



**THE
JUNE CANAVAN
FOUNDATION**

March 2016 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the March 2016 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – Brunch with Gemma Sisia from the School of St Jude
- New website
- Recent donations
- Spotlight on Beneficiaries - The School of St Jude and ACRE
- Family and Friends picnic at Canavan Gracie Recreational Park
- Matched Fundraising activities

Invitation

***Brunch with Gemma and Dorice
from the School of St Jude***

June was raising money for the School of St Jude when she died. We have continued to support the school through her Foundation.

Friends and colleagues are invited to come along for **brunch** with the founder and one of the first graduates from the school.

10.30am Sunday 10 April

Bitter Suite Café, Brisbane

For more details see the last page of this newsletter.

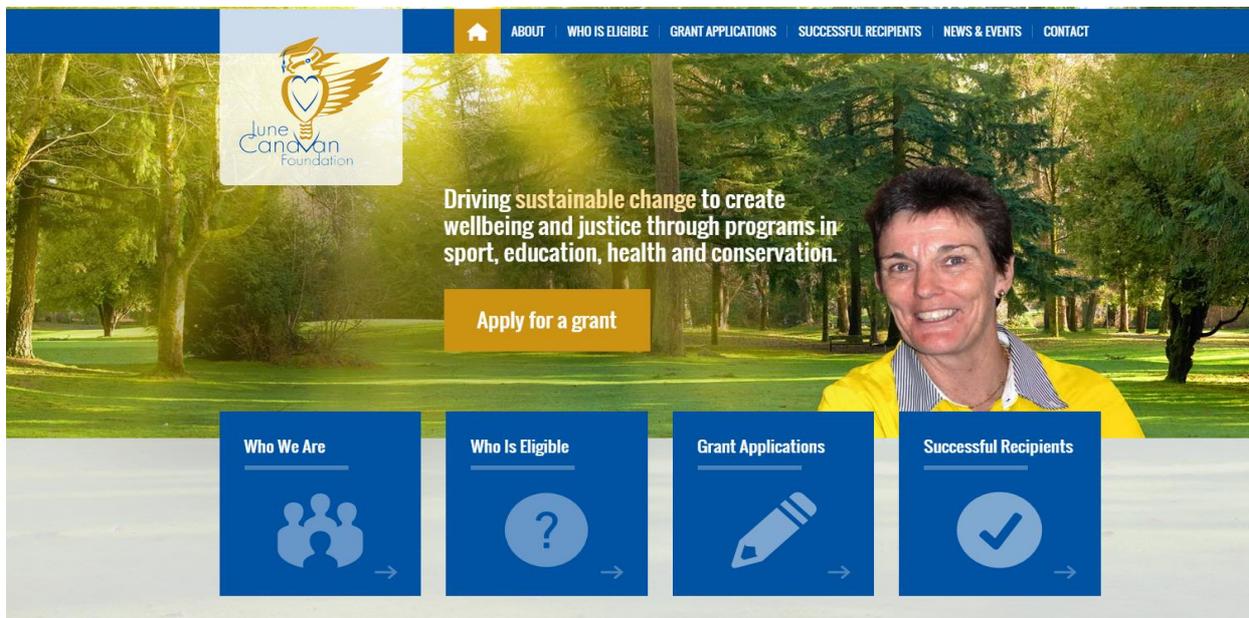
Please let us know if you are coming at contact@junecanavanfoundation.org.au or call Anne on 0409 813 260

OUR NEW WEBSITE

It's up and running! But before getting too excited about the new site, we want to say a very heartfelt thankyou to June's friend Mary-Lynne Cochrane who set up and maintained our previous website, which served us so well for the first five years of the foundation's life. Thank you Mary-Lynne – we realise this was a very big labour of love on your part.

Our new site was designed by Excite Design in Brisbane. It has a contemporary design, and most importantly is easy to navigate. Our website is important for us for three main reasons:

- i) to make it interesting for June's community to keep up to date with what's happening with her foundation,
- ii) to make it easy for potential beneficiaries. In order not to waste anyone's time we want them to understand our Giving Framework, decide whether to lodge a grant application and to make the application process as easy as possible, and
- iii) to increase the profile of small scale philanthropy in Australia. Make sure you log on to have a look at www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au



RECENT DONATIONS

Since September 2015, the Board has met twice, making decisions to distribute \$279,400 across a broad range of 16 projects and organisations. Some of these are to our true and trusty long term beneficiaries, others are to new and innovative projects. At each Board meeting, we consider a number of options – there are so many worthy projects and organisations to choose from. The most important consideration when making our funding decisions is our vision statement: ***“June’s spirit living on as a catalyst for change”***. We constantly ask ourselves “is this what June would have wanted?” Of course, we are never really going to know the answer to that question, but trust that those of us sitting around the Board table have enough collective knowledge of June, to make a pretty good guess.

The next most important criteria for us is the extent to which the project is 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.

The 16 organisations to receive funding from the June Canavan Foundation this year are:

Organisation	Project	Amount
Alpine Valley Community Leadership Program	Regional scholarship, North East Victoria	\$5,000
Australian Centre for Regional Entrepreneurship	Project Evaluation tool, North East Victoria	\$15,000
Australian Himalayan Foundation	Education program for girls in remote communities, Bhutan	\$15,000
The Burnet Institute	Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Project, Papua New Guinea	\$50,000
Cittimani Hospice	Palliative care, Sunshine Coast	\$20,000
Harmony House	Children's Contact Centre, Maroochydore	\$5,000
Friends of Lacluta	Water tank and Mothers and Babies packs for Lacluta community, Timor-Leste	\$5,000
The Jackie Fairweather Research Fund	Mental Health of Elite Athletes, Australia	\$20,000
The Mercy Ships	Palliative care, Africa	\$10,000
Motivation Australia	Urinary Management Project, Fiji	\$15,000
The Netball Foundation	"Confident Girls" Program, Regional Australia	\$20,000
Open Heart International	Cardiac Surgery Project, Tanzania and Rwanda	\$25,000
Project Vietnam	Children with Disabilities, Vietnam and Toilets for Battrang School, Cambodia	\$27,400
The School of St Jude	Beyond St Jude's Community Service Program	\$50,000
The University of the Sunshine Coast	Regional and Para-athlete scholarships	\$10,000

You can read more about each of these organisations and the important difference they make to the communities they serve on the beneficiaries page of our website - <http://www.iunecanavanfoundation.org.au/successful-grants/>

SPOTLIGHT ON TWO OF OUR BENEFICIARIES

In recent newsletters we have started to feature a couple of our funding recipients – to raise their profile amongst our readers in case anyone wants to support them individually, and to provide you with a more inside view of the type of projects we were supporting.

This edition spotlights our earliest and most longstanding beneficiary, and a more recent addition to our beneficiaries. One is an international organization in East Africa and the other is from the north east area of Victoria where June spent her early years.

1. **The School of St Jude** – the organization for which June was raising money when she died.



The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

Great celebrations took place at the School of St Jude last May when the very first intake of students from 2003 successfully graduated. These first 60 graduates are now out and about in the community, following their completion of secondary school – an uncommon occurrence in Tanzania where only 2% of children finish school. In fact 50% of kids don't get past Year 4, with another large percentage having to finish school at Year 7.

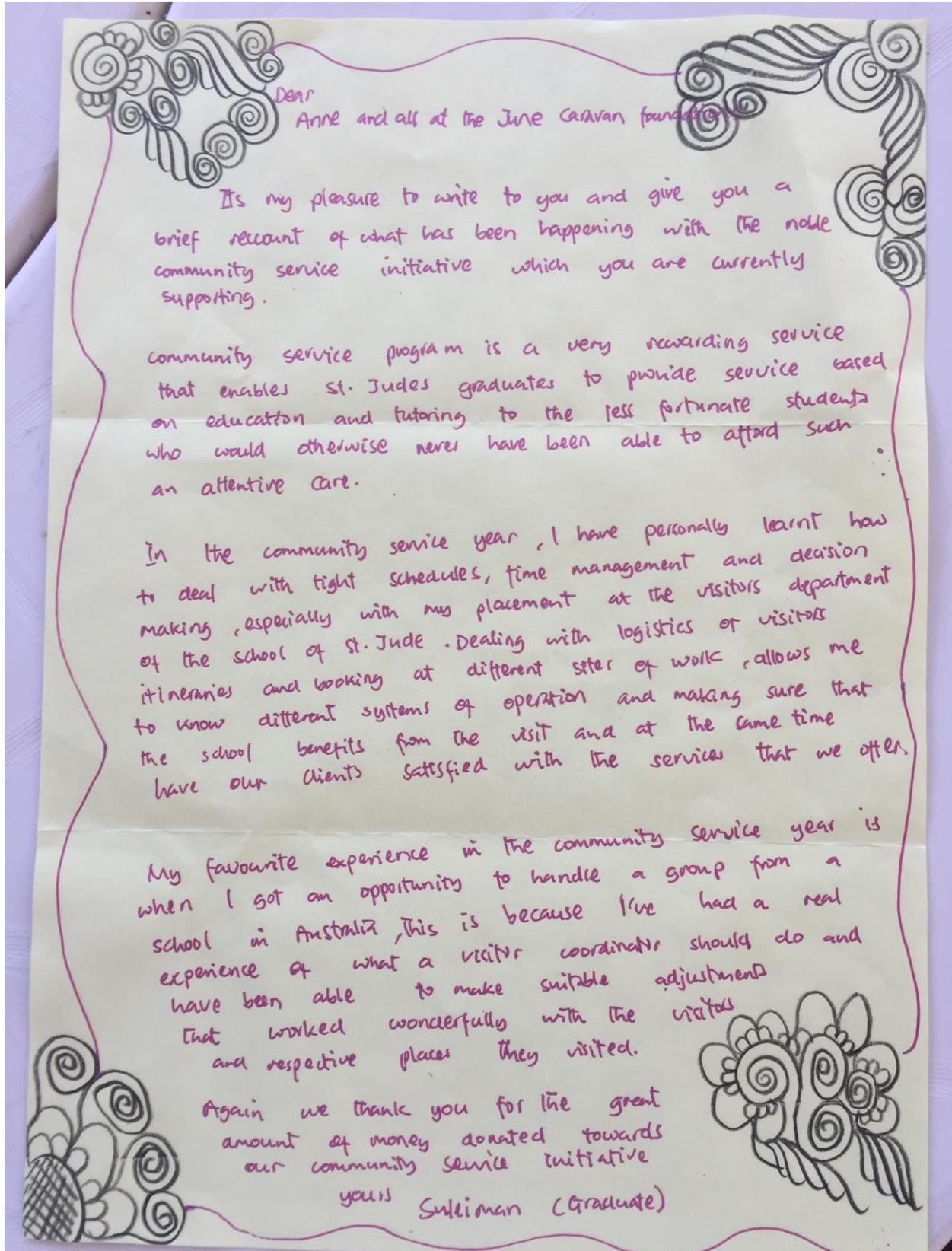
During 2014, with the first graduations to occur in the following year, we decided that we would allocate ongoing funding from June's foundation to the **Beyond St Judes** program being established to assist students to make the most of their secondary education by going on to study at a university. This was very much in line with Gemma's lofty ambitions of "developing the future leaders of Tanzania" by providing a completely free school education to the brightest, but poorest children in the Arusha area.



However, while visiting the school in November 2014, we heard the compelling story of the community service year which all graduates were expected to undertake before receiving tertiary support. This means that they spend 6 months as tutors in the government school system and 6 months undertaking voluntary work at the School of St Jude. In Gemma's mind, this was a simple and meaningful way for the

students to express their gratitude for their school education, by giving a year of their time back to the community.

So, we changed our mind and decided that our 2014 and 2015 donations of 2 x \$50,000 would go towards the Community Service part of the Beyond St Judes program. To help our supporters understand the value of this program, a letter received at the end of last year from Suleiman, one of the graduates undertaking the community service year gives an insiders view of the program



You can also see a video about the program, acknowledging the contribution of the June Canavan Foundation which we received via this note from Gemma Sisia in December:

Dear Anne and All at The June Canavan Foundation,

Asante Sana! (Thank you very much) for your generous \$ 100,000 donation towards Community Service, in June this year.

We have put together a short video to update you on the progress of our Community Service interns; you can watch it by clicking this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VXasm-pb7Y&feature=youtu.be>

We sincerely hope you enjoy seeing the impact your contribution is making, both in the lives of our inaugural graduates/ interns and in their local government schools.

And here's another link to Blandina, a very enthusiastic graduate describing her Beyond St Jude's Community Service year - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVsM3RcuO00>

2. The Australian Centre for Regional Entrepreneurship (ACRE) – building a thriving rural Australia by igniting entrepreneurship in young people and their communities – starting right where June grew up in north east Victoria.



We decided to support this project following an introduction to its founder Matt Pfahlert from our philanthropic advisors at the Myer Family Company. We commenced with a \$10,000 grant to enable Matt and his co-founders to travel around Victoria and Australia seeking financial support and partnerships for their ambitious project. Their long term objective is to establish Australia's premier cycling tourism hub in and around Beechworth and distribute 51% of the profits from cycle tourism business to the not for profit **Australian Centre for Regional Entrepreneurship**. The aims of ACRE are to:

- Create pathways that value entrepreneurial talent in the same way we already value talented young artists, scholars and athletes.



Presentation by the Board of \$10000 to Matt Pfahlert at Beechworth

- Provide education, mentoring and direct support to accelerate good ideas in rural communities.
- Play a catalytic role in developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem and culture – from job seeker to job creator.
- Demonstrate the role social enterprise can play in rejuvenating rural communities.
- Be a voice for rural young people

ACRE is aligned with many aspects of our Giving Framework, tapping into our focus areas of sport and education. We know June would have liked the emphasis on providing more educational opportunities for young people in rural areas of Australia – particularly in the region where she was born and went to school. After visiting Matt and hearing more about their aspirations for the centre, we provided an additional \$5000 to continue building relationships and supporters. Just recently we have provided \$15,000 as half of the cost to conduct the initial benchmark evaluation of the entrepreneurial environment before the commencement of the program. This can then be used for the long term measurement of the impact of ACRE. One of the biggest and thorniest issues in philanthropy is the measurement of impact, so our co-funding of this project, also contributes to increasing the capability of organisations to accurately measure their impact.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC AT CANAVAN GRACIE RECREATIONAL PARK

On 26 September last year, a group of June’s family, friends and colleagues gathered in the park named after June and her good friend Keith Gracie, to celebrate the first five years of June’s Foundation. We set ourselves up in one of the covered shelters by the water’s edge, signposted easily with a pull-up banner and large screen.

As well as catching up with friends from near and far, Anne made a presentation about what the Foundation had achieved over the first five years, and our aspirations for the future. The presentation is available on our website at the following link - <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/about-foundation>.

It was also a great opportunity to publicly launch our new website with the first real-time viewing of the look and feel of our new on-line presence.

This is now the second time we have gathered in the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park. We were particularly happy to welcome Les Thomas from the Bellvista and Bells Reach Community Association. It was Les who as President encouraged the committee to honour June and Keith by naming their new park after them. Les popped in for a while to say hello and see how the park was being used. We are very privileged to be able to use such



June's sister Lorraine Griffiths, with Les Thomas at the picnic

a beautiful park on the Sunshine Coast for our gatherings. Our plan is to have an informal gathering each year around the time of June's birthday on 19 June. This year, the 19th June falls on a Sunday, so that will be date for this year's gathering. Save the date in your diaries now and we'll send further details closer to the date.



MATCHED FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES – Double the money you raise

We can double your fundraising efforts!

One of the most powerful ways we can support the organisations we believe are worthy of JCF funding is to encourage members of June's community to generate support for them too. Our **Fundraising Matching process** provides an easy way for you or your friends to do this. You can see how it works on our website at the following link <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/matched-fundraising.html>

As an example, one of our JCF Board members, Dr Jo English is planning to cycle 500km in the 2016 Cycle Queensland ride from Woodford to Hervey Bay, raising money for the Australian Himalayan Foundation (AHF) as she cycles. Jo will be riding in support of the AHF's RENEW program which provides education for girls in some of the remotest parts of Bhutan. The June Canavan Foundation will match the funds she raises up to a maximum of \$5000. This means Jo can tell her sponsors that every dollar they provide to the AHF will be doubled by June's Foundation. For more information, or to support the ride, please contact Jo English on 0417 211 300.



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.

The process is simple - you choose one of the organisations which we have supported over the previous three years. Then drop us a note or give us a call about what you'd like to do and who you would like to support and (provided you are not planning to do something really stupid) and we will most likely match your donations up to \$5000.

You can find a list of the organisations which are available for your matched fundraising on our website at <http://www.iunecanavanfoundation.org.au/successful-grants> (These are the organisations which we believe June would have liked us to support. We have done due diligence on them to ensure that funds go to where they say they go)

We'd love to help you raise funds for an organization of your choice, so have a think about what you might do and come and talk to us about doubling your fundraising efforts.

POLO SHIRTS AND CYCLING JERSEYS

If you are planning to cycle, walk or just be somewhere where someone will notice, why not consider showing your support for the Foundation by purchasing a bright yellow polo shirt or cycling jersey? Even just having a polo shirt or jersey to wear around your local community or on a local bike ride is helpful to spread the word.



Polo Shirts - \$40	
Women's Fit	Men's Fit
10	M
12	L
14	XL
16	XXL
18	XXXL
20	

Cycling Jerseys - \$90	
Women's Fit	Men's Fit
S	M
M	L
L	XL
XL	XXL

If you would like to order a polo shirt or jersey, please contact Anne on 0409 813 260 or annegripper@me.com

That's it for this edition, apart from the invitation to the Brunch with Gemma and Dorice 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 contact@junecanavanfoundation.org.au.

Bye for now,



Anne Gripper

And, as always 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 brunch invitation.

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INVITATION

BRUNCH with Gemma and Dorice

You are invited to a morning gathering to meet Gemma Sisia, the founder of the School of St Jude, and Dorice Livingstone Abel, one of the first cohort of students who graduated from the school in May last year. Gemma and Dorice are here in Australia speaking with supporters and potential supporters about the life and work of the school.



Dorice and Gemma – clearly excited about meeting friends and colleagues of the June Canavan Foundation in Brisbane!

Sunday 10th April 2016
10.30am

Bitter Suite Café
75 Welsby Road, New Farm, Brisbane



When June met Gemma in 2008, she was inspired to start her *Klocking up the K's* fundraising project to provide \$50,000 for the School of St Jude. We will be presenting the 6th donation of \$50,000 to the School in memory of June at the brunch.

Come along also to hear from Dorice about her school life, her community service year and her plans to study medicine.

So that we know what size table to book at the café, if you would like to join us, please RSVP by Friday 8th April at contact@juncanavanfoundation.org.au or 0409 813 260.

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