

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF BHAG
10th DECEMBER 2011**

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PUBLIC MEETINGS TO UPDATE YOU ON THE HOSPITAL EXPANSION

SUBMISSIONS

There is only **one week left** for you to lodge a written submission to Bellinghen Council **SUPPORTING** the Development Application No. 2011/DA-202 for the expansion of Bellinghen Hospital (submission's close at 4pm on Thursday 22nd December 2011). We want Council's office to be flooded with your submissions.

PUBLIC MEETING'S IN URUNGA & BELLINGEN

A CELEBRATION & INFORMATION EVENING

The Bellinger Health Action Group (BHAG) has organised two (2) PUBLIC MEETINGS to celebrate our wonderful news & provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about the project, view the current plans & how to lodge a submission.

URUNGA – OCEAN VIEW HOTEL Wednesday 14th DECEMBER 2011 at 6.45pm-7.30pm.

BELLINGEN – UNITING CHURCH HALL Monday 19th DECEMBER 2011 at 6.30pm-8.30pm.

BHAG invites ALL OF YOU to celebrate our recent wonderful news of the upgrade to our hospital & the announced funding of \$5 million AND find out the answers to some questions (but not exclusive to this list) you may have regarding the expansion such as.

Where will the building works be located?

When will the works commence & how long will they take?

What does 'Sub-acute' Rehabilitation & Palliative Care patient mean?

Will I still be able to be treated at Bellinghen Hospital?

Will I still be able to have Allied Health services (e.g. Community Nurses, Mental Health clinic, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Podiatry)?

How do I lodge a submission to Council regarding the DA?

How can I help with the relocation of the demountable's to the High School?

How can I help with some outdoor structures?

How can I help with the landscaping?

What about the existing hospital buildings – will there be any work done to them- how can I help?

What is happening with the installation of Solar Hot Water systems?

We will be taking questions from the floor. It is early days & not all the details have been finalised but we have various speakers who will speak on what we know at this point in time.

This will also be an opportunity for you to contribute & express your thoughts, ideas & concerns.

The Mayor, Doctor's & Staff from Bellinghen Hospital, Community representatives and your BHAG committee will be in attendance at the Bellinghen meeting and due to the short notice for the Urunga meeting, Doctors and representatives from your BHAG committee will be in attendance.

We will have a display of the proposed new building for you to view.

We know this is a busy time for all however we look forward to seeing you either at Urunga or Bellinghen.

I have a correction to make on my letter in last week's publication (Courier Sun Dec 7). The total amount raised by the jewellery raffle & fundraiser event at Urunga was \$6,797 not \$4,100 as reported. My apologies to all involved.

Best wishes,

Barbara Moore (Vice Chair BHAG)