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ACCESS PATIENT INFORMATION

The NRF website provides a list of support services for patients.

Please visit **www.nrf.com.au** to access up-to-date Patient Support Information and for links to local support groups for:



- **BRAIN TUMOUR**

- Access brain tumour support information covering Centrelink issues, driving with a brain tumour, accessing NDIS support and much more.

- **BRAIN INJURY**

- Access information for people living with an acquired brain injury.

- **STROKE SURVIVORS**

- Discover local stroke support groups across Australia, powered by stroke survivors and carers who want to see the benefits of peer support made available to as many people as possible.

- **PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

- Access support, education and information for people living with Parkinson's and other movement disorders, their carers, family, the community and health professionals.

- **ACCESS TO HOME CARE SERVICES**

- Access information on home care, private home support, disability support, hospital to home programs, fact sheets and publications and much more.



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The NeuroSurgical Research Foundation has been funding world-class research since 1963.

Neurosurgical research is used to treat and save the lives of children and adults living with life threatening medical conditions. Donations allow the funding of world class medical research into the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease and injury of the brain, spine and nervous system.

KEY AREAS OF RESEARCH

NRF researchers are looking for ways to develop drugs and improve treatments, which can save lives of children and adults living with these neurosurgical and neurological conditions:

- **Brain tumours**
- **Stroke, brain haemorrhage and aneurysms**
- **Paediatric research**
- **Neurotrauma:**
 - Spinal cord injury
 - Traumatic brain injury
- **Neurodegeneration:**
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Concussion



CHRIS 'CRITTER' ADAMS



STRONG ENOUGH TO LIVE

Chris "Critter" Adams was 25 and in the prime of his life. He played footy, he trained at the gym four times a week, had recently graduated from University, secured a full-time job and had many plans for his future. He was an enormously gregarious young man with a kind heart and a huge sense of loyalty.

In December of 2014 Critter saw his GP after about a month of headaches and occasional nausea. He was sent for scans. What they found indicated a grade three anaplastic astrocytoma - a brain tumour. From the day of his diagnosis Critter was positive and remained confident that he would beat the odds for survivors of malignant brain tumours. His motto was Strong Enough to Live.

Following surgery in mid-January 2015, Critter underwent radiotherapy and chemotherapy. He and his family were advised that he may only have three to five years to live, but on Thursday 19th November 2015, following a biopsy two days earlier, Critter died in hospital. It was less than eleven months after his initial diagnosis.

He was passionate and driven and wanted his story/journey to inspire and help others. He left far too early and his work had only just begun. In order to honour his memory, Strong Enough to Live has become a fundraising platform for brain cancer research. Critter and his family encourage everyone to support NRF. He was and remains a magnificent young man.

SETL has raised an incredible \$125,000 for neurosurgical research through various fundraising activities and established the annual Chris Adams UniSA Research Grant for brain tumour research.



RESEARCHER PROFILE

DR MELINDA TEA



“THROUGH OUR RESEARCH WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS FOR BRAIN TUMOUR PATIENTS”

Dr Melinda Tea was awarded the 2019 Chris Adams UniSA Research Grant to undertake overseas training into the highly-specialised and advanced use of the Bruker Micro-CT system instrumental in understanding the particular fatal brain cancer glioblastoma (GBM).

Dr Tea is a Research Associate from the Centre for Cancer Biology (CCB) at University of South Australia (UniSA). In this Q&A she explains why she is so passionate about this area of research.

WHAT FASCINATES YOU ABOUT BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH AND WHY?

Brain tumours critically impact not only the normal functioning of the body, but also aspects of our behaviour and personality given their location. They affect people of all ages and walks of life and is the biggest killer of people under 40, including children than any other cancer. As a researcher, our lab is interested in finding new ways to improve survival outcomes for patients, using new approaches, technologies and finding the best pre-clinical models to test these new therapies that will translate to better outcomes for patients

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE FOR BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH AND WHY?

The survival rate for brain cancer has barely changed in the last 30 years and for patients with GBM, it remains an incurable disease. Through our research we hope to achieve more effective treatments for brain tumour patients.



DONATIONS

THANK YOU!

The NRF offers the following ways to support the Foundation. Online donations at www.nrf.com.au

Donation to General Neurosurgical Research

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Donation to Neurosurgical Specialty listed below

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☐ Brain Tumour ☐ Neurodegeneration

☐ Paediatric ☐ Stroke ☐ TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury)

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