

# John Cummins Memorial Fund

NEWSLETTER



## Remembering Cummo

2013 has seen too many reminders of the dangers of construction work.

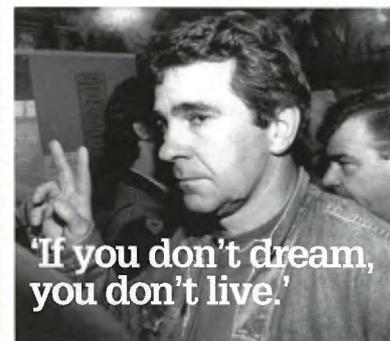
John Cummins' approach to health and safety was simple. He held the view that 'the only safe workplace is an organised workplace.'

John was committed to the Union's position that safety standards are non-negotiable, saying that 'leaving job safety to others or taking it for granted are recipes for injuries and worse, and this is not going to be tolerated by anyone'.

Cummo's experience contains valuable lessons for today's unionists fighting attacks from conservatives. Over the course of his career, he faced arrest, deregistration, jail, royal

commissions and task forces.

Through all these, John remained calm, and stuck to the job of organising members. He was guided by the knowledge that the Union's march is a long one, and that if workers stand united, sooner or later, their success is guaranteed.



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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## North Heidelberg Football Club flies the flag

The JCMF and CFMEU are sponsoring the North Heidelberg Football Club for the 2013 season.

John had a long association with the club, which plays an important role in this working-class area, providing kids with sporting opportunities.



## 2013 Seventh Annual John Cummins Memorial Dinner

- Friday 30 August, 7pm
- Celebrity Room  
Moonee Valley Racecourse
- Last Table Standing – \$10,000 to be won!
- Silent Auction – Sports memorabilia, and more great prizes
- MC Melbourne comedian Danny McGinlay
- Entertainment – Diesel and band
- Great Raffle prizes – \$3,000 travel voucher, Grand Final tickets

**To book tickets, call:**  
Di Cummins 0411 614 519

# DARE TO STRUGGLE – DARE TO WIN

## Austin Health Benefits

The Brain Tumour Support Service at Austin Health relies on funds raised by the JCMF.

The service is housed in the new Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre. It provides individual consultation, referrals to other support services, monthly support groups, and a twice-yearly Living with a Brain Tumour education program.

In 2012, 120 patients and their families were helped by the service.

This is another example of how the John Cummins Memorial Fund makes a real difference to people's lives.



Monthly support group meetings provide an opportunity for people with a brain tumour to share their experience and help each other.

## DARE TO DREAM – SCHOLARSHIPS SUPPORTING PROMISING STUDENTS

This year, 32 secondary students have been awarded JCMF scholarships. Julie Pasin's scholarship helps her study hospitality at school, and will give her a pathway to a career in the field.

**'The grant has lifted a huge financial weight off my family,' she says. 'I couldn't be happier for having received this opportunity.'**

2013 recipients are spread across nine secondary schools. These include our first venture into regional Victoria, helping kids in Geelong, Bendigo, Korumburra and Warracknabeal.

Our scholarships help pay for leadership camps, text books and the high cost of vocational courses. They are awarded to secondary students who show promise and determination and whose families are experiencing financial hardship.

Since 2007, we have awarded 128 scholarships worth \$117,000.

Applications for 2014 scholarships close on 15 October 2013. For more details and application forms, go to [www.cummo.com.au](http://www.cummo.com.au)

## Seven years Stats

The JCMF has raised and distributed almost \$400,000 since it was established following John's death in 2006.

\$ 117,000	128 student scholarships
\$ 2,000	Student support, Northland Secondary College
\$ 7,000	Junior sports: North Heidelberg Football Club
\$ 2,000	APHEDA
\$ 2,000	Fred Hollows Foundation
\$ 175,000	Brain Tumour Support Service, Austin Hospital
\$ 68,000	Education and support for young people with a brain tumour
\$ 23,000	Palliative care equipment
\$ 396,000	<b>Total</b>



JCMF scholarship recipients Julie Pasin, Danielle Forward and Hayley Maguire in the kitchen at Thornbury High School.



JCMF committee member, Gerard Benstead with scholarship recipients at North Geelong Secondary College.

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