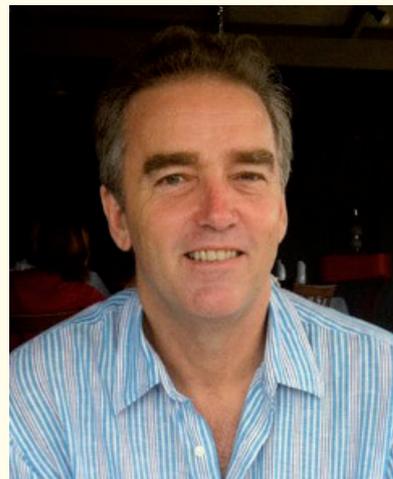


❖ ERIC JOHN MOES ❖

It was Valentine's Day 1958. Eric John Moes was born to Anne and Bert Moes. He was the third of five children and grew up in a happy home in Toowoomba, Queensland.

Eric had a calm, unassuming, kind manner which put everyone at ease. He had the ability of reaching out to all ages, communicating to all walks of life.

After graduating with his first degree in 1980 Eric began what became a distinguished career in Youth and Community Services. Maroochydore Area Youth Service (M.A.Y.S.) was the start of Eric's outstanding contribution to the disadvantaged youth on the Sunshine Coast.



From 1984 to 1988 Eric was the Co-ordinator, instrumental in improving facilities, creating a drop in centre in Mooloolaba, Youth Action Project (Y.A.P.), achieving capital grants and acquiring both buildings and extra staff. Eric's interest in Youth was not limited to the local area. Eric involved himself in the State Association of Youth Workers and he was on the State Advisory Committee to the Department. This led him to become the Director of the Brisbane Youth Service, addressing the needs of the homeless youth in Fortitude Valley and the inner city of Brisbane from 1998 to 1994.

Eric met his future wife Lyn Brown at Buderim Mountain Natural Therapy Clinic which Lyn had founded in 1978 and ran for ten years, one of the Sunshine Coast's first Natural Therapy Clinics. In January 1982, an attendee in one of Lyn's massage courses was a young Eric Moes. Following the completion of the course, their friendship progressed to an enduring romance.

Eric and Lyn's life together has a close link to one of Buderim's most notable dwellings. The second oldest house on Buderim, built circa 1880 by prominent Buderim pioneer, Harry Board, with its colourful history, was their home for ten years on top of Buderim Mountain at the original location, William Street. They eventually donated the house to the Council where it was relocated to the new site on the banks of Martin's Creek. Today, this home is now operating as the famous Harry's Restaurant. Eric and Lyn went on to build their own family home on Buderim and welcomed the arrival of their sons, Lewis and Ryan.

His devotion to his family prompted Eric to continue his career on the Sunshine Coast. Eric held senior Community Development roles during his 20-year career in Local Government. Eric's leadership qualities and negotiation skills enabled him to liaise with government, business and community groups to work towards outcomes to the benefit of the community generally. His vision, energy and dedication were such that in addition to the substantial demands of his full time employment, Eric was actively involved at a high level in numerous community organisations and projects.

Amongst these were the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (B.W.M.C.A.) and the Buderim Foundation, in which he held roles as both a Director and Grants Committee member.

He was President of the Buderim Cricket Club from 1998 to 2005 during which time he was instrumental in securing substantial funding to develop the Club's home grounds. In September 2015 the Club's new field in Ballinger Road was fittingly named Eric Moes Oval.

Eric Moes passed away in 2013, leaving behind his loving wife Lyn and their sons, Lewis and Ryan.

He also left behind an impressive legacy of achievement and the continued admiration of friends, colleagues and the many, whose lives he touched.

Donors: A collective of friends of Eric Moes