



**THE  
JUNE CANAVAN  
FOUNDATION**

**August 2015 Newsletter**

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the August 2015 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – Brunch and JCF update at the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park
- A weekend in Wangaratta with the Board
- Featured recipients – Friends of Lacluta and the Regent Honeyeater Project
- Return to the School of St Jude in Tanzania
- Welcome to our new major funding partner – *Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies*
- New website – coming soon
- Jerseys and polo shirts

**Invitation**

***“Our first five years”***

June’s spirit living on as an agent of change

June’s family, friends and colleagues are invited to come along for **brunch** and an **update** on the work of the June Canavan Foundation.

**10.30am Sunday 27 September**

*Canavan Gracie Recreational Park  
Lomond Crescent, Bellvista*

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## A WEEKEND IN JUNE'S HOME TOWN OF WANGARATTA

In October last year, we decided to have our first JCF road trip to June's home town of Wangaratta. Over the previous 12 months we had been supporting several local groups in the Wangaratta area, so we thought it was a good time to stretch our wings and go and meet their leaders to see what they were doing.

Our "weekend in Wang" got off to a good start with all non-local JCF Board members meeting at Melbourne airport after flying in from our respective homes in Brisbane, Adelaide, the Sunshine Coast and Sydney. Then it was into our 8 seater van for a rendezvous with our local Wangaratta JCF Board member, June's sister, Lorraine Griffiths on the Glenrowan Road. We were now all aboard - Peter Cochrane, Merran Dobson, Jo English, Lynn Forsyth, Kerry Meehan, Jo Saies and myself.

Lorraine was our Tour Director extraordinaire. She had liaised with the people with whom we were meeting and managed, against all odds, to keep us moving through the weekend pretty close to our schedule which went something like this:

	What	Who	Where
Friday afternoon	Australian Centre for Regional Entrepreneurship (ACRE)	Matt Pfahlert (Founder)	May Day Hills site in Beechworth
Saturday morning	Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program	Anthony Griffiths (Chair), Kim Scanlon (Exec Officer) and the Board of AVCLP	Wangaratta Central,
	Wangaratta Youth Health Service	Heather Sarau (Principal)	Wangaratta High School
	Friends of Lacluta	Elizabeth Walpole, Barbara Broz	Gardens outside the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
Saturday afternoon	The Regent Honeyeater Project	Ray Thomas (Project Coordinator) and colleagues	Roadsides around Glenrowan and Lurg Hills
Saturday night	Social gathering	The Board, with friends of June	The Pinsent Hotel
Sunday	June Canavan Foundation Board meeting	The Board	Switch Cafe



L: The JCF Board presenting a cheque to Matt Pfahlert, Founder of the Beehive Project in Beechworth



R: Having a look through the Wangaratta Youth Health Service with Heather Sarau, Principal of Wangaratta High School

## A BIT MORE ABOUT OUR FUNDING RECIPIENTS

In the last newsletter we started to feature a couple of our funding recipients – to raise their profile amongst our readers in case anyone wanted to support them individually, and to give you a feel for the type of projects we were supporting.

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. Given our visit to Wangaratta and a chance to see them in action, this edition of the newsletter features two of those Wangaratta based projects:

### 1. The Friends of Lacluta – Wangaratta people contributing to justice and well-being in East Timor

The **Friends of Lacluta** is a Friendship Agreement between the Rural City of Wangaratta in Victoria, Australia and Lacluta, which is a sub-district of the East Timor district Viqueque. Lacluta is located about 250km to the east and south of the capital Dili.

The mission of the **Friends of Lacluta** is to promote friendship between the people of subdistrict Lacluta and those of Wangaratta and surrounding districts. They aim to help empower and grow the capacity of the people of Lacluta in the areas of health, education and democratic, community development

June's Foundation gave a \$5000 grant to the Friends of Lacluta in 2014. \$4000 was to provide scholarships for four local students to travel to Dili to undertake post secondary education. The first two of these scholarships were awarded to Paolo dos Santos to study automotive work and Bonifacio Gomez to study electrical work.

\$1000 was to enable Friends of Lacluta to provide sustainable sanitary kits for girls. The kits are based on a concept developed by the "Days for Girls" organization. They include 8 re-usable absorbant pads, two moisture barrier shields, 2 pairs of pants, a washcloth, 2 ziplock plastic bags, all contained within a drawstring bag. Without such kits, girls in East Timor (and many other parts of the world) cannot attend school for up to a week each month. This means they are losing one quarter of their school year. The Friends of Lacluta organized sewing bees to create over 250 kits for the girls in the Lacluta area.



Two members of the Friends of Lacluta preparing Days for Girls sanitary kits



Lorraine Griffiths and Anne Gripper presenting a cheque to Elizabeth Walpole and Barbara Broz from the Friends of Lacluta

If you would like to donate to Friends of Lacluta you can download a donation form from their website [www.friendsoflacluta.org](http://www.friendsoflacluta.org).

## 2. The Regent Honeyeater Project – contributing to environmental sustainability in Victoria's north east

The Regent Honeyeater Habitat Restoration Project is terrific example of a community effort to protect and restore significant remnants of native woodland habitat in the agricultural district of the Lurg Hills, near Benalla, Victoria. While the focus is placed on the Regent Honeyeater, many other declining birds and mammals also benefit from the restoration project. We provided \$10,000 to contribute to the restorative roadside plantings.

Led by Project Co-ordinator, Ray Thomas and a team of passionate collaborators, the project demonstrates the value of full community involvement. In the 21 years of the project's life, 150 local landholders (approximately 95% of local farms), 23,000 school students and 17,000 volunteers have contributed to the plantings and other activities. Together, they have protected relatively healthy remnants of woodland by fencing; restored depleted remnants by planting or direct seeding; and revegetated open areas that had been cleared for agriculture. Other restoration activities include mistletoe removal, environmental weeding, feral animal control, kangaroo reduction, nest box placement, and systematic monitoring of a range of threatened and declining woodland birds and hollow-dependent mammals.

The Regent Honeyeater has not yet returned in numbers because the trees have not reached optimum flowering age, but a number of other threatened birds and mammals are already using this project's regenerated and reconstructed habitats



Roadside plantings organised by the Regent Honeyeater Project



Left: The JCF Board presents a cheque to Ray Thomas of the Regent Honeyeater Project

Below: Looking for an elusive Sugar Glider in a nesting box



To donate directly to the Regent Honeyeater Project, access this link [www.regenthoneyeaterproject.org.au](http://www.regenthoneyeaterproject.org.au)

## RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE

In November last year, a group of us travelled to Tanzania to present a cheque for \$100,000 to the School of St Jude and to see the school in action. As anticipated, we were warmly embraced by the staff and students of the school. We felt totally immersed in the daily life of the school through the following activities:

- attending a middle school and senior school assembly
- standing in on music, art and PE classes
- riding on the morning and afternoon school buses
- mingling with the Upper Primary students as they walked with us from the Moshono campus to their boarding campus at Moivaro
- observing the initial part of the selection process for the next intake of Year 1 students
- facilitating a career workshop for the Form 5 students
- being shown around the secondary campus by individual Form 5 students.



I had the pleasure of the company of Erick Lucas Temly as my guide around the secondary campus and who proudly told me that he was one of the very few fully FIFA accredited international football umpires in Tanzania. His career ambition was to work for the Tanzanian Football Federation and to help make FIFA more ethical. He had also started a youth foundation in his local area to ensure that the leadership skills he had learnt at St Judes had a direct benefit

for the kids in his village who did not have the opportunity to receive a good education as he did.

The new tertiary support team also provided us with a great presentation about the current plans to support the first students to graduate in May 2015 in their future lives. Gemma is committed to ensuring that they undertake a year's community service – either as a tutor in the government system or as a volunteer at St Jude's before they are eligible to receive ongoing support for a tertiary education.

For Maureen and I, who had been at the school in 2009 just after June's death, it was heartening to see how the school has continued to progress in so many aspects.

## **HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES - WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BENEFICIARY**

At our March Board meeting we considered a very impressive grant application from the Burnet Institute for a new project in Papua New Guinea called "*Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies*". It's rare that an unsolicited application grabs our attention like this one did. Most of our funding recipients come through Board sponsored proposals – after all, we are the ones who knew June and pride ourselves on having a good sense of what she would have liked. But after a bit more investigation we realized that the Burnet Institute's project in PNG was very much aligned with June's legacy. We believe that she would like us to have chosen this project for the following reasons:



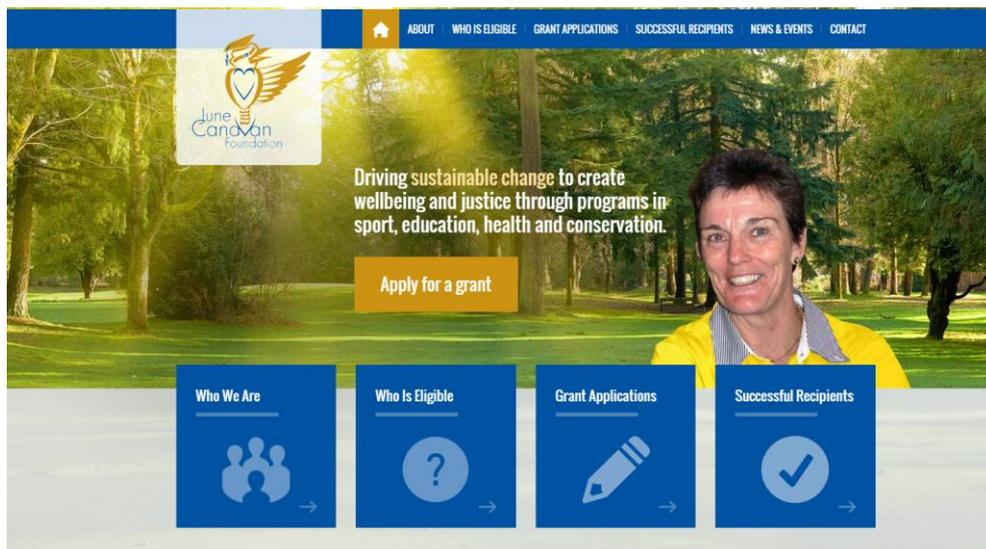
- It falls into both our health and education focus areas
- It has a strong element of research, which aligns with our desire to fund projects which build capacity and get to the root cause of an issue, rather than addressing the symptoms
- It is in PNG, which is one of our key geographical areas
- Maternal and baby health was one of June's initial medical interests (eg her obstetrics work in Barbados)
- It was a well-documented grant application from an organisation with a high public reputation (and with whom June would like to be associated)
- Our Board member, Jo English is keen to contribute to the project by some on-the-ground involvement in PNG
- We can draw on our existing connection with Dame Carol Kidu in PNG to amplify the impact of the project.

I had the pleasure of meeting some of the staff involved in the project when I dropped our cheque off at the Burnet Institute's Melbourne research centre in June. It was very inspiring to be guided around the laboratories in which they work by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies project leader Professor James Beeson, and hear the passion that he and his staff have for the health and wellbeing of mothers and their babies in Papua New Guinea. We look forward very much to our new relationship with the Burnet Institute.

## **NEW WEBSITE – coming soon**

It won't be too long now until we will be launching our new website. In fact we are looking forward to showing it off at the family and friends brunch in September. The site will have a new contemporary look and will offer greater ease of access to our key information and documents. One of the things we are looking forward to is having an on-line grant application process to ensure that grant seeking

organisations do not have to waste their limited time and resources on cumbersome paper-based grant applications. Without giving too much away, here is a sneak preview of the look and feel of the site:



## POLO SHIRTS AND CYCLING JERSEYS

If you are planning to do the 5km walk or 15km cycle on the morning of the family and friends brunch in the Canavan Gracie Recreational Park, who not consider showing your support for the Foundation by purchasing a bright yellow polo shirt or cycling jersey? In fact 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 let me know ([annegripper@me.com](mailto:annegripper@me.com)) by 30 August, so that we can have them ready for 27 September.

## 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-recipients.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>

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 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 Brunch and Update 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 UPDATE

## BRUNCH

## WALK, RIDE, GEOCACHE

*27 September 2015*

You are invited to the second gathering of June's community of friends, family, patients and colleagues in the park named after June – the *Canavan Gracie Recreational Park*



*Come along and hear what we have been up to the last five years  
and our plans for the future*

You can come just for the update and brunch from 10.30am

or

you can participate from 9.30am in the way June would have encouraged you to:

<b>Option 1</b>	<b>A 5 km walk</b> <i>(with a geocache of course)</i>
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>A 15km cycle</b> <i>(also with geocache)</i>

If you would like to join us at this gathering, it would be helpful (but not absolutely necessary) if you could let Maureen Cummings know that you will be there, and which of the two physical activities you would like to do.

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