

ELOISE GANNON FOUNDATION LTD

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2016/2017 reporting period has seen the Foundation continue to grow and develop a large following of supporters in our efforts to raise awareness surrounding the incidence of Sudden Cardiac death in young people. Our social media followers are continually expanding, allowing the Foundation to extend our reach even further.

The Foundation has had continued and genuine support at all the events we have been involved with this year.

We have also welcomed new Ambassadors; Harris Andrews from the Brisbane Lions and up and coming Australian swimming stars, Ariarne Titmus, Jack Cartwright and Jenna Forrester also joined our existing outstanding Ambassador representatives.

The Foundation has continued to build positive relationships with many organisations, in particular within the swimming community. They have again showed outstanding support of the Foundation and our objectives during this year. We sincerely thank Swimming Qld, Brisbane Swimming, Speedo and the Swimwear Shack who have been a tremendous asset in promoting our intentions and supporting the Foundation, we look forward to continuing our association well in to the future.

In conjunction with Swimming Qld we started our first roll out of Defibrillators to sporting clubs in need. At the Qld State Short Course Swimming Championships we provided the clubs with the opportunity to attend an information and demonstration session on the importance of accessible AED's (external automated defibrillator) and their use. Together, with Swimming Qld we also gave the clubs the opportunity to win an AED for their club by entering a 'lucky draw'. We were very proud to deliver an AED pack to both St Peter's Western Swimming Club and the Gympie Goldfins. Accessible AED's are such a vital piece of equipment and we look forward to continuing this initiative further this year. We also hope to have discussions with the Government surrounding the Education Qld policy relating to AED's at schools.

We are in continued discussions with medical experts to assist in creating initiatives to increase early detection of potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias in young people. We very much look forward to seeing these ideas become a reality. The Foundation is making significant progress with Dr Rolf Gomes founder of Heart of Australia, with the intent to collaborate in the shared use of a small purpose-built mobile medical clinic. This will enable the Foundation to begin initial screening of young people who may potentially and unknowingly, be at risk from a cardiac condition. We have advanced developments of our ECG (Electrocardiogram) Request Form in consultation with GP's and Cardiologists, designed to begin initial investigation with a General Practitioner if any possible signs, symptoms or family history of a cardiac condition has been noted.

The Foundation is in a strong position thanks to the continued support and commitment of our Directors and Members and the many organisations and people that have contributed their efforts towards the Foundation objectives.

We look forward to the continued success of the Eloise Gannon Foundation this coming year.

Nikki Gannon
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