



**THE
JUNE CANAVAN
FOUNDATION**

April 2017 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April 2017 edition of the June Canavan Foundation newsletter. This edition will cover the following topics:

- Invitation – Sunshine Coast Lightning Netball Game
- The Magic Million - we reach \$1m in donations!
- The AiSTS Canavan Cup
- The Netball Foundation
- Our first impact investment - The Old Beechworth Gaol
- Meet our Para-Athlete Scholarship holders

**INVITATION
Friends of JCF Gathering**

***Sunshine Coast Lightning
vs
NSW Swifts***

Join us for a home match of the Sunshine Coast's very own netball team to celebrate June's love of netball and our recent partnerships with **The Netball Foundation** and the **University of the Sunshine Coast**

6.30pm Saturday 20 May 2017
USC Sports Stadium

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

OUR MAGIC MILLION – we click over \$1million in donations!

We did it in March 2017 – five years after our very first donations in February 2012. At the March Board meeting, we committed \$140,000 to worthy projects and organisations which took our total donations for this financial year to \$264,500. 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 focussing on 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 15 organisations to receive funding from the June Canavan Foundation this year are:

Organisation	Project/Geographical area	Amount
Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program	Scholarship Wangaratta area	\$5,000
Australian Himalayan Foundation	Education program for girls in remote communities, Bhutan	\$5,000
The Burnet Institute	Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Papua New Guinea	\$50,000
Children’s Therapy Centre	Siblings Camp Sunshine Coast	\$5,000
Cittimani Hospice	Palliative care Sunshine Coast	\$15,000
Friends of Lacluta	School Garden Project Wangaratta and East Timor	\$5,500
Friends of Rambutso	Village Toilets Papua New Guinea	\$5,000
Motivation Australia	Urinary Management Project Fiji	\$15,000
Motor Neurone Disease Foundation	Cycling Cares fundraising program Australia	\$5,000
The Netball Foundation	Confident Girls Program, Regional Australia	\$50,000
Noosa and District Landcare	Coxen’s Fig Parrot Monitoring Project, Sunshine Coast	\$10,000
The School of St Jude	<i>Beyond St Jude’s</i> Community Service Program, Tanzania	\$51,000
The START Foundation	Sports equipment for amputee athletes, Australia	\$10,000

Organisation	Project/Geographical area	Amount
Sunnykids Inc	On-line service / information portal Sunshine Coast	\$20,000
The University of the Sunshine Coast	Regional and Para-athlete scholarships, Sunshine Coast	\$10,000

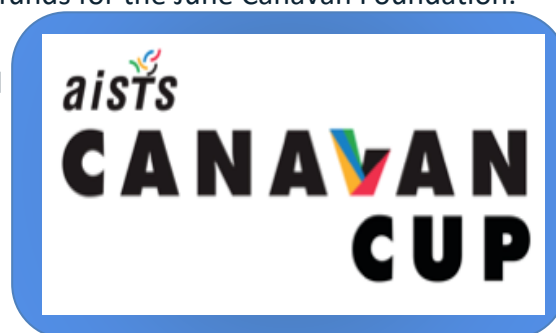
You can read more about each of these organisations and the important difference they make to the communities they serve on the beneficiaries page of our website -

<http://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/successful-grants/>

THE CANAVAN CUP – in Switzerland

June's spirit is certainly still living on in Switzerland. In November 2016, for the third year, students in the Master of Advanced Studies in Sport Administration and Technology course put on the **AiSTS Canavan Cup** in Lausanne, Switzerland. This is the course which June completed in 2006 and then lectured and provided tutorials in the Sports Medicine subjects from 2007 up until just prior to her death in 2009. Named in honour of June, the Cup challenges the current class to coordinate and manage a creative sports event for alumni, on a tight budget while also raising funds for the June Canavan Foundation.

At the November 2016 event, over 60 competitors, VIPs and spectators turned up to support refugee development and sustainable change projects. A fundraising record of CHF 4952 was achieved under the motto "Together through sport". In the true international spirit of the event, teams competed in the following events:



- A round robin of kho-kho, a sport originating from Western India
- Semi-finals of prisonball, a variant of dodgeball popularized in French speaking countries
- A final in the form of a football Penalty Shoot-out, following a classic variant of the MLS (US Major League of Soccer).

We are sure that June would have been an enthusiastic participant in all of these events and we thank the coordinators of the Canavan Cup for keeping June's memory alive in Lausanne where she spent such an enjoyable few years.

You can read the full story on the AiSTS website: <http://www.aists.org/news/ioc-and-unhcr-representatives-feature-aists-canavan-cup>

THE CONFIDENT GIRLS FOUNDATION (formerly The Netball Foundation)

June loved her netball! She played it all through school before going on to win a University Blue and representing Queensland. So, when we heard about the Netball Foundation and the work they were doing to assist girls in regional and disadvantaged areas, we knew that this could be a good partnership. We began our partnership in 2015 with a \$20,000 donation. After hearing much more about the Foundation from CEO of the Netball Foundation, Nadine Cohen at our October Board meeting in Melbourne, and particularly the success of several programs which our donation had helped fund, we

decided to increase our contribution. Our donation of \$50,000 this year towards the Confident Girls program of the Netball Foundation means that we can continue to support projects which give girls confidence through netball. Confident Girls is about giving disadvantaged girls the chance to thrive through the sport of netball.

Just recently, the Netball Foundation created a specific charitable foundation to focus on the work of the Confident Girls Program called the Confident Girls Foundation.



Two examples of the projects which our donation supported are:

1. The Bendigo Karen Refugee teams. Most of the girls in the U15, U17 and U19 teams were born as refugees on the Thai-Burmese border. When the girls arrived in Bendigo in 2009, they had hardly been to school, did not speak English and had certainly never played netball. The team did not win match or even shoot a single goal in their first season. However with the support of the Confident Girls Program, in five years, they have now won a winter premiership, finished runners up in the Summer Twilight series and won a host of admirers along the way.



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2. Saturday Afternoon Youth InTensive (SAYIT) program for young Muslim women in Western Sydney. The program provided a culturally safe space where young women could explore issues around their identity, religion, and health. The girls picked netball as their term two subject and 18 girls aged seven to 16 years participated in the program. In parallel, the mothers of the girls were supported by Netball NSW to become Netball Australia Foundation-level accredited coaches and Netball NSW introduced these women and their daughters to the local Bankstown City Netball Association.

To celebrate the conclusion of the netball program, the Muslim Women's Association hosted guests from across the netball community during Ramadan (when the Muslim community fast from sunrise to sunset) to break the fast together with an Iftar.

Our donation of \$50,000 to the Netball Foundation means we now have a major partner in three of our focus areas:

Education:	The School of St Jude
Health:	Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies project
Sport:	The Confident Girls Foundation.

The press release from Netball Australia acknowledging the support of the June Canavan Foundation is at this link: <http://netball.com.au/netball-foundation-honoured-to-receive-50000-donation/>



Presentation from JCF Board members to Netball Foundation CEO, Nadine Cohen at Netball HQ in Melbourne

OUR FIRST IMPACT INVESTMENT

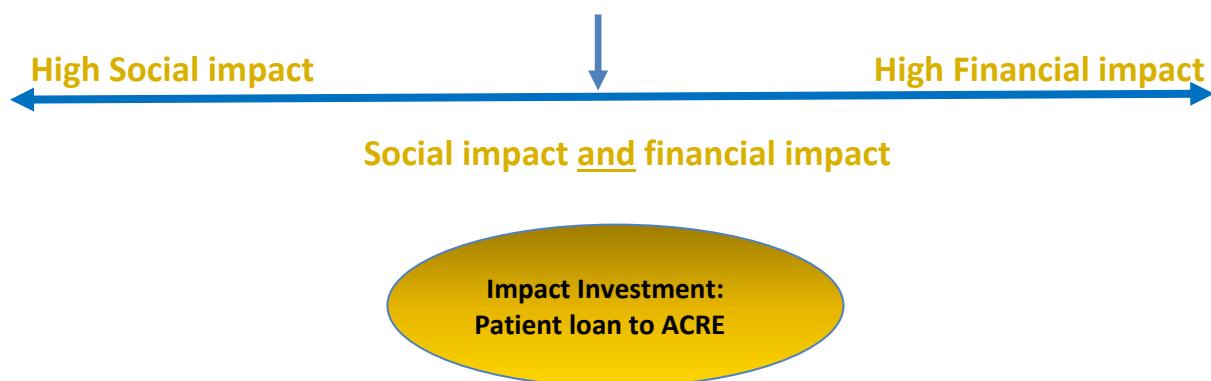
What is an impact investment? Yes, good question - it took the JCF Board a while to understand this relatively new option for giving.

Maybe the best way to explain it is with a diagram. If you think about the way we manage the money in the June Canavan Foundation on a spectrum, it looks a bit like this:



On the right end of the spectrum we have June's estate invested in various funds trying to make as much financial gain as we can - so that we have more money to give away. On the left side of the spectrum we give away grants and donations to projects and organisations which are aligned with our vision, our four focus areas and our geographical areas.

An impact investment is in the middle of the spectrum. We can invest in, or loan some of our Foundation funds to worthy causes, but still receive a financial gain and the capital back - so we can give the money away again!



In November last year, we provided a **patient loan** of \$100,000 to the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE), to enable the purchase of the Old Beechworth Gaol as a hub for a cycle tourism business which will give 51% of its profits to ACRE. The “patient” bit is that we don’t expect any capital or interest back for two years. The full purchase price of the Gaol was raised through a mix of equity provided by local community members and loans from the JCF and other foundations. Following the purchase and the development of a master plan for the gaol site, the cycling business will have a chance to get established before any loans or interest need to be paid back to us or the other foundations who contributed. But after two years, we get our money back with interest. That means we can provide further donations or another impact investment. This way, our money works twice as hard!



We have been involved with ACRE since their inception. In fact our first grant to the project was for \$10,000 to enable the founders to travel around seeking support from potential sponsors, funders and partners. They were featured in the previous JCF newsletter and we are excited that they now have a physical base at the gaol from which to build their positive impact on the community. You can read more about the Old Beechworth Gaol project and the community building activities that ACRE will be conducting there at www.oldbeechworthgaol.com.au

MEET OUR FIRST PARA-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In recognition of June's longstanding commitment to the University of the Sunshine Coast as both a lecturer and a personal mentor to many students, the Foundation has signed an agreement with the USC to offer 2 new scholarships named in June's honour:

- **The June Canavan Regional Scholarship**
- **The June Canavan Para-Athlete Sport Scholarship.**

Both are for undergraduate students and will provide \$5000 each year for up to 4 years for each scholarship winner.

We will offer 2 new scholarships each year, which means that in Year 4 we will have up to 8 students being supported under the scholarship program.

Given the success of our Paralympic athletes at the Rio Olympic Games, we agreed with the USC that it was a good opportunity to award the first three June Canavan scholarships to Rio Paralympians.

This scholarship supports higher education opportunities for students who are focussed on combining study with high level performance in para-athletic competition.

Our Board member, Jo English went to the formal announcement of the scholarship winners at a ceremony on 28 March.

So...we are proud to introduce our three inaugural June Canavan Para-athlete scholarship holders:



Jo English with June Canavan Para-athlete scholarship winners, Kyle Bridgwood, Braedon Jason and Jacob Templeman

Braedan Jason – Braedan was born with cone dystrophy resulting in him only having ten per cent vision and he is classed as being legally blind. He trains at the high-performance para-sport program at the University of the Sunshine Coast under coach Jan Cameron (past Australian athlete, Olympic medallist and Olympic head coach).

Braedan competed in four events at the 2016 Rio Paralympics where he excelled and achieved new personal best times, making the finals of all four events. He also manages to fit his Bachelor of Journalism studies at USC around his busy training and competition schedule.

Jacob Templeton - Jake was born in Devonport, Tasmania with Retinitis Pigmentosa which is a degenerative disease of the eye. He relocated to Queensland to swim for the high-performance para-sport program at the University of the Sunshine Coast under coach Jan Cameron. Jacob competed in five swimming events at the 2016 Rio Paralympics, making the finals of two. He received the Continued Excellence award at USC's 2015 Sports Awards. He's studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and hopes to build a career working in a sport science role with professional sporting teams.

Kyle Bridgwood - In 2011 Kyle was hit by a car before work. He suffered a severed patella tendon, fractured kneecap, broken back and neck. The accident led to an acquired brain injury that affects his coordination and fine-motor control. After the injury, Kyle returned to cycling which was a sport he had always enjoyed. As a C4 classification para-athlete he represented Australia and collected two silver medals at the 2016 Rio Paralympics in both the time trial and track pursuit events. He has two world championships to his name and was awarded USC Sportsperson of the Year in 2015 and 2016. He's achieved all this while studying at USC. Kyle's long term passion is to become a teacher and he is currently studying a Bachelor of Primary Education.

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 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@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 netball invitation.)

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Invitation to Friends of JCF Gathering is on the following page



INVITATION

SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL MATCH **Sunshine Coast Lightning vs Sydney Swifts**

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 one of the 8 professional teams in the brand new Super Netball Competition. Where the players get paid!

So come along to our next JCF Friends gathering, to celebrate our partnership with the Netball 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 20th May 2017
6.30pm

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

Please RSVP by **10th May** by clicking the following link www.trybooking.com/PVZZ

If you need further information or help with booking, please call Anne Gripper on 0409 813 260

Campus map and parking details:
<http://www.usc.edu.au/media/19138422/all-maps-a4-2017.pdf>

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