



**BUDERIM  
FOUNDATION**  
*Our Foundation... Our Future*



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*Building a stronger community by harnessing the power of giving.*



# Harnessing the power of giving ...

## A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the last Buderim Foundation Newsletter for the year, and what a year it has been for your Foundation.



I presented the Annual Report to the Foundation Members at the Annual General Meeting in October. The full report is available here: [www.buderimfoundation.org.au/about-us/governance/](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/about-us/governance/)

I've mentioned the Thompson Fund in previous newsletters. The addition of that Fund to the Foundation's investment portfolio has enabled us to broaden our support to the wider Sunshine Coast region, whilst maintaining the Foundation's goal of enriching and enhancing the quality of life for people living in the 4556 postcode. The Thompson Fund's primary purpose is to support people in "necessitous circumstances". The first round of these grants this year provided \$115,000 for four community organisations and one independent support grant for an individual in need.

The Foundation's Community Grants, described in more detail on page 5, provided just over \$70,000 to 14 local organisations this year. Since the start of the Grants Program in 2008, over \$670,000 has been distributed to 87 local community organisations.

The Foundation also facilitates the distribution of Back to School Vouchers, each worth \$50, to needy families in the community. This year, \$32,000 was made available, comprising \$20,000 from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), and matched funds of \$12,000 from Buderim Rotary and Lions Clubs, BWMCA, the Buderim Foundation and FRRR.

All funds donated to the Foundation are held in perpetuity, with only the revenue generated being allocated for grant distribution.

Two successful fundraising events were held this year: the Italian Long Lunch in July and the recent Colours of a Buderim Summer Fashion Parade. As well as raising approximately \$9,000, both events were beautifully arranged and enjoyed by all. Our regular Ambassador Morning Teas again provided the opportunity for our Ambassadors to visit organisations that had received Foundation Community Grants. And our Happy Hours gave our supporters the opportunity to catch up with each other and celebrate the Foundation's achievements. Those who remember the Foundation's Breakfast program from some years ago will be pleased to know that the breakfasts will be held again next year, with some interesting speakers scheduled.

A special feature of this year has been the implementation of the David Edwards' Wine Bequest to the Foundation, resulting in the sale and raffles of some high quality standard bottles and magnums. This generous bequest has provided over \$65,000 to the Foundation, distributed between the BWMCA subfund and the Open Trust. The final raffle of the premium wines will be drawn at a special function on the 18th of this month.

Another special feature of this year was the presentation of the Les Day Award to longstanding Foundation Ambassador and supporter Marg Thursby. More detail about the award is outlined on page 11.

The work of the Foundation relies almost entirely on volunteers, and I thank most sincerely all of those who serve on the Foundation's Board and Committees and who support the Foundation in so many ways. Some changes have been made recently to the structure of the Foundation, with the creation of an Engagement Portfolio intended to better coordinate the activities of some of our committees.

A special thanks to our longstanding sponsors: Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota. Their sponsorship funding covers much of the Foundation's tightly controlled administration costs. The Foundation is also supported by the Sunshine Coast Council's Community Partnership Funding Program.

I wish everyone a peaceful, joyous Christmas and look forward to another prosperous year for our Foundation in 2022.

*Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation*

## BIG NEWS

### Your Foundation is now the sixth largest Community Foundation in Australia!

**2021**  
\$8,578,887

It started with \$200 in 2004 and has grown over 16 years to the grand total of \$8,578,887 in 2021 (\$6,305,270 of that total is the Thompson Fund).

**2004**  
\$200

## DIARY DATES

### December

#### Saturday 18th

Wine Enthusiasts' Raffle Draw  
Buderim War Memorial Hall

### 2022

### February

#### Wednesday 9th

Ambassador Morning Tea at DV Safe Phone, Mooloolaba

#### Wednesday 23rd

Breakfast with Judge John Robertson at Buderim Tavern

### March

#### Friday 25th

Happy Hour



## LOCAL PHILANTHROPISTS

Our local representatives, **Brent Mickelberg**, MP, Member for Buderim and **Ted Hungerford**, Sunshine Coast Councillor have both generously donated funds to the Foundation.

Brent Mickelberg is a committed annual donor and has spoken enthusiastically in State Parliament about the Foundation in his electorate. Brent has said, "I am pleased to support the Buderim Foundation because I value community. It's the generosity of philanthropists, donors and volunteers that help provide opportunities for local families, community organisations and sporting groups. Our region is very lucky to have the Buderim Foundation."

Ted Hungerford has said, "I see the Buderim Foundation as a worthy recipient of my October pay rise donation to a charity in that my contribution will have an ongoing benefit to the community annually."

*Our thanks to both our local representatives.*



**Brent Mickelberg and Ted Hungerford**

Local theatre company **BATS (Buderim Amateur Theatre Company)** has also generously donated the first night's takings from their recent production of "All The Great Books" to the Foundation. This is the third time that BATS has donated to the Foundation and a wonderful example of Buderim community groups supporting each other.



**Simon Whittle and Alice Rea**

The Foundation has embarked on a new initiative to assist the community in collaboration with **SG Bakery**. Bakery owners Betty Duong and Tony Dang are engaged in philanthropic activities in both Australia and Vietnam, and have generously donated \$9,000 for the Foundation to distribute to the needy in the community. Betty and Tony have also donated \$1,000 to the Pyjama Foundation.

The Buderim Foundation donation is in the form of 900 \$10 vouchers able to be redeemed in any SG Bakery store. The Foundation will manage the distribution of the vouchers in the same way as the Back to School vouchers, ie. through local school chaplains or counsellors.

As a generous gesture to complement Betty and Tony's donation, 19 other local businesses have provided gift vouchers for their services or products. Every day until Christmas, one or two customers at SG Bakery will be invited to draw one of the vouchers from a hat, providing some lucky customers with unexpected Christmas presents.

We thank Betty and Tony for their generosity and philanthropic spirit, and John Sullivan (Harcourts) for his role in coordinating this initiative.



**Tony Dang, Betty Duong, Roz Bull, Paris Ramsay, Jan Huth with the vouchers**



## GRANTS CELEBRATION



**The 2021 Grant Recipient Cohort**

### Community Grants Celebration

The Foundation held its annual, much-anticipated Community Grants Celebration in September. The awarding of grants epitomises the Foundation's key operating model of money in (from donations and bequests), money managed (through careful investing) and money out (grants from income earned on investments).

Unfortunately, like last year, COVID restrictions meant that only representatives of the recipient groups and a few Foundation people could attend the celebration at the Buderim War Memorial Hall. The smaller numbers, however, did not diminish the sense of the importance and value of the grants, nor the gratitude of the recipients.

Coincidentally in its 14th year of awarding community grants, the Foundation awarded grants to 14 not-for-profit organisations supporting their local community. Just over \$70,000 was awarded, providing funds for a range of new or upgraded equipment and facilities, as well as technologies.



**Headland Buderim Croquet Club's Lesley Johnston receives grant from Edén Lea's David Hawtrey**



**Buderim Bridge Club's Sandi Owen and Norm de Chastel**

### Reminder

The Foundation's Community Grants are available for non-for-profit community-based organisations that provide services and support for residents in the 4556 postcode area.

If you know of organisations that may benefit from the grants, please encourage them to apply when the next round opens in 2022.



## GRANTS RECIPIENTS



*Ted Hungerford, Russell Stitz, Rebecca Ramsay and Brent Mickelberg*

### Recipients of the 2021 Community Grants are listed below:

**Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club - \$2,730** towards two nipper boards, to help make Nippers as affordable as possible for families

**Buderim Bowls Club - \$1,700** for the fit out of a play area, to provide more facilities for families

**Buderim Contract Bridge Club - \$5,940** for chairs to provide facilities as part of the Club's relocation

**Buderim Horse & Pony Club - \$1,503** for the upgrade of fencing and equipment to help care for the horses

**Buderim Men's Shed - \$8,771** for a shade sail for their outdoor barbecue area

**Buderim Theatre Company - \$2,400.90** for a computer and theatre steps

**Buderim Rebels Hockey Club Inc - \$2,620** towards equipment for new teams

**The Compass Institute - \$5,897.34** to support Compass Garden Café which supports young people with disabilities

**DV Safe Phone Ltd - \$9,200** for a phone drop facility including essential equipment needed to test, reset and repurpose donated mobile phones supporting victims of domestic violence

**Headland Buderim Croquet Club - \$2,849** towards technology to support the growing club to better manage its administrative functions, coaching practices and tournament activities

**LifeFlight Foundation - \$6,972** for new Aspida flight helmets, crucial equipment to providing the best chance of survival to critically ill and injured patients, reducing the possibility of permanent disability and assisting in a shorter recovery time

**Maroochydore SES - \$1,500** for saws to be used for operational responses

**Buderim Playgroup - \$8,309.50** for improved inclusive access so that is easier to navigate for people with disability and/or anxiety

**Wishlist - \$10,000** for 2 Smilescope Virtual Reality units which are used to take the fear out of hospital for kids.



*Alexandra Surf Life Saving Club's Matt Briggs*

## GRANTS SUCCESS

### Maroochy SES

Maroochy SES's grant was used to purchase two Milwaukee 18v battery reciprocating saws and an Etrex 10 hand-held GPS. The reciprocating saws will be placed on each of the SES's two response vehicles, allowing for the rapid removal of tree debris that occurs due to storms. The hand-held GPS will be used for navigating during land searches. This equipment will allow the response teams to complete their tasks more quickly and safely. Pleasingly, the purchase of the equipment was from a local dealer.

The Maroochy SES sees its relationship with the Buderim Foundation and its Grants Program as an important partnership. Kay Oliver, Association President has said, "The Foundation supports our group to obtain equipment and we are better able to support the Buderim community during disasters and emergencies."



**Kevin, Dawn, Jo and Peter with the new Milwaukee Reciprocating Saws**



**Jan Huth, Roz Bull, Bec Ramsay with phone collection boxes**

### DV Safe Phone

DV Safe Phone is a locally established, not for profit organisation that collects, repurposes and gifts mobile phones to victims of domestic violence through registered charities, safe houses and authorities. The Safe Phones are provided as part of an individual's 'safe' or 'escape' plan offering a lifeline to call for help when it is needed most.

CEO and Founder Ashton Wood has said, "Funding received from the Foundation will be put straight to work to purchase essential equipment needed to test, reset and repurpose donated mobile phones... and to purchase custom-made mobile phone donation boxes to be distributed across the 4556 postcode area." In a generous gesture, Aldi has matched the \$5,000 part of the Grant used for sim cards, providing additional resources for DV Safe.

### RACQ Lifeflight Rescue

LifeFlight has used its grant to purchase two flight helmets for their doctors. The helmets, at \$3,500 each, are sophisticated, multi-visor helmets with microphones so that doctors can communicate easily with their patients or others as required. The helmets have a 10 year life cycle, after which they must be destroyed. Rob Fussell, Base Manager at LifeFlight's premises at Sunshine Coast Airport, explained the features of the helmets and demonstrated their use to a small group of Buderim Foundation Ambassadors and supporters during a recent visit.



**Rob Fussell and paramedic Kylie Moore**



## AMBASSADOR MORNING TEAS

### Australian Volunteer Coast Guard – Coast Guard Mooloolaba QF6

Ambassadors were warmly welcomed by members of Coast Guard, Mooloolaba QF6, in September, with both a delicious morning tea and a tour of the facilities. Ian Hunt, Flotilla Commander, described the development of the Flotilla, from its formation in 1976 to its current level of operations with 155 members and 3 vessels.



**Ian Hunt**

Flotilla members, who are all volunteers, undertake search and rescue and general assist operations, as well as training with other emergency services. In 2020/21, 154 assists and 6 search and rescues were conducted. As well as its rescue operations, Coast Guard Mooloolaba also offers an ashes scattering at sea service for the community.

Ambassadors were able to board their Primary rescue vessel, "Mooloolaba Rotary Rescue", visit the radio room and view the Memorial Wall in Penny Lane Park.

Coast Guard Mooloolaba has received Buderim Foundation Community Grants in recent years totaling \$6,780. These funds have been used for a flammable storage cabinet, a first aid dummy and a defibrillator for "Rotary III", their Secondary rescue vessel.

It's wonderful that the Foundation's grants can help provide necessary equipment to support such committed volunteers in their often life-saving work.



**Charles Halter in the Radio Room**

### Buderim Craft Cottage

The last Ambassador Morning Tea for the year was held at the Buderim Craft Cottage where guests were greeted by President Kay Weber and Ambassador John McMahon who has had a long association with the Cottage. Kay spoke about the importance of community engagement in all of the Cottage's activities. With approximately 300 members, the Cottage has 13 different groups and 15 different sorts of activities, including art, pottery, jewellery making, calligraphy, embroidery, patchwork and photography.

Members of the Calligraphy and Papercraft group provided a delicious morning tea before guests were invited to browse the Atrium Gallery for gift or personal purchasing opportunities.

The Craft Cottage has received a total of \$13,633 in Buderim Foundation Community Grants since 2010. The most recent grant of \$5,000 was used to improve access to the Cottage by upgrading and extending the side ramp, and increasing outside storage facilities. These improvements have provided a safer and more welcoming access to the Cottage for both members and visitors.



**Catherine Foley, Bernadette McMahon, Anne Stitz, Ellen de Chastel, Jenny Cant, Yvonne Koster, Ros O'Brien**



**Jenny Williams, Kay Weber, John McMahon**



**Wanda James, Laurie Dicker, Marjie White**



## EVENTS

### Colours of a Buderim Summer

What a wonderful afternoon of fashion, fun, food and wine at the Colours of a Buderim Summer fashion parade in November. More than 130 guests attended the function held in a Parisian-like salon that happened to be the Buderim War Memorial Hall.

Male and female models showcased a range of clothing from local boutiques Sedgwicks, Onyx Poppy and Curlys Menswear. Joint MCs, Kerryll Johnson and Kennedy Fox, entertained the crowd with running commentary interspersed with humorous quotes and asides. Carina Frank on the piano provided a beautiful musical backdrop for the parade. A number of lucky guests were recipients of generous gifts donated by local businesses. The afternoon finished with delicious snacks and wine out on the verandah.

The function, a fundraiser for the Foundation and the BWMCA, generated approximately \$4,500.

A big thankyou to Anne Grant for the wonderful salon props, the talented models for their style and good humour, local businesses for their generosity, the three boutiques for their choices of clothing and accessories, and of course Jenny Cant and her great Events team for such an enjoyable function.



**Fashion Parade runway**



**Michelle O'Flanagan with model Charlie**



**Yvonne Koster and Carina Frank**



**Russell Stitz, barman extraordinaire**



**Nikki Miller, Sedgwicks with Michele O'Flanagan, Onyx Poppy and Robyn Christiana, Curlys**



**Monique Williams and Sylviane Donnadieu**



**Sandra Jeffries, Allen Hertel, Vicki McDonald, Anne McLean**



## HAPPY HOURS

A Buderim Foundation Happy Hour is a perfect way to end a week: sharing drinks and nibbles with others in pleasant surroundings.

**The October Happy Hour** was held on a warm afternoon at the Buderim War Memorial Hall. Russell Stitz, Foundation Chair, updated guests on the amount of grants distributed by the Foundation this year and reminded guests about the Wine Enthusiasts' Raffle to be drawn on 18 December, featuring the last of David Edwards' impressive cellar.



*Jenny Cant and  
Ros O'Brien with  
raffle prizes*



*Peter Hone, David and Deanna Henley,  
Jan Leake Jones, Marie Hone*



*Allen Hertel,  
Deanna Wood,  
Anne and Russell Stitz*



*Lee Rasmussen, Graeme and  
Beverley Ensoll*

**The December Happy Hour** was held in the gardens of St. Mark's Church, on another warm Buderim afternoon. Guests were invited to wear their "classiest/craziest" Christmas attire, and many took up the challenge. The highlight outfit, perhaps leaning to the crazier end of the spectrum, was Ian Butler's extremely colourful suit complete with bow tie. A special feature of the Happy Hour was a surprise wine lucky dip.

Russell Stitz gave a brief wrap-up of the year, highlighting the grants that the Foundation has been able to provide to local community organisations. Guests enjoyed some beautiful piano playing and carol singing from Carina Frank and Mitch Meyer, along with the usual delicious snacks, quality wine and good company.



*Christopher John, Rick and Jaz Hoy*



*Jan and Dave Huth, Ian Butler*



## COMMITTEE PROFILE



**Sally Caddy (front), Ian Butler, Simon Whittle, Richard Brooking, Natasha Read, Justin Scattini, Andrew Pentland. Roy Peterson absent.**

### Philanthropy Committee

Continuing our features on the various committees of the Foundation, in this issue we focus on the Philanthropy Committee chaired by Simon Whittle.

The Philanthropy Committee is responsible for maintaining and growing the donations to the Foundation. It also develops new strategies to support this vital area. The Committee does this by building relationships with individuals and businesses, and following up leads, enquiries and expressions of interest in cooperation with the Foundation's Board.

#### *A snapshot of the Committee members:*

##### **Simon Whittle (Chair)**

Simon has spent his entire life with strong family connections to the Buderim community. He is well known for his passion for Buderim, its history, its people and its future. This passion and his belief in the value of volunteering and philanthropy have driven Simon for the last 30 years, most evident in a variety of leadership roles with both the BWMCA and the Buderim Foundation.

Simon is particularly interested in the marketing and fund development area of the Foundation's operations, serving on both these committees, and plays a key role in growing the community's sense of ownership in the Foundation.

Earlier in his career, Simon had extensive sales and management experience in the print media, culminating in a key role in the launch and early development of the *Sunshine Coast Daily*.

##### **Richard Brooking**

Richard is the Managing Director of his family's social justice and land conservation foundation Beulah Community Ltd, located on Lindsay Road in Buderim. The 24 hectare property, a portion of the old family

farm, is now a nature refuge, permanently preserved and part-owned by the charity. The family's foundation supports disability and other community groups, first nations people and local conservation projects.

Richard is currently studying law and has an MBA in Philanthropy and Nonprofits. He is passionate about social justice issues and hopes to use his law degree to provide fairness to those marginalised or disadvantaged.

##### **Andrew Pentland**

Originally from country Victoria, Andrew has been a Buderim resident for the last 20 years. Professionally, he has always been involved in the not-for-profit, philanthropy sector. In the mid-1980s, he moved to Montreal in Canada, the home town of his wife, and spent 12 years working with both the Heart Foundation and then McGill University in the fundraising and alumni relations area.

In 2000, Andrew and his wife moved back to Australia with their daughter where he worked at the University of the Sunshine Coast encouraging philanthropy in education until 2012. For the last 10 years Andrew has remained in the philanthropic area working at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. As a member of the Philanthropy Committee, Andrew looks forward to helping the Foundation remain an important community cause.

##### **Sally Caddy**

Sally came to Australia from Jamaica in 1970, where she had studied and worked in architecture and engineering fields. Marriage and children took over for a while, then back to the drawing board which eventually led to over 20 years with the Maroochy Shire Council, in charge of the mapping department and moving the Council into computerised mapping.

Sally has lived in Buderim for over 30 years and became involved with the Buderim Foundation after retiring. Sally was employed as the Foundation's first Office Administrator, a position which lasted 10 years and is still enjoying being part of the organisation as a member of the Philanthropy Committee.

##### **Natasha Read**

Natasha loves living in Buderim and has been a proud member of the Philanthropy Committee for over 5 years. She has brought a wealth of experience across a range of organisations, with a strong background in the wider Sunshine Coast corporate and community sectors.

Natasha has worked in the not-for-profit sector for over 10 years and has sat on the Boards of Wishlist, The Thompson Institute, Sunshine Coast TAFE and the Council of the University of the Sunshine Coast. Anyone who knows Natasha knows she loves people, socialising and being a part of the wonderful Buderim community.

##### **Justin Scattini**

Justin is a relatively new arrival to Buderim, having moved here with his family from Brisbane in 2011. Having grown up in Toowoomba, he was attracted to the red soil and camphor laurel lined main street which reminded him of his childhood hometown, with the bonus of better weather and wonderful beaches a few minutes' drive away.

Justin has over 20 years of experience working in



investment advisory financial services. Since joining Ord Minnett in 2005, Justin has established a successful wealth management practice providing direct investment advice and funds management services to a select group of private individuals and families.

Justin was introduced to the Buderim Foundation 10 years ago by a long-standing client of the firm, the late Loloma Weir. He also serves on the board of another local charity The Compass Institute.

#### Roy Peterson

Having watched the development of the Sunshine Coast for the last sixty odd years, Roy welcomed the opportunity to be part of an organisation that he thought was trying to make a difference, to better the culture and social infrastructure of the community in which he and his family live. He had previously had a small involvement with the BWMCA Investment and Finance committees.

Before his retirement, Roy was a partner in one of the large international accounting firms. He also has a strong personal involvement with the Philanthropy Committee, having known Simon since boarding school.

#### Ian Butler

As well as being a new member of the Philanthropy Committee, Ian has also joined the Marketing Committee and has recently become a Director of the Foundation. His profile is outlined under "New Directors" on this page.

## AWARDS

### Les Day Award

Russell Stitz, Foundation Chair, was delighted to present Marg Thursday with the Les Day Award at a function in September. The Award is the Foundation's highest honour and has only been presented to two other people: Alex Sweet and Sally Caddy. The Award honours Les Day's extraordinary contribution to the community through the Buderim Foundation and other community service organisations.



Marg was presented with the Award for her outstanding contribution to the Buderim Foundation over the last two decades in her roles as Marketing Committee Chair, Board member and Ambassador. Her vision, passion and commitment have inspired others to become involved in the Foundation, while her marketing expertise and professionalism have shaped and promoted the Foundation's profile in the community.

Marg's generosity in sharing her knowledge and time, her thoughtfulness, her advocacy and her unfailing good humour have been invaluable as the Foundation has developed from an initial concept to a respected community foundation.

*Congratulations, Marg.*

## NEW DIRECTORS

### Ian Butler

Ian is a geologist with over 40 years experience in gold exploration, resource development, mine operations management and business improvement.



He's worked in Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Ghana, USA and Canada. He was employed by Newmont Mining Ltd, the biggest gold producer in the world, for 27 years in a number of leadership roles including Operations Manager and then General Manager at the Kalgoorlie Superpit and General Manager at the Hemlo Mine, Barrick Gold Corporation Canada.

After retirement, Ian moved to Buderim in 2020 due to his parents' long association with the Sunshine Coast. Ian has chosen to become involved with the Buderim Foundation as the best way for him to give something back to the community he lives in and loves after a career of constant moving.

### Cameron Rogers

Cameron has been a lawyer in general practice on the Sunshine Coast for 38 years with a focus on property and succession law. He retired in 2019. Cameron was an executive member of the Caloundra Wildlife Preservation Society for several years and continues to take a keen interest in environmental issues.



He is currently Chair of the Queensland Sport of Fencing Building Trust and is Chair of the Foundation's Governance/Risk Committee. Cameron has lived in Buderim since 1988.

## Sponsor Acknowledgement

The Buderim Foundation acknowledges the longstanding generosity of our three major sponsors: Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota. These sponsors cover most of our operating expenses, enabling our Money In, Money Managed, Money Out structure. Our sincere thanks for their ongoing support.



*David Hawtrey, Darren Venning and Alistair Cook*



... from little gifts big things grow!



The Foundation family wishes you all a very Merry Christmas!



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