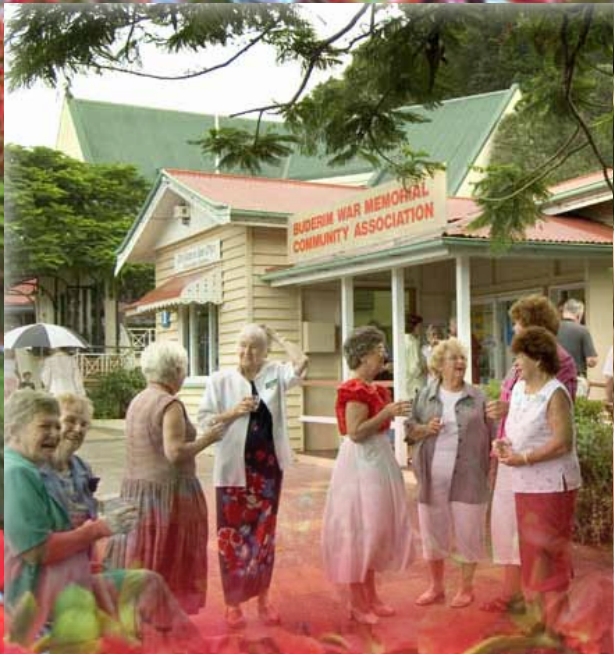


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A celebration of community

This special publication celebrates community achievement and seeks to explain how important our volunteers are in enriching the lives of every resident in this great community of ours.

There are countless stories each and every day about those who give their time, their energy and their talent for the benefit of others while nourishing our own spirit in the process. Spirit of Buderim barely scratches the surface of the stories and examples of giving but hopefully hints at explaining Hugh Mackay's proposition that 'it's not where you live but how you live.' We were very fortunate to have Hugh make his third visit to Buderim to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the BWMCA and we're confident

his perspectives offered in this publication will resonate with all those who've chosen to call Buderim home.

Spirit of Buderim is an initiative planned as this community's contribution to Community and Philanthropy Partnerships week from December 7-13 for which the BWMCA and the Buderim Foundation received a grant to cover the printing costs. It will be delivered to every household in Buderim on the weekend of December 12-13, including to those letterboxes with a No Junk Mail sign. We're sure you'll agree this publication is anything but that. Additional copies will be available at the Old Post Office.

Thank you to all those who have contributed in any way to the success of this initiative.

You are all volunteers and living proof that the spirit of our community is as strong as ever!



It's not where you live, it's how you live.

Why social researcher Hugh Mackay thinks Buderim is special.

See page 3 for his perspectives



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It's Buderim for us *By Kay Kerr*

My husband Arthur and I have had our eye on Buderim for years. It was the gorgeous views, beautiful gardens and bustling high street that attracted us at first. From afar it looked like the perfect blend of mountain and coastal living - restricted in size enough by topography to never be built out, but close enough to everything we might need. It was only when we looked closer that we discovered the real appeal. Once our house in Brisbane was sold we were staying with family close by and visiting every weekend for open homes. It was then we

discovered the sense of community at Buderim's very heart. A visit to the Old Post Office armed us with all the information we could ever need about local clubs, groups and goings on.

Arthur got acquainted with the Men's Shed ~ **cont. P3**



“What I love most about my community is who I share it with”



This Buderim Spirit ... where does it come from?

Bill Lavarack

A story of growth and success



Since its establishment as an independent affiliate of the BWMCA, the Buderim Foundation Ltd has gone from strength to strength. I have served for the last six years as the third Chair of the company's Board and have seen the Foundation's achievements make a real difference throughout our 4556 postcode footprint.

A figure that we regularly use to determine how the Foundation is travelling is the dollar sum we have in our two trust funds, of which the Foundation is the trustee. In the early years this figure was quite modest, but as the awareness of the Foundation has grown so too has our funding base. Because of our generous donors and bequestees we now have more than \$1 million in trust, and this figure has been doubling about every three years. I keep saying that at this rate we will have \$10 million in trust by 2025 and will be able to distribute perhaps \$1 million annually through very substantial grants indeed.

But already we have awarded grants of more than \$200,000 to community organisations and distributed more than \$100,000 in Back to School vouchers for needy families.

Importantly, we have managed to ensure that any gift to the Foundation goes directly into trust with no commission or charge made against it. And we only use the earnings on these funds for our grants program, so the initial value of a gift is maintained in perpetuity. For this we can thank our three major sponsors, Buderim Pharmacy, EdenLea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota for providing the funds to meet our running costs.

Like many complex organisations, the real work is done through our committees. Each is chaired by a Board member with a second Board member involved. The balance of each committee is then made up of community members, often with special expertise, at the invitation of the committee Chair. Much of the Foundation's success is due to the commitment and skills of our Board and committee members, who give generously of their time throughout the year.

But successful organisations also learn through change, and the Foundation will be no exception. At present our grant program responds principally to applications from organisations. This can limit the capacity of the Foundation to focus its grant allocations on areas of greatest need.

This is an issue that many community foundations globally have identified, especially in Canada. Increasingly foundations are using a program called Vital Signs. It is a mechanism by which foundations measure and monitor a number of parameters within their community, almost as a means of assessing the health of the community. I can see this approach being very useful in a well-defined community such as Buderim.

The Buderim Foundation has a great long-term future ahead. It is an established organisation working with a wonderful community, and everyone can benefit.

Paul Clark - Chair, Buderim Foundation



School of the Arts 1905 ... today is the BWMCA War Memorial Hall for all

Still a place of Community gatherings

It may be a parochial view, but there seems little doubt that when it comes to community spirit, Buderim is different. I have lived in several communities over the past 70 years and have known Buderim for more than 50 of those years....and I am not alone in this feeling. Why is it different? Many people with a knowledge of Buderim's recent history would say that it dates back to the decision in 1945 to have a 'living memorial' rather than a conventional stone statue to commemorate the sacrifice of local citizens in the Second World War, but I think it goes further back than that. There is no doubt that the living memorial was a far-sighted decision which has endured and grown through the years, but was there something in the background of that small group of Buderim citizens which led them to think laterally and come up with such a landmark concept?

In 1887 Buderim was a very small community with some 25 families. The original settlers were hardy, self-sufficient jacks of all trades or if not, they soon learned. They had, or acquired skills in tree felling, bush carpentry, blacksmithing, farming and many other pursuits, and in this they were no different from other settlers on the north coast or elsewhere in Australia, for that matter. However their environment had its points of difference. Buderim 'Mountain' was an island of basalt soil in an ocean of less fertile soils. It was excellent for growing crops, but difficult in terms of access when the rainy season made the red soil tracks extremely slippery for both horses and automobiles. This geography kept Buderim more isolated than other communities along the coastal plain. Even when the railway was pushed through in the 1890s, towns such as Palmwoods, Woombye and Nambour were linked to each other and to Brisbane while Buderim retained its isolation.

This isolation meant that the community had to find its own resources to achieve improvements to the town. A School of Arts Hall was built by locals with locally raised funds in 1887, giving the town a focal point. It drew the community together and was used most weeks for concerts, dances, plays, meetings, even gymnastics. One thing in Buderim's favour was that the plateau

was small and people could attend the hall or visit friends without the need for an overnight stay, and most walked everywhere, although travel by horseback or sulky was obviously preferable. Cricket pitches, tennis courts, even a golf course, were all built by volunteers using improvisation where necessary. Methodist and Church of England churches were other achievements, again built by volunteers.

Volunteers lie at the very heart of Buderim's community spirit. Volunteers lobbied for, and built the Buderim Provisional School in 1875 and volunteers today are more active than ever running many Buderim institutions like Foote Sanctuary, Pioneer Cottage, the restoration of the Krauss Locomotive and so many other community endeavours.

In all of Buderim's early years there was no consistent overall community group setting direction, at least until the BWMCC was formed. If there was something that needed to be done, community volunteers assembled and did it. No Council or Government grants in those days, just get together and donate time and materials. So when a group of community leaders sat down to discuss a suitable War Memorial in 1945, those around the table had grown up in this Buderim atmosphere of self-sufficiency and improvisation. Like an Olympic torch, the Buderim community spirit was passed on over several generations from original pioneers like James Lindsay, William Guy and John Fielding to successors such as Bill Chadwick, George Burnett, Hubert Foote and Dr Shaw, then later to others such as Merv McLuskie and Tom Simper, forming an unbroken thread of tradition which persists to the present day with people like Simon Whittle.

So the lack of formal structure in the community was remedied by the formation of the Buderim War Memorial Community Centre in 1945. This group, now known as the BWMCA took on the mantle of a progress association as well as that of a group involved in remembrance of wartime sacrifice. But its origins can be traced back 75 years earlier to the original Buderim pioneers from the 1870s.



Buderim Foundation and the BWMCA

Paul Clark

I often receive questions from people asking about the relationship between the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) and the Buderim Foundation Limited. This publication is an ideal place to help provide the answer.

The BWMCA is the parent. It was established in 1945 as a living memorial to those who fought and sacrificed so much during the world wars, and it has developed as perhaps the most diverse community organisation in the country since that time. Early in the 21st century the BWMCA decided that it would be of great benefit to establish a community foundation which could seek and secure donations, keep those donations in trust and develop a grants program funded by the earnings of the trust.

Consequently the Buderim Foundation was established in 2003 and formally launched in April 2004 as an independent affiliate of the BWMCA, as a company limited by guarantee and with its own constitution.

So the Foundation is the child of its parent. The Foundation has grown but still retains its affiliate status and shares a common interest with the BWMCA in serving the Buderim community.



It's Buderim for us cont. from p1

when dropping off some old tools, and I found my way to the Buderim Library. We purchased our home and it wasn't long before some friendly faces started to become more familiar. One of the first stops Arth made after auction day was back to the Old Post Office to join the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA). He threw himself in wholeheartedly and now writes their column for the Buderim Chronicle. Keen to put my journalistic skills to use in a community endeavour, I joined the Buderim Foundation marketing committee, and now look after their newsletter. The two groups are separate but intrinsically linked through their desire to do well by Buderim. The long-term vitality of the community is a shared priority. We don't talk shop at home, but we do talk Buderim. A day barely passes without a pleasant encounter with a local, whether it's the friendly small business owners down in town, or a smiling neighbour out for a walk with the dog.

It isn't always easy to make the time for extra commitments when we both have jobs and an expanding family, but the effort is definitely worth it. Being part of these two community groups connects us with the people around us, the environment, and our hopes for Buderim in the future.

The Art of Belonging: It's not where you live, it's how you live

Hugh Mackay



It's easy to complain about the state of the nation and the problems of society. And it's easy to forget that 'the state of the nation' starts in the town where we live. If we dream of the kind of society we'd like to become, and then start living as if it is that kind of society, gradually it will become so. Isn't that the story of Buderim?

Recent Australian history has not been kind to communities, partly because it has not been kind to ideas like co-operation, altruism and even self-sacrifice. For the past half-century, we have been living in the Age of Me, bombarded by propaganda that persuades us to believe that nothing is more important than my material comfort and prosperity, my personal happiness, my rights and my entitlements.

Consumer mass marketing has been the most sophisticated contributor to all this encouragement of self-absorption, but political strategists have jumped on the band-wagon, promoting politicians and their parties just like brands designed to appeal to our self-interest. And the happiness industry has not been far behind, with its relentless emphasis on positive outcomes for Me.

We are in danger of forgetting that the most interesting question about us is never 'Who am I?' but 'Who are we, and what kind of society do we want to create?' All that Me propaganda can easily distract us from the deepest truth about human beings, which is that we are social creatures who need communities to support, sustain and protect us. In the end, I can only define myself in the context of the family, the neighbourhood, the friendship circles, the workplace and the community groups I belong to.

But the story doesn't end there. If those communities are to survive and prosper, we must engage with them and nurture them. That's the beautiful symmetry of human society: we need communities and communities need us.

So here's the classic human quandary: we are individuals with a strong sense of our independence and we are members of families, groups and communities with an equally strong sense of our interdependence. No wonder we are so often conflicted and confused! We know that a civil society - and a healthy local community - depends on our mutual kindness and respect, but sometimes we simply want our own way, regardless of its impact on others.

Although our impulses and addictions sometimes get the better of us, we know the price we must pay for belonging to a community is to curb our self-interest. After all, a good life - a morally praiseworthy life - is not lived in isolation or in the pursuit of independent goals; a good life is lived at the heart of a thriving community, among people we trust, and within an environment of mutual respect.

The good news is that, most of the time, our better natures prevail, and we do manage to nurture and sustain the life of those communities that nurture and sustain us. We move into a street where we know no one and, before long, the little miracle of neighbourliness starts to happen.

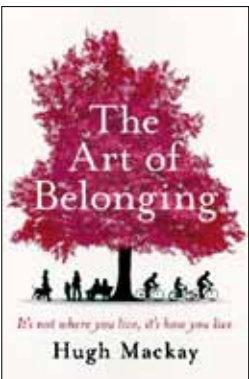
But not always: in many parts of Australia, the rate of social change threatens to erode the stability and cohesiveness of the communities we belong to. Consider this list of some of the ways our society is radically reshaping itself:

- Our changing patterns of marriage and divorce demand difficult adjustments for many families and social networks
- Our low birthrate has reduced the role children have traditionally played as a social lubricant
- The rise of the two-income household means both partners often lack the time and energy to devote to nurturing the local neighbourhood
- The dramatic rise in the number of single-person households has increased the risk of loneliness and social isolation
- In Australia, like the US, we move house, on average, once every six years
- Universal car ownership has dramatically reduced local footpath traffic
- The IT revolution, for all its benefits, makes it easier than ever not to see each other

... and the list goes on.

Recognising that communities are not automatically self-sustaining, we need to respond to our natural 'herd instinct' by joining, associating, congregating, volunteering, talking and listening - engaging. Joining a book club, stopping to chat with a neighbour, helping a stranger in need ... all such actions help to build the social capital that strengthens communities.

This is why the work of the Buderim War Memorial Community Association in encouraging community engagement and participation has been so vital to the health of the Buderim community over these past 70 years.



Social researcher Hugh Mackay's latest book, *The Art of Belonging*, is published by Macmillan.



Buderim Foundation Youth Sub-Fund

It's time for a specific fund focused on supporting the youth of Buderim.

A priority of the Buderim Foundation's strategy is the establishment of a Youth Sub-Fund. The concept of Buderim Foundation's sub-funds is well established with the existing BWMCA Sub-Fund which supports the BWMCA community activities. The Foundation Board has agreed that a Youth Sub-Fund will be the next one. This will give the Foundation's youth program a more secured future.

Foundation Ambassadors and donors have often remarked that they would like to focus some of the Foundation's support on the community's future; that is, on the younger members of our community. Over recent years the Foundation has provided around \$70,000 in its Youth in Philanthropy Projects (YIPP) and Community grants specifically for youth oriented projects, not to mention the more than \$100,000 channelled into the school community in the form of Back-to-School vouchers. The grant recipients have been a wide range of community organisations, including the Buderim Mountain State School P&C, the Guides, the Scouts, Fusion Sunshine Coast, the Mons Playgroup Centre and the Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership. YIPP programmes have been implemented at local schools, including Mountain Creek State School, Mountain Creek State High School and Sienna College.

So what is a sub-fund? It is a fund which enables donors to express a wish that the earnings from their donation or bequest will be used specifically to support youth in our community. Donors and others considering giving to the

Foundation have already mentioned such a desire. Whilst the money in a sub-fund is invested securely, together with all the Foundation's Trust Fund moneys, the sub-fund earnings will be used to ensure on-going support for youth projects. The law requires that the Foundation Board determines the actual projects supported, however donors can make recommendations for a particular type of youth project.

As youth is a large and growing segment of our community, their special needs will only grow in the future. At a recent Sunshine Coast youth summit and at a Generation Innovation Future Visioning forum, younger members of community have expressed specific concerns and challenges, some of which include:

- Employment opportunities
- Drug and alcohol free recreational opportunities
- Development of practical life skills
- More local activities for young people

The Buderim Foundation aims to initially raise the \$50,000 threshold needed to establish a Youth Sub-Fund. The Foundation has agreed to match public donations dollar for dollar until the \$50,000 threshold is reached to formally establish the Youth Sub-Fund. The earnings from this amount and all future donations and bequests to the Youth Sub-Fund will then be returned to the community as on-going grants for projects improving the quality of life for Buderim youth.

If this is a concept that interests you, or you would like more information, please contact Heinz Seeberg, Chair of the Buderim Foundation's Youth Committee.

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Time, talent and treasure

How often do we hear people say 'we are so lucky to live in Buderim'? When we've been travelling, especially if we've been out in the drought stricken parts of Queensland, we marvel at what we have in Buderim - ocean views, beautiful gardens, friendly faces, and a great climate... not to mention the range of excellent coffee shops!

Many people love living in Buderim and follow the mantra of 'give where you live'.

They give of their time, their talent and in many instances their treasure, especially in bequests.

The Foundation and the BWMCA are great examples of organisations that would not exist without the support of a large number of people. And, although we may sometimes grumble, people in Buderim give their time willingly and enjoy the benefits it brings to the community.

There are countless examples. Here are just three. The time, talent and treasure provided by graphic designer Alex Sweet, professional photographer Ross Eason and retired Navy man David Edwards has made a huge difference to the success of Foundation and the BWMCA.

Alex and Ross have given their specialised skills pro bono to various Buderim organisations for over ten years. They have been there whenever the Foundation and the BWMCA have needed a special photograph taken or a brochure or annual report graphically designed.

And David Edwards has donated many treasured bottles of his fine wine to assist the organisations with their fund raising efforts.

They have each provided their time and talent and we consider them Buderim treasures... and there are so many more such treasures right here in this special community.



Saluting Leanne Evans *Simon Whittle*

Buderim people often ask what triggered the formation of The Buderim Foundation.

It was a seed sown by former Buderim resident Leanne Evans.

At its annual grant giving event in September, Buderim Foundation Chair, Paul Clark, paid a glowing tribute to Leanne as she stood down from the Foundation Board. Her little known contribution to community life and philanthropy on the Sunshine Coast is so significant that I thought I would share the story.



Leanne brought the community foundation idea to the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) in late 2001. She served on the BWMCA's feasibility Working Group for the first two years, followed by 12 years as a Board Director from the Foundation's inception in December 2003.

You might say this is not unusual.

What is unusual is that for these 14 years Leanne has lived mostly overseas. Her continued contribution and passion for the concept has been extraordinary. Her contributions include securing grant funding for and writing a feasibility study to establish the Foundation; setting up and coordinating a respected grants program; writing proposals to government and philanthropic bodies to secure grants; assisting with the organisation's first website and contact relationship management system alongside husband Peter; liaising with Federal agencies and even representing the Foundation at two international conferences.

Leanne we salute and thank you.

For more about community foundations see the Buderim Foundation web site: www.buderimfoundation.org.au

“The brightest stars are those that shine for the benefit of others”





11 year snapshot of growth

The Buderim Foundation story is one of growth and success. This story continues as the Foundation passed its million dollar corpus milestone earlier in the year and it is satisfying to look back at what this has meant to the community of Buderim since the launch of the Buderim Foundation in April 2004.

Over the last 11 years we have ...

- Awarded grants totalling more than \$200,000 to the community
 - Provided \$35,733 for local Youth in Philanthropy programs
 - Provided \$16,467 in grants and funds to the BWMCA
 - Distributed more than 2,000 Back-to-School vouchers, each worth \$50.
That's a total of \$103,250 of assistance to families when they need it most at the start of the school year
- And we're just getting started!



The concept of how the Foundation works is simple...

It receives donations, bequests and money raised from events...

= **Money In**

It carefully invests these funds to generate income...

= **Money Managed**

It then distributes the income from the investments as grants for Buderim-based community projects...

= **Money Out**

Donors are those who choose to 'give where they live'....to the community they love. Some choose to give during their lifetime, some choose to leave a bequest and some choose to make a donation in memory of someone dear to them. Some simply support our fund raising initiatives and events.

Visit www.buderimfoundation.org.au for more information

The Friends of Buderim

Amazing group of women exemplify the Buderim spirit

The Friends of Buderim are a happy and dedicated voluntary sub-committee of the Buderim War Memorial Community Association.

The group began in the early 1990's, under the leadership of Coral Goodsir who saw the need to raise funds to support the BWMCA but most importantly to create a group to reach out to this special community while enjoying working together.

Friends are well known for supporting community activities and enjoy providing morning tea after the main ANZAC Day ceremony. The Friends of Buderim are renowned for their excellent home cooking and their jams, chutneys, cakes and biscuits are beautifully presented and sold at the Easter



Looking back ... Friends special lunch at Montville 2009

and Christmas Fairs. These have become major fund raisers for the BWMCA. Many locals will be familiar with Friends' two successful cookbooks, 'The Flavours of Buderim' and 'A Table in Buderim'. These raised significant funds which meant that a new kitchen could be installed in the Buderim Hall and a contribution made to

the new toilets and the air conditioning.

Friends have very fond memories of special events catered for over the years - 'Long Lunches' in the Hall, Buderim Foundation breakfasts with the then Governor of Queensland, Quentin Bryce, a book launch with special ABC guest Jenny Woodward - the list goes on and on. Two years ago Friends initiated a special and highly popular annual lunch The Friendly Feast as a social event for the BWMCA family.

Another well-known local organisation that Friends enjoy supporting is the Buderim Men's Shed with their Open Day each November. Earlier this year, new landscaping between the Buderim Hall and Craft Cottage was completed. The Friends of Buderim were proud to contribute to this worthwhile project and added a locally designed and crafted seat which is close to the Hall veranda.

It's especially rewarding that the spirit that comes from companionship and mutual support, especially when needed, is still alive and flourishing after some 25 years.

The welcome mat is always out for new members.

The Buderim War Memorial Community Association – a unique community model

Bill Lavarack



As World War II was drawing to a close in 1945, the Buderim community began to consider a fitting memorial to the many residents who had served in the War. Other than an honour board in the School of Arts, Buderim had no existing memorial from The First World War. The obvious path to take was to fall in line with most other communities, and build a stone cenotaph, perhaps with a statue, and a roll of honour inscribed on the sides. A committee was formed consisting of Bill Chadwick, a returned World War I veteran; Dr H. K. Shaw, a retired Royal Navy officer; George Burnett, a decorated World War I veteran; George Ott, Buderim School head teacher and Shire Councillor Harold Murphy.

Led by Dr Shaw and Bill Chadwick, this group considered several options including the conventional cenotaph, a park or an avenue of trees. However in a bit of inspired lateral thinking, this group came up with the concept of a 'Community Centre' which pledged to honour the sacrifices of two World Wars, and other conflicts in which Australians served, by forming a 'living memorial' dedicated to serving the community. This decision still continues to reverberate through the community after seven decades. It was named the 'Buderim War Memorial Community Centre' (changed

several years later to Buderim War Memorial Community Association or BWMCA). Bill Chadwick was the first President and Max Lindsay the first Secretary. Membership was open to all 600 residents. An appeal for subscriptions resulted in £600 promised in one day.

At a fund raising function in September 1945 the President, Bill Chadwick, described the newly-formed Community Centre's primary object as being the rehabilitation of ex-service men and women, by providing recreational facilities both indoor and out. It was hoped he said, that the scheme would also benefit children of school age and in addition, those in the stage of adolescence by giving them opportunities for advancement, in cultural and educational spheres. He contended that the ultimate result would be to bring about the true spirit of community service, and thus make for better citizenship. If Bill were still alive today he would be most satisfied to see that 70 years on, his 'ultimate result' has been achieved and continues in great measure.

Since its beginnings in the 1860s, Buderim had never had a publicly owned playing field and one of the new Centre's first projects was to build a community oval on the School land

which was granted in a lease to the Centre. By 1948 this had been achieved thanks in no small part to volunteers from the community who converted a rough horse paddock with more than one deep gully into the oval which today is a centrepiece of Buderim Village. Tennis courts, billiards facilities and a croquet lawn followed, along with the highly successful Buderim Garden Club, Buderim Amateur Theatrical Society and a child welfare clinic.

The Centre lobbied continuously for better roads and in the 1950's was responsible for the avenues of poinciana trees which are still a feature of Buderim. Over the years the BWMCA has been responsible for the formation of the Buderim Historical Society and the management of Pioneer Cottage. It also acquired the Old Post Office and uses it as a community information centre.

In the 1960's, it took over the management of the School of Arts, changing the name to the War Memorial Hall. As part of its core business the Association organises services on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. It also organises community events such as Australia Day celebrations, Christmas Carols and regular 'Welcome to Buderim' morning or afternoon teas for new residents.

Buderim Historical Society Inc.

Fifty years ago Sybil Vise was negotiating with the Buderim War Memorial Community Centre re the donation of her recently acquired house to the community. Next year we celebrate this wonderful gift of what is now called Pioneer Cottage. She followed up this by gifting the home she built next door – Vise House.

The Buderim Historical Society was set up to care for both houses in partnership with the BWMCC now BWMCA. The home was built from local pit sawn white beech and red cedar by John Burnett in 1882. It housed his family including eight children and he lived the rest of his life here.

It now houses many donated Buderim historical articles in a cottage setting which demonstrate life on Buderim from 1882 to 1966. Celebrations are planned for 2016.

The Society has a longstanding program of actively researching Buderim's history and

in publishing and preserving the records and images of Buderim's past. Many school visits are organised, especially for years 2-3 when the curriculum investigates local history. Also booked group visits when Devonshire teas can be enjoyed on the broad verandas.

Volunteers can join in many areas such as visitor guiding, conservation, IT and gardening.



Art and Crafts in service of the community

Buderim Craft Cottage a dynamic creative hub

In the early 1960's a group of women with creative instincts started meeting in each other's homes to pursue their craft. With interest growing, they soon needed more space, and for a short time used the building which became the "Pioneer Cottage". Finally, they found a permanent home in 1974 when Buderim Craft Cottage was built with locally raised funds and funding from State Government

In 2017 the Cottage will mark the 50th anniversary of its first constitution. The Cottage has evolved into a major hub for the arts and crafts, with over 300 members now working in 12 art and craft areas. They share workshop spaces, equipment and fellowship at the Cottage, located at 5 Main St, adjacent to the War Memorial Hall.

Many of these artisans would be unable to set up independent studios, so the Cottage provides a vital facility, enabling them to make beautiful objects at the Cottage for their own enjoyment and for that of others.

Although the 'public face' of the Cottage is its gallery, exhibitions, and fairs, its charter is in fact much broader than simply making and selling art and craft.

It gives people, many of them retirees, the opportunity to develop new skills. Often our new members arrive with little or no experience but with a passion for an art or craft which for many reasons like family and employment obligations, they have never been able to pursue. Many of our members arrive thinking "I don't have a creative bone in my body," only to find that with a bit of encouragement from others, they have many creative bones.

Fellowship, and the building of friendships fostered by shared love of art and craft is a really important reason for the Cottage's existence, and in a very real way underpins its success.

Many Cottage members joined because they wanted to make art and craft to help others rather than themselves. What a wonderful thing it is to be able to follow a creative passion, and to use it for the benefit of the community.

Our skills have gone into making art works for charity auctions, layettes for premature and still-born babies delivered at local hospitals, very special cushions and quilts for a local refuge and groups supporting disadvantaged children, and for victims of natural disasters.

For many years, the Year 6ers from Buderim Mountain State School have visited the Cottage fortnightly to learn practical needlework skills. As a result, a couple of generations of former students can now sew on a button!

In 2015 we did a couple of really special things. Our Potters made and gifted a magnificent mural to the Buderim community, as their contribution to the Anzac centenary. It was dedicated and unveiled on 19th April at its (now) home, Buderim's War Memorial Hall. It takes pride of place in the magnificent garden which we, the BWMCA, and other community groups created in the months leading up to the centenary.



Our other special way of saying thank you to our current generation of service men and women was an exhibition, held over the Anzac weekend to raise funds for the 'Mates for Mates' organisation. Our members donated hundreds of art pieces for sale. We were extremely proud of the result. We were also immensely humbled to have the opportunity to meet several of the 'Mates' who had returned from active service, and who told us of some of their experiences.

So we at the Cottage feel enormously privileged to have, and to care for this wonderful place. We love to share it, and the fruits of our labour, with our community. Visit us. Join us.

Jan Nelson
President - Buderim Craft Cottage



Community affiliates a concept that works

“ When you pool the thousands of volunteers active within the 65 affiliated groups, you get a picture of why governments are taking an increasing interest in the 'Buderim model' and the value of volunteering more generally to society. ”

Simon Whittle -
President BWMCA 2015

In conversations about our community, you'll often hear the words 'affiliated group' and 'delegate' and perhaps wonder what this actually means.

The BWMCA constitution has always allowed for other Buderim based groups, organisations, clubs, schools and churches to become affiliated. Their choice to apply for affiliation is totally voluntary, they pay an annual fee, and their nominated delegate automatically becomes a member of the BWMCA management committee.

There are currently 65 affiliated groups. You'll find the complete list on page 11. Most towns have a wide range of individual community groups. However it is very rare, if not unique for them to be linked in a formal way under the umbrella of a community association. This formal linking allows for easy flow of information and consultation, and the shared decision-making is ideal, especially for big issues like the purchase and renovation of the Old Buderim Post Office by the community.

Could this be why Buderim is recognised for its exceptional community spirit, cooperation and tight knit community bonds? The BWMCA surprises many by the number of volunteers actively contributing in individual tasks or via a sub-committee, but that only scratches the surface of volunteering across the entire Buderim community.

BWMCA and Buderim Foundation
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A snapshot of Affiliates ...



In 1966 the house, we now call Pioneer Cottage, was donated to the Buderim community. Pioneer Cottage was built in 1882 and is one of the oldest buildings left on Buderim. The Buderim Historical Society was set up to care for the house in partnership with the BWMCA. The core business of BHS is to preserve Pioneer Cottage, research Buderim's history and interpret both to the public. This is achieved by a group of volunteers.

T:5450 1966
E:bhsinc4556@optusnet.com.au



The Buderim Men's Shed, established in early 2011, aims to advance the health and wellbeing of its members. The Shed provides a friendly environment for men to work on projects that they find personally satisfying, and in many cases these projects contribute to the wider community. For more information go to www.buderimmensshed.org or email buderimmensshed@gmail.com



Buderim Safe is a highly effective voluntary organisation which by planning and implementing collaborative strategies, programs and projects, aims to enhance the safety and cohesiveness of the Buderim community.

Members of Buderim Safe are representatives from police, council, local organisations, businesses and interested residents.

buderimsafe@gmail.com



- Dedicated to the study and promotion of the Arts and Crafts, and to using our skills to help those in need.

- Members teach each other in Groups, and share fellowship.

- Excellent facilities for making and for displaying art and craft through exhibitions, fairs, and our Atrium Gallery

www.buderimcraftcottage.com.au



We are graduate women from Australia and overseas who assist women with education at the University of the Sunshine Coast. We offer bursaries and gown the graduands. We host refugee students and help young mothers complete their education. We meet at breakfasts with speakers, book groups, morning teas, a literary lunch and other get-togethers. New friends are always welcome.

www.graduatewomen.org.au



Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc was established to maintain & extend the "Heritage Walking Track", to restore and preserve its botanical history, to recover artefacts and memorabilia and to display the restored original Krauss locomotive in Buderim as we believe it is important that the community value and protect our local heritage.



Buddies based in Buderim is a Sunshine Coast group which advocates for just and compassionate treatment of refugees, consistent with the human rights standards which Australia has developed and endorsed.

We support policies towards refugees and asylum seekers that reflect respect, decency and traditional Australian generosity to those in need, while advancing Australia's international standing and national interests.

We are an independent incorporated community group and meet on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11am, 24 King Street Buderim.

www.refugeebuddies.org



Do you love reading? Enjoy the latest books? Well we have a surprise waiting for you in Buderim at our own library. Where? - In the Buderim Memorial Hall at the corner of Gloucester and Main Road. Open every day except Sunday where our volunteers are ready to welcome you and help you find the book of your choice. We would love to have you become a member!



Buderim Mountain Probus

Buderim Mountain Probus Club is for retired or semi-retired people. Its principles are FUN – FRIENDSHIP – FELLOWSHIP.

We are a non-profit, non-fundraising group meeting monthly for morning tea and a guest speaker. Regular monthly activities include dining, films, walking and golf. Other activities include shows, bowls and bus trips.



Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra

The Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra was formed in 1972 by the late Olive Frame and today attracts over 50 musicians and each year brings hours of live classical and symphonic music to over 1000 people on the Sunshine Coast. The Orchestra is entering an exciting period with gifted conductor Adrian King bringing new music mixed with old favourites culminating each year with the fabulous Proms Concert. New musicians are welcomed, volunteers embraced and audiences wowed. Come and join us.



ADFAS Sunshine Coast

Entertaining talks on the arts by experts for everyone, just for fun! ADFAS, a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation, provides enjoyable lectures on diverse subjects for anyone interested in the arts. No prior knowledge is needed. Topics cover painting and ceramics, literature, film, music, architecture, landscape design and textiles. We welcome everyone! www.adfas.org.au



Buderim Local Ambulance Committee

Local Ambulance Committees provide an opportunity for individuals and community organisations to participate in the promotion, enhancement and expansion of ambulance services in their area and assist in achieving optimal patient care for their community.

We also run CPR awareness training so join us on our quest to teach each and every member of our community how to save lives.

Enquiries: Kirsty Mitchell, Secretary.
past.time5@bigpond.com



BATS Theatre Company Inc.

Ever since it began in the 1930s, BATS Theatre Company has been delighting Buderim audiences with comedies, dramas, musicals and pantomimes. Everyone involved with BATS is a volunteer: the committee; ticket sellers; ushers; the person serving coffee at interval; costumer makers; set builders; directors; actors; techies and crew.

Find out more T: 5494 2398
E: judyfredriksen@bigpond.com



Buderim Mountain State School P&C Association

We are a passionate group of parents, carers and community members who actively work together to reflect the school's motto: 'Strive to Achieve'. Major achievements this year have been upgrades to our pool facilities, with heating and new pool and shade covers along with a striking mural created by BMSS parent Anna Harris and our Year 6 student councillors.



Suncoasters Square Dance Club

We have more than 150 members from under 10 to over 80, all sharing in "Fun, Fitness and Friendship set to music".

Join one of our classes and prepare to dance with an expected 900 visiting dancers from around the world, attending the 57th Australian National Square Dance Convention in June 2016.

Phone 5445 1238 for more information.



Headland-Buderim Croquet Club

It's fun and it's infuriating. It's social and it's competitive. It's exercise and it's relaxation. It's played by any age group.

What is it? CROQUET!

Come along to the Headland-Buderim Croquet Club, Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim, any Tuesday afternoon at 2:30pm and be introduced to this fascinating game.
headland-buderim@croquetqld.org



Immanuel College

Immanuel Lutheran College is a P-12 coeducational Christian school with a stellar reputation. With well above state average OP and NAPLAN results, Immanuel is known for its unique pastoral care and outdoor education program at the College's Mt Binga Outdoor Education Centre, which all students attend in Year 10. In 2015, Immanuel unveiled its new \$2.5 million Music and Drama facility and in January 2016, a new learning space will be opened at the Immanuel Early Learning Centre.

www.immanuel.qld.edu.au



Hot Ginger Chorus

We are a women's a cappella chorus known for dynamic singing and sense of fun. The chorus has around 40 members and a professional Musical Director in Kim Kirkman, a former member and Musical Director of The Ten Tenors.

The chorus welcomes new singers and invites prospective members to attend a Wednesday night rehearsal at Maroochydore CWA Hall.

For details: Vanessa Smith 0419 258 027.



Neighbourhood Watch: Buderim East

Neighbourhood Watch - Buderim East contains 850 dwellings and extends from Gloucester Road east to Thomsen Terrace, and between Gilbert and Mill Roads and the escarpment. We meet every two months beginning February, on the fourth Monday of the month at 1.30 pm in the Buderim Bowls Club. All residents are welcome.



Coastal Caring Clowns

Coastal Caring Clowns Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation, formally incorporated in 2001 with twenty-five volunteers putting on make-up and funny clothes. We bring happiness and inspiration to the community, through visits to hospitals, respite centres, nursing homes and similar. You can volunteer in colourful ways when you join Coastal Caring Clowns!

Email: coastalcaringclowns@gmail.com
www.coastalcaringclowns.com



Buderim Garden Club

We're a dynamic club with more than 200 members who involve themselves in a variety of club activities. Working bees, maintenance of gardens adjacent to the Hall, bus trips, festive lunches, a borrowing library, seed bank and the sale of plants, jams and chutneys all contribute to the success of the club.

The highlight of the calendar is our annual Buderim Garden Festival held in October at the Buderim War Memorial Hall, comprising the Spring Flower Show, six Open Gardens and a quality plant market. Visitors are always welcome!

www.buderimgardenclub.com



Queensland Country Women's Association Buderim

We are looking for new members who want to have fun, meet people and help those less fortunate in our community. There are opportunities to enjoy art, cooking, dress making, hand craft, knitting, music, drama, photography, writing and much more.

If you would like to know more, visit the website: qcwa.org.au
 email: john.cm.bennett@gmail.com



Buderim Lions Club

Lions Walk to School Program

Buderim Lions is a leading community organisation with its prime focus to support financially or otherwise, the disadvantaged and under-privileged and those children and youths with special needs within its immediate community. The Club also provides support to a wide range of community organisations and runs many community events.



Eric J Foote War Memorial Sanctuary Association

This group of volunteers takes care of an eight hectare wilderness covered with rain and gum forests and ground cover, all indigenous to the area on the top of Buderim.

It has sealed easy walking paths and moderately challenging tracks stretching from Park Lane down to Wisers Road. The land was a gift to the people of Buderim by the Foote farming family in memoriam of a war hero Sgt Eric Foote Military Medal KIA on the Somme in 1916. It is the site of Buderim's Remembrance Day service on 11 November each year.



St Mark's Anglican Church, Buderim

All are welcome at St Mark's Anglican Church, Buderim. Christ did not come so that we might have church and have it more often, he came so that we could have life and have it more abundantly. We would be delighted to have you share in this abundant life with us. St Mark's is a welcoming, inclusive community where questions are encouraged and we believe everyone has a place at God's table.

Visit our website: stmarksbuderim.org.au



Our Foundation ... Our future



Affiliate Directory

Community groups

4 Paws Animal Rescue	
Lynn Moss	5445 5312
Anglican Sails (Buderim)	
Heather Johnston	5453 4102
Beulah Community	
Heather Johnston	5453 4102
Buddies Refugee Support	
Val Ross	5476 8645
Buderim Central Neighbourhood Watch - Don Culley	5445 1871
Buderim Foundation	
John Kleinschmidt	5453 7465
Buderim Library Association	
Jan Leake Jones	5445 1414
Buderim Men's Shed	
Rick Beasley	0429 627 101
Buderim Safe	
Don Culley	5445 1871
Buderim VIEW Club	
Joan Perry	5476 8218
Coastal Caring Clowns	
George Farmer	5492 5532
Foote Sanctuary	
Geoffrey Hole	5445 4865
Fusion (Alcoringa)	
Jessie O'Neill	5476 5033
Maroochydore 2	
Neighbourhood Watch	
Coline Colton	0405 328 499
Sippy Downs	
Community Association	
Simon Poole	0418 180 212
Sunshine Coast Legacy	
Helen Bowes	5441 3748
Sunshine FM 104.9	
Greg McCosker	5450 1049

Cultural & Interest groups

ADFAS	
Alison Bennett	5326 1856
BATS Theatre Company	
John McMahon	5445 2515
Buderim Concert Band	
Paula Ford Simpson	5476 3731
Buderim Craft Cottage	
Sheila Tweedy	5445 1567
Buderim Garden Club	
Bev Gourlay	5444 8675
Buderim Historical Society	
Prue Cawley	5445 1341
Buderim Male Choir	
Rod Strachan	5456 4473
Buderim Rostrum No 20	
Geoff Keeler	5445 9580
Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage	
Tramway - Helen Cronin	5476 9509
Graduate Women Qld SC	
Jan Leake Jones	5445 1414
Hot Ginger Chorus	
Vanessa Smith	5443 8315
Maroochy Regional Bushland	
Botanic Gardens	
Bob Ducou	5456 2743
SC Oriana Arts Inc.	
orianaartsinc@outlook.com	
SC Choral Society	
Bernice Anderson	5477 5714
SC Concert Band	
Ken Chadwick	5450 6680
Sunshine Statesmen Barbershop	
Chorus David Edwards	5445 5759
SC Symphony Orchestra	
Phillipa Hancock	0410 405 858

SC Theatre Alliance	
John McMahon	5445 2515

Social Service Clubs & Organisations

4556 Chamber of Commerce	
Tanya Gardner	0417 357 362
Bloomhill Cancer Support	
Michael Hurley	5445 5794
Buderim District Brownie/Guides	
Margaret Bradbury	0434 981 358
Buderim Probus Club	
Mike Edwards	5476 7537
Lions Club of Buderim	
Brian McBride	5443 4503
National Seniors-Buderim	
John Farroway	5445 1974
QCWA-Buderim Branch	
Carmen-Mary Bennett	5477 1832
Rotary Club of Buderim	
Paul Tanner	0418 885 016

Sport & Recreation

Buderim Billiards & Snooker Club	
Brian Bowser	0421 172 371
Buderim Bowls Club	
Barry Ashby	5445 1104
Buderim Contract Bridge	
Joan Keeley	5456 1934
Buderim Cricket Club	
Kathy Poole	5445 1995
Buderim Firebirds Netball	
mail@buderimfirebirds.com	
Buderim Indoor Bowls Club	
Terry Schefe	5445 2997
Headland-Buderim Croquet	
Peg Quebec-Palmer	5456 1014
Headland Golf Club	
Ben Dobson	5444 5800
SC Dog Obedience Club	
Lynn Moss	5445 5312
SC Hockey Cub	
Susan Ohlin	5445 2117
SC Square Dance Centre	
June McCarthy	5478 3445
Taoist Tai Chi	
Noelene Rudd	0417 635 807

Education

Buderim Community Kindergarten	
Wendy Veale	5445 1952
Buderim Mt State School P & C	
Wendy Cackett	5477 2737
Immanuel Lutheran College	
Irene Dabinet	5477 3441
Matthew Flinders Anglican College	
Sergio Lordo	5477 3263
Mons Playgroup Centre	
Michelle Poole	5453 4938
SC Grammar School	5445 4444

Religion - Churches

St Mark's Anglican Church	
The Ven. Jeremy Greaves	5445 2060
Uniting Church - Buderim	
Joyce Simpson	5445 2753

Emergency Services

Buderim Local Ambulance	
Committee - Don Culley	5445 1871
Royal Flying Doctor Service	
Ken Nipperess	0431 979 347

ANZAC Day Sub-Committee



Buderim has a great tradition of service, sacrifice, community cooperation and commemoration. It has been so since its origins at the beginning of the 20th Century when the community barely numbered 600, and is still so today in a community that numbers over 30,000. The ANZAC Sub-Committee continues that tradition by organising and managing two of the major annual commemorative events for Buderim - the Remembrance Day Service on 11th November each year, and all activities associated with ANZAC Day on 25th April.

The Remembrance Day Service is held in the morning of 11th November each year at the Eric J Foote Memorial Park. ANZAC Day activities include the Dawn Service held in Buderim Village Park, the ANZAC Day March along the main streets of Buderim, and the Main ANZAC Commemorative Service held following the march in the very moving Pine Forest of the Buderim Mountain State School.

2015 marked the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli at dawn on 25th April 1915. Consequently ANZAC Day in Buderim in 2015 was particularly special, drawing about 3,000 participants to the Dawn Service and about 4,000 to the March and the Main Service. In October 2014 an Aleppo Pine, a direct descendant of the tree on Lone Pine Ridge on the Gallipoli Peninsula, was planted in the newly opened Buderim Village Park. The Aleppo Pine and its immediate surrounds have been prepared by the Sunshine Coast Council as an ANZAC Commemorative Site - particularly poignant for the staging of the Dawn Service with its inspiring view at dawn east down the escarpment to the coast.

The ANZAC Day Sub-Committee also represents the BWMCA in liaising with the retired veteran and Defence Force community in the Buderim and surrounding area. In particular, it has fostered good working relationships with the Maroochydore RSL and the 2nd Light Horse Regiment through its Troop at Woombye. The sub-committee frequently provides guest speakers to schools, colleges, and other local organisations, especially leading up to ANZAC Day each year.

Members of the sub-committee come from Buderim and surrounding communities, some of them having family connections back to the origins of Buderim at the beginning of the 20th Century. Many members are themselves veterans and retired from one of the arms of the Australian Defence Forces. Committee membership usually numbers around ten. Anyone interested in enquiring about joining or in making contact can do so through the Information Desk at the Old Post Office.





Welcome to Urban Food Street

There's a little bit of heaven that is the neighbourhood west of Buderim's Gloucester Road where instead of kerb and channel and carefully mown footpaths, you're more likely to find an abundance of vegetables, herbs and depending on the season, all sorts of fresh fruit choices ready for the residents to enjoy.

The verge throughout this precinct has gradually given way to olive, mango, a multiplicity of citrus and banana varieties, as well as custard apple and avocado trees all creating a whole different look and feel for the residents of this special location in the heart of Buderim. Children from the local child care centre get very excited when they hear there's an excursion to Food Street planned. They know they will be able to pick and eat some cherry tomatoes or maybe a mandarin when in season.

But it doesn't end there. With inspiration and guidance from Buderim local Duncan McNaught and partner Caroline Kemp, residents have transformed this neighbourhood into a way of living that sounds like the past but could signal the kind of future that many of us crave in this warp speed world in which we now live.

Take a stroll through these streets and you'll find yourself stopping for a chat with folk full of enthusiasm about the next working bee to prepare, plant, pick or dig... or about the cumquat or rosella jam to share, how many hands of bananas have been distributed or the commissioning of the new bee hives. You'll also notice the community compost bins on several of the corners and the blackboards with notices about what's happening like the Easter egg hunt, end-of-year street social or the next delivery of hay bales.

Duncan says this is about activating residential streets and getting people connecting and engaged in food production.

There's no doubt there's a host of other benefits like reducing the heat impacts of unshaded hard surfaces, social inclusion for people of every age, education, health and wellbeing, food security and of course for the environment generally.

Residents ask that if you are planning a visit, you park in Gloucester Road and walk around rather than drive and that you leave the produce for those who live in the neighbourhood.

To learn more, visit Urban Food Street on Facebook.



Ev still learning on the job



Ev Cogill, one of Buderim's early residents enjoys her role as a volunteer on the front counter at the Old Post Office. Ev is one of more than 70 community information volunteers.

"I really like the concept of giving back to an area especially when family roots stretch back such a long way. I joined the BWMCA as a representative for a ladies Probus Club and at a meeting heard that the Old Post Office was looking for volunteers. So I said I would give it a go and I'm still here. I enjoy the time I spend with other volunteers and you meet such interesting people calling in or passing through. I can honestly say that I've also learnt a lot during the time I've spent doing this.

I thoroughly recommend that anyone with a bit of spare time should give it a go," says Ev.

David honours family link to past

“I’m a gregarious person. I like helping others” is the philosophy of Buderim’s affable David Edwards.

David is one of a growing number of people who have made a Gift In Memory donation to the Buderim Foundation. In David’s case, a tribute to his parents Dorothy and Bert, who during their lives were closely involved in various community activities in the Buderim district over many years. A little of their story can be found at the Gifts In Memory page of the Buderim Foundation website.

David’s generous donation to the Buderim Foundation was inspired by his desire to honour his parents’ memory. His continued contributions have greatly facilitated the Buderim Foundation’s fundraising activities and certainly enhanced the Foundation’s social events which so many of us have enjoyed.



David is in no doubt that Buderim is different from elsewhere. A special place, gifted with a beautiful environment and the strong sense of community among its residents. He would dearly love to see more Buderim folk offer some time and talent, especially if their help meets the ‘practical’ test. Perhaps you could be among those people?

A Buderim resident from age 5, David still lives in the distinctive Edwards family home built by Dorothy and Bert in 1948. He has multiple, active roles within both the BWMCa and the Buderim Foundation. At the conclusion of his Navy career in 1999, David returned from Canberra to settle again in Buderim. He recounts that he was swiftly recruited by Simon Whittle for the first of his ongoing roles in the BWMCa, joking that Simon was keen to see the injection of a little military precision. David’s membership of its offshoot, the Buderim Foundation, followed in 2004 and continues to this day.

David is a passionate wine enthusiast who during his career in the RAN lent his expertise as Wine Member in the officer’s mess at each of the locations where he was stationed. His amazing wine knowledge is founded on practical experience too, since he worked in vineyards in Margaret River and Canberra.

David Edwards’ longstanding commitment and contribution to the Buderim community is marvellous and greatly appreciated. His story is one which underlines the richness of Buderim’s community spirit and promotes our optimism for its future.

If you would like to know more about the Buderim Foundation’s Gifts In Memory program, contact Gary Dillon: gary.dillon@dfsgroup.com.au or visit www.buderimfoundation.org.au

Ambassador program goes from strength to strength

When you see a Buderim Foundation Ambassador sticker on a mail box in your street or on the rear window of a car you are following through town, you may wonder what it actually means. Buderim residents who like the idea of their own community foundation have turned the Foundation’s Ambassador Program into a story of growth and quiet achievement says Buderim Foundation director and chair of the Foundation’s newly formed Ambassador Committee Cheryl Ryan.



“What began as a concept for expanding our base of supporters has turned into a fully-fledged program with more than 400 residents on our database. Made up of individuals, families including children and local business people, they are helping to raise awareness of the Buderim Foundation and its purpose. Some attend and support the fund raising events on our calendar, some give their time on the different committees, some become donors or make a bequest. Some just choose to be an advocate by talking positively about what the Foundation does for the benefit of the community,” says Cheryl.

“It’s our intention to expand beyond the current number, but more importantly give those already involved more opportunities to contribute in whatever way suits individual circumstances,” Cheryl adds. “We know some people like the interaction with others while

some prefer to contribute quietly behind the scenes. If we are engaged more with our Ambassadors, there’s a better chance of having everyone find their preferred way to give back. We’re also excited about extending the program with a specific Business Ambassador category and we’ll be able to say more about that soon,” Says Cheryl.

Like the idea and want to know how you can become an Ambassador?

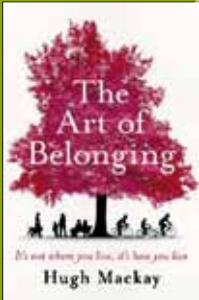
Simply let us know and we’ll give you all the help you need to get involved. We’ll give you a sticker for your letterbox, your vehicle or in your shop or office. We’ll give you brochures and other information so you can pass them onto anyone asking about the Foundation. We list all of our Ambassadors (name only) on our website and you’ll receive regular newsletters and occasional emails about up-coming events. You’ll also have opportunities to meet with like-minded residents at Foundation events.



Need more information?

Contact me at:
info@123travelconferences.com.au
M: 0438 003 759
Or visit our website at
www.buderimfoundation.org.au

How to get involved
Hugh Mackay says ‘We should be taking responsibility for the places where we live by engaging, volunteering, joining up and joining in!’



Become a member.

Call in to the Community Information Centre (at the Main Roundabout) or find the membership application form on the BWMCa website:
www.buderim.qld.au
Phone and email enquiries to ...
Office Administrator May Carson
bwmca10@bigpond.com
Phone 5477 0945

Become an Ambassador

Visit www.buderimfoundation.org.au or email expression of interest to ...
info@buderimfoundation.org.au
Phone enquiries to...
Cheryl Ryan (Ambassador Chair)
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The Buderim War Memorial Hall is a community asset cared for and managed by the BWMCA for the people of Buderim.

Sponsors play vital role



The Buderim Foundation's three major sponsors play a vitally important role in providing the necessary resources to cover the costs of its administration and promotion. This means that every cent from donors can be invested to maximise the grants made each year for worthwhile community projects.

A unique feature of the Foundation is that none of the funds donated or raised are used for the operations, administration or promotion of the organisation. Every dollar donated goes into the corpus to be invested. This can only occur with sufficient cash support from its three major sponsors.

"We firmly believe that our sponsorship of the Buderim Foundation is making a very real difference. As business partners in one of Buderim's most enduring family businesses, we value the deep and lasting relationship we have built with the Foundation over many years.

Our sponsorship of the Foundation aligns closely with the values of the pharmacy and we are pleased that two of the grant categories are directly linked to the health arena: assisting people in need to live healthy and fulfilling lives, and strengthening the social fabric of the community."

Alistair Cook and Jeanette Cain - Buderim Pharmacy

"Our family is proud to be associated with the Buderim Foundation. Buderim has provided us with the ideal locations for business and family life for more than 40 years.

Sponsoring the Buderim Foundation allows our family to give back to the Buderim community in ways that reach far beyond our own industry."

David Hawtrey - Edenlea on Buderim

I've witnessed what the Buderim Foundation has done for residents throughout Post Code 4556 over the past few years so we're thrilled to be able to support the work it does and the community benefits it provides. I am also looking forward to being an active part of the Foundation and seeing my team contribute back to this community. I'm particularly excited by the opportunity to work with the Buderim Foundation's Youth Program as a way of supporting the next generation of Sunshine Coast leaders. The Foundation has done a great job in establishing philanthropy programs at a number of schools in the Buderim area and we are keen to work with them to grow these programs.

Darren Venning - Dealer Principal, Sunshine Toyota

Welcome to Buderim Afternoon Teas

Many Buderim residents can lay claim to being introduced to their new community via the long established tradition of a welcome afternoon tea at the Old Post Office.

Welcome to Buderim Chair Lynn Moss says "Welcome to Buderim is about convincing new residents that Buderim isn't just a place to live - it is a strong and enjoyable community. When the guests arrive, they are often rather cautious and reserved, not knowing what to expect and a little worried that there might be a hidden agenda.

So when we start to talk about our community and the strong community spirit, we get a genuinely interested response. Most of our guests seem eager to become involved in the community and often volunteer on the spot for one of the BWMCA activities!

Alex shines by example

Buderim resident Alex Sweet's devotion to the community she treasures was recognised in 2014 with a special award acknowledging the generous contribution of her professional graphic design and marketing services to the Buderim Foundation for more than 10 years.

When presenting the inaugural Les Day Honour to Alex, Buderim Foundation Chair Professor Paul Clark said "Alex's time, energy and professional services, all of which have been generously provided pro bono, have contributed immeasurably to the evolution and successful positioning and promotion of the Buderim Foundation.

It was the unanimous view of the judging panel that Alex Sweet is a most worthy recipient of the inaugural Les Day Honour. Her outstanding contribution of time and talent as well as her warmth, team spirit and passion for what the Foundation is and does is an inspiring example to all those seeking to give back to the community in which they live," Prof Clark said.

Alex has been a passionate and committed member of the Foundation's Marketing Committee since it was established in 2004. Since then she has worked tirelessly on countless projects requiring the benefits of her professional graphic design and production management experience and skills.



Paul Clark, Mina Day, Alex Sweet

Foundation for everyone

Since 2008 the Buderim Foundation has witnessed a near fourfold increase in grant applications, reflecting a high demand by community organisations throughout Buderim for worthwhile local community development initiatives.

The grants are used by community organisations to undertake inspiring projects. Buderim Sails used their grant to improve access to and knowledge of community resources by developing a Buderim Indigenous and South Sea Islander Brochure. 'Adopt a Digger' published a book on pre-war lives of Buderim men and women who enlisted in the Great War. Grants have been used towards community events and celebrations. The Buderim Lions Club held 'Families in the Park Days' and Fusion Sunshine Coast have organised several Buderim Youth Festivals.

The Foundation also supports organisations that work with Buderim's aged residents. The Rotary Club of Buderim established a Men's Shed to reduce isolation and encourage companionship. The Music Broadcasting Society provided access to nostalgia radio music for aged-care residents and Buderim Scout Group used their Foundation grant to fit a new kitchen in their scout den.

The Foundation is also very supportive of groups that work towards improving the environment. For example, the Bunya Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation used their grant to purchase conservation tools to care for the country around Martins Creek, Martins Creek Headwaters Action Group rehabilitated Martins Creek Headwaters and Maroochy Waterwatch organised a 'Bring back the Butterflies' project. And there are many more equally inspiring examples.

These quotes give an indication of how appreciated and respected the Buderim Foundation and BWMCA are by their community:

“ Every now and then you hear about grassroots community groups that achieve things that government and the private sector only dream of. The Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) and the Buderim Foundation are such groups. The partnership initiative these two groups have undertaken together will have a substantive impact on the Buderim community; providing evidence and explanation of demonstrable community collaboration, resilience and vibrancy. ”

*Ted O'Brien,
Candidate - Fairfax, June 2015*



“ As a resident of Buderim, I'm keenly aware of the fine work undertaken by the Buderim Foundation and the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA). Groups like these are essential in our community and help to make Buderim such a desirable place to live in or visit. They are a true demonstration of the special spirit of Buderim. I'm pleased that Council, through its grants program, is able to support their important contribution to our citizens. Thank you to the committees and all of their volunteers for their many hours of dedication and service to a great part of our Sunshine Coast. ”

*Cr Mark Jamieson
Mayor - Sunshine Coast Council*




“ Fusion Sunshine Coast has been closely associated with Buderim Foundation over the past six years through its provision of funding towards our youth and community program. The positive results of this support have been clearly demonstrated in our increased ability to reach more young people across the Sunshine Coast. The Buderim Foundation has promoted a very welcoming and supportive community environment in which Fusion Sunshine Coast can carry out its work with young people. ”

*Tamara Dowley,
Fundraising Coordinator,
Fusion Sunshine Coast, May 2015*




“ I have had a relationship with the Foundation for many years and strongly support the work the Foundation does within the Buderim community and its vision of enriching Buderim's quality of life through community based philanthropy. ”

*Steve Dickson MP,
Member for Buderim, June 2015*



“ I congratulate the Buderim Foundation for taking a leadership role in facilitating an active partnership with Buderim Mountain State School, its P&C and the local education sector. This commitment to fund local organisations reflects the Buderim Foundation's dedication to working with our local youth and the broader community. ”


*Mark Blong,
President - Buderim Mountain State
School Parents & Citizen's Association*




“ The Buderim Foundation has been one of the best things ever to happen here on Buderim. They have enabled many individuals and groups to fund and undertake projects that would otherwise have been impossible, or at least put on hold for a long time. Through BATS Theatre Co Inc. Buderim Craft Cottage and Buderim War Memorial Hall, I have seen the direct results of such grants. ”

I am also active with St Gerard Majella Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society and over the last ten or so years our Conference has been part of the Buderim Foundation Back to School Vouchers Program. This has considerably helped needy families to get children back to school with appropriate uniforms, footwear and school supplies. ”

*John McMahon,
Chairman - Buderim War Memorial Hall
Committee*





Have you visited Buderim's Community Information Centre?

Happenings notice boards, Free JP Service, Buderim Gift Lines plus information about more than 50 community groups.

Staffed by volunteers
You might even like to join the volunteer ranks (3 hour shifts on front counter)

Also serves as office for the BWMCA

OPEN
Mon-Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm
Sat - 10.00am to 12.30pm

You'll find the Community Information Centre in the lovely Old Post Office building at the Main Roundabout in Burnett Street.

Phone 5477 0944

Hear and Say opens world of sound in Buderim Schools

Hear and Say's aim is to help all children to hear, listen and speak so they can attend a regular school, have wider career choices and can more fully participate in their community.

Hear and Say piloted its School Hearing Screening Program in March 2015 and due to its success has rolled the program out across Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast with growing interest from other regions.

The Buderim Foundation recently awarded Hear and Say \$5,500 in funding to screen schools in 2016, and will be granting a further \$5,500 to screen schools in the following year.

Hear & Say CEO, Chris McCarthy said if a child's screen is abnormal his/her parents will be advised to see medical attention via their local GP or to have a more in-depth hearing test.

"Our data to date is showing evidence that up to 20% of children may be having difficulty on that day hearing in the classroom. A child's hearing may change over time, often without the child, parent or teacher noticing, so it is important to monitor a child's hearing even if they have passed previous hearing tests," Mr McCarthy said.

Schools in Buderim that will participate in the program have already been identified and include Matthew Flinders Anglican College,



Sienna Catholic Primary, and Buderim Mountain State School. This will take place across 11 classes (30 students per class) in 2016.

Mr McCarthy said he is excited to be working alongside the Buderim Foundation and rolling out a program that will greatly benefit children in the region. "Ensuring that children in the classroom are getting the best access to sound will ensure they get the very best start in life," Mr McCarthy said.

Hear and Say are working hard alongside the Buderim Foundation to add another three new schools and 11 new classes the following year. Schools participating in the program in 2017 will be announced at a later date.

New Fence makes a difference for disability community

Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation providing equine-based therapeutic and recreational riding and driving programs for all members of the disability community on the Sunshine Coast.

The Buderim Foundation granted \$4280 in 2014 to assist with the purchase of a PVC equine safe fence. Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled Treasurer, Sharon Watts said the fence was erected around the 60m x 20m outdoor arena.

"Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled is currently building an equine facility that delivers horse related programs to members of the community focused on people with disabilities," Sharon said.

"The new facility will bring joy and confidence to our clients who use our programs and we are really glad the Buderim Foundation could assist in helping us bring this facility to the community."

Along with a team of dedicated volunteers, RDA also has a team of hard-working horses who are specially selected and trained to allow the participants to enjoy and develop their skills in a safe environment. "Many of these horses are specifically trained and assessed for particular roles to allow them to provide the unique services of the programs," Sharon said.



Men's Shed ticks a lot of boxes

The Buderim Men's Shed, open five days a week, is a hive of industry especially on a Tuesday when over a hundred 'shedders' regularly attend. First opened in November 2010, the Shed is now one of the largest in Australia with around 260 financial members.

Designed to help improve men's health, in particular reduce social isolation and the risk of depression, the Shed offers a large number of activities covering a wide range of interests.



And these men are busy! Apart from enjoying the resources of the Shed such as the library, the yakety yak discussion group and the early morning exercise classes, the Shedders do a lot of good work in the community. They've made kids tables and chairs for the Buderim Kindy; outdoor furniture for Craft Cottage; vegetable gardens for Buderim Mountain State School; Halloween coffins (yes coffins!) for Aussie World and shelves for the Buderim Library. They've also repaired bicycles and wheelchairs which they then distributed free of charge to people who require a bit of extra mobility.

And the 'Shed Men' are the backbone of Buderim Muscle, a volunteer group that assists other not-for-profits with physical help and repairs. And they provide the extra man power required to set up Buderim's traditional events, such as Anzac Day, Christmas Carols and the Street Party.

In return the Shed is well supported. They receive sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank, their current premises are provided by Dr Bill Glasson and Prof Claire Jackson, and they have received a number of community grants from the Buderim Foundation and other organisations.

But there are challenges ahead. The State Government has provided land for a permanent Shed on the understanding that the Men will fund the necessary buildings and infrastructure. Fund raising will shortly begin in earnest!

Buderim Community Carols



This annual event is put on by the BWMCA and made possible by our generous sponsors, including the Buderim Bendigo Community Bank and Sunshine Coast Council.

Held in December each year, the event is designed to help spread peace and goodwill within our local community. What better way to celebrate Christmas than to sing your favourite carols and for the children to be visited by Santa!

“What is most important always involves those around us”