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A Message from our Chair

Dear Ambassadors and friends of the Buderim Foundation. We have passed the mid-point of 2020 in a very different position from the New Year.



The emergence of COVID-19 has clearly made an enormously detrimental impact upon the world, our nation and of course our local community. Your Foundation is very mindful that the pandemic continues to pose a significant threat not only to our health and personal wellbeing but also our livelihoods. Many in our community have been severely affected in both economic and personal terms and sadly it may be a long time before we return to a life resembling our recent past.

The Buderim Foundation has been carefully considering ways in which it can continue its role in supporting the Buderim and wider 4556 postcode community via relevant local community philanthropy. While these considerations are ongoing, one initiative for 2020 is a broadening of the eligibility criteria for our annual Grants program. I am very pleased to report that even with the uncertainty of the last financial year quarter, the 2020 grants pool, being investment income generated from the Fund, is our highest ever, eclipsing last year's record. I thank the Investment committee for an outstanding result, especially under the current difficult market conditions. Our Grants story appears on page 3.

Please continue to monitor our website and social media pages for the latest developments, including the possibility of a resumption of events as circumstances allow. We continue to encourage everyone to maintain proper physical distancing, enhanced hand hygiene and to respond to the recommendations of medical experts in our daily interactions.

On a far brighter note, I would like to thank personally and on the Foundation's behalf the generous and inspiring donation recently made by long time donors, Norm and Ellen de Chastel. Please read more on page 2. Stay Safe in 2020 and into the future.

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation

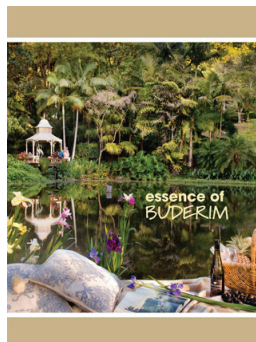
A Special Thanks to Amber James

Media and PR professional Amber James has taken a well-deserved break from Foundation involvement at Board and Committee level after many years of exceptional contribution which dates back to 2008, when Amber facilitated the early Youth in Philanthropy (YIPP) workshops.



We thank Amber for her extraordinary support and fondly recall her energy and infectious enthusiasm.

Giving time & talent where you live!



Essence of Buderim Complimentary Copy

Essence of Buderim - a cookbook that celebrates the spirit of Buderim has been another successful Foundation fundraiser however the Board has decided now is the time to clear remaining stock and what better way than a gift

to our treasured Ambassadors. This unique lifestyle cookbook is a compilation of tested family recipes contributed by Buderim locals.

Many Ambassadors will already own a copy, though Essence of Buderim makes a thoughtful and useful present. It is also a wonderful way to start a conversation with potential Ambassadors and others about local community philanthropy and the terrific work of the Buderim Foundation.

If you receive your newsletter via email and would still like a copy of Essence of Buderim, please email the Foundation at info@buderimfoundation.org.au

Give where you live . . .

Buderim couple set splendid example of giving back to the community



While everyone has been dealing with a world that seems to have been turned upside down, something quite special has happened in our community that is sure to gladden the hearts of many. Long term Buderim residents Norm and Ellen de Chastel who last year celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary have quietly made a donation of \$100,000 to the Buderim Foundation, adding significantly to its funds held in trust and therefore its capacity to build a stronger community through its annual grant allocations.

In announcing this outstanding philanthropic gesture, Foundation Chair Prof. Russell Stitz said "For 13 years, the de Chastels have been in what we would class the major annual donor category, but this latest contribution to the Buderim Foundation catapults them into the exceptional category. In previous years, they have asked for their donations to remain anonymous, but this year they have been prepared to relax this requirement in the hope that it may inspire others to follow.

Norm and Ellen are rusted on Foundation fans and are a part of the large army of around 400 Foundation Ambassadors who contribute time, talent and of course donations to advancing the cause of philanthropy in the Buderim community. They have a high regard for its mission and the way it goes about things," Prof. Stitz added.

When asked about what prompted this outstanding gesture, Norm said, "With my banking background, I've always been impressed by the preservation of capital in that it's only the earnings each year that get used for the grants. This means that the initial value of every donation is maintained in perpetuity. And the Buderim Foundation is one of the few organisations we support where we know all our donation money goes to where it is intended and not drained away in administrative or marketing costs."

Ellen who was a former teacher and brought up in a large family where sharing was encouraged, says she is especially pleased to see the importance placed

on young people through the Foundation's youth initiatives and the 'Back to School' voucher program benefiting those with special needs. Prof. Stitz said, "We don't talk a lot about our donors, preferring to focus our promotion on the many deserving community organisations who benefit from the Foundation's annual grants program. But when something like this happens, I think it's important to remember, not just how important our donors both large and small are, but how much joy they get in very act of giving back to the community and seeing the benefits that flow.

Words: John Devers Image: Ross Eason eason.com.au

Donation inspires others

Nicola Eason, an Ambassador since 2011 now living and working in Sydney, is the daughter of Ross Eason who provides superb professional images for the Foundation. Nicola was inspired by the de Chastel's donation and recently wrote to the Foundation Chair Russell Stitz. Below is a copy of her letter.

Dear Russell,

I was inspired by the letter from Mr and Mrs de Chastel and their generous donation, more so their understanding in these difficult times that all philanthropic bodies will need additional support.

At 30 years old I guess I'm at the opposite end of both my career and life's journey to Mr and Mrs de Chastel. I hope when I'm at the tail end I can be more generous but for now and in respect of their wishes, I have today made a small donation via the Foundation web site.

Buderim gave me a safe and stable upbringing and I consider myself very fortunate. Through bodies such as the BWMCA, Buderim Foundation, Friends of Buderim etc. it also gave me an understanding that giving to a community is more important than taking from a community, that we should never take it for granted or rely on others to preserve what we have.

I would appreciate you letting Mr and Mrs de Chastel know that they did inspire me, hopefully others will be as well.

Sincerely, Nicola Eason



. . . a community to be proud of



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

A record value of Foundation Grants to be awarded on 12 September

The closing day for this year's Grant applications fell on 19 July. This year, submissions were received from 36 community organisations serving Buderim and the 4556 postcode community. As in previous years, the notional value of those applications surpasses the available funding pool by a considerable margin. Nonetheless, on 12 September a record amount will be shared among the successful applicant groups, the maximum for any one group being set at \$10,000.

Our Grants committee now begins the particularly detailed and challenging task of assessing each application against the eight central eligibility parameters. These criteria can be found on the Grants page of the Foundation website at: www.buderimfoundation.org.au/grants/

In a response to the special challenges faced by local community groups arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time eligibility for Grants will be broadened to include organisational and operational costs.

Grants committee Chair Rebecca Ramsay explained "It's vitally important that throughout this process, we give full consideration to the criteria and rules that apply," Current circumstances will likely prevent a Grants Celebration Day in the manner of previous years, though the Foundation is presently considering suitable ways to announce which community groups will receive Grants for 2020.

Regardless of the format of the announcement, awarding of Grants – our Money Out – is the highlight of the Foundation's activities for the year. It is sure to be an exciting and beneficial outcome for the successful applicants. Each of their projects will benefit our community in a number of ways. Keep an eye on our website and social media outlets for the upcoming good news.

More Grant Recipient Success Stories

Last year 19 local community groups received grants for projects designed to strengthen our local community.

Sunshine Coast Archery Club

Inclusiveness is a key marker of a strong community. Sunshine Coast Archery Club boasts members aged between 7 and 76 covering skill levels varying from novice to State and National record holders through to Olympic and World Championship medal winners.

In 2019, the Foundation contributed \$3,000 towards SCAC's upgrade of its Ballinger Road indoor facility. Lighting fixtures and timing equipment now reflect tournament standards, together with security enhancements benefitting club members, visiting competitors and other community groups that hire the SCAC hall. These improvements reduce energy use, maintenance and operating costs. Please visit: www.sunshinecoastarchery.org.au



Buderim Guides

Founded in 1919, Guiding Australia's mission is to 'empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members'. Buderim Guides was established in 1985 and today its youth membership comprises 28, spanning the ages of 7 to 14. There are presently two volunteer Guide leaders and two parent volunteers.

Buderim Guides' 2019 grant of \$9,349 enabled major reinstatement of the stairs at its Burnett Street hut and the acquisition of new camping gear. The hut works addressed an urgent personal safety issue to the direct benefit of all hut users. In addition, local guides will now be able to undertake camping and associated activities, a practical means by which to develop personal qualities in keeping with the Guiding philosophy. See: www.girlguides.org.au/



. . . from little gifts big things grow!

Where there's a Will ...

there's a Buderim way!

Thinking about and planning your Will is a very personal thing. On average, people review their Will around five times during their life. Updating a Will is often triggered by important life events like the arrival of children, health considerations, a death in the family... even moving house.

With the Buderim Foundation now firmly established as Buderim's respected philanthropic organisation, there are many good reasons to consider how it might fit with your own legacy for the future?

Importantly, your bequest lasts forever. It's only the income earned each year from funds invested that gets spent on grants to the community.

For more information visit:

www.buderimfoundation.org.au

or talk to one of the Foundation's hundreds of Ambassadors.

Investing in community



Sponsor Acknowledgement

The Buderim Foundation acknowledges the longstanding generosity of our three major sponsors - Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota who cover our operating costs and enable our Money In, Money Managed, Money Out structure. Our sincere thanks.

Upcoming Events

The Foundation is thinking positively and provided we have a virus-free Coast we are planning the following events.

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31 October	Buderim Fashion Fiesta
18 December	Christmas Happy Hour

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



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