



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



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023 - ISSUE 46

### DIARY DATES

#### May

##### Friday 5th

Happy Hour  
(Coronation theme) -  
St Mark's Anglican  
Church Hall

##### Monday 8th

Community Grants  
applications open

#### June

##### Monday 5th - Friday 9th

Philanthropy Week  
activities

##### Monday 19th

Community Grants  
applications close

#### September

##### Friday 1st

Happy Hour

##### Sunday 10th

Community Grants  
Celebration

#### November

##### Saturday 25th

Buderim Christmas Fair

#### December

##### Friday 15th

Christmas Happy Hour

### A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter for 2023. This year, we are developing a new strategic plan to guide our direction for the next five years. This is an important process to ensure that the Foundation remains effective and relevant in a continually changing world. Workshops involving the Members and the Board have been held and we expect that the plan will be finalised shortly.



We have again coordinated the annual distribution of Back to School vouchers to the value of \$28,500 on behalf of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to local schools and SunnyKids. More details on this very worthwhile program are outlined on page 2.

Our Community Grants applications will open in early May with successful applicants being announced in a celebration on Sunday 10th September. If you know of local organisations that could benefit from a Community Grant, please encourage them to apply.

The Foundation's Thompson Charitable Fund Grants are now being allocated on a rolling schedule rather than as an annual process. We'll be holding a celebration for the Thompson Fund recipients later in the year. While on the Thompson Trust, we are now able to accept donations to the fund. Details of how to donate are outlined under the 'How to Give' heading on our website: [www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/)

Many of you will know how enjoyable Buderim Foundation events can be. We have had a couple of very successful events already this year - supper with a former drover and breakfast with a deep sea diver - can't get much more diverse and interesting than that! More events are being planned for this year, so please keep an eye on the Foundation's website for updates.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking at the launch of an event to recognise the coming together of the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) and the Foundation under one roof at the Old Post Office. This is a great initiative, and we look forward to working closely and synergistically with the BWMCA in the interests of further enhancing Buderim's community spirit.

The Foundation couldn't function without the generous support of our volunteers, donors and sponsors. I thank them again for their continued engagement with the Foundation.

**Rod McKinnon - Chair, Buderim Foundation**

## THOMPSON FUND GRANTS

### SunnyKids

SunnyKids aims to provide a social and emotional safety net for children, young people and their families. The local organisation has been operating for more than 20 years, using a combination of early intervention, crisis work and intensive family support for people at risk of domestic violence, homelessness or other disadvantage throughout the Sunshine Coast.

SunnyKids has received two Thompson Fund Grants during the last two years to continue and expand their outreach support. CEO Kathleen Hope said that the grants have been life changing for many families in the community and for SunnyKids staff. Direct access to the grant funds has enabled fast responses to emergency situations and freed up staff time to focus on core support work. Funds have been used for essentials such as groceries, medications, baby formula, nappies, clothing, transport, accommodation and rent payments to avoid evictions.

Kathleen explained SunnyKids' approach in working with children, adults and families as a three-stage process: interrupting harm, repairing historical harm and then preparing for a future where it doesn't exist. The Foundation is pleased, through the Thompson Fund Grants, to be able to support such important work.



*Leanne, Alex, Kym, Macy, Kathleen and Riley from SunnyKids*

### Donating to the Thompson Trust

It is now possible to donate to the Thompson Charitable Trust. As with donations to the Buderim Foundation's Open or Public Trust, donations are kept in perpetuity, with only the income used to provide grants to community organisations. For the Thompson Charitable Trust, these grants are awarded to organisations providing support for people in financial need throughout the Sunshine Coast. Any donation, no matter how small, is gratefully received.

Information on donating is available on the Foundation's website:

[www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/)



*Rebecca Ramsay and Kathleen Hope with philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson*

## SCHOOL VOUCHERS

### Back to School Vouchers

The Buderim Foundation has again coordinated the distribution of Back to School vouchers for the start of the school year. The \$50 vouchers, provided by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) as part of its Back to School Program, are designed to help local families with school costs such as clothing, shoes and stationery.

This year, 570 vouchers have been distributed through Buderim Mountain State School, Chancellor State College, Mountain Creek Primary School, Mountain Creek High School, Kuluin State School and SunnyKids.



A total of \$28,500 has been made available through FRRR and its Matched Funding program, with matched funds contributed by the BWMCA and Buderim Lions.

Since the start of the program almost 20 years ago, \$264,450 worth of vouchers have been distributed to local schools and organisations.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC)

The Alex SLSC Nippers Club was established in 1968 as an initiative of the “old boy” parents of the Club. Since then, thousands of young people, from 5 to 13 years of age, have learnt beach safety and lifesaving skills through the nipper program.

Tennille Wendt, the Club’s Sponsorship and Grants Officer, said that as well as providing competition opportunities, the nipper program builds confidence and resilience. There were almost 600 nippers taking part in the 2021/2022 season, with more than a third (230) living in the Buderim area.

The Club received a Foundation Community Grant of \$2,730 for two additional fibre glass boards for the older nippers, 11 to 13 year olds. Part of the nipper program is to learn how to ride boards: foam boards for the younger nippers and fibre glass boards for the older ones.

A great example of the value of the nipper program was a recent rescue performed by 11 year old nipper Ruby Mason who went to the aid of a young girl and her father who were being swept away in a strong, outgoing tide at Cotton Tree. Without hesitation, Ruby grabbed her board, made her way to the father and young girl, and managed to bring them back into the shallow water. Another man tried to help but was unable to reach the struggling pair. Neither the father nor his daughter could swim, so without Ruby’s intervention, both could have drowned.

It’s gratifying that the Foundation is able to help support the training of our lifesavers of the future.



**Club Captain Neil Grimshaw and Ruby Mason with a nipper board**

### Buderim Contract Bridge Club

The Contract Bridge Club recently celebrated its relocation to the USC Cricket Club in Ballinger Road, Buderim. The relocation has enabled the Bridge Club to use the 60 new chairs it received as a Buderim Foundation Community Grant in 2021.

Club President Sandi Owen, Cricket Club President Chris Agapow and Member for Buderim and Cricket Club Sponsor Brent Mickelberg spoke briefly about the relocation at the celebration function. All acknowledged the contributions of others including Councillor Christian Dickson, John Kruger, Sunshine Coast Council, the Buderim Foundation and club members.

The relocation process has been a wonderful demonstration of the value of groups working together in and for the community.



**Brent Mickelberg and Chris Agapow**



**Sandi Owen in one of the new chairs**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Evening with an Old Drover

On a steamy afternoon in February, 200 people gathered at the Buderim War Memorial Hall to hear Roger Steele, an old drover, talk about his droving days.

Roger started work as a 13 year old at Humbert River Station in the Northern Territory and worked his way up from ringer, camp cook, drover to station manager. He shared tales of mustering sometimes thousands of cattle through harsh terrain, dealing with a cattle rush, the role of horses and the value of Aboriginal stockmen. He considered the 17 years spent working in the outback as the most memorable and fulfilling period of his life.

Guests at the sold out function were greeted by Ken O'Flaherty on guitar while enjoying drinks from the Stockman's Bars. Some of the guests were ex-Territorians who knew Roger. Inside the Hall, the stage was set up to resemble an outback station with hay bales, campfire, gum leaves, saddle, jeans, RM Williams boots, stock whip and drizabone. Guests were served "outback" style food such as pies, pickled onions, gherkins, cheeses, damper with golden syrup and cake. The main raffle prize was a massive piece of wagyu beef.

As well as being an enjoyable event, the function raised over \$6,000 for the Foundation. Thanks to the Events and Engagement Committee for delivering such a unique event, and to Ian Butler for the suggestion of Roger Steele as the speaker.



*Drover audience*



*Ian Butler, Jonno Sullivan, Roger Steele*



*Nyletta Pascoe, Margaret Johnson, Antony and Sally Coates, Russell Johnson*



*Jane Hirschfeld, Jan Marshall, Tom and Marilyn Pearson*



*John and Jane Kruger*



*Clive and Jeanine Catton*



*Peter Murray, Damien Wallis, Jacqui Murray, Lynne Wallis*



*Ken O'Flaherty*

### Making the damper

Staff from Milford Lodge made the delicious damper for the function, but the children also enjoyed some damper making on the day.

The dampers served at the function, though, were not those made by the children!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



*Community Spirit video*

### Celebrating Buderim's Community Spirit

The Buderim Foundation and BWMCA hosted a celebration to launch the Buderim Community Spirit video at the Buderim War Memorial Hall in late February. The creation of the video is part of a broader campaign, motivated by the Buderim Foundation moving its office into the Old Post Office last year. This co-location with the BWMCA has presented opportunities for both organisations to highlight their activities and encourage residents to become more involved in their community.

More than 100 guests with links to both organisations attended the launch, along with Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien and Division 7 Councillor Ted Hungerford. Rosanna Natoli, as MC for the evening, spoke of Buderim's unique community spirit. BWMCA President Errol Richardson and Buderim Foundation Chair Rod McKinnon outlined the history and role of each organisation before Ted O'Brien finished off with a fitting tribute to the Buderim community.

The premiere screening of the video then took place! The video, produced by locally based firm Reflected Image PProductions, features local residents, events and facilities that highlight the special nature of Buderim and the benefits of being involved in the community. The video is available on the websites and facebook of both organisations. It also screens in the Old Post Office.

View the video on: [www.buderimfoundation.org.au](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au)



*Darce Foley, Holly Bicknell, Christopher John*



*Penny Edwards, Russell Stitz, Jayne Graving*



*Rod McKinnon, Ted O'Brien, Rosanna Natoli, Errol Richardson*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Happy Hour

More than 50 Ambassadors and friends enjoyed the first Happy Hour of the year in March. Happy Hours are held three to four times a year and are wonderful opportunities to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

For the March Happy Hour, our youngest guest Lily calmly enjoyed the event with her parents. Rod McKinnon, balanced somewhat precariously on a chair, gave a brief presentation about the Foundation's activities this year.

Our next Happy Hour on 5 May will feature a Coronation theme.



Sinead Massey, John Devers, Tony Goodwin, John Massey



Ron and Sally Caddy



Melissa Cheetham with Lily, Brenda Devers, Jonathan Cheetham



Del Loosemore and Susie Lowe



David Woodrow and John Kleinschmidt

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Foundation Breakfast

What a wonderful way to start a morning! More than 70 guests, over a delicious breakfast at the Headland Golf Club, enjoyed Scott Foote's exciting tales of deep sea diving and other adventures. Originally from Mitchell in Western Queensland, Scott embarked on a six months' overseas trip in his early twenties and came home 21 years later.

Most of that time was spent as a deep sea diver, working in the North Sea, India, Turkey and other countries. Scott described the hazards of laying pipes on the sea bed or checking installations in rough seas or with poor visibility. He spoke of the high mortality rate in diving operations and shared some of the tragedies he'd experienced with fellow divers being killed.

Scott spent five years working in hyperbaric chambers, sometimes for 28 days at a time. The higher air pressure within the chamber allows divers to make a number of dives without having to undergo decompression each time. On one occasion, he spent 43 days in a chamber.

Scott was also involved in a salvage operation with SS Hesperian, sunk off the Irish coast during the First World War. He explained some of the artefacts that he'd collected from the salvage.



After a near fatal accident in 1996, Scott finally gave up the adrenaline rushes and risks of his deep sea diving career.

One unexpected, pleasing feature of the morning was Scott's Buderim connection. He's related to the Foote family who donated the land for the Foote Sanctuary (proper name "Eric Joseph Foote War Memorial Sanctuary") in honour of their son Eric and others who died during WW1.

Special thanks to Jan Brydges for her suggestion of such a fascinating speaker and the Events and Engagement Committee for organising the function.



**Rod McKinnon, Jan Brydges, Scott Foote**



**Kerry Page, Mark Beaumont, Susie Parry-Okeden, Sarah Beaumont**



**Jules Tindale, Ben Cleary**



**Gary Dixon and Denise Dwyer**



**Stefan Razum and Byron Jason**



**Louella Bethel, Marg Thursby, Anne Thornton, Molly Stewart**

... from little gifts big things grow!

## COMMITTEE PROFILE

### Governance and Risk Committee

The Governance and Risk Committee is one of the Foundation's eight committees. This Committee's role is to advise the Board and, where appropriate, other committees on issues affecting the good governance of the Foundation and to identify risks and recommend minimisation measures.

A snapshot of the Committee members:

#### Cameron Rogers (Chair)

Cameron is a retired solicitor and holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland. He and his wife Debra moved from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast in 1981 to establish a legal practice. Though only intended to be a short stint, Buderim quickly became the place to permanently live and work. Cameron has been a Director of the Foundation since 2021. His interests include bushwalking, restoring native vegetation on his two hectare Buderim property and enjoying a glass of red with friends.

#### Peter Hone

Peter's career began in the grocery industry, culminating in his appointment as NSW State Manager for Nestlé. He later established a management consultancy in strategic planning. In the late 1990s, Peter had the opportunity to study systems thinking



Graham Tamblyn, Cameron Rogers, Peter Hone

and systems dynamic modelling at MIT, Boston. As well as intellectual pursuits, Peter has been a keen runner, running in more than 65 cities around the world. 2015 was a highlight year, with Peter winning both the Masters Athlete of the Year in North Queensland and the Queensland State Championship for Masters 70 - 74 years.

#### Graham Tamblyn

Graham spent 46 years as a professional engineer, including as former Chairman and Director of Cardno Consulting Engineers. A long-time resident of Buderim with a strong interest in philanthropy, Graham has been involved with the Foundation for many years, serving on the Board, as a member of three committees and as the Foundation's Public Officer. Graham is also involved in the University of the Sunshine Coast as Chair of its Foundation Board and member of the 1996 Society.

## PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

### Sponsor Acknowledgement

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