



SUPPORTING BRAIN MATTERS IN THE AREAS OF RESEARCH, CARE & DEVELOPMENT

The **BRAIN** *is where the* **HEART** *lives*

An attack on the brain is an attack on the core of who we are. This is why brain tumours are so devastating.

Brain cancer is the most fatal of all childhood cancers. In the last twenty years, few new effective treatments have been discovered. 80% of children diagnosed with high grade tumours still lose their battle within 5 years.

Robert Connor Dawes was one such victim of attack. He was a dedicated student, rower and rugby player. Connor's brilliant mind, strong body and gentle soul faced off against an ependymoma tumour. Like many others, his brains and brawn gave it all to fight against the poor odds but on April 20, 2013, Connor's 16 month battle ended.



OUR MISSION

Change the odds for those facing brain cancer, the #1 cancer killer of young Australians.

We're all about changing the odds. To make brain tumours go the way of the dinosaurs.

To fund the science and in the meantime support the patients.

Our fundraising areas are captured by Connor's initials: Research, Care & Development.



RESEARCH

Through partnering with top paediatric researchers in the US & Australia, we're funding researchers (PhD's & Fellows) and key projects.



CARE

Through patient care support like music and yoga therapy, we help the heart sing so the mind can heal.



DEVELOPMENT

Inspiring the next generation of brain cancer practitioners & researchers through awareness programs, PhD Scholarships and youth engagement.

MANY BRAINS
are better than one

We do this because the brain is where the heart lives. And because it has been shown that there is a big discrepancy between the funding and attention brain tumours receive globally and the impact they have on patients. **Join us in supporting brain matters.**



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THE PROGRESS OF BRAIN MATTERS



It began on April 20 2013, when Connor passed away from an ependymoma tumour. Two months later we'd started the foundation. With just a logo, Facebook page and a vision, we embarked on making brains matter. Here are some of our most impacting achievements since.

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST EVENT FOR PAEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER

Connor's Run is a fun run about finding your awesomeness. It has been awarded an Australia Day Award and raised over \$1,000,000. In its 5th year, 4000 people are taking part in Melbourne and in a dozen shadow events around the world.



BRAIN ENGAGEMENT WEEK MAY

Brain Week is a youth engagement program working with leaders in schools across Victoria. It inspires young people to help other young people and reaches 15 000 students through brain related activities.



BRINGING WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH TO AUSTRALIA

The AIM BRAIN project is an Australian-first RCD initiative in collaboration with ANZCHOG, The Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology/Oncology Group. This is cutting-edge science that will help doctors better understand individual types of tumours. With personalised treatment, brain tumour battlers increase their odds of beating the cancer.



GLOBAL COLLABORATION

The Robert Connor Daves Foundation, established in both Australia and the USA, is partnering with key pediatric brain cancer research centres around the world like St Jude's Memphis, Sick Kids Toronto & University of Cambridge.



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