



WINTER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022 - ISSUE 43

DIARY DATES

July

Sunday 24th

Sausages in the Sanctuary
Foote Sanctuary

September

Friday 9th

Happy Hour

Sunday 11th

Community Grants
Celebration

October

Sunday 16th

Fashion Parade

Wednesday 26th

Breakfast Function

December

Friday 16th

Christmas Happy Hour

A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the Winter issue of our Newsletter. We'll now be publishing four issues per year to give more up-to-date coverage of all of the Foundation's activities.

An exciting development is underway to provide a more prominent presence for the Foundation in central Buderim. The Foundation is establishing an office in the Old Post Office, alongside the current BWMCA operations. We hope that this will provide clearer, more visible access to the Foundation as well as enhancing our relationship with the BWMCA. We anticipate that the office will be fully functional by early July with the Foundation's Executive Officer, Susi Du Toit, in residence.

The Foundation's Grants Committee has been busy evaluating the applications for the first round of this year's Thompson Fund Grants. These grants, covering the whole Sunshine Coast region, are designed to help those in financial distress.

Pleasingly, the Office of Fair Trading has now confirmed the registration of the Roy and Nola Thompson Charitable Trust as a charitable association. This means that we are now able to accept donations to the Trust, something that a number of people have been wishing to do. We'll be sending out further information about this exciting development shortly.

The Community Grants, designed to support organisations in the 4556 postcode area, will be finalised in August. It's extremely satisfying that the Foundation is able to facilitate these two different types of grants to benefit a broader range of people.

The Foundation has held a number of successful, enjoyable functions over the last three months which are described in the next few pages, with the standout event being the Celebration Luncheon to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These functions are wonderful opportunities to promote and share the work of the Foundation with current and new Ambassadors and friends.

I'm very pleased to let you know that the Foundation was awarded the "Volunteer Group of the Year" at the Buderim Volunteer of the Year Awards 2022 ceremony held recently at the Bloomhill Community Cafe. The Awards were initiated and organised by Brent Mickelberg, MP and the BWMCA. Other volunteer groups which were nominated were Buderim Lions, Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc., Bloomhill Cancer Care, Sunshine Coast Punjabi Welfare Association Inc Not for Profit Organisation, Buderim Historical Society and Buderim Garden Club. I was proud to receive the Award on behalf of the Foundation, knowing that it was a public recognition of the enormous contribution of our volunteers to the success of the Foundation's work. Paris Ramsay, a member of the Foundation's Marketing and Youth Committees, was nominated for the award of "Young Volunteer of the Year". Earlier in the year, the Foundation was also nominated for the Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards.

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation



**Volunteer Group of the Year 2022 -
Russell Stitz with Brent Mickelberg
and Errol Richardson**

THOMPSON FUND GRANTS

This is the second year of the Thompson Fund Grants program. These grants are designed specifically to help organisations providing support for people in financial distress across the Sunshine Coast region. Applications are open on an ongoing basis with regular reviews and subsequent grant approvals throughout the year by the Foundation's Grants Committee. Outcomes from the first round of applications will be announced in July.

Grant Success – YouTurn Youth Support

A number of Foundation Committee members had the pleasure of celebrating the completion of YouTurn's Tiny Houses project at a morning tea in April. YouTurn received one of the first Thompson Fund Grants last year for a proposal to build two tiny houses for people needing temporary accommodation. The houses will be located in Tewantin and be available on short-term leases for workers or students.

The project has been a wonderful example of what can be achieved when a community comes together for a worthwhile initiative. The Noosa Council was on board and supportive from the beginning, local businesses and individuals provided free or discounted labour, products and services, and the tiny houses were constructed at Coolumb by local company Aussie Tiny Houses.

Congratulations to YouTurn for their original vision and ongoing commitment to bringing that vision to reality. More tiny houses are planned for the future, providing much-needed temporary accommodation for people facing homelessness.



Charlie Morris, Darce Foley (YouTurn General Manager), Rachael Vidler (YouTurn Housing Strategy Manager), Jan Huth, Susi Du Toit

EVENTS

Breakfast Function

More than 100 guests gathered at the Buderim Tavern in May for the Foundation's first breakfast function in a number of years.

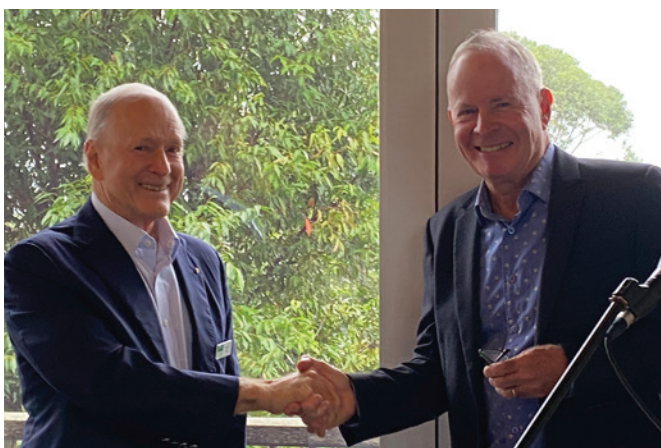
Guest speaker John Robertson, a retired District Court Judge, spoke about the myths of sentencing children and remedies that could improve the current situation.

John outlined the benefits of early intervention and restorative justice for young people compared to the

failures of the remand and detention model.

He shared some concerning statistics: 350 young people in Queensland commit 50% of the serious crimes. Of those 350, 80% are males, 60% have a disability and 69% are indigenous.

John warned about the inflammatory tone and inaccuracies of many media stories and encouraged us to use compassion and evidence when considering the issues.



Russell Stitz and John Robertson



Breakfast at Buderim Tavern

... a community to be proud of

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

What a joyous celebration we had for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! The Foundation celebrated in true regal style with all the pomp and ceremony appropriate for such a momentous event.



Craig McMillan on the bagpipes welcomed over 100 guests to the lawn of the Buderim War Memorial Hall where Pimms' cocktails and champagne were served. The sun shone, women glowed in their hats and pearls and men looked dapper in their jackets or military uniforms. Particular highlights were the arrival of "Queen Victoria" and "Queen Elizabeth 1", along with a lady-in-waiting (thanks to 3bCreative) and a "Queen Elizabeth II" with her toy corgi in tow. Many guests took the opportunity to have their photos taken by Cheryl Nonmus with a life-size cutout of the real Queen.

Inside the Hall, decorated with flags, bunting, balloons and portraits of the Queen (provided by David Woodrow), tables of British-themed savoury and sweet treats were laid out invitingly. Kennedy Fox acted as MC for the luncheon, Rod McKinnon made the loyal toast, David Woodrow spoke about the Queen's portraits, the Buderim Male Choir sang God Save the Queen, Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Advance Australia Fair (along with guests) and Carina Franks played the piano throughout the afternoon. "Queen Elizabeth 1" and "Queen Victoria" were invited to cut the Jubilee Cake before port was served.



Lorna Evans, Ann Morris, Jane Kruger, Wendy Keen



Lesley Johnston and Rod McKinnon



"Queen Elizabeth 1" and "Queen Victoria"



Andrew Dalton, Jill Blake, Carol Dahler, Fiona Price

Harnessing the power of giving ...



Jubilee Luncheon



Queen with the Crown made by Ann Morris



Jubilee cupcakes



Jubilee Cake with Stump Block Port

A big thank you to the Events Committee for organising and delivering such an enjoyable and important function, as well as all the other volunteers who helped out. So many people contributed to the success of the Luncheon: those who made the delicious food, those who set up the Hall the night before and dismantled everything afterwards, those who made special decorations for the tables, those who worked in the kitchen before and during the function, those who served drinks and those who cleared and cleaned up afterwards.

A special thanks also to the following people and businesses:

- Ann Morris for her magnificent golden crown of flowers in the centre of the table – the “Crowning Glory” of the celebration
- Maree Phillips for icing the Jubilee cake
- SG Bakery for providing sponges and custard ingredients for the trifles
- Fenwicks Fruit Emporium for providing a large box of fruit.

The Luncheon was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate such a significant milestone for the Queen, made all the more enjoyable because of the involvement of so many in our community.



Craig McMillan, welcoming piper



Floral table decorations made by Jan Brydges



Michael Chittick and Chris Cooper

... a community to be proud of

Ambassador Morning Tea

The first Ambassador Morning Tea for the year was held at Vitality Village in Birtinya where Ambassadors and friends had the opportunity to hear about the work of DV Safe Phone. This locally-established, not-for-profit organisation received a Foundation Community Grant of \$9,200 last year for phone drop facilities, including essential equipment to test, reset and repurpose donated mobile phones to support victims of domestic violence. DV Safe Phone distributes the repurposed phones through registered charities, safe houses and relevant authorities.

Founder and CEO Ashton Wood explained the almost accidental way in which DV Safe Phone was created two years ago. Through a police contact, Ashton learned of the critical importance of safe mobile phones to provide "escape routes" for victims of domestic violence. Since 2020, more than 5,000 old mobile phones have been donated to DV Safe Phone, helping more than 2,000 victims. In the Buderim 4556 postcode area alone, 155 women, men and children have been helped. DV Safe

Phone now has drop boxes for mobile phone donations in more than 200 retail outlets around Australia, with more planned. Pleasingly, 12 phones were donated by guests at the morning tea.

With so many people affected by domestic violence (estimated at two million Australians), it's wonderful that the Buderim Foundation has been able to support DV Safe Phone in such an important initiative.



DV Safe Phone team and guests

Easter Fair

The Buderim Foundation held its first ever stall at the Buderim Easter Fair in April. Apart from being a fundraiser (which raised more than \$1,800), the stall was an opportunity to let more people know about the Foundation.

A huge array of delicious goodies were available for sale, including chutneys, jams, sauces, shortbread, rocky road, cakes, slices and biscuits, almost all of which disappeared by the end of the day.

The Foundation's Events Committee organised the stall with Committee members and volunteers not only making all the goodies, but also staffing the stall during the day. Committee members are already looking forward to next Easter, as well as the Christmas stall!



Ros O'Brien, Susi Du Toit, Jenny Cant, Deb Beilby

Happy Hour

It was wonderful to finally be able to get together, with old and new friends, on a pleasant Buderim evening in March. More than 40 Ambassadors and friends gathered on the lawn of the Buderim War Memorial Hall.



Simon Whittle, Julie and Philip Kornmann

Allen Hertel, the Foundation's Treasurer, welcomed guests and gave a brief update on the upcoming Thompson Fund grant round and future Foundation events.



Teale Ring, Rod McKinnon, Deb and Cameron Rogers, Lesley Johnston

... from little gifts big things grow!

COMMITTEE PROFILE

Finance Committee

In this issue, we feature the Foundation's smallest committee, the Finance Committee, chaired by Allen Hertel. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and managing the Foundation's budget. A snapshot of the Committee members:

Allen Hertel (Chair)

Allen is the Foundation's Treasurer, a role he's held since 2012. He is a Fellow of The Royal Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Registered Company auditor, and has over 40 years' experience in audit, taxation and business management. He's previously served on the Board of IFYS and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Committee. He's currently on the Finance Committee for Sunny Kids and is a member of the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club.



Geoff Sawyer

Geoff is a man who likes numbers. He's previously worked in senior sales and marketing management, and currently serves on both the Finance and Investment Committees of the Foundation. He's a keen golfer, playing a couple of games each week. He subscribes to the theory that "you only lease the game, you never own it!" Apart from his interest in numbers and golf, his only vice (if it could be considered that) is a love of red wine. Geoff thinks an aged shiraz is one of nature's gifts and that there's nothing better than sipping away while watching the footy.



New Ambassador Registration

New Ambassador Registration Forms are now available on the Foundation's website <https://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/get-involved/ambassador-program/>

People interested in becoming Ambassadors can submit their applications online, either as an Individual or Joint registration. Once submitted, an automatic acknowledgement of receipt is sent. We hope this will make it easier for people to register as Ambassadors.

PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

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David Hawtrey, Darren Venning and Alistair Cook



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