



The  
**BRAIN**  
IS WHERE THE  
**HEART**  
Lives



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



### Research

Through collaborations with research institutions in Australia, the US, and globally, we're bringing world-class research to Australia, helping to accelerate better treatment options around the world.



### 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 and researchers through awareness programs, PhD and Fellow scholarships, travel grants and youth engagement.



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

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.

## 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.**

**ROBERT CONNOR DAWES FOUNDATION**

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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 vision, we embarked on making brains matter. Here are some of our most impacting achievements since.

*\$6.5million raised with an additional \$10.5 million sourced for the cause!*

**CONNOR'S**  
SEPT **RUN** 2020  
RUN *with IT*

## AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST EVENT FOR PAEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER

Connor's Run is about finding your awesomeness, celebrating courage, and Connor. It has been awarded an Australia Day Award and raised over \$4.7 million. The 8th Connor's Run will be a year like no other. It's all about running your way, any day in September - in Australia, and around the world.

*Connorsrun.com*

## A MONTH TO MAKE BRAINS MATTER

Go Grey in May is a time for the young and young at heart to participate in fun, awareness-raising activities to raise much-needed funds for paediatric brain cancer.

*rcdfoundation.org/go-grey*



## GLOBAL COLLABORATION

The Robert Connor Dawes 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, DKFZ Heidelberg, Sick Kids Toronto, University of Cambridge, CERN (the Collaborative Ependymoma Research Network) and Children's Brain Tumor Network (CBTN).

## KEY IMPACT

### TESTING

A Robert Connor Dawes Foundation initiative, the AIM BRAIN Project is an Australian first, in collaboration with ANZCHOG (Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology/ Oncology Group), bringing molecular diagnostic testing to every child diagnosed in Australia.

### RESEARCH

Headed up by Doctor Misty Jenkins at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI), Highlights include our immunotherapy program at WEHI, a world-first innovative CRISPR project at Hudson Institute, and our ongoing investment in personalised treatment through Zero Childhood Cancer Program.

### CLINICAL TRIALS

We have committed \$1.25 million over five years with funds going towards the Australian Brain Cancer Mission (ABCM) and The Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology/ Oncology Group (ANZCHOG) to help accelerate and participate in global trials.