



**THE
JUNE CANAVAN
FOUNDATION**

July 2021 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the July 2021 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – **“Our Next 10 Years”** Planning session
- Emergency Grants
- Who we’ve donated to this year
- Queensland Alpine Sports Medicine – keeping June’s legacy alive
- Lend for Good
- Unbreakable

INVITATION

**“Our Next 10 Years”
Planning Workshop**

Saturday 30 October 2021
(re-scheduled from November 2020)

Meeting Room – Canavan Gracie Recreation Park
Lomond Crescent, Caloundra West

Come along to provide your input into the second half of our life.

RSVP for more details to Anne at annegripper@me.com or 0409 813 260

EMERGENCY FUNDING - \$117,700 to 11 projects

The longest drought on record followed by devastating bushfires, floods and then COVID-19. Mid-way through 2020 we realised that many of our long-term funding partners were doing it really tough.

So, we decided to convene an emergency grant-making meeting. We brought forward our first funding round for 2020-21 by about 4 months. Grants were to be made for the specific purpose of providing funds to organisations which were actively contributing to recovery efforts for drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19.

Our Board members approached one or more of the organisations we had funded over the last three years to let them know that we were seeking applications for grants which directly contributed to helping their communities through any (or all) of the disasters from which they had recently suffered.

We received 17 applications and decided to provide funding to most (11) of them.

Some examples of the grants provided include:



Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Back To School Grant program - \$5000

Our grant enabled FRRR to provide batches of \$50 vouchers to local community partners, so that the vouchers can be distributed to rural families in need, for the purchase of school supplies. The voucher may be used to purchase socks, underwear, school uniform, shoes, stationery, lunchboxes, or other items necessary for kids to get back to school after a family misfortune. The community partner specifies whether they would like Target vouchers, or a voucher from a local business, and then FRRR distributes the vouchers.

Acres and Acres

Custom Built Trailer to Create a Mobile Equipment Library - \$14,500

Following significant drought and bushfires in NE Victoria, our grant enabled Acres and Acres to purchase a custom-made trailer that accommodates all the equipment and tools needed to establish and maintain a market garden. The trailer enables equipment sharing across the community, so people can establish their gardens with lower set up costs by not having to purchase major tools and equipment individually. With a complete setup all in one trailer, it is easily and safely transported from garden to garden across the region. Having the centralised and mobile equipment and tools set up will help local communities do all the ground work of garden set up and preparation with ease. The trailer also has shelving to transport seedlings from the Acres and Acres greenhouse to the gardens for planting.



Australian Sports Foundation Bushfire Recovery Grants - \$14000

Community sport is the lifeblood of many rural communities across Australia. When the 2019/2020 bushfires came through Victoria's North East, many clubs had to suspend play and events, losing vital funds to operate the club as a result. The JCF grant to the Australian Sports Foundation provided funding to three community clubs (Cudgewa Tennis Club, Wodonga Little Athletics and Upper Murray Dance Studio) to rebuild sporting facilities and buildings which had been damaged in the bushfires.



Wantaim PNG Covid-19 Soap Initiative - \$10,000

In April 2020, we received a request from our friends at Wantaim PNG seeking our agreement to divert funding we had previously provided for other projects to fulfilling some very basic COVID-19 prevention activities. They decided that soap and COVID-19 safety posters in local language Tok Pisin were what was needed most urgently. We agreed to their request, and so, with the support of other donors, soap was sourced and delivered to many villages in the province of Manus, along with posters. Our follow up emergency grant of \$10,000 enabled further rounds of soap deliveries to be made to the local communities.



In total we distributed **\$117,700** of emergency funding to the following 11 projects:

Organisation	Project	JCF Focus / Geographical area	Amount
Acres and Acres	Community garden tool library trailer (drought and bushfire response)	Conservation North East Victoria	\$14,500
Australian Sports Foundation	Community Sport Clubs Bushfire Recovery	Sport North East Victoria	\$14,000
Burnet Institute	Coping with COVID-19 program	Health Papua New Guinea	\$15,000
Cittimani Hospice	COVID-19 response	Health Sunshine Coast	\$10,000
Confident Girls Foundation	Bushfire recovery support for netball clubs	Sport North East Victoria and Sunshine Coast	\$15,000
Friends of Lacluta	Play at Home Booklet (COVID-19)	Education Wangaratta and East Timor	\$2,200
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	Back to School Vouchers (bushfire, floods and drought)	Education North East Victoria	\$5,000

Organisation	Project	JCF Focus / Geographical area	Amount
Greta Valley Landcare	River replenishment drought response	Conservation North East Victoria	\$10,000
The School of St Jude	COVID-19 student family packs	Education Tanzania	\$12,000
Tomorrow Today Foundation	Outdoor play space (COVID-19 response)	Education North East Victoria	\$10,000
Wantaim PNG	COVID-19 soap distribution	Health Papua New Guinea	\$10,000

The JCF was not alone in this type of response. We were proud to be an early signatory to Philanthropy Australia's **Call to Action**. If you click on the following link, you can see the June Canavan Foundation listed in middle column on [Australian Philanthropy's Response to the COVID-19 Crisis](#) which committed signatories to think about their granting differently during the extraordinary year that was 2020.

WHO ELSE WE'VE DONATED TO THIS YEAR - \$250,850 to 11 organisations

In addition to our emergency funding, we also had a regular funding round where we followed our normal Giving Framework principles to determine how we allocate funds.

This always starts with our vision - *"June's spirit living on as a catalyst for change"*. We then consider our five focus areas - **health, sport, education, conservation** and **growing giving**. We then factor in our geographical areas of interest – North East Victoria region (where June grew up), the Sunshine Coast (where June worked) as well as East Africa and Papua New Guinea. You can find our full Giving Framework at the following link: <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/grant-applications/giving-framework/>

At our March 2021 Board meeting this year we considered 12 applications for funding, 2 Board sponsored proposals and confirmed further funding for 5 multi-year funding arrangements. We also considered 2 additional requests for funding outside of our normal grant making meeting, resulting in the following 13 organisations receiving funding from the June Canavan Foundation:

Organisation	Project	JCF Focus / Geographical area	Amount
Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program	Scholarships	Education North East Victoria	\$8,000
Burnet Institute	Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies	Health Papua New Guinea	\$50,000
Friends of Lacluta	Vocational Scholarships and Encouragement Awards	Education Wangaratta and East Timor	\$6,250
Give Wangaratta	Regional Event	Growing Giving North East Victoria	\$2,500

Organisation	Project	JCF Focus / Geographical area	Amount
In-Films	Documentary - <i>Unbreakable</i>	Sport / Health National	\$30,000
Into our Hands Foundation	Transfer of Wealth Project	Growing Giving North East Victoria	\$15,000
Project Vietnam	Dental Training and Days for Girls packs	Health Sunshine Coast and Vietnam	\$6,600
The Regent Honeyeater Project	Regent Honeyeater habitat	Conservation North East Victoria	\$4,500
Sport North East	Learn-Support-Lead program for women	Sport North East Victoria	\$10,000
Sunshine Butterflies	Triathlon for all abilities	Sport Sunshine Coast	\$10,000
The School of St Jude	Scholarships for Girls in Secondary School	Education Tanzania	\$50,000
Tomorrow Today Foundation	"Wanna Play but Can't Play" and University Tours	Education North East Victoria	\$16,000
University of the Sunshine Coast	Para Sport and Regional Scholarships	Education 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/>

QUEENSLAND ALPINE SPORTS MEDICINE – keeping June’s legacy alive

One of June’s favourite times of the year was the week in August when she went to Smiggin Holes for the Annual Queensland Alpine Sports Medicine (QASM) conference. Combining her love of skiing and her passion for sports medicine – she was in her element!

How happy she would be to know that her sports medicine ski buddies are continuing to recognise her through the annual **June Canavan Oration** which is delivered during the QASM annual conference at Smiggin Holes. Her close colleague and friend, orthopaedic surgeon Peter Myers delivered the inaugural oration in 2010. Peter backed up again with the oration at the 2019 conference to celebrate the first decade of June Canavan Orations. During this one, Peter also read out the eulogy which he had given at June’s funeral in 2009.



**Queensland Alpine
Sports Medicine**

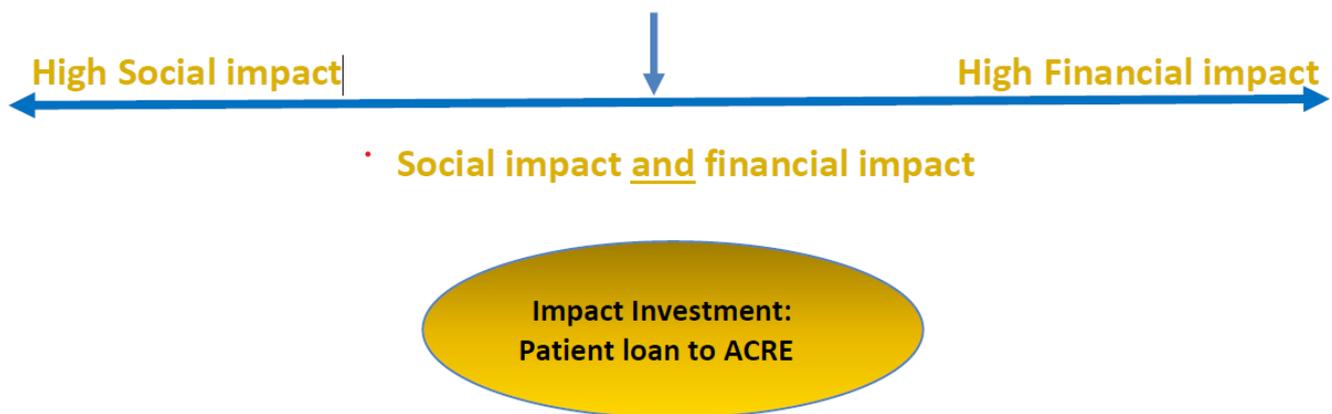
When asked about the future of the conference, Peter replied “The QASM group is keenly anticipating this year’s meeting as last year’s was cancelled due to COVID. The regular delegates have fond memories of June but with an acuteness when recalling that we heard of the fatal plane crash during our meeting in 2009 – a meeting which she was meant to have attended. The annual Memorial lecture in her honour

brings a knowledge and appreciation of June to the newer members of the group. This will continue to be a regular event.”

A special thanks also to the QASM Committee for providing a donation of \$1000 to the June Canavan Foundation every year. We really appreciate this yearly donation, and we use it carefully to distribute to one of the health or sport projects supported by the Foundation.

LEND FOR GOOD – a brand new thing for us

This year we’ve invested in a new concept called **Lend for Good**. It’s part of our commitment to impact investing. What’s impact investing? Well it’s about investing money for both financial return and social impact. In simple terms – it’s recycling money for good purposes. In the spirit of recycling, we’ll re-insert a graphic that was included in a previous newsletter to explain impact investing when we provided our very first impact investment to help ACRE buy the Old Beechworth Gaol:



Lend for Good is a digital lending platform which has been set up by our existing funding partner **Start Some Good** in collaboration with **Red Hat Impact**. Together they are building a platform to enable everyday people to provide small loans to start-up social enterprises. The team have just finished their initial capital raise to build the platform. They needed \$300,000 for this. The JCF decided to be founding investors in this project by investing \$60,000. We have done this as part of our investment strategy rather than our grant making process. After 18 months we can choose to either receive our investment back with 8% interest, or we can re-invest for a further 3 years at the same interest rate. When we receive our capital back, we can then re-use the money – either in another impact investment, or by giving it away as a grant or donation.

When the lending platform has been built and is in operation, it is highly likely that the JCF will use the platform to provide loans to start-up social enterprises who need early capital to get them up and going.

UNBREAKABLE – another first for us – a donation to a documentary film-maker

Halfway through last year, we were contacted by Ivan O’Mahoney, the producer of a new documentary based on tennis player Jelena Dokic’s autobiography *Unbreakable*. Ivan was seeking funds to bring his vision to life. At first it seemed a bit outside our area of interest, but Ivan was persistent. He had carefully looked at our website and had read about June and her interest in the mental health of athletes.

As always, we are guided by how we think June would like the foundation funds distributed, so we paused and considered this more deeply.

As the tournament doctor at the Brisbane International, June was interested in and concerned for Jelena's wellbeing during their interactions between 2001 and 2004. Jelena, the world's former number 4 ranked player, survived war in Croatia and Serbia, before encountering racism and bullying in Western Sydney to where the family fled. But worse, growing up, she suffered extreme domestic violence at the hands of the 'tennis father from hell' Damir Dokic. Many people knew but no one intervened. The question that Ivan wants to explore in his film about her life is: "why not"?

June was doing her PhD on mental health issues in elite athletes at the time of her death. Jelena has made a remarkable comeback from very significant mental health issues caused by her father and the demands of the sport. June would have liked to have been involved in this turnaround and would be proud of Jelena, and the person she has become. In fact, you may have heard her expert commentary at Wimbledon a couple of weeks ago.

The quality of documentaries produced by Ivan's company, **In-Films** is unquestionable. Examples include *Hitting Home* (domestic violence), *Revelation* (child abuse) and most recently *Firestarter* (Bangarra Dance Company)

When he rang us, Ivan had worked hard to gather a consortium of traditional arts funders together and was trying to finish off the funding with contributions from about 4 -6 other Foundations. He has shown the fundraising grit that June would have admired.

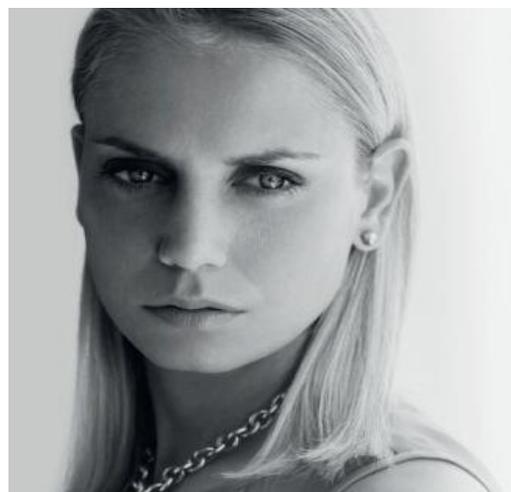
We look forward to being part of the film-making journey of *Unbreakable*. We believe it can be the film to kickstart a national conversation about domestic violence. The film will be accompanied by a curriculum-appropriate high school study-guide.

Domestic violence prevention and the protection of young women in sport are issues that Jelena is now passionate about and we know that June would wholeheartedly support her in this.

OUR NEXT 10 YEARS – how can we optimise our impact?

One of the casualties of COVID-19 last year was that we had to postpone our 10 year review and planning for the next 10 years. We've now gone through another year of our 20 year life but we are not giving up on getting June's community to talk about what we do for the next phase of the Foundation's life. In fact we'll probably make the Foundation stretch for an additional year. We've learnt a lot over the first 11 years of the Foundation, but we are striving to make an even bigger impact over the next 10 years.

We will be considering how best to do this at a review and planning session on **Saturday 30 October**. We'd love to have as many of June's community of friends, patients and colleagues to join us. The session will be held in the meeting room in the Canavan Gracie Recreation Park at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast.



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JELENA DOKIC
with Jessica Halloran



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We are lucky to have Julia Keady from the Xfactor Collective who will be our facilitator on the day. We'll hear from speakers from organisations who have benefited over the first 10 years and from people in different areas of philanthropy about what our future could hold. We're sure that Julia and our special guest speakers will challenge our thinking and guide us towards high impact activities for the second half of our life.

So far, the Foundation has distributed \$2.4m and we want to make sure that our distributions over our second (and final) phase, have an even greater impact on making the world a better place. We are keen to hear from anyone who would like to contribute. There are several ways you can do this:

1. Come along to our planning session on Saturday 30th October on the Sunshine Coast. We'd like as many voices and perspectives at this session as possible.
2. Ring and have a chat with Anne or any Board members who you know. You can find our Board members and a contact email on our website at <http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/about-foundation/>
3. Send any thoughts through by email to contact@junecanavanfoundation.org.au

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.

Stay safe and bye for now,



Anne Gripper