

# BUDERIM FOUNDATION

*Our Foundation... Our Future*

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Participants hear from guest speaker, Judge John Robertson

## Buderim Foundation hosts Bequest Seminar for Coast's legal fraternity

Around 35 members of the Coast's legal fraternity joined Foundation Members and directors at a seminar on June 14 to hear about the Buderim Foundation's role in building a stronger community through philanthropy. Presenters included His Honour, Judge John M Robertson, Foundation Grants Committee Chair, Lisa Edward, Carvosso and Winship Partner and former Foundation Chair, Gary Hopkins and Allen Hertel from Focus Chartered Accountants.

MC and former chair of the Foundation's Philanthropy Committee Swain Roberts said the purpose of the seminar was to engage with this important and influential audience and raise awareness of the Foundation across the community. He also said that with the Buderim Foundation now firmly established as Buderim's respected philanthropic organisation, there are many good reasons why making a bequest to the Foundation should figure in conversations about estate planning and people's legacy for the future.

Guests also heard that:

- Since launching in 2004, the Foundation has managed to roughly double the funds held in its two Trusts every three years. This balance now sits at just over \$1.4m
- September this year will see the 10th year of grants to community organisations that benefit the Buderim community taking the total to more than \$400,000 awarded to well in excess of 70 local organisations



(l-r) Kate Manttan, Swain Roberts, Judge John Robertson, Gary Hopkins



(l-r) Heinz Seeberg, Peter Porcellini, Hilary Somerville

- Additionally, the Foundation has facilitated the distribution of \$132,500 in Back to School vouchers to families requiring assistance. This program is managed by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and is supported by our local Buderim Lions and Rotary Clubs
- And of course, there's the countless hours of time, talent and energy contributed by a small army of highly committed volunteers devoted to ensuring the Foundation continues to grow and achieve its goals

# harnessing the power of giving...

## Heinz's column

What a busy time it's been for us all since the last newsletter. So much has been happening that it has required us to produce a bumper issue this time round, and we haven't covered everything by any means!



We've had a series of highly successful events. They include the thankyou afternoon tea for our volunteers at Cheryl and Michael Ryan's home and two Happy Hours where Ambassadors hear about the latest Foundation news in a warm and informal setting. You'll find more on these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

There were two special dinners at Hungry Feel restaurant, an initiative to promote the current batch of Foundation fine wine. Hosted in collaboration with Chris and Larissa White, it was the perfect setting to showcase these two splendid wines, hear about their provenance from wine expert Dr Michael Ryan and of course provided the added benefit of raising the profile of the Foundation to some new faces.

Speaking of the Foundation's profile, this has been enhanced considerably when we shared a large outdoor sign on the Sunshine Motorway, courtesy of one of our major sponsors Sunshine Toyota and you may have noticed the recently refurbished Foundation sign in front of the War memorial Hall.

I'm happy to report that following the success of the recent bequest seminar for the coast's legal fraternity, a working committee is off and running as they plan the next of these events, this time for financial planners. It is likely to be held in late October. Stay tuned for more on this.

Past weeks have been particularly busy for our Grants Committee. Applications closed on July 14 and this team is now focused on the business of deciding those organisations that have been successful in this round. I can assure you, this team applies a very rigorous and professional approach to such an important task. It is after all our core business.

Importantly, we've also been proactive in strengthening our links on multiple fronts with the BWMCA. I recently met with president, Neil Eiby and Cheryl Ryan, Chair of our Ambassador Committee represents the Foundation at the BWMCA's management meetings. We are determined to work closely together at both strategic and operational levels for great community outcomes.

Please come and say hello to the Foundation folk manning the bar at Buderim's forthcoming Street Party on August 5 and can I urge you to put the afternoon of Saturday, September 9 in your diary? It's our annual Community Grants Celebration when everyone, including the kids are invited along for a special program of fun and entertainment on the lawn between the Hall and Craft Cottage from 2-4pm. Of course, the main purpose of this occasion is to present grant cheques to the successful applicants from our 2017 round.

This is my final newsletter column, as I'm standing down after a wonderfully rewarding time in the roles of both Deputy Chair and Chair of this great organisation. It is now time for the next chapter of the Foundation's growth and achievement. I thank all those who've helped me during my tenure. I'm entirely confident my successor will continue to be supported by a host of skilled volunteers who provide such commitment, dedication and expertise on so many fronts. Thank you all.

## Heinz Seeberg

Chair, Buderim Foundation



## What's in a name?

The Buderim Foundation has seven committees....Grants, Investment, Marketing, Events, Youth, Ambassadors and Philanthropy. It is within these committees that much of the Foundation's good work happens. They are all resourced by a diverse group of passionate, committed volunteers.

The general public and even our Ambassadors seldom get to hear these committee names...so you might ask how can a committee name be important? Well, we think a recent committee name change is particularly important. The Foundation board at their June meeting debated and approved a change of name from Fund Development Committee to Philanthropy Committee.

Growing the level of philanthropy in Buderim is one of the Foundation's primary goals. It was decided the name Philanthropy Committee better reflects the good work of the group established to nurture our current donors and encourage and welcome new donors.

Plans are currently being formulated for 2018 to be the year where we challenge the community to reach our target of \$100,000 available for grants in the following year. You may recall that our 2012 Community Challenge helped us to double the funds held in trust at that time. So stay tuned for more on the 2018 Community Challenge.

If you would like to know about the many different ways you can donate to the Buderim Foundation, simply visit the 'How to Give' section of the Buderim Foundation website or contact the Philanthropy Committee chair Gary Dillon M: 0412 025 425 or any of his team you may know ... Sarah Bird, Natasha Read or Simon Whittle.

# harnessing the power of giving...

## Happy Hour at Bloomhill

On June 9, a large group of Ambassadors along with their families and friends rugged up for the winter Happy Hour at Bloomhill Cancer Care centre in Ballinger Road. While the evening was cool, the vibe was most certainly warm!

Chair Heinz Seeberg thanked those attending this happy social occasion, saying a great big thank you for everything the Ambassadors do to help spread the word. Grants Committee Chair, Lisa Edward advised that the 2017 grant round had been launched, encouraging those attending to pass on the news to organisations they may be connected to. And the principal of one of the Foundation's major sponsors Darren Venning from Sunshine Toyota spoke about the important role of Ambassadors in getting the Foundation's message out to the wider community. Foundation Member Rod McKinnon mentioned that Heinz's role as Chair was drawing to an end and that the Member group were active in seeking a replacement.

As with every Happy Hour, those attending made the most of the opportunity to catch up with friends and meet those new to the Foundation's Ambassador ranks.



(l-r) Vicky McCallum, Rod Hutchinson, Malcolm McCallum, Judy Hutchinson



Darren Venning and his Sunshine Toyota team



(l-r) Louise Stein, Roz Bull



(l-r) Norm & Ellen deChastel, Avril Staniland, Brenda Devers

## Community Grants Program helps in practical ways

The Foundation has benefited in very practical ways from the Sunshine Coast Council's Community Partnership Funding Program. The awarding of a \$5,000 grant in August 2016 has led directly to several important development initiatives that have helped the Foundation to raise awareness in the community about its role and its goals. A further \$5,000 for the new financial period will be used for further engagement initiatives.

The new Foundation sign outside the Hall and funding of a recent Bequest seminar for the coast's legal fraternity held at the Buderim Bowls Club are just two initiatives funded from this Council grant.

This important community partnership, together with the support we receive from our three major sponsors provides the necessary funds to operate and maintain our central message that every dollar contributed goes directly to our Trust funds and is never spent. Only the earnings are used for our annual grants program.

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



## Community Grants Celebration

Not just for the grown-ups . . . entertainment, food and fun for kids on the lawn between the Hall and Craft Cottage

**Saturday September 9 2-4pm**

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# harnessing the power of giving...

## In memory of much loved Jeanne MacDonald lost to the 'Foundation Family' earlier this year.

Today, I finally found the phrase I had been looking for that captures the essence of Jeanne – 'Moral Compass'.

To me, the one outstanding trait that Jeanne displayed was her unflinching adherence to standards, otherwise known as a strong moral compass.

When I look back over her long life, I found it consistently there - which she acknowledged was due to the strong example her parents set and which enabled her to build resilience throughout her life experiences.

During her father, Senator John MacDonald's tenure, Jeanne secured a position in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Melbourne. Life was very patriarchal in those Menzies years and women needed to be strong to survive. And remember she was also a single mother at this time. Subsequently obtaining a position of authority at the Melbourne Stock Exchange, which was then a throwback to Victorian times, and to maintain it, was ability and character recognised years before the advent of 'feminism'. Corporate life would have been no easier at Coca-Cola Amatil. And, during the early 70's, it was almost unheard of for women to purchase real estate in their own names. What clever bank manager recognised her qualities?

I distinctly remember my first Buderim VIEW Club meeting in December 2002 when I had first moved here and Jeanne was Program Officer. As she delivered her set piece, I said to myself, 'that's a woman I would like to know'. It was only a few days later that we met one another informally on our morning walk and I was privileged to begin a deep friendship with her. Whenever there was a hint of my going soft, the authoritative word 'Standards' was uttered very firmly!

It is to the rare example of women such as Jeanne and the examples of ability and, more importantly, moral compass, that women such as myself could accomplish careers in the male-dominated world and for that I owe her an eternal debt of gratitude.

Vale, Jeanne, and deep thanks for the example and the memories.

Submitted by Catherine Foley

April 2017



## It pays to be clear

It's often a challenge for complex organisations to be clear about what they do and why. That's why the directors have been giving attention to getting clarity and consistency around Foundation's messages - why it exists, what it does and why, and importantly what it seeks to achieve. Foundation Chair Heinz Seeberg says its vital that the community has the best possible understanding of what we are here to do and why.

Put simply, the purpose of the Buderim Foundation is to build a stronger community by harnessing the power of giving.

It does this by receiving donations and bequests – money in; carefully investing the funds to generate income – money managed;

and distributing the income as grants to organisations that provide services to Buderim – money out.

The Foundation's Vision is:

**to be to be widely known for our vital role in making Buderim a vibrant, generous and just community.**

And to ensure the Buderim Foundation fulfils its purpose and is seen to be striving to achieve its vision, a Forum in early 2017 affirmed three strategic priorities. They are to raise awareness, ensure high levels of engagement and grow the funds held in trust. You'll find more details on the Foundation's website.

## Youth Insearch

Youth Insearch Foundation received \$10,000 for their Hands Up Intervention Program. Sharyn from the Youth Insearch Foundation reports that they held their first two weekend workshop camping events for 2017.

Typical comments from participants: "I have made new friends", "I feel like I belong". "I love the hugs and the food", "I'm not the only one this has happened to", "I love my Youth Insearch family".

Sharyn says "We are also currently doing intensive program promotion on the Sunshine coast and are very excited to have recruited two new support adults to assist our young people at camp and help facilitate our weekly groups. In particular, the Foundation's grant allows us to support several extra disadvantaged youth living in the Buderim area."

**YOUTH REBUILDING  
YOUNG LIVES  
INSEARCH**

# harnessing the power of giving...

## The power of volunteering on display

The Buderim Foundation's growth and success relies on the many wonderful contributions of time and talent made by its dedicated volunteers. So, it was with great enthusiasm that the directors said a big hearty thankyou to more than 50 of the Foundation's strongest supporters for all their passion, energy and hard work at an afternoon gathering at the home of Cheryl and Michael Ryan on Sunday May 7. Cheryl is the Chair of the Foundation's Ambassador Committee.

Cheryl and her fellow directors took this special opportunity to recognise not just the many members of the Foundation's seven working committees but also other important volunteers like those who deliver the Foundation newsletter, write the interesting Gifts in Memory stories, take photographs, produce videos, sell raffle tickets, man the bar and serve food at Foundation events, deliver the Foundation's wine and so much more.



*Volunteers enjoyed an afternoon together*



*(l-r) Foundation Directors  
Lisa Edward, Gary Dillon*



*(l-r) Alex Sweet, Sally Caddy*



*(l-r) Rebecca Ramsay, Natasha Read*



*The two versions of the Foundation's new signage at the Hall.*



## New Hall sign helps raise profile

There's a new Foundation sign recently installed in front of the Hall that's catching the attention of Buderim residents at this busy corner. The newly refurbished sign supports one of the Foundation's goals of creating greater awareness in the community. This project undertaken with the support of the Hall Committee means there's a constant reminder to visit the Foundation's website for a complete picture of what the Foundation is doing for Buderim and how to get involved.

And soon you'll see an extra message reminding residents that our major sponsors play a vital role by providing the necessary funds to operate and maintain our central message that every dollar contributed goes directly to our Trust funds and is never spent. Only the earnings are used for our annual grants program. We think that's a message well worth spreading.

The two versions will rotate according to a schedule agreed with the Hall Committee. This schedule will also accommodate promotion of some of the events held at the Hall.

Jump online and check us out. We're on Facebook too, so drop by and like us and share anytime.

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## Upcoming events

**Saturday August 5** - Buderim Street Party

**Saturday September 9** - Community Grants Celebration on the lawn between the Hall and Craft Cottage in Buderim.

...and the community benefits!

## Carers Foundation retreat

The Carers Foundation Australia were successful in gaining a Foundation grant and were very grateful that some of the carers from the Buderim area were able to enjoy some well-deserved respite recently. Most of these carers have not had a day off for many years due to their demanding caring roles.

Ronnie Benbow from the Carers Foundation says “Thank you once again to the Buderim Foundation for allowing us to make a difference in these carers lives. They are so selfless, and do it so tough, with very little recognition. One lady had not had a day off for over 8 years, as her husband’s condition is so demanding. She has been soooo appreciative, and the new connections she has made will make it so much better for her when she returns home.” The next retreat is scheduled for August 31 and September 1.



## Caring for Carers

Carers deserve regular quality support from compassion fatigue, in a nurturing, peaceful and supportive environment.

If you know of any family carers from the Buderim region that are in need of some time out, please nominate them for a wellness break on the **31st August – 1st September**. We have limited spaces left, so please call 07 32894552 to register <https://www.thecarersfoundation.org/contact/>



## Kindy garden project

Buderim Kindy was granted \$4000 to assist with establishing a ‘Kindergarten Wintergarden’ in a previously unusable area at the rear of the Kindy. This area receives beautiful winter sun and allows the children to engage with the environment, particularly during the cooler months. They wanted an area with a focus on edible gardening and sustainability with a natural organic feel sensitive to the leafy Buderim surrounds. The grant helped in the supply and installation on an automated watering system for their newly-established edibles, allowing the gardens to thrive in school holiday and weekend periods.

Important benefits include greater environmental awareness, less use of water, less packaged food consumption, lower ‘food miles’, and an increase in butterfly, bees and bird life.

The opening event on July 26 was a celebration of the hard work that went into building the garden. The morning tea featured some produce from the garden!



## Buderim Male Choir

The Buderim Male Choir received a Foundation grant to purchase new sheet music as much of their music had faded and was difficult to read. The choir also found that many of the songs in the library were now out of date. It was important that the material chosen would be popular with their audiences. The Choir has been around for over 40 years and encourages men to sing and improve their health and mental wellbeing as well as providing concerts to the community, particularly seniors.



...and the community benefits!



### Buderim Rebels Hockey Club

The Buderim Rebels Hockey Club has used its Foundation grant to purchase a Hookin2Hockey School pack from Hockey Australia. This pack contains 30 sticks, balls and shin guards for kids aged 5-12 years which will be utilised at local schools in Buderim to introduce kids to hockey. The program has been developed to give children aged 5-12 a fun environment in which to learn the game of hockey and

perfect their skills in a modified game-based environment. Each child receives a Just Hockey starter pack at the beginning of the season which contains a junior stick, shin guards and ball. Currently the cost of this starter pack is paid for by the child's parents. The grant allows the club to reduce the entry level cost of hockey by providing the necessary equipment required at no cost to the child.

### Sunny Kids

Some Buderim Mountain State School students received mentoring as part of a Sunny Kids sports mentoring program that delivered a lot more than just activity and fitness. The program was funded by a Buderim Foundation community grant.

Sunny Kids CEO Chris Turner said "This year, SunnyKids is delivering a Mentoring Through Sport Program at Buderim Mountain State School with the talented team, Bobby and Kristina Wilson from Awesome Wilson Boxing.

Dave Larkin, better known as Chappy Dave, has witnessed great outcomes for the 10 boys participating in the program. "As School Chaplain, I have seen the boys participating in the program looking forward to their Tuesday afternoons. They all get in, work hard, focus as a team and discipline themselves as individuals.

To see them test their strength, fitness and performance which then in turn increases their self-awareness and self-esteem is so valuable." Chappy Dave said.



...and the community benefits!

## University of Sunshine Coast Barbarians

The Barbarians received \$5000 to purchase jerseys for the next 3-5 years of play. They are given out each season and have allowed the expanding membership of women and juniors to play and continue to pay reasonable fees. Their club membership has grown significantly and it is now the largest Rugby Union club on the Sunshine Coast. The grant has made it more accessible for students and families of juniors to join a sporting community.



## Alzheimers Australia

People living with dementia in Buderim and surrounding areas were invited to join Adventure with Dementia,



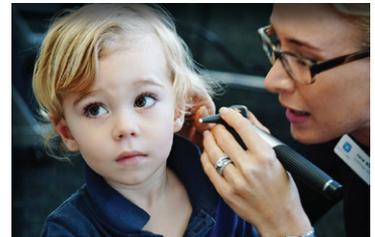
launched on January 24th, where they have been able to participate in a range of fun and interactive activities.

This joint venture through Alzheimer's Australia (Qld) and Bromilow Home Support Services, funded by the Buderim Foundation, is the first of its kind on the Sunshine Coast with a particular focus on younger people under the age of 65, as well as those who are over 65, yet fit and active and wanting to have some fun. The program is creating new friendships and enjoyment and is a great way to stay connected with the local community.

A big thankyou to Bromilow Home Support Services (102 Burnett Street Buderim) as they organise all of the outings, transport group members to and from the events and provide the carer/s to support the group during the events, ably supported by two outstanding volunteers who support the group members - Stacey and Denise.

## Hear and Say

Over the past two years, a total of \$11,000 in Buderim Foundation grants has allowed more than 600 students to be screened as



part of the Hear and Say's School Hearing Screening program across the Buderim region. Foundation Director and Chair of the Foundation's Grants Committee Lisa Edward said "the program is greatly benefiting the community by increasing children's learning opportunities and drawing attention to the impact of mild hearing loss for children at such young ages. It's very pleasing to see the community grants we provide leading to such great outcomes."

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