



## THE JUNE CANAVAN FOUNDATION PARTNER WITH THE SESF FOR 3 YEARS

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund is thrilled to announce a new three-year partnership with the June Canavan Foundation to provide 5 scholarships per year, totalling 15 scholarships over the three-year period.

The scholarships will be awarded to female students from the North-East region of Victoria and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland from low socioeconomic backgrounds to enable them to compete at a national level.

Set up in June Canavan's name, the Foundation aims to honour her legacy and humanitarian work by providing financial and other support to existing projects in four areas close to her heart: sport, health, education and conservation. June was a much loved sports physician and family doctor living and working on the Sunshine Coast, whose life was cut short in a plane crash while travelling to Kokoda, Papua New Guinea in 2009.

Through their partnership with the SESF, The June Canavan Foundation will support the SESF through its first year as a national charity. The SESF aims to alleviate part of the financial burden placed on emerging athletes and their families, with the SESF is aiming for 100 scholarship recipients to be participating in the Brisbane Olympics and Paralympics in 2032.

This partnership solidifies the SESF's commitment to supporting emerging talent from all over Australia. For the first time since its inception, the foundation launched nationally in 2022 and has awarded over 80 scholarships to children all over the nation.

**Peter Cochrane, Director June Canavan Foundation said,** "Everyone at the June Canavan Foundation are thrilled to begin this significant partnership with the SESF. The work they do to provide opportunities to young people is outstanding and we're excited to be able to support female athletes from disadvantaged backgrounds through this multi-year partnership".

**Nick Mooney, SESF Executive Director said,** "We are excited to support female athletes from North-East Victoria and the Sunshine Coast through this partnership with the June Canavan Foundation. To work together to honour June's legacy is a responsibility we cherish, and we look forward to working together to help children across the nation in achieving their sporting dreams".

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