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

2013 BECA CALENDAR

BeCA Management Committee Mtgs:

Mon Jan 29, April 8, June 3, 2013.

Public Meetings:

Mon Mar 4, May 6, Aug 5, 2013.

Future Newsletter Delivery Dates:

Mid Feb, Mid March, Late April, 2013.

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PRIZES TO BE WON IN STOCKLAND SURVEY FOR COMPLETING AND GIVING YOUR OPINION

Bellvista / Bells Reach residents will have received a survey form and reply paid envelope in their mailbox recently from Stockland. Information gained from the survey will assist in the future planning of housing estates. The survey is voluntary and it is a great opportunity for you to provide feedback on the things you like about our estate and other areas where you feel the developer could do better.

The survey (also available from the BeCA website article) is to be returned to Colmar Brunton, the company employed by Stockland to carry out the survey. This can be done either via the reply paid envelope or by dropping the completed survey into the Bells Reach Land Sales Office. As a further incentive there will be prizes for some lucky returnees.

BeCA has been requested by Stockland to promote the survey and it too will receive a donation to assist with operating costs if a reasonable return rate is achieved. BeCA encourages all residents to complete and return the survey ASAP.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

2012 has been another busy year for BeCA. Highlights of the year include approval for the naming of Canavan Gracie Recreational Park, expansion of BeCA to encompass Bells Reach estate, liaison with SCRC and the completion of pedestrian access between Bellvista and Little Mountain. BeCA also continued liaison with Caloundra Airport over helicopter movements, progressed discussions over the former Stockland sales office for potential use as a community centre and liaised with council workers over the maintenance of public parks and gardens in our estate. We receive excellent support from our local councillor and state government minister and our organisation is viewed as a very credible model for other communities.

Next year looks like being another exciting year and the Committee looks forward to representing our community and acting to promote improvements and businesses in our estate.

Have a safe and healthy Christmas and new year.

Les Thomas, President.

NEWS AROUND OUR ESTATE

- Celebrate the season with your neighbourhood Christmas Carols in the park by the lake. From Five to Six pm on Sunday 16th December will be an hour to relax with friends and enjoy the twilight. An acoustic group will lead the singing with well known Christmas songs, and a choir will perform for us. There will be Christmas CD giveaways and IGA Christmas colouring, craft and recipe books will be for sale: for \$2.00 in support of local charity. BYO blankets or chairs. We'll be near the electric barbecues.
- BeCA has received around a dozen entries for our proposed trades and services directory. If you run a business or are a tradesperson and would like to promote your business locally in Bellvista please email details to our Secretary (secretary@bellvista.com.au or use our facebook page).
- SCRC is currently cleaning many of the biopods (designed to clear storm water) around the estate in readiness for the upcoming storm season. SCRC implore Bellvista and Bells Reach residents not to dump lawn clippings or any garden or household waste into biopods as it can clog them and cause flooding.



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REPORT FROM BECA'S FINAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR 2012



A large crowd of around 50 people attended the final BeCA Public Meeting for 2012 in the 'old' Land Sales Office, Canavan Gracie Recreational Park last evening (Monday November 5th). President Les Thomas welcomed guests including the Hon. Mark McArdle MP, Peter Pallot, Simon Kinchington, Senior Constable Peter Dickens, Councillor Rick Baberowski and residents.

Caloundra Airport Draft Master Plan

Sunshine Coast Airport CEO Peter Pallot ran through an outline on the Caloundra Airport Draft Master Plan (readers can download a pdf copy of the presentation from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council website).

Peter spoke about a forecast increase in air movements in and out of Caloundra Airport. He had charts illustrating sound levels and the effect on nearby Bells Reach and Bellvista. He also mentioned planned increases and extensions of current facilities at the airport. There would be a major increase in the size of facilities for the Aircraft Museum, a point that was welcomed by everyone at the meeting. Questions arising from the floor included a possible Helicopter Satellite Training Facility, why do helicopters land at an angle similar to aeroplanes, and another question seeking clarification on helicopter circuits. The Satellite Training Facility was being considered and was seen as a possible strategy to restrain any increase in air movements and be a solution for operators and residents.

The audience contained a fair representation of views. Although some residents believed helicopters and aircraft noise was not a major problem to residents, the majority felt their lifestyle was badly affected by repetitive circuits overhead and the behaviour of aircraft. Peter encouraged anyone with a concern to complete a Community Comment Submission Form which was available at the meeting (the closing date for submissions was Monday November 26th).

What do we want Caloundra to look like?

Member for Caloundra, Mark McArdle then spoke on several issues.

Regarding Bellvista he believed the Caloundra Airport was an important issue. He believes planners need to ask themselves "What do we want the Caloundra Aerodrome to be in ten years?" Should the focus be on increased flights or should the focus be on increased business? Mark believes there shouldn't be an increase in flights in and out of the airport and he believes that the vast majority of businesses there don't want flights increased either. Increased flights would lead to increased complaints which would in turn put the future of the airport and their businesses into jeopardy.

On Bells Reach he believes the estate is too close to the airport boundary and the blocks are too small. Affordable housing should not be linked to block size and proximity to less desirable locations.

Regarding Caloundra South Mark is adamant it should not become just another northern suburb of Brisbane. He believes the cost of infrastructure should not be a future burden for Sunshine Coast rate payers. Current discussions with major stake holders are closing these differences and he is quite confident that in due course with further discussion the gap will be covered totally.

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A major environmental concern in the development of Caloundra South is to retain the pristine condition of the Pumicestone Passage. It is believed a second entry to Bellvista and Caloundra South is expected to be in operation from 2015. The current Bellvista Boulevard would continue south to connect with another major road to be built south from the roundabout near the Caloundra Racecourse. Mark believes this will not be incentive for drivers to travel out of their way when the more direct route is north along Bellvista Boulevard to the roundabout with Caloundra Road. The duplication of Bellvista Boulevard could solve this problem. However the proposed "Bunnings Road" would provide the second entry to the estate with further possible frontage by the Caloundra Aircraft Museum onto a major road.

Finally Mark spoke on the effect the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital could have on the Coast and Caloundra South. The hospital is to be a teaching and research facility and will require educated high earning staff. Other young families will be encouraged to come to the Coast to work there as well bringing highly educated and wealthy young families. The Sunshine Coast Industrial estate will provide a range of services for the new hospital including maintenance, catering and cleaning. The arrival of the new hospital will see the cusp of the biggest change in the Sunshine Coast's history.

Satellite Training Facility for helicopters a high priority

Councillor Rick Baberowski believes the Satellite Training Facility for helicopters is a high priority for inclusion in the Caloundra Aerodrome Draft Master Plan and he encourages all residents to visit the SCRC website and forward an email or letter seeking its inclusion in the Plan. Rick is extremely impressed with the current Aircraft Museum and sees it as a major tourism asset for the Coast.

The Caloundra South Development will have an impact on hinterland towns. Beerwah businesses may be in for a difficult time as Beerwah residents travel to the major shopping centre envisaged for Caloundra South. This has a detrimental impact on Beerwah light industry and businesses. In some ways hinterland towns may have to re invent themselves to a certain degree. Rick used Maleny as an example of a town which had created a niche for itself and ensured its survival as the Sunshine Coast developed.

The President then quickly reported to the meeting on other issues BeCA has been pursuing. There include: relocation of the mail box, the future of the Land Sales Office, the naming of Canavan Gracie Recreational Park and possibly late January or early February 2013 as possible official naming ceremonies, BeCA's regular attendance at Caloundra Safe Meetings, improved road signage around the estate and the existence of a proposed Business Register for local businesses.

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