

## **ELOISE GANNON FOUNDATION LTD**

### **ANNUAL REPORT – 2015/2016**

2016 saw the much awaited launch of the Eloise Gannon Foundation. I'd like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the Directors and Members for your contribution, time and continued efforts given to make the first half of our inaugural year such a success, we have had a truly remarkable beginning. The combined support and efforts from many have resulted in numerous positive outcomes in such a short period of time which is testimony to our cause and the goals we have set out to achieve.

In only a few short months we have secured the support of one of the largest member based sporting organisations in the state, Swimming Qld. I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to Kevin Hasemann and his team for their on-going support, in particular re-naming the relay day at States in Eloise's honour. The first Eloise Gannon Foundation Relays Day, was successfully held in December 2016.

The Foundation is also very proud to have an association with Speedo Australia. Speedo is such a symbolic brand to swimming and fitness world-wide, to have their support and trademark associated with ours is also extremely gratifying. We are confident of continuing the relationship built with Speedo moving forward.

The past 8 months have been very busy and productive in terms of our goals for the Foundation. We have had a presence at many events and raised a substantial amount of money in a short period of time. Sincere thanks to the many supporters and their contributions to the Foundation, whether it be at the various events we have attended, events held by others for the Foundation and for the generous financial donations of many. Below is a quick snapshot of our activities to date :

- ❖ State Shortcourse Meet – thanks to Swimming Qld and Speedo for their support
- ❖ Bridge to Brisbane – over 130 Team Eloise participants and more than \$20,000 raised
- ❖ Peregian Springs Walk – over \$2,000 raised
- ❖ Windsor State School Soiree
- ❖ Emu Park Swim Club – Pink Night
- ❖ Bracken Ridge Swim Club – Annual Fundraiser
- ❖ Claychella – Clayfield College Music Festival
- ❖ Substantial donation from Clayfield Aquatics
- ❖ Swimming Qld State Championships – launch of the Eloise Gannon Foundation Relays Day

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Phil Davis from Phil Davis & Company for generously donating his time in preparing the Auditor's Report for the Foundation. We are all extremely grateful.

We have also gained a large following through social media, at times reaching over 7000 people via Facebook and we currently have nearly 100 followers on Instagram.

High profile athletes have also come on board to support the Foundation as Ambassadors. We have current Olympian Maddie Groves, former Olympic greats Christian Sprenger and Libby Trickett as well as our very own in-house Junior Olympian Amy Forrester. We are extremely thankful for their support so far in promoting our objectives. We hope this will continue well into the future.

While our sporting ambassadors and associations are a tremendous asset to promoting our objectives, we are also actively discussing a range of initiatives with equally high profile medical professionals. Foundation Director Matisse is currently indentured to Professor Christopher Semsarian - Cardiologist at the Sydney Medical School and researcher based at the Centenary Institute, who is also featured on our website. No doubt Matisse will emerge from her time with Prof Semsarian with a greater insight into our researching pursuits.

Discussions are also ongoing with Dr Rolf Gomes, an eminent Brisbane Cardiologist. Dr Gomes operates the Heart of Australia Foundation and already has a mobile Cardiac Care Facility providing a wonderful service throughout regional Qld. We are excited by the possibilities of our future discussions with Dr Gomes and the prospects ahead.

In addition, this year we hope to make some significant gains in changing current legislation in regards to accessible defibrillators in Qld schools. We are in the early stages of investigations to best make this happen however we look forward to a positive outcome in the future.

Many thanks again to all for your support and efforts this far, I look forward to the Foundation's continued work in achieving our goals.

Nikki Gannon  
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