

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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## O'Brien Family Donation Opportunity

Dear members,

You would be aware that just over a week ago we lost a colleague and a friend, Chris O'Brien, in the tragic Westwood incident.

Since then, we have had many members from across the state offering their assistance or requesting the ability to show their support to the O'Brien family through a donation mechanism.

As a result, we have created a GoFundMe page for members who wish to make a small offering in support of Chris's family. You can find the GoFundMe page [here](#).

Additionally, we have been in discussions with Queensland Rail who have agreed to commence an annual leave donation drive for those that may want to contribute some leave hours. The company will release details of how this can be done today.

Chris's family wishes to pass on their heartfelt thanks for all of the kind messages of support they have been receiving during his incredibly difficult time.

This has been a tough and confronting time for many of us. I encourage members who are feeling negative impacts from this incident or indeed, any other, to reach out and seek assistance. It's not weak to speak.

If you have any questions, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) find us on Facebook or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKittrick,  
State Secretary

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