

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

FINAL BECA PUBLIC MEETING, NOVEMBER 8TH:

The last BeCA Public meeting for 2010 will be conducted at 6:45 pm in the former Land Sales Office at Lake Bellvista on November 8th 2010.

All Bellvista residents, Bellvista landowners and Bellvista business owners are welcome to attend. Each of the four BeCA Sub Committees will provide a report on their activities at this meeting. Also a report on The Community Airport Forum conducted in late October will be made.

Recently the Caloundra South project was taken over from SCRC by the Queensland Government (Urban Land Development Authority). Cr Anna Grosskreutz will be attending this meeting and presenting an outline on ramifications for Bellvista. Anna is usually able to take questions as well.

This should be a 'must attend' meeting for all Bellvista residents.

FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS:

Work on producing the 'Bellvista Connector' usually begins at least up to 4 weeks prior to it being delivered to residents. As has been said before in this newsletter, many of the newsletter items are lifted almost directly from the BeCA website. This unfortunately means that some newsletter items can be a 'out of date' by the time you read them here.

To keep up with the very latest news residents should use the Bellvista Community Association website. For example it is less than 30 minutes between BeCA receiving an update from Councillor Grosskreutz, SCRC or Stockland and us having it available to all residents online via our website. Feedback from many people has been that the website is informative, easy to navigate and has all the latest news. We try to have something 'new' on the website every few days, especially the "News & Events" tab to encourage people to keep coming back.

The website can be found at www.bellvista.com.au. Or go to Google and do a search on "Bellvista". Once you have found the website put it in your Favorites or Bookmarks so you can easily find it again. When the new Bellvista Market Place is fully open BeCA has requested a "Notice Board" be included and we will endeavour to include news updates being posted there to further enable us to keep residents up to date with all happenings.

Bellvista Market Place Update:

Despite all the recent rain, the opening of most shops at Bellvista Market Place should occur on November 1st. Two vacant shops still remain. There is no commencement date as yet for the Tavern. The IGA is due to open on December 1st.

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Next Management Committee Meeting Mon November 29th.

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's final Public Meeting date is set for Nov 8th.

The last Bellvista Connector for 2010 is to be delivered in early December. The first Connector for 2011 is due out in early February.



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COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

The recent announcement by the State Government to call in the Bellvista 2 planning application as well as the Caloundra South site was not unexpected by the council. The recent decision by the State Planning Minister for Infrastructure and Planning to retain the Caloundra Aerodrome in its current location was the prelude for the State to move the council aside. Although this move by the State Government is unprecedented, the business of planning for future growth is everyone's business.

The State Government has handed over both planning projects to the Urban Land Development Authority to finish the planning. The large and costly amount of work the Council has carried out will be valuable for the ULDA Planners to assist in their assessment.

The ULDA are not strangers to myself as Chair of the Council's Affordable Housing Taskforce and Social Policy Portfolio holder and I know their CEO will be keen to meet with me. This role will be important as both areas also sit within my Electoral boundary and I am close to the many planning issues we as a community will expect.

If community are keen to hear from the ULDA about their work and how they intend to work alongside council and residents I am more

than happy to make contact with ULDA CEO Paul Eagles. Please let your executive team at BeCA know your thoughts and we can all work together.

Cr. Anna Grosskreutz.



MOTORCYCLE RIDERS CLUB:

Expressions of interest are now being taken to create a Bellvista Motorcycle Club. This club would do occasional weekend rides and support local charities through small ride fees (\$5.00 max) and/or kilometre sponsorships. Any other ideas would be helpful too! Any interested parties can please reply by emailing tim.robinson94@yahoo.com.au



Hi Everyone,

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

October 4th saw our first meeting for the new BeCA Committee and we welcomed two new members, Linda Harrison and Bob Smith. There was a full agenda that brought everyone up to speed on all current issues.

An Amenities Sub Committee was formed which will be involved with facilities such as our soon to be built toilet block and hopefully the community centre. Any resident wishing to be on a sub committee is welcome to contact us, just go to the "Contact Us" tab at the BeCA Website and click on any of the links, drop us an email indicating what you would like to be involved in or call our Secretary on 0407546311, it's as easy as that, everyone is welcome. We are currently looking for more people to help with delivering the Newsletters.

With the State Government handing over the planning control for Bellvista 2 and Caloundra South developments to the Urban Land Development Authority BeCA will be keeping a very close watch on issues involving our area. Bellvista Blvd and the emergency exit will be very much on our radar.

I think we have a very interesting 12 months ahead of us and we will keep you all up to date through our Website, Newsletter and Blog. One last thing, we have had our first success for this year, the "Telstra Pit" has been repaired.

Paul Harrison, President

SCRC RESPONSE TO BECA'S BUS STOP CONCERNS:



A request to SCRC from BeCA regarding the student bus stop was worded as follows;

“Bellvista Blvd is a single lane both ways road providing the only access into and out of Bellvista Estate. The estate is served by bus services which provide school bus transport for schools outside the estate. One school bus drop off point is at the intersection of Bellcarra Place and Bellvista Blvd . The bus pulls in to and across Bellcarra Place and stops. It is then parked right across the street and blocks any traffic trying to enter or leave Bellcarra Place. School children then alight from the bus. This problem can be easily solved by duplicating Bellvista Blvd and providing appropriate safe bus stops.”

The response from Councillor Anna Grosskreutz follows: “The bus driver is trying not to block Bellvista Blvd and that is why he stops with the bus partially pulled in across the side street. Currently there is no easy solution to this problem. Whilst this is not desirable it is not necessarily that dangerous if motorists take due care. We are in fact having a concept and estimate prepared for an indented bus bay for consideration in future programs. We do not always place indented bays for school buses as the routes and drop off points often change with time.

In addition I have asked that we look at the legality of the bus stopping south of the intersection and blocking the Bellvista Blvd traffic whilst stopped. This is legal for a conventional bus route but I am unsure about a school bus situation. If it can be done then we could place a stop and a short section of path to service it. At the moment even if the bus stopped the passengers would be have no where to walk due to the vegetation.

The Manager of Engineering Services has also asked his staff talk with Development Services to see if construction of indented bus bays along Bellvista Blvd could be conditioned as a part of the Bellvista Stage 2 development approval.

The Manager of Engineering Services will advise me of further information as it comes to hand, which I will forward on.

Thank you,

Cr Anna Grosskreutz.”

SCRC RESPONSE TO BECA'S EMERGENCY ACCESS CONCERN:

BeCA received a response from SCRC on emergency access to and from the Bellvista estate:

“In response to community concerns raised by the residents association, council has been looking into the alternate road situation for Bellvista Estate.

At my request council planners are considering this in conjunction with the Bellvista Stage2 application which is being assessed by the council at the present time.

The application was held up for some time with the considerations of the relocation of the Caloundra Aerodrome. As the Caloundra Aerodrome is to be retained in it's current location the council is reviewing strategic road issues which will now need to be re-aligned. This is especially the case with one of the proposed road connections through to the Pelican Waters link road. The planners have informed me Bellvista State 2 can be conditioned to bring forward the Emergency Access/Exit in its first stage of approval. The planners are also looking at all potential options to address this significant issue.

At this stage the council is working overtime to wrap up this large development application. The State Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Stirling Hinchliffe is taking a keen interest in the development and has signalled to the council that he could use his call in powers if the council does not move forward with a degree of speed. If the Minister does call in the application I will ensure I personally meet with him to run through community issues raised with me.

These would include the road access, the connection to Caloundra Road intersection and the community meeting place.

Thank you,

Cr Anna Grosskreutz”

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BECA COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 4TH:

The next BeCA meeting will be a Public Meeting to be conducted at the Land Sales Office near lake Bellvista at 6:45 pm on Monday November 8th. BeCA will be inviting our Councillor Anna Grosskreutz to address this meeting.

BeCA formalized its Sub Committees for 2011. Membership of any of BeCA's Sub Committees is not restricted to BeCA Committee members but is open to all Bellvista residents. Contact our Secretary Tony Mohr if you wish to be involved in any Sub Committee.

The BeCA Committee then covered these outstanding issues:

1. BeCA has been lobbying for some time to fix the dangerous Telstra Pit at the corner of Cougal Circuit and O'Reilly Drive. The BeCA President has information this is a SCRC issue and he will strongly pursue this with the Council.
2. BeCA has been pursuing three issues throughout 2010, emergency access to Bellvista, the dangerous student bus stop and the Bellvista Blvd foot crossing at the foot of the hill. BeCA will continue to pursue short term solutions to these problems with SCRC.
3. SCRC has installed new 'Beware Of Wildlife' signs at the entrance to Dumbarton Drive. Had the signs been installed about 30 metres north on Bellvista Blvd up from the roundabout with Dumbarton Drive they would be visible to every vehicle entering the estate rather than only those entering Dumbarton Drive. BeCA will contact SCRC to have the sign moved to a more visible spot. BeCA has contacted Stockland to consider removing the Land Sales Office sign in Lomond Crescent near the roundabout with Balmoral Blvd as it blocks the vision of some motorists entering the roundabout.
4. BeCA will continue to monitor the progress of the following projects being undertaken by SCRC. These projects include the new Toilet Block for the main park, the new Rawson St Park playground equipment promised by SCRC for installation in November 2010 and the renaming of the main park near Lake Bellvista to Canavan/Gracie Park.
5. Anecdotal evidence from residents and BeCA Committee members indicate that, though far from perfect, the behaviour of helicopters over the estate seems to have improved. BeCA will be suggesting that residents be informed when there will be intensive helicopter training over the estate.



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