

BELLVISTA CONNECTOR



Bellvista Community Association - BeCA

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

*The Bellvista Community Association
would like to wish all our residents
a very Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year*

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CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:

Mon. Jan 30th, Mon. April, 2nd, Mon. June 4th.

Public Mtgs:

Mon. March 5th, Mon. May 14th 2012

Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Early Feb , Early April, Late May.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

2011 has been a busy year for BeCA. Highlights of the year would include the gains BeCA has made for the local community, none of which could have been achieved without the support of Cr Anna Grosskreutz.

The new toilet block at the main park, the safer bus stop for students near Bellcarra Place, the shifting of the Bellvista Blvd crossing point to a safer position and the building of the "Haul Rd" to keep heavy construction vehicles off Bellvista Blvd have been great achievements for Bellvista. Still on the agenda for 2012 are the shade sails over the new Rawson St play equipment, seats for bus stops in Stornaway Ave and O'Reilly Drive, the future of the Land Sales Office facility, and improved signage in and out of the estate.

Throughout the year BeCA has liaised with SCRC on Garden Maintenance, with Stockland regarding access to and from the estate and the Bells Reach development. BeCA has setup communication with Caloundra Airport Industries, Chopperline and Queensland Air Services. BeCA continues to liaise with SCRC officers, local MP's and Councillors.

BeCA has continued to fight for improved living conditions for residents with activity arising from Caloundra Airport.

2012 looks like being another big year for the association. BeCA will continue to do its best to ensure Bellvista is a great place for all residents.

Les Thomas

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OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE ESTATE

The new haul road is in full operation keeping heavy construction vehicles off Bellvista Boulevard and keeping roads safer for residents.

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Our Southern Route Mobile Librarian who visits the estate with the library bus every Tuesday, Des Radcliffe, was just awarded Mobile Librarian of the Year (for the whole of Australia)!

Des is always friendly and patient, is very knowledgeable regarding library items and will always help you when he can (re locating and reserving books etc) and is a great ambassador for the Sunshine Coast Library.

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Following several nasty falls by residents at Bellvista Marketplace near the Tavern, Pratt Property has painted the raised pathway edges in yellow non-slip paint as a safety measure to make them more easily seen.

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The Bells Reach Information & Land Sales Office looks like opening in a couple of week's time. The Carpark and entry are being completed as the newsletter is being prepared.

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Residents are encouraged to visit the new BeCA facebook page which can be accessed directly from the BeCA website at www.bellvista.com.au

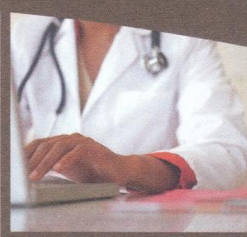
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The BeCA Committee wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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NOTES FROM NOVEMBER BECA PUBLIC MEETING:

Around 50 people attended the final Public BeCA Meeting for 2011 on Monday Nov 7th. The agenda was set to address a couple of contentious issues which created some interesting exchanges.



Local Councillor Anna Grosskreutz presented her final report for 2011. You can download a full copy of her report from the BeCA website. Anna needs to present BeCA's request for further improved signage around the estate to a full meeting of Council as currently the level of signage around the estate is "to standard".

Anna explained the financial situation on a couple of BeCA's requests (complete O'Reilly Drive footpath & sunshade for Rawson St Park play equipment) and re assured everyone these works would be carried out in due course as funding became available. Anna provided details of her next (and final) Free Tree Day, all you need to do to collect your free tree is to bring along a copy of your SCRC Rates Notice. Bellvista's for Free Tree Day is at the Main Park on Saturday December 3rd, 8 am to 10 am.

Reports were provided to those in attendance on BeCA's decision not to join with Caloundra Rd Action Group and BeCA's response to the helicopter problem over the estate. Everyone agreed that the previous week had been an especially bad week for helicopter activity. BeCA is to forward a letter to Paul Lucas MP requesting that any extension of leases for current lease holders at Caloundra Airport be restricted to "Community Friendly Industries".

BeCA also announced that long time Management Committee member Colin Murphy was returning to New Zealand to live. BeCA wished Col and his family all the best for his return to his homeland.

Landscaping Chairperson Bob Smith reported on the returfing of old street side garden beds by sub-contractors. Bob was disappointed with the standard of work done and liaised with SCRC to have the job done again. They certainly look better second time around. It was interesting to listen to 4 candidates for the SCRC Division One Vacancy arising in March 2012. Each prospective candidate was offered an up to 5 minute time slot to present themselves to the audience. Rick Baborowski, Kel McNamara, Rhys Reynolds and Ann Ross all spoke. Residents will have an interesting time selecting the candidate who will best represent the views of Bellvista residents.

Stockland presented an update on the happenings at Bells Reach. There were people at the Public Meeting who were not Bellvista residents. Despite this Stockland representative Mark Stephens took questions from everyone. Representatives of the Caloundra Road Action Group were in attendance.

Another group present appeared to be residents who had been upset by Stockland's decision to sell the parcel of land in the main park area on the southern boundary of the Bellcarra Retirement Resort. They had always believed that parcel of land was parkland and therefore not for sale. They were concerned that Stockland would 'sell' some of the designated park areas in Bells Reach for future housing. After making their point the group departed the meeting!

There were many questions asked from the audience. These questions covered environmental issues with the opportunity to make Bells Reach as environmentally sustainable as possible. Stockland reported that there were many environmental innovations planned for Bells Reach which would be evaluated for later inclusion in Caloundra South. Parking which would allow for families to easily access parkland was another query along with stimulating play areas. Mel Luke was interested in the commercial precinct at Bells Reach and was seen in deep discussion with Stockland representatives after the meeting closed.

Another question was asked on the future of the Land Sales Office. Currently Stockland owns the Land Sales Office, the tennis court and the carpark area along with some surrounding park space. A proposal is currently being forwarded to Stockland Management on the future of this parcel of land. BeCA and SCRC are hopeful that this space will be passed onto Council as a Community facility to be owned by Council but managed by BeCA.

Maps of Caloundra South were available for audience members which showed the future road plans for Caloundra South. The Caloundra South development still requires Federal Government approval before it can go ahead. Once this Federal approval is received (late 2012?) Stockland will be in a better position to acquire land to provide a further entry/exit point for Bellvista. The second entry/exit would then be a major priority to be completed as soon as possible.

Timelines were given for Bells Reach. With a little crystal ball gazing it is estimated that Bells Reach could be all sold around 2016 depending on market forces.

Finally the meeting moved onto General Business and the President brought everyone up to date on strategies being employed to address vandal damage around the estate.

The President thanked everyone for attending, wished all Bellvista residents a Merry and Safe Christmas and closed the meeting. Many people stayed behind to ask further questions of Stockland representatives or to meet and speak with future Division One candidates.

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OTHER NEWS

Bellvista has again experienced a number of night over-flights by helicopters. Despite the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement" decreeing that flights should cease by 10 pm, there was still plenty of action in the skies over or very close to the estate on a recent Wednesday night around 10:30 pm.

BeCA President Les Thomas fired off yet another email seeking a response from the Sunshine Coast Airport CEO Peter Pallot regarding the investigation of night over-flights as well as the numerous concerns arising recently.

Cr Grosskreutz has also joined the fray in insisting that Sunshine Coast CEO Peter Pallot provide answers as to what is happening, who are the pilots or companies which appear to blatantly disregard the Fly Neighbourly Agreement and what action is to be taken?

Recently BeCA requested that the Minister for Local Government Paul Lucas in his deliberations on the granting the extension of leases to Caloundra Airport lease holders for a further seven years, only permit the renewal of leases to Community Friendly industries. It would be expected that industries which blatantly disregard the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement" would not be considered "Community Friendly Industries"!

BeCA has never been provided with the opportunity to have input into the what goes into the "Fly Neighbourly Agreement".

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Residents may have noticed the sign announcing that the new Bellvista Tavern will be opening in late January.

BELLVISTA MARKET PLACE CELEBRATIONS

Bellvista Market Place 1st Birthday celebrations,
10th December 2011

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