



ASSOCIATION  CELEBRATING THE BUDERIM WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# 75<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY



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**BWMCA**

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# INTRODUCTION

The Buderim War Memorial Community Association acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Buderim sits, the Gubbi Gubbi people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

In 1945 Buderim had some 600 residents, mostly concerned with farming. The little community had a tradition of caring, demonstrated through the war by practical support for the families, farms and

businesses of those who had gone to fight. The community wanted a special war memorial to honour those people. The Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) began...

The BWMCA intended to celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2020 however due to the COVID19 pandemic restrictions, the celebration was delayed until October 2021. The health and safety of all our community is our number one priority. In light of the 2019 and 2020 affects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of changing Government safety policies, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the celebrations until 2022.

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# WHAT IS THE BWMCA?

## BACKGROUND

The Buderim War Memorial Community Association was conceived during World War II by the Volunteer Defence Corp with its 30 plus personnel commanded by Captain Bill Chadwick and the War Service Organisation headed by George Burnett. These bodies gave advice and practical help to the families of those on active service. With the cooperation of local residents, groups of workers were assigned to maintain the farms of absent servicemen.

Once the war ended there was no need for many of the services and there existed a strong desire to provide a memorial to the wartime sacrifice of the service men and women of the two World Wars.

In 1945, when towns were building cenotaphs to remember the fallen, the Buderim community decided to create a **living memorial** which embraces the freedoms for which men and women in the armed services have fought and died to defend on our behalf. The Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) was formed with Bill Chadwick elected as Chairman and Max Lindsay as Secretary. It was set up as a living memorial with the objective of service to others and to make the district a better place in which to live for those returning soldiers, other community members and future generations.



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### **Our motto**

Service to Commemorate Sacrifice.

### **Our Vision**

An enriched community.

### **Our Goal**

To promote and build on the traditional sense of community spirit in Buderim.

### **Our Logo**

Represents a living tree with a heart at its centre. The leaves symbolise the community and the branches represent the groups which work within that community. The heart shape in the fork of the trunk represents the fallen soldiers who will forever be in our hearts.



## WHO DOES WHAT IN THE BWMCA?

BWMCA is made of Members – Individual, Family and Life Membership is available – operating through a Management Committee made up of – President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer as Elected Officers and the Chairs of Sub-Committees and Delegates from an amazing network of more than 70 Affiliate organisations, clubs and associations.

Residents, visitors and new arrivals in Buderim are often looking for a particular club, society, group or association that

aligns with their passion or interests. BWMCA Affiliate organisations cover a wide range of activities and interests and there are links to these Affiliates on our website.

BWMCA is very active in a wide variety of community events and activities. BWMCA is managed and maintained completely by volunteers, and financed by membership dues, many fund-raising initiatives and investments and special Grants from the State Government and Sunshine Coast Council.

## BWMCA SUB-COMMITTEES

### **Anzac And Remembrance Day Committee**

When the BWMCA was formed in 1945 its most important task was the commemoration of the over 100 thousand Australians who had died in conflicts to that point.

The BWMCA's founder Bill Chadwick, himself a veteran of World War 1 and the leader of Buderim's Volunteer Defence Corp in World War 2, saw to it that such a task could be undertaken by the organisation.

While RSL movements around the nation developed their ANZAC Day's services Buderim decided such a task should be a community responsibility.

Bill Chadwick ran the first few services at the War Memorial Hall and continued as the site for another 40 years, with the officiating party situated on the Hall verandah and the commemorative participants on the lawn between the

Hall and Craft Cottage.

Attendance diminished over the latter of these years as the digger population was reduced by age, an anti-war sentiment was prevalent and there was no ANZAC holiday.

The Buderim Mountain State School had been holding its own ANZAC service in the hoop pine forest to the western side of the classrooms, and in 1995 the main community service was moved to this location where it has been commemorated ever since.

Around the year 2000, local ex Officers, firstly briefly, retired Major General John Hartley and then for an extended period retired Colonel Rod Mackinnon refocused the operations of the BWMCA ANZAC Committee with clearer allotment of tasks to both ex servicemen and community members.

The march through the village to the forest was expanded beyond



# BWMCA SUB-COMMITTEES

exservicemen to include local school children and community groups such as nurses. Interest in, and support of ANZAC Day grew considerably during the early 2000's and numbers at the services increased proportionally.

Also, a Dawn Service was introduced which marked the hour that the first Australian troops went ashore at Gallipoli with it being held at the Hall in the same format, and in 2015 it was transferred to the eastern end of the new Buderim Village Park, where a Lone Pine from Gallipoli stock was planted. The service commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing attracted over 5,000 attended the Dawn and also Main services and along the march.

Around 2003, the first Remembrance Day Commemoration which marked the end of World War 1 on 11 November 1918, was held in the village and shortly after moved to the Foote Sanctuary, a particularly special place on the eastern escarpment for this event.

The land was given to the Buderim community in 1948 by the farming Foote family in memoriam of family member Eric who was killed in action in 1916 at Mouquet Farm on the Somme River. Sgt Eric J.T. Foote of the 49th Infantry Battalion was awarded a posthumous Military Medal for his brave and heroic actions on the day of his death. The Sanctuary is recognized as an official War Memorial.

At least 100 ex servicemen and community members have participated on this Committee and in serving the memory of the fallen.

## **Carols on Buderim**

The Buderim Community Carols is an annual event that has for many years given the local community the opportunity to celebrate the festive season together in a spirit of peace and goodwill. It is a family-oriented event with local talent leading the singing of traditional carols. Up until 2015, the event was held on the Buderim Mountain State School oval but since then, the beautiful Buderim Village Park is the venue.

## **Friends of Buderim**

For many years have been the major source of fund raising for the BWMCA. Two highly successful cookbooks have been central to this extraordinary contribution. Friends of Buderim continue to be supportive of the BWMCA.

## **Community Website and social media**

Volunteers ensure that we keep our profile and activities in the digital world.

## **Welcome to Buderim**

A community service provided by the BWMCA offering new Buderim residents the opportunity to meet and chat with local Councillors and MP and find out more about the community and neighbourhood. Our Affiliate representatives will also be on hand to offer information about the local groups and activities such as art, crafts, music, sports, gardening and many more.

## **Projects officers**

Manage membership, newsletter, public relations, office administration and archives.

## AFFILIATES

One of the more unusual aspects of the BWMCA is that it has from its inception, encouraged other local groups to become Affiliate Members. BWMCA aims to promote and assist these Affiliate groups.

In 1945 this was a mere handful but has now grown to over 70 Sunshine Coast and Buderim groups including schools, sporting clubs, community groups, cultural groups, service clubs, churches, recreational groups, emergency services and social clubs covering most aspects of community life.

In return for a small annual fee, each Affiliate Member is entitled to elect a delegate to the Management Committee. These delegates discuss and vote on BWMCA matters and have a voice in

the day-to-day life of the Buderim community. In this way, the BWMCA receives the widest possible input from the community and reaches a considerable percentage of the local community.

Affiliates can become fully aware of planned events such as Australia Day and ANZAC Day and plan their participation in these events. The Management Committee meetings and the BWMCA Newsletter help inform them of other community developments which may be of interest to them. Affiliated groups can have a report of their activities printed in the Newsletter.

The links to Affiliated group websites and contact details can be found on [www.bwmca.com.au](http://www.bwmca.com.au)

## YESTERDAY

In 1945 Buderim had no sealed roads, no public transport, no parks, and few sporting facilities. Through the years the BWMCA's priority was to address those problems. In the early years of operation many projects were undertaken, including:

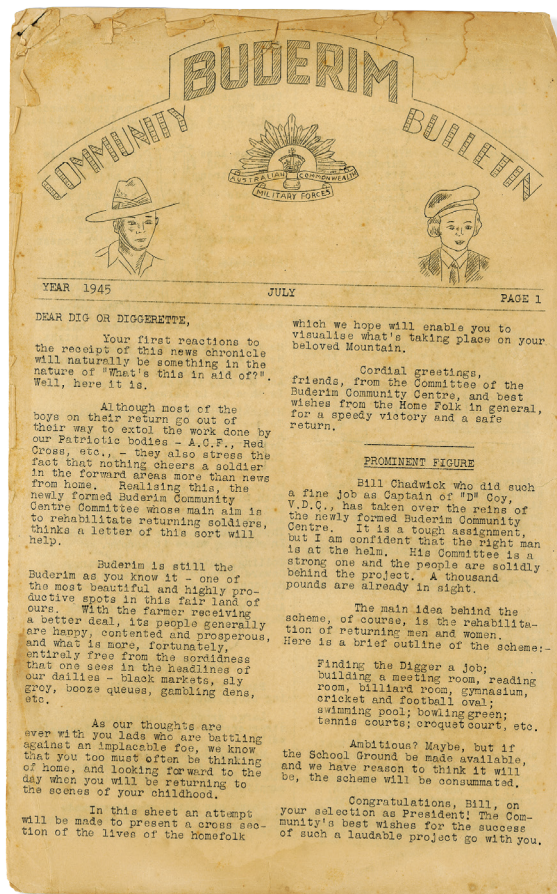
- A regular Buderim Community Bulletin sent to overseas personnel. The first four-page edition was in July 1945.

**The following is an excerpt from that first edition:**

*“Dear Dig or Diggerette, Your first reactions to the receipt of this news chronicle will naturally be something in the nature of “What’s this in aid of?” Well, here it is. Although most of the*

*boys on their return go out of their way to extol the work done by our Patriotic bodies - A.C.F., Red Cross, etc., - they also stress the fact that nothing cheers a soldier in the forward areas more than news from home. Realising this, the newly formed Buderim Community Centre Committee whose main aim is to rehabilitate returning soldiers, thinks a letter of this sort will help.”* The edition is full of news from home, jokes, poems, crop prices, sporting information, who’s recently married who and much more.

- A reading room incorporated into the School of Arts (now the Buderim Memorial Hall)
- A child welfare clinic began



- An Amateur Dramatic Society formed
- A children's library started at the school
- Buderim Garden Club commenced (read more about the Club later in this booklet)
- Land was donated by the Foote family to be developed as a flora and fauna reserve (read more about the Foote Sanctuary later in this booklet)
- Recreation Reserve Committee formed jointly with the State School.

A major achievement was the development of the school oval and tennis courts which were completed in 1948. Many community volunteers played a major part in transforming a rough paddock with a deep gully into the picturesque sporting field of today. Before this, sporting clubs had relied on the generosity of private landholders for cricket fields and tennis courts.

## TODAY

As the second half of the century passed, farms disappeared, and the population grew from 600 to over 40,000. Buderim became a small town, and gradually the role of the BWMCA changed. It was now time to ensure that the widely praised Buderim community spirit is kept strong and vigorous.

Through events and activities, the BWMCA bound the people of Buderim together. Australia Day, Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, the Biennale, the Street Parties, the Community Expo, Meet the Council candidates, Q150 (celebrating 150 years of community) etc all strengthened the feeling of community.

Today the BWMCA provides an opportunity for every individual to contribute service to commemorate sacrifice with the aim of fostering and growing a vibrant Buderim Community.

The BWMCA provides an umbrella of access for about 70 community groups of every description, including sport and recreation clubs, social and community service organisations, cultural and special interest groups, schools and churches as Affiliates.

One of the BWMCA's most significant community-based initiatives was to establish The Buderim Foundation in 2004, a philanthropic, not-for-profit, organisation, registered as a Charity and designed to encourage individuals, families and businesses to invest in Buderim. The Buderim Foundation receives donations, invests the funds to generate income, and distributes the income as grants for community projects or for the education and development of worthy individuals. (You can read more about the Foundation later in this booklet.)

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

The BWMCA is responsible for, and pays the rates, insurance and maintenance on four heritage properties in Buderim. It regards these as being held in trust for the community.

### **The Old Post Office**

(also known as the OPO)

The Old Post Office, built in 1937, is the oldest building in the Buderim business district. The village post office and postal facilities were moved to a new building in 1996. Efforts were made to acquire the building by way of a gift to the community however this was unsuccessful. During the time between

1996 and 1998 the heritage structure fell into disrepair. By 1998 it became obvious to the BWMCA that it would need to purchase the OPO to preserve its historical value.

Community groups, local businesses and residents offered financial and practical help. Plans were made for a public appeal for funds and labour. After four years of negotiation and a series of community fundraising activities, the BWMCA purchased the building for \$143,000.

The OPO Committee was formed featuring Robert Armstrong, Paul



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Moriarty, Cathy Money and Joy Gorsch, to oversee all aspects of the renovation and operation of the OPO.

In preparing the OPO for its new incarnation as a community information centre, the BWMCA's OPO Committee was ably assisted by two key people – Alan Marrs an Architect and Graeme Ensoll a retired builder – whose creativity, professionalism and dedication brought the dream to fruition. Both volunteered their services not long after the acquisition of the OPO and without their expertise, trade contacts and sheer hard work, it would have been almost impossible for the BWMCA to consider committing itself to such a major undertaking. The fact that so many businesses and contractors contributed their materials and services free of charge, or for only a nominal cost, is largely due to their tireless efforts to promote the benefits of the project. There were many others who contributed to the renovations and the outfitting of the interior including professional services, materials, and sheer toil.

Without their contributions, the whole project would have faltered. Instead of the \$100,000 the Maroochy Shire Council estimated the renovations would cost, the actual cost to the BWMCA was less than \$4000 because of the massive effort put in by local contributions and volunteers. An honour board in the OPO lists all those volunteers as a thank you for their amazing demonstration of community spirit.

On the 15 May 1999, the OPO opened for business as a Community Information Centre. It is also used a place for community meetings, social gatherings

and the Welcome to Buderim morning and afternoon teas.



The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Major General Peter Aronson AO officially opened the Community Information Centre at the OPO on 1 October 1999. The Governor and his wife were welcomed to Buderim by the BWMCA President, Simon Whittle. The Celebrating Buderim festivities commenced at 6:00pm combining appropriate pomp and circumstance with information celebration and fun. The formal part of the evening was completed when the Governor and one of Buderim's long-time residents and staunch BWMCA support, Sybil Vise, unveiled a plaque commemorating the occasion.

An enthusiastic crowd of nearly 5,000 residents came along to enjoy the ceremonial activities, street entertainment, food stalls, late-night shopping, brightly lit restaurants, and the spectacular fireworks finale. The successful opening and Celebrating

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Buderim festivities were overseen by a significant BMWCA sub-committee, chaired by David Woodrow.

The OPO has since operated as a Community Information Centre staffed by volunteers and is also the administration office of the BMWCA.

The OPO provides a variety of services and information to the wider Buderim community as well as visitors to the Sunshine Coast including:

- An official signing site for J.P.s in the community.
- Our local Councillors are available for consultation. They are happy to chat with you but please phone the OPO and make an appointment.
- We have a small meeting room available for our Affiliate groups for a very reasonable cost. Again, phone to make a booking.
- Catch up on our Affiliate groups' activities by checking out the display window to find out what is happening.
- You can also purchase tickets to a variety of local concerts and plays through the OPO.



Buderim Post Office 1998.



Buderim Post Office 2021.

## Pioneer Cottage

The late and much-loved Sybil Vise gifted Pioneer Cottage to the BMWCA in 1965 and in 1966, the Buderim Historical Society was formed and accepted responsibility for the restoration and management of the second oldest house on Buderim, which it now operates as an historical museum. Pioneer Cottage was inaugurated in September 1966.

Miss Vise later bequeathed her small cottage on the same property which is known as Sybil Vise House and is

currently the Administration Centre for the Buderim Historical Society.



Official opening of the Pioneer Cottage on September 23, 1967.

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ABOVE: Burnett family in front of their home (now the Pioneer Cottage), Buderim, ca 1888



Pioneer Cottage today





# THE BUDERIM WAR MEMORIAL HALL

In 1887 the Qld State Government's Land's Department allocated a reserve for a Public Hall.

The original small hall known as the School of Arts constructed of sawn timber with a shingle roof was built by the local settlers in 1887. It was the only public meeting place on Buderim and was used for all gatherings - public meetings, concerts, dances, picture shows, church services and private functions. In 1916 when the new School was being built to replace the 1866 one-room school, the School of Arts was used as a school.

In 1923 the Kuskopf brothers built the next timber and iron roofed building to replace the original School of Arts. The building incorporated a stage, a library room and a Roll of Honour. The School of Arts building was opened on 15 November 1924 by Sir Matthew Nathan, the then Governor of Queensland.

War Memorial Gates were built into the paling fence on the north-east side of the building and officially opened on 7 May 1932 by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, J.W. Greene.

The gates and fence were taken down before World War II. A new set of gates and turnstile were constructed at the entrance to the recreational reserve, Main Street (adjacent to the Buderim Mountain State School oval) and officially opened on 27 June 1953. The BWMCA has managed this important heritage facility, now known as the Buderim War Memorial Hall, since 1945. It is a treasured but venerable building, and expensive maintenance is on-going.

Before the war, there was a club going in Buderim called the Pastime Club. Every Saturday night, rain, hail or shine, we used to have a dance. Everybody turned up to it. The girls provided the food. The gentlemen paid for the boric acid to

Original School of Arts, 1922.





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go on the floor. To pay for the hall we'd go around and collect from the dancers (recalled by T.E. Kidd)

During the 1950's and 60's, this was the venue for the very popular Buderim Movie Theatre.

A brick frontage was added to the Hall in 1966, providing more space for the Buderim Library and a room for the Country Women's Association. The snooker room underneath the CWA room was also extended. It was about this time Easter Market was introduced to help pay the Hall Insurances each year.

In 1989, a dollar-for-dollar subsidy was acquired through the State Government to allow the original wooden building to be removed from the brick façade and realigned parallel to Church Street. A new foyer, kitchen, toilets, and storage rooms were added to the front of the building. The downstairs library was expanded. At the rear of the wooden part of the building a new stage was built together with appropriate dressing rooms. The downstairs area was converted to a storage area for the Buderim Amateur Theatrical Society, shortened to B.A.T.S. Theatre Company and the Buderim Garden Club, together with a Clubroom for B.A.T.S. Theatre Company.

The verandah was originally left off as a cost cutting exercise but due to the Fund-raising efforts of friends of the hall, later to become the Friends of Buderim, the verandah was soon able to be added.

This redevelopment won the architect Lindsay Clare an Architectural Award. The remodelled Buderim War Memorial Hall and Library were officially opened by his Excellency, the Honourable Sir Walter Campbell, A.C., Q.C., Governor of



Christmas party at the hall, 1920s.



Opening of the new gates, 1953.



The hall more recently.

Queensland on Saturday 2nd December 1989.

In 2004 it was fitted out with a commercial standard kitchen and in 2008, with substantial help from the Council, it was air conditioned. In 2009, extensive rebuilding was carried out to the floor and roof and landscaping of the gardens and a Mural were added in 2015.

Regular maintenance ensures that the ▷

# THE BUDERIM WAR MEMORIAL HALL

hall complies with the rigid standards set down for the safety of patrons who attend the many functions and activities that take place.

John McMahon assisted by his wife Bernadette, was the chair of the Buderim Memorial Hall Committee from 1974 until his retirement in 2020, a period of 46 years, an achievement unlikely to be matched. John and Bernadette have been actively involved in their Buderim and Sunshine Coast community throughout their lifetime. BWMCA President, Ken O'Flaherty, acknowledged the contribution made by John and

Bernadette at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

The hall was designed for the people of Buderim and serves that purpose to today. In addition to being a meeting, events and performance venue for many community groups, it is increasing in popularity as a setting for major celebrations such as weddings. Major works recently undertaken include the installation of new stage lighting and a modern security system. Further significant upgrades are planned for 2022 to enable the hall to continue to meet the needs of the Buderim community.

## AFFILIATED GROUPS

The following pages include an overview of some of the BWMCA's Affiliated groups. The links to all Affiliated group websites and contact details can be found at [www.bwmca.com.au](http://www.bwmca.com.au)



### 4 Paws Animal Rescue

4 Paws Animal Rescue was inaugurated in 2005 and immediately became a BWMCA Affiliate. BWMCA has always been a ceaseless supporter of 4 Paws. Its Newsletter promotion of our pets needing homes or sponsorship, and their valuable endorsements of our applications for grants, has helped us to

rescue, re-home and care for thousands of cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. We were also honoured to be given one of the prestigious BWMCA Quiet Achiever Awards. BWMCA is a tireless contributor to the Buderim and district community, and we are proud to be affiliated with this outstanding organisation.

### Buderim Billiards & Snooker Club Inc.

The games of billiards, snooker and devil pool were played at Buderim well before 1945. At one time the town could boast at having at least three billiard rooms. Two were located near the present-day Middy's complex and the other at Clark's store, which was opposite the entrance of the current clubroom.

The club, which was proposed in 1945, was the first indoor sporting venue at the Buderim War Memorial Community Centre. Originally, the club was at the rear of the old School of Arts Building,

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and under the hall. A sum of £251 was spent to have timber slats fixed to the posts to form the walls, which were covered with hessian.

Ken Chadwick went to Brisbane with Doug Dickman, another farmer, to collect the first table, which cost around £280 – a lot of money in those days. In 1947 member's fees were two shillings and sixpence. At that time there were 13 members.

Like most organisations, the club had its up and downs, and if it was going to last, it had to expand. After a lot of haggling with the Community Centre, we won support to build a new extension. In 1966 the club moved to its current location in front of the hall, between the main room and library. Since then, a bare facility has been improved with two impressive full-size tables, a kitchen, comfortable seating and a spectacular array of growing honour boards and over 100 members.

The club has been very grateful for the support of the BWMCA over all these years and for the grant last year to recover some of our furniture.

Enquiries: [www.buderimsnooker.org.au](http://www.buderimsnooker.org.au)

### Buderim Craft Cottage

Established in 1967, Buderim Craft Cottage is a not-for-profit organisation seeking to promote and nurture art and craft activity in the local community. It seeks to provide a vibrant, welcoming environment where members can share and develop their creative interests.

Since 1974, when the first stage of the existing Cottage building was constructed, Buderim Craft Cottage has enjoyed a neighbourly co-existence with

the Buderim War Memorial Hall and Buderim Library.

Membership of the Buderim Craft Cottage has flourished over time, and the facility has seen many alterations and additions to accommodate the size, interests, and needs of the membership which in 2021 exceeds 320. Active groups, most of which meet weekly, include:

■ Calligraphy and Papercraft ■ Drawing  
■ Fibre Art and Surface Design  
■ Life Drawing ■ Machine Embroidery and Sewing ■ Mixed Media ■ Needlework  
■ Painting ■ Patchwork ■ Photography  
■ Pottery ■ Silversmith and Art Jewellery  
■ Yarns and Fibres.

**The Atrium Gallery** reflects the high quality and diversity of creative activity at the Cottage, and its busy schedule of special exhibitions reflects the high level of productivity of individual groups. The Atrium Gallery is open to the public 7 days a week endorsing a strong commitment to community engagement.

The Buderim Craft Cottage participates in community events, such as the Christmas and Easter Fairs, in cooperation with other community organisations.

As a BWMCA affiliate for many years, the Buderim Craft Cottage has benefitted from the acknowledgement and support that has ensued—many new members and visitors have discovered us via BWMCA initiatives.

For any enquiries about the Buderim Craft Cottage, please contact us via our website:

[www.buderimcraftcottage.com.au](http://www.buderimcraftcottage.com.au)

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### Buderim Garden Club - 75 years History

The Buderim Garden Club (BGC) was founded in 1946 along with the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA). Initially the BGC was just an informal small group of Buderim people interested in gardening and the beautification of Buderim, but it was not till June 1949 when a public meeting was held (as reported in the Nambour Chronicle on 10th June, copy article below) to elect a committee, and formalise the club operations. Passed & present BGC committees have used the 1946 year to celebrate anniversary's along with BWMCA. The Club was not intended to be a formal Horticultural Society. The aims of the club are:

1. To foster and encourage the love and making of gardens for the Buderim residents.
2. To provide opportunities for the interchange of ideas and knowledge appertaining to gardening and flower culture.
3. To organise and conduct shows and competitions, as shall be decided upon from time to time.
4. To co-operate in the development and beautification of Buderim and district.

That the club has succeeded in this aim over its 75 years is evidenced by the continuing high level of interest shown by its members, and the standing which the Club enjoys in the Community.

The Club has always supported the BWMCA in its ideals and has been a great supporter/donator to the Maroochy Shire Council, now the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The Members of BGC



look forward to the future years with pride in the past and confidence in the future.

Further information can be found at [www.buderimgardenclub.com](http://www.buderimgardenclub.com)

### Buderim Historical Society Inc.

Buderim Historical Society manages Pioneer Cottage and Vise House for the BWMCA. The properties are in Pioneer Crescent, off Ballinger Road.

Pioneer Cottage operates as a museum and provides a good snapshot of life when it was built by John Kerle Burnett with local pit sawn timbers in the 1880s. It is a living piece of local history filled with heritage furniture, home wares, period décor, photographs, clothing and fascinating curios from our past. Vise House is used as an office for the Historical Society and the Buderim Foundation and is used by several community groups for meetings. Both properties were gifted to the Buderim community by Ms. Sybil Vise.

Historical Society volunteers have a wide range of skills and experience: maintaining the buildings and garden, greeting visitors to the cottage,



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researching local history and managing the collection of artefacts, documents and photographs. New members are very welcome.

Interesting and informative history talks are held on the first Saturday of every third month at Vise House. Speakers address a wide range of subjects around local history and every session is captured on video as a historical record.

Buderim Historical Society enjoys excellent support from the Cultural Heritage staff at Sunshine Coast Council, with access to grants and training opportunities in museum management for volunteers, provided by Council staff and qualified consultants. The cottage is open from Monday to Saturday from 11am to 3pm (in October 2021).

More information, including any changes to the opening hours, can be found on our website [www.buderimhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.buderimhistoricalsociety.com)

### **Buderim Library Association Inc.**

The Buderim Library was established by James Lindsay in 1887 and is one of the oldest remaining community-run libraries in Queensland. It is located on Main Street at the street level of the Buderim War Memorial Hall with a workroom upstairs. The BWMCA provides ongoing support with the provision of our premises. The library is run entirely by a Management Committee and team of volunteers who staff the desk and purchase and process the books.

The Library has an excellent range of books including the latest novels as well as a variety of non-fiction. We also have a good selection of large print and audio books. Books are purchased and

processed regularly so we keep up to date with the latest releases and popular authors.

We provide a fortnightly Books on Wheels home delivery service to those members who can no longer visit the Library.

Two Book Fairs are held each year as part of the Buderim Easter and Christmas Fairs, the proceeds of which are used for book purchases. We accept donations of second-hand books in good condition throughout the year.

Members pay an annual subscription fee with a discount for pensioners. New members are always welcome.

As at October 2021, the library will open 6 days a week

**Monday to Friday 9:30 – 2:30**  
**Saturday 9:00 – 12:00**

For more information call during opening hours **(07) 5445 3779**.

Website: [www.buderimlibrary.org.au](http://www.buderimlibrary.org.au)  
Email: [budlib@westnet.com.au](mailto:budlib@westnet.com.au)

### **Buderim Local Ambulance Committee**

During the late 1970's a group of motivated residents proposed the necessity for the Buderim Ambulance Station. Government criteria was sought, so a truly active Committee lead by Mrs. Beres Howard supported by her husband, the Lions Club and numerous dedicated volunteers formed the first Committee.

Land was purchased in record time by Donations allowing the Station on King Street serving the community to become a reality. Many of us attended First Aid courses under the leadership ▷

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of Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Officers Fred and Val Mellish, as they contributed specialised training for young people.

Eventually we were allowed to remove Nambour control over Buderim, allowing an Officer-in-Charge to independently manage.

As service demand across the whole coast expanded, the Central Office decreed that we be moved westward to assist response times, so we are located in Tanawah. As part of our responsibilities, Birtinya Station receives our support.

Our roles have changed dramatically over the years from necessary fund raising, (weekly chook raffles etc) to more approaches for funds to purchase more sophisticated equipment, and special study courses expanding the opportunities for staff to advance their skills.

Buderim specialised in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) Awareness training for children. We cooperate with other Local Ambulance Committees if they need numbers for various activities, whether large or small.

By becoming Members, Paramedics can be seen as Community motivated which may assist their CV when applying for positions. This membership has assisted several young Paramedics to gain employment locally in Queensland and interstate.

We are planning to deliver Infant CPR Awareness training that will be approved and introduced in 2022, to new Parents and Carers. In 2019 CPR Awareness was taught to over 3,600 Grades 5

and 6 students from Peregrine Springs, Buderim, Talara plus several others. This training was highly welcomed by Principals and staff. We had commenced the training during February 2020 at Talara School when embargoes were placed on our activities due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

We are cooperating with the BWMCA to record as many AED appliances as possible for Emergency Cardiac Arrest use by showing their locations and accessibility in Emergency situations.



### Buderim Male Choir

The Buderim Male Choir was formed in 1974 at the instigation of its founding musical director, Don Brown, with fortnightly practices held at his Buderim home. Practices moved to the Buderim Uniting Church Hall in 1983 and frequency changed to weekly. A tradition of Monday night practice has continued since then, with practices now held at St Marks Anglican Church Hall in Buderim.

The choir is the longest continually serving community choir on the coast and the only male voice choir singing in the style of the classic Welsh male choirs. With 2024 marking its 50th anniversary, the choir is well and truly entrenched as an important part of the social fabric of the Buderim and wider Sunshine Coast communities.

Choir members include those with no previous choir experience, those with

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a lifetime of related experience, and many in between. The common focus is the desire to celebrate life with the gift of music and song. Hundreds of men have participated as singers with the choir over the course of its history - with numbers, at any one point of time, usually averaging around 25-30.

In a typical year, the choir presents at least two concert series focused on themes and performs by invitation at various community events. The choir particularly enjoys involvement in the annual Buderim Street party which provides a means for the choir to show-case its performances to a wider audience and acts as an important recruitment opportunity.

Courtesy of successful grant applications, the choir has developed an extensive library of sheet music ensuring that fresh performances covering a wide range of musical genre can be presented to audiences well into the future.

See [www.buderimalechoir.org.au](http://www.buderimalechoir.org.au) for further information.

### **Buderim Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc.**


After much work with other community groups such as the Buderim Historical Society, a formal body named the Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc (BPHTI) was established in 2003 and became an affiliate of BWMA. A surge of community interest and an increase of volunteer workers' involvement resulted and BPHTI has since that time, performed well in achieving its objectives.

The group consists of volunteers committed to developing, maintaining and expanding a walking track along the



route of the old Buderim to Palmwoods Tramway which operated between 1914 and 1935. So far, a well maintained 2000m long walking track (4000m return) has been developed, starting at Telco Road and including seats at 4 rest points as well as interpretive signage. It is intended to continue it as far as Forest Glen. The Telco Road end has wheelchair access to a covered picnic table, information shelter and historical display. Interpretive signage has also been provided at various other locations in Buderim that were part of the tramway route.

In 2004 the group discovered the original Krauss locomotive that ran on the line, in a collector's yard at Murrumba Downs and they were able to purchase it with funds provided by several shire Councillors and the then Mayor. The loco has been restored by BPHTI volunteers and has been professionally painted with the intention of displaying it in Central Buderim as an iconic part of Buderim's rich history.

Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc (BPHTI) President Helene Cronin OAM attended a BWMA monthly meeting in 2021 to present a copy of her 

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book "Timber Trains Turmoil - A History of Buderim and its Tramway" to BWMCA.

This grand publication is a definitive history of Buderim and the surrounding district and was made possible by a grant from Buderim Foundation. It sold out at the launch but BPHTI were successful in obtaining a major grant from the Sunshine Coast Council to enable them to print another 50 copies to donate to schools, libraries, museums and community groups.



BWMCA has offered BPHTI a part of their land adjacent to the Old Buderim Post Office for the Krauss locomotive display however at time of production of this booklet, the display is at concept stage only. BPHTI is delighted to have the support of BWMCA and to be working together to deliver this exciting project for the people of Buderim.

Contact: Email [tram@buderim.com](mailto:tram@buderim.com)  
Website: [www.buderim.com/tramway](http://www.buderim.com/tramway)

### Foote Sanctuary

The Foote Sanctuary is an area of approximately nine hectares, gifted to the community by the Foote family in memory of their son Eric, killed in the First World War and buried overseas.



The Sanctuary is managed in partnership by Sunshine Coast Council and the Eric Joseph Foote War Memorial Sanctuary Association.

Through the hard work of Association volunteers in tree planting and weed removal, the previously cleared area is now an attractive area of rainforest and sclerophyll forest. There is a network of walking tracks and a picnic area with picnic shelters, electric barbecues and toilets. The regrowth of natural vegetation has produced an excellent habitat for a diverse population of birds and other wildlife, even the occasional Koala.

The Sanctuary has been open to the public since 1965 and can be accessed from, Park Lane, Eckersley Avenue (via the Tom Simper Walk), Parkview Terrace, Grant Street and Jeune Drive (via Irene Sheen Park). The Sanctuary tracks offer a variety of challenges for experienced walkers, however the paved tracks through the rainforest area are suitable for most visitors. Dogs may be exercised



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on the Sanctuary tracks but must be kept on a leash at all times, to protect the resident wildlife.

The goals of the Foote Sanctuary Association are to preserve Foote Sanctuary's natural environment and ecosystem; honour its history; and promote community involvement and enjoyment of the reserve. The Association meets every second month in the picnic area. Members gather for two hours every Thursday morning, under the supervision of the Sunshine Coast Council Bushcare staff to carry out maintenance and improvements, including weed control, track maintenance and tree planting.

Our volunteers have a wide range of skills and experience, and new members are welcome.

For more information visit our website at [www.footesanctuarybuderim.com](http://www.footesanctuarybuderim.com)

### Graduate Women Queensland Inc Sunshine Coast Branch

GWQ SC is a lively local network of over sixty women graduates which celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2021. The Branch encourages women to complete a tertiary education, by presenting bursaries annually to undergraduate women students at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC). Post-graduates and students undertaking work experience in rural and remote areas have also received awards. The Branch has a strong program for refugee education, which assists young women with their studies through high school and awards a bursary at the tertiary level. Three bursaries have recently been awarded to students of indigenous descent at USC.

The Branch holds breakfast meetings with interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics in alternate months and four book groups of eager readers meet every second month in members' homes. It is easy to make new friends at informal coffee mornings, occasional lunches, and Australia Day and Christmas celebrations.

The Branch has been an affiliate of the BWMCA for over twenty years and has participated in many community activities. At the Buderim ANZAC day service, a member has presented a wreath, or a book to the school library. To celebrate Queensland's 150th Birthday, along with other affiliates, we ▶

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show-cased our activities in a tent on the school Oval.

New retirees to the Buderim area discover us through our flyers in the OPO Community Information Centre, an invaluable information source for new residents. The opportunity to present a Window Display of our activities at the OPO was also good publicity for the Branch.

One of our members attends BWPCA committee meetings and keeps the membership informed of community activities.

New members are welcome at any time of the year.

Further information is available at [www.graduatwomen.org.au](http://www.graduatwomen.org.au)

Or GWQSC, P.O. Box 1350, Buderim, Qld 4556

### Grammar celebrates 25 years!

Sunshine Coast Grammar School is incredibly proud to be celebrating its Silver Jubilee year in 2021, marking 25 years since the sod was first turned on the Forest Glen site.

From humble beginnings in 1996

there is much to celebrate as a whole school community and over the years the School takes every opportunity to celebrate its people, student achievements and effort, major events and milestones, and acknowledge all that they have accomplished in the school's short history to date.

We celebrate as a means to connect, to build community and spirit and give thanks for all that we can do together. Celebrations are universal, eliciting a range of emotions depending on the occasion. The value is to unite us in common goals, and in this setting, spotlight our students and our community, acknowledging our past and present to inform our future.

"It is 25 years since we laid our first foundations – the first building blocks, the strong bones holding steadfast while we have grown in numbers, facilities, changed ownership and continued to enhance a strong reputation in our community for care, support and the abundant opportunities we offer our students," said Mrs Woods, Principal at Sunshine Coast Grammar School.

The underlying theme of these celebrations focuses on our commitment to strong and enduring partnerships to forge ahead as a leader in education over the next 25 years and beyond as we continue to grow.

In 2021, our Grammar Early Learning Centre also celebrates 15 years of operation, since opening the doors in 2006.

"From its earliest days until now, Grammar's enrolments have tripled, facilities are indeed world class and

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our staff and families have made long term commitments to a very special community. We do have so much to be proud of and to celebrate.”

### Buderim Lions Club

Buderim’s Lions Club was formed in 1967, active with helping hands in the local community, through high profile events and many behind-the-scenes projects.

One of the first high profile projects was the Lions Park in Burnett Street. Buderim locals have seen great benefits from their work at Lions events and projects including the Gingervention, Walk to School Safety Program, Buderim Street Party and Easter/Christmas Fairs. The Buderim Lions are working behind the scenes to raise money to support local charities, especially with a focus on children at risk.

The My Bus project: Fusion Sunshine Coast is a not-for-profit group operating programs and facilities on the Sunshine Coast to give support for children and teenagers across the region. Fusion identified specific areas around the Coast where youth related issues arose to impact the wider community. The issues include petty crime, shoplifting, vandalism and use and selling of alcohol and drugs. The Buderim Lions forged

an alliance with Fusion. and the My Bus project began.

The My Bus project provided a mobile self-contained drop-in centre for at risk teenagers on the Sunshine Coast. A second hand, flat floor, ex-metropolitan transport bus was purchased, stripped and modified to suit by the Buderim Lions to create a “safe zone” for at risk youth.




The Buderim Lions have gladly worked in collaboration with many local community groups, this includes a long and fruitful association with the BWMCA over the years as an affiliate. The Lions are very happy to have been a part of the history of the BWMCA and look forward to working with this keystone community body, well into the future.

For more information visit [www.buderimlionsclub.org.au](http://www.buderimlionsclub.org.au)



### Oriana Arts Inc.

Oriana Arts Inc is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation that incorporates the highly acclaimed, multi award-winning Oriana Choir and Sunshine Coast Youth Choir.

Our rehearsal home is Buderim, and we are proud of our ongoing affiliation with Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA). Oriana is 

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committed to developing outstanding choral groups, as well as presenting innovative and high-quality music experiences to audiences across south-east Queensland and beyond. With the support of our loyal patrons Jocelyn Walker, Erle Levey, Rosanna Natoli and Dr Roy Wales – as well as Oriana's growing 'Friends of Oriana' fan base – Oriana continues to thrive in our wonderful Sunshine Coast community.

Despite having undertaken three successful international tours to showcase the Sunshine Coast Region to the world; Oriana's favourite performances happen here in south-east Queensland with our loyal patrons and audiences. Guided by Fay Baker (OAM), Oriana's Artistic Director and Life Member, Oriana continues to deliver outstanding performances across many genres. From sacred, opera, jazz, Broadway and film music; to popular song, art song, folk music and world music - the choir has also performed extended and major choral works. They have received great acclaim for their performances of Mozart's Requiem and Grand Mass in C Minor, Faure's Requiem, Haydn's Te Deum, J.S. Bach's Magnificat and Handel's Messiah (most recently performed with Queensland Symphony Orchestra and The Australian Voices).

You might catch one of Oriana's window displays at The Old Post Office in Buderim – where BWMCA continues to provide support to Oriana's pursuit of sharing beautiful music to our community. If you'd like to receive upcoming notices of Oriana's performances, you can join our 'Friends of Oriana' database by heading to our website: [www.oriانا.org.au](http://www.oriانا.org.au) Here you will



also find information about joining one of our choirs, upcoming performances and more. We love sharing our joy of singing with the Sunshine Coast community and look forward to seeing you at a concert soon!

### Probus Club of Buderim Inc.

Buderim Probus was founded by Mooloolaba Rotary Club in 1981 and has been affiliated with the BWMCA for over 20 years. Various members have been BWMCA Officers over the years. Probus provides a Social Meeting Group for retirees where they participate in Luncheons, Excursions, Theatre Outings, Physical activities such as Bowls, and competitive gatherings such as Bridge. The social fabric of Buderim and the wellbeing of its Senior Citizens is the binding reason for the BWMCA and Probus to be affiliated.



### Rotary Club of Buderim 1994-PRESENT

The Rotary Club of Buderim was formed in 1994 and promptly became involved with the BWMCA through Lynne Phillips when we assisted in organising the Australia Day's Parade. Lynne and other members of the Club then helped on the day.

In 2012, the BWMCA asked us to take on the role of running the Committee for the Australia Day Parade and in 2018



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took on full responsibility for the Parade. Covid19 prevented the Parade in 2020 and in 2021 with Covid19 still prevalent, the Rotary Club organised a 'Picnic in the Park' as an alternative.

**Graeme Ensoll** played a large part in the fit out of the Old Post Office when it was taken over by the BWMCA with other Rotary Club members, including Lynne Phillips and Keith Solomon playing menial roles like plugging the holes made for cables in the floor.

**Keith Solomon** served on the BWMCA Membership Committee from 2009-2012 and also served on the Advisory Committee, Strategy & Restructuring Committee, Management Committee and was Chairman of the Australia Day Committee for 2 years 2012-2013.

**Paul Tanner** served on the Management & Australia Day Committee's from 2000.

**Frank Gerhard** played a large part in a governance role, sat on several Committees and re-wrote the Constitution.

**Graham Barnes** served on the BWMCA Management Committee, was Chairman of Finance and ran the Australia Day Parade from 2015-2019.

Since its formation in 1994 the Rotary Club has maintained a close relationship with the BWMCA with at least one member always involved.

For more information, please go to [www.rotaryclubofbuderim.com](http://www.rotaryclubofbuderim.com)

### Sunshine Coast Choral Society

Think music and song that fills our hearts with joy, soothes the soul and delights the senses. Think music that connects with famous composers and our rich musical

heritage. Think talented local conductors and accompanists and people who love to sing beautiful music and share it with others.

Here we are; Sunshine Coast Choral Society; [www.suncoastchoral.org.au](http://www.suncoastchoral.org.au) based in Buderim, a proud BWMCA affiliate. Founded in 1994, we've been performing and delighting audiences for the past 27 years. What an achievement!

We owe our legacy to the late Neil Atkinson and our dedicated choristers and supporters. Today we are part of a vibrant diverse choral scene; informal pub choirs, acapella singers, men's barbershop, new world groups, soul singers, youth and seniors' choirs.

We continue to thrive, retaining our enviable reputation for performing quality classical choral masterpieces; Verdi's Requiem, Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Rutter's Gloria, Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Requiem and many more.

However, we're not all classical. There's been Australia Day performances, Christmases in July, charity concerts, choral workshops, benefit concerts, Queensland eisteddfods, choral workshops and many others.

Like BWMCA, quality productions are our aim. We often include skilled musicians from Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra and talented Queensland Conservatorium and local soloists. Like BWMCA, our aim is enriching community.

Adrian King graduate of London's Guildhall School of Music has been Music Director since 2007. Natasha Koch is our talented accompanist. We rehearse every ▷

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Wednesday in North Buderim where we polish essential skills and have fun in each other's company.

Congratulations to the BMWCA on its 75th anniversary. We celebrate our links with you and commend your determination to develop and maintain strong community bonds. Thank you also for sharing it with the Sunshine Coast Choral Society as we too celebrate another year of magical music and song in our community.

More information can be found at [www.suncoastchoral.org.au](http://www.suncoastchoral.org.au)

## The Buderim Foundation

The idea to create a community foundation in Buderim came initially from former Buderim resident and Commonwealth Games silver medalist, Leanne Evans who, when home from Canada visiting family in 2001, suggested to the BMWCA that they establish a foundation along the lines of the Canadian model.

The BMWCA took up the idea and a working group was established. The group spent the next two years consulting with the community, developing an appropriate legal structure and seeking establishment funding.

As a result, the Buderim Foundation Ltd – a philanthropic, not-for-profit organisation registered under the Commonwealth Corporations Act, was launched in 2004 by the then Governor of Queensland, Dame Quentin Bryce, AC, CVO.

The operating concept is simple. The Buderim Foundation:

- Receives donations and bequests from residents and businesses – **money in**
- Carefully invests funds to generate income – **money managed**
- Distributes income as grants to Buderim-based community organisations – **money out**

Since 2004, when the Foundation had a mere \$200 in the bank, the Foundation has grown to become the sixth largest of 40 community foundations in Australia. This growth is largely the result of the Foundation being entrusted, by philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson, with the Thompson Charitable Trust, enabling the Foundation to extend its support for people in need on the Sunshine Coast.

As at 2021, the Foundation has provided grants worth \$628,740 to 83 community organisations active in the 4556 postcode area. And, in conjunction with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), it has distributed \$206,450 worth of Back-to-School vouchers... a total benefit of over \$800,000 to the Buderim community. The first round of the Thompson Fund grants in 2021 resulted in four organisations in the broader Sunshine Coast region receiving grants of \$110,000.



**As the Foundation tree grows, so will the Foundation's ability to serve the community.** (pictured) Queensland Governor Ms Quentin Bryce AO, Buderim Foundation chairman Professor Gus Guthrie with Buderim Mountain StateSchool captains Hayley Knaggs and BillMaish.

The Buderim Foundation is managed almost totally by passionate volunteers, supported by an innovative Ambassador Program. The Board and eight committees (Philanthropy, Investment, Grants, Marketing, Events, Ambassadors, Youth and Governance and Risk) manage all aspects of the Foundation's operations.

The Buderim Foundation is an organisation built by the community, supported by the community that now gives back to the community. It is a success story the Buderim community can be proud of.

The Buderim Foundation maintains its formal affiliation with the BWMCa and the two organisations continue to work together for the benefit of Buderim.

[www.buderimfoundation.org.au](http://www.buderimfoundation.org.au)  
[info@buderimfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@buderimfoundation.org.au)

## Now for the commercial

If you are reading this you probably aren't a member of the BWMCa, but we hope by now you know a little more about us.

Also, you've probably realised that we do enjoy what we are doing.

Partly that's because we have been told we are part of something unique – by the University of the Sunshine Coast and by famous Australian social commentator Hugh Mackay, and even by the Sunshine Coast Council. But mostly it's because we feel part of an especially happy and growing family. And of course, the family must grow – new members are our lifeblood.

### **People join the BWMCa for two reasons – both very important.**

Some are interested in our diverse activities. We always need new members with fresh ideas who enjoy meeting people and being involved in the community and its activities.

We also treasure those who don't want to be active in the Association but would like to show their support by just being members. They are the solid core of the BWMCa.

So, if you can identify with either reason, we would be delighted to welcome you as a member. Incoming to our community, will you accept the challenge to help our volunteers to perpetuate the Memorial?

Fees and the registration process can be found on our website  
[www.bwmca.com.au](http://www.bwmca.com.au)



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