

John Cummins Memorial Fund



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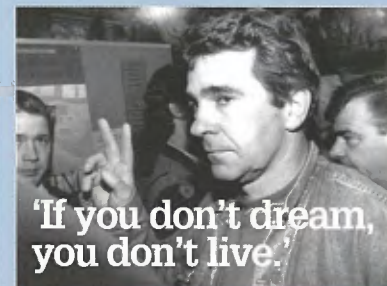
Powering ahead

Now in its sixth year, the John Cummins Memorial Fund (JCMF) continues to go from strength to strength.

The Fund was set up by family and friends following John's untimely death from a brain tumour in August 2006. Fundraising activities are overseen by a volunteer committee, and are supported by the Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU).

All proceeds support the Fund's two objectives:

- The wellbeing of cancer patients diagnosed with a brain tumour, and
- 'Dare to Dream' scholarships for promising secondary students in need of financial support.



John Cummins was an inspirational union leader and political and community activist. He was President of the Victorian Branch of the CFMEU from 1996 to 2006 and prior to that a senior official of the Builders Labourers Federation.

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All donations to the Fund are tax-deductible.

Dare to Dream - Scholarships for promising young people

Last year, we awarded 35 scholarships of up to \$1,000 to secondary students needing extra help to pursue their studies.

Students use the money to buy study aids, engage tutors and cover the cost of vocational courses. This is a growing area of the Fund's work, and it is making a real difference to the lives of working-class kids.

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Students at Northern College of the Arts and Technology, Ddara Baksh, Jessie Stout and Shannan Vinen, with Di Cummins after being awarded 2012 Dare to Dream scholarships.



Sixth Annual Dinner to honour John Cummins' life

- ☀ 7pm Friday 31 August
- ☀ Celebrity Room Moonee Valley Racecourse
- ☀ Music: James Reyne and Band
- ☀ MC: Damian Callinan
- ☀ Donation \$125 (including three-course meal and drinks)
- ☀ Dress: Smart casual

To book call

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DARE TO STRUGGLE – DARE TO WIN

Supporting brain tumour patients

Successful fundraising activities over the last six years mean that the JCMF can support a range of services.

Di Legge, the Brain Tumour Support Officer at the Austin Hospital, assists hundreds of patients and their families. She also runs:

- A monthly support group, which attracts between 10 and 16 attendees
- 'Living with Cancer', a four-week education program run twice a year to focus on the particular challenges of living with a brain tumour
- The highly valued 'Supporting someone with cancer' forums for carers and loved ones of those with brain tumours.

Di also organised our community forum during International Brain Tumour Awareness Week in November 2011, which attracted 85 people to hear about new developments in treatment, patient advocacy and support care.

'When working with families through a range of struggles, I am constantly reminded of what an important support role this is, and how a seemingly small act of assistance can make such a big difference to someone's experience of this terrible illness.'

Di Legge, Brain Tumour Support Officer, Austin Hospital.



Di Legge (centre) meeting with members of the Brain Tumour Support Group in the new Olivia Newton-John Wellness Centre at the Austin Hospital

Other initiatives supported by the Fund include:

1. Helping Young People with Brain Tumours

This project commenced in November last year. Achievements to date include introducing new practices to improve the experiences of young adults with a brain tumour, staff training, and establishing links and joint programs with hospitals and fellow organisations such as Canteen, the Cancer Council and Ontrac@peternac.

2. Regional Brain Tumour Support Project

Under the guidance of Project Officer Kelly Mills, this initiative will skill-up rural health practitioners who see people with brain tumours, but are not experts in the area. Support will include professional education at the Austin Hospital, a mentoring program, and setting up an information sharing and support network. The project will make use of podcasts and video conferencing.

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