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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.

Wishing you a safe Christmas filled with the joy of celebrating with family and friends

Joanne Garlick

Chairperson

Georgina Josephine Foundation

Downer News



Downer Road Services' continued commitment to support of the Foundation included the sponsorship of a 2016 Toyota Kluger for the next 3 years, which we received in September this year. This is a fantastic boost for the Georgina Josephine Foundation.



With signage by McDonald Signs and Print to promote Downer's Redzone project and the Foundation, this vehicle means we not only have a means of transport to and from events, but more importantly a dedicated vehicle that can be used as part of our displays.



Above: Official handover of the 'REDZONE' Foundation vehicle by Downer National General Manager Jim Appleby at Narrandera on 12th October.

Downer Stand-Down Days: October and December.

Peter and Emma again presented at 'Stand-Down' days in Narrandera and Brisbane. Downer employees, contractors and relevant government agencies learnt about the Redzone initiative Downer Road Services are implementing for safety on (and off) the work site.

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The employees at Narrandera had a first-hand taste of what the Downer-sponsored vehicle will be used for when they participated in an example of the interactive display demonstrating how large the blind space behind vehicles can be.



Also this year the Downer employees have been busy working on raffles, buying GJF wrist bands and running silent auctions, among other events, to support the Georgina Josephine Foundation. To date we have received over \$15 000 in donations!

Special thanks go to everyone from the Mogo Golf Day, the Downer and DownerMouchel crews in Queensland, and all employees who have supported this initiative to date.

NRMA Learner Driver Trailer Launch

On 23rd November this year the Foundation attended Young High School, to hold a Learner Driver display for the Year 10 students. The display was well recieved by the students, demonstrating how to be aware of their surroundings and how to check around the vehicle by doing a 'circle of safety' before they get in and drive. Students also had the opportunity to see first hand how bad the blind space can be behind vehicles by taking turns to sit in the drivers seat to check the mirrors, trying to see what's behind them.



Donges SUPA IGA Fun Day

The Donges SUPA IGA Fun Day was held on Saturday the 24th of September in Young. The Georgina Josephine Foundation's Duck Toss activity proved popular. The Foundation gratefully accepted a donation from Donges SUPA IGA that came from the funds raised on the day.

National Cherry Festival December 2016

This year's Cherry Festival stall was held at the Heritage Car Club's car show in Young. A beautiful painting, again donated by Sarah-



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Jane at Paint My Ride was the main raffle prize. Thank you Sarah, and congratulations to the winner, Zac, a local from Young! Thank you also to Autopro Young who donated a bucket of car cleaning gear, won by another local, Peter.



Above: Painting donated by Paint My Ride

The Master Builders Association BBQ Trailer also received a workout at the Cherry Festival, with many of the car show patrons enjoying the BBQ food.



The afternoon saw us pack up to join in the Cherry Festival parade, in which we were very proud to enter our Downer-Sponsored vehicle and the MBA BBQ Trailer. GJ Duck also joined us for the journey down the main street of Young!



Website

Website upgrades continue with some new features including a downloadable membership form. If you are interested in becoming a Foundation member just go to the How to Help page, (<http://www.gjfoundation.com.au/how->



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[to-help/](#)) and the link is there. We welcome all new members and volunteers.



Family Support

This year has seen at least 8 support packages posted out, as well as several anniversary acknowledgments.

We had the pleasure of spending some time with a family from Wauchope, who produced these stars to hang in the car, reminding everyone to 'Check before you drive, to keep your kids alive.'



Upcoming Events- We are looking forward to:

- Young's Family Fun Duck Day Sunday 19th February, Young Aquatic Centre



Merry Christmas to everyone, and may the New Year bring you all Peace and Joy.



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