

# BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



## Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

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## BeCA SEEKS UPGRADE OF BELLVISTA BOULEVARD

BeCA receives requests from residents on matters which require attention. A hot topic recently has been requests to have Bellvista Boulevard resurfaced and upgraded.

Concern has been raised on the road surface and the surrounds of the road itself. The new crossing point can be impassible during extremely wet weather. With these issues in mind BeCA forwarded an email to Sunshine Coast Regional Council seeking urgent action.

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### CALENDAR

#### BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:

Mon June 4, July 2, Sept 3, 2012

#### Public Mtgs:

Mon May 14th, Aug 6 (AGM), Nov 5, 2012

#### Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Mid June, Mid/Late July, Mid Sept 2012

## PARENTS WELCOME BELLVISTA'S NEW CHILDHOOD FACILITY

Consciously taking the time to help children feel noticed, heard, understood and to participate in decision-making relating to issues that affect their lives is part of the philosophy of the new Bambini Childhood Development facility which opened its doors for business on Monday 23 April.

Situated in Lomond Crescent (next to Unity College), the new facility comprises six studios, a kindergarten and outside school hours care. For ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

Open from 6.30am to 6.30pm the complex boasts an impressive variety of both indoor and outdoor learning and development facilities specifically designed for these age groups. Every room provides a range of opportunities for children to develop their interests and develop their skills. Outside, the facility boasts an outdoor water park, a put put golf course, animals and bird aviaries, vegetable gardens and play areas. Meals at the facility are prepared by a qualified chef and are based on providing a nutritious and balanced diet. All meals (and nappies for the littlies) are included in the fee.

Already the facility has received a large number of registrations and had an overwhelming response to the recent open day. For more information contact Amanda on 5438 2700, pop in to the Centre, email [caloundra@bambini.com.au](mailto:caloundra@bambini.com.au) or visit [www.bambiniecd.com.au](http://www.bambiniecd.com.au)

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi everyone,

The Bellvista Tavern seems to have had quite a positive effect on other shops at Bellvista Market Place. Both the IGA and the Chemist report a marked increase in sales following the opening. Shop owners believe that now every shop is occupied has had a positive effect as well.

Bells Reach powers ahead with sales of available blocks being 60% of the total as I write this. Stockland are delighted with these results.

BeCA is seeking to make the resurfacing of Bellvista Blvd from the new roundabout down to the Dumbarton Avenue roundabout a major focus for 2012. BeCA will seek a meeting with the 'new' Councillor following the April 28th election to further push its case for a roadway upgrade.

Isn't the estate looking great at the moment? The lawns and parks are being mowed on a regular basis and the SCRC is keen to seek feedback from BeCA regarding issues next needing attention. Hopefully by the time you read this many of the pathways will have overhanging plants pruned.

**Just a reminder to all residents of the next BeCA Public Meeting to be conducted in the Land Sales Office at 6:45 pm on Monday May 14th. Our speaker will be Stephne Hambrecht, Positive Ageing and Cindi Coinix, Youth Services, SCRC. Stockland will be in attendance and we are hopeful of having our new Division 1 Councillor in attendance as well. All Welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. General Business is a great time at the meeting where residents can share their concerns with BeCA and other residents.**

**Les Thomas, President.**

## BeCA's FACEBOOK PAGE CONTINUES TO GROW IN POPULARITY

It is great to see residents visiting and adding comments on BeCA's new facebook page regarding a range of topics. With over 60 people registering they like the page BeCA asked 'who has been enjoying Bellvista's walking tracks to make the most of the sunshine.' Responses included: 'Sadly I have had to work but will be taking advantage of the weather and the estates tracks parks over the Easter weekend.' ; 'Great to see the tennis courts in use as well!' ; 'We got to enjoy our Wednesday night BBQ tonight at the local park'. BeCA invites residents to visit the site and join in on the conversations if they wish.



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## GETTING TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY

### Dr Regina Greenwood



Listening attentively to the concerns of each patient and using her professional skills and knowledge to diagnose and recommend appropriate treatments, one is left no doubt that Regina Greenwood M.D. is a great addition and asset to the Bellvista community and beyond.

Regina and her partner Ross moved to Bellvista in October 2010. She describes the area as 'a great place to live and work with a good community spirit and friendly environment which we need to maintain for our kids and grandkids.'

Their decision to move to the Sunshine Coast arose while they were visiting her son and his family in Bellvista when they noticed a sign (seeking interest in certain businesses) on the block that has now become the Bellvista Market Place. 'A few phone calls later,' says Regina, 'and we had agreed to open the surgery and then the wait for construction to begin. We then started searching for a home close by and this was done and dusted several months before we were ready to move.'

Prior to moving to Bellvista Regina worked in premises in the Liverpool area of Sydney – hence the desire not to drive to far to work when we moved here.

Regina has another son who lives on the Gold Coast and Ross's daughters live in country NSW. They also have a large 60kg rotweiler called 'Prada' and a puny cat called 'Trixie'.

Casting back Regina cannot recall why she chose medicine as a career path but does know that she wanted to do this from about 12 years of age. 'I had planned to do Paediatrics but I found General Practice involved a lot of work with children anyway and as I had my first child in my intern year further study was difficult.'

Describing herself as obsessive about work and having things perfect at home Regina says that 'if I start something it must be done right!'

'Developing relationships with a diverse range of people is rewarding and gives me the most satisfaction from my work,' says Regina.

So what does a person like Dr Greenwood do to relax outside her busy times in the medical practice? 'I have started regular gym work but I also enjoy reading, dining out and shopping of course!' So what about her favourite food – 'that would have to be thai but best of all is my mother's real apple strudel – as only an Austrian can make.'

## BELLVISTA COMMUNITY GROUPS

Bellvista resident and mother of a four-month-old boy, Yuki Smith, would love to meet up with other local parents to form a parents group. She has suggested a regular meet at the Bellvista Tavern on Thursdays at 10:30am. 'It would be a great way to meet other people in our community, get out of the house and share our experiences of being a parent' said Yuki.

If you are interested, or have another existing or proposed community group that you would like to promote through this newsletter? If so we would love to hear from you. Simply forward details to [Info@bellvista.com.au](mailto:Info@bellvista.com.au) or BeCA's facebook page.





## EMAIL SENT TO CEO, SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL SEEKING URGENT UPGRADING OF BELLVISTA BOULEVARD

(article continued from page 1)

BeCA has since heard that Sunshine Coast Regional Council will be investigating BeCA's concerns. BeCA also forwarded copies of the email to each of the 5 candidates for the Division 1 Sunshine Coast Councillor election. Several of the candidates thanked BeCA for keeping them informed. None offered their full support for the initiative.

*'As President of the Bellvista Community Association (BeCA) I wish to inquire if Bellvista Blvd is on a program to be upgraded in the near future. The Bellvista Estate has 1250 residences.*

*As the only way into or out of the estate, Bellvista Blvd caters for enormous amounts of traffic. The road is also the only way for parents of students at Unity College (around 1250 students) to get their children to and from the school. Any problem which occurs on Bellvista Blvd during school pick up and drop off times causes the estate to become gridlocked as was experienced recently with a bus break down.*

*The road is in need of urgent attention as it regularly potholes and is covered with 'crocodile cracks' especially between the Caloundra Rd roundabout and Dumbarton Drive. With work about to begin on home construction in Bells Reach, the road will need to cater for even more traffic as construction companies begin to use the road.*

*There is no all weather footpath following the Bellvista Blvd from the Dumbarton Drive roundabout up to the new roundabout at Bellcarra Place. This puts residents with disabilities at a disadvantage.*

*The earth spoon drain on the western side of the road between Dumbarton and Bellcarra takes forever to dry out and ideally should be a concrete spoon drain. The footpath crossing near the Dumbarton Avenue roundabout floods during rain from the earth spoon drain making the footpath crossing unusable and denies access to the only concrete footpath (behind Bunnings) out of the estate. Vegetation on the eastern side of the road between Bellcarra and Dumbarton creates line of sight issues for motorists and can encroach onto the roadway.*

*The only area for drivers to pull off the road on the western side is gravel. It should be all weather. If Bellvista Blvd is not on the current list for upgrade could I request its condition be evaluated and added to the list of works to be completed as a matter of urgency.*

*There will be incredible logistical problems if work is to go ahead on any upgrade owing to the traffic the road currently carries during school drop off and pick up times. This is a legacy of an earlier decision not to duplicate Bellvista Blvd in the first place and the lack of a second entry exit to the estate.*

*Thank you for considering the needs of our residents,*

*Les Thomas, BeCA President'*



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