

An Open Letter to the supporters of the MERC

On behalf of Miners' Promise, thank you for what you do – both in relation to life saving emergency response and, via the MERC, and in supporting families in the resources sector at the worst of times, when tragedy occurs.

We are 'mates taking care of mates; their family is part of our family.

We are with them from the start, and we stay for as long as is necessary. Miners' Promise provide financial, emotional and any other type of support that is deemed appropriate, to help families restore balance to their lives after the chaos of trauma.

Without your help, we would not be able to provide this assistance, because as a not-for-profit organisation, Miners' Promise battles daily to maintain the resources needed for our work.

Kelly and her baby daughter are just two of the people who have been helped as a result of your support of the MERC.

Again, we thank you.

Cassandra White

Chief Executive Officer

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KELLY'S STORY

Jordan was working through the night when a nearby crane toppled, crushing him. He would never see his baby daughter.

Miners' Promise was notified and was onsite not long after daybreak. In the coming days and weeks, and today, two years later ... we support his family. Initially, we organised his family's flights from the other side of Australia, we arranged a memorial service in Port Hedland and finalised Jordan's funeral in his hometown in New South Wales.

Kelly and Jordan had been married for only 3 months when he was killed. Kelly was eight weeks pregnant. Their daughter was born in February 2012; we are still in their lives. They remain part of the Miners' Promise family.

As the member of another family we have assisted says: "I don't think enough people realise what Miners' Promise does. They do provide money for funerals and other things, but the biggest thing is that they are not just there for one or two years, they are there down the track if people need help longer. To me that was more beneficial than cash money."