

John James Village

Now **under construction** at Garran!



John James Foundation

Canberra medical charity the John James Foundation is building John James Village with a project cost of more than \$7 million. John James Village will provide dedicated accommodation for people undergoing treatment in Canberra for blood cancers such as leukaemia, myeloma and lymphoma. Patients and their families will use John James Village without charge while undergoing hospital treatment for these life threatening illnesses.



Leukaemia
Foundation

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Donate online at jjvillage.org.au

Or contact the John James Foundation on **02 6281 6695** to discuss how your donation will support John James Village.

Prevalence

In Australia, **34 people a day** are diagnosed with blood cancer.

In the ACT region about 400 people are diagnosed with blood cancer every year. Blood cancer can affect anyone from infants to the elderly. These illnesses claim more Australian lives than breast cancer or melanoma.

"I have experienced the difference it makes when your family is there for you when you get back from hospital feeling pretty lousy after treatment. The self-contained units and support facilities at John James Village will provide a caring home for patients and families while they deal with very stressful events, often a long way from their usual surroundings."

Chris Kimball, lymphoma survivor and CEO, Snowy Hydro SouthCare rescue helicopter, based in Hume, ACT.

The Village

John James Village will be a **community facility** available to patients, family and carers without charge.

It will be a 'home away from home' designed to make a positive difference at a time when it's easy to be overwhelmed by bad news and difficult decisions. John James Village will take the worry out of the question "...but where will I live while having treatment?.."

Patients will have their own 1, 2 or 3 bedroom unit for as long as they need it. The architect designed, single level facility close to Canberra Hospital will include tranquil, landscaped gardens, an exercise room, library, a children's playground and other facilities. There'll also be a sense of community and hope as patients share the Village with the support of Leukaemia Foundation staff and volunteers and others facing the same challenges.

The Leukaemia Foundation will manage the facility from their modern new Canberra base at John James Village – quite a change from the rented house and garage they currently use!

Join us in donating funds,
we'd like you to be part of John James Village – how about it?

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Carl's Story

Former Canberra resident Carl Sueli was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2005. After treatment for three aggressive rounds of the blood cancer, Carl had a vision of Canberra with its own high quality facility to support patients in the future.

Many patients and family members have to leave their job at short notice after diagnosis. After initial treatment in Canberra, Carl moved to Newcastle and later Sydney for further treatment after he relapsed. Carl and wife Alli used a Leukaemia Foundation unit near Westmead hospital where Carl was being treated, with Alli staying there for months at a time to support Carl. "Knowing my wife was just over the road and could visit at any time gave me real peace of mind and helped me maintain a positive attitude," Carl recalled.

For Carl, the reality of John James Village was initially about 20 years into the future. He and good friend Mark Blake started a charity cycling event, Lifecycle, to raise funds with the broad aim of one day replacing the Leukaemia Foundation's rented house in Canberra. Things progressed quickly after they approached the John James Foundation in 2011 for support for their fundraising. The Foundation quickly realised the need for dedicated patient accommodation and the idea of the John James Village was born.

Building work is now underway on the John James Village site in Rusden St, Garran. Thanks to Carl's vision and the wonderful partners who have already joined the John James Foundation, this vital facility is now close to becoming a reality.

The John James Foundation thanks the ACT Government for its generous donation of land for John James Village.

"The idea to provide purpose built accommodation in Canberra was originally a 20 year plan. But to get the John James Foundation involved so quickly and to see construction of John James Village already progressing is a dream come true – so much earlier than anyone expected."

Carl Sueli, Lymphoma survivor and John James Village project originator.



"The John James Village is a state-of-the-art facility based on a brilliant concept and now realised in the ACT. It provides regional blood cancer patients with a safe, modern restful non-medicalised living space for rest, rejuvenation and reflection while undergoing blood cancer therapy at The Canberra Hospital. Importantly it practically addresses an element of 'whole of patient' care. Carl, the Lifecycle team and the John James Foundation should be congratulated on the success of their project."

Dr James D'Rozario, Medical Director – Haematology, The Canberra Hospital.

"As a doctor, I understand what a huge difference a facility like John James Village will make to people diagnosed with leukaemia and other blood cancers. Knowing there is somewhere comfortable and secure to stay for the length of treatment – where their family can stay too – and with ready access to support services offered by the Leukaemia Foundation will mean people can focus on what really matters – getting well again."

Professor Paul Smith, Chair, John James Foundation.

"Anyone could be in a position to need a facility like John James Village at any time. It's been very satisfying to see the positive response of so many people within the construction industry who have generously agreed to contribute products and services for this worthwhile project, despite the fact that many are facing tough times."

Paul Murphy, Managing Director, Project Coordination (Australia) Pty Ltd. Project Coordination, a Canberra based construction and management company, is managing construction of John James Village.

"Many people have to leave not only their job but also their home to get treatment. For those living in regional areas the thought of having to travel long distances for treatment over many months while they are unwell is especially daunting. John James Village will offer a calm and welcoming home for patients, family and friends in a wonderful environment of community and care."

Chris McMillan, NSW/ACT General Manager, Leukaemia Foundation.



How your donation will help

There are **5 sponsorship levels** at John James Village. As a valued supporter your donation will be recognised on an artist inspired 'tree of life' sponsor wall that will be a feature of the completed Village.

You can choose to direct your donation to one (or more) of the many different facilities that will make up John James Village.

Diamond \$100,000 +

Platinum \$25,000 - \$100,000

Gold \$10,000 - \$25,000

Silver \$7,500 - \$10,000

Bronze \$1,000 - \$7,500

How your donation can be used

Here are some examples of how your donation can be used. You are welcome to meet John James Foundation staff for more detailed information and to select an appropriate item or facility. Contact the Foundation on **02 6281 6695** or by email at **info@jjf.org.au**.

Amount	What it will support
\$3,000	One of more than 40 feature trees, such as maples, banksias and eucalypts, that will be part of the Village's landscaped sensory garden.
\$7,500	One of 9 walkway pavilions that will join the different facilities, a raised garden bed or central stairs.
\$12,000	Furnishing and fitting out a 1 bedroom unit or the patient library and resource centre.
\$15,000	Furnishing and fitting out facilities like the recreation building or patient support kitchen.
\$16,000	Furnishing and fitting out a 2 bedroom unit.
\$18,000	Furnishing and fitting out the patient counselling office.
\$19,000	Furnishing and fitting out a 3 bedroom unit.
\$25,000	A BBQ area for patients and their families.

Donations of any size are welcome of course. Amounts between \$100 - \$1,000 will be acknowledged on a Friends of the Village feature wall. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Naming Rights \$100,000 - \$300,000

Secure naming rights for facilities such as the individual patient and family accommodation units and courtyards and administration buildings within John James Village.

The John James Foundation

John James Village is a project of Canberra medical charity the John James Foundation. For more about the John James Foundation go to jjf.org.au.



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