



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



## SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 50

### A Message from our Chair

Six months have flown by since we celebrated the Foundation's 20th Birthday in April, and a lot has happened in that period.



The Board has recently approved four significant grants from the Thompson Charitable Fund which has the prime purpose of supporting people in financial need across the entire Sunshine Coast. The beneficiaries have been SunnyKids (\$66,500) to support families affected by domestic and family violence, Gateway Care (\$100,500) to meet the increasing food needs of people affected by the cost-of-living crisis, Lily House (\$36,040) to support women in crisis, and Aus Living Support (\$50,000) for its home rental supplement program. This total amount of \$253,040 is a good indicator of how many local people are finding it difficult to make ends meet in our current economic climate. More information about the SunnyKids grant and an earlier Aus Living Support grant is outlined on p5.

Recently, we conducted our annual Community Grants Celebration. This event is the culmination of a process through which local community organisations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000. We received a record number of 39 applications and awarded grants to the total of \$110,264 to 22 of them. Significantly, this has taken the total we have provided from the Community Grants Fund since the first grants were awarded in 2008 to \$940,031. The grant recipients are listed on p3.

If we add the amounts the Foundation has given in Community Grants, Thompson Charitable Fund Grants and Back to School Vouchers distributed on behalf of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, we have now given over \$2 million back to the community. A great achievement in our 21st year!

Having sponsors to assist with our operating costs is extremely important. We are pleased to welcome TM Estate Agents as a Silver Sponsor to join our Major Sponsors EdenLea on Buderim and Buderim Chempro Chemists. We thank Tanya Mungomery for her commitment and look forward to having a long and fruitful relationship with her and TM Estate Agents. A profile of Tanya is included on p8.

Earlier, I mentioned the tough economic times in which we are currently living. This situation is highlighted by a drop off in the donations we are receiving. We have a simple financial operating philosophy of Money In, Money Managed, Money Out. While our investment team is doing an excellent job in ensuring we get the best possible return on our investments (Money Managed), we can only maintain our grants program (Money Out) at the current level if we get 'Money In'.

Led by our Philanthropy Committee, we have recently streamlined the Giving Platform on our website ([www.buderimfoundation.org.au](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au)) to make it easier than ever to donate and so we would appreciate if you would do what the catch cry on our recent advertising has suggested and 'jump online!' More information about our new giving platform is explained on p7.

The Editor of this Newsletter, and my Deputy for the past two years, Sandra Jeffries, is stepping down from the Foundation Board at the upcoming AGM. I thank Sandra for her overall contribution and the great work she has done in producing a high-quality publication to record the events of Buderim Foundation for posterity.

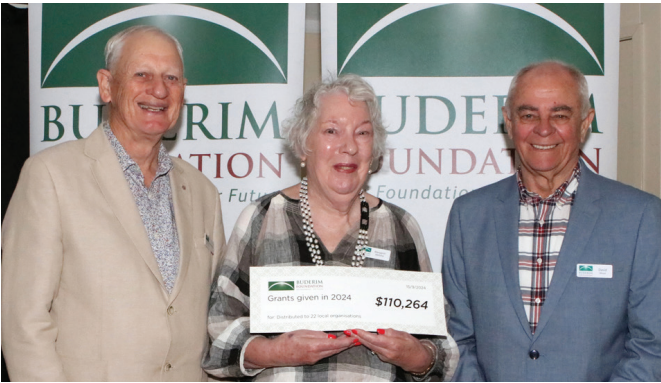
I will also be stepping down as Chair at the AGM. It has been an interesting and challenging couple of years and I have tried my best to make a meaningful contribution to the management of the Buderim Foundation. I will leave others to be the judge of my success. I thank my fellow Directors, the Executive Officer, and everyone else I have worked with for their support.

My replacement is, as the Eagles' song says, 'a new kid in town'. His name is Rick Woods. While Rick will be taking over with little background knowledge of Buderim, he has a strong corporate background, he is willing to learn, and he is enthusiastic about leading the Buderim Foundation forward. I am sure that you'll get behind Rick and give him your full support.

I wish the Buderim Foundation every success for the future.

**Rod McKinnon - Chair, Buderim Foundation**

COMMUNITY GRANTS



**Chair Rod McKinnon, Grants Committee Margaret Welshe and David Wood**



**The presenters: Bernadette Meckan, Tanya Mungomery, Mehdi Bakhtiari, David Wood and Jonno Sullivan**

The Foundation’s annual Community Grants Celebration is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the achievements of so many of our local organisations. This year, 22 organisations were awarded grants totalling \$110,624 at a ceremony at the Buderim War Memorial Hall on Sunday 15 September.

Foundation Chair Rod McKinnon welcomed the grant recipients and guests, including Brent Mickelberg, State Member for Buderim and the Foundation’s sponsors: Mehdi Bakhtiari, Buderim ChemPro Chemists; Bernadette Meckan, representing EdenLea on Buderim; and Tanya Mungomery, TM Estate Agents. David Wood from the Grants Committee introduced the grant recipients, with our sponsors taking turns to present them with their cheques.

Guests then enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, with scones provided by Simplee Sweet on Buderim. Tuscany Mellor created the perfect ambience for the afternoon by playing some beautiful music before and after the official ceremony.

Thanks to the Grants Committee, Marketing Committee, Events Committee and Susi Du Toit for coordinating and delivering such an enjoyable afternoon.



**Sunshine Coast Concert Band (Helen and Clayton Flander)**



**Mehdi Bakhtiari with AEIOU (Kim Reid)**



**RSL Care (Yvonne Dalziel)**



**Magnolia Health (Megan Zischke and Alice Paine)**



**Bernadette Meckan with Buderim Wanderers Football Club (Glenn Duncan)**



**SLSQ Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter (Mandy Hentschel, Bailey Williams & Shane Gale)**



**Tanya Mungomery with Cittamani (Melanie Bruhn)**



**Fusion Community Care (Nicky Stanfield and Andrew Marshallsea)**

... a community to be proud of

## COMMUNITY GRANTS



### This year's recipients:

**AEIOU Foundation - \$9,480** for the provision of outdoor learning and play equipment for children with autism.

**Bloomhill Cancer Care - \$1,854** for a custom information and brochure holder.

**Buderim Historical Society - \$1,975** for a defibrillator machine for community safety.

**Buderim Men's Shed - \$5,838** for security upgrades.

**Buderim Theatre Company Incorporated (BATS) - \$1,658** towards the purchase of a sewing machine and overlocker.

**Buderim Wanderers Football Club - \$5,000** towards a motorised utility cart.

**BWMCA - \$10,000** for a laser projector for the Buderim War Memorial Hall.

**Cittamani Hospice Service - \$9,128** to replace technology used by their support nurses.

**Disabled Surfers Association (SC Branch) - \$7,071** for shade marquees for surfers with a disability.

**Fusion Community Centre - \$3,750** for a replacement printer/copier.

**LifeFlight Foundation - \$6,036** for new safety equipment to support rescue helicopter crew.

**Lions Club of Buderim Inc - \$1,233** for equipment for the Lions Den

**Magnolia Health - \$3,000** towards operational costs for the Buderim Walk for Endo (Endometriosis).

**Maroochydore SES Support Association - \$1,823** towards equipment for their Storm Damage Response Vehicle.

**Rotary Club of Buderim - \$1,573** for a new cover for their barbecue trailer.

**RSL Care RDNS trading as Bolton Clarke - \$10,000** for a Goodness Garden.

**SLSQ Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter - \$10,000** towards the upgrade safety equipment to support patient & rescue crew.

**Suncoast Gem & Fossicking Club - \$3,553** towards a Caochon (Cabbing) grinding and polishing machine.

**Sunshine Coast Concert Band - \$3,637** towards a keyboard, amp and accessories.

**Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Inc - \$3,500** for a new motor for their dinghy.

**We Help Ourselves - \$3,070** for new computers for Rehabilitation Program graduates.

**Wishlist Sunshine Coast Health Foundation - \$7,085** for the Let's Get Moving! Program.



**BWMCA - Dougall Pitt**



**Lions Club of Buderim - Ian McKenzie**



**Suncoast Gem & Fossicking Club - Melissa Bartley and Graeme White**



**Music by Tuscany Mellor**

# Harnessing the power of giving ...

## COMMUNITY GRANTS SUCCESS

### Cittamani Hospice Service

Established in 1996, the Cittamani Hospice Service is a community-based organisation that provides professional and compassionate in-home palliative care, free of charge to the Sunshine Coast community.

A team of specialist nurses, social workers and others provide specialist palliative care, counselling, bereavement and spiritual support for individuals with a terminal illness and their loved ones.

The Hospice's service model is based on values such as the dignity of life, compassionate service and individual empowerment.

Cittamani received a Foundation Community Grant of \$10,000 last year to help with the purchase of a replacement vehicle for its specialist nurses.

The Hospice is undertaking a staged replacement of three older vehicles from its fleet of six, with the replacement vehicles to be more energy efficient and environmentally friendly hybrids.

Cittamani Director, Melanie Bruhn, said "Because all of our care is provided in people's homes, our nurses and other staff need to cover many kilometres at all times of the day and night. Reliable vehicles are essential to ensure that staff can carry out their work safely."

The Foundation has been pleased to support an organisation that provides so much, in an integrated, holistic way, to people at such critical times of their lives.



*Melanie Bruhn and David Wood with the new car*

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Congratulations

We were delighted that Michelle Smytheman, a long-standing member of the Foundation's Marketing Committee, was recognised as a Community Champion at the recent Buderim Volunteer Awards morning tea organised by Brent Mickelberg and the BWMCA.

Michelle has made an enormous contribution to the Buderim Foundation, the BWMCA and other organisations over many years.

Michelle is the epitome of an exemplary community volunteer. Despite running her own business, lecturing at the University of the Sunshine Coast and undertaking a PhD, Michelle contributes her time and expertise to the Foundation and, by association, to the broader community.

### Congratulations, Michelle!



*Ryan Early, Michelle Smytheman, Ian Butler, Susi Du Toit*

Two other community members were also recognised as Community Champions: Brett Green (Legacy) and Nancy Moule (BATS).

Brian McBride, OAM from Lions was recognised as the Volunteer of the Year. Brian is now one of the six Members of the Foundation.

## 2024 DIARY DATES

### October

**Sunday 6 October** - Comedy for a Cause - Buderim War Memorial Hall

### November

**Saturday 30 November** - Buderim Christmas Fair - Buderim War Memorial Hall

### December

**Friday 13 December** - Christmas Happy Hour - Buderim Craft Cottage



## THOMPSON CHARITABLE FUND GRANTS

### Aus Living Support

Earlier this year, the Foundation Board approved a grant of \$33,000 from the Thompson Charitable Fund to Aus Living Support for a School Aid Program.

The Program is designed to provide essential school items to students in Sunshine Coast state primary and secondary schools whose families are in financial distress. A maximum of \$550 is allocated to each eligible student: \$370 for articles of school uniform clothing, \$130 for shoes and \$50 for backpacks.

Aus Living Support works with partner welfare agencies who identify and qualify clients, with all funding paid directly to the suppliers of the items.

The School Aid Program has already provided:

- 165 items of school uniform clothing
- 28 pairs of shoes
- 34 backpacks.

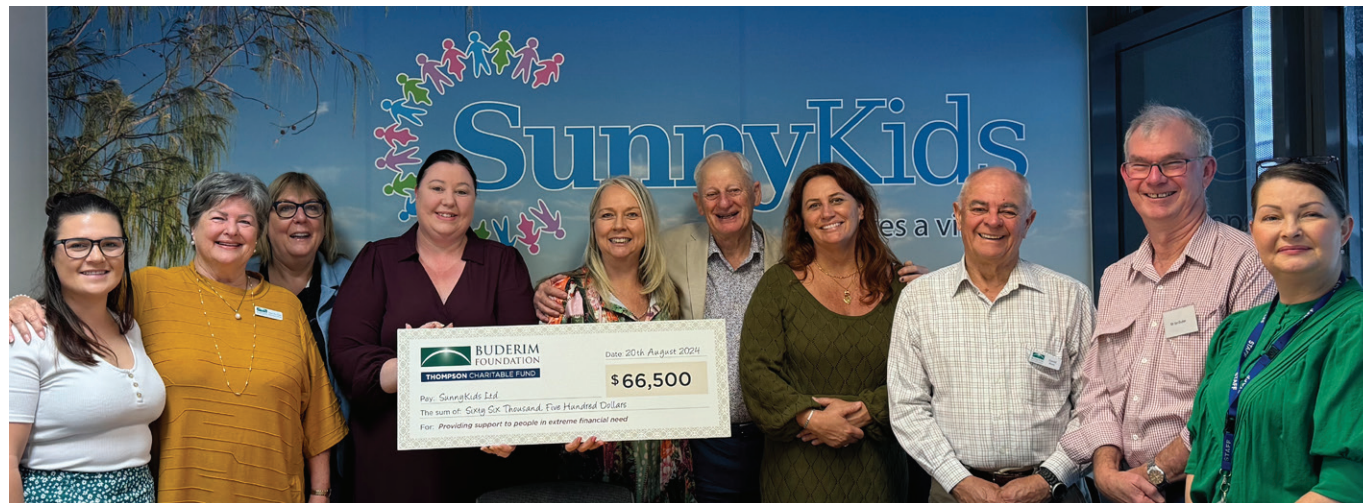
Ian Harrison, co-founder and CEO of Aus Living Support, said "Reports from the services looking after the children has been overwhelmingly positive.

They report a change in the confidence and mental health of the children because they are no longer

dressed differently to the other children. Wearing normal clothing to school was an easy indicator that the child had a home that could not afford the uniforms, and often precluded them from social groups. This stigma is lifted by the uniform items that the Thompson Charitable Fund Grant can provide."



**Rod McKinnon presenting the grant cheque to Ian Harrison**



**Cheque presentation with Kathleen Hope (4th from left) and Rod McKinnon (5th from right) with SunnyKids team and Foundation representatives**

### SunnyKids

SunnyKids, the local organisation that provides vulnerable children and families with access to life-changing help and services, recently received a Thompson Charitable Fund Grant of \$66,500.

SunnyKids has been operating on the Sunshine Coast for more than 20 years, focusing on providing complex case management, including long-term capacity building and emotional support.

SunnyKids CEO Kathleen Hope said the grant would be used to provide temporary emergency accommodation, grocery and fuel cards, and assist with bills for vital services such as utilities, household expenses and essential car repairs.

"Last year, SunnyKids experienced more requests for support than ever before. We were able to help almost 2,767 vulnerable individuals within families," Kathleen said.

HAPPY HOURS

Spring Happy Hour

Our Spring Happy Hour seemed to be an early precursor to a change of season. After the previous few days of unpleasant weather, the Friday evening of the Happy Hour was warm, dry and clear. Ambassadors and guests met at the Buderim Craft Cottage for an evening with old and new friends over drinks and nibbles. A special feature of the evening was the serving of some delicious treats made on-site by Japanese chef, Tomo Akutsu.

Rod McKinnon gave an update to guests about recent Foundation activities before introducing Philanthropy Committee Chair, Charlie Morris, to explain the Foundation's new giving platform.

The Atrium Gallery at the Buderim Craft Cottage kindly stayed open for the Happy Hour, allowing guests to view the Art Expo and indulge in a little retail therapy.

Thanks to the Events Committee and other helpers for such a pleasant evening.



*Rose Egerton, Rod Hutchinson, Ted Egerton, Jenny Carroll*



*Angela White and Ruth Murray*



*Steve and Kerryl Johnson*



*Rod McKinnon, Ken MacKenzie, Larry Vincent*



*Didi Killen, Patsy and Larry Noble*



*Carina Frank, Yvonne Koster, Alison Stockel, Heather and Nick Jackson*

## EVENTS

### Breakfast Function

Foundation Ambassadors and guests were treated to an inspirational and humorous presentation at a function in July. Catherine Stamp, President of the Caloundra RSL Services Club, was the special guest speaker at a Foundation breakfast at the Headland Golf Club. Cathy spoke about her life's journey from humble beginnings on a cane farm in Mackay to her rise to the rank of Senior Commissioned Officer and Squadron Leader in the RAAF.

As the daughter of religious Maltese immigrants, Cathy spoke with humour about her upbringing, explaining that she never saw herself as a dutiful daughter who would grow up to marry a cane farmer and have children. She left school after Year 10 and worked as a legal secretary for five years before enlisting in the RAAF, where she spent the next 28 years rising through the ranks.

She shared her experiences of postings in Australia and Penang Malaysia, her officer training and deployments in East Timor, Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia and the Middle East. Along with the normal challenges of military life, Cathy also faced the challenge of being a woman in a male-dominated environment. She acknowledged the crucial role her husband Glenn played in supporting her during her times of uncertainty.

Seen as a trailblazer in her military career, Cathy became the first female President of the Caloundra RSL Services Club in 2019, a role she still occupies today. Her inspiring story of overcoming career and life challenges to succeed was a testament to her resilience and determination.



**Jessica Smith, Catherine Stamp, Jade Edmonds, Evangeline Hurley**



**Marg and Doug Welshe, Charlie Morris, Keely White, Kate Akers**



**Beth Michon, Sue Gardner, Robyn Russell, Graham Tambllyn**

## NEW GIVING PLATFORM

The Foundation recently introduced a new giving platform to provide an easy, flexible and safe way to donate. All amounts, however small, are gratefully received.

Donations to the Foundation are never spent. Instead, they are pooled and professionally managed, generating income which provides grants to community organisations in the Buderim region and, in the case of the Thompson Charitable Fund, to organisations providing support to people in financial need throughout the Sunshine Coast.

The concept is simple:

Money In - Donations and bequests received

Money Managed - Funds professionally invested

Money Out - Earnings distributed as grants

Our new online giving platform is processed through Stripe, recognised internationally as one of the best and most secure payway gateways. We have secured very low transaction fees, so that more of your donation goes into the Foundation's funds.

If you would like to give today so your community continues to thrive tomorrow, jump online!

[www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au/how-to-give)



## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

### Keely White

Keely recently joined the Foundation's Board as the new Chair of the Events Committee. Keely is an entrepreneur with over 20 years' experience in systemising and scaling businesses. A high-profile keynote speaker and trainer, she has worked with AFR Top 100 Companies, BRW Young Rich Listers, Fast Starter award recipients and some of the world's leading entrepreneurs. Keely is very competitive and will challenge anyone to a lively game of ping pong, blackjack and chess!



... from little gifts big things grow!

## SPONSOR PROFILE

### TM Estate Agents

We are pleased to welcome TM Estate Agents to the Foundation in our new category of Silver Sponsor.

Principal Tanya Mungomery's deep commitment to the Buderim community aligns well with the Foundation's priorities. Tanya is particularly passionate about the Foundation's focus on local initiatives, which she believes have a direct and meaningful impact on the lives of Buderim residents.

Having lived in Buderim for over 20 years, Tanya has witnessed firsthand the growth and transformation of our vibrant community. She and her husband Quentin have built their lives, raised their children and formed lasting friendships here. Tanya is committed to preserving and enhancing the unique spirit of Buderim that we all enjoy.



### Time and Talent are treasure

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



## SPONSORS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Buderim Foundation acknowledges the longstanding generosity of our two Major Sponsors: Buderim ChemPro Chemist and Edenlea on Buderim and also our new Silver Sponsor, TM Estate Agents.

These sponsors cover most of our operating expenses, enabling our Money In, Money Managed, Money Out structure.

*Our sincere thanks for their ongoing support.*

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