



**THE  
JUNE CANAVAN  
FOUNDATION**

**October 2013 Newsletter**

Hello everyone,

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

- Invitation – Inaugural Family and Friends **Picnic** – Canavan Gracie Recreational Park
- Our **donations** in 2012-2013
- How you can help – our **Matched Fundraising** Process
- Which **projects** will the Foundation support in 2013-2014?
- Profile of Aya Nakitanda – our third **Future Female Sport Leader**
- A happy day at **Australia Zoo**
- Trip to **Tanzania** – November 2014

### **Invitation**

#### **Annual Family and Friends Picnic – the first edition *Canavan Gracie Recreational Park***

June's family, friends and colleagues are invited to attend the first annual picnic in the recreational park named in honour of June and her good friend Keith Gracie.

Date: **Saturday 20 October**

Time: **12.00am**

Address: **Lomond Crescent, Bellvista (West Caloundra)**

Further details are included in the invitation attached to this newsletter

RSVP to Maureen.cummings @scgs.edu.au or 0413 617148

## OUR DONATIONS IN 2012-2013

The June Canavan Foundation distributed just over \$122,000 in donations and matched fundraising to organisations and projects during 2012-2013. The *Giving Framework* of the JCF specifies that donations will be made to projects across four areas which were close to June's heart – **health, education, sport and wildlife**. We also focus on the geographical areas of the Sunshine Coast, Wangaratta, East Africa and Papua New Guinea.

The organisations which received funding during the 2012-2013 financial year were:

### 1. The School of St Jude, Tanzania - \$50,000

St Jude's was the school for which June was raising money when she died. Following an initial donation in November 2009 of \$150,000 raised by June herself and then June's friends after her death, the June Canavan Foundation has provided two further donations of \$50,000 in March 2012 and \$50,000 in March 2013.



*Photo: JCF Board members present a cheque for \$50,000 to Gemma Sisia, founder of the School of St Jude at a lunch in Brisbane on 12 March 2013.*

### 2. Wangaratta Youth Health Service - \$10,000

Following an initial donation of \$10,000 in 2012 to the new youth health service located within Wangaratta High School, an additional \$10,000 donation was made this year to assist in the further expansion and effectiveness of the service. As a former Wangaratta High School student, we are confident that June would have been delighted at the concept of a comprehensive youth health service being conducted from her old school.

### 3. The Orangutan Project (TOP) - \$3000

This donation was made in response to a request from Casey Murtagh, a young Sunshine Coast woman who set about to raise \$20,000 for an orangutan release shelter in Borneo. Casey held a fundraising dinner in October 2012 in Brisbane at which the JCF donation of \$3000 was presented.

#### 4. The Mercy Ships - \$10,000

The Mercy Ships is an organisation of which June was a strong supporter and advocate. Part of her retirement plans included plans to volunteer as a doctor on a Mercy Ship anchored off the coast of West Africa. The Australian Head Office of the Mercy Ships is at Caloundra.

*Photo: JCF Board members Lynn Forsyth and Anne Gripper present the donation cheque to Mercy Ships CEO Gary Negazolli.*



#### 5. Glasshouse Country Men's Shed - \$3,000

The JCF engaged the Glasshouse Country Men's Shed to construct the resting bench in memory of June at Australia Zoo. The Men demonstrated such care and concern for the project that the Board decided to provide them with a donation on top of the cost of the construction of the bench.



*Photo: The big JCF cheque is presented to Bob McLean, the coordinator of the project with Brad Miller (L) and Andy Henry (R) who built the bench, at the unveiling of the bench at Australia Zoo on 16 June 2013*

#### 6. Katie Rose Cottage - \$7190

We decided to fund Katie Rose Cottage for a second year on the basis that they are providing a palliative care service on the Sunshine Coast which enables their guests to complete their lives in an environment which we know June would have encouraged. This year's donation was to fund three special Aidacare beds which provide extra comfort and symptom management for people in the last stages of their life.

## 7. Wildlife Warriors at Australia Zoo - \$10,000

Wildlife Warriors was considered worthy of second year of funding on the basis that the extreme weather in Queensland over the previous year had created significant pressure on the Wildlife Hospital. June loved the hospital and delighted in taking her guests to the zoo mainly to see the hospital in operation.

Unlike last year where our donation was split into two parts, half for the hospital and half for the orangutan project, this year's donation was purely for the hospital.

*Photo: Anne Gripper presents the oversized JCF cheque to Michelle of Australia Zoo after the unveiling of the resting bench for June*



## 8. Harmony House - \$4000

After using our previous donation to conduct a positive parenting course, Harmony House wished to build on the education focus of their work by producing a booklet written from a child's perspective about what happened at Harmony House. The booklet will be used by families so that they can help prepare their child for either a supervised contact visit or a changeover between residential and non-residential parent.

## 9. Project Vietnam - \$10,000

As a local Sunshine Coast group of dedicated fundraisers in Australia and hands-on building volunteers in Vietnam, the Project Vietnam group received a \$10,000 donation to assist in the renovation of a local kindergarten and the upgrading of a health station. The donation was presented at a fundraising film night in Caloundra. The group also received a cheque for \$5000 as matched fundraising.

*Photo: Dr Jo English and Anne Gripper present the big JCF cheque to President Jim O'Shannessy and Medical Director, Dr Gail Waterhouse of Project Vietnam Inc at their fundraising film night at Caloundra.*



## 10. University of the Sunshine Coast - \$1000

After June's protégée and good friend Paul McCarthy was killed in a military accident in Indonesia in 2004, June co-funded a bursary in Paul's name with his mother, Haila McCarthy. The bursary is awarded each year to a successful student in the sports science or human movement discipline at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The JCF continues to fund the bursary with Haila.

## 11. University of Adelaide – School of Mechanical Engineering - \$5000

This grant will be used to purchase equipment which will form the basis of a 4th year research and development project by 4 mechanical engineering students. The expected outcome is the design and development of a fully functioning device that enables a person with Locked In Syndrome (almost total paralysis) to communicate. A secondary outcome is the shifting of the 4th year project ethos to one that embraces socially relevant and important projects .

### MATCHED FUNDRAISING – HOW YOU CAN HELP

A frequently asked question from our friends and supporters is “I would like to do a run / walk / cycle / concert to raise money for June's Foundation. How do I do this?”

June's Foundation is established as a “giving” Foundation rather than a “doing” or fundraising charity. Our aim is to distribute money to projects and organisations which are aligned with the vision and mission of the Foundation.

So the best way you can help June's Foundation achieve its goals is to become part of our **Matched Fundraising** process. The way this works is that you choose one of the organisations or projects which we have supported over the previous three years. These are organisations which have been carefully considered by the JCF Board to be in alignment with what (we think!) June would have wanted to support. In choosing the organisations we support, we are guided by our vision of “*June's spirit living on as an agent of change*”. We have also undertaken appropriate due diligence on these organisations to ensure that the money we provide is used for the purposes for which it is given. You can find a list of the organisations which are available for your matched fundraising on our website at <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/funding-recipient.html>

If you would like to help perpetuate June's legacy by raising money for one of our funding recipients, the JCF will most likely 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. All we ask is that you apply for this through our Matched Fundraising process. This is to ensure that people are not off doing crazy things while claiming to raise money in connection with the JCF. To learn more about how our **Matched Fundraising** process works, check the website at

<http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/matched-fundraising.html>



*Alola is one example of an organisation which benefited from our matched fundraising process*

Some recent examples of matched fundraising include Kate Major's *Crocodile Trophy* feat which we reported on in the last newsletter, during which her \$1237 was matched by the JCF; fundraising of \$4550 for the Alola Foundation by a group of 7 riders on a Cycle Queensland Bike ride and fundraising of \$5000 conducted by Sunshine Coast members of Project Vietnam for their kindergarten restoration project.

## WHAT PROJECTS WILL THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT IN 2013-14?

We will be considering our first round of funding recipients at the next JCF Board meeting on 19 October. The projects up for discussion cover a wide range of areas in health, sport and education. One of the only things we **really** knew about June's giving intentions was her support and admiration for the work of the School of St Jude in Tanzania, so St Jude's will remain a significant beneficiary of the Foundation again for this year.

As a member of June's community we are always keen to receive suggestions from you. If you know of an organisation or project which you believe would fit in with the values and mission of the Foundation, please talk to one of our Board members. There are a couple of ways that we consider funding – the first is where the organisation submits an Expression of Interest. This is to gain our attention and go through some early checks. If it looks like something that June would have wanted to support, we will ask them to submit a more detailed proposal. The Expression of Interest form is available on our website at <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/grant-making.html>

The second way is for a Board member to sponsor the proposal. If you are strong advocate of the project, you can ask a Board member to consider sponsoring the proposal without the need for the organisation to submit a formal proposal. Our Giving Framework allocates some funding for organisations which may not have the resources or skills to complete a formal proposal. One of the quick checks we ask you to make when proposing a project or organisation is that they have "*Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR)*" status. This means that they are registered with the Australian Tax Office to receive donations.

When considering projects that we may support, remember 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.

## AYA NAKITANDA – 2013 SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER - FUTURE FEMALE SPORT LEADER

In addition to the eleven donations from the Foundation, June's estate has been providing funding for a Scholarship established in her name called the ***Future Female Sport Leader*** scholarship in Switzerland.

The scholarship enables a female from a developing country to undertake the Master of Sport Administration (MSA) degree, conducted by AiSTS in Lausanne, Switzerland. This was the course which June completed in 2006, and then lectured at between 2007 and 2009. This is the third year which the scholarship has been awarded. Previous recipients featured in this newsletter were Thayssa Roberta Plum from Brazil in 2011 and Carolina Ahumada Calo from Colombia in 2012.

This year's scholarship recipient is **Aya Nakitanda** from Uganda. The links between Aya and June are very strong. Hailing from the area of East Africa which June was so keen to support, Aya was





*Photo: Aya (third from left) on a field trip to the UCI with her class mates*

an elite Olympic swimmer for Uganda. She also studied medicine and became one of Uganda's first dedicated sports physicians.

Aya has been providing progress reports of her journey through the Masters Course. Her last update included the excellent news that she had secured a prestigious internship with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva.

Aya's role will include the following responsibilities:

- Assisting WHO in their contribution to the International Conference on Women in Sport
- Assisting WHO in finalising arrangements for the collaboration with the IOC
- Assisting WHO in the development of a toolkit for Member States to implement the global recommendations on physical activity for health

We congratulate Aya for her achievement and are very confident that she will take the learning and skills from the MSA course including her internship with WHO back to Uganda to further the opportunities for women and girls through sport.

## **A HAPPY BIRTHDAY AT AUSTRALIA ZOO**

On Sunday 16 June 2013, a couple of days before June's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 19 June, just over 90 of June's friends and colleagues, gathered at the Africa Exhibit of Australia to celebrate the unveiling of a resting bench in her memory. Crafted by the men of the Glasshouse Country Men's Shed, the bench is a lasting tribute to June's support and loyalty to the staff and objectives of Australia Zoo, particularly the work of the Wildlife Warriors program.



*Photo: Lynn Forsyth and the men of the Mens Shed unveil the new bench*

One of June's greatest joys was taking friends visitors to Australia Zoo on her "special" unlimited Australia Zoo pass. By providing free entry to June's friends and colleagues on the day, Australia Zoo and the JCF encouraged those in attendance to celebrate the "last hurrah" of her special pass. As the group photo below shows, many of the attendees chose to wear bright yellow in celebration of June's favourite colour.



Positioned on an elevated spot, right next to a similar bench in memory of one of June's favourite patients, Steve Irwin, and overlooking the new Africa Exhibit, this is another place where June's spirit is certainly living on strongly.





## TRIP TO TANZANIA – NOVEMBER 2014



We are in the early stages of planning a trip to Tanzania in November 2014. Approximate dates are from 4<sup>th</sup> November to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with a variety of options within the trip to choose from. The most important aspect is to visit the School of St Jude in Arusha. Our group will have a wonderful opportunity to stay at the school. School age children will be able to attend some classes, and adults can help out with some volunteer work around the school. We will be assured of a warm welcome from the children, teachers, and administrative staff.

Other options for the trip will include:

- an ascent of Mt Kilimanjaro
- an ascent of Mt Meru
- a Tanzanian wildlife safari
- the chance to participate in the Masai Marai Marathon (or Half Marathon) in Kenya



More details will follow in the next couple of months, but if you are interested, please pencil the dates into your diary and await further news.

That's it for this edition (apart from the invitation to the Annual Picnic which is attached to the newsletter on the next page). If you have any suggestions or comments about the Foundation please let me know on 0409 813 260 or at [annegripper@me.com](mailto:annegripper@me.com). And please feel free to forward this email to anyone you know who may be interested in June's legacy.

Bye for now,  
Anne

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## ANNUAL PICNIC and OUTDOOR ACTIVITY DAY

*You are invited to the first edition of an annual gathering of friends and family to be held at the park recently established in memory of June and her good friend Keith Gracie.*

In April 2013, The Bellvista Community Association named, and officially opened a local Sunshine Coast park in honour of June Canavan and Keith Gracie.

The **Canavan Gracie Recreational Park** is a wonderful tribute to June and Keith.

**So – come along and enjoy a BBQ in the park:**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 from 12.00pm**

### **Canavan Gracie Recreational Park**

**Lomond Crescent, Caloundra West**

*Food and soft drink will be provided - feel free to bring your own alcohol*

**But there is more - it's not just a matter of turning up in time to eat and drink....**

In the spirit of the outdoor recreational aim of the park, and June's constant urging of her patients to get out and do active things, you have the choice of participating in some of June's favourite activities. Your choices are:

- **Cycle 40km or 20km** to get there  
*(wearing a JCF cycling jersey if you have one)*
- **Participate in a car trial** by finding a few clues along the route from Sunshine Coast Grammar School to the park
- Help to hide the first ever **JCF geocache** and find a couple of other geocaches hidden nearby  
*(what is geocache? - all will be revealed on the day)*

*Thanks to **Indigo Restaurant** and **Revolution Cycles** for donating prizes for our outdoor activities*

Please respond to **Maureen Cummings** at [mcummings@scqs.qld.edu.au](mailto:mcummings@scqs.qld.edu.au) or 0413 617148 **before 16<sup>th</sup> October** if you are coming to the BBQ and to get more details about the outdoor activities.

**If you would like a bright yellow June Canavan Foundation Polo shirt or a JCF Cycling jersey, you can also place an order when you RSVP.**