



THE  
JUNE CANAVAN  
FOUNDATION

March 2013 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the March 2013 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – Opening Ceremony – Canavan Gracie Recreational Park
- Fundraising dinner for School of St Jude
- Our donations in 2012
- June's rosewood furniture
- Which projects will the Foundation support in 2013?
- Kate Major's Crocodile Trophy triumph
- Congratulations to Carolina of Colombia
- Canavan Gracie Recreational Park

### **Invitation**

#### ***Official Opening - Canavan Gracie Recreational Park***

June's family, friends and colleagues are invited to attend the official opening ceremony of the recreational park named in honour of Keith Gracie and June.

Date: **Saturday 23 March.**

Time: **11.30am**

Address: **Lomond Crescent, Bellvista**

Further details about the park are included in the newsletter

**We will also be organising a picnic in the park for June's community later in the year.**

## FUNDRAISING DINNER

On 17th March 2012, a group of 43 of June's friends and family welcomed Kim Saville, the Deputy Director of the School of St Jude at a fundraising dinner at Phon's Thai Restaurant at Cotton Tree.

Kim provided an overview of the continuing work of St Jude's and was clearly delighted to be presented with a cheque for **\$50,000** from the June Canavan Foundation to help the school build new netball courts and classrooms.



Guests at the dinner enjoyed wearing a splash of yellow in memory of June. Everyone had a great night of good food, good wine and entertainment provided by local auctioneers Gaby and Mike. Highlights of the auction were 10 assorted cases of wine from June's very eclectic wine cellar. Several local Sunshine Coast businesses provided other items for auction resulting in **\$5800** being raised over the course of the night.

We thank Maureen Cummings, a good friend of June, and supporter of the Foundation for organising the evening on our behalf.

## OUR DONATIONS IN 2012

In addition to our donation of \$50,000 to the School of St Jude, we also provided funds to the following organisations:

Wangaratta Youth Health Service	\$10,000
Katie Rose Hospice, Sunshine Coast	\$ 5,000
Cittimani Palliative Care Service, Buderim	\$10,000
Wildlife Warriors – Animal hospital	\$ 5,000
Wildlife Warriors – Orangutan Project	\$ 5,000
Harmony House, Maroochydore	\$ 5,000
Motivation Australia	\$10,000
People of the Forest Project	\$ 3,000



Wildlife Warriors – Lynn Forsyth and Anne Gripper

In order to establish a direct connection with the June Canavan Foundation a representative of the Foundation visited the donation recipient to present the real cheque and provide a photo opportunity with the big cheque.



Harmony House – Kerry Meehan

## JUNE'S ROSEWOOD FURNITURE

We are looking for a good home (or homes) for June's magnificent Rosewood furniture. June purchased the settings from the deceased estate of one of her long standing and much-loved patients. The main pieces consist of a large dining room table with 12 tapestry covered chairs, a lounge suite consisting of 2 x 3 seaters and 2 x 1 seaters, two large buffets and a large coffee table. The dining table was the scene of many of June's renowned dinner parties (where she would cook a four course meal for 12 people and give them a choice of two options for each course – that's eight different things to prepare or cook!)

We do not expect anyone to pay the true value of the furniture but would like to know that it has gone to someone who will care for it as much as June did. If you know anyone who may be interested in purchasing some or all of the furniture, please contact me on 0409 813 260. A couple of photos are included here but there are lots more to share with anyone who is interested.





## KATE MAJOR'S CROCODILE TROPHY TRIUMPH

Congratulations to Kate Major, one of June's longstanding sports medicine patients for winning the female category of the infamous *Crocodile Trophy* – recognized as the longest, hardest, toughest mountain bike stage race in the world. And for raising money in memory of June while she was doing it! Kate's fundraising was done on a "matching" basis – whatever she raised for the School of St Jude, the June Canavan Foundation agreed to match. June looked after Kate's health and injuries for many years as an ironman triathlete. June was almost as excited as Kate herself in 2006 when she came third in the epic Hawaiian Ironman World Championship



If you would like to follow Kate's lead and raise money for one of our funding recipients, June's foundation may match your fundraising efforts dollar for dollar up to \$5000. This means that you can tell your donors that their money is actually worth twice as much to your nominated organisation. To learn more about how our **Matched Fundraising** process works, check the website at <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/matched-fundraising.html>

## WHAT PROJECTS WILL THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT IN 2013?

We have already committed another \$50,000 for the School of St Jude this year. We will meet with Gemma Sisia on 10<sup>th</sup> March in Brisbane to discuss how our donation will be used. We are particularly keen to hear more from her about the tertiary support fund which will be set up to assist the graduating students. The oldest students are currently in Year 10, so in another 2 years some of them will be needing assistance to continue their studies towards becoming Tanzania's leaders of the future.

At our next JCF Board meeting, also on 10<sup>th</sup> March we will consider a range of additional projects proposed by Board members or June's community. They will be announced on our website [www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au](http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au) and in the next newsletter.

I know we have explained this before, but it is worth doing again... June's Foundation is established as a "giving" Foundation rather than a "doing" charity. Our aim is to distribute money to projects and organisations which are aligned with the vision and mission of the Foundation.

Remembering that the vision of the Foundation is "***June's spirit living on as an agent of change***", we will always try to imagine what June would have wanted us to do with her estate. Our mission gives us guidance on this. It is - "***Driving sustainable change to create wellbeing and justice through programs in sport, health, education and conservation***". Knowing June's preference for addressing the cause of a problem, rather than the symptom, we have a particular leaning towards projects which encourage communities to create sustainable self sufficiency.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROLINA FROM COLUMBIA

Carolina Ahumada Cala (or just "Caro") was our wonderful **Future Female Sports Leader** Scholarship holder for 2012. Caro, from Bogota in Colombia was selected for the scholarship based on her commitment to increasing opportunities for women in sport in her country. In April this year, after an internship with the prestigious SportAccord organization, Caro will graduate with a Masters in Sport

Administration (MSA) degree in Lausanne, Switzerland. This was the same course which June completed in 2006 and then lectured at in 2007 – 2009. June's estate provides tuition fees and some living expenses for a female applicant from a developing country who is committed to enhancing the role of women in sport in her country.

I had the pleasure of meeting Caro in London during the Olympic Games, during which she told me with excitement about the course so far and her plans for further research in the latter part of the year. Just a few days before the Olympic Games Caro had written a letter which contained the following words:

*Today, after my last exam, I feel empowered: I have new tools for taking sports as a career: I developed new professional skills and knowledge and I have a new perspective and a broader vision of the world of sports. I am part of a great network of people who work together to advance sports and promote sports as part of a lifestyle.*

*Thank you once again for letting me be part of the MSA 2012. I am sure this was the right place, right people, and right time for a new "Female sports leader" to grow.*

*The dream came true, and the story goes on. Now it's time for me to reflect your light to others, by using this experience as a platform for encouraging and supporting other women into Sports careers, and using sports as a platform for peace and development.*

*I could only feel happy and lucky –as June used to be- . And I can tell you that I will always be grateful for this opportunity and you can count on my commitment to support education and sports initiatives for women.*

The final few months of Caro's study course included a research project on "*Differences between the Professional Career of women climbers in Europe and Colombia*". She also created a blog site in honour of June in which she recorded the highlights of her year as the scholarship holder.



### **CANAVAN GRACIE RECREATIONAL PARK – OFFICIAL OPENING – SATURDAY 23 MARCH**

You are invited to attend the official opening of the *Canavan Gracie Recreational Park* at Lomond Crescent, Bellvista at 11.30 on Saturday 23 March.

Bellvista is a new estate on the Sunshine Coast. The Bellvista Community Association applied to call one of the parks on the estate the *Canavan Gracie Recreational Park*. The application has recently been supported by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC). The Bellvista Community are honored that the SCRC has seen fit to enable their Association to use June Canavan and Keith Gracie's names to help retain the legacy they left behind.

As supporting statement in their submission included the words:

*People who move to this new estate want to identify with their new area, They are usually fun loving and enjoy the outdoors, especially the beach. Sport is a major interest of people here. Many residents here are first home buyers with young families.*

*Dr June Canavan and Keith Gracie represent a new generation here on the coast. Both were outgoing and adventurous people. They enjoyed the outdoors and had built up a wonderful following across the Sunshine Coast especially in the outdoor field. Their lifestyles and interests reflect the lifestyles and interests of new people in this new estate. June Canavan died raising money for a school in Tanzania*

*Their untimely death in a plane accident in August 2009 was a tragedy for people across the Sunshine Coast. BeCA believes their legacy best reflects the thoughts and aspirations of Bellvista residents. Many park names go back into history, "Canavan Gracie Recreational Park" is a contemporary name, a name of this new generation, a perfect name for a new park in a new Sunshine Coast development.*



That's it for this edition – if you have any suggestions or comments please let me know on 0409 813 260 or at [annegripper@me.com](mailto:annegripper@me.com). And please forward this email to anyone who may be interested in June's legacy.

Bye for now,  
Anne

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Gripper".

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