

# John Cummins Memorial Fund



NEWSLETTER

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The John Cummins Memorial Fund is now in its fourth year.

The Fund was established in honour of John following his death from a brain tumour in 2006.

A committed social and political activist, John was also President of the Victorian Branch of the Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) from 1996 to 2006.

The memorial fund is administered by a volunteer committee. Our purpose is to raise money to support two key themes:

- The wellbeing of cancer patients diagnosed with a brain tumour, and
- Scholarships for promising secondary students who are in need of financial support.

**\$105,000 DONATED TO AUSTIN HEALTH SO FAR  
HOSPITAL AGREES TO MATCH FUNDING**

## Our efforts help employ permanent Brain Tumour Support Officer

Since the fund's inception, it has donated generously to Austin Health. In August 2009, Austin Health announced it would match our donations, using funding from a bequest, thus ensuring the ongoing employment of a Brain Tumour Support Officer.

This unique position provides support for patients diagnosed with a brain tumour as well as their families and carers.

We are currently in discussions with Austin about funding other initiatives to support patients who are battling this life-threatening disease. We are also investigating funding a similar position at a major regional hospital.

Our long-term objective is to guarantee the ongoing role at Austin Health and initiate similar positions at other major public hospitals.

## 4th John Cummins Memorial Dinner Friday 27 August 2010 Moonee Valley

### Guest Speakers

**Gabi Hollows, Founding Director, the Fred Hollows Foundation, addressing the theme *Dare to Struggle Dare to Win*.**

**Raffaella Galati-Brown, Principal of Northland Secondary College**

### Live entertainment

**Mark Seymour**

Party band

**MC**

Comedian Damian Callinan

**Tickets: Frank O'Grady 0419 747 743 Shane Cummins 0413 040 925 Di Cummins 0411 614 519**

# Looking to the future

## Supporting promising young people in our community

The purpose of the scholarship program is to support young people when they need it. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 are awarded to students who display determination, commitment and passion.

We support students who are experiencing financial disadvantage and striving to achieve their potential.

In total, we have awarded 40 scholarships to students from nine secondary schools and two universities.

**Total funds distributed so far – \$34,425.**

### 2010 scholarships

Fifteen students have been supported in their studies this year. The funds are used for maths tutoring, musical instruments, fees for specialist programs in performing arts, uniforms for hospitality courses, tools for vet courses and more.

**Scholarships for 2011 close 8 October.**

**For details, see our website [www.cummo.com.au](http://www.cummo.com.au)**

## Support our annual raffle

Again we have a great selection of prizes to be won. Grab a book and get your friends to show their support.

### Contact

**Libby Reynolds, [libby.reynolds@auspost.com.au](mailto:libby.reynolds@auspost.com.au) or 0409 404 112; June Edwards, 0407 852 237; Craig Johnston, 0438 518 822.**

## New sponsor

We acknowledge the contribution of Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank. For the first time, in 2010, they are funding scholarships for three promising female Year 10 students at Fitzroy Secondary College and Northcote High School.

**Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank**



## Making a difference



*Student Bronwyn Cummins with Northland Secondary College Principal Raffaella Galati-Brown and Di Cummins. The scholarship has come in very handy for Bronwyn, covering the cost of art supplies. She plans to pursue her interest in art and writing at Victoria University next year.*

Memorial fund scholarships are helping kids at Northland Secondary College achieve their goals.

Over the last two years, up to \$1,000 has been awarded to 10 deserving students facing economic hardship and who are hard working, motivated and show leadership skills.

The money helps cover the cost of materials and fees for vocational courses that students take to prepare themselves for further learning and work.



*2010 recipients Lauren Cane, Aleshia-Lee Woolley and Dylan Guinelly-Gibbs.*

Thank you to our sponsors for our 2009 dinner:						
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