



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



## FACT SHEET 2024

The goal of the Buderim Foundation is to enrich the quality of life of the Buderim and broader Sunshine Coast communities through community based philanthropy.

The concept is simple. Donations and bequests to the Foundation are professionally invested, and earnings from the investments are distributed as grants.

The Foundation, which was launched in 2004 by the then Governor, Quentin Bryce, has a Board of eleven directors and eight working committees – Philanthropy, Investment, Grants, Events, Youth, Marketing, Finance and Governance and Risk.

People in Buderim love where they live and want to preserve the community for younger generations. Many people have donated money, and approximately 50 locals volunteer their time and talent as directors and committee members.

Thanks largely to three major sponsors who provide significant financial support, the actual donations, which can be tax deductible, are never spent. So, these donations, however small, last forever and accumulate along with donations from like-minded people. We thank Buderim Chempro Chemist, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota for their ongoing sponsorship and strong community spirit.

Since the Community Grants Program started in 2008, grants worth over \$829,000 have been awarded to 97 not-for-profit Buderim organisations. Grants of up to \$10,000 per project are available. Grants guidelines and eligibility are available on our website.

Over the past 20 years, the Buderim Foundation has distributed Back-to-School vouchers totalling \$307,950 on behalf of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

In April 2021, philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson entrusted over \$5 million to the Buderim Foundation and an additional grants program which has been called the Buderim Foundation Thompson Charitable Fund was established. Grants from this fund are designed specifically for organisations providing support to those in financial hardship across the whole Sunshine Coast. Since 2021, grants worth over \$650,000 have been provided to 10 organisations.

The Foundation is not just about philanthropy and grants. A variety of special events organised by the Foundation each year bring the community together. Morning teas at grant recipient venues, Happy Hours and long lunches are also enjoyed by many of the Foundation's 400+ Ambassadors.

The Foundation is an amazing example of an organisation managed by community-wide effort allowing each of us to make a meaningful difference to where we live.

***For more information visit the Foundation website at:  
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