



## SPRING NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022 - ISSUE 44

### DIARY DATES

#### October

##### **Sunday 16th**

2.30pm arrival for 3.00 –  
5.00pm function.  
Colours of Buderim Spring  
Fashion Parade ~  
Buderim War Memorial Hall

##### **Wednesday 26th**

7.00am  
Breakfast with an exciting  
guest speaker ~  
Headland Golf Club

#### November

##### **Saturday 26th**

8.00am - 2.00pm  
Foundation stall at the  
Buderim Christmas Fair ~  
Buderim War Memorial Hall

#### December

##### **Friday 2nd**

5.00pm  
Christmas Happy Hour ~ St  
Mark's Anglican Church Hall

### A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the Spring issue of our Newsletter. This will be my last newsletter message as Chair of the Foundation, as renewal and succession planning are such important components of a vital organisation. By the next issue, to be published in December, the Foundation will not only have a new Chair but there will also be some changes to the membership of the Foundation's Board. A special email will be sent to all Ambassadors and friends once these changes have been confirmed.



I'm pleased to advise that the Foundation is now well-established in the Old Post Office, with our Executive Officer Susi Du Toit in residence. Work is continuing with our colleagues in the BWMCA on activities that will benefit both organisations and the Buderim community.

Our annual Community Grants Celebration was held this month, with 14 community organisations receiving grants from the Foundation. It's always rewarding to see how our grants, even those of quite small amounts, can make such a difference to our local community groups. Since the grants program began in 2008, 201 grants totalling almost \$732,000 have been distributed to 90 organisations serving the people who live in the 4556 postcode area. Details about both the Community and Thompson Fund Grants are outlined later in the Newsletter.

For those who enter dates in their diaries, please note that our last Happy Hour for the year that had been scheduled for Friday 16 December will now take place on Friday 2 December. The Foundation will also have a stall at the Buderim Christmas Fair in late November that we hope will be as enjoyable as our involvement with the Buderim Easter Fair in April. We also look forward to another breakfast lecture in October, as well as the Foundation's much-loved Fashion Parade in the same month.

I'd like to acknowledge the invaluable role our volunteers play in all aspects of the Foundation's work. Many contribute as members of our committees, others help out at various functions or events. Their involvement ensures the Foundation is able to use donations and bequests for the purposes they were given, i.e. to benefit the community, not on administration costs.

I'd also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of our 3 major sponsors, Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota whose contributions cover much of the Foundation's operating costs.

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Foundation for the last 5 years. I look forward to watching the Foundation continue to grow and be a source of pride for Buderim and the Sunshine Coast as it fulfils its mission of community philanthropy.

**Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation**



**BWMCA President Errol Richardson  
and Russell Stitz signing the lease for  
our new office in the Old Post Office**

## THOMPSON FUND GRANTS

Grants from the Thompson Fund are being awarded on a rolling schedule. These grants are designed for organisations that support people in needy circumstances throughout the Sunshine Coast region. Grant recipients to date are listed below. Reports on the outcomes of the grants will be covered in future newsletters.

### Aus Living Support

#### ***\$41,600 for a Rental Supplement Program***

Aus Living Support is a local charity supporting the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

The grant enables Aus Living Support to provide direct cash payments to eligible recipients. The program pays \$200 towards rent per week, paid directly to real estate agents or landlords, with payments assessed every 2 months. Support is given to families for a period of up to 6 months with regular assessments.

Up to 100 people are expected to benefit from this project.

### Gateway Care

#### ***\$5,000 for shopping baskets and trolleys***

Gateway Care is a not-for-profit charity established in 2003. Gateway's activities cover 3 key areas:

Food Rescue program (providing emergency food relief for families in crisis), Groceries for low-income families ("mini supermarket" stocking low-cost groceries for welfare recipient families) and Community Hub for Crisis Care support (providing low-cost homestyle meals).

The grant enables Gateway Care to provide shopping baskets and trolleys for families using its low-cost supermarket in Caloundra.

It's anticipated that up to 1,400 people will benefit from this project.

### SunnyKids

#### ***\$30,350 for emergency outreach support***

SunnyKids has been engaged in a combination of early intervention, crisis work and intensive family support on the Sunshine Coast for 20 years, focussing on providing direct assistance, support and relief to people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness or domestic violence as well as disadvantaged and/or under-served children, young people and adults.

The grant will be used to continue and increase emergency outreach support including food, clothing relief or emergency accommodation.

Up to 100 people are expected to benefit from the grant.

### Lily House

#### ***\$20,000 for home fitout***

Lily House provides supported accommodation for women in crisis - young pregnant or homeless women, mothers fleeing domestic violence, women who have recovered from substance abuse or women seeking reunification with their children.

The grant will enable Lily House to complete the fitout of its "forever home" in Woombye, e.g. fly screens, security doors, lights and cameras, deck furniture and gardening equipment.

Up to 100 people are expected to benefit from this project.

### Coast2Bay

#### ***\$40,000 for the fitout of homes for emergency accommodation***

Coast2Bay is an independent, not-for-profit company providing affordable, safe homes for individuals and families impacted by domestic violence.

The grant will enable the completion of the fitout and furnishings for 8 homes, along with consumables.

Up to 80 people are expected to benefit from the project.

**Up to 1,780 people on the Sunshine Coast in need of assistance will benefit from the flow-on effects of the Buderim Foundation Thompson Fund Grants this year.**



***Philanthropists Nola and Roy Thompson***



## COMMUNITY GRANTS



Cr Ted Hungerford joined Ambassadors and friends to celebrate the awarding of the 2022 Community Grants at a morning tea function at the Buderim War Memorial Hall on Saturday 10 September. The Community Grants Celebration is considered one of the most important dates in the Foundation's calendar. This year, grants totalling \$59,879 were awarded to 14 local organisations, listed below:

**Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association** - \$3,754 for upgrade of Automatic Identification System on Rescue Vessel "Rotary III"

**Buderim Concert Band** - \$3,850 for the replacement of musical stands and towards band uniforms

**Buderim Historical Society** - \$2,478 for upgrade of computer archiving system to facilitate access to the archive by members, school groups, etc

**Buderim Male Choir** - \$3,421 for a new keyboard to accompany the Choir at practice and performances

**Buderim Men's Shed** - \$4,620 for a wood turning lathe for use by members

**Buderim Mountain State School P&C** - \$10,000 for new, more sustainable lighting for the School Oval and Tennis Court

**Buderim Wanderers Football Club Inc** - \$5,176 for a new public address (PA) system for use at Club games and events

**Cittamani Hospice Service** - \$5,061 for specialist medical equipment for loan to patients to enable them to remain at home comfortably and safely

**LifeFlight Foundation** - \$7,253 for new safety equipment to support LifeFlight rescue helicopter crew

**Maroochydore SES** - \$2,100 for a 'Short Throw' projector to be used during activations to display operational tasking information for the Incident Management Team

**Siena Football Club** - \$6,685 for 3 portable soccer goals for training, coaching courses and soccer game fixtures

**St Mark's Anglican Church Buderim** - \$458 to purchase and promote a street library and bench seat, encouraging personal connections and promoting reading in the community

**SunnyKids** - \$3,874 towards the cost of new case management laptops to help connect people and coordinate services for vulnerable Buderim families

**University of the Sunshine Coast Athletics Club** - \$1,149 for a portable public address (PA) system for use at training and events.

The Foundation's Community Grants are made possible by donations and bequests from our supporters. Only the income from these donations is used for the grants, ensuring a forever fund for the Buderim community.

If you would like to join our supporters in making a donation, please visit the "How to Give" section on the home page of our website <https://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/> or email the Foundation's Executive Officer, Susi Du Toit at [info@buderimfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@buderimfoundation.org.au) and request a chat with one of our Philanthropy Committee members.

## COMMUNITY GRANT SUCCESSES

### Buderim Horse and Pony Club

The Buderim Horse and Pony Club is the oldest of its type on the Sunshine Coast. Located on 28 hectares of land in the Ballinger Park Sports Complex, the Club provides a welcoming environment for people of all ages to interact safely with horses. Run entirely by passionate volunteers, the Club of about 60 members relies on grants and membership fees for its operations, including maintenance of its grounds and facilities. Musters, gymkhanas and inter-club competitions are held regularly. The Club also offers a full-time agistment service for up to 15 horses where owners care for their own horses.

Last year, the Club received a Foundation Community Grant of \$1,503 for the upgrade of fencing and equipment to help care for its horses. Nicky Lam, one of the volunteers, stressed how valuable the grant was to the Club in enabling it to undertake basic improvements to ensure the safety of its horses, riders and members of the public.



*Nicky and Kirsty Lam with Hank*

### Buderim Bowls Club

The Buderim Bowls Club, established in 1951, has 300 members, two-thirds of whom are men. The Club received a Foundation Community Grant of \$1,700 in 2021 for the fitout of a play area for children, as a means of providing more facilities for families. David Simpson, Club Treasurer, explained that this previously vacant area had been refurbished and now contains chalk boards, games, toys and two games' machines for children to play while their parents relax in the Club.

The Club is keen to encourage people, particularly younger people, to experience the joy of lawn bowls and the social enjoyment that the game provides. The Club is holding an Open Day on Sunday 16 October to give people the opportunity to try bowls in a supportive, fun environment. More details about the event are available at [www.buderimbowls.com.au](http://www.buderimbowls.com.au) or call 5445 1104.



*Bowls Club play area*



*David Simpson in play area*



## AMBASSADOR MORNING TEAS



*Kay Oliver, John Kenny, Christine Millstead*



*Ray Trinder, Cameron Rogers, Jan Nelson*

### Maroochydore State Emergency Service (SES)

Ambassadors and friends enjoyed a fascinating morning at Maroochydore SES in late June. Ray Trinder, Group Leader, explained the role and responsibilities of the SES in responding to storm damage, flood and other incidents, land searches and traffic control. Ray outlined some of the training required for volunteers, including working at heights, ropes and anchoring, flood boats, navigation, chainsaw use, land search and rescue, casualty handling, safety and sand bagging.

After a delicious morning tea courtesy of Kay Oliver, President of the Maroochydore SES Support Association, the group had the chance to look around the facility.

The Maroochydore Group has over 90 members with training conducted every Tuesday night. New volunteers are always welcome. Ray was proud to let us know that

Maroochydore was voted State Group of the Year in 2019, out of a field of 290 other SES groups.

Maroochydore SES has received 6 Buderim Foundation Community Grants worth \$11,695 over the last few years, with the most recent being for two reciprocating saws and a hand-held GPS. Ray showed us some of the other equipment that had been purchased with the grants, including a training manikin, defibrillators, a floatable water dummy, thermal camera and HF radio. As Ray explained, this equipment has been invaluable in allowing SES volunteers to do their work more effectively and safely.

The relationship between Maroochydore SES and the Buderim Foundation is a wonderful example of community partnership, i.e. Buderim Foundation supporting the SES through Community Grants to provide necessary equipment, allowing the SES to better support the Buderim community during disasters and emergencies.



*Ellen and Norm de Chastel, Sandra Jeffries*



*Guests at SES facility*



## AMBASSADOR MORNING TEAS

### Buderim Billiards and Snooker Club

Foundation Ambassadors and friends had the opportunity to learn more about billiards and snooker at the Ambassadors Morning Tea in August. Ian Thomas, President of the Club, gave an outline of the Club's history, membership and activities. Ian also helpfully clarified the difference between billiards and snooker!

The Club, located in the Buderim War Memorial Hall, was proposed in 1945 and was the first indoor sporting venue at the Hall. It's the oldest club of its kind in Queensland and the fourth oldest in Australia. The Club currently has 110 members, 4 of whom are women.

Guests had the opportunity to visit the Club room that includes two full-sized tables, a kitchen, comfortable seating and an impressive array of growing honour boards. Members are obviously proud of their Club and the camaraderie it offers.

In 2020, the Club received a Community Grant of \$1,000 from the Foundation for refurbishment and furniture.



**Jeff Pickering (Secretary), Ian Thomas (President), Rob Ward (Vice President)**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Happy Hour

Almost 70 Ambassadors and friends braved a damp, cool evening to come to the September Happy Hour at the Buderim War Memorial Hall. Russell Stitz, in welcoming the guests, first acknowledged the death of Queen Elizabeth II, news of which had been broadcast that morning.

Russell then went on to give an update on the collaborative work that's progressing between the Foundation and the BWMCA. Russell also reminded guests about the Foundation's 3 types of grants - Community Grants, Thompson Fund Grants and Back to School Grants - and the funds that have gone back into the community because of those grants, currently totalling \$1,214,725.

As always, the Happy Hour was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with others and celebrate the achievements of the Foundation in benefiting local communities.



**Dawne Clark, Anne Lyons, Catherine Foley**



**Errol Richardson, Michelle Smytheman, Sally Caddy**



**Jaz Hoy and Sue Gilbert**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Sausages in the Sanctuary

What a pleasant afternoon at the Foote Sanctuary in late July. The family-focussed event was organised by the Foundation's Events Committee, with help from Foote Sanctuary volunteers. Almost 100 people came, including some who happened to be walking through the Sanctuary and stopped for a chat and a sausage. Fortunately the weather was kind, even if the ground was still a little damp underfoot. Children enjoyed an organised Australian nature scavenger hunt as well as creative activities like making necklaces from gum leaves. Many mums and grandmas left happily with gifts of new natural jewellery.

Even though the function wasn't intended as a fundraiser, more than \$500 profit was made for the Foundation. Positive feedback about the event has prompted the Events Committee to consider holding family events like this from time to time in the future.



**Lis Sawyer, David Wood**



**Sonya Brothie, Lesley Rouse, Suzy O'Brien, Fiona Hamilton, Kim Rouse**



**Cameron and Deb Rogers with daughter Ellen and granddaughter Isla**



**Children's activities**



... from little gifts big things grow!

## PERSONAL PROFILE

Long-standing Foundation Ambassador Henry Evans will be competing in the Special Olympics in October, the ninth time he's participated in these Games. Special Olympics Australia is part of a global sporting community for people with intellectual disabilities. Nearly 1,000 athletes are expected to take part in the Games being held this year in Tasmania. Henry will be competing in the swimming category, in the 100 and 200 metres freestyle and backstroke events. If he does well, he could qualify for the World Games next year. We wish Henry every success.



## AMBASSADOR STICKERS

We love that many of our Ambassadors have created a tradition of proudly displaying a Buderim Foundation Ambassador sticker on their car, mailbox or wherever!

To keep this tradition alive and to refresh some that may need replacing, we've enclosed stickers in 2 different sizes. Your help in displaying them wherever you think they will have the most impact will be greatly appreciated. It is certainly a powerful way to spread the word.

It's just one of many ways you can help ensure the Buderim Foundation continues to grow and flourish. We've also found that they can be great conversation starters.

*Sincere thanks,  
Buderim Foundation Marketing Committee*

## PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

### 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*



*Suggestions for newsletter items are always welcome. Please send any ideas to [info@buderimfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@buderimfoundation.org.au)*



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