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



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022 - ISSUE 42

### DIARY DATES

#### March

**Friday 25th** - Happy Hour -  
Craft Cottage

#### April

**Wednesday 6th** -

Ambassador Morning Tea  
- DV Safe Phone. Vitality  
Village, Birtinya

**Saturday 16th** - Buderim  
Easter Fair - Buderim  
Foundation stall

#### May

**Wednesday 11th** - Breakfast  
with Judge John Robertson -  
Buderim Tavern

#### June

**Thursday 2nd** - Community  
Jubilee luncheon - Buderim  
War Memorial Hall

**Monday 20th** - Ambassador  
Morning Tea - SES

**Monday 27th** - Thompson  
Fund Grants celebration

#### July

**Sunday 24th** - Sausages in  
the Park - Foote Sanctuary

#### September

**Friday 9th** - Happy Hour

**Monday 11th** - Community  
Grants celebration

#### October

**Sunday 16th** - Fashion Parade

**Wednesday 26th** - Breakfast  
Buderim Tavern

#### December

**Friday 16th** - Christmas  
Happy Hour

### A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter for 2022. Despite a couple of COVID-related postponements in February and recent local weather events, we look forward to a more positive year ahead.



On that note, we celebrate in this issue the achievements of the recipients of the first Thompson Fund Grants. These grants are designed to support people in need on the Sunshine Coast. The impact of these grants has been heart-warming and we thank Roy and Nola Thompson again for their generosity. The second round of the Thompson Fund Grants will open on the 4th April. We welcome donations to the Thompson Trust from other donors who wish to support the needy on the Sunshine Coast.

We also celebrate a couple of recipients of the Foundation's Community Grants. These grants are designed to support the activities of local groups such as sporting clubs, playgroups, scouts as well as more specialised organisations such as LifeFlight, SES, the Compass Institute, etc.

At the beginning of each year, the Foundation coordinates the distribution of vouchers to local schools as part of the Back to School Program administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Engagement. More details about this program are included on p6.

It's appropriate at the start of each year to review progress on the Foundation's Strategic Plan. In February, Members, the Board and invited guests took part in a day's workshop to review the status of the 2020-2023 Plan and to update relevant tactical actions. Responsibilities for actions are assigned to relevant Foundation committees and are reported on at each monthly Board meeting. A new strategic plan will be developed next year.

Related to this, the Foundation Board late last year approved a slight restructure to improve the Foundation's operations. An Engagement Portfolio was established to better coordinate the activities of those committees involved primarily in community engagement, i.e. Events, Philanthropy and Youth. Sandra Jeffries has taken on the Engagement Coordinator position and Susi du Toit's Executive Officer position has been made full-time. Much of the former Ambassador Committee's responsibilities will be overseen by Sandra and Susi, with some distributed to other relevant committees. The effectiveness of this new structure will be monitored during 2022.

The final outcome of David Edwards' Wine Bequest to the Foundation and the BWMCA was \$64,955, made up of \$25,555 profit from wine sales and \$39,400 profit from the two wine raffles. Winners of the very special Wine Enthusiasts Raffle, drawn in December, are featured on p4.

The Foundation has organised some wonderful events for this year, so please keep an eye on the website [www.buderimfoundation.org.au](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au) for updates. I look forward to seeing many of you at our functions.

**Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation**

## BUDERIM FOUNDATION THOMPSON FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS



**OzHarvest Yellow Army of volunteers**

### Buderim Foundation Thompson Fund Grants

The recipients from the first round of the Foundation's Thompson Fund Grants last year were:

- OzHarvest Sunshine Coast – funds to purchase food for recipient agencies that provide essential meals for people in need
- Lily House – funds for emergency living and school needs and food support for women and children in crisis
- SunnyKids – funds to provide assistance to 100 individuals at risk of homelessness due to domestic violence and economic instability
- Youturn Youth Support – funds to fit out two Tiny Homes to provide affordable living for vulnerable young people and support for driver's licence costs for four young people

Some examples of the impact of these grants are outlined below. All recipients were extremely grateful for the funding that has allowed them to provide so many services or products to people in need, particularly during a time of ongoing COVID uncertainty, the rental crisis and increases in social isolation and family breakdown.

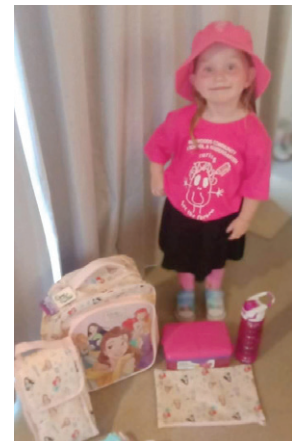
#### OzHarvest Sunshine Coast

Michele Lipner, Coordinator said that words couldn't express how much the grant meant to OzHarvest Sunshine Coast, allowing them to support so many struggling, vulnerable individuals and families. Funds were used to purchase over 14,508 kilograms of essential food supplies and distribute this to 20 charitable agencies feeding people in need. This equated to over 29,000

extra meals delivered to an estimated 1,450 vulnerable community members. Michele pointed out that providing quality, nutritious food for vulnerable children, families and individuals not only alleviates hunger but also helps improve physical and mental health.

#### Lily House

Jo Higgins, Business Manager for Lily House described the grant as an absolute blessing. Funds are being used for groceries so that residents can cook healthy meals, as well as covering car expenses. At Christmas time last year, Lily House was able to provide additional "special" food and gifts for the children and hold a celebration for a young mum whose baby was due. This year a kindy girl, two daycare children and two school aged children have received clothes, shoes and other items.



**Lily House's kindy kitout**

#### SunnyKids

Kathleen Hope, General Manager said that the grant has changed people's lives, allowing SunnyKids' services to go above and beyond what was previously possible in providing hope and support for families with nowhere else to turn.

A particularly special moment was being able to offer a father and his two young children five nights' accommodation, after having been forced out of their



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long-term rental and living together in their car. Because of this stability, the children continued to attend school, and the father was able to continue working, while they found temporary accommodation. Over 20 families have received food vouchers and other support. SunnyKids has supported 62 families so far as a direct result of the funds.



**Some of the SunnyKids front line team**

## Youturn Youth Support

Susan Beaton, Engagement & Donor Relations Manager said the grant, as well as providing for the fitting out of two tiny homes with furniture and white goods, utility connections and landscaping has also brought the local community together to share excitement and optimism for the pilot project and participate in its planning.

The tiny homes will provide supported accommodation over three month periods to young people aged 16-24 years (and any dependents) who are at-risk of homelessness within the Noosa area. Tenants will also be trained in life skills such as learning to drive, permaculture, budget cooking and shared living.



**Youturn's Tiny Home**

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### Sunshine Coast Playgroup Hub

Playgroup Queensland's Sunshine Coast Playgroup Hub received a Foundation Community Grant for improved inclusive access to its facility. The Playgroup, established in 1975 on the original site of Mons State School, caters for hundreds of families, including mums, dads, grandparents and carers. It relies on local volunteers for much of its work. As well as providing playgroup activities, the Hub hosts workshops, clothes swaps and offers venue hire for parties or events. Michelle Poole, Regional Representative, and the team are passionate about providing the best environment for babies and little ones up to pre-school to socialise, interact and have fun.

The Foundation's Grant has enabled the Playgroup to install a gate and concrete path that allows those with disability, mobility or anxiety challenges to enter the facility from a side point and move easily towards the main building. This quite simple improvement has provided a safer and more welcoming approach for the Hub's families. It also supports Playgroup's "P l a y T o g e t h e r" program, supporting families with children with a disability or developmental delay to connect with a local playgroup, without the need for a formal diagnosis.



**Claire Butler and Michelle Poole with the Big Kookaburra**

### Buderim Contract Bridge Club

The Buderim Contract Bridge Club, forced to relocate from its current premises, was fortunate to receive a Foundation Community Grant for 60 chairs needed for its new location. The Club was established 28 years ago and has grown to include 165 members. Club President Sandi Owen describes it as a friendly, social club, playing bridge with a competitive edge. New members are welcome at any time and lessons start each February for beginners. The chairs, still in storage, will be used when the Club relocates to its new Cricket Club premises on Ballinger Road by mid-year.



**Claire Torrence, Linda Boyle, Sandi Owen**



## FUNDRAISING

### Wine Raffle winners



**Andrew Dalton drawing the lucky tickets with John Kleinschmidt**

The draw for the Wine Enthusiasts Raffle took place in December last year at the Buderim War Memorial Hall. Special guest, internationally acclaimed singer Andrew Dalton, had the important task of drawing out the winning entries.

**The winner of the First Prize** was Paul Burns. Paul and his son-in-law Luke bought a few raffle tickets from Gary Dillon and Ken Waddington, both of whom have now hit Paul up for a share of the prize. Their specific suggestion to Paul was that they help him “demolish the contents of the best of the best”. Paul has so far resisted this suggestion, but faces another challenge. Luke has threatened to lodge an official complaint, claiming that the winning ticket was actually his and that the draw was rigged. Legal action may follow.



**Paul Burns**

Back in the real world, Paul plans to open one of the bottles to celebrate the birth of his second grandchild in August. This joyous event would obviously involve Luke, other family members and possibly some of Paul's new best friends.

**The winner of the Second Prize** was Norm de Chastel. Norm and his son Brett bought a ticket each, on the agreement that if either of them won, the prize would be shared between them. Despite this gentlemen's agreement, Norm was briefly tempted to on-sell the

wine. However, good sense prevailed and the wine is now safely stored in Brett's wine fridge, ready to be enjoyed over the next few months with family and special friends.

**The winner of the Third Prize** was DELIfish, Buderim's gourmet fish and chip takeaway in King Street. Owner Michael Palardis and his partner Wade have generously decided to donate their prize to local charity SunnyKids (featured on p2) for auction. Michael explained that he was impressed with SunnyKids' work in supporting women and children in domestic violence situations. Michael and Wade's decision is a wonderful reflection of the Buderim Foundation's community spirit, i.e. a local business supporting a worthy local charity for the community's benefit.



**Norm de Chastel**



**Michael and Wade Palardis**



### Special Event

The planned Community Jubilee Luncheon to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is shaping up to be another of the Foundation's wonderfully enjoyable events. The luncheon will be held at the Buderim War Memorial Hall, although guests may find themselves imagining being at a Buckingham Palace garden party instead. Suitable pomp and ceremony will be part of the celebration, along with delicious food, a loyal toast and entertainment.

If you'd like to be involved in helping with such a special event, please get in touch with Jenny Cant, Events Committee Chair, at [Jennifer.cant@buderimfoundation.org.au](mailto:Jennifer.cant@buderimfoundation.org.au) or on 0412 282 823.



## COMMITTEE PROFILE



**Geoffrey Hole, Brenda Devers, Anne Hertel, Ros O'Brien, Jenny Cant, Anne Stitz. Ron Pearton missing.**

### Events Committee

Last year, we featured one of the Foundation's committees in each issue. This year we start with the Events Committee chaired by Jenny Cant.

The Events Committee is responsible for developing the events program and providing resources and coordination for each of the events as they occur. It's a vibrant committee full of enthusiastic members. If you'd be interested in becoming involved, please contact Jenny Cant at [Jennifer.cant@buderimfoundation.org.au](mailto:Jennifer.cant@buderimfoundation.org.au).

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

##### **Jenny Cant (Chair)**

Jenny arrived in Buderim in 1986 from New Zealand with her two sons and quickly became involved in community activities. She was a foundation member of the Matthew Flinders Anglican College P & F. With an intellectually handicapped son, she became involved with the Nambour Special School, Buderim Scouts, St Marks Church and the Endeavour Foundation. Jenny joined the BWMCA and the Friends of Buderim, a group that was formed at a lunch in her home, leading to her long involvement in raising funds for the BWMCA. She also enjoyed some 10 years running the local bookstore. Appointed as one of the first Buderim Foundation Members, her passion for the capacity of the Foundation to provide for our community is as strong as ever. Jenny is also involved in the Order of St John Hospitaller.

##### **Brenda Devers**

Brenda grew up in the Borders region of Scotland. She spent her early career in executive secretarial roles that allowed her to travel extensively, including to Morocco, West Africa and Israel. Brenda came to Australia in 1979 on a one year working holiday visa and never left. She moved from Melbourne to Queensland with husband John, arriving in Buderim in 2003 to become co-proprietors of the Buderim Chronicle. Their arrival coincided with the launch of the Buderim Foundation in early 2004 with the Chronicle becoming one of the Foundation's inaugural sponsors. Since that time, Brenda has been actively involved in the community, both with the BWMCA's Friends of Buderim group and the Buderim Foundation as an active Ambassador. She is passionate about food and its presentation, making her role on the Foundation's Events Committee a perfect fit!

##### **Anne Hertel**

When Anne and her family moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1998, she was drawn to Buderim because of its similarities with her hometown of Toowoomba. As well as the attraction of beautiful trees and gardens, Buderim also had the advantage of being close to the beach - a drawcard for her surf-loving husband Allen. Anne spent ten years of her professional life working as a laboratory scientist at the Royal Brisbane Hospital and with Sullivan & Nicolaides in both their Brisbane and Toowoomba laboratories. Since moving to Buderim, she has continued to work in the medical profession in both general and specialist practices. While being a Buderim Foundation supporter and Ambassador for a number of years, recent semi-retirement has afforded her more time for community involvement. Anne loves to cook and entertain and welcomed the opportunity to join her sister-in-law Ros O'Brien as a member of the Events Committee.

##### **Geoffrey Hole**

Geoffrey was educated in Newcastle and Sydney and worked for 15 years as a journalist on two metropolitan dailies and a national TV station. He took these skills into politics where he served on the personal staff of two senior National Cabinet ministers and two opposition party leaders in NSW for 15 years. He then went into the commercial area and was senior advisor to Frank Lowy for the final 15 years of his working life. He came to Buderim 18 years ago and serves on the Bendigo Community Bank Board, the BWMCA's ANZAC Committee and the Foote Sanctuary Committee.

##### **Ros O'Brien**

Ros moved to Buderim to retire in 2008 after living and running her family farming business in western NSW. She became aware of the Buderim Foundation with her daughter Rachel's role as the Foundation's secretary. Ros has been a member of the Events Committee for a number of years and enjoys the friendship and comradeship involved as well as the opportunity to support an important community organisation.

##### **Ron Pearton**

Ron and his family have been long time Buderim area residents. A former teacher and business owner, Ron was chair of the Buderim Australia Day committee during the 90's. He's been a Foundation Ambassador for many years and continues to help when needed, particularly as the "bloke behind the bar" at Foundation functions!

##### **Anne Stitz**

Anne grew up on Buderim, attended Nambour State High School and, after completing her training at the Royal Brisbane Hospital, graduated as a Registered Nurse. She worked as an RN at the Royal Children's Hospital and in the UK and subsequently managed the surgical practice of her husband Russell. Anne is a Dame in the Order of St John and has been a Buderim Foundation Ambassador since 2017.



... from little gifts big things grow!

## SCHOOL SUPPORT

### Back to School Vouchers

The Buderim Foundation is again coordinating the distribution of vouchers to local schools and community organisations as part of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's Back to School Program. Rebecca Ramsay, Chair of the Grants Committee, said that this is the 18th year that the Foundation has been involved in this program. Over that time, \$227,950 worth of vouchers have been distributed.

This year, 600 vouchers worth \$50 each have been distributed to Buderim Mountain State School, Chancellor State College, Mountain Creek State Primary School, Mountain Creek State High School, Kuluin State School and SunnyKids. The vouchers provide much-needed assistance for school expenses such as clothing, shoes and stationery.

Funds this year included an allocation of \$20,000 from the FRRR. Contributions were also made by the BWMCA (\$1,000), Buderim Lions (\$1,500) and the Buderim Foundation's Thompson Fund (\$2,500). These contributions were then matched by the FRRR Matched Funding Program, resulting in a total of \$30,000. This is a wonderful example of community organisations working together to provide support when and where it is most needed.



**Teale Ring, Stuart Cran, Anthony Pulford, Charlie Morris, Brian McBride**

## PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

### Creative Giving

In a wonderful gesture of community philanthropy, Anne Grant from 3bCreative has donated \$1,500 to the Foundation.



This represents the ticket sale proceeds from the first three days of performances of *Fault Lines*, a set of three dramatic one-act plays recently performed at the Buderim War Memorial Hall.

Our thanks to Anne and 3bCreative for such generosity and community spirit.

### Special Thank You

The Buderim Foundation would like to thank Buderim locals, Katrina O'Connell and David Degnan, owners of KMO Digital Brisbane, for their many years of website support and hosting, including the building of two Buderim Foundation websites, all pro bono! This represents a big investment in their community.



The Foundation is very grateful for their generosity and philanthropic spirit. Their gift of time and talent has been our treasure.

*Thank you!*



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