



BUDERIM FOUNDATION

Our Foundation... Our Future

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A Message from our Chair

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020.

We find ourselves in the midst of the significant challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response experts have stressed the vital importance of physical distancing. We strongly encourage everyone to comply for the protection of both individuals and our community. Realistically this situation will be with us for some time. Of great importance also is the need to maintain supportive communication with each other. The Foundation is mindful of its role in contributing to the wellbeing of our community and undertakes to maintain contact with you. For the protection of our community, especially those potentially more vulnerable, decisions were taken to suspend our Events calendar. Highlighted in this edition are stories of entertaining and interesting events held thus far. Please be assured that the Foundation will resume events on suitable future dates. Updates will be posted to our website and social media pages as these become available.

At its March meeting, the Foundation Board ratified its Strategic Plan for 2020 - 2023. The process followed by the Board was firstly to seek the input of its committee members and supporters for their contributions and suggestions. Development of the 2020 - 2023 Strategic Plan, which seeks to build upon the Foundation's achievements to date, has been a significant undertaking by a team co-ordinated by Geoff Sawyer. Buderim Foundation has the broad vision to be an active leader in enriching the quality of life in the 4556 region via its community-based philanthropy. The new Strategic Plan will continue to focus on four key areas, namely Raising Awareness, Engagement, Corpus Growth and Operational Excellence. Within each of these, several complementary tactical actions have been identified, designed to facilitate our vision. The Board and its committees will also develop performance indicators with which to monitor our progress and identify refinements.

In a practical demonstration of the value of community philanthropy the Foundation, with the



assistance of Buderim Lions and Buderim Rotary has again secured funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) under its Back to School Program.

Another prime area of interest to the Foundation is the emerging Youth in Philanthropy (YIPP) program. In her first newsletter contribution Paris Ramsay, a former YIPP participant and newest member of our Marketing committee, reports on the fourth annual event held on 28 February.

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation

A Look Back...to 2007

Our June 2007 edition noted that the Foundation, the Fund and our Ambassador ranks were all growing and readers were encouraged to join us in building a stronger, better community in the Buderim and wider 4556 district. The cover page image showed a very young Paris Ramsay with parents Adrian and Rebecca and now she's an active member of the Marketing Committee... writing stories for this newsletter! Where has the time gone?

From little things...big things grow!



Paris Ramsay with mum Rebecca (Grants Committee Chair), and dad Adrian.

Give where you live . . .

Australia Day Parade

The 2020 Australia Day Parade was good fun as always! We gathered by the truck with the M7 band on board and had our photos taken before heading down Burnett Street towards the school. It never ceases to amaze us the number of people who come to cheer us on. It is a great feeling and makes us proud to be marching on Australia Day... and very pleased to live in Buderim!

Once set up on the school oval, the M7 band played all the 'old' favourites. They are always a pleasure to watch because they have so much fun up there on the back of the truck which is provided each year by Shadforth. Give a thought to marching next Australia Day... the more the merrier.



Gathering the troops!



Chair of the Ambassador Committee, Jan Nelson, enjoying a chat with John Barton and Foundation Chair, Russell Stitz.



Our trusty supporter and wheels - Shadforth

Happy Hour 2020

Around 100 Foundation Ambassadors enjoyed the first Happy Hour of the year held at Buderim Craft Cottage on 6 March. The crowd gathered in the outdoor area at the entrance to the Atrium and it was evident that, for many people, it was great to catch-up with Foundation friends.

Craft Cottage is inspiring. It was established way back in 1967 by a small group of keen artists and craftspeople who initially met in private homes. As the organisation grew, they moved to Pioneer Cottage and then to a small cottage on Bart's land... now Buderim Village Park. In 1974 the first stage of the existing Craft Cottage was built.

Since 2010, the Foundation has assisted with three grants... \$4,000 in 2010 for the attractive Atrium street sign; \$1,633 for indoor/outdoor seating; and most recently, last year, \$3,000 for the renovation of the main workroom kitchen... which is much appreciated by over 300 Cottage members.



Peter Roche, Russell Stitz and Darren Venning



Winner of the raffle John Kleinschmidt with Teale Ring



Fay Mansell, Laurie Dicker and Jenny Carroll

. . . a community to be proud of



Brainstorming and group work at the YIPP

Fourth Annual Youth in Philanthropy Project

More than 30 students from the 4556 postcode came together on Friday 28 February for an afternoon of philanthropic discussion. Hosted by the Buderim Foundation, the Youth in Philanthropy Project has returned for its fourth year.

Students and teachers came from Montessori International College, Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Sunshine Coast Grammar, Siena Catholic College, Mountain Creek State High School and Chancellor State College. Each school group came up with ideas for philanthropic projects which they discussed with their school guide about how it would benefit the community and used the Six Thinking Hats process to think critically about each project.

Once the students have decided on a project they can apply for one of the Buderim Foundation's Starter Youth Grants of up to \$200 to support the successful implementation of their project. Previous student projects have used the grants to buy resources to donate and others have used the funding to buy supplies to make more money.

The attendees were fortunate to have Brent Mickelberg MP come and speak to them about how important it is to make a proactive effort to give back in their local community and appreciate those who volunteer and work hard to make it a better place. Mr Mickelberg said that the people who volunteer and work with charities and not-for-profits are the fabric that ties our community together.

Dr Russell Stitz, Chair of the Buderim Foundation, spoke and informed the students about what the Buderim Foundation does and how the Youth in Philanthropy Project benefits the Buderim community. Dr Stitz said that to build a stronger community we need to be building a philanthropic culture.

Students were also lucky to have Lisa Rowe from Wishlist, a previous Buderim Foundation grant recipient, who spoke about what the not-for-profit does and how it supports health projects across the Sunshine Coast. She additionally spoke on becoming a Wishlist Ambassador and what that entails. The students were engaged and excited to be a part of growing their community and eager to develop their ideas.



Lisa Rowe and some bright young minds at the YIPP

Another Successful Ambassador Morning Tea

Buderim's charming Chopping Block Café was the venue for this year's first Ambassador Morning Tea held on 4 March. Guest speaker was Gordon Barratt of Connect Community Plus Kids Inc. Gordon explained to the attendees how Connect Community Plus Kids Inc. has invested its \$9000 2019 Foundation grant in software programs to assist the organisation in mentoring young local children in need. Please visit their website at <https://www.connectkids.com.au/> to find out more about their amazing and valuable work. Opportunities also exist for volunteer mentors.



Beautiful surrounds of the Chopping Block Cafe

... from little gifts big things grow!



\$11,000 in Back to School Vouchers helping local kids

The Buderim Foundation, with supporting donations from Buderim Lions and Buderim Rotary is proud to have again participated in the Back to School Program administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). This program is designed to provide timely and practical assistance to families in need in meeting essential school expenses such as uniforms, shoes and stationery.

The vouchers are provided in the form of Target gift cards each valued at \$50. Foundation Director Rebecca Ramsay advised that this year 220 cards were shared among Mountain Creek Primary School, Chancellor State Primary and High Schools, Buderim Mountain State School and Sunnyskids. The Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to our local Lions and Rotary Clubs for their continued generosity in supporting this most worthwhile initiative. Through participation in this program, in the past 16 years, Back to School vouchers to the total value of \$165,950 have been shared among local families. Mountain Creek State School Chaplain Anthony Pulford said he knew of many families doing it tough in our community and he felt privileged to be able to assist them. "The vouchers make a real difference, not just in practical terms but also knowing that their community cares and supports them. It's much more than just \$50". Further testimonials can be found at our website at <https://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/lending-support-to-local-families-for-school-expenses/>

Please share this newsletter with your family, friends or neighbours and help spread the news about the great work of the Buderim Foundation.



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Foundation Grant Applications Open on 5 June 2020!



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