

NEUROSURGICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

Held on September 10th 2025 at 6.30pm

Held at Ingkarni Wardi Conference Room Level 7, University of Adelaide, North Tce Campus

Present: NRF Board Members: -President Dr Nick Vrodos, Vice President Assoc Prof Santosh Poonnoose, Mr Tim Neill, (Treasurer), Assoc Prof Renee Turner (NRF Director of Neurosurgical Research), and Ms Ginta Orchard – (Secretary) Executive Officer.

Other NRF Members: Dr Glenn McCulloch AM, Dr Adam Wells (Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellow), Robert Neill, (Life Member), Mel Zerner, (Life Member), Christopher Ovenden, Cate Whitehead, Kerry Buttery, Margota Pukitis, Ints Pukitis, Kimberley Cottell and Di Floreani.

Apologies: Ms Nadia Dinning, Mr Stephen White, Dr Xenia Doorenbosch, Dr Simon Sandler, Mr Chris Ashenden, Mr Andrew Goodhand. Ms Melanie Cooper AM, Prof Stuart Pitson (NRF Chair Brain Tumour Research),

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 5th September 2024:

Dr Nick Vrodos proposed a motion to adopt the minutes; this was seconded by Dr Glenn McCulloch and the motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report: President Dr Nick Vrodos

Dr Nick Vrodos tabled President Report this written report in the 2025 Impact Report. He highlighted the following items contained in his written report:

- Thanks to you, 2024/25 was a record-breaking year. Together, we awarded over \$1.6 million in research grants and scholarships—our largest investment yet in pioneering projects that are changing lives. This Impact Report is your story. Every page reflects the impact your generosity has made possible.
- The appointment of South Australia's first Brain Cancer Nurse, who has supported more than 75 families in just six months.
- Research breakthroughs that attracted over \$36 million in national grants—amplifying the power of your donations.
- A community that rallied like never before, raising over \$170,000 during Grey May to fund research, equipment, scholarships, and new hope. Our Community Fundraising actually raised a total \$318,00.
- I want to thank you our valued **Donors, Fundraisers, Members, Corporate Sponsors and Volunteers**. You have all made this possible.
- On behalf of the NRF, our researchers, clinicians, patients, and families: thank you. Your support is advancing research, improving care, and bringing hope to those impacted by brain tumours, stroke, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury.

A motion to adopt the President's report was proposed by President Dr Nick Vrodos, seconded by Mr Tim Neill and carried.

Financial Report: Treasurer - Mr Tim Neill

Mr Tim Neill explained the Financial Report is in the Annual Report page 31.

Tim thanked William Buck and particularly Grant Martinella and Joann Chang for their pro bono auditing services.

The NRF had received donations and fundraising income totalling \$1,244,689.

Tim highlighted that there are now 3 investment funds with current balances:

- Research Fund \$1,614,242
- Scholarship Fund \$ 344,825
- Operational Fund \$3,813,956

Mr Tim Neill reported that the financial statements for 2025 have been made available and published in the annual report together with the auditor's report and independence declaration, both dated 6 August 2025. The audit report provided an unqualified audit opinion and confirmed the Board's declaration of solvency and its view of the financial results and performance for the year. Compliance with the Foundation's reporting requirements under the ACNC Act and regulations was also confirmed.

Mr Tim Neill moved a motion to adopt the Financial Report and Dr Glenn McCulloch seconded it; this motion was carried.

The President thanked Mr Tim Neill for his time in compiling the financial reports.

Election of Officers:

Nomination for President: There was one nomination: Dr Nick Vrodos as President.
Dr Nick Vrodos being elected unopposed.

Nomination for NRF Board Membership were received for the re-election of:
Mr Tim Neill and Ms Nadia Dinning.
These nominations were duly seconded; they were re-elected unopposed.

General Business:

The President Dr Nick Vrodos the Meeting at 6.45pm.

Assoc Prof Renee Turner acknowledge that we were meeting on Kaurna lands and introduce the Guest Speakers:

Dr Briony Gliddon Summary SA Brain Tumour Research Landscape

Dr Rebecca Hood No Reflow in Ischaemic Stroke

Dr Angus McNamara The Prodromal Window: Detecting Parkinson's Risk Early After Brain Injury

Dr Cedric Bardy Phase 1 Trial: Repurposing Trifluoroperazine for Glioblastoma

A/Prof Quenten Schwarz Brain Cancer Discovery and Translation Grant Childhood DMG

Donald Simpson Neuroscience Scholarships 2025 presented by Dr Glenn McCulloch AM