

### **BUDERIM 2018 FOUNDATION**

Our Foundation... Our Future

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#### **Buderim Foundation Launches the** 2018 Community

Challenge

Welcome everyone to the Buderim Foundation's first newsletter for 2018, the Community Challenge edition. By now you have probably heard of our Buderim Foundation



2018 Community Challenge which was officially launched at the Buderim Australia Day Parade. The Community Challenge is a simple one – to raise the amount in the Foundation's Fund from its present \$1.4 million to \$2 million by the end of 2018.

Through our prudent but effective investment strategy, a fund of \$2 million will generate approximately \$100,000 of investment income which will be returned to the 4556 community via grants to eligible community organisations. Over the past ten years, the Foundation has made grants of almost \$400,000 to 66 community organisations, rising from a relatively modest \$13,000 in 2008 to almost \$64,000 last year.

The Buderim Foundation is distinctive among community philanthropic organisations in that its administrative costs are met entirely by our three longstanding and generous Sponsors - Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Coast Toyota. In addition, our six Members, 12 Directors and 46 committee members, supported by some 290 Ambassadors, all provide their time and talents voluntarily.

Our central concept is Money In, Money Managed, Money Out. As you may know every donation or bequest made to the Buderim Foundation, however small or large is welcomed though never spent, rather it is added to the Fund in perpetuity. Only the investment income generated is distributed to 4556-area community organisations which qualify under the Foundation's Grants Program.

Our goal of \$2 million by the end of 2018 is ambitious but certainly achievable – but we are asking for your help. By further building the Foundation Fund, we can distribute more money to more community organisations, thereby assisting those groups to better meet their goals.

An interesting and varied roster of community events has been developed to facilitate the Challenge. Please stay in touch at our website at www.buderimfoundation.org.au and our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

Let's take it to the next level!

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation

#### Community Challenge Progress

The Community Challenge is off to a wonderful start. At the time of going to press we have received \$49,843, from 28 donors plus another \$4,200 in early pledges. Most of our donors are not motivated by recognition. However, some of our early 2018 Community Challenge donors have given permission for their names to be listed on the Foundation website. This gesture is chiefly to demonstrate progress and as encouragement to others. The list will be updated as momentum grows. If there are names that you recognise please consider thanking them for their support.

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#### Thumbs up from the Mayor

Mayor Mark Jamieson met with Russell Stitz and Philanthropy Committee Chair, Gary Dillon to officially endorse the 2018 Community Challenge. A long-time Foundation Ambassador, Mayor Jamieson wished the Foundation well with the goal to raise enough funds to give out \$100,000 in community grants next year.

"The Buderim Foundation's a great model and one that council is very supportive of," Mayor Jamieson said. "Congratulations and I wish you all the best as you take the Foundation to the next level."



Sunshine Coast Mayor, Mark Jamieson providing positive feedback to Philanthropy Committee Chair Gary Dillon and Foundation Chair Russell Stitz

# 2018 community challenge...

#### Friends of Buderim donate

Buying homemade chutneys, jams and cakes at the Easter and Christmas markets is one of the long-established pleasures of living in Buderim. The Friends of Buderim, a subcommittee of the BWMCA, have been baking for the markets since the early 1990s and are proud of the fact that market profits go back into the community.

At the beginning of this year, 'Friends' donated \$5,000 to the Buderim Foundation; provided nearly \$2,000 to the Buderim Mountain State School Brekky Club and pledged up to \$2,000 for landscaping the War Memorial Hall garden in memory of the late David Edwards.

Jenni Campbell, Chair of the Friends of Buderim, said she was delighted that Friends were able to provide ongoing support to the community, and in particular the Foundation in the year of the 2018 Community Challenge. The \$5,000 donation will be added to the Foundation BWMCA Sub-fund.



Chair of the Friends of Buderim, Jenni Campbell (left) and Friends Secretary, Brenda Devers handing over \$5,000 to Foundation Chair Russell Stitz

#### New media partners for the Challenge

This month, we are very pleased to welcome the Sunshine Coast Daily and the Buderim Chronicle on board as media partners for the 2018 Community Challenge. This excellent partnership will see the Foundation profiled in both advertising and editorial space throughout the year in the Sunshine Coast Daily and the Buderim Chronicle.



#### Not an Ambassador yet? It's not too late!

A feeling of belonging and contributing to our vibrant Buderim community, plus the opportunity to help build a quality future for our young people are great reasons to become a Buderim Foundation Ambassador. Simply fill out the one-page Ambassador form on our webpage: www.buderimfoundation.org.au/get-involved/ambassador-program/

#### Local businesses support Challenge

Two local businesses, 123 Travel and iExpedition, have teamed up on an exciting project designed to support the Buderim Foundation's 2018 Community Challenge. Together, they are organising a cruise to Antarctica! A generous 5% of the cost of a cruise ticket will be donated on your behalf to the Buderim Foundation. If you are interested in adventure expeditions, then this one is worth exploring!

For more information: http://www.123travelconferences. com.au/tips-links/events/monthly-feature.aspx or https://www.iexpedition.com/voyages/1007-antarctic-explorer



**iExpedition** 

#### Can your community organisation help?

Are you a member of an organisation that could help? The 2018 Community Challenge is all about the 4556 community working together to a collectively-beneficial goal. Perhaps your organisation could help with the distribution of the Community Challenge brochures. Or if your organisation has its own newsletter, please consider a short Community Challenge article in the next issue.

#### Give where you live

Do you know how easy it is to give a little that can really do a lot? Giving to the Buderim Foundation means helping build a stronger Buderim... today and forever. And it doesn't have to be a large donation or bequest. By setting up a regular donation through the 'Give Now' program you can give as little as the cost of a cup of coffee...\$5 each week and have the satisfaction of knowing you are actually contributing \$260 over a year. You decide on the amount and the frequency that works best for you and pay via recurring direct debit or credit card payment. It's that easy to make all the difference!

Just visit the website 'How to give' page to start your own giving program:

www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/

#### Have you got your brochure?

The Foundation has published a brochure explaining the background and rationale to the 2018 Community Challenge, which aims to take the Fund from \$1.4 million to \$2 million in just one year. If you would like to become a Challenge Champion but do not have your copy yet, or would like one to pass on to a friend, please visit the BWMCA Information Centre in the Old Post Office, Burnett Street. Alternatively, a copy can be found on our website, www.buderimfoundation.org.au

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#### **Community Challenge events**

#### Classical Cocktails

Foundation Ambassador June Loxton has created a special treat for music lovers. June, a well respected musician in her own right, has invited some of the Coast's exceptional talent to perform at two 'Classical Cocktails' evenings.

Soprano Suzanne Kompass, the Director of the new Vocal Arts program at the University of the Sunshine Coast, will be accompanied by well known local pianist Fay Baker. Dominic Gretener will play Beethoven's First Movement Sonata while Ken Gibson and Pete Anthon will perform a progressive jazz segment. The Classical Cocktail evenings will be



held in June's home... the first on 25 March and the second on 29 April.

Guest numbers are restricted to 80 and the \$30 ticket includes drinks and finger food. For more information and to purchase tickets phone June Loxton 5479 3129 or Simon Whittle 5477 1452.

#### **Art Auction**

The Foundation plans to hold an Art Auction in the second half of this year. A high profile volunteer committee including Swain Roberts, Jan Nelson, Helen Perry (Fresh PR) and Megan Williams and Lou Jaeger (USC Art Gallery) have agreed to assist with the coordination of this major event.

But first, we need donations of art and we're hoping you can help. If you are willing and able to donate one or more pieces of art we would love to hear from you.

To make this as simple as possible we would ask you to complete the art donation form which can be found on the Buderim Foundation web site or you can email the Foundation asking for a form to be sent to you.

We are hoping to receive completed forms back to the Foundation by the end of April, so please consider what you might be happy to donate for this great cause and, of course, spread the word among your art loving friends!

#### A busy time ahead

An exciting Events calendar is planned for 2018. Highlights in the first half of the year will include:

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8 March 10.30am Ambassadors' Morning Tea

16 March 5.30pm Happy Hour

19 March 5.30pm Seminar with 4556

Chamber of Commerce

Volunteers' Thank You Function 2.00pm May

Keep an eye on our website at www.buderimfoundation.org.au/events/ and Facebook page for venues!

#### Lunch en Blanc - 7 October 2018



lunch en blanc



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## 2018 community challenge...

#### No rain on our Parade

Classic Buderim summer weather greeted an estimated 2000+ crowd who lined Burnett Street to watch the 2018 Australia Day Parade.

Led by the 5th Light Horse Brigade in full heritage regalia, highlights included marching bands, vintage and classic cars, Army light armoured vehicles and of course Buderim Foundation Ambassadors promoting the 2018 Community Challenge.

Sixty of our Ambassadors, decked out in Community Challenge t-shirts, some carrying Challenge placards, marched alongside the Foundation float which carried talented local musicians M7 to the primary school oval.

Fun games and activities were on offer from various community groups such as the Buderim Men's Shed and Buderim Scouts and M7 entertained the crowd with a great selection of classic Oz-rock. The Foundation's 2018 Community Challenge was launched and ready to go!













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#### **Youth Summit**

Student leaders from six Sunshine Coast schools came together in early February for the second annual Buderim Foundation Youth Summit.

Youth Committee chair, Graham Tamblyn said the annual summit is part of the Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy Project which aims to promote life-long philanthropy among Sunshine Coast youth.

The students, aged between 10 and 16, from Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Chancellor State College, Buderim Mountain State School, Montessori International College, Sunshine Coast Grammar School and Kawana State School were asked to think of ideas for a philanthropic project and develop an action plan to take back to their school. Part of the work to be done back at school will include the preparation of a grant application for up to \$150 'seed' funding to help run the project.

Mr Tamblyn said the students would have four months to develop their project before presenting what they've achieved and its impact at the Foundation's Community Grants Celebration later in the year.



#### Accountants' Seminar

On 28 February, a presentation made to local accounting professionals at the Buderim Bowls Club highlighted the work of the Buderim Foundation. Those speaking on behalf of the Foundation focused on the Money In. Money Managed, Money Out concept, the Foundation's low cost structure and the remarkable success of the Foundation since its launch in 2004.

Similar sessions for legal and financial-planning professionals were held in late 2017.

The aim of these seminars is to ensure legal and financial practitioners are well placed to advise clients who may wish to leave a beguest to the Foundation in their Will... a beguest which would benefit a wide cross section of organisations in the greater Buderim area.

Those attending the February seminar said they were impressed by the fact that the Buderim Foundation is run mainly by volunteers and that almost \$400,000 has been distributed to 66 local organisations since Foundation grants began in 2008.



Ken Waddington of Garland Waddington Solicitors and member of the Buderim Foundation Investment Committee, Simon Whittle of the Buderim Foundation and project coordinator of the 2018 Community Challenge and MC extraordinaire, Swain Roberts from the University of the Sunshine Coast



Sarah Chaplin of Garland Waddington Solicitors with one of our guest presenters, Avril Staniland of Morgans and Chair of the Buderim Foundation Investment Committee

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#### **Back to School Vouchers**

For the 14th consecutive year the Buderim Foundation has been part of the Back to School Program run by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

Chair of the Grants Committee, Lisa Edward said 229 Target vouchers, each worth \$50, have been distributed to local families this year to help with school expenses like clothing, shoes and stationery.

"FRRR provided vouchers worth \$8,950 but also offered to match dollar for dollar any funds we were able to raise," Lisa said.

"The Buderim Lions and Rotary Clubs donated \$2,500 which FRRR matched guaranteeing the allocation of an additional 100 youchers.

"We give the vouchers to local schools, and to SunnyKids, who distribute them to the families and children in the greatest need, ensuring the most benefit from the program, whilst maintaining the families' privacy.

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"This year, Chancellor State College, Buderim Mountain State School and Mountain Creek State School each received 68 vouchers, and 25 vouchers were given to SunnyKids to be distributed through their Najidah Domestic Violence Refuge supporting children at Kuluin Primary School.

In 14 years, thanks to the generous support of FRRR and

the Buderim Lions and Rotary Clubs, the Buderim Foundation has been able to distribute \$143,950 worth of vouchers.



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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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