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The next BeCA Public Meeting will be conducted at 6:45 pm Monday, March 5th in the Land Sales Office. All Bellvista residents, Bellvista landowners, and Bellvista business owners are welcome to attend.

CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:

Mon April 2nd, June 4th, 2012

Public Mtgs:

Mon March 5th, May 14th, 2012

Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Early April, Early Aug, 2012

BeCA has invited Mr Malcolm "Mick" Graham as guest speaker. His topic is "Crystal Ball Gazing – The Future Of Caloundra Airport". Mr Graham is President of the Golden Beach Progress Association as well as many other community groups and has been involved with State and Federal Govt committees some of which discuss and plan airport facilities. Mr Graham has an OAM and is heavily involved with the "Keep Australia Beautiful" organisation.

BELLVISTA TAVERN TO OPEN IN FEBRUARY

Representatives from BeCA met with the new owners of the Bellvista Tavern to discuss if there were any ways we could be of assistance to each other.

The new owners Scott Armstrong and David Newberry, are not new to the hotel industry as they already operate an establishment in Cooroy. They are looking forward excitedly to their new venture into Bellvista. Family, food and fun are the major underpinning principles for the new Tavern which is expected to open on or around February 20th.

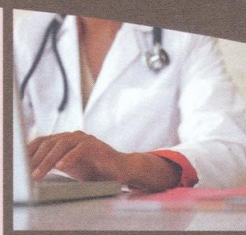
The new facility will boast a 120 seat indoor/outdoor Bistro area, a playroom for children, a 28 machine poker machine facility, a public bar with full TAB and Keno facilities and a Cellarbrations 'Drive Thru' bottle shop.

For the sports fan there will be Live Racing and Foxsports channels available to enjoy. BeCA spoke about lunch specials, seniors specials and other needs of the Bellvista Community. It is expected take-away meals will be available too. Scott and Dave plan to attend the March 5th BeCA Public Meeting to seek more feedback and answer questions on their new venture.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to 2012 to all Bellvista residents. This is our first newsletter for 2012 and you can expect to receive a total of 8 of them throughout the year.

2012 will see BeCA maintain its vigilance and endeavour to procure the best outcome for the Bellvista Community. BeCA enjoys close contact with the developer Stockland and will continue to negotiate the best deal it can from them on providing for the needs of the Bellvista community.

On this subject BeCA will continue to promote the duplication of Bellvista Blvd and the provision of a second entry/exit point to the estate. Stockland has indicated to us that a second entry/exit point is a priority for them as well but will need to await Federal Government approval of the Caloundra South project which is due later this year.

BeCA will continue to strive for a better outcome for residents regarding issues arising from the Caloundra Airport especially to exert some influence over the repetitive circuits by trainee helicopter pilots from Chopperline. However the estate is directly below a designated Aircraft Training Area which creates problems for BeCA to argue for a nil flight policy.

BeCA's first Public Meeting for 2012 is due to be held on Monday March 5th at 6:45pm at the Land Sales Office on Lomond Cres. Our special speaker at this meeting will be Mick Graham, President of the Golden Beach Progress Association. Mick has been involved with State and Federal Gov't committees some of which discuss and plan airport facilities. Mick's presentation is titled, "The Future of Caloundra Airport – Some Crystal Ball Gazing".

Les Thomas, President.

CALOUNDRA SOUTH MASTER PLAN AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

A copy of the Caloundra South Master Plan by Stockland is available to view via a link on the BeCA website. The Master Plan is another step in the planning for Caloundra South. BeCA encourages residents to visit the link at their own leisure and view the documents.

The state (ULDA) development scheme was finalised by the ULDA (October 2011) allowing Stockland to lodge a whole of site plan for Caloundra South. Public review and comment is a statutory requirement and is expected to take place early this year. The document is an overview of what Stockland now proposes for Caloundra South.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ANNA GROSSKREUTZ DIVISION I:



I am very pleased to support my fellow councillor, Cr Debbie Blumel, in her call for the State Minister to 'gift' the Caloundra aerodrome site to Council. As you know, Cr Debbie is running for Mayor in the Council election on 31 March and wants what is best for Caloundra and the aviation industry. As I am not standing for re-election, I am very pleased that we have a mayoral candidate who understands what Caloundra needs and can continue the great work.

For many years, Council has been working with the State Government to relocate the Caloundra aerodrome. A preferred site was identified in a 350ha pine forest south of Caloundra on the eastern side of the Bruce Highway. I have walked over this site - it is far away from residential development and will never be troubled by land use conflicts.

If Council could own the aerodrome site, it can resolve the uncertainty for current aviation businesses. They need fifty year leases but State land can only be leased for 20 years. Even worse, leases on State land have to go through an open tendering process meaning that current lease holders with viable businesses and staff could lose everything.

Also, in the longer term, Council would be able to get better land use planning outcomes in Caloundra. The current site could be sold to fund construction of the new aerodrome and relocation costs for the businesses so they are not out-of-pocket.

I understand that Governments don't have money to burn after the Global Financial Crisis. That's why Cr Debbie's request for the land to be gifted to Council makes sense. It is even better than cash and it means Council can manage the process.

This will benefit people who live at Bellvista and other communities affected by airport noise. It will also save Council having to take out a loan to pay for the redevelopment of the current aerodrome – a cost that the community will have to subsidize because the aerodrome has never been able to make a profit.

Cr Debbie has shown real leadership in setting the agenda for Caloundra on the big issues. She is motivated by her passion for community and creating jobs and security in the aviation industry.

As Cr Debbie says, the land belongs to the people, not one particular level of government. Under Council ownership, we can support the growing aviation industry and create jobs.

BELLVISTA JANUARY DELUGE

An 'unofficial' rainfall reading for the estate came in at 289mls on Wednesday 25 January. Fortunately waterway cleaning works undertaken by SCRC around the estate may have prevented more disruption to residents as they attempted to enter or leave the estate.

Dumbarton Drive (which is generally the first spot to suffer from heavy rain) was covered with water from the nearby waterway and debris from the recent SCRC median strip works (re mulching).

The other spot which may flood during heavy downpours was Bellvista Blvd near the Bells Reach Information and Sales Office. This usually occurs when the end of Kilbride Crt floods and then overflows across Bellvista Blvd. Despite being the heaviest rain seen for some time, it was over an extended period and water in Kilbride Crt was able to get away thus preventing any disruption to Bellvista Blvd.

Hopefully the inclement weather won't cause too much of a delay to roadworks on Bellvista Blvd.

BELLVISTA LAKE

Following concerns of the growth of lilies and red azolla, BeCA Landscaping Chairperson Bob Smith recently contacted SCRC Waterways for an update on the maintenance of the lakes in the main park near Bellvista Market Place.

Council Waterways are monitoring all lakes along the Sunshine Coast and will be carrying out maintenance in the near future. SCRC Waterways are aware of concerns regarding the growth of lilies and azolla and will be taking steps to keep both of these issues under control.

The Snow Flake lily (which is native) grows from the edges out to deeper water generally only to depths of 2.5m. After this it doesn't colonise deeper water. The SCRC Waterways spokesperson says that staff have observed and measured the water levels and the shallower lake is actually only 200 – 300 mm in most parts. This low depth of water makes it hard to mechanically remove the lilies.

The SCRC Waterways spokesperson then goes on to say that she is currently organising several sites including Bellvista for some spraying works followed by harvesting and it's likely that they will need two different machines in Bellvista due to the differing water levels. Chemical treatment will be required prior to this harvesting in some areas to stop the lilies immediately growing back after cutting.

This treatment will not impact on wildlife and will encourage underwater macrophytes to regrow.... which are preferred plants in this system. She said that she hopes to have this work complete before mid-February depending on weather and availability of the necessary machinery.

BeCA looks forward to continued communication with SCRC and be able to address resident concerns.

OTHER NEWS

The new roundabout on Bellvista Blvd/Bellcarra Place was expected to be fully operational by mid February. The designated left turn lane and reworking of the roundabout at the Bellvista Blvd/Caloundra Rd intersection was also originally expected to be completed by the end of February. The recent wet weather may impact on these dates.

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BeCA is still awaiting a final response from the Minister for Local Government Paul Lucas on our letter requesting that extension of leases to Caloundra Airport lease holders for a further seven years, only be permitted to Community Friendly industries. That industries which blatantly disregard the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement" not be considered "Community Friendly Industries".

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BeCA is delighted to see its request for bus seating in Stornaway Ave and O'Reilly Drive now installed.

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A Pizza shop is expected to open soon in Bellvista Market Place to the delight of many residents.



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