

# John Cummins Memorial Fund



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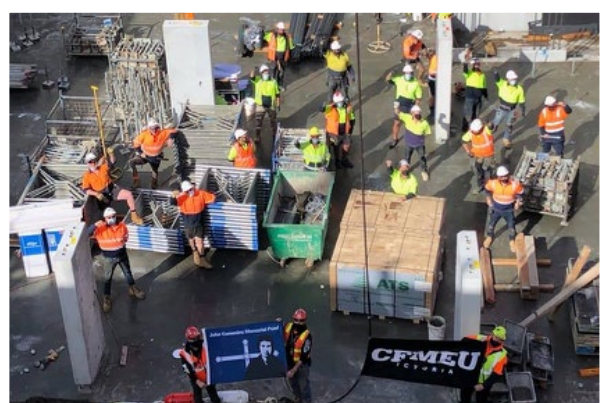
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## In times like these...

# We're here to stay!



**CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FLYING THE FLAG AT THE HACER SITE**



**D**ue to the COVID pandemic the annual Trade Union Awards night dinner was cancelled. Also given the effects of the devastating bushfires earlier in the year; the loss of income and unemployment for many as a consequence of the pandemic it did not seem appropriate to undertake our annual raffle.

Nevertheless, the JCMF was able to raise close to \$50k thanks to the generous contributions of DONORS, which will go towards supporting some of the most vulnerable in our community right now.

## SNAPSHOT OF OUR 2020 GIVING

The Cummo Fund remains viable and we will continue our grant making. Your generous support has made this possible.

- **\$116,339** – Austin Health Brain Tumour Support service
- **\$28,000** – Scholarship Program, Education grants
- **\$2,000** – Lohy's Legends school cricket clinics North/West metro region

**Total \$146,339**

# \$1.345+m

**Total funds granted 2006–2020**



# Staying Connected – Brain Tumour Support Service



*“The work of the Brain Tumour Support Service has become more important than ever in helping to connect and provide support to people with brain cancer in this disjointed and difficult time of COVID19. We are now running the support group online every 2 weeks, providing the chance to talk through challenges, share ways of coping and how to stay connected with others. It’s given some people the opportunity to learn different ways of doing things and others the chance to join in with the group.”*

**Di Legge**  
Coordinator BTSS

**T**he JCMF partners with Austin Health to fund the unique Brain Tumour Support Service at the Olivia Newton-John Wellness Centre. The primary objective of the service is to facilitate individual support and supportive group programs for brain tumour patients and their families. As the new online meetings have been so well received and attracted additional participants, the service will continue with the online format as well as face-to-face sessions. Meeting online will be more convenient for those who find it difficult to travel.

## Your giving makes a difference

**Raffaella Galati Brown** Principal NCAT wrote recently:

*The JCMF has made and continues to make a huge difference to the lives of so many of our students and their families. These motivated young people have all faced a range of barriers and hurdles in completing their secondary education. Because of their financial circumstances the scholarship is often a lifeline that helps ensure they can afford to continue **and gives them the confidence and support to pursue their dreams.***



This is Jade, a year 10 student at Footscray City College. Jade was awarded a scholarship this year to purchase a new laptop and text books. Jade is interested in the law and human rights. Jade is considering pathways for further study possibly joining the police force and exploring forensic science and criminal law. She wrote to us recently:

*“Because of COVID-19 we have been learning solely online. The John Cummins scholarship provided me with school necessities including an up to date laptop. I have been able to continue my studies at home.” **Well done Jade!***



Meet Paige Bancroft, Paige who was awarded a Dare to Dream scholarship for this year. Paige is a year 12 VCAL student at NCAT and is also completing Cert 111 in Screen and Media. Paige keeps busy: as well as being a member of the student leadership team, she makes short films, is interested in film production and has a variety of family responsibilities. Paige has the ambition to continue her studies at Swinburne in 2021. **Good luck Paige!**

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