



# BUDERIM FOUNDATION

*Our Foundation... Our Future*

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## A Christmas message from the Chair

It is a pleasure to welcome readers to this newsletter especially as it is my first as Chair of the Buderim Foundation Board. I would like to acknowledge and thank my predecessors from 2010-17, Paul Clark and Heinz Seeberg for their stellar performances as Chair, which ensured the stability and ongoing security of the Foundation.



2017 marked some significant events, including our first-ever daytime Community Grants Celebration and the success of the inaugural 'Lunch en Blanc'.

The Buderim Foundation is remarkable among community philanthropic organisations for its low-cost administration. The generous contribution of our three major sponsors, Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota, each of whom I sincerely thank on the Foundation's behalf, covers all administrative costs. Our six Members and 12 Directors, supported by some 290 Ambassadors, all offer their time and talents voluntarily.

By this means every dollar donated or bequeathed to the Foundation, or raised at its events is never spent, but rather placed in a fund and invested carefully. Income then generated is returned to the 4556 community via grants to community organisations.

From launch in 2004 to the present, the fund has grown to over \$1.4 million. Since the inaugural grants of 2008, 116 grants totalling \$383,857 have been awarded to 66 community organisations. Additionally more than \$35,700 has been provided for local Youth in Philanthropy programs overall and more than 2,500 school support vouchers to the value of \$125,000 have been distributed to families in need.

The Foundation's 2018 Community Challenge will serve to grow the fund even further and thereby increase the income available for community grants. Due to be launched in January, the Challenge promises to take the Foundation to the next level... watch this space.

I encourage you to view our comprehensive website at [www.buderimfoundation.org.au](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au) to learn more about the Foundation's people and its activities.

Please also consider becoming involved with the Buderim Foundation.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all and we look forward to a prosperous and productive 2018.

**Russell Stitz**

Chair, Buderim Foundation



## Give where you live

Have you ever thought of becoming a Donor to the Buderim Foundation?

Donations can take a number of forms, each of which are worthwhile contributions in building our community. In addition to monetary donations and direct sponsorship, the Foundation has received items for fundraising ranging from artwork, wine and vouchers for use at Buderim businesses, to the use of private or business premises to stage an event.

Our Ambassadors contribute their talents and time in various ways to the Foundation. Why not join us and work towards an ever improving Buderim community?

# *harnessing the power of giving...*



## **Community Grants Celebration Saturday, 19 September**

A total of 17 community organisations serving the 4556 postcode were chosen from a record field of applicants to share in more than \$64,000 distributed as the Buderim Foundation's 2017 Community Grants. For the first time, the Grants Celebration was held as a daytime event on the lawn beside the BWMCA Hall in Main Street to underline the Foundation's emerging focus on youth in philanthropy.

Attended by over 200 under sunny skies, with entertainment provided by Buderim Mountain State School performing troupes, Hot Ginger Chorus, Coastal Caring Clowns and the Buderim Men's Choir, the event was an great success.

The highlight of the afternoon was the announcement by Grants Committee Chair, Lisa Edward, of the successful grant applicants:

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Assn Mooloolaba	\$1,485
Buderim Community Kindergarten & Preschool Assn.	\$4,000
Buderim Cricket Club	\$4,000
Buderim Horse and Pony Club	\$5,000
Buderim Men's Shed	\$2,711
Buderim Wanderers Football Club	\$4,000
Buderim Concert Band	\$1,000
BWMCA	\$6,145
Fusion Sunshine Coast	\$3,630
Oriana Arts Inc. (Sunshine Coast Oriana Choir)	\$688
Suncoast Clippers (MEBA Inc.)	\$4,000
Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled Association Inc.	\$8,202
Suncoast Youth Orchestra	\$640
Sunshine FM	\$3,000
SunnyKids Inc.	\$10,000
Team Adem	\$1817
USC Barbarians Rugby Club	\$4,000



*Paris and Coco Ramsay with Madeline James*

### ***Congratulations to all the grant recipients!***

Are you a member of a community organisation within or serving the 4556 postcode? Do you know someone who is? Your organisation could lodge an application for a grant in 2018.

Visit our website at the Grants section at <http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/grants> , which includes useful links for more information about how to structure a grant application. You have to be in it to win it.



*Rachel and Ros O'Brien*



*Zoe and Lisa Edward*



*Georgia Cook and Cheryl Ryan*



## ...and the community benefits!



*Coastal Caring Clowns!*



*Cupcake queens - Sandy Whittle and Brenda Devers*



*Cr Ted Hungerford and Dave Woodrow - LifeFlight*



*Buderim Mountain Primary School performers*



*Entertainment by Hot Ginger Chorus*



*Karen Neuendorf being cheered upon presentation*



*David Hawtrey, Lisa Edward, Santana Cook and Darren Venning*



*Kathleen and Kaitlyn Hope - Sunny Kids*



*Norm Thursby and Rick Beasley - Buderim Men's Shed*



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*Foundation Members and the new Board of Directors*

## **Buderim Foundation welcomes new Directors**

A new-look Board will lead the Foundation's ambitious 2018 agenda following the formal appointment of a new Chair and three incoming directors at the September AGM.

With the planned retirement of Heinz Seeberg, the widely renowned clinician and administrator, Adjunct Professor Russell Stitz, assumes the vital Chair role.

Russell is joined by marketing and PR professional Amber James who is ideally suited to her new position of Marketing Committee Chair vacated by John Devers.

Former insurance and financial services executive Jan Nelson brings a wealth of experience and achievement in high level management.

Consultant and Australian produce sales and marketing specialist Geoff Sawyer also joins the Marketing Committee

and will be steering a major new Foundation undertaking.

Please visit our website at <http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/about-us/governance/> for more information about the individual Board members.



*Amber James, Geoff Sawyer, Russell Stitz and Jan Nelson*

## **Bequests**

The Buderim Foundation has been fortunate to receive over the years a number of bequests from Buderim residents who desire to assist our community in an ongoing manner.

Those who elect to make a bequest to the Buderim Foundation can be reassured that the funds will be invested wisely and that only the income derived is used for the Foundation's philanthropic works.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/bequests/>



## ...and the community benefits!

### Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra

The Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra has, since 1989, offered an avenue for young musicians from novice to advanced levels up to age 23 to develop their love of music and experience performing in an orchestral scenario.

As a supporter of youth in our community, the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra performs at public and private events, fundraisers, competitions and Eisteddfods.

Buderim Foundation was delighted to contribute \$640 this year towards the cost of staging the Orchestra's Christmas String Workshop, designed for intermediate-level string students invited from 4556-area primary and secondary schools, held on December 2.



*Darren Venning with SCYO musicians Sid Bell and Willow Cramer and Santina Cook*



*Santina Cook with Suncoast Clippers President, Shane Truscott, and Darren Venning*

### Suncoast Clippers

The Suncoast Clippers' received \$4,000 for the construction of an outdoor quarter basketball court, providing free of charge access to the public. This facility is designed to attract the growing street ball segment and encourage their engagement with formal basketball. It will also serve to build our community, by fostering confidence, fitness and inclusiveness among local youth.

The Clippers started in 1974 as the birthplace of Sunshine Coast basketball and now boasts some 576 members and 70 registered volunteers. Their aim is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for basketballers of all ages and skill levels. The Clippers have represented the Sunshine Coast community in local, state and national level competition.

### Buderim Horse and Pony Club

Located at the Ballinger Park Sports Complex, the Buderim Horse and Pony Club has a history of community involvement and engagement in Buderim. Most of the Club's riders are aged under 20. The Club seeks to provide a safe environment for its young members to develop horsemanship skills, learn to care for their animals and develop the individual's personal qualities. The Club also contributes to the community by providing access to its facilities for other riding groups and for equestrian competition.

The Buderim Horse and Pony Club will put their 2017 grant of \$5,000 towards the cost of replacing fencing at its premises. These works will be of benefit to both the Club and other sporting organisations which use the Ballinger Park complex by enhancing safety and security for everyone.



*Santina Cook with Buderim Horse and Pony Club President, Mr Colin Goffin and Grants Officer Nicky Lam, and Darren Venning*



# *harnessing the power of giving...*

## **All smiles at Buderim Pharmacy Happy Hour**

Nearly 100 cheerful guests joined us for the October Happy Hour held at the Bloomhill Function Centre in Ballinger Road.

Events Committee Chair, Lloyd Edwards, welcomed guests before handing over to Chairman Russell Stitz who thanked Ambassadors for their invaluable contribution. The event was proudly supported by the Buderim Pharmacy.



*Marg Thursby and Sally Caddy*



*Coco Ramsay and Madeline James*



*Peter and Holly Morgan were the lucky raffle winners of Buderim Foundation Fine Wine*



*Lloyd Edwards*



*Henry Evans, and John Clemones*



*John Kleinschmidt, Allen Hertel, Steve Dickson and Paul Clark*



*Kate Dillon, Graham Tamblin, Mike Dillon and Gary Dillon*



*Raelene Boyle, Alan McGrath and Norm Thursby*



*Michael and Jan Nelson*



*Sarah and Charlotte Bird*



*Lou Jaeger and John Burgess*



*Carol Barbato and Catherine Foley*



*John Devers with Georgie Lazarus and Darren Venning of Sunshine Toyota*



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## Bequest seminar for the Coast's financial planning community

Over 30 movers and shakers from the Coast's financial planning fraternity converged on the Buderim Bowls Club on 15 November for an intimate 'back stage' opportunity to hear about the Buderim Foundation's role in building a stronger Sunshine Coast community.

MC Swain Roberts welcomed guests and introduced three keynote speakers who shared their stories in relation to how the Foundation attracts money in (Justin Scattini of Ord Minnett), how we manage the money (Avril Staniland of Morgans), and the benefits of distributing money out into the community (Chappy Dave Larkin from Buderim Mountain State School).

Past Chairman, Gary Hopkins, shared how the Buderim Foundation can be of benefit to financial planning clients and the value of philanthropy in our community.

As the Buderim Foundation prepares to progress to the next level with the launch of a 2018 Community Challenge, Gary excitedly finished his presentation with 'you ain't seen nothing yet'!

*MC Swain Roberts*



*Justin Scattini - money in*



*Avril Staniland - money managed*



*Chappy Dave - money out*



*Above from left:*

*>Bradley Wall and Paul Brown*

*>Brendan O'Reilly and Jayne Graving*

*>David Pierce and Keith Solomon*



*Nathan Frohloff, Sandra Wills and Greg Tindall*



# *harnessing the power of giving...*

## **Inaugural Lunch en Blanc a sell-out affair**

More than 120 Foundation supporters dressed in white for the sold out Buderim Lunch en Blanc fundraiser event on Sunday, 19 November.

Buderim's first annual Lunch en Blanc was held at the delightful Bloomhill Function Centre and lunch-goers raised a remarkable \$6,000 for the Foundation Fund.

Foundation Event Committee chair, Lloyd Edwards said the luncheon was inspired by the original Parisian picnic, Lunch en Blanc which bears a rich European history.

"Attendees dressed in white and came equipped with their bountiful picnic baskets for an afternoon of fine food, fun entertainment, prizes, an auction and great company," Mr Edwards said.

"Off the back of the success of this event, we have already set the date for next year and will continue to grow the event each year into our flagship fundraiser."

Our special thanks go to the following generous supporters of the lunch:- Buderim Floral Art, To Hold and To Have, Coastal Physio, Jenny Cant, Lou Jaeger, Cheryl Nonmus, Ros O'Brien, Scarlet and Sasha and Graham Tamblyn.



*Mark and Ros McKean*



*Sarah and Swain Roberts' table*



*Live Entertainment - Rag Tag*



*Scarlett Jaeger and Sasha Jones*





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*The Tambllyn table*



*Erik Larsen, Lloyd Edwards and John Burgess*



*Loiuse Jaeger, Rachel O'Brien and Jenny Cant*



*Jorg and Christina Hauri*





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Cheryl Ryan and Graham Tamblyn



Roger and Robyn Faint and John and Karen Hansen



Shane and Krsity Baunach



Margot Hanna, Jane Kruger and Lorna Evans



Enjoying Lunch en Blanc



Vonda Kleinschmidt, Lisa Edward, Russell Stitz and John Kleinschmidt



Anne and Russell Stitz



Larena Butler

**DATE CLAIMER**

**Mark your diaries!**  
**Buderim Lunch en Blanc -**  
**Sunday 7 October, 2018,**  
**12 – 4pm, at the Buderim Hall.**



# ...and the community benefits!

## Thank you Heinz...

... for all the time and talent you have invested in the Buderim Foundation.



Heinz Seeberg and his wife Sarah first visited Buderim in 1970 and were so impressed with the town that their long term plan was to become Buderim residents. Heinz retired from work in Switzerland in 2008, settled in Buderim and became a

Director of the Buderim Foundation in 2010. With over 40 years' management experience in international companies, Heinz brought valuable planning and team building skills to the Foundation. His first step was to join the Marketing Committee and in 2011 he led a 'ground up' revision of the Foundation's Strategic Plan.

Heinz took on the position of Chair of the Youth Committee when it was established later in 2011, and under his leadership the 'Schools in Philanthropy Programme' and the 'Youth Sub-Fund' were established.

When Paul Clark resigned in 2016, Heinz became Chair and the Foundation continued to grow under his steady influence. Heinz resigned when he and Sarah bought a property in Flaxton.

Heinz says his involvement with the Buderim Foundation has been an "immensely rewarding" experience.

"The simplicity of it appealed right from the beginning" he said. "I liked the "money in; money managed; money out" philosophy. And I wanted to give back to the community so it was the ideal position for me."

In actual fact it has been a 'win/win' situation. Heinz is a strategic thinker and a great listener... a team man, perfectly suited to the role of Director of a community foundation and he achieved a substantial body of work over the seven year period while with the Buderim Foundation.

Heinz promises to keep in touch and we hope he enjoys the second stage of his retirement doing the things he loves best – sailing, photography, travel, vintage cars and gardening.

## Saluting John Devers

John Devers has recently stepped down from his position on the Buderim Foundation Board and as Chair of the Marketing committee. He has been actively involved with the Foundation from inception in 2004, right through until his retirement this year.



John's involvement from the outset of the Foundation has been to clearly communicate the Foundation's vision to the wider Buderim community with the purpose of raising awareness, donations and support for the Foundation. For 14 years he has been part of a team who have promoted the Foundation through clever marketing strategies and communication techniques. In 2013, John became a Director on the Buderim Foundation Board. His organisational and writing skills have been crucial to the success of the Foundation.

John has been the principal contact with our three sponsors and built and nurtured this relationship through his uniquely designed sponsor package. In addition, he helped develop the distinctive 'Ambassador Program' that has been a key component of the success of the Foundation.

John has a rare skill in volunteer management. He led an energized and passionate group that enjoyed his company and shared his passion for Buderim and philanthropy.

Together with his commitment to the Buderim Foundation, John recognised the value of the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) and the integral part the two organisations play in maintaining and growing the community spirit Buderim is renowned for.

In 2015, John coordinated a publication named the 'Spirit of Buderim'. It was a huge success promoting the importance of philanthropy to the 37,000 residents. Additionally John coordinated the marketing of Buderim's 150th celebrations (B150) in 2012.

John has given unconditionally to Buderim. His professionalism and passion, and long-term involvement has left the Foundation in a position to flourish. His contribution will be felt for many years to come not only in the Foundation but the community as a whole.

**Thank you John!**

*Buderim Foundation is proudly supported by the  
Sunshine Coast Council's Community Partnership  
Funding Program*



*thank you from all of us!*



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## Buderim Identities to run in 2018 Commonwealth Games Baton Relay

Thirty-five years after former Foundation Director, Leanne Evans, won a silver medal in the 4x400m athletics relay at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games, she received news she was to carry the 2018 Commonwealth Games baton. In a twist of fate, one of Leanne's fellow relay team mates was none other than Foundation Ambassador and athletics superstar Raelene Boyle, who will also carry the baton on the Gold Coast just prior to the 2018 Opening Ceremony.

One of Leanne's proudest volunteering legacies across three continents and five countries was the establishment of the Buderim Foundation which grew from her throw-away question to another Ambassador Simon Whittle whilst buying postcards in the OPO. Simon took up Leanne's challenge and together with others, they set up a working group which oversaw a feasibility study to consider whether a foundation should be established in Buderim.

It is fitting that Leanne will carry the baton on the same day as Brent Crosby representing Team Adem, a Buderim Foundation grant recipient 17 years after that working group was set up.

You can see Leanne and Brent carry the baton in Caloundra on 27 March, 2018.



Leanne Evans and Raelene Boyle 1982 Commonwealth Games 4 x400 m relay

## Community Challenge 2018

It's time to take our Foundation to the next level.

Reading the stories in these pages, you can't help be impressed by The Foundation's achievements; and where we are at.

We think you will agree that the Buderim Foundation is ready to move to the next level. 2018 is going to be The Foundation's best year yet. We've had our heads down over the past few months busily planning the 2018 Community Challenge. We can't wait to share it with you... watch this space for the public launch at the Buderim Australia Day Parade in January!

We will be inviting the whole community to get involved as we move to the next level.

Remember to  
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follow us on Instagram



Please share this newsletter with your family, friends or neighbours and help spread the news about the great work of the Buderim Foundation in building a better community in postcode 4556.



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