



BUDERIM FOUNDATION

Our Foundation... Our Future

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Paul's Message

As the year comes closer to the holiday season it's a good time to look back at some of the 2015 highlights. For the Foundation, no two years are ever the same, but there are some repeating themes.



The state of our funds in trust is something we regularly review, as the greater these assets are the more we can support our local community through our annual grant round. So it was with great excitement we announced at the beginning of the year that we had reached the magic figure of \$1 million. There was a sense in which the Foundation had come of age; no longer were we one of the smallest community foundations in the country. Shortly after that announcement we were delighted to be able to report that two super-generous donors had each contributed \$100,000 to the Foundation. So we are well on the way to the next benchmark figure of \$2 million, which we hope to reach before the end of 2017.

At the end of last year and the beginning of this we entered into the retail business, with two fine products – the Essence of Buderim lifestyle book and the Foundation Shiraz red wine. With strong sales early on, we have reached the point where almost all the wine has gone to good homes. And there are just sufficient books to meet the anticipated Xmas demand. Each product has contributed significantly to the trust funds and piqued our interest in the value of the Buderim Foundation brand.

Good News Night again this year was a wonderful affair, with nearly 20 organisations in receipt of grants, with the largest grant of \$6700 going to that great community resource CareFlight. Good News Night is always such a wonderful event that we want to make sure that as many people as possible are able to attend. We think that a Friday evening may not be the most convenient time for a family event, so we are intending to hold the 2016 event on a Sunday afternoon.

This year we have been in receipt of grants as well as giving them out. The Sunshine Coast Council has provided us with a grant of \$5000 under the Community Partnerships program. And we are one of just two community foundations nationally (the Border Trust in NSW is the other) to receive a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Recovery under the

new Community and Philanthropy Partnerships Week, which is the second week in December. The grant of \$7000 will enable us to join with the BWMCA to produce and distribute a major new publication called Spirit of Buderim; it is great that these two local organisations can each prepare material which identifies both our individual roles and the cooperative way we are able to contribute to Buderim through our partnership. A special thanks to Lisa Edward who has become principal grant writer for the Foundation's Board!

At GNN in September we farewelled two long-standing Board members and welcomed three more. Leanne Evans was a key driver when the Foundation was being established and had been a Board member ever since. She has been the mainstay in the grants program but has contributed across our full spectrum of operations, and will continue to serve on our Youth committee. Swain Roberts brought a deep passion for philanthropy to the Board and was chair of the Fund Development committee. He also was the Board's representative as we worked with Council to establish Stuart Weir Place and the public art that is now placed there. We thank them both for their major contributions. And we welcome Gary Dillon, Cheryl Ryan and John Kruger to the Board and look forward to their contributions.

And finally it has been such a great pleasure to welcome our newest sponsor Sunshine Toyota and dealer principal Darren Venning, who join Buderim Pharmacy and EdenLea on Buderim as our three sponsors. It is their contributions to our operating costs that enable us to pass every dollar of donation or bequest directly into trust. We thank them very much.

There are too many people who assist the Foundation for me to thank them individually. So to our Members, Ambassadors, donors, committee members, special skill providers, Board members and anyone not already classified, thank you for helping us make Buderim a better place for us all.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Paul Clark
Chair, Buderim Foundation



Spirit of Buderim on show

The best of Buderim will be showcased in a special joint publication, produced by the Buderim Foundation and the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA).



The vibrant 16-page magazine will be distributed to every household in the 4556 postcode in early December.

Celebrating 'The spirit of Buderim', it is a visually appealing publication full of interesting stories, insights into Buderim's unique community character and an excellent article about community written by respected social researcher Hugh Mackay. We're sure this is something quite special that residents and businesses will want to hold onto.

Keep an eye out for the army of volunteers hand delivering the publication from December 12 onwards.

Additional copies will be available at the Old Post Office after that date.



Public art celebrates giving

Sunshine Coast Council has arranged the placement of a plaque adjacent to the public art installation located at Stuart Weir Place. It credits the artists Broadcroft design for their work 'Gifts of Memory' and acknowledges the joint funding arrangements from both the Buderim Foundation and Council. The work was installed in August and celebrates Buderim's rich history of residents giving back to their community.



New look website on its way

The Buderim Foundation website is undergoing a makeover, and the new site will launch in coming weeks.

Our very own graphic designer Alex Sweet, together with the content manager Marg Thursby, web master Phil Illingworth and the Foundation's web developer KMO have been working on the new look site with the objective of making it fresh, appealing and a great place to visit for news, events and information. It will be mobile and tablet friendly and its functionality is intended to grow so that bookings for events and purchases of items like the Essence of Buderim lifestyle book can be done easily and conveniently online.

In the meantime, to stay on top of Foundation news and events, visit the current site at buderimfoundation.org.au or join us on Facebook.

Meet our new Directors

The Buderim Foundation has welcomed on board three new directors - Cheryl Ryan, Gary Dillon and John Kruger.

Cheryl runs Buderim travel business 123Travel, with a special passion for supporting the local communities she visits. By taking one of her personally escorted tours, you may find yourself adopting a baby orangutan, supporting a hospital in India or shopping at retail outlets that support disabled children. Cheryl's background is in accounting, training and education. She is currently the president and founder of an international charity, as well as the secretary for the Sunshine Coast Business Association, so we are lucky she has made time for the Foundation as well.

"I am excited about working locally with the community through the Buderim Foundation. Wherever you can make a difference," Cheryl said.



Gary has lived in Buderim since 1979 and been involved in the Foundation since 2007. He is a founding partner of the DFS Group – a multi-disciplinary town planning, environmental science, landscape architecture and liquor licensing consultancy.



Prior to working as a town planner on the Sunshine Coast, Gary worked in Sydney, regional New South Wales, London, Saudi Arabia and for a short period in India, and is also a qualified civil engineer. He has been active in a number of community roles including as past president of the Mooloolaba Rotary Club, and more recently as chairman of the Faculty of Arts and Business Advisory Committee: Planning, University of the Sunshine Coast. He brings with him a wealth of experience.

John is Principal of Kruger Law, a Maroochydore based law firm established in 1990 and specialising in Property, Commercial, Elder and Estate law.

John has been a Lawyer with a career spanning some 35 years. In recent times he has been actively involved in Wills, Estates, Leases, Retirement



Villages, Developments and Conveyancing. Since arriving on the Coast John has been the Area Chairman of the Housing Industry Association, the Vice-President of the Maroochydore Chamber of Commerce, on the working party in the setting up of the Buderim Foundation, is an existing committee member of The 7 Sunshine Coast Marathon, and the current Honorary Solicitor for the Buderim Bowls Club.

John, with his wife Jane, have been residents of the Sunshine Coast since the early 1980s and residents of Buderim since 1994. They have three adult children.

Essence of Buderim ... the perfect Christmas gift

The Essence of Buderim lifestyle and cookbook has been a great success both as a book for you, your family and friends to enjoy as well as a highly effective fundraising initiative for the Foundation. It is likely you already have Essence of Buderim on your bookshelf but if ever there was an ideal gift, especially for relatives or friends living in faraway places, this is the perfect gift at this time of year. Copies are still available, and at only \$29.95 each, they represent great value.

Essence of Buderim is available at the Old Post Office, Manawee Garden Centre, Buderim Pharmacy and Books on Buderim. There is also a special box price for purchases of 15 copies. Perhaps consider sharing a box with a friend or two for such a great gift solution?





2015 Grant Recipients



Scott McGuigan, Katie Chisholm, Karyn Rolfe, Georgie Lazarus, Darren McDonald



Lynn Moss, Ted O'Brien, Danielle Pratt, Pamela Gibson-West



Swain & Sarah Roberts, Olivia Banks, Paul Clark



Michael Hurley, Adrian Holland, Steve Dickson



Cheryl's a gem

Buderim professional photographer Cheryl Nonmus specialises in corporate, events and commercial photography but regularly donates her invaluable time and special skills

to capturing those all- important Foundation events. Cheryl makes herself available, often at short notice whenever the need arises, and like fellow Foundation photographer Ross Eason, puts an abundance of passion into every assignment. The contributions by both of them are always treasured.

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