



BUDERIM FOUNDATION

Our Foundation... Our Future



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DIARY DATES

August

Wednesday 11th

Ambassador Morning Tea
Buderim Croquet Club

Sunday 22nd

Happy Hour
Foote Sanctuary Lunch

Friday 20th

Successful Community Grant
recipients advised

September

Sunday 12th

Community Grants Awards
Celebration

Wednesday 15th

Ambassador Morning Tea
Coast Guard HQ, Mooloolabah

October

Date TBC

Buderim Foundation Health
Seminar
Breast Cancer Management
Update

Friday 8th

Happy Hour
Bloomhill

December

Thursday 2nd

Ambassador Morning Tea
Buderim Craft Cottage

Friday 3rd

Happy Hour
Christmas at St Marks Hall

A Message from our Chair

Welcome to the second issue of our Newsletter for 2021.

A lot has happened since the publication of our March issue, the most significant being the addition of the Thompson Fund to the Buderim Foundation's portfolio. Philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson, strong supporters of the Foundation for many years, entrusted the Foundation with their Thompson Charitable Trust, designed to support people in need on the Sunshine Coast. This additional fund increases the Foundation's investment base and allows us to extend our community support from the Buderim area to the wider Sunshine Coast.

The Thompson Fund is operated in the same way as the Foundation's other funds. This means that the investment fund is preserved in perpetuity, with only the revenue being distributed each year in grants. The Thompson Fund adds more than \$5 million to the Foundation's investment "future fund".

We are grateful for Roy and Nola's generosity and for their trust in the Buderim Foundation. The first round of grants related to the Thompson Fund has been completed, with four organisations supporting people in financial distress because of homelessness or domestic violence being the first recipients. The grants presentation event held in late June will be the first of many, as the Buderim Foundation continues to support worthy initiatives in our communities.

Applications for the Foundation's annual Community Grants have now closed and are currently being assessed. These grants provide funds for Buderim organisations to support and enhance their activities, helping to build stronger community facilities and programs.

This year, fortunately, we've been able to return to the Foundation's normal social calendar, with two Ambassador Morning Teas, a Happy Hour, and an Italian Long Lunch held over the last few months. More activities are scheduled for the rest of the year, so keep an eye on the Foundation's website www.buderimfoundation.org.au for updates.

If you'd like to become more involved in the Foundation or would like more information about any of our activities or plans, please get in touch with us at info@buderimfoundation.org.au

Russell Stitz - Chair, Buderim Foundation



Help us grow our Ambassador numbers

This newsletter includes an insert with an explanation of the Buderim Foundation Ambassador program and an Ambassador application form. For those who have the pleasure of being ambassadors, we encourage you to pass these two sheets to a friend or neighbour, with your endorsement. If you are not yet one of our ambassadors, we invite you to act now and join the Foundation family.



Susan Beaton (Youturn) Rebecca Ramsay, Fiona Browne, Jo Higgins (Lily House), Roy and Nola Thompson, Kathleen Hope (SunnyKids), Michele Lipner (Ozharvest), Russell Stitz, Tanya Bell (Youturn)

Thompson Fund Grants Celebration

A very special event occurred in late June: the inaugural awarding of the Buderim Foundation Thompson Fund Grants. Four organisations providing support for people experiencing homelessness and financial distress due to domestic violence and other circumstances on the Sunshine Coast received grants totalling \$110,000.

With Roy and Nola Thompson in attendance, Russell Stitz welcomed guests and grant recipients to the event and explained the purpose of the Thompson Fund and how it would be managed.

Rebecca Ramsay, Chair of the Grants Committee, then described the grants process before outlining the initiatives of the four grant recipients:

SunnyKids Sunshine Coast received a grant to provide assistance to 100 individuals at risk of homelessness due to domestic violence and economic instability.

Youturn Youth Support received funds to fit out two Tiny Houses which will provide affordable living for vulnerable young people, and support for driver's license costs for four young people.

Ozharvest received money to purchase over 16 tonnes of food to support 20 recipient agencies that provide essential meals for people in need.

Lily House received a grant to provide funding for emergency living and school needs and food support for women and their children in crisis.

These grants, made possible by the generosity of Roy and Nola Thompson in entrusting the Buderim Foundation with their Thompson Charitable Trust, will have an immediate and positive impact for many people on the Sunshine Coast.



HAPPY HOUR

First Happy Hour of 2021

Under the balmy skies of Buderim (with some rain!) on a March evening, sixty Ambassadors and friends enjoyed the Foundation's first Happy Hour for the year.

Guests gathered in the Buderim Hall and spilled out on to the verandah, chatting, drinking and snacking as they caught up with old friends and acquaintances and made new ones.

Russell Stitz welcomed everyone, particularly new guests, and shared the news of the upcoming wine raffle, the result of David Edwards' generous donation of a significant portion of his impressive cellar to the Foundation.



John Kenny, Christine Millstead



Roz Bull, Carina Frank Sue Gilbert



Vicky McCallum, Judy Hutchinson



Steve and Rhonda Budden

EVENTS

Italian Long Lunch

The Foundation's ambassadors, sponsors and friends enjoyed a marvellous long lunch, "lungo pranzo", at the Buderim War Memorial Hall in July. From the initial welcome on the lawn outside the hall, to being ushered inside where long tables were beautifully decorated in an Italian theme, the happy atmosphere continued throughout the afternoon. The four-course Italian lunch was catered by Parma Street Foods and complemented by select Italian wines. Local Sunshine Coast band Italian Mafia kept us entertained with lots of toe-tapping music. Scenes of Italy were projected on a rolling screen behind the band, inviting us all to reminisce about past travels and perhaps dream of something in the future.

The lunch was designed to be a major fundraiser for the Foundation, and with more than 190 people in attendance, it certainly achieved that aim. The David Edwards Commemorative Wine Raffle was drawn at the

lunch and resulted in 18 magnums of wine, generously donated to the Foundation as part of David's bequest, being won by eight Sunshine Coast residents. The raffle raised \$20,000 that will be invested in Foundation trust funds for the ongoing benefit of our community. Lucky door and other raffle prizes were provided by local Buderim businesses such as Buds on Buderim, Milan's Restaurant, Buderim Pharmacy, Manawee Garden Centre as well as the Australian Wine Club. Manawee also loaned decorative olive and espaliered citrus plants for floor decorations, and Jenny Cant and Ros O'Brien donated a gift basket that included a bottle of brandy.

The lunch was a wonderful opportunity for Buderim Foundation supporters and friends to spend an afternoon in good company, in beautiful surroundings, and in the knowledge that all funds raised were going to worthwhile initiatives in the future. A big thankyou to John Barton and the Events Committee for organising the lunch, John Kleinschmidt for coordinating the wine raffle, and the many others who helped make the afternoon so successful and enjoyable.



Group in the hall



Christine Benjamin-Young, Jeremy Young, Mike Hessian, Michael Nelson-Gracie, Kennedy Fox



Wine raffle prizes



Table setting



Seaforth Matheson, Maureen Mulligan, Jim Weeks, Brian Cook, Noreen Weeks, David Phillips, Ione Matheson with Italian Mafia in the background

AMBASSADOR MORNING TEAS

LifeFlight

Ambassadors and friends enjoyed a fascinating morning at the LifeFlight hangar at Sunshine Coast Airport in April. For more than forty years, LifeFlight Rescue crews have saved lives by treating seriously ill or critically injured patients and providing rapid-response airlifts to hospitals around the state. There is no charge to the public for its services. The Buderim Foundation has supported LifeFlight with grants totalling \$27,000 since 2018.

Mandy Hentschel, LifeFlight's Fundraising Coordinator, explained how the Foundation's latest grant of \$10,000 has been used to improve hangar facilities. Aircrew Officer Scott Reeman then described the extent and nature of the services that LifeFlight provides, and the roles of the crew – pilot, aircrew officer, doctor and paramedic – on each flight. Dr Faraaz de Belder also said a few words of welcome. In 2020 alone, LifeFlight conducted 502 missions at a cost of \$6.7 million, the amount reflecting the combined expenses of aviation and medicine. Ambassadors had the opportunity to get “up and close” to the LifeFlight helicopter as Scott explained its various features and more about LifeFlight's operations. In all, an inspirational morning.



Scott Reeman, Jan Huth, Sue Gilbert, Penny Edwards, Anne Stitz, Bernadette McMahon



David Dangerfield addressing the group

Compass Institute Farm

The second Ambassador Morning Tea took place at the Compass Farm in June, and again it was a wonderfully inspiring experience. The 20 acre farm in Hunchy was established in 2011 to provide learning and development opportunities, skills-based training and work experience in a safe, welcoming environment for young people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities.

Foundation ambassadors and friends were treated to a delicious morning tea prepared by the Trainees (young people with disabilities) as Compass Founder and CEO David Dangerfield explained the organisation's mission, its focus on meaningful experiences and achievement, and how it had developed over the years. At that stage, the rain also developed, so some sheltering was needed before the highly-anticipated Farm tour could take place. David showed the group the range of facilities that have been established, including the commercial kitchen, woodwork centre, organic fruit and vegetable gardens, piggery, Cluckingham Palace where the chooks live, ponies, goats and two art spaces.

With no government funding, Compass relies on revenue from its learning and development programs, along with sales from the farm and various other Compass micro-businesses, as well as grants and donations. Buderim Foundation has supported Compass with grants of \$21,000 since 2018. It's rewarding to see the Foundation's grants being used for such a worthwhile enterprise.

... a community to be proud of



Russell Stitz addressing the group



Tim and Sam Aitken



Gary Davis and students from Matthew Flinders

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

Youth in Philanthropy Seminar

School students from the 4556 postcode came together in March for an afternoon of philanthropic discussion. Hosted by the Buderim Foundation, the Youth in Philanthropy Seminar is now in its fifth year. Students and teachers from Montessori International College, Matthew Flinders Anglican College and Sunshine Coast Grammar took part in the seminar. Each student group came up with ideas for philanthropic projects which they discussed with their school guides about how it would benefit their school and the wider community.

Once the students have decided on a project, they can apply for one of the Buderim Foundation's Starter Youth Grants of up to \$300 to support the project's successful implementation. Previous student projects have used the grants to buy resources to donate or to buy supplies to generate more money.

The students were fortunate to have Mr Ted O'Brien, Federal MP speak to them about the importance of

being proactive in giving back to their local community by harnessing their skills and passions to identify needs and make a difference.

Dr Russell Stitz spoke about the Foundation's work and how the Youth in Philanthropy Project benefits the Buderim community. Dr Stitz said that to build a stronger community we need to be building a philanthropic culture.

Students were also fortunate to have Meagan Cross from SunnyKids and Susan Beaton from Youturn speak about their organisations and the impact they have on the local community. Tim and Sam Aitken, local musicians and ambassadors for Youturn, spoke to the students about their important role as youth ambassadors and their upcoming music event in Queensland's Youth Week, YOUTURN IT UP.

The students were engaged and excited to be a part of growing their community and eager to develop their ideas.

Paris Ramsay, - Member, Youth Committee

GRANTS SUCCESS



Compass - Mobile Youth Hub

Fusion Sunshine Coast

Fusion Sunshine Coast, a not-for-profit Christian youth and community organisation, received a Buderim Foundation Community Grant In 2020 for a "mobile youth hub". The hub, a very well fitted out trailer, is taken to skate parks in Sippy Downs and more recently Palmview on a weekly or fortnightly basis, to engage local 10 to 17 year olds.

The hub contains tables, chairs, cushions, games, balls, a first aid kit and even a TV for a Switch Nintendo game for up to eight players. Nikky Stanfield, Fusion Youth Worker explained that the mobile hub provides a connection point for Fusion staff to interact with local youth, build supportive relationships with them and connect them into other programs.

Fusion staff are hoping soon to be able to re-introduce the barbecues that were put on hold because of COVID. The hub provides a wonderful facility for local youth to meet new friends and join in activities and games in a fun, safe environment.

PROFILES



(l-r) Jan Huth, Margaret Welshe, Roz Bull, Rebecca Ramsay (Chair), Marshall Perron, Keryn Bauer and Charlie Morris

Committee Profile - Grants Committee

Following on from the feature about the Ambassador Committee in our last newsletter, in this issue we focus on the Grants Committee chaired by Rebecca Ramsay.

The Grants Committee is responsible for managing the Foundation's grants process, from developing grant guidelines, applications and assessment criteria and supporting applicants through the process, providing recommendations to the Board for approval and coordinating announcements of successful recipients. This year saw the Committee take on responsibility for developing and managing the inaugural grants process for the new Buderim Foundation Thompson Fund, as well as managing the ongoing Buderim Foundation Community Grants.

A snapshot of the Committee members:

Rebecca Ramsay (Chair)

Rebecca has been a Buderim local since 1989 and you might recognise her as the original owner/operator of the Chopping Block Cafe in Buderim. An experienced business owner, she now coaches business owners, leaders and executive teams to maximise themselves and their results through her business Clear Light Capital.

Her business experience, combined with her keen focus on family and community has seen her involved with a range of charities locally and abroad. She has been with the Buderim Foundation for over 15 years after being introduced by Simon Whittle. Rebecca is grateful to have been surrounded by the mentorship and leadership of the Members and Directors through her time with the Foundation. Initially she was secretary to the Board and later a member of the Grants Committee for five years before becoming a Board Director and taking on the role of Chair of the Grants Committee in 2018.

Graham Tamblyn

Graham is a professional engineer, a former chairman and director of Cardno consulting engineers. He retired in 2019 after 46 years with his one company, as it grew from 165 staff to over 7,000 staff globally. He is a Fellow and Life Member of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (Qld), plus accredited FAICD and FEIAust (ret). In 2010, he established the Graham Tamblyn

Scholarship in Engineering, Water and Environment at USC, and currently chairs the USC Foundation Board (philanthropic student support).

Graham has a great interest in philanthropy and support of community groups for the cultural strength and wellbeing of our community. He is a long-time resident of Buderim and joined the Foundation Board in 2013. He is the Buderim Foundation's Public Officer, Deputy Chair, Chair of the Youth Committee, and is a member of three other Committees - Grants, Investment, and Governance and Risk.

Roslyn Bull

With forebears as Buderim pioneers, Ros had happy memories of holidays here and eventually became a resident. In her early life, following a couple of gap years in London to settle the wanderlust, Ros moved to Adelaide to marry and raise her family, but the Sunshine Coast beckoned. They moved to Buderim in 1985 and enjoyed many happy years as the family grew here. It felt good for Ros to be 'back on the farm'.

Ros began her own audiology clinic in Buderim in 1997 which she successfully ran with her husband Allen. Upon retiring, Ros was drawn to the Buderim Foundation where she greatly enjoys the privilege and challenge of serving the community through the Grants Committee.

Keryn Bauer

Keryn Bauer has always lived in Queensland and moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1998. When she settled in Buderim with her husband, Paul Kusy, they were fortunate to have Sybil Whittle as their neighbour. This was the beginning of jumping on board Simon Whittle's vision and passion for the Buderim Foundation.

Raising children in Buderim increased Keryn's awareness of how community grants benefit this generation and many more into the future. She is extremely excited to be involved with the launch of the Thompson Fund and to witness how it will positively impact many disadvantaged across the Coast. Keryn joined the Grants Committee in 2018.

Margaret Welshe

Margaret moved to Buderim with husband Doug from Toowoomba in 1993 to take up the position of Financial Controller of MacFarms, an Arnott's company with

macadamia orchards throughout Queensland and factory at the Big Pineapple site. While semi-retired, Margaret is Financial Controller of a few specialist medical practices.

Margaret soon became involved in the Buderim community and has served as Treasurer and Secretary of BWMCA and a Director of the Buderim Foundation. Margaret is one of the Members of the Foundation and is Treasurer of the Buderim Historical Society. Margaret joined the Grants Committee in 2020.

Janice Huth

Jan grew up on the Sunshine Coast with her parents, Roy and Nola Thompson and seven siblings. She worked as a legal secretary for approximately 30 years for various lawyers on the Sunshine Coast.

Having always been interested in her community, Jan has, over the years, been involved in various volunteering roles including surf lifesaving, lifeline telephone counselling and most recently in raising and training an assistance puppy for a local charity. Jan enjoys travelling with her husband as well as push bike riding and reading in her spare time. Jan joined the Grants Committee in 2021.

Marshall Perron

Marshall grew up in the Northern Territory. He left school at 14 and tried his hand at a variety of occupations before taking an interest in politics. He joined the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party and won a seat in the Legislative Assembly in 1974 by just six votes.

When the Territory was granted Self Government in July 1978, Marshall, then 36, became Deputy Leader and the first Treasurer. During his 21 years in Parliament, he held almost every ministerial portfolio in government at one time or another. He was elected as Chief Minister in July 1988 and served in that position for seven years.

Marshall and wife Cherry moved to Buderim in 2006 and Marshall joined the Grants Committee in 2021.

Charlie Morris

As the fourth born in a family of five, Charlie's parents instilled a spirit of independence, kindness and generosity with his mother leading the way as an early donor to the Buderim Foundation.

Charlie embarked on a career in aviation and after learning to fly in Sydney, spent three years working in the Northern Territory in the late 1970s, and joined Ansett Airlines in January 1980.

In 1983 he moved to Buderim where he met and married his wife Ann. Through Ann's connections with (and as Chairperson of) the BWMCA 'Friends of Buderim', the Morris family at one time or another has helped at numerous community functions organised by the BWMCA and the Buderim Foundation. This included joining with the vintage Tiger Moths of the 'Buderim Air Force' to do a flypast at a BWMCA ANZAC Day ceremony.

Charlie finds the "gift of giving" as part of the commendable philanthropic aims of the Buderim Foundation to be incredibly satisfying. Charlie joined the Grants Committee in 2021.

NEW DIRECTORS

Allen Hertel

Allen and his family moved to Buderim in 1998. He became involved in the Buderim Foundation in 2012 when he took on the role of Treasurer. Since then, his sound financial advice has benefited the Foundation, and given him an opportunity to give back to the community.



Allen has over 25 years' experience in audit, taxation and business management which includes business restructuring, financial analysis, fraud investigations, expert witness testimony and tax planning. He enjoys a diverse role that has set many individuals, as well as small and large businesses, on a course to success.

Sandra Jeffries

Sandra has lived in Buderim for the last fifteen years and been an Ambassador for most of that time. She joined the Foundation's Marketing Committee late last year as editor of the newsletter and has now taken on the role of Chair of that committee.



Sandra's professional career encompassed various management positions in the higher education and government sectors related to libraries, information management, policy development and strategic planning. Her last professional role was as Director, Information Services at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

When not chasing people for newsletter articles or following up on marketing issues, Sandra enjoys beach walking and gym classes, balanced appropriately by indulgences such as sparkling wine and good food.

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.***



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POSITION VACANT

Ambassador Coordinator wanted

Ambassadors play an important role in the functioning of the Buderim Foundation. They are people and families who are committed to supporting the Foundation by promoting the organisation to family, friends, and colleagues to widen the network of supporters. They might serve on committees, help with organising activities, attend functions or become donors.

The Ambassador Committee (featured in our last newsletter) is responsible for encouraging ambassador enrolment, keeping ambassadors up to date with the latest Foundation developments and encouraging ambassadors to participate in activities such as informative morning teas, lunches, and visits to grant recipient organisations. The chairperson is a Director of the Foundation and, as such, is a valued member of the Board of Directors. The Committee works collaboratively with other Foundation committees in conducting events and spreading the word about activities.

The previous Committee chair has had to stand down for personal reasons and we are looking for a suitable replacement. This is a volunteer position, and we are seeking an enthusiastic person with a capacity for team leadership, ability to work with other like-minded people, preparedness to do 'hands on' operational work such as organising ambassador activities, and the ability and willingness to speak on the Foundation's behalf when called upon. The position also provides an opportunity to sit on the Board of Directors of a dynamic, community-based volunteer organisation and play a part in steering the future direction of the Buderim Foundation.

Interested persons are invited to call **Rod McKinnon** on **0413 969 730** to discuss the position or email him at **rod.gwen@bigpond.com**

Supporter Engagement Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the inaugural Supporter Engagement Survey earlier this year. We were delighted with the number of ambassadors and supporters who responded.

Overwhelmingly, survey respondents indicated that they love being a Buderim Foundation supporter. Two key areas identified where supporters felt their experience could be improved were to hear more about opportunities to engage with the Foundation either as an ambassador and/or as a volunteer. We will certainly seek ways of achieving this.

Committee members have already followed up those respondents who were seeking more information in a particular area. If you require more information, please contact **Simon Whittle 0408 721 568** or email **simon.whittle@buderimfoundation.org.au**

Simon Whittle - Chair, Philanthropy Committee

Suggestions for newsletter items are always welcome. Please send any ideas to info@buderimfoundation.org.au



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