



# BUDERIM FOUNDATION

*Our Foundation... Our Future*



## SPRING NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023 - ISSUE 47

### DIARY DATES

#### October

##### Sunday 22th

Fashion Parade  
Buderim War Memorial Hall

#### November

##### Saturday 25th

Buderim Christmas Fair  
Buderim War Memorial Hall

#### December

##### Friday 15th

Christmas Happy Hour  
Buderim Craft Cottage

### Lynette Richardson (nee Foote)

The Foundation was very grateful to receive an unexpected bequest of \$10,000 from the will of Lynette Richardson, nee Foote, after her passing in June last year.

As a member of the Foote family, Lynette had strong connections within the Buderim community. Her daughter Margaret Marshall said that Lynette had always been actively involved with the Foote Sanctuary and other Buderim organisations.

Lynette was one of 50 Living Legends honoured during Buderim's B150 celebrations in 2012, acknowledging those who had been born or lived in the Buderim area since before 1945.

Lynette died peacefully at home at age 99. Her generous bequest leaves a lasting legacy.

### A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the Spring issue of our Newsletter. I mentioned in the last newsletter that the Board and Members of the Foundation were developing a new Strategic Plan. This work has now been completed and a summary of the Plan will be available on the Foundation's website shortly. The Plan will guide the Foundation's priorities over the next five years, with regular review and reporting on progress.



Our annual Community Grants round resulted in grants being awarded to 21 local organisations. A celebration was held on 10 September at the Buderim War Memorial Hall with the successful recipients being presented with their cheques. This is a major event in the Foundation's calendar and a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate the achievements of so many of our community organisations and the generosity of our donors.

Two significant grants have been made recently from the Foundation's Thompson Charitable Fund: \$100,000 to Gateway Care and \$65,800 to SunnyKids. Gateway Care received a small grant last year and SunnyKids has received a number of grants over the last few years. Both organisations do invaluable work supporting those in need in our communities. More information about both grants is outlined on p4.

To enable us to continue to make grants and help those in need, we must keep growing the bank balance. As the saying goes, "all donations gratefully received". So, if you would like to donate to one of our trusts - the Open Trust, the Public Trust or the Thompson Charitable Fund you can find the details of how to do that under the 'How to Give' heading on our website <https://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give/> Alternatively, give Susi a call at the office (0474 220 895) and she will guide you through the process.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Robyn Edwards in May. Robyn was one of the original six Buderim citizens chosen by the BWMCA to be the Members of the Foundation and guide its development. Robyn served in this role until 2019 when her deteriorating health prevented her continued involvement. Robyn was also active in many other local organisations including the BWMCA, the Buderim Historical Society and Friends of Buderim. Her commitment to Buderim and its future was inspirational.

With her husband George's approval, we will be preparing a Gift in Memory of Robyn's life. Donations to Buderim Foundation in memory of Robyn would be most welcome. Vale Robyn.

**Rod McKinnon - Chair, Buderim Foundation**

## THOMPSON FUND GRANTS

### Gateway Care

Gateway Care is a Caloundra-based community organisation dedicated to providing food and other essentials to families in crisis or experiencing financial hardship. Gateway Care recently received a Thompson Charitable Fund Grant of \$100,000 for the purchase of food.

The organisation spends approximately \$15,000 per week on food items for more than 2,000 families. Gateway Care Chair Lani Refiti said that the assistance provided is often the difference between survival and despair for vulnerable families. Food is purchased from local suppliers such as Queensland Wholesale Foods and Foodbank Qld, with around 50% of those purchases delivered freely to Sunshine Coast families in need.

As well as purchasing food, Gateway Care operates a Food Rescue Program, collecting unwanted food from local supermarkets to make available for discounted prices or freely at its Food Centre. Any food that is not sold or given away is redirected to local farmers for their stock, supporting Gateway Care's commitment to zero waste. As a result of this, approximately 40 tonnes of food per month is saved from landfill.

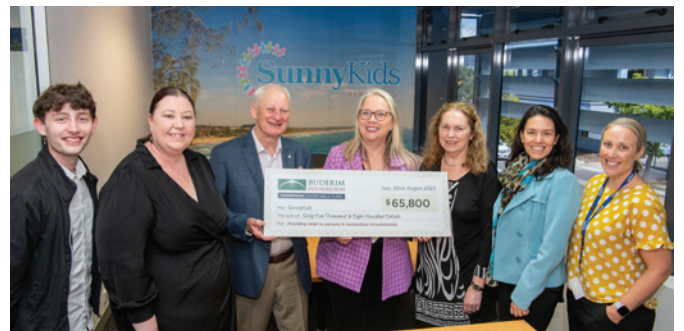
It's wonderful that an organisation as essential and valuable as Gateway Care has benefited from a Thompson Charitable Fund Grant.



**Gateway Care Food Rescue drivers Alex and Danny with Bonnie and David**



**Gateway Care Food Rescue team - Sandy, Steve, Chris, Dianna, Vi, Pete**



**SunnyKids' Riley Golden, CEO Kathleen Hope, Buderim Foundation Chair Rod McKinnon, SunnyKids' Sue Gilbert, Kym Chomley, Alex Comino and Adele Pargeter**

### SunnyKids

SunnyKids has been engaged in a combination of early intervention, crisis work and intensive family support on the Sunshine Coast for more than 20 years. SunnyKids CEO Kathleen Hope said "We seek to assist families and individuals in some of the worst situations imaginable. Last year, SunnyKids experienced more requests than ever before. We were able to help almost 2,500 vulnerable individuals within families."

SunnyKids recently received a grant of \$65,800 from the Thompson Charitable Fund. Kathleen said that the grant will be used to provide more immediate relief to alleviate economic and housing stresses experienced by their clients.

SunnyKids has received previous Thompson Charitable Fund and Community Fund Grants from the Foundation, reflecting the crucial role the organisation plays in the community.



## THOMPSON GRANT SUCCESS



**Ian and Leanne Harrison with plaque**

### AusLiving Support

Aus Living Support is a wonderful example of how vision, initiative and community spirit can achieve amazing things. In 2018, four friends - Leanne and Ian Harrison and Dessi and Kent Roberts - decided to try to ease the challenge of homelessness on the Sunshine Coast. Their self-funded initiative resulted in the establishment of Aus Living Support. The charity's Rental Supplement Program is designed to help those at risk of homelessness. The program focuses on families or individuals who have been forced into rental or mortgage stress through no fault of their own, e.g. a death, serious illness, domestic violence or accident.

Co-founder and CEO Ian Harrison explained that temporary rental or mortgage relief can provide families with the breathing space needed to get their lives back on track. They're able to stay in their own homes, close to family and friends, with no disruption to their children's schooling.

Aus Living Support received a Thompson Charitable Fund Grant of \$41,600 last year to provide funds for rental relief. Payments are made as supplements to rents or mortgages and paid directly to landlords or mortgagees, not to the clients themselves. Support is given for a period of up to six months, with regular assessments. The grant has allowed 79 people, including 53 dependent children, to stay in their existing homes. According to Ian, most people need only about two months' help to get back on track, with no-one so far needing the full six month period.

Aus Living Support's Rental Supplement Program, with its focus on preventing homelessness rather than reacting to it, often when it's too late, is a model for effective, valuable community assistance.

## PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT



**Alex Sweet and Ross Eason**

### Celebrating the Buderim Region

Two longstanding Buderim Foundation Ambassadors, Ross Eason and Alex Sweet, have worked together over the last four years to produce a remarkable book.

As Ross explained, *Four Five Five Six - The Buderim Region* is designed to give every one, both new and long-term residents, visitors and those outside the region just enough information to understand how we got here and what we are as a community, or more so a collective of communities. The book strives to define those communities, their boundaries, sense of community and history."

With 196 pages, over 290 images and maps combined with stories and facts, the book offers a unique insight into the precincts of the 4556 postcode: Buderim, Forest Glen, Kunda Park, Mons, Sippy Downs and Tanawha.

Reflecting their long-term commitment to Buderim, Ross and Alex have produced the book as a benefit to the community. The profit from the sale of each book sold prior to the 15 November will be donated jointly to the Buderim Foundation, BWMA and Buderim Historical Society.

The limited edition book is on sale exclusively at the Old Post Office Buderim or by ordering online at <https://eason.com.au/books/>.



**Four Five Five Six - The Buderim Region sample spreads**



# Harnessing the power of giving ...

## COMMUNITY GRANTS



This year's Community Grants Celebration was a joyous afternoon highlighting Buderim's community spirit.

A record amount of \$97,942 was awarded in grants to 21 local community organisations whose work benefits the Buderim and 4556 region.

Foundation Chair Rod McKinnon welcomed grant recipients and guests, including Brent Mickelberg, State Member for Buderim, Mark Jamieson, Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Region and one of the Foundation's Sponsors, Alistair Cook.

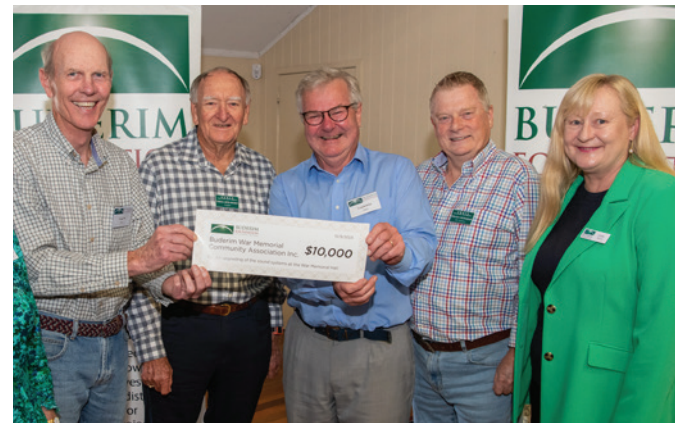
Rod also acknowledged the importance of the Foundation's donors, committee members and other supporters before introducing the new Chair Elect of the Grants Committee, Linda Bolton. Both Rod and Linda acknowledged the leadership and valuable contribution of Rebecca Ramsay who has chaired the Grants Committee for the last five years. Linda explained the grants application and assessment process before introducing Marg Welshe to announce the successful recipients. Brent, Mark and Alistair then took turns to present the recipients with their cheques.

Guests enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream generously donated by SG Bakery Buderim. Carina Frank's piano playing provided a beautiful background for the afternoon.

Since the first distribution of Community Grants in 2008, the Foundation has provided grants of \$829,767 to 97 local community organisations.



**Marg Welshe, John and Sherry Tusler, Clive Shepherd**



**Dougal Pitt, Errol Richardson, Craig McMillan, Steven Cottingham, Linda Bolton**



**Dave O'Brien, Brent Mickelberg**



**Cathy Davies, Mark Jamieson**



**Shari Engelbrecht, Alistair Cook**



## COMMUNITY GRANTS



### The list of this year's recipients

**Buderim Community Kindergarten and Preschool Ass Inc** - \$4,462 for shade sails to cover the swing area.

**Buderim Craft Cottage Assoc Inc** - \$2,655 for a St Johns Ambulance G5 Defibrillator.

**Buderim Dementia Alliance** - \$3,180 for printed and electronic fact and help sheets to promote dementia awareness and education.

**Buderim Horse and Pony Club Inc** - \$3,500 for a new mower to maintain grounds.

**Buderim Men's Shed** - \$1,974 for lead lighting equipment.

**Buderim War Memorial Community Assoc Inc (BWMCA)** - \$10,000 for the upgrade of sound systems at the Buderim War Memorial Hall for all community users.

**Cancer Patients Foundation** - \$7,000 for their Look Good Feel Better program.

**Cittamani Hospice Service** - \$10,000 towards a replacement Specialist Nurse vehicle.

**Headland Buderim Croquet Club** - \$1,676 for a RM33 Chilled Water Bubble.

**Kanyini Connections Ltd (Hoofbeats Sanctuary)** - \$1,037 for program equipment and materials for 2023-2024.

**LifeFlight Foundation** - \$4,645 for new safety equipment to support LifeFlight rescue helicopter crew.

**Magnolia Health** - \$3,036 for the Buderim Walk for Endo (Endometriosis).

**Maroochydore SES Support Assoc Inc** - \$3,879 for equipment to support members during activations.

**Mountain Creek Junior Australian Football Club** - \$2,200 for a line marking machine.

**SLSQ Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter** - \$5,098 for Alpha Aircrew Helmets.

**Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge Society** - \$10,000 towards a new SCARS Animal Transport and Rescue vehicle.

**Sunshine Coast Art Group** - \$1,621 for expanding creative spaces with Native Landscaping.

**Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled RDA Inc** - \$8,367 for a shade shed for weather protection of participants during SCRDA programs.

**The Compass Institute** - \$4,000 for Honey Bees at Compass Farm.

**University of the Sunshine Coast Athletics Club** - \$4,363 for shade marquees for USCAC Athletes.

**Wishlist** - Sunshine Coast Health Foundation - \$5,239 for equipment support for the Multidisciplinary Continence Service for Children.



**Marg Welshe, Sarah Cooper, Nicky Lam**



## COMMUNITY GRANT SUCCESSES

### St Mark's Anglican Church Buderim

Last year, St Mark's Anglican Church Buderim received a Foundation Community Grant of \$458 to create a street library. The grant covered the purchase of a street library pack and a bench seat. The aim was to encourage personal connections and promote reading in the community.

Decoration design and painting of the street library pack was done by Layla, the ten-year-old granddaughter of Parish Warden Jane Butterworth. The result has been a bright, happy street library adjacent to the bench seat that was set up by volunteers.

Since its launch and blessing by Bishop Jeremy Greaves at Easter, the street library has attracted passing pedestrians, school children and their parents. Jane said that the Church has been pleased with the response to the library and welcomes more visitors and book exchanges.



**Jane Butterworth at St Mark's street library**



**Layla working on St Mark's street library**



**Carina Frank with members of the Buderim Male Choir**

### Buderim Male Choir

Established in 1974, the Buderim Male Choir is a non-auditioned community choir, open to men of all ages. It's the only choir on the Sunshine Coast singing in the classic Welsh style of four-part harmony. Although officially called the Buderim Male Choir, members come from all areas of the Sunshine Coast and new members are always welcome, regardless of background or musical experience.

The Choir received a Foundation Community Grant last year for a new keyboard to accompany the Choir at practice and performances. Carina Frank, the Choir's Accompanist, said that the new, larger keyboard has provided a better quality sound than the previous one and will be a real asset as the Choir works towards its 50th anniversary celebrations in 2024.

An exciting development for the Choir is about to take place. Barry Leigh, Choir Secretary/Treasurer, said that the Choir will be trialling an arrangement with the Buderim Men's Shed that would enable the Choir to retain its identity but operate as part of the Men's Shed and use its facilities for rehearsals. The arrangement is a good fit with the two groups having a common aim of providing opportunities to promote men's health and wellbeing. It's also a good example of community groups working together for the benefit of their own members as well as the broader community.



## EVENTS

### Spring Happy Hour

A balmy evening, the moon overhead and good company – a perfect way to celebrate the arrival of Spring. More than 60 Ambassadors and friends enjoyed catching up over drinks and nibbles at the September Happy Hour in the courtyard of St Mark's Anglican Church Hall.

Rod McKinnon updated guests on Foundation activities before introducing Ross Eason to speak about his new book. Ross explained the origin and intent of the work whilst ably assisted by Marg Thursby displaying the book's contents.

A big thank you to our Events Committee and others who helped make the night so enjoyable.



**Juanita and Dougal Pitt,  
Errol Richardson**



**Swain and Sarah Roberts**



**Sally and Ron Caddy, James Mewes, Pamela Farrell,  
Paul Collier**



**Joan and Mike Edwards, Bev and Aart Schouten**

### Coronation Happy Hour

It's some time now since King Charles' coronation but in early May the Foundation celebrated his coronation in fine style. Craig McMillan on the bagpipes welcomed guests while inside St Mark's Church Hall, Simon Eastwood conducted the Sunshine Coast Grammar School String Quartet as they entertained guests.

Flags were abundant and delicious treats, including a stunning Coronation Cake, were served. Rod McKinnon gave a brief speech before the Loyal Toast and the cutting of the Coronation Cake.



**Jan Brydges and  
Rod McKinnon cutting  
the Coronation Cake**



**Craig McMillan**



**Simon Eastwood and the SCGS String Quartet**

... from little gifts big things grow!

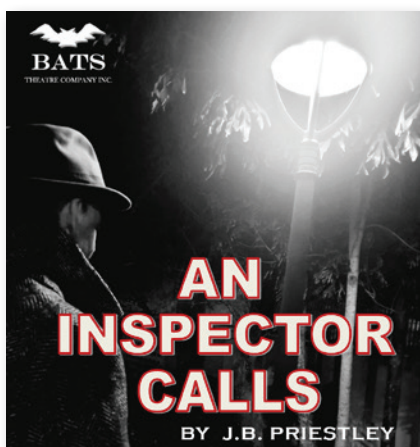
## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

BATS Theatre Company is again generously donating the proceeds from the opening night of their next play, *An Inspector Calls*, to the Foundation. The play, directed by Bruce Olive with assistance from Alex Meloni, is a classic English mystery thriller.

Opening night is Friday 29 September at 7.30pm at the Buderim War Memorial Hall. There will be table seating and the Belfry Bar and kitchen will be open.

Tickets are \$40 per person and available through: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1102250> or by calling Alice at 0427 856 680.

This is the fifth time that BATS has supported the Foundation in this way and we thank them for their ongoing generosity.



Brent Mickelberg, State Member for Buderim, recently donated two marquees to the Foundation. Brent regularly loans his marquees to community groups or sporting clubs for special events. His generous donation will help the Foundation with set-ups for future Happy Hours and other functions.

*Thank you, Brent.*



*Brent Mickelberg and Rod McKinnon*

## 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.

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