



**THE  
JUNE CANAVAN  
FOUNDATION**

**May 2018 Newsletter**

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the May 2018 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – Sunshine Coast Lightning Netball Game
- Who we've donated to this year - \$253,000 to 13 organisations
- Good news from Papua New Guinea
- Reef Check Australia - recruiting for Sunshine Coast volunteers
- Collective Giving (Giving Circles)

**INVITATION**

**Friends of JCF Event**

***Sunshine Coast Lightning***

**VS**

***Melbourne Vixens***

Following the success of last year's event we are doing it again! Join us for a home match of the Sunshine Coast's very own netball team to celebrate June's love of netball and our partnerships with **The Confident Girls Foundation** and the **University of the Sunshine Coast**

**3.00pm Saturday 2 June 2018**

*USC Sports Stadium*

For more information and booking details, see the last page of this newsletter.

## WHO WE'VE DONATED TO THIS YEAR - \$253,000 to 13 organisations

We've had two grant-making Board meetings this financial year – the first was in September where we considered 16 applications for funding and 8 Board sponsored proposals. The second was in February where we considered 15 applications, 4 Board sponsored proposals and one matched fundraising request. As always the most important consideration when making our funding decisions is our vision statement: *“June’s spirit living on as a catalyst for change”*.

We also take a lot of guidance from our *Giving Framework* which outlines our commitment to four of June’s areas of interest - **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 13 organisations to receive funding from the June Canavan Foundation this year are:

Organisation	Project/Geographical area	Amount
Australian Centre for Regional Entrepreneurship	Precinct plan for Old Beechworth Gaol Wangaratta area	\$15,000
Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program	Scholarship Wangaratta area	\$6,000
Children’s Therapy Centre	Siblings Camp Sunshine Coast	\$5,000
Cittimani Hospice	Palliative care Sunshine Coast	\$15,000
The Confident Girls Foundation	Confident Girls Netball Program, Regional Australia	\$50,000
Friends of Lacluta	School Garden Project and Scholarships Wangaratta and East Timor	\$8,000
Friends of Rambutso	Toilets and Feminine Hygiene Papua New Guinea	\$12,000
The Nature Conservancy	Mangrove Market Women Papua New Guinea	\$20,000
Project Vietnam	School building project Vietnam	\$10,000
Reef Check Australia	Sunshine Coast Ambassadors Project Sunshine Coast	\$15,000
The School of St Jude	<i>Beyond St Jude’s</i> Community Service Program, Tanzania	\$51,000
The Sport Access Foundation	Sports equipment for young athletes with disabilities, Australia	\$6,000
The University of the Sunshine Coast	Regional and Para-athlete scholarships, Sunshine Coast	\$41,000

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.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/successful-grants/>

## GOOD NEWS FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA – our three projects are making a difference

### 1. Mangrove Market Women

Our recent grant of \$20,000 to the Nature Conservancy enabled 9 women from Papua New Guinea to travel to a workshop called “Nature’s

Leading Women 2017.

Its aim was to connect

and empower women

leaders in Papua New

Guinea and the Pacific

to develop a “big idea”

for conservation in the

region. Our JCF Board

member, Kerry

Meehan felt privileged

to be the mentor for

PNG women as they



worked through their big idea to be guardians of the mangroves. Along Papua New Guinea’s coastlines,

mangrove forests play a range of critical functions. Mangroves

buffer coastal communities against king tides and storm surges,

and provide breeding and feeding grounds for the fish and shellfish

that provide these communities with food and income. Women

account for 60 to 80% of all food production in developing

countries like PNG, and rely heavily on healthy and accessible

marine and garden resources. Their project became ‘Mangoro

Market Meri’, which translates to Mangrove Market Women. The

women plan to create long-term economic solutions for mangrove

conservation and PNG women.



### 2. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Our three grants of \$50,000 over 3 years have been put to good use in the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

(HMHB) program currently being undertaken by the

Burnet Institute. We know June would have liked this

project because it combines well designed field

research studies with immediate follow-on

interventions. Unlike other medical research projects,

HMHB starts implementing changes in health care

services as soon as their research shows a need. The

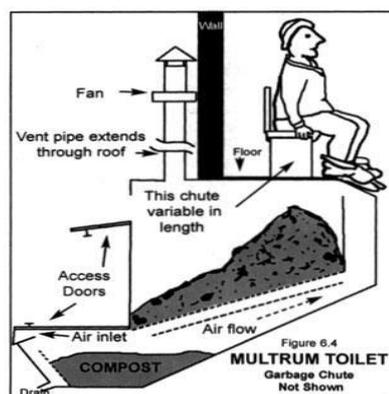
aim of the study is to define the major causes of poor maternal, newborn and child health. Back in 2015,



at the start of Study 1, they aimed to recruit 700 pregnant women into the study in order to track their pregnancy, their birth experience and the first 12 months of their babies life. By the end of 2017, they had achieved their aim of enlisting 700 women in the East New Britain province of PNG into the study. During their pregnancy, the 700 women received a comprehensive health check and were tested regularly (often in their home villages so they did not have to undergo arduous travel to a health centre) for anemia, infection and nutritional deficiencies. Simultaneously a review of the quality of health services available to women during and after their pregnancy was conducted. Most importantly for the sustainability of the project, local staff have been trained in research techniques and clinical delivery. The HMHB project is now assessing the data collected in the first two studies and has commenced a program of improving vital health services in the East New Britain area. The program leaders are confident that improvements made in East New Britain can be replicated across other provinces of Papua New Guinea.

### 3. Friends of Rambutso

Last year we provided a small grant of \$5000 to a community based organisation called Friends of Rambutso to assist them with a project to provide dry composting toilets in the province of Rambutso. They did so much with that first \$5000 that this year we have decided to



increase our funding to \$12,000 each year for 3 years. But first - what is a dry composting toilet and why are they needed? The British Medical Journal reports that toilets are the best medical advancement in 200 years. The United Nations reports that 36% of the world's population use open defecation, contributing to child mortality and In Papua New Guinea, this figure is 81%. Dry composting pit toilets can be relatively easily

installed and maintained and are particularly good for reducing open defecation in low lying coastal communities. After successfully leading the local construction and maintenance of three pit toilets in 2017, Friends of Rambutso are confident of spreading their work across the province and eventually having an impact right across Papua New Guinea. Importantly, their community development model also includes training in the use and maintenance of the toilets, and the establishment of a cleaning roster.



#### 10 year anniversary trip to Papua New Guinea

In August 2019, it will be 10 years since June died on her way to Kokoda.

We are in the early stages of considering a trip to visit the PNG projects we support which keep ***“June’s spirit living on as a catalyst for change”***

If you are interested in hearing more about the trip. please let Anne know.

## REEF CHECK AUSTRALIA – seeking Sunshine Coast volunteers

Reef Check Australia is one of our most recent recipients in our focus areas of conservation. We provided Reef Check with an initial grant of \$15,000 to enable them to establish a [Reef Ambassadors outreach program on the Sunshine Coast](#). We were happy to provide them with the grant due to the success of a similar ambassador program in Moreton Bay in 2016.

They are now seeking volunteers to assist in their important reef conservation work. As were the JCF Board members, you might be surprised about the amazing coral communities than can be found along the South East Queensland coast. For the last 10 years, Reef Check has been monitoring more than 20 locations across the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay/Quandamooka and Gold Coast areas.



The [Sunshine Coast Ambassador project](#) that we have helped fund, directly engages community members seeking to support ocean education and conservation. If you, (or anyone else you know) would like to get involved, please contact Jenn Loder on 0402284681 or [jenn@reefcheckaustralia.org](mailto:jenn@reefcheckaustralia.org)

As a Sunshine Coast ambassador you will gain great experience in hands-on conservation work through Reef Check's commitment to:

1. Build community environmental leadership capacity by training a minimum of 45 Reef Ambassadors (15 per year) through a 2 day science, communication and leadership program.
2. Provide ongoing support, and skill building for Ambassadors through 9 annual development workshops with relevant experts to further grow skills and networks (3 per year), and ongoing mentoring with RCA staff, volunteers and partners.

In addition to training 45 Reef Ambassadors, Reef Check aim to actively engage with a minimum of 20,000 community members through events and activities, and reach at least 60,000 through social, print and digital media.

## COLLECTIVE GIVING – (Giving Circles)

Over the last couple of Board meetings, the JCF Board has considered adding another category of organisation to our [Giving Framework](#). The new category are organizations which encourage people and

organisations to start thinking about how they can make a bigger difference with a small or large donation, particularly if it is combined with donations from other donors. As one of the initial aims of



the JCF was to raise the profile of small scale philanthropy, this seems to the Board to be a practical way of achieving this aim. One of the earliest examples of collective giving are "Giving Circles" in which (for example) 100 people get together to donate \$100 and then, as a group they decide how to donate the \$10,000 that they have collectively given.

At our next Board meeting in August, the Board of the JCF have agreed to review a number of organisations who bring people together in a collective giving approach, and to consider providing funding to one of the organisations to assist with their administrative costs. If you are involved in a Giving Circle or other form of collective giving, please let us know before 1 August so that we can add them to our list of organizations to consider funding.

One of the best known organisations for collective giving is **The Funding Network**. They organise events at which three or four community service organisations present their idea to the audience. The members of the audience then decide to allocate their donation to one or more of the three organisations.

If you would like to come along and experience one of these events first hand, please join some of the JCF Board members at the next **Funding Network event on 31 May in Brisbane.**

A link to the event, featuring the three community service organisations presenting on the night is at <https://www.thefundingnetwork.com.au/tfn-live/upcoming-events/brisbane-thursday-31-may-2018/>.

The Funding Network have a great reputation for hosting fun and inspiring events, so please let Anne Gripper ([annegripper@me.com](mailto:annegripper@me.com)) know of your interest in joining in on this night and we will organise a joint RSVP from the June Canavan Foundation.

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That's it for this edition, apart from the invitation to the Sunshine Coast Lightning Match 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@juneacanavanfoundation.org.au](mailto:contact@juneacanavanfoundation.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 attached after the netball invitation.)



## INVITATION

### SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL MATCH Sunshine Coast Lightning vs Melbourne Vixens

Many of you will know how much June loved her netball. After playing for Wangaratta, she travelled to NZ to play in the regional competition there, before going on to represent Queensland and win a University Blue for netball.

Imagine how excited she would be to know that the Sunshine Coast is now home to the winners of the inaugural Suncorp Super Netball professional competition in 2017.

**So come along to a home match in the 2018 season at our next JCF Friends gathering, to celebrate our partnership with the Confident Girls Foundation and the University of Sunshine Coast.**



*We have a limited number of premium courtside seats with pre-match hospitality and a chance to meet some of the Lightning players and their wonderful coach Noeline Taurua.*

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018  
3.00pm**

**University of the Sunshine Coast, Sports Stadium**  
*90 Sippy Downs Road, Sippy Downs*

Please RSVP by **20<sup>th</sup> May** by clicking the following link [www.trybooking.com/VOWO](http://www.trybooking.com/VOWO)

If you need help with booking, please call Jo Saies on 0412 319 394

**Campus map and parking details:**

<http://www.usc.edu.au/media/19138422/all-maps-a4-2017.pdf>

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