

# Jim Bacon

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## From the Chairman

Most people are touched in some way by cancer, whether it is their own health, a family member or a close friend. The Jim Bacon Foundation is assisting to ease the pain and distress, to reach out to people in their own homes and provide a helping hand.

It also reaches out to people in regional areas where isolation from medical services increases their burden.

Please help make a difference to those struggling with this insidious disease.

Michael Kent

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## Income

The Foundation generates its income through donations, fundraising and interest on seed funding provided by the Tasmanian Government. Bequests are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made by cash or cheque at Service Tasmania shops and all Westpac Bank branches; online at [www.jimbacoundation.tas.gov.au](http://www.jimbacoundation.tas.gov.au) by cheque or money order (made out to the Jim Bacon Foundation), or by completing the coupon below and returning it to:

Executive Officer  
Jim Bacon Foundation  
GPO Box 123  
HOBART TAS 7001  
ABN: 44 321 497 112

## Monthly Payments

I wish to make a regular monthly payment of: \$ .....

Please contact me to organise a periodic payment from my bank account.

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

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## What is the Jim Bacon Foundation?

The Jim Bacon Foundation provides practical support and financial assistance to cancer patients and organisations that support them during their treatment.

The Foundation keeps in regular contact with service providers, hospital auxiliaries, community groups and health professionals to ensure the needs of individuals are met and services aren't duplicated.

The Foundation also provides an annual scholarship program for up to three university students studying:

- the care and treatment of cancer;
- visual arts; or
- political science.

## The Vision

The Jim Bacon Foundation addresses a range of needs, particularly for people experiencing financial difficulties, as they are identified by the individuals involved and at the discretion of those providing care, including:

- information to help people when they are diagnosed with cancer, to prepare for, and cope with, their treatment;
- aids and equipment, furniture, clothing, travel expenses, and accommodation for patients and/or their family; and
- assistance with costs incurred during treatment, and special needs to provide quality home care.

In the longer term, the Foundation will work towards contributing to new accommodation facilities for cancer patients and their families who have to travel long distances for their treatment.

## Fundraising

Fundraising events and activities for the Foundation are held statewide and further details can be obtained through the Executive Officer on 1300 13 55 13 or at [www.jimbaconfoundation.tas.gov.au](http://www.jimbaconfoundation.tas.gov.au)

The Foundation will encourage and assist community fundraising activities and join fundraising activities with service clubs.

Regional committees will be encouraged and supported by the Foundation, as they may have direct contact with individuals or families in need.

Opportunities to volunteer and provide direct feedback to the Foundation will be encouraged to ensure the funds are directed appropriately.

Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided.

## How will funds be distributed?

All funds raised will be distributed to service providers who work directly with patients, carers and families, and with the capacity to immediately assess patient needs.

Support services that may receive funding include:

- Hospice Care Association
- Tasmanian Association for Hospice Care
- Carer Respite Centre
- Community Health Nursing Service
- Palliative Care Service
- Spurr Wing, Launceston
- Holman Clinic, Launceston General Hospital
- Royal Hobart Hospital oncology out patient clinic.

Other registered care or health providers that may be eligible for funds should contact the Foundation Executive Officer on 1300 13 55 13 or online at [www.jimbaconfoundation.tas.gov.au](http://www.jimbaconfoundation.tas.gov.au) They must have Deductible Gift Recipient status.

The Foundation intends to release funds regularly and recipient organisations will be required to provide an annual report on how the funds were spent.

## Members of the Board

The Jim Bacon Foundation Act 2004 provides for five board members: two members appointed by the Premier, the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance, and the Foundation's Executive Officer.

## Personal note from Honey Bacon

Jim was first diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer on Friday 13 February 2004. His treatment began shortly after an operation to remove a secondary tumor from his brain.

We quickly identified some practical difficulties facing cancer patients, and swung into action, raising \$40,000 to buy new recliner chairs for the Royal Hobart Hospital. The chairs had tables attached, freeing up valuable working space for the nursing staff and ensuring patient comfort during their treatment.

Similar chairs were also bought for the oncology ward at the Launceston General Hospital and the Spurr Wing in Launceston.

Extra money raised was used to buy large refrigerators with ice and cold water dispensers and large freezer compartments to allow patients on special diets to safely store their food.

With the arrival of the new fridge, the Spurr Wing's amazing volunteers, the Rotary Club and local businesses, built a new kitchen. A great example of people working together to benefit others. The notion of community partnerships was always fundamental to Jim's view of a civil society.

Cancer has a huge impact on our community. Patients and their families have no time to prepare for such a life-changing challenge. The Jim Bacon Foundation puts a very human face on providing practical and immediate assistance to those who need it most.

Jim's ethos was always to improve the quality of people's lives, and the Foundation continues that ethos. Its challenge is to help relieve their financial stress and offer compassion in a practical way during their treatment. This could be as simple as providing a nurse to stay overnight in a private home allowing a carer to get some sleep just to cope with the day ahead.

You can't really understand the needs of cancer patients and their families, until you have been there yourself.

Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated to Jim's memory. Together, we will endeavour to make a difference to people in need.