



**THE  
JUNE CANAVAN  
FOUNDATION**

**July 2014 Newsletter**

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the July 2014 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

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## **Invitation**

### **Trip to Tanzania**

***Featuring a week at the School of St Jude in Arusha***

June’s family, friends and colleagues are invited to participate in the first June Canavan Foundation visit to the School of St Jude.

**Sunday 16 November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

Other activities include a safari and cultural experience in the Serengeti National Park and meetings with other potential JCF supported project leaders.

Further details are included in the invitation attached to this newsletter.  
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## A BIT MORE ABOUT OUR FUNDING RECIPIENTS

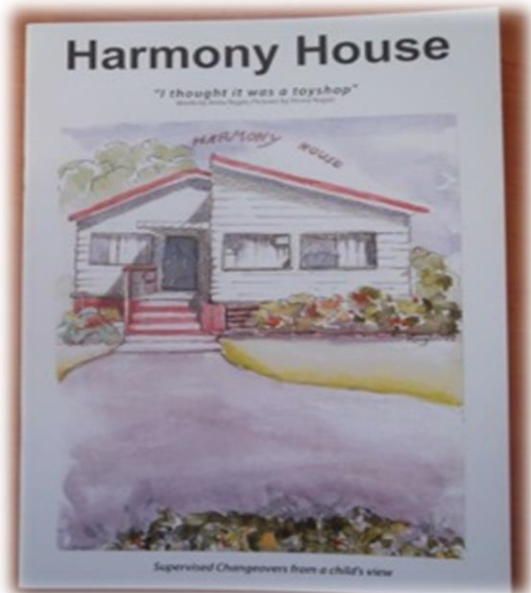
For four years now, the June Canavan Foundation has been providing grants and donations to a wide range of local and international organisations. At each Board meeting, we consider a number of options – there are so many worthy projects and organisations to choose from. The most important criteria for us is the extent to which they are aligned with our Giving Framework. As a starting point, the project must fall into one of June's four interest areas - health, sport, education and conservation. We attempt to balance our giving across local organisations working within June's communities of the Sunshine Coast and Wangaratta, with international organisations who are undertaking projects which are "driving sustainable change to create justice and wellbeing" as per our mission statement. To give you an idea of both ends of the spectrum, here is some information about two of the organisations we funded last year – one very local and one very international!

### 1. Harmony House – creating justice and well-being on the Sunshine Coast

The JCF has made two separate donations to Harmony House. The first in 2012 was to provide funding for a positive parenting course. The second in 2013 was to pay for the costs of writing and producing a booklet which explained how Harmony House works in a picture book format, presented from a child's perspective.

Harmony House is a children's contact centre which ensures the smooth changeover of children between separated parents, and contact visits between children and their non-residential parents or guardians. The centre was specifically set up for families who are in conflict and cannot arrange a mutually agreeable or safe venue for child-parent contact.

Trained and compassionate staff ensure contact and changeover is free of any conflict. The primary objective of the centre is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the child and the empowerment of the parents and the child.



June had a special interest in re-establishing harmony within families which had become disrupted or dysfunctional because of misjudgement or indiscretion. We think she would like to know that her

Foundation is supporting a centre which is providing such a great service to help families through difficult times. Our funding of the positive parenting course gives life to many of the principles which June conveyed to her patients. For the second our funding of two booklets written from a child's perspective are also representative of the way June respected and listened to her younger patients.



The booklets will be used by families to prepare their child for either a supervised contact visit or a changeover between parents.

If you would like to donate to Harmony House you can download a donation form from their website or from this link <http://www.scfcc.org.au/charity.html>

## 2. The Mercy Ships – creating justice and well-being off the coast of Africa

For the last few years of her life, June kept reminding everyone that she wanted to spend some time on one of the Mercy Ships as the first thing she did as part of her “retirement”. She closely followed the launch in 2007 of the *Africa Mercy* surgery ship which went into service as a surgery ship anchored off the coast of West Africa.



We provided a donation to the Mercy Ships in 2013 to bolster the services provided by the *Africa Mercy* ship anchored off the coast of the Congo. Again, we know that June would be pleased to know that even though she can't personally contribute as she wanted, at least her Foundation is helping the organisation to do what she wanted to do. Interestingly, the Australian head office of the Mercy Ships is at Caloundra, right here on the Sunshine Coast.

The Mercy Ships is a unique medical hospital ship charity. They have transformed the lives of more than 2.42 million people in the least developed countries for over 35 years. Australian surgeons, nurses and other staff volunteer their services and pay for their own expenses as June was going to do, so that Mercy Ships can treat more people.

In alignment with June's philosophy of treating the cause rather than the symptom, the philosophy of the Mercy Ships is not just to dispense medical care, but to train local people in medical procedures to ensure that the legacy of the ship's presence is a sustainable medical service in that area. 32,100 health professionals have been trained by the Mercy Ships and of these 5,800 have been trained to train new health professionals.

To donate directly to the Mercy Ships, access this link <https://www.mercyships.org.au/donate>



## WHAT PROJECTS IS THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTING IN 2014?

Again this year, we have decided to mix our donations by continuing to support some projects from previous years and to add some new organisations to our funding mix as follows:

### Local

Organisation	JCF Focus area	Locality
Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program	Education	Wangaratta
The Regent Honeyeater Project	Conservation	Glenrowan
Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship	Education	Beechworth
Friends of Lacluta	Health and Education	Wangaratta <i>(in support of East Timor)</i>
Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge	Conservation	Sunshine Coast
The Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation	Health	Australia <i>(indigenous communities)</i>
Philanthropy Australia	Education	Australia
University of the Sunshine Coast	Education	Sunshine Coast

### International

Organisation	JCF Focus Area	Locality
The School of St Jude	Education	Tanzania
The Orangutan Project	Conservation	Borneo
The Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation	Health	Bhutan / Nepal
Bicycles for Empowerment Network	Health and Sport	Africa
Motivation Australia	Sport	Fiji
The Foundation for Goodness	Sport	Sri Lanka

We'll provide more details about these donations and how they are being used in the newsletter at the end of the year.

## A HAPPY DAY AT THE CANAVAN GRACIE RECREATIONAL PARK



It was great to welcome about 45 of June's community of friends and colleagues to the inaugural picnic in the park named after June and her good friend Keith Gracie. This is the start of an annual tradition which in future years will be held on the weekend closest to June's birthday in June. The park is a beautiful oasis of lakes, shady trees and active recreation areas in the new residential area of Bellvista near Caloundra. We thank the

community leaders of Bellvista for their foresight in designing the park and then arranging with Council for the name to commemorate June and Keith as active members of the Sunshine Coast.

As usual at “June” gatherings, yellow was the colour of the day. A few enthusiastic picnic attendees donned their JCF jerseys or polo shirts to ride to the park from further up the coast. Others were happy to sit around talking and enjoying the steak and sausages provided by the Lions Club of Caloundra.



A special mention to June’s cousin Ray Davis and his wife Lorraine from Victoria who planned their campervan holiday to coincide with the picnic.

We look forward to making our family and friends picnic in the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park an annual event.

#### **“TO JUNE with LOVE” – OUR FIRST GEOCACHE.**

In the spirit of physical activity so ardently advocated by June, the post lunch activities at the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park included a geocaching adventure. For most of the participants, it was their first encounter with geocaching. “What is geocaching?” some of you (many of you) will be asking. Well - geocaching is a world-wide treasure hunt currently being played in 123 countries by over 6 million people. Caches are named and hidden by someone, usually in an area of scenic or cultural significance. They are usually plastic or metal containers which contain small items which can be traded. Once hidden, the coordinates are logged on the geocaching website ([www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)). Geocachers can then log on to find clues which will enable them to search for the cache using a GPS device or a GPS enabled phone. June



was a keen geocacher, starting in Switzerland then in countries of Europe. She

continued to go hunting for the odd cache in different places in Australia. As well as finding a couple of existing geocaches in the Canavan Gracie Park, a key part of the picnic day was placing a geocache called “To June with Love”. Created by Maureen Cummings, our original medium sized geocache was tucked under a footbridge in the park, but it was not allowed when we went to register it, because it was too close to some other geocaches which were already hidden in the park.

Thanks to the creativity and persistence of Jo English, our “To June with Love” cache is now a fantastic multi-cache which starts with the first clue hidden at the sign of the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. It then takes geocachers on a short walk around the neighbouring streets as they find 4 additional clues. The final hiding place of the cache is in an intricately carved nook designed by Jo, directly opposite the park. Anyone who finds the cache will not only find the standard log book to record their find, they will also find information relating to the June Canavan Foundation. All successful finders of the cache are invited to take one of the special JCF keyrings which Maureen had made up. A handful of keyrings were also distributed to picnic attendees and are available to anyone who wishes to spread the word about June’s Foundation.



### JCF BOARD TO MEET IN WANGARATTA

The JCF Board have always met on the Sunshine Coast or Brisbane. This is because most of the Board members come from up this way. But two of our Board members come from southern climes - Lorraine Griffiths (June’s sister) lives on a farm just outside of June’s home town of Wangaratta, and Jo Saies lives in Adelaide. So for our next Board meeting in October, we are off to North East Victoria. In addition to our normal meeting, we will also spend some time speaking with leaders of the projects which June’s Foundation is currently supporting in the area. Our plan is to spend some time in Beechworth hearing from Matt Pfahlert who is leading the Beehive Project and who has recently spent some time overseas as part of his Churchill Fellowship on social entrepreneurship. We will then spend some time in and around Wangaratta meeting with representatives of the Wangaratta Youth Health Service, the Regent Honeyeater Project and the Friends of Lacluta. We will also have the chance to meet with the inaugural June Canavan Scholarship holder for the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program.



### HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

One of the most frequent questions we are asked when talking about the June Canavan Foundation is “how can I contribute?” Well, there are three main ways that you can actively contribute to June’s Foundation:

#### 1. **Make a donation directly to the Foundation, or to one of the organisations we support**

The Foundation is established as a “giving” foundation rather than a “doing”, or fundraising charity. Although we are not able to solicit donations directly from the general public, friends and colleagues of

the founder of the Foundation can make donations. If you would like to do this, you can drop in some cash or send a cheque to the Foundation office at 90 Duporth Ave, Maroochydore 4558.

Or you can make a direct deposit to the following account:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>June Canavan Foundation</b>
<b>BSB:</b>	<b>182512</b>
<b>Account No:</b>	<b>962408605</b>

Please also send an email with your name and address, so that we can send you a Tax Deductible receipt.

## 2. Organise a run / walk / cycle/ concert / or any other event through 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>

## 3. Suggest an organization or project for us to fund

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>



*Examples of organisations suggested by June’s community*

The second way is for a Board member to sponsor the proposal. If you are a 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

That’s it for this edition (apart from the invitation to the Tanzanian trip in November 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. So that you know who the newsletter is currently distributed to, the list of receivers is available after the invitation.

Bye for now,  
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## JCF TRIP to TANZANIA

16th November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

*You are invited to the inaugural trip by members and friends of the June Canavan Foundation to the School of St Jude in Arusha, Tanzania, and other highlights of East Africa*

- A week at the School
- A safari and cultural adventure in the Serengeti National Park
- Meet with other potential JCF supported projects in East Africa
  - Your choice of additional activities in East Africa



Our group will have a wonderful opportunity to stay and experience life at the school. We will be assured of a warm welcome from the children, teachers, and administrative staff. School age children will be able to attend some classes, adults can help out with some volunteer work around the school. Gemma and her staff will ensure that we gain an insight into the lives and aspirations of the students who are lucky to be selected for the free education which June so much wanted to support. We will present this year's donation of \$50,000 from the JCF at a school assembly.

*See the **June Canavan Classrooms** consisting of the school's first science lab and some lovely sunny classrooms which were built with the money which June had raised before her accident.*

We will then go on a safari organised by Gemma's husband, Richard Sisia. The trip will provide a wonderful insight into the wildlife and cultural aspects of East Africa including a journey through the Tarangire and Serengeti National Parks, up to the Ngorongoro Crater, dropping in on some Masai Mara villages as we go.

**If you are interested in joining the trip please contact Anne Gripper at [annegripper@me.com](mailto:annegripper@me.com) or 0409 8132 60.**

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