



Volume 5 - July 2015

Hi Everyone,

The Georgina Josephine has been very busy this year consolidating planning for future events, with a focus on education and awareness, and support for families directly affected by the tragedy of Low Speed Run Over Accidents.

In February 2015 I accepted the role of Chairperson for the Foundation, and look forward to continuing the great work of the team. This edition highlights achievements to date for 2015

I hope you enjoy our newsletter, and we have continual updates of our activities on our website and Facebook page as well.

Joanne Garlick

Chairperson

Georgina Josephine Foundation

Board Changes

2015 has seen changes to the Board membership. In February 2015, Aaron Maloney stepped down from the Director role, but continues as a Member. Aaron has made significant contribution to the Foundation through operational support of all major events. Aaron was the instigator of the Foundation receiving generous support from the 000 fundraising events. He will continue to support the Foundation by volunteering at key events.

Kylie Furner stepped down as Chairperson and as a board member. Kylie has been a Director on the Board since its inception in 2012, and was Chairperson in 2014. Kylie has been instrumental in the development and implementation of policies and procedures; the GJF Duck Day held in February 2014 and 2015, now recognised as an annual event for Young. Kylie was also the brainchild of nominating Emily Hardy as a Cherry Queen entrant

for 2014. Emily was crowned Charity Queen as a result of the outstanding fundraising efforts, which directly benefited the Foundation. Kylie has also coordinated and attended events at the Cherry Festival for the past three years, not to mention the many other fund raising efforts.

We are very grateful to the work Kylie has put into the Foundation as she has been involved right from it's inception, and her contributions will be missed.

The Committee welcomed James Sheehan as a Director on the board. James has worked as an Accountant with Tester Porter Services since 2008 and graduated from Charles Sturt University in 2013. James has joined the committee of the Georgina Josephine Foundation in 2015 to bring his experience in executive positions with other community organisations to the table. James is committed to seeing the increased awareness of Driveway and vehicle safety, as well as being a part of the Foundation's growth.

Master Builder's Association Meetings

Emma attended the Master Builder's Association meetings at Griffith, Wagga and Dubbo during February and March presenting information to groups of 15 builders.

Survey results showed that only 50% had not heard about Low Speed vehicle Runovers or the prevention methods, and 70% indicated after our presentation they would discuss with clients prevention measures such as higher door handle, self closer and inward swinging doors on internal access doors between houses and attached garages for future building works.

Mother's Day Weekend

On the Saturday of the Mother's Day weekend in May, a fundraising BBQ and raffle (with a variety of prizes from local businesses) were held at Young's



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Big W store. This was a great success as funds raised helped cover expenses for the Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo.

Thank you to all the local businesses that contributed, including Big W Young, Milne's Country Style Meats, Baker's Delight, Federation Motor Inn, Café De Jour, Gusollio's, Jewelz'n'things, The Loft, Annie B's and Poppa's Fudge Factory.

Pregnancy Babies & Children's Expo

From Friday 22nd May to Sunday 24th May 2015, the Foundation held a display at the Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo. We were fortunate to obtain a large site that enabled us to have our full vehicle blind spot display.



Over 19000 attendees went through the doors, and many families visited our display. The team of 6 volunteers facilitated the visitors through the interactive display to educate the public. This was a resounding success. Volunteers handed out 1000 pamphlets to attendees, and promoted merchandise sales. Online exposure through the PBCE website will ensure the Supervise, Separate, See message is spread even further.



A big thank you is extended to Samantha Harris from Carspace.com.au and Renault who provided a vehicle for our display at the expo, at no cost. Many people were surprised at the large blind space, behind the car, even though it was a small vehicle.



Our appreciation goes to the event directors and staff who enabled us to have the site at the expo. Also a big thank you to the volunteers who helped us over the three days.

You can see our information on the PBC Expo parenting insights section here:

<http://www.pbceexpo.com.au/toddler/toddler-safety/home-safety-protecting-our-little-ones/>

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NRMA Grant- Learner Driver Education

Work is continuing on setting up an education trailer for learner drivers. We are looking forward to having the trailer put together by the end of the year, ready with information and a display to target learner drivers....Watch this space!!

Young Family Fun Duck Day

On Sunday 22nd February 2015 the Foundation held its second annual Family Fun Duck Day at the Young Aquatic Centre.



Special guest Duncan Armstrong delighted the crowds presenting prize winners with their awards, and entering the swimming races with gusto!



Duncan Armstrong with the winner of the GJF Cup race, and GJF Founder Peter Cockburn.

Numbers through the gate indicated over 500 attended, with many children of all ages enjoying the many activities and opportunities to win prizes during the day.

One of the highlights included races against Duncan Armstrong, former Olympic Swimmer and Gold medallist. The handicap race showed you can beat an Olympian- when you have a $\frac{3}{4}$ length of the pool head start!! However Duncan proved he still 'has it'

when some of Young's fittest took him on, beating the field in the 'proper' final race! A huge thank you to Duncan who still attended, even though his home was awash during the cyclones in QLD at the time.



Cuddling the snakes with Kirk's Snake Show!



Watching for the winner of the GJF Cup!

Again, a big thank you to all the sponsors who donated goods and services to enable the event to be such a success, we could not do this without you.

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What's Ahead?

We are now looking forward to:

- Baby and Beyond Expo, Canberra, August 15th & 16th 2015
- Father's Day weekend BBQ and Raffle, Big W Young, Saturday 5th September.
- National Cherry Festival, Young 4th to 6th December 2015

Claim the date:

**Young's Family Fun Duck
Day 21st February 2016**



Mr John May and Mr Gary Perrin from the Young Men's Shed with the completed Rocking Horse they donated for the Duck Day. Looking forward to seeing the next one they already embarking on for Duck Day 2016!



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