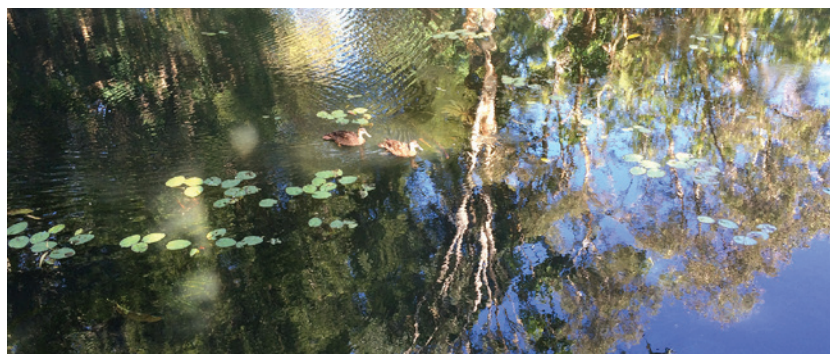




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FOUNDATION
Our Foundation... Our Future



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DIARY DATES

March

Friday 12th

Youth in Philanthropy Seminar,
USC LT7

Friday 19th

Happy Hour, Buderim Hall
Verandah, 5.30 – 7.30pm

April

Thursday 22nd

Ambassador Morning Tea,
LifeFlight Hangar, Sunshine
Coast Airport

June

Monday 7th

Grants applications open

Tuesday 15th

Ambassador Morning Tea,
Compass Farm

July

Saturday 10th

Long lunch

Sunday 11th

Grants applications close

Date TBC

Open Air Film Night

August

Friday 20th

Successful grant recipients
advised

September

Sunday 12th

Grants Awards Celebration

A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter for 2021. As we start a new year, it's timely to remind ourselves of the core purpose of our Foundation, a purpose that's served us well in navigating through the challenges of 2020.



Buderim Foundation's core purpose is to build a stronger Buderim community by harnessing the power of giving. Our donors, ambassadors and supporters exemplify that spirit in so many ways, from making financial donations through to in-kind donations of expertise and time: serving on committees, organising events and promoting the work of the Foundation to others.

The generous, long-standing contributions of our three major sponsors – Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota – allow us to cover most of our operating expenses. All donations and bequests go directly into two trusts to grow our corpus (investment pool). The revenue generated by our very able Investment Committee is distributed as community grants. Since 2008 when our grants were first offered, \$628,737 has been awarded to 83 community organisations. In 2020 alone, the Foundation distributed in excess of \$85,000 to 20 community groups. The Foundation is also proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council's Community Partnership Funding Program.

Volunteers on our various committees, overseen by the Board, undertake the Foundation's operational work in philanthropy, investment, grants, events, ambassadors, youth, marketing and governance that keep our Foundation running effectively. And our ambassadors of course are critical in spreading the word about the value of the Foundation to others in the community. A sincere thank you to all who contribute so much to support the Foundation's purpose.

We all hope for a return to some sort of "new normal" in 2021, and with that hope in mind, various committees are planning a schedule of social activities for the year. The Foundation's presence at the Australia Day Picnic on the Park was the first event, with our popular Morning Teas kicking off with a visit to the Buderim Men's Shed in late February.

The responses to the recent Supporter Engagement Survey (detailed on page 5) will provide us with valuable insights to help progress the work of the Foundation.

Remember to check the Foundation's website www.buderimfoundation.org.au for the latest updates on upcoming events. If you'd like to become more involved in the Foundation or would like more information about any of our activities or plans, please get in touch with us at info@buderimfoundation.org.au

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation

Harnessing the power of giving ...

Christmas Happy Hour

The Foundation's Christmas Happy Hour was a wonderful end to a challenging year. In many ways it epitomized the year, presenting us with one final challenge to overcome. The unpleasant weather on the day made the original location at Horseshoe Bend impossible, but with much frantic reorganisation on the morning of the function, an alternative location at the St Mark's Church Hall was arranged. Our entertainment and catering providers were notified, drink supplies were relocated and updates were sent out to all Foundation ambassadors and supporters.

In the afternoon, a large crowd gathered at the hall to celebrate, pizzas were enjoyed, drinks flowed from the bar, and friends and acquaintances caught up with each other. A big thank you to all who made the event so enjoyable.



Peter Hamilton, Susi Du Toit, Leanne Evans



Graham Tamblyn, Alex Sweet, Rebecca Ramsay



Cherry and Marshall Perron, John Devers



Santina Cook, Erryn and Vicki Hawtrey, Cheryl Nonmus

Buderim's Australia Day celebration

Australia Day for Buderim, like everywhere else in the country, was different this year. Our street parade, usually a highlight of our calendar, had to be cancelled because of social distancing requirements. Buderim's Rotary Club however rose to the challenge and organised a "Picnic on the Park" so that Buderim residents could still celebrate the day.

The "picnic" took place on the Buderim Mountain State School oval. Many families brought along picnic baskets and blankets and settled in to enjoy the music and poetry performances, games and treats from the on-site food vendors.

The Foundation, along with many other community groups, set up a marquee to distribute information and chat with members of the community about the Foundation's work.

Thanks to all the ambassadors who helped out in the marquee, and to other ambassadors and their families and friends who visited for a chat.

Jan Nelson

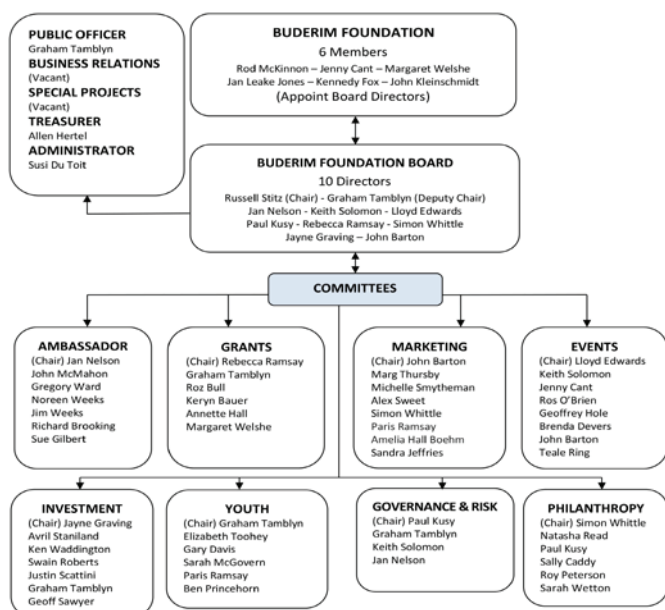


Jim and Noreen Weeks, with Susi Du Toit in the marquee

Committee Profile - Ambassador Committee

The operational work of the Buderim Foundation is undertaken largely by the eight committees that report to the Foundation Board on a quarterly basis. Each committee is chaired by a director and made up of ambassador volunteers. There are also a small number of working parties set up from time to time for special projects. Volunteers for these committees and working parties are always welcome.

Foundation Committee structure (Feb 2021) -



In this and future newsletters, we'll feature one of the Foundation's committees. We'll outline the role of each committee, its main work and a snapshot of its members. We start in this issue with the Ambassador Committee chaired by Jan Nelson.

The Ambassador Committee has two main tasks: to encourage members of the community to support the Foundation by becoming ambassadors, and to support our ambassadors by ensuring that they are informed about the work of the Foundation and the opportunities available to play a part in that work.

To support this, the Committee runs an annual program of ambassador morning teas. At each of these events, a speaker from a community group that has received a Foundation grant tells ambassadors about the group's work. It's an opportunity for ambassadors to hear first-hand about what the group does in the community and how the grant has contributed. After the first morning tea held at the Buderim Men's Shed in February, the next couple will be held at the LifeFlight hangar at Sunshine Coast Airport and then the Compass farm.



Noreen Weeks, Jim Weeks, Richard Brooking, John McMahon, Jan Nelson

A snapshot of the Committee members:

Retirees Noreen and Jim Weeks have called Buderim home since 2009, after spending their working lives in different parts of Queensland. Noreen, a former secondary teacher in Queensland and New Guinea and Jim, who sold industrial engineering equipment, say they feel a stronger "sense of belonging" in Buderim than in their previous locations. Their other shared passion is mahjong which they play several times weekly.

John McMahon, also a former teacher, has given long and distinguished service to many Buderim community organisations, including the BWMCA. He has had a life-long interest in the performing and visual arts and remains actively involved in Buderim Craft Cottage as a Vice-President and member of the Calligraphy group. Although not a "born and bred Buderimite", he married a local girl, Bernadette, and has never entertained the thought of moving elsewhere. "My mantra", he says, "has always been that a community is only as good as the people in it."

Richard Brooking grew up on the Gold Coast, moving back to Buderim in 2019 to be closer to his family who originally settled here after WW2 to grow banana crops. Finishing his Masters of Business in Philanthropy and Nonprofits, he is now undertaking his Bachelor of Laws (Honours). When not helping out at the Foundation, Richard works as Managing Director of the Beulah Community, a public charity addressing local social justice issues. Richard explains his love of Buderim thus: "It has solid old-fashioned values and few high fences to cut citizens off from one another."

Sue Gilbert is our most recently appointed committee member. As well as being a wife and mother, she is husband Evan's partner in their accounting/bookkeeping business and a Board member of Sunny Kids. Sue's comment on Buderim: "It's amazing, in the middle of a coastal tourist region, and still has that little village feel with a community that is so willing to help others."

Harnessing the power of giving ...

Gregory Ward was born and grew up in Buderim. He works with Ray White Real Estate and lives opposite his parents in one of Buderim's older streets near Foote Sanctuary. A "Buderimite" by birth, upbringing and choice. His answer to the question "Why are you an ambassador and a committee member?" is "The Foundation is really genuine about helping this community. It does so in a practical and very transparent way, through its grants program."

Jan Nelson describes herself as a "Victorian refugee" who with husband Mike saw the light in 1999 and relocated to Buderim. After working in corporate management, Jan turned to ceramic sculpture. Buderim Craft Cottage has been a large part of her life here. Her thoughts about Buderim echo those of Richard Brooking. "I did not know most of my Melbourne neighbours. Within 6 months of moving to Buderim, I knew all my neighbours, all their neighbours, and most of the residents of nearby streets. That's a community."

The Ambassador Committee currently has seven members but is always happy to welcome newcomers who are interested and able to give a little of their time, eg in helping organise the bi-monthly morning teas for ambassadors, and assisting at larger Foundation fundraising and community events.

If you'd like to discuss this, please give Jan Nelson a call on 0408 075 750.

Jan Nelson - Chair, Ambassador Committee

Ambassador Morning Tea

Foundation ambassadors and friends enjoyed a fascinating morning at the Buderim Men's Shed for the first morning tea of the year in February.

Barry Cheales, the Shed's President, outlined the history of the Shed and its value to the community, particularly in terms of the mental wellbeing of its members. Beginning in a derelict building in Mill Road, the Shed now boasts an amazing facility at Kuluin, a testament to the commitment of its members and other community support.

From an initial membership of 20 men, the Shed now has about 300 members. Its activities range from metalwork, woodwork, leatherwork, gardening, French polishing and stained glass work through to classes in sketching and computer use, reading groups and gym facilities. Guest speakers are invited to regular meetings to present on various issues related to men's health and wellbeing.

Barry acknowledged the help of the Foundation in providing grant funding for an overhead projector, security system and bench saw for the Shed.



Barry Cheales and Duncan Paton with the bench saw funded by the Foundation



Craig McMillan, Sue Needham, Teale Ring, Anne Stitz, Bernadette McMahon



Tour group

Alistair Cook

Alistair Cook has had quite a bit of media exposure lately, with articles in My Weekly Preview, Sunny Coast Times, the BWMCA Newsletter and a press release from the Buderim Foundation. We know that Alistair and his wife Santina have been long-time supporters of the Foundation, and that they run a well-respected pharmacy in Buderim. But few may know much more about Alistair himself.



Originally from England, he spent his early life in Singapore where his father was posted with the armed forces. His family moved to Australia in 1971 and Alistair went to school in Redcliffe. He studied pharmacy at the University of Queensland, choosing that discipline because of its intellectual challenge. He later completed a further degree in business management at QUT.

He lived in Brisbane for a while, but the lure of the coast was never far away. He moved to Mooloolaba in 1982, living in various locations around the coast, before making the wise choice to relocate to Buderim in 2001. The pharmacy which has become a Buderim landmark was opened in its current spot in May 2000.

When he's not at the pharmacy, Alistair has time for some of the finer things in life. He collects wines, particularly reds, and has a fine cellar of about 200 bottles. He enjoys good food, cars, quality hi fi equipment and the odd round of golf. He's a talented sound technician, helping out local band M7 with front of house sound at gigs. He collects fountain pens as mementos of places that he and Santina have visited. He also collects pharmacy artifacts. He's a proud father of three children, all of whom are now at university.

Alistair's ethos has always been to give back to his community. That ethos is evident in both his professional life and his support of the Buderim Foundation.

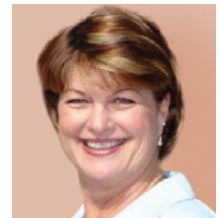
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Susi Du Toit

The Foundation is extremely fortunate to have Susi Du Toit take on the role of Administration Officer. Susi brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role, based on years of working in different roles in Australia and overseas in areas as diverse as regional councils, weapons consultancy, international finance operations, clubs and institutes. She and her husband Oliver also co-founded and built a company called Fourex (no relation to the beer) that designs and manufactures currency exchange machines in the UK.



Apart from her professional life, Susi has many other talents. While in the UK, she was heavily involved in Rock Choir, a contemporary choir that gave her the opportunity to sing in Disneyland, the Louvre in Paris, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and many other venues.

Susi originally moved to Buderim in 2004 and was pleased to return late last year. She is now involved in activities like aqua aerobics, mahjong, singing and bridge. She also volunteers with the Buderim Private Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoys cooking and entertaining, and is looking forward to being able to travel again when possible.

Welcome Susi.

Supporter Engagement Survey

A big thank you to all who took the time to respond to the recent Supporter Engagement Survey. This was the first time that the Buderim Foundation had conducted a survey quite like that and the response rate has been very pleasing.

The intention of the survey, as you know, was to gather feedback about your relationship with the Foundation, particularly how to best engage and communicate with you to progress the Foundation's work. Your responses will help guide and shape that work into the future, enabling us to plan for a stronger, safer and more vibrant Buderim community.

A special thanks to members of the Survey Working Group: Sarah Wetton, Amelia Hall Boehm, Natasha Reed and John Barton and to those who provided valuable feedback and input along the way.

We look forward to sharing key insights from the survey with you over the next couple of months. If you have requested further information from us, one of our volunteers will be in touch in the coming weeks.

Simon Whittle
Chair, Philanthropy Committee

... from little gifts big things grow!

Back to School Vouchers

The Foundation was proud to be involved again, with other donors, in the Back to School Program. This Program, administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), provides practical assistance for school expenses to those most in need, eg for items such as clothing, shoes and stationery. The Foundation works in partnership with a number of local schools and community organisations to ensure that funds are allocated in the most effective way. Vouchers to the value of \$50, in the form of Target gift cards, are allocated directly to the relevant schools or organisations for their distribution to identified families.

As an indication of the trust placed in the Buderim Foundation to distribute this much needed support, the allocation of funds this year was the largest ever and three times that of last year. A total of \$32,000 has been made available this year, comprising \$20,000 from the FRRR and \$12,000 in matched funds from Buderim Rotary and Lions Clubs, BMWCA, the Buderim Foundation and the FRRR. The Foundation thanks our local partner organisations for their continued support of this important initiative.



L>R BMWCA Executive member Teale Ring, Buderim Lions President Brian McBride, Buderim Foundation Grants Committee member Roz Bull, Buderim Rotary President Paul Tanner, Chancellor State College Head of Student Engagement Steve Redshaw, College Executive Principal Leanne Jensen-Steele, School Chaplain Shane Brigg, College Secondary Campus Principal Victoria Ansety.

Youth Committee Update

The Youth Committee is back in full swing, after a year when most events had to be cancelled.

The Youth in Philanthropy seminar for students will be held in March. This seminar is a wonderful opportunity for selected students from local schools to be made aware of the advantages of philanthropy and to begin planning for specific projects. An open air film night has been scheduled for July, with other activities also being planned.

The Committee is developing a new initiative aimed at engaging with the “mature youth” of Buderim, those in the 18 to 30 year age bracket. More details about this strategy will be included in the next newsletter.

For more information on the Committee's work and its “mature youth” sub-committee, Graham Tamblyn can be contacted via email on gtstripes@icloud.com

Graham Tamblyn - Chair, Youth Committee

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