



BUDERIM FOUNDATION

Our Foundation... Our Future

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Heinz's column

This is my first newsletter as Chair of the Foundation and, as incoming Chair, I am particularly pleased to acknowledge and thank my predecessor Paul Clark for his outstanding leadership over the past six and a half years. Paul took us from a relatively small community foundation to today's dynamic community-support organisation worth around \$1.3 million. A commendable achievement.



The Foundation's been busy in the last three months. We've distributed grants worth \$65,000; had three major fund raising events - A Splash of Red gala dinner, Music at Horseshoe Bend and Bindi's Breakfast; and received approximately \$12,320 in donations.

As you may already know, all donations go into the Trust and remain there in perpetuity. I'm often asked 'how is the Foundation able to fund its operation whilst putting 100% of donations into trust and taking 0% for administration?'

Firstly we are almost entirely volunteer run. Generous Buderim residents give their time and talent to run events, to invest funds, to evaluate grant applications and to spread the word regarding the benefits of the organisation.

Secondly, we are sponsored by three remarkable local organisations who believe in contributing to and supporting our local community. They cover our administration costs so please where you can, show your appreciation by supporting their businesses.

Alistair Cook and his friendly team at Buderim Pharmacy, in the heart of the village focus firmly on your health and wellbeing in the most friendly, professional and efficient way possible.

David and Vicki Hawtrey of Edenlea on Buderim in Townsend Road provide a resort-style community for mature age residents just a stroll to the Village centre.

And Darren Venning and his dynamic team at Sunshine Toyota with their showroom in Caloundra and their service centre at Chancellor Park, are committed to making the whole buying and servicing process hassle free and enjoyable.

In addition, the Foundation is supported by the Sunshine Coast Council's grants program and by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

So as we approach the end of another busy year, allow me on behalf of the Foundation to thank you for your support during 2016 and to wish you and your family health and happiness over the festive season.

Heinz Seeberg

Chair, Buderim Foundation



Changing Chairs

At the Foundation AGM in September, Paul Clark retired after six and a half years as Chair and Deputy Chair Heinz Seeberg stepped up. At a dinner in Paul's honour, Heinz paid tribute to his predecessor and the fact that he'd overseen the doubling of funds held in trust during his first three years as Chair, and then another doubling of funds to the current balance of more than \$1.3m.

The dinner was a gathering of past and present directors and Foundation Members including previous Chair Gary Hopkins. Paul spoke of the 19 Directors he had worked with; the 77 Board meetings he'd chaired; the 54 columns he'd written for the Buderim Chronicle and the 200 thank-you letters he'd had the pleasure of sending to generous donors.

Paul was presented with a framed memento of images captured during his time in office. All those present wished him well and the overwhelming sentiment was that we hope he stays connected to the Foundation that he's played such an important role in shaping.



(l-r) Paul Clark's predecessor Gary Hopkins, Paul and newly elected Chair, Heinz Seeberg.



Paul and Jean Clark... looking sombre at the end of an era!

Congrats Allen

Foundation Treasurer Allen Hertel has been nominated for the 2016 Commonwealth Bank Not-for-profit Treasurer's Award. This award reflects the appreciation and high esteem in which Alan is held within the Foundation.



As Chair Heinz Seeberg said, "Allen is incredibly generous with his time and his sound financial advice is very much appreciated by the Foundation Board."

Money in from Friends of Buderim

The Friends of Buderim, a sub-committee of the BWMCA, has donated \$5,000 to the Foundation's BWMCA sub-fund. The donation is the result of much hard work... cake stalls at the Buderim Easter and Christmas Markets, numerous raffles and a very successful Bush Dance in 2016.

According to Friends' Treasurer Jenni Campbell, 'Friends' were pleased to see the money going into the sub-fund as it will continue to provide annual income (\$5,860 in 2016) to the BWMCA.



Handing over the cheque - (l to r) BWMCA Chair David Edwards, Friends of Buderim Chair Margaret Thursby with Heinz Seeberg and a number of Friends.





Grant recipients with Chair of the Grants Committee, Lisa Edwards (left) and Foundation Chair Heinz Seeberg (right)

More grants . . . More smiles!

In the nine years from 2008 to 2016, the Foundation has awarded grants worth more than \$342,000 to 62 Buderim community organisations. At the October Good News Awards, grants worth \$65,000 were distributed to 12 successful grant applicants, many of them first time recipients. Seven of the grants went to fund projects involving young people in our community.

The grant presentation was attended by a diverse mix of people ... Foundation donors, Ambassadors, volunteers, and of course, the grant recipients.

Darren Venning from Sunshine Toyota, returned from an overseas trip in time to make it along to the Sunday afternoon grant presentation. "I'm pleased I was able to attend," Darren said. "There was a great vibe and it was good to see organisations that do so much great work in the community being helped by the Buderim Foundation."



Yummy food in the kitchen... thanks to (l-r) Vonda Kleinschmidt, Ros O'Brien, Sandy Whittle and Brenda Devers

2016 recipients were:

Hear and Say

\$5,500 for the School Hearing Screening Program

Alzheimer's Australia

\$6,320 for a Younger Onset Dementia Social Support Group

Barbarians University Rugby Club

\$5,000 for jerseys for Barbarians

Buderim Kindy & Preschool Assn.

\$4,000 for an automated watering system for their Wintergarden

SunnyKids

\$4,800 for the SunnyKids Mentoring Through Sport Program

Youth Insearch Foundation

\$10,000 for Hands Up Intervention Program

Eric Joseph Foote Sanctuary

\$950 for the construction of a sign posted lynch gate on Eckersley Avenue

IFYS Inc.

\$8,898 for their Beyond Expectations Driving Experience Program

Buderim Rebels Hockey Club

\$2,993 for Hookin2Hockey Junior Equipment

The Carers Foundation

\$9,790 for a Family Carers Rejuvenation Project

Buderim Male Choir

\$1,200 to purchase new music

BWMCA

\$5,860 to assist with floor repairs in the Buderim War Memorial Hall

A Splash of Red

The scene was set! The 'village green' between Craft Cottage and the Memorial Hall was transformed... floodlit trees, candlelit tables and everywhere a splash of red! The crowd gathered in their finest ensembles (with splashes of red of course) and made the most of a beautiful evening.

The added bonus was that \$820 worth of Fine Wine Raffle tickets were sold and over \$5000 added to the Trust fund.

The general consensus was that the 2016 Splash of Red Gala Dinner was an exceptionally good night.

(l-r) Alistair Cook, Cheryl Ryan and Santina Cook

David and Vicki Hawtrey

(l-r) Stephanie & Lloyd Edwards, Tiffany & Peter Jones, Liisa McNeish, Andrew Edwards

(l-r) Sarah Seeberg, Liz Toohey, Gary and Lisa Davis



The Sunshine Toyota crew - (l-r) James Fraser, Georgie Lazarus, Lisa & Darren Venning, Ryan & Samantha O'Conner, Charlotte Fuller, Zane Leviston, Kylie & Lee Doidge





A beaut Bindi Breakfast

The Bindi Breakfast (don't you love the alliteration?) was excellent. To stand at the microphone for around 45 minutes and entertain an audience of over 100, ranging in age from six-year-olds to grandparents in their 70s and 80s is no mean feat. And to do it at the age of 18 is amazing! Well done Bindi.

Her message was very much about wildlife conservation and what Australia Zoo and the Wildlife Warriors are currently doing in various places around the world. Her passion for the future health of the planet was evident but she also made the point that we need to have frank and open discussion

about how we manage our diverse environment for future generations.

Bindi talked about her appearance on the American TV show *Dancing with the Stars*. She spent three and a half months in the US learning the dance routine with professional dancer Derek Hough. She went on to win the series with the final performance watched by over 13 million people. Bindi, after showing a video clip of herself in 'bling' and very high heels, said she was soooo happy to be back on the Coast and in her khaki gear. American tourism figures to the Sunshine Coast have increased by approximately 40% since Bindi's awareness raising performances.



Charlotte Fuller with Bindi



Ros O'Brien with grandson Charlie



Zoe Kamarinos with Robert Irwin



Erryn Hawtrey with Terri Irwin

Music on the Bend

Sandy and Simon Whittle had a wedding in their Horseshoe Bend garden; the wedding marquee was staying in place until the Monday morning; the garden looked beautiful; the Poinciana was in flower; the view was superb (as always); and the weather forecast was good. So, a number of dedicated Buderim residents grabbed the opportunity to stage a Sunday afternoon of music.



Australian pianist, singer, songwriter... Andrew Farrell (The Wizard) worked his magic on the keys producing an amazing range of great music. And the support act, M7, a bunch of guys who love their 'jamming' sessions, had everyone up dancing.

Extremely good paella and yummy pizzas were provided by Cafe Buderim; washed down by wine from Bin106 and Beer from Sunshine Coast Brewery. Additional donations came from Micks Meat Barn and Rockcliff Seafood Mooloolaba.

All in all, a great afternoon with approximately \$5000 going to the Foundation's Youth Fund.

Most amazing wine raffle ever!

For many years David Edwards has delved into the depths of his cellar to provide wines for the Foundation's end-of-year Fine Wine Raffle. Over the years the Raffle has raised over \$60,000 for the Foundation.

This year David donated 22 wines including six magnums. First prize was a 1.5L magnum of 1989 Penfolds Grange Shiraz estimated to be worth \$2,000 (you can imagine the influence that had on sales). In total \$10,060 worth of tickets were sold with David, a firm believer in his own product, one of the main ticket sellers.

Of the 10 prizes this year, nine were won by local residents... the second prize by a Sydney supporter who purchased four books (\$200.00). But it's all in the luck of the draw... one Brisbane buyer purchased six books (\$300) but his name didn't make it out of the hat!

Those who won are advised to handle their winnings with great care due to the quality and age of the wine and to decant before drinking to ensure maximum purity and enjoyment. Anyone still to collect their winning wine should contact Gary Dillon on 5443 2844.



Relaxing on a Sunday afternoon



Paella courtesy of Buderim Cafe's Julie Martinuzzi and Liliana Kain

Having fun dancing to the music of M7



The Wizard Andrew Farrell

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