

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

BECA PUBLIC MEETING MON NOV 7TH:

The next BeCA Public Meeting for 2011 will be conducted at 6:45 pm Monday, November 7th in the Land Sales Office and is the final Public Meeting for 2011. All Bellvista residents, Bellvista landowners, and Bellvista business owners are welcome to attend. Stockland has requested time at the meeting to provide an update on the Bells Reach development. Be there if you have any questions to ask!

BeCA has invited candidates for the upcoming SCRC elections to make a presentation at the November Public Meeting. This will be a great chance for residents to meet the candidates and decide which way to vote at the Council elections in March 2012.

Visit the BeCA website at www.bellvista.com.au for the latest Bellvista happenings. Or check the notice board at Bellvista Market Place (behind the chemist shop near the walkway to the underground carpark) which is regularly updated with news from the website.

VANDALISM:

Unfortunately the new toilet block, opened recently near the Land sales Office, has been vandalised on several occasions. Spray painted graffiti has been left covering walls and floors. On another occasion all paper toilet rolls etc. were burnt.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has quickly cleaned the offending vandalism.

BeCA seeks resident assistance to bring the offenders to the notice of police. If you spot any inappropriate behaviour going on around the estate please call the Caloundra police on (07) 5439 4444 or contact Police Link on 131 444.

BeCA has been informed that electronic equipment is being considered to monitor the toilet block and the opening and closing times of the toilet block will be adjusted to ensure the block is locked outside of daylight hours.

The Bellvista community fought long and hard for this facility and residents would be delighted to see the offenders apprehended.

BELLVISTA MARKET PLACE PROMOTIONS:

All the shops at Bellvista Market Place will be celebrating their "One Year Birthday" during December. It is to be a Family Fun Day and all residents are invited to come along and enjoy themselves. The date is for December 10th. More details are available on page 2.

The PieVista Bakery has a special for the month of October. For every 'pink' donut sold, 10c will be donated to the McGrath Foundation. You can make a contribution just by enjoying all those pink donuts.

The PieVista Bakery is then conducting a special "Mo-vement" promotion during the month of November.

All residents are invited to participate in these promotions.

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CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:

Mon Nov 28th, Jan 30th 2012

Public Mtgs:

Mon Nov 7th, March 6th 2012 (tbc)

Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Early Dec, Early Feb 2012



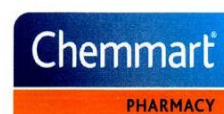
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OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE ESTATE

It's All happening.

Bells Reach is powering along with the bright new shade cloth wall around the whole site being erected at the moment. It certainly looks colorful, bright and breezy. Do you like the bright colored fencing?

Extensive clearing of the waterway to the west of Springbrook Street has been completed ready for the summer storm season.

Bellvista Market Place first birthday celebrations are well into the planning stage with Pratt Property in conjunction with Stockland conducting a "Radio Day" at the centre on December 10th. SeaFM will be in attendance and there will be raffles, a jumping castle for the children and giveaways. Another special promotion is being planned with one lucky Bellvista resident winning a major prize. More details will be provided as they become available.

Pratt Property has indicated the final two shops for lease at Bellvista Market Place should be up and running by Christmas. There are only rumours at this stage as to what the shops will be but one suggestion is that we will get a form of fast food outlet. The lease for the Tavern is currently being drawn up but any opening won't be until the new year.

Pratt Property are investigating the best way to deal with the dangerous raised footpath edges which have seen a couple of residents trip. The pathway is on the western side of the Tavern site and meets with a pedestrian crossing which crosses the main entry. The yellow dots have been placed on the pathways as a temporary measure.

Arts & Crafts Fair.

There will be a Arts & Crafts Fair in the Caloundra Arts Centre buildings 5 North St Caloundra (opp Rydges Oasis Resort) on Saturday November 12th 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday November 9th 9 am to 3 pm. Entry is free.

There will be unique locally handmade Arts & Crafts for sale along with Produce Stalls, Christmas Goods, Secondhand books, Plants and Refreshments available. Everyone is invited to attend this worthwhile event.

Bells Reach

The Bells Reach development is powering ahead with heavy machinery now on site. Fencing of the site is has been completed and add a bright a breezy feel to the new development.

Earthworks have commenced following the clearing of trees.

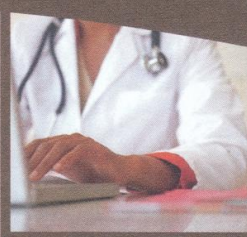
It should be remembered that extensive vegetation replanting works will be undertaken as the development progresses.

It looks a bleak and bare landscape right now, but when completed it should be much more attractive.

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BECA'S QUERIES ON AIRPORT OPERATION:



Recently BeCA asked several questions (see below) regarding the behaviour of aircraft arriving at and leaving from Caloundra Airport. BeCA received a response to these queries from Jason Rainbird, Operations Manager, Sunshine Coast Airport which also appears below.

BeCA's questions and concerns:

1/ BeCA had been informed, that unlike regular airport practice, aircraft leaving any runway at Caloundra Airport are directed to the west. If this was the case who has the control/power to revert this back to normal airport practice? Currently it appears that all departing aircraft from Caloundra Airport are directed to the west and in the direction of the Bellvista Estate. Is it CASA, Sunshine Coast Airport Management, the State Government, or SCRC who has the power to make this change?

2/ BeCA has been informed by Chopperline that Bellvista is situated beneath a "Helicopter Training Area". Is this an 'official' area? If so who decided that this is an official Helicopter Training Area? Again is it CASA, Sunshine Coast Airport Management, the State Government, SCRC, or Chopperline who has the power to make this change? Who does BeCA need to lobby to have Bellvista (and its 1250 homes) removed from being under a "Helicopter Training Area"?

The BeCA Management Committee was keen to discuss noisy aircraft above the estate and what steps it can take on behalf of residents. BeCA has previously forwarded a resolution via our Councillor that the SCRC only approve future leases at Caloundra Airport to "Community Friendly Industries".

In summing up, Bellvista residents are aware their homes are near an airport. The general everyday departure and arrival of the vast majority of aircraft is not a major concern. The major concern voiced to BeCA by residents is the repetitive training circuits of helicopters in the "Helicopter Training Area" over the estate. On busy days, repetitive circuits can go on for an extended period of time, unlike the intermittent arrival or departure of fixed wing aircraft. This current practice has the capacity to interrupt the everyday living and enjoyment of life here.

Below is the full response from Jason Rainbird, Operations Manager, Sunshine Coast Airport.

Dear BeCA,

With regards to your queries please see below;

1. The helicopter training area as you have described it is more commonly known as the Circuit Training Area. This operates under aviation rules and regulations established and overseen by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). Circuit training areas are situated at aerodromes so that pilots, be they training on fixed wing or rotary aircraft can practice take offs and landings as required. This is commonly known as circuit training. To that end the major issues I would see in moving / removing the circuit training area would be;

* A change such as this can only be determined by the CASA Office of Aerospace Reform (OAR). To that end a number of things would be required of which an Environmental Assessment (EA) would be key. The role of the environmental assessment is to determine all of the different effects, be they social, ecological, noise or emissions of the change in an existing procedure. If a new process / procedure is to be tabled the EA must be commissioned so as to comment on the potential impact on the aforementioned factors. This requires a sizeable investment both time and monetary wise.

* I am pretty confident there would be nil support from the local operators for the existing circuit training area to be removed and I am reasonably sure CASA would be asking this question. Circuits can be flown at any aerodrome as the procedures are common ones and are the same for all aerodromes unless there are specific directions to be aware of, which are generally weather dependant. To say to the operators fly your circuits at Caboolture or Redcliffe would not be economically viable I am sure for the tenants that have based themselves at Caloundra for a number of years, predicated on the fact the aerodrome has been utilised for training for decades.

2. I have attached CASA collateral detailing the requirements of circuit training at aerodromes utilising Class G or uncontrolled airspace. It shows how the circuit looks and provides some additional details on heights that certain types of aircraft should do the circuits at. It also shows joining points for the circuit if transiting to the aerodrome.

(The two documents supplied by Jason are available for download from the BeCA website.)

3. The Caloundra CBD area would not be located under the circuit training area unless the pilot is very lost or is joining the circuit from a track that brought them in over water.

Air Services Australia as the Aircraft Traffic Service (ATS) provider confirmed the airspace reform issues with me. I am happy to discuss further with you if you so desire. I hope the information assists.

Regards,

Jason Rainbird
Operations Manager,
Sunshine Coast Airport.

NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER BECA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The BeCA management Committee met early in October. Discussion centred around on-going issues for the estate and bringing all management committee members up to date on recent happenings. Most of these have been extensively reported on the website.

Stockland will provide an update on the Bells Reach development at our next BeCA Public Meeting on November 7th. Candidates for our division of the SCRC Council Elections have been invited to speak at the next BeCA Public Meeting. At this stage Ann Ross has confirmed she will be accept an invitation and Rick Baberowski is hopeful of attending as well. BeCA has not received a response from Rhys Reynolds on his intentions to attend.

BeCA is arranging an informal meeting with Unity College to discuss items which would be mutually advantageous to both organisations.

One issue involves concerns raised with BeCA on adequate school bus services for the Pelican Waters area.

BeCA has fielded several concerns from residents on behaviour of younger people. This is not an area where BeCA has any ability to solve a problem. However BeCA will be liaising with "Caloundra Safe" to see if anything can be done to improve activities for young people here on the estate.

BeCA also continues to monitor the provision of bus stop seating at Stornaway Ave and O'Reilly Drive. Councillor Grosskreutz has indicated the old crossing point on Bellvista Blvd is to be closed. BeCA will continue to pursue the provision of a shade sail over new play equipment in the Rawson St playground and for improved road signage to and from Bellvista Market Place.

UPDATE: BeCA has been disappointed to learn in recent correspondence from Cr Grosskreutz that her budget has been fully expended. Shade Cloth for the park in Rawson Drive and the replacement footpath in O'Reilly Drive cannot go ahead following the shortfall in Cr Grosskreutz's funding. At least all these items are on the Councillor's "To Fund" list putting them in front of many other requests for funding.

At the time of writing BeCA is waiting for an update on the closure of the 'old' dangerous crossing point on Bellvista Blvd.

CALOUNDRA RD ACTION GROUP

Berkey Place residents have gone on the front foot over the ULDA's proposed changes to the roundabout at the intersection of Bellvista Blvd and Caloundra Rd following the approval of the Bells Reach development.

Large protest signs are regularly on display so all passers by are left in no doubt of resident concerns.

The families effected are on either side of Bellvista Blvd. It especially effects residents of Pelican Heights, a residential complex beside the caravan park. However the current situation is extremely dangerous with regular near misses. At least the proposed changes will make the intersection safer for all.

WATCH YOUR STEP

There have been several nasty falls by residents at Bellvista Market Place. The offending area is the raised footpath connecting the Tavern site with the main carpark. Pratt Property are investigating the best solution to make this area safe for everyone.

One resident who fell had both hands full of plastic shopping bags, didn't spot the raised pathway edge and tripped. Because he was holding bags with both hands he was unable to break his fall. Pratt Property may either paint the dangerous raised pathway edges or erect barrier rails to separate pedestrians from car park spaces.

Residents should remain vigilant when near the Tavern construction site.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

BeCA has received several emails regarding poor behavior by local teenagers. BeCA has no control with this sort of issue and advises any residents with a concern to contact Caloundra Police.

BeCA advises that adults should approach any youngster with care and concern. Quite often a pleasant comment will elicit the appropriate response. Experience has it that the vast majority of youngster respond positively when asked to climb down from a fence or to play properly on a piece of playground equipment.

Do you keep up with all the latest news on the BeCA Website? It is frequently updated with news effecting Bellvista Residents. The website is frequently used by Stockland to advise of any latest happenings. You can even set up the News & Events page to report news directly to your email 'inbox' via an RSS Feed.

Les Thomas, President.