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A Message from our Chair

I'd like to start this 2019 winter newsletter by saying thank you to our great 'band' of volunteers. The donation of copious amounts of their specialised time and talent has meant the 2019 Grants Program is well underway. The Grant Application Guide and Application Form have been updated; the amount of money available for grants has been assessed; new advertisements have been produced; media releases written and the Foundation's 2019 grants round has been well publicised.

Grants opened on 10 June and closed on Sunday, 21 July. Assessment of the applications received from community organisations servicing the 4556 post code area has begun and on Saturday, 14 September the Foundation will distribute approximately \$79,000 to successful applicants at the Foundation's Community Grants Celebration to be held in the garden between Buderim Memorial Hall and Craft Cottage on Main Street.

This is our twelfth year of grant giving. It's a special day... we hope to see you there.

Another example of a generous donation of time and talent is the production of a new video entitled *What We Are About*, which showcases the Foundation's work and provides insights into some of the people who help make it all happen. Thank you Michelle and Ryan of Reflected Image PProductions. *What We Are About* is excellent and can be viewed on our website homepage.

An Ambassador Survey led by Foundation Director, Jan Nelson is being conducted. The survey is proving to be a valuable review of the Foundation's roles; our engagement with Ambassadors and our impact on the wider community. Many of you will have already been contacted and for those who have not yet had the chance to give us your thoughts, we will be in contact shortly. Your responses are both welcomed and valued.

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation



The Grants Committee are busy!

It's that time of year when members of the Grants Committee gear up to fulfill one of the Foundation's three core functions... the distribution of grants or 'money out'. The 2019 Grant round was launched on June 10 and there are important milestones to be reached as the Committee works towards the Foundation's Community Grants Celebration to be held in the garden between the Buderim Memorial Hall and Craft Cottage on Saturday, 14 September. The amount of grant money available is always subject to market conditions, investment performance and donations received. Pleasingly this year's grant pool of \$79,000 has once again exceeded the previous year's record total.

Grants Committee Chair Rebecca Ramsay says that while there has been plenty to do since the launch, the real action begins when grants close. A specially developed rating assessment tool is used to shortlist, and ultimately determine, the successful applicants. Committee members meet regularly to review the applications and each of these sessions can take several hours of deliberations.

"It's vitally important that throughout this process, we give full consideration to the criteria and rules that apply," says Rebecca. "Then we need to advise all the applicants, including those who were not successful. We provide feedback and then begin planning the all important day in September," Rebecca adds.



Rebecca Ramsay (Grants Committee Chair), Graham Tamblyn, Annette Hall, Roz Bull and Keryn Bauer. Absent: Jenny Carroll.

Grant recipients talk to Ambassadors

The idea to have a grant recipient talk at each Ambassador Morning Tea is a great initiative.

The stories told at the last two sessions have been excellent... and very different. At the first, Story Dogs member Carolyn Healy shared the heart warming tale of school children reading to her Labrador, Mollie. That was followed by RACQ LifeFlight explaining how a Hydraulic Patient Heli-trolley has helped in a number of successful rescues and patient transfers.

Story Dogs

A good crowd of Ambassadors attended the first Foundation morning tea of the year at Castello Cafe Bar in King Street, Buderim. The warm, friendly atmosphere was enhanced by Carolyn Healy and her Labrador, Mollie from Story Dogs.



Story Dogs team Carolyn Healy and Mollie at the Buderim Foundation morning tea!

Story Dogs, an organisation which started in Australia in 2009, received a \$675 grant last year to buy 45 children's picture books to support Story Dogs reading sessions.

The Story Dogs program is designed to help children become happy, confident readers and the books are specifically suited to the reading skills of Year 2 students involved in the program.

There are 440 Story Dog teams attending reading sessions at 258 schools around Australia each week. Forty of the schools are on the Sunshine Coast and Carolyn and Mollie visit Buderim Mountain State School. Their visits are sponsored by Bendigo Bank.

According to Carolyn when children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing.

"The accepting, loving nature of dogs gives the program its magic", she said. "It's a non-judgemental setting and the children relax while reading to their dog 'buddies'. They focus on the story they're telling the dog, their reading improves and their confidence soars.

"It's really special. Molly's great and the children often ask me if I think she's listening."

The books, bought with Foundation grant money, are circulated around the Story Dog teams at the end of each semester... so a modest grant of \$675 has been well spent.

Life Saving Choppers

RACQ LifeFlight's iconic blue and yellow helicopter is often seen in the skies over the Sunshine Coast which isn't surprising when you learn that the Rescue Helicopter flew 450 lifesaving missions last year at a cost of \$5.6 million. The most common emergencies are cardiac arrest and motor vehicle accidents.

The medically configured choppers and highly skilled crew are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Seventy percent of LifeFlight's funding comes from government; RACQ has sponsored for over 25 years and the rest of the necessary money is fundraised by the LifeFlight Foundation.

Last year LifeFlight received a Buderim Foundation grant of \$8,967 to purchase a Hydraulic Patient heli-trolley which is now used daily and has helped in numerous patient transfers. The staff are extremely grateful as it significantly reduces the amount of heavy physical work required.

Around 20 Ambassadors enjoyed the morning tea held at the LifeFlight hanger at the Sunshine Coast airport. Volunteer Ron Douw showed footage of successful rescues and the LifeFlight doctor on call answered numerous Ambassador questions.

A band of LifeFlight volunteers served an excellent morning tea.



Foundation Chair Russell Stitz tests the trolley surrounded by morning tea Ambassadors

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Special People

Thanks Sally!

Sally Caddy has been the go-to person for the Buderim Foundation since 2011 when she became the Foundation's Administration Officer. She has achieved a huge amount so we thought it would be nice to know a little more about the person!



Where did you grow up? The Caribbean - Jamaica and Barbados mainly. I went with my parents when I was three and lived there until I was 21. I attended 13 schools in a number of different countries including my high school years in England. I met my husband Ron in the Caribbean.

Where do you live now? We've been in Buderim since 1987.

Do you have a favourite place on the Coast? The new Buderim Village Park and Mooloolaba beach.

What was your first job? Architectural Draughtsperson.

How did you become involved in the Foundation? I applied for the advertised administration job in 2011.

What is your typical Foundation day? There's a lot to fit in... receipting donations; entering information into databases; documenting activities; compiling and circulating agendas, minutes and actions of board meetings; banking; mail; emails; all purchasing requirements and probably one of the most important duties—providing support for all Foundation committees and board members.

What do you like most about your work? It keeps my brain active and I love the whole concept of the Foundation and what it strives to achieve.

Your family includes? My husband Ron and I have two married children who live in Spain with my two grandchildren.

Do you have a favourite book and/or screen program? I'm a big reader and I love every book I've ever read! Recently I finished 'The Dressmaker' by Rosalie Ham.

Is there one word or sentence that could describe you? People say I'm a giving person... committed and dedicated but I can't really comment!!

What are your favourite things? Cooking, eating other people's cooking and reading.

When are you happiest? I love sharing good food and travel with my children, grandchildren and friends.

Are you a morning or an evening person? Definitely a morning person. I love walking to Mooloolaba which I do three mornings a week with a friend. I've been doing yoga for 20 years.

What many people don't know is that Sally officially works for 25 hours each month but donates a large amount of time and talent over and above those hours.

Thank you, Sally.

We weren't expecting this one!

Every quarter the McGrath Sunshine Coast team get together and celebrate donating part of their sales to not-for-profit organisations, clubs and schools. As part of this McGrath's Community Giveback program, the Buderim Foundation has received \$500. Thank you Damien and Jane for nominating us!



Graham Tamblyn receiving the \$500 McGrath Community GiveBack cheque.

Very special video

The Buderim Foundation received a \$1,500 grant from the Sunshine Coast Council to produce a video detailing the work of the Buderim Foundation. It's an excellent reminder of the great work of the Foundation since its establishment in 2004. The professionally produced, seven minute video can be viewed on the home page of the Foundation website.

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



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Special People

John's work recognised

Contributions to the Buderim community, including John's work over many years promoting the Buderim Foundation, have been recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday Australian Honours list. John has received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to the community and to charitable institutions.



Commenting on John's Award, Foundation Chair Russell Stitz said he was delighted to see John's great contribution over many years rewarded in this way. He also acknowledged the Award on behalf of the Foundation. "John is one of the Foundation's star role models and his great service to the organisation typifies his tireless support of the local community."

John said that after recovering from the initial shock and surprise, he felt deeply touched that so much work by supporters on multiple fronts had gone into the nomination process.

"I've always felt that it is a great privilege to belong to this special community with its outstanding community spirit. And while it is a great honour to be recognised in this way, I look around my neighbourhood, among my friends and fellow volunteers and every day see the magnificent contributions made by literally thousands of fellow residents. The downside of awards like these is that unlike a big cake, they are not able to be sliced up and shared around with those equally deserving.

"Right from the beginning, I was sold on the Foundation concept and felt it had enormous potential. Looking back to those very early days during the planning and launch phase, and seeing what's been achieved by the organisation since, is hugely satisfying. To have worked with so many talented and community-minded people over the long term has been especially fulfilling. The leadership of five seriously impressive Chairs, dedicated directors, passionate committee participants, and an army of dedicated Ambassadors and volunteers has been a truly inspiring experience.

"Witnessing the ongoing renewal and generational change taking place has also been a wonderful experience. Seeing new people, including increasing numbers of young mums and dads getting involved, both on the Board and within the working committees, and bringing fresh eyes, ideas and energy is very pleasing. I look forward to my continuing participation, not just with the Foundation, but my other community involvements as well, in ways that I hope can continue to be of benefit."

Happy Hours

Happy Hour

The two Happy Hours held this year have been well attended despite wet weather on both evenings!

Around 60 people turned up for the June Winter Warmer Happy Hour at Sunshine Toyota in Sippy Downs... lots of chat and laughter. And it was warm... thank you Sunshine Toyota! The best dressed on the night won some Buderim Foundation wine from the Barossa.

Happy Hour at Bloomhill



Cheryl Ryan, Sally Caddy and Sue Gilbert (General Manager, Sunshine FM)



Jenny and Bill Carroll, Simon Whittle and Roz and Allan Bull



Jane and John Kruger

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Ambassador Events

Happy Hour at Sunshine Toyota



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Lloyd Edwards selecting the best dressed Winter
Warmers with John Roderick and Gill and Mel Luke



Maddie James looking
sooo warm

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Sunshine Toyota Marketing Manager Georgie Lazarus,
Russell Stitz and Toyota Dealer Principal Darren
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2 August - Community Youth Film Night

This free movie night will be held on the Buderim Mountain State School Oval. The evening starts at 5.00pm with games and entertainment ... face painting, music, popcorn and sausage sizzle and the movie Zootopia starts at 5.45pm. Come and enjoy!

Special People

VALE - John Burgess

Foundation Ambassador and Events Committee linchpin

I don't remember meeting John Burgess for the first time. He was just always there. Behind a bar at a Buderim Foundation Happy Hour, at the heart of setting up for the many Foundation events, both formal and informal.....or dressed in a bow tie as a Full Moon dinner escort. John was everywhere. He knew everyone and everyone knew him. 'That's just John,' they would say.

But John was indispensable to the Buderim community for his effervescence, his Bon Vivre style and his optimistic gregarious nature. You just knew when John was around. By the way, it's no coincidence that you may have noticed mention of the word 'Bar' in the same sentence as John. Certainly, he appeared happiest when at the epicenter of the Foundation's many networking and social occasions. And at the end of the night, John would be around until the very last table was cleared and the last glasses were all clean and carefully stored, ready for the next occasion.

In early promotion of the Foundation's bequest program, John generously offered to be a candidate in the Foundation's print advertisements, using his own intentions as encouragement to others planning their estate arrangements. Under the heading 'I Will! Will you?' John actively promoted the concept of leaving a permanent legacy for the benefit of the community. True to his word, John made a significant bequest to the Foundation that will do exactly that. So, John may no longer be with us, but he will always be there in our memories for his larger than life personality and for his generosity. That's just John.

Lloyd Edwards, Chair of the Events Committee on behalf of the Events Committee.



Youth in Philanthropy



Young achievers fire up for movie night

Twelve highly motivated students from Sunshine Coast Grammar and Mathew Flinders Anglican College are well advanced with their plans to host another movie night on Buderim's school oval. It will be lights, camera, action.... along with face painting, a sausage sizzle and free popcorn from 5pm on Friday, 2 August. Everyone is invited to join in the fun under the stars while watching a movie on the giant blow-up screen.

With guidance from the Foundation's Youth Committee, this energetic young group are responsible for all aspects of this event. This includes planning, promoting and running the night as well as acquitting the grant that helped to get it underway.

Youth Committee Chair Graham Tamblyn said "This initiative provides real life learning and involvement across all aspects of event management. The students will be able to add this valuable experience to their resumes."

The outdoor movie company contracted for this event is Starry Night Outdoor Movies run by Trent Harvison. Trent and his team will be providing the screen, projection and audio equipment to make it a night to remember.



The students are responsible for selecting the movie, theming the occasion, running the sausage sizzle and generally taking care of the expected 300 plus visitors as they arrive and throughout the evening. It is likely that the program will kick off with the short video showcasing the highly successful Foundation SunnyKids boxing initiative for young students at risk.

As well as providing a great learning experience for the students, Graham said this Movie Night event also serves as another splendid opportunity for the Foundation to engage with the wider community. "Based on the runaway success of this event last year, we will be doubling our order for sausages this year," Graham said. "Pleasingly, a successful application to Sunshine Coast Council has resulted in a \$1,000 events grant. This will help to offset some of the staging costs," he added.

Where: Buderim Mountain State School Oval

When: From 5pm, Friday August 2. Movie starts at 5.45pm

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Partnerships and Sponsors



Great support from our media partners

You may have noticed the big newspaper advertisements appearing recently in the Sunshine Coast Daily and the Buderim Chronicle telling readers about the Foundation's grants program. Or you may have heard one of the many radio spots encouraging community organisations to lodge a grant application. This advertising program is part of a generous media partnership program negotiated with both Sunshine Coast Newspaper Co. and community radio station 104.9 Sunshine FM.

The newspaper partnership provides for \$12,000 per calendar year in donated space in both the Sunshine Coast Daily and the Buderim Chronicle while the radio partnership means radio time to the value of \$10,000 for the same period.

Sunshine Coast Newspaper's Marketing Manager Louise O'Keefe and the Daily's Editor Craig Warhurst are keen supporters of the Foundation (Craig was on hand in September last year to present cheques to successful 2018 grant recipients).

In addition to the large advertisements recently used to promote the grants program, space is also provided for the Foundation's regular monthly column to keep readers up to date with news, events and achievements.

Following on from this year's Grant Awards celebration in mid-September, stand by to see a Buderim Chronicle double page wrap around showcasing the successful grant applicants for 2019. The advertising message will then shift gear for the October - December period to promote the Foundation's Regular Giving Program.

"While our Ambassadors are kept informed with regular email and newsletter communication, this is a fantastic way to get all the important Foundation news out to the wider community," says Marketing Committee Chair Amber James.



General Manager of Sunshine FM, Sue Gilbert, with Editor of the Sunshine Coast Daily, Craig Warhurst and Buderim Foundation Director and Marketing Committee chair, Amber James, overseeing the exciting media partnership program.

Sunshine FM's General Manager Sue Gilbert is also a great community supporter, pro-actively facilitating the Foundation's on-air promotion via regular advertising spots and a monthly interview with someone from the Foundation.

Grants Committee Chair Rebecca Ramsay and Marketing Committee Chair Amber James are the most recent interviewees, both promoting the grant application process at this important time of the year. Stand by to hear more about the Foundation's Regular Giving Program in an upcoming interview.

Thank you Sunshine Coast Daily, Buderim Chronicle and Sunshine FM!

Thank you!

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Buderim Tavern loyalty program

The loyalty program for Buderim Foundation Ambassadors, in place now for several years, is to get a boost with renewed promotion and encouragement to make better use of this worthwhile community program so the Foundation can benefit.

Buderim Tavern's Lisa Kelly says the scheme provides for a 10% rebate contribution back to the Foundation when customers present their card or declare they are a Foundation Ambassador when purchasing food or beverages. It's as simple as letting the person behind the bar know at the time of purchase so they can key in the code for the Buderim Foundation. A tally is kept, and a cumulative rebate is triggered at regular intervals.

Because cards may have been lost over time, the Foundation's Marketing and Ambassador Committees

are currently giving consideration to an updated Ambassador Card that will serve in attracting discounts and incentives across a range of local business transactions where benefits flow to either the customer, or the Foundation...or both. Stay tuned for more on this. In the meantime though, make sure you remember to put your role as a Foundation Ambassador to good use when next visiting the Buderim Tavern.

In addition to its rebate program for the Buderim Foundation, the Tavern has recently re-committed to its regular annual donation. A big pat on the back, much gratitude and hearty cheers all round for such strong community support!

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8 August - Ambassador Morning Tea (Morning tea location and time to be advised)

The grant recipient speaking at this morning tea will be from The Carer's Foundation, an organisation that received a grant of \$3,000 in 2018 for a Health Renewal Program for carers.

14 September - 2019 Grants' Celebration

The Buderim Foundation's Grants Celebration will be held on Saturday, 14 September in the garden between the Buderim Memorial Hall and Craft Cottage starting 2.00pm. This year will be bigger than ever... so come along and be part of our growing community.

13 October - Spring Lunch en blanc.

Lunch this year will be held at Bloomhill commencing midday. More details shortly!

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