



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



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2024 DIARY DATES

July

Wednesday 24 July

Breakfast Function -
Headland Golf Club

August

Friday 16 August

Happy Hour- Buderim Craft
Cottage

September

Sunday 15 September

Community Grants
Celebration - Buderim War
Memorial Hall

October

Sunday 6 October

Special Event - Buderim War
Memorial Hall

November

Saturday 30 November

Buderim Christmas Fair -
Buderim War Memorial Hall

December

Friday 13 December

Christmas Happy Hour -
Buderim Craft Cottage

A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the Autumn issue of our Newsletter.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Buderim Foundation. We celebrated with a special Birthday Happy Hour in April at the home of Judy Wild and Raelene Boyle, where our very first Happy Hour was held years ago. A report on the very enjoyable Happy Hour is included on p5.

The Foundation Board recently approved a grant of \$33,000 from the Thompson Charitable Fund to Aus Living Support for the purchase of school uniforms, shoes and backpacks for primary and secondary school students of families in necessitous circumstances. This Nambour/Maroochydore based organisation, which has previously received grants from the Foundation, does great work in helping individuals in need and we are pleased to partner with them again.

Encouraging Youth in Philanthropy is one of our prime objectives and it was pleasing to see our Youth Committee holding a Buderim Youth Meet Up in March. Students from local schools who attended were asked to consider options for youth engagement in the local area. We look forward to hearing about the initiatives that the group may propose.

We welcome the new owner of the Buderim Pharmacy (now Buderim ChemPro Chemist), Mehdi Bakhtiari, and are delighted that he and his wife, Mary Jalili, will continue the Pharmacy's sponsorship of the Foundation. A brief profile of Mehdi is included on p8.

Former owners Alistair and Santina Cook were Sponsors for 19 years and will remain involved with the Foundation. We thank them for their ongoing support.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ellen de Chastel in February. Norm and Ellen have been long-term, generous donors and strong supporters of the Foundation, and regular guests at our events. Ellen was active in many local organisations, including the BWMCA, Buderim Historical Society and the Buderim Bridge Club. She was a much loved and respected member of our community and will be sorely missed.



Ellen de Chastel

My sincere thanks, as always, to the many Ambassadors, volunteers, donors and our Executive Officer, Susi Du Toit, who support the Foundation's work. Your involvement is very much appreciated and we look forward to your continued support as we move forward.

Rod McKinnon - Chair, Buderim Foundation

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COMMUNITY GRANT SUCCESSES

Buderim Craft Cottage

The Buderim Craft Cottage is an integral part of the Buderim community. As well as being home to 13 vibrant art and craft groups with more than 300 members, the Cottage provides a permanent exhibition space (Atrium Gallery), specialised work spaces, meeting rooms, function spaces and facilities. Cottage members participate in Buderim's Easter and Christmas Fairs, hold regular exhibitions of members' work and run the bi-annual Winter School of Arts and Crafts.

The Craft Cottage received a Buderim Foundation Community Grant in 2023 to purchase a St. John's Ambulance G5 Automatic Defibrillator. Karen Doyle, the Cottage's Vice-President Property, said the model was chosen because of its ease of use and facility to "self-test" to maintain its readiness to operate. The defibrillator analyses a patient's heart rhythm, delivers a customised shock, and prompts the "rescuer" through the operation of the defibrillator and the administration of CPR. "Initial training has been given to members of all the art and craft groups using the Cottage, and that training will be repeated on an annual basis," Karen said.

With more than 25,000 people using or visiting the Cottage each year, with many from an older age group, it's reassuring for Cottage staff to have a quality, easy-to-use defibrillator in case of any cardiac incident.

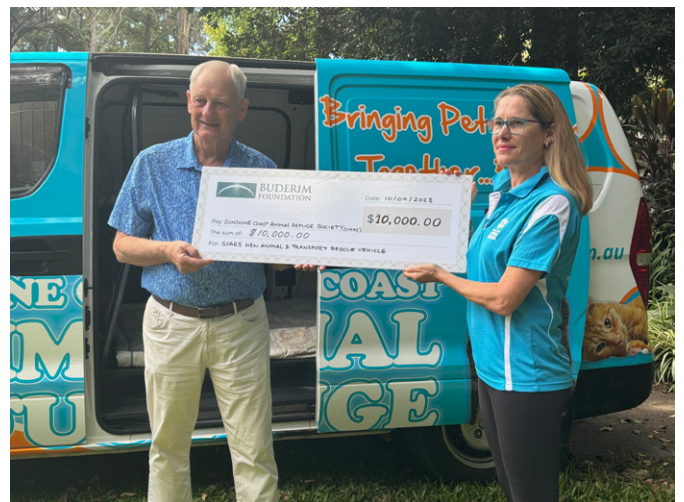


Lou Thorburn and May Carson with defibrillator

SCARS

SCARS (Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge Society), established in 1979, provides temporary refuge and finds new homes for abandoned, abused, stray or unwanted dogs and cats. SCARS received a Foundation Community Grant of \$10,000 in 2023 to assist with the purchase of a new van for rescuing and transporting animals. Together with help from others, SCARS managed to raise the funds needed to purchase the new van.

SCARS Patron Penny Brischke said that the van is a multi-purpose vehicle, transporting dogs and cats to veterinary clinics, taking dogs for out-of-refuge walks, collecting food donations and dropping off or collecting animals from foster carers or the Council Pound when required. The need for a reliable transport vehicle has become even more important recently with a three-fold increase in requests from the public to surrender pets. The Foundation was pleased to be able to support such a valuable service.



Rod McKinnon and Penny Brischke with cheque



Penny with Stella in the van

Community Grants

Applications for the Foundation's 2024 Community Grants Program open on Monday 20 May and close on Monday 1 July. Eligible organisations serving the local Buderim area are invited to apply. Successful applicants will be announced at the Foundation's annual Community Grants Celebration on Sunday 15 September.

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LifeFlight Foundation

LifeFlight provides lifesaving medical treatment, emergency response and hospital airlifts to seriously ill or injured patients across Queensland, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Since 1979, LifeFlight has assisted more than 75,000 people and demand on the service continues to grow.

The local LifeFlight base at Sunshine Coast Airport received a Foundation Community Grant of \$4,645 in 2023 for new safety equipment to support its rescue helicopter crew. In March, some Buderim Foundation Board members visited the LifeFlight hangar for a demonstration of the helmet mounts for night vision goggles worn by the crew during after-dark missions. Pilot Brent explained how the mounts allowed an even weight distribution with the goggles across the front and back of the helmets. Even though it may seem a small addition, every piece of equipment that helps the crew operate more efficiently can save lives.



David Wood, Susi Du Toit, Rod McKinnon, Ian Butler, Charlie Morris



Pilot Brent demonstrating equipment

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The Foundation again supported local families with back-to-school expenses by coordinating the distribution of vouchers, as part of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)'s Back to School Program.

This year, 570 vouchers, with a value of \$43,500, were distributed to Chancellor State College, Mountain Creek State School, Mountain Creek State High School and SunnyKids. The vouchers include 270 worth \$50 each to help families with expenses such as school uniforms, school or sports shoes and equipment, stationery and school supplies. A further 300 vouchers worth \$100 each were provided to help families with school-related technology expenses such as tablets and iPads, calculators, IT related items such as headphones, keyboards and mice, printers, portable drives or internet data for completion of schoolwork.

Since 2005, the Foundation has distributed 5,799 vouchers, with a total value of \$304,950. Unfortunately, this is the last year that FRRR is running the Back to School Program. Over the life of the Program, the Foundation has been supported by the BWMCA, Buderim Rotary and Lions Clubs in providing some matched funding.

Buderim Foundation Grants Committee Chair Linda Bolton said the grants were important not only because of the immediate assistance they provided, but for the positive ripple effects they had.

"The school chaplains who distribute these grants have told us over the years that these relatively small individual contributions often mean students and their families feel loved and cared for by the local community and also more confident and get more involved at school, which has educational and social benefits for them."



David Wood, Mountain Creek State High School Chaplain Stuart Cran, Nico Hansen

EVENTS

Breakfast Function

More than 65 Ambassadors and friends enjoyed an inspiring breakfast event with guest speaker Julian Burton OAM in April. A survivor of the 2002 Bali bombings, Julian shared his experiences of surviving and thriving in the aftermath of such a traumatic event. During his rehabilitation, Julian was struck by how fortunate he was, in terms of the support of doctors, nurses, family and friends, compared to others.

In 2003, he established the Julian Burton Burns Trust to provide burn management services and support for individuals affected by burns. The Trust raised over \$20 million for vital national programs during its 15 years of operation.

In 2018, Julian and his wife Kay established the Burton Foundation to continue their philanthropic work, focussing on community projects and causes in South Australia.

Julian spoke of philanthropy as being about people, purpose and partnerships, not profit. He acknowledged the strong moral values instilled in him by his parents. He also emphasised the importance of hard work, kindness, love, helping others and relationships as anchors for a meaningful life. As he said, giving breeds happiness.

Local Member Brent Mickelberg kindly donated a breakfast hamper as one of the raffle prizes for the morning, with Ambassador Graham Tamblyn being the lucky winner.

It was an inspirational start to the day.



Rod McKinnon, Julian Burton



Lisa, Lachlan, Byron and Keira Pope



Jane and John Kruger



Lisa Metanowski, Sandy Whittle



*Graham Tamblyn
- Raffle Winner*



Tad Pieniek, Julian Burton, Josie Ryan

HAPPY HOURS

Foundation Ambassadors and friends know how enjoyable our Happy Hours can be. Held quarterly, they provide good opportunities to hear about Foundation news as well as to catch up with old and new friends. We've enjoyed three Happy Hours over the last few months, with the latest, the Birthday Happy Hour on 12 April, the most significant.



20th Birthday cake



Cassie Grentell, Jocelyn Walker, Natasha Read, Marty Green



Sandra Jeffries, Rod McKinnon, Alistair Cook, Judy Wild, Simon Whittle

20th Birthday Happy Hour

Almost 100 Ambassadors and friends celebrated the Foundation's 20th birthday at the site of our first Happy Hour, Judy Wild and Raelene Boyle's house in Buderim. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of delicious nibbles and drinks while enjoying the view from the balcony as night slowly fell.

In his presentation, Foundation Chair Rod McKinnon welcomed guests, thanked our hosts, acknowledged our Sponsors, particularly David and Vicki Hawtrey who were present, and gave an update on recent activities. Allen Hertel then thanked former Sponsors Alistair and Santina Cook for their many years of support as owners of the Buderim Pharmacy.

And because it was a birthday, there of course had to be a cake, and what a cake it was: a magnificent creation ringed by cupcake towers. Sparklers were lit and two Ambassadors who'd been members of the original Working Group for the establishment of the Foundation, Marg Thursby and Simon Whittle, cut the cake.

Special raffle prizes were on offer: a bottle of Piper Heidsieck donated by The Little Bar Cart, a pamper hamper from IGA Buderim and a food hamper from Dan Smith - The Agency. Lucky winners were Jaz Hoy, Anne Stitz and Graham Tamblyn.

It was an evening to remember. Thanks to everyone who helped make it so special: the Events Committee and other helpers, Simplee Sweet for such a beautiful cake, our generous raffle prize donors, and Judy and Raelene for their hosting.



Marg Thursby cutting the cake with Simon Whittle

HAPPY HOURS

20th Birthday Happy Hour (cont)



Anne Hertel, Jayne Graving, Rod Hurst, Rod McKinnon



Keely White and Patricia Keith-Smeaton



Simon Drew and Heath Grant



Sandra Jeffries, Lesley Johnston, Marg Thursby



Michael Hurley, Brent Mickelberg, Jocelyn Walker, Cassie Grentell, Allen Hertel

Earlier Happy Hours included the Christmas and February events. Both of these were held at the Buderim Craft Cottage.

Christmas Happy Hour

For the Christmas Happy Hour, Buderim Craft Cottage staff kindly opened the Atrium Gallery for the evening, with many guests taking the opportunity for some last-minute Christmas shopping.

Rod McKinnon gave a brief wrap-up of the year, highlighting the record number of Community and Thompson Fund Grants the Foundation had made during the year.



Sandy Whittle, Jenny Carroll, Judy Wild, Raelene Boyle, Bill Carroll



Grant and Esther Barnett with Didi Killen



Michelle Smytheman, Alistair and Santina Cook



Anne Stitz, Linda and Bruce MacKenzie

HAPPY HOURS

February Happy Hour

Rain didn't deter guests from attending the February Happy Hour, although the lawn of the Craft Cottage was out of bounds because of the rain. Pleasingly, new Ambassador Trish Thorn won the main raffle prize, a \$100 voucher generously donated by fellow Ambassador Esther Barnett for hair styling. Trish was particularly fortunate because she won the prize after two re-draws - the original winners, both gentlemen with minimal hair needs, declined the voucher!



Anne Hertel, Ross and Judy Eason



Rosanna Natoli, Kerryl and Steve Johnson



Rod McKinnon, Ken Mackenzie, Ian Butler



Patricia Keith-Smeaton and Mark Smeaton

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Buderim Easter Fair

The Foundation's stall at the Buderim Easter Fair was so successful that everything sold out by 11.30am. A big thank you to those who provided such delicious goodies and to those who set up and staffed the stall during the morning. Sandy Whittle was the lucky winner of the Easter hamper raffle. Special thanks to Rebecca and Sally from Simplee Sweet and Brad from the Fig and Date Café for their generous donations of gift vouchers for the hamper.



Patricia Keith-Smeaton and Jenny Nankervis



Easter Fair hamper

... from little gifts big things grow!



Mary Jalili and Mehdi Bakhtiari

SPONSOR PROFILE

Mehdi Bakhtiari took over ownership of the Buderim Pharmacy, now Buderim ChemPro Chemist, some months ago. Mehdi has generously offered to continue the Pharmacy's sponsorship of the Foundation.

Originally from Sydney, Mehdi completed his pharmacy studies at Griffith University and owned a pharmacy on the Gold Coast for many years. Recently, Mehdi and his wife Mary, along with pet parrot Charlie, made the very sensible decision to move to the Sunshine Coast.

Mehdi has kept the same great team at the Pharmacy and Mary, a pharmacy technician, helps out regularly.

Mehdi and Mary are keen to become more involved in the local community. We look forward to welcoming them to future Foundation events.



Time and Talent are treasure

It's good to remember that philanthropy is more than the act of giving money. It can also include the giving of time, specialised talent and positive support. We'd love you to consider becoming involved in the Foundation's activities.





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Our sincere thanks for their ongoing support.

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