under the proposed Master Plan. BeCA representatives then raised the subject of "Community Friendly" industries preferably being granted extensions to leases. The discussion then turned to 'cowboy' operators and how they need to be weeded from the Caloundra Airport's operations.

The next item for discussion was Bellvista2. Airport Management has a meeting on February 9th with the Urban Land Development Authority who are overseeing the development of Bellvista2 and Caloundra South. It was commented that some Bellvista 2 houses built near the airport would require double glazing and air conditioning. That these homes would then need to be continually closed up to the outside world and have their air conditioning operating 24 hours a day. This lifestyle was not one which reflects the current everyday lifestyle of people living in Queensland. It was then stated quite categorically, "Residential area and Airports do not mix!" The topic of Noise Complaints was raised. The number of resident complaints regarding noise has fallen remarkably over time. However by far the greatest source of complaint was for helicopters. BeCA argued that some of these complaint figures may be flawed as people who complained back in April felt they wouldn't need to complain again. Therefore residents with concerns over aircraft noise need to make repeated complaints. Complaints can be made by phoning (07) 5453 1501. BeCA mentioned that the helicopter noise problem over the estate though not perfect, was now much improved.

The next Airport Community & Aviation Forum Meeting will be conducted in May 2011.



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