

NEUROSURGICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
60th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 9th September 2026 6:30pm

Venue: Ingkarni Wardi Conference Room Level 7
University of Adelaide, North Tce Campus

AGENDA

WELCOME

APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2 Pages Attached

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominees: See Over

At the time of preparation of the agenda the following nominations had been received

President: Dr Nick Vrodos

Board Members: Re-election Santosh Poonnoose, Melanie Cooper

Board Members: New election Michael Re

DECLARATION OF OFFICERS

MEETING CLOSE

GUEST SPEAKERS:

INTRODUCED BY: Prof Renee Turner, NRF Director of Neurosurgical Research

A/Prof Mark Plummer - Protecting the Injured Brain with Mega-dose Ascorbate

Dr Adam Wells - Clearing the Roadblocks – Enhancing CAR-T Effect in Clinical Trials

Dr Jorn Van Der Veken - Improving Patient Outcomes Through Neurosurgical Research

Prof Renée Turner - Building the Future of Stroke Research

Esmee Broekhuizen - 2026 Donald Simpson Neuroscience Scholarship Recipient

Donald Simpson Neuroscience Scholarships 2026 presented

REFRESHMENTS: Light supper and drinks will be served

NRF BOARD MEMBERS



PRESIDENT NOMINATION: DR NICK VRODOS

NRF Vice President | NRF Board Member since 1999

Director of Neurosurgery, Flinders Medical Centre
Neurosurgeon, Memorial Medical Centre
Neurosurgeon, Royal Darwin Hospital



Assoc Prof Santosh Poonnoose

NRF Vice President | NRF Chair, Scientific Committee
NRF Board Member since 2020 | Director of South Australian
Neurological Tumour Bank | Neurosurgeon and Spinal Surgeon
Flinders Medical Centre, Flinders Private Hospital and Calvary
Adelaide Hospital | Senior Lecturer of Neurosurgery, Flinders
University



Ms Melanie Cooper AM

NRF Investment Committee Member
NRF Board Member since 2008 |
Chair, Coopers Brewery Ltd | Chair, Coopers Brewery
Foundation



Mr Michael Re

Director, PHW Redux Pty Ltd
Senior Wealth Adviser, Canaccord Genuity Financial Limited