



Volume 3 - June 2014

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the third newsletter, for the Georgina Josephine Foundation. The last few months have been taken at a slower pace, with a few activities pending.

I would like to introduce our new chairperson, Kylie Furner, who as one of our original board members, has taken over this role as I step back to shift focus a little closer to home for a while (albeit still being involved with the committee).

Cheers,
Emma Cockburn, Founder,
Georgina Josephine Foundation

Chairperson's Message

Hi, just a little bit about myself- my name is Kylie Furner. I am a mother of two girls, and I have been working in local government for 13 years. I am very passionate about the foundation, and I feel privileged that Emma and the rest of the board have given me the opportunity this opportunity whilst Emma is taking time to concentrate on things at home. The next few months are going to be very busy, including working with the Cherry Queen Entrant, Emily Hardy. Her first fundraising event is a 'Ladies Night' at the Southern Cross Cinema on 12th June. There is also a pie/lamington drive, golf day and trivia night planned over the next 6 months. We wish Emily all the best in her quest to be the National Cherry Queen. Also, we will be planning for the Foundation's 2nd Annual Family Fun Duck Day, and in October attending the Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo in Melbourne.

Take Care, Kylie Furner

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Cherry Festival 2013

December 2013 saw Young come alive with the Cherry festival, where the Foundation conducted a stall in the markets at Anderson Park.

Parliament House Meeting

Also in December 2013, Peter and Emma Cockburn went to Parliament House in Canberra to touch base with Assistant minister Hon Jamie Briggs, reiterating concerns about driveway safety, and ensuring the government will still be on track to work on the issue, despite the change in government.

At the time a report was soon to be released about the discussion paper regarding Driveway Safety Design Guidelines. Since its release a Federal Government spokesperson has indicated that they cannot take things much further along this line, and that it would be up to the various States and Territories, and to organisations outside the government, eg the Australian Building Codes Board.



Cherry Queen Entrant

The Foundation warmly welcomes Emily Hardy as one of the first Cherry Queen entrants for this year. Emily has chosen the Georgina Josephine Foundation to be the charity she supports with her fundraising efforts as part of her Cherry Queen entrant activities. We look forward to working with Emily over the next several months!





NSW Centre for Road Safety Meeting

In February this year, Peter and Emma Cockburn travelled to Sydney to meet with Marg Prendergast and Angela Kamper from the NSW Centre for Road Safety management team, where driveway safety and its promotion was discussed.

Several accidents involving young children in low-speed runovers during the few months prior to this highlighted the need for a continuing campaign for awareness about such accidents and prevention measures. The NSW Centre for Road Safety are keen to work with the Foundation on this, and there will be some work done over the next month or two in regards to an awareness campaign. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more details soon.

Fundraising BBQs

Successful fundraising BBQs were held at Big W in Young in December 2013 and at Bunnings in Wagga Wagga, in March 2014. Thank you to all those who bought a sausage or two while heading past!

Rescue Services Golf Day

Some members of the Foundation participated in the local Rescue Services Golf Day on 21st February, and the Foundation is very appreciative of the cheque for \$1500 that the local Rescue Services later presented to us from the monies raised on the day.

Young's Family Fun Duck Day

The 23rd February 2014 saw the Young Aquatic Centre and the Georgina Josephine Foundation host their first Family Fun Duck Day. For a full report see the following pages.

COMING EVENTS:

- Ladies Movie night- Southern Cross Cinema, Young, 12th June 2014
- Presentation to Master Builders Association, Canberra, 13th August 2014

- Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo, Melbourne, 24-26th October 2014
- National Cherry Festival, Young 5-7th December, 2014

SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Foundation has still to officially start an online support group, but in the meantime contact continues to be attempted through sending packages as outlined in the following. Out of the several accidents occurring in the last 6 months, two families have made contact with the Foundation, bringing our support list to four families.

The Foundation contacts families affected by LSVR through liaison with local police. The family is sent an information package designed to assist them during this difficult stage. The Foundation invites families to contact us for further support.

The website has a designated space called 'Support' that includes a variety of information and useful links. The website also contains an 'Angel page' where families can share the story of their 'angel'.

The Foundation welcomes any ideas or suggestions to help support families. If you know someone who has been affected by such an accident, please encourage them to contact us.



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Young's Family Fun Duck Day

An estimated 350-400 people turned out on what eventuated to be a beautiful Sunday (after a bit of a blustery start) to the Georgina Josephine Foundation's Young's Family Fun Duck Day.



Plenty of activities kept children and adults amused- Kirk's Snake Show, all the way from Dubbo was a hit, providing several opportunities during the day to see what snakes are all about, learn a bit about them, and even have a pat!



Face painting, jumping castle and the duck toss were well utilised, as were all three pools.

A BBQ and the pool canteen provided plenty of food and drinks, while market stalls gave the adults something to browse through.

The day ran smoothly, with the MC, Mr James White, really getting everyone into the swing of things, commenting the races and activities.



A series of main races in the Olympic pool, held intermittently with children's races and activities in the smaller pools, meant there was something for everyone, and all had a chance to win some great prizes.



Above and below: Some of the winning teams!

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The Martin Family were one of the big winners on the day!



During the afternoon, the prize winners for the major raffle that had been running for the previous few months were drawn.

The Smithers family took home the Grand Prize- a signed State of Origin Blues jersey.



The Grand Finale race was the Duck race across the pool. The lucky winners whose ducks made it to the other side first are pictured here:

Claim the Date:

Young's Family Fun Duck Day
Sunday, 22nd February 2015
(See you all then!!)

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Of course a day such as this does not go ahead without the support of many people and organisations, and so we would like to say a huge thank you to the following:

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