

John Cummins Memorial Fund

NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2015

'This support group has changed my life.'



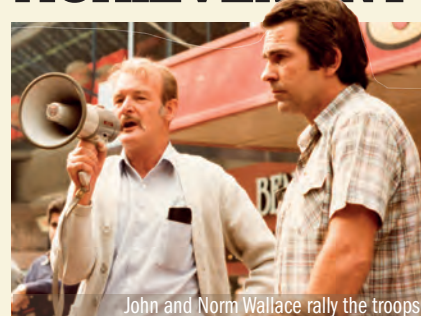
As we shared lunch with Andy, Juan and other participants of the Brain Tumour Support Service, they told us about their experience of the support group they attend each week. There was a strong sense of optimism and enthusiasm within the group.

The service was established in 2007 through a partnership between the JCMFund and Austin Health. Since then it has played a leading role in improving the experience of patients and families affected by the diagnosis of primary malignant brain tumour.

This year we have funded the expansion of the service to respond to increasing demand. Each month, the support service hosts up to 20 participants. In the past twelve months, 165 families have benefited from support programs, education and community engagement.

Under the guidance of Di Legge, Brain Tumour Support officer at the Austin Hospital, the service continues to evolve, the last year has been no exception.

NINE YEARS OF SOLID ACHIEVEMENT



John and Norm Wallace rally the troops!

TOTAL FUNDS GRANTED 2006 -2015

\$648,508

The JCMF was set up following John's untimely death as the result of a brain tumour in 2006. John, a well-respected official of the BLF and CFMEU, is fondly remembered as a leader of construction workers through good times and bad. 'John's inspirational leadership was based on integrity, compassion, humour and toughness. He led by example.'

Bob Mancor, Construction Worker

Ninth Annual John Cummins Memorial Dinner

7 pm Friday 28 August 2015
Moonee Valley Racing Club
Ross Wilson and the Peaceniks
MC Comedian Danny McGinlay
Tickets \$135

Bookings www.cummo.com.au

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2015 snapshot

Dare to Dream Scholarships

Grants to help working class high school students with the rising costs of study. 44 scholarships awarded:

\$35,105

Brain Tumour Support Service

Innovative program for those dealing with brain cancer based at the Austin Hospital:

\$97,418

Junior Sport

Sponsorship of North Heidelberg FC juniors

\$2,500

Lohy's Legends cricket clinics

\$2,000

TOTAL GRANTS 2015

\$137,023

Kicking goals in the north

Along with the ACFMEU, the JCMF continues its sponsorship of North Heidelberg Football Club. We are proud to support an inclusive community club that encourages local kids from all backgrounds to participate in team sports.

Reaching for their dreams

Matt and Bill, year 10 students at Korumburra Secondary College, were awarded JCMF scholarships in 2015. Our support has relieved the financial pressure of purchasing a new laptop for their studies, a requirement for many high school students these days.

'I've really enjoyed being able to use my notebook to investigate and design products that will increase my own skills as well as benefit others in the school,' says Bill, who is keen to pursue a career in the fabrication industry.

He has already designed and built an outdoor table tennis table, plus trolleys and storage mechanisms for the school's PE department.

Matt has a keen interest in the music industry and is the school's resident DJ. He provides the entertainment



at swimming carnivals and sports days, creating a great atmosphere for fellow students. He is also an integral member of the school rock band, performing at many school functions and assemblies.

By being able to purchase a laptop through the JCMF scholarship, Matt has expanded his music skills and kept up with industry practice.

'The JCMF scholarship is helping these students to aspire to reach their dreams, as it has done for many others in the past,' says Linda Jennings, the College's Middle School Coordinator.

2016 Scholarship applications close on Wed 14 Oct 2015. Go to cummo.com.au



Earlier this year the JCMF established a partnership with Cricket Victoria as a tribute to the late John Loh, a highly regarded official of the CFMEU. Loh, as he was fondly known, enjoyed cricket and believed in its

ability to create a sense of community, especially among young people.

The JCMF granted \$2,000 to Lohy's Little Legends, which helped establish cricket clinics for primary school-aged kids.

'This support has helped

more kids participate in north-west Melbourne than ever before,' says Daniel Trevillian of Cricket Victoria. 'This is great, because our school involvement targets areas of disadvantage and high multicultural concentration.'