



**THE
JUNE CANAVAN
FOUNDATION**

April 2019 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April 2019 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – 10 year anniversary trip to Papua New Guinea
- Who we've donated to this year - \$304,400 to 13 organisations
- Board visit to North East Victoria – six partners in full swing!
- Growing Giving – our new focus area
- Community Event - Sunshine Coast Lightning match

INVITATION

Members of June's community are warmly invited to share in our

10 year anniversary trip to Papua New Guinea

1 August – 16 August 2019

The trip has been designed around a commemorative service on 11 August in the grounds of the Australian High Commission. The service will be held at the permanent memorial unveiled at the two year anniversary.

We will also be spending time at three of the projects the Foundation has supported in provinces of East New Britain and Manus.

The trip is divided into four parts to suit your time availability and preferences – see the last page of this newsletter for full details.

WHO WE'VE DONATED TO THIS YEAR - \$321,900 to 15 organisations

Everything we do at the June Canavan Foundation is about keeping *“June’s spirit living on as a catalyst for change”*. As the vision for the Foundation this provides us with a constant guide about how best to allocate donations.

In two grant-making Board meetings this financial year we considered 34 applications for funding, 6 Board sponsored proposals and one request for matched fundraising, resulting in the following 15 organisations receiving funding from the June Canavan Foundation:

| Organisation | Project/Geographical area | Amount |
|---|--|----------|
| Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program | Scholarship Wangaratta area | \$9,000 |
| Burnet Institute | Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Papua New Guinea | \$50,000 |
| Cittimani Hospice | Palliative care Sunshine Coast | \$15,000 |
| The Confident Girls Foundation | Confident Girls Netball Program, Regional Australia | \$50,000 |
| Cystic Fibrosis Queensland | Physical Activity Program Sunshine Coast | \$3,650 |
| Friends of Lacluta | Scholarship program Wangaratta and East Timor | \$6,250 |
| The Funding Network | Capacity Building Australia | \$10,000 |
| Into our Hands Foundation | Festival of Change North East Victoria | \$5,000 |
| Project Vietnam | School building project Vietnam | \$11,500 |
| Reef Check Australia | Sunshine Coast Ambassadors Project Sunshine Coast | \$15,000 |
| Regent Honeyeater Project | Habitat Renewal North East Victoria | \$15,000 |
| Tomorrow Today Foundation | Connect9 Education Program North East Victoria | \$16,000 |
| The School of St Jude | <i>Beyond St Jude’s</i> Community Service Program, Tanzania | \$52,500 |
| The START Foundation | Sporting equipment for amputees Australia | \$10,000 |
| The University of the Sunshine Coast | Regional and Para-athlete scholarships, Sunshine Coast | \$31,000 |
| Wantaim PNG | Toilets and Feminine Hygiene Projects Papua New Guinea | \$22,000 |

To fine tune our decisions, we 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, undertaking projects which are "driving sustainable change to create justice and wellbeing" as per our mission statement.

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/>

BOARD TRIP TO NORTH EAST VICTORIA – six partners in full swing!

Flying into Melbourne from Adelaide, Sunshine Coast and Sydney on Friday 22 March 2019, the June Canavan Foundation Board members were met by June's older sister, Wangaratta-based Board member (and itinerary organiser extraordinaire), Lorraine Griffiths at Benalla. First stop on our trip to the North East of Victoria was an afternoon discussion with Board members and staff of potential new funding partner, the **Tomorrow Today Foundation**. During discussions led by President, Sally Gamble and CEO Pat Claridge, we were impressed by the high impact that education programs facilitated by Tomorrow Today have on the prosperity and well-being of the town of Benalla.



Later that afternoon we joined Board members (including June's nephew, Anthony Griffiths) and staff of the **Alpine Valley Community Leadership Program (AVCLP)** at Rinaldo's Restaurant on the Ovens River in Wangaratta. For the last four years, we have supported the program through the provision of a scholarship to a female member of the community who might otherwise not be able to attend. We were delighted to share the evening with the current JCF scholarship holder Sophie Enders who enthralled us with her enthusiasm for her community, and her commitment to her areas of special interest – environmental protection and gymnastics coaching.



On Saturday we spent the day in goal! Yes, our September Board meeting was held in the Board room of the Old Beechworth Gaol. A patient loan from the JCF in 2016 had assisted the **Australian Centre for Regional Entrepreneurship (ACRE)** to facilitate the purchase the goal on behalf of the local community. So we feel like it is part of our history too. It was great to have a tour of the Goal and see it coming to life as an important community precinct. ACRE Board member, Clayton Neil provided a detailed update on the work of ACRE in creating a culture of social enterprise in the North East. ACRE's expanding network of schools joining the Social Enterprise Schools program means that young people in the region are developing leadership and enterprise skills, enabling them to become job creators rather than job seekers.

JCF Board member, Jo Saies
taking a break from the Board
meeting

During our day at the gaol, we also enjoyed an update from Michelle Jeleff of the **START Foundation** on their work in providing specialised sporting equipment for amputees. Although based in Melbourne, Michelle was enjoying a cycling weekend in Beechworth, so the timing was perfect for her to pop in to meet the JCF Board.

On Sunday morning we made our base at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre café where we met Board members and staff of the **Into our Hands Foundation**. Led by CEO, Sarah Thompson, we listened with interest about the forthcoming *Festival of Change* to be held across various centres in the North East, and also about early conceptual thinking for their innovative *Transfer of Wealth* program.

Staying put at the café, our second coffee of the day was with our long term partners, the **Friends of Lacluta**. We enjoyed hearing from several Board members about the current education and environmental projects they are involved in to assist in ensuring the Friendship Agreement between the rural city of Wangaratta and the town of Lacluta in East Timor remains strongly supported.

GROWING GIVING – our new focus area (and consequently a new partner)

At our September 2018 Board meeting, the Board approved a new focus area of *Growing Giving* as outlined in the following extract from our [Giving Framework](#).

4(e) Growing Giving

As a way of raising the profile of small-scale philanthropy, the Foundation will actively seek out and support organisations who are “growing giving”. This includes:

- i. organisations which build capacity in the philanthropic sector
- ii. organisations which provide a platform for individuals or groups to expand or commence their planned giving.

To check out an organisation which is deeply involved in growing giving, four JCF Board members (Anne, Peter, Kerry and Jo S) attended an event in Brisbane hosted by **The Funding Network**. The Funding Network have a great reputation for hosting fun and inspiring events which genuinely encourage people to consider both short term and longer term giving. At the Brisbane event we attended, three grassroots organisations presented (or “pitched”) their project to an audience of about 500 people. The organisations were:

A Brave Life:

facilitating peer mentoring programs for young and teenage mothers, the majority of who are from low socio-economic backgrounds

Pathways to Resilience:

delivering programs designed to prevent anxiety, depression, and suicide, achieving positive outcomes for children, young people and families in isolated communities.

Happy Paws Happy Hearts:

connecting isolated Australians with rescue animals in need



THE FUNDING NETWORK
AUSTRALIA

As host of the evening, James Valentine from ABC Radio managed to cajole audience members to publicly pledge over \$30,000 for each of the three organisations, with audience donations starting from \$100. The night we were there, the ABC Compass program was filming to conclude a three-part documentary about the Funding Network. The TV program provides a great insight into how their events are encouraging people to give small and large donations through their live crowdfunding experiences. You can see the [ABC Compass Brisbane episode here](#).

We were inspired by the concept and the way the Funding Network coaches grassroots organisations to pitch their projects in a way which encourages people to give, so at our September Board meeting, we decided to provide The Funding Network with a grant of \$10,000 to assist with their administrative costs. This will enable them to keep organising fundraising nights like the one we attended.

COMMUNITY EVENT – Sunshine Coast Lightning vs Melbourne Vixens

On 2nd June last year, several members of June's community gathered to watch the Sunshine Coast Lightning defeat the Melbourne Vixens on their home ground at the University of the Sunshine Coast Sports Stadium. This was the second year we have organized a community gathering at a mid season match, and it's the second year that the mighty Sunshine Coast Lightning team have gone on to win the Grand Final of the Super Netball Championship. So our presence must be good luck for them.



As a netballer through and through, June would be so excited that the Sunshine Coast even has a professional netball team, let alone a team that has won the Championship both times in its two year history. After playing netball for Wangaratta in her younger days, June travelled to NZ, specifically to play in a regional

netball competition there, before coming back to Australia to represent Queensland and win a Queensland University Blue for netball.

To celebrate June's love of netball, the JCF supports the [Confident Girls Foundation](#), a program facilitated by Netball Australia to build confidence and competence in young girls in disadvantaged circumstances through netball.

The other opportunity this gathering provides for us is to meet and chat with the current recipients of [June Canavan Para-sport Scholarships](#) and [June Canavan Regional Scholarships](#) at the University of the Sunshine Coast. This year we were delighted to catch up with Para-sport scholarship holders Braedon Jason and Jacob Templeman and to meet first year Regional Scholarship holder Chloe Amarandos. They are all very impressive young people. We are happy to be supporting them with their studies combined with sporting and community interests and we wish them all the best for this year's activities.



Board member Jo English, with USC Para-sport scholarship holders, Kyle Bridgwood, Braedon Jones and Jacob Templeman



INVITATION

10 ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO PNG

June's spirit living on as a catalyst for change

Everyone in June's community is invited to participate in our trip to Papua New Guinea later this year. There are two aims of the trip:

- to pay tribute to the lives of June, the other eight passengers and two crew members who lost their lives while flying to Kokoda on 11 August 2009
- to visit, support and appreciate the work of organisations and projects supported by the June Canavan Foundation in PNG

Our itinerary is roughly divided into four sections to suit the interests and time availability of participants:

If you've ever wanted to say "I'm going to Rambutso Island for the official opening of a community toilet", then [Section 1](#) is for you.

[Section 2](#) provides those with a particular interest in maternal and newborn health to experience first hand the groundbreaking work of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies project in Kokopo.

If you have limited time and you would like to participate in the memorial service and a private function at the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby, then [Section 3](#) maybe when you would like to join us.

And if you would like to relax and support the developing tourist economy of PNG, [Section 4](#) offers an opportunity stay on after the service to appreciate the wonder of Milne Bay and surrounds.

| Section | Dates | Where | JCF Partner | Projects |
|------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Section 1 | 1 – 6 August | Port Moresby Manus Province <i>(Main island and Rambutso Island)</i> | Wantaim PNG <i>(formerly Friends of Rambutso)</i> The Nature Conservancy | Lap'lang community facility Feminine Hygiene project Dry composting toilet project Mangoro Meri Mangrove <i>(Women of the mangroves)</i> |
| Section 2 | 6 – 10 August | Port Moresby and East New Britain Province (Kokopo) | The Burnet Institute | Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies project |
| Section 3 | 10 – 12 August | Port Moresby | Australian High Commission | 10 year anniversary memorial service |
| Section 4 | 12 – 16 August | Milne Bay | The Nature Conservancy | Eco treks Underwater diving |

For further information and approximate costs, please contact Anne Gripper at annegripper@me.com or on 0409 813 260

That's it for this edition.

If you have any suggestions or comments about the Foundation please let me know on [0409 813 260](tel:0409813260) or at contact@junecanavanfoundation.org.au.

Bye for now,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Gripper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Gripper

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