



Volume - June 2016

Hi Everyone,

2016 has been very productive for the Foundation in meeting our objectives to promote awareness and education. This edition highlights achievements to date, and a taste of more to come.

The work of the Foundation could not be achieved without the support of the volunteers, and as always, we welcome new members to join the Foundation.

We have been fortunate to continue establishing strong working relationships with organisations that support our cause- Downer Group and Bliz IT (Young) have provided their expertise and we welcome their involvement.

Cheers,

Joanne Garlick

Chairperson

Georgina Josephine Foundation

Exciting News!!



Downer Road Services selected the Georgina Josephine Foundation as their charity partner for 2017 Financial Year

Downer Road Services is one of Australia's largest non-government owned road infrastructure business, operating and maintaining more than 40,000 kilometres of road across the country.

"The Georgina Josephine Foundation is focused on education, awareness and prevention of Low Speed Run-Over accidents and as our teams work with and around low speed vehicles and plant each day, we're delighted to partner with the Foundation this year to profile and reinforce the importance of safety around vehicles," said Dante Cremasco, Executive General Manager, Downer Road Services.

"Over the year, our 3,000 employees in the Road Services business will see and hear directly from Peter and Emma Cockburn in many major cities across Australia, participate in vehicle safety training and briefings, and will also run initiatives to help with fundraising for the Foundation," added Mr Cremasco.

What does this mean for GJF?

Our partnership with Downer Road Services is a great opportunity to raise awareness and promote change to prevent Low Speed Run-Over Accidents, and the importance of safety around vehicles at work and at home. We will also be involved in other initiatives such as development of training materials, and working with regulatory agencies to promote strategies that may prevent such accidents.

We look forward to developing a plan to move forward with Downer's assistance over the next 12 months.

Stand-Down Days: 23rd-27th May & 3rd June.

Peter and Emma presented at 'Stand-Down' days in Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Canberra. Downer employees, contractors and relevant government agencies learnt about the new initiatives Downer Road Services are implementing for safety on (and off) the work site.

The key message from these sessions was the introduction of a Red Zone directly in front of and



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behind any moving vehicle, and work practices around the Red Zone and machinery/vehicles to maintain a safe working area at all times.

The Red Zone is a space a minimum of 10 metres long, and the width of the vehicle (or it's moving parts) when the vehicle drives from one area to another on, or between, worksites. This message aligns with the Foundation's demonstration of the 10 metre blind space behind a vehicle.



The stand-down days were also about changing people's mindsets from 'It happens to someone else, somewhere else', to 'It could happen to me- what can I do to prevent it?'



As well as using Peter and Emma's personal story, the importance of the safety message was sadly brought close to home at the stand-down days, as a Downer employee had lost his young son in a Low Speed Vehicle Runover accident at home the week prior. Our thoughts are with the family as they work through their loss.



National Cherry Festival December 2015

Last year GJF was a stall holder at the Autopro car show at the National Cherry Festival in Young.

Once again we had a fantastic donation from Sarah-Jane at Paint My Ride to raffle off. Thank you Sarah, and congratulations to the winner, Mr Ian McAllister!



Master Builder's Association –Dinner Meeting

On 17th May 2016 Peter and Emma Cockburn attended the Master Builder's Association annual dinner meeting in Albury.

They presented information to the builders and tradesmen present about design changes to home environments, that they could be encouraging clients put in place, in order to keep children residing in those dwellings safer.

Peter and Emma also had the opportunity to meet the Hon. Susan Ley who is the current Federal Health, Aged Care and Sport Minister, who was also a guest speaker at the dinner.



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Master Builder's Association- BBQ Trailer

The Master Builders Association earlier this year were very generous with the donation of a BBQ trailer to the Georgina Josephine Foundation. This trailer was the combined effort of the Riverina, MIA and Murray Branches of the Master Builders Association.

Following presentations by the Foundation in 2015 to members of the Riverina and MIA Branches of the Association about Low Speed Run Over Accidents, and the importance of building design as a prevention strategy, members were keen to contribute towards raising awareness. With their expertise in design and function, a purpose built BBQ trailer was developed.

This trailer will enable us to not only promote the Foundation, but provide a service to the community at promotional events across local and rural areas. It could not have occurred without the generous donations from other suppliers in Wagga that were happy to support our cause: the Master Builders Association members worked with Southwest Trailers, Littlewood Sign Solutions, BBQ Galore, and Batken & Damme Smash Repairs to design and create the trailer.

The Foundation is looking forward to using the trailer for at a local community event!



Brand New Website



This year we have a brand new look for our website. While we thank Web123 for their help and support over the last several years, we are delighted to be working with BlizIT, a local business from Young, who has completed the new website upgrade for us.

For anyone who hasn't seen our new look website, we are still at www.gjfoundation.com.au. All our information is available, and as you scroll down the front page our rolling banners have updates of recent events and activities.

If you are interested in becoming a GJF member, contact us through the website <http://www.gjfoundation.com.au/contact/>. Membership forms will soon be available online.



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Young's Family Fun Duck Day

This year's Family Fun Duck Day held at the Young Aquatic Centre on 21st February proved to be another success. With simple fun activities that all the family could enjoy, many locals and visitors to Young took the opportunity to have a great day out with their children.

There were some fantastic swimming efforts resulting in prize winners left, right and centre!



The Slip'n'slide proved to be popular....



Some of the prize winners from the day....



As did helping the Furies water the Slip'n'Slide, and the 'Dunkin' Dunny'...



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The new 'Pool Pony' race was a challenge..



And as for the GJF Cup...



MC for the day Mr Mark Foreman, had a great time commenting.....

Especially with such a close finish!!

Congratulations to Mr J. Scicluna from Canberra, whose duck won the GJF Cup for 2016!!



As always a huge thank goes out to our Volunteers on the day, and those who gave of their time in the lead up to help make the 2016 Duck Day a success. Also our sincere thanks to all those local and regional businesses who provided goods, services, or financial donations for the Duck Day, including:

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Duck Mascot

At the Duck Day event in February, we were able to introduce our new duck mascot- and we invited the public to think of a name for him.

After much deliberation the committee came whittled the large list of collected names down to a shortlist of 6, which were then advertised for voting on Facebook.

The final day of voting was held on the 30th April at the Bubs Boutique event held at the Young Town Hall, where Sky News presenter Jacinta Tynan was guest speaker.



When all votes were counted, **GJ Duck** came out a winner!

Upcoming Events- We are looking forward to:

- Radio interview on 'The World on Wheels' 2GLF Saturday 18th June 2016.
- Pregnancy, Babies and Children's Expo Melbourne Friday 19th - Sunday 21st August 2016- Come down and see our display showing prevention measures for the home environment to help keep your precious little people safe.



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