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STROKE RESEARCH



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NATIONAL FUNDING WIN FOR STROKE RESEARCH



Associate Professor Renée Turner

NRF Director of Neurosurgical Research awarded national funding for Stroke research at the University of Adelaide.

The NRF Director of Neurosurgical Research, Associate Professor Renée Turner, has been awarded over \$2.5 million in the Federal Government's Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) for Stroke research.

Assoc Prof Turner and her team from the University of Adelaide will use their \$2,582,876 grant to work on the SPRINTS Project: Stroke - prevention of Reperfusion Injury and Neuroinflammation. The therapeutic strategy represents a novel approach to significantly improve patient outcomes following an ischaemic stroke.

These funds were awarded as part of the Cardiovascular Health Mission. This project involves collaborators from across the country.

The unique and diverse team encompasses drug development, pre-clinical stroke and clinical stroke expertise.

The list of participating institutions involved is as follows:

- University of Adelaide (A/Prof Renée Turner)
- Monash Health (Prof Henry Ma)
- Monash University (A/Prof Connie Wong, Dr Nicholas Veldhuis, Prof Jonathan Baell, Prof Michelle McIntosh, Dr Daniel Poole, Dr Shadabul Haque, Dr David Shackelford)
- James Cook University (Prof Alan Nimmo)
- Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute (Prof James Bourne, Dr Leon Teo)
- Royal Adelaide Hospital (Prof Tim Kleinig)
- NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre (Prof Val Gebski)

- NeuroSurgical Research Foundation (Ms Ginta Orchard)
- The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (Dr Emily Eriksson)

Assoc Prof Turner said, "Reperfusion injury is an important target in the era of thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy, with more stroke patients then ever receiving reperfusion therapy.

"Reperfusion injury can exacerbate tissue injury and the likelihood of deleterious complications such as bleeding on the brain and brain swelling, which negatively influence outcomes.

"The SPRINTS project will develop a therapeutic strategy to mitigate the impact of reperfusion and improve outcomes for stroke patients," she said.

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NRF FUNDS \$875,709 IN RESEARCH GRANTS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This year we will fund a total of **\$505,678**

• Brain Tumour Research:	\$363,227
• Stroke Research:	\$68,000
• Traumatic Brain Injury & Spinal Cord Injury Research:	\$61,430
• Parkinson's Research:	\$13,021

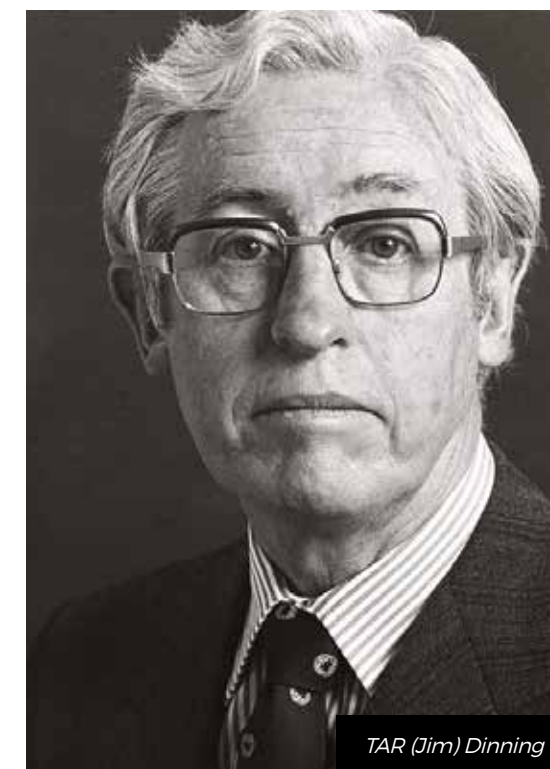
In 2020/21, the NRF funded a total of **\$370,031**

• Brain Tumour Research:	\$134,338
• Stroke Research:	\$43,000
• Traumatic Brain Injury & Spinal Cord Injury Research:	\$108,180
• Parkinson's Research:	\$84,513

The NRF is proud to announce that the 2020 and 2021 grant funding has been allocated – with \$875,709 distributed across 23 individual grants at the University of South Australia, University of Adelaide, Flinders University, and the Royal Adelaide Hospital. This is the highest number of individual grants the NRF has ever funded, across the most institutions, which has been achieved thanks to the support of our dedicated donors. In 2021/22, the NRF will be funding innovative new research in South Australia.

SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH

TAR DINNING SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH - GRAND HIGH TEA AT AYERS HOUSE



TAR (Jim) Dinning

Thank you to the NRF community, together with Nadia Kingham and Anthea Dinning, the daughters of NRF Co-founder TAR (Jim) Dinning, for raising over \$150,000 to establish the new scholarship for neurosurgical trainees. In addition, the NRF "topped up" the Scholarship in order to reach a total of \$200,000!

The Grand High Tea at Ayers House was an outstanding success, and featured speeches by NRF President Glenn McCulloch, TAR Dinning's daughter and NRF Board Member Dr Nadia Kingham, retired neurosurgeon Prof Peter Reilly AO and the NRF Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellow Dr Adam Wells.

The event attracted 164 attendees from Adelaide and interstate. Thank you to all our NRF donors, generous prize donors and guests- your contribution is greatly appreciated.

To continue the legacy of TAR (Jim) Dinning this new scholarship will provide neurosurgical trainees and recently qualified neurosurgeons with opportunities to extend and enhance their knowledge and learning.

Dr Nadia Kingham shared her thoughts: "My sister Anthea and I hope that, in some small way, this scholarship will assist young neurosurgeons to advance their skills by collaborating with other experts and travelling to visit other inspiring neurosurgeons. Dad would definitely have applied for a scholarship like this," she said.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and supported the High Tea event.



Dr Adam Wells (left), Dr Nadia Kingham, Dr Glenn McCulloch and Prof Peter Reilly AO



Dr Glenn McCulloch (left), Dr Paul Carney, Dr Harold Schaeffer (dec), Prof Peter Reilly AO



Anthea Dinning (left) and Dr Nadia Kingham

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK ONLINE AT [NRF.COM.AU/EVENTS](https://www.nrf.com.au/events)

BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 4 December 2021
12pm – 2pm

Strathmore Hotel, North Tce
Tickets \$35



Adelaide Brain Tumour Support, together with the NeuroSurgical Research Foundation, invite you to join us for the Brain Tumour Research Christmas Lunch, all proceeds go to brain tumour research in SA. Includes lunch, dessert, coffee or soft drink, 1 raffle ticket.

Meet and chat with the researchers, find out about the latest in their brain tumour research, enjoy a Christmas themed lunch, meet others facing a brain tumour diagnosis (and their friends and family) and take part in a raffle! RSVP Essential due to COVID-19 regulations - contact Ginta Orchard on (08) 8371 0771 / 0419 844 511 or email ginta.orchard@nrf.com.au

NRF FILM FUNDRAISER: NO TIME TO DIE

Sunday 28 November 2021
4pm

Regal Theatre, Kensington
Tickets \$25



A brain tumour research fundraiser in memory of Richard Buttery. You are invited to support the NRF at our next movie fundraiser day, featuring the film No Time to Die, at Regal Theatre, Kensington on Sunday 28th November at 4pm.

The fundraiser is being organised by Kerry Buttery, in memory of her husband Richard who passed away from a brain tumour. Kerry is a passionate fundraiser for the NRF.

Doors open at 3pm and the movie starts at 4pm.

Book your ticket online. Tickets include movie entry, raffle entry (please save your ticket number for raffle entry) and snack.



Tickets \$10 Closes 16th December

Buy a raffle ticket and support life-saving neurosurgical research. Tickets are only \$10 each and will be emailed straight to you.

You could win a first prize worth \$250K or hundreds of other goodies! A minimum of 50% of your raffle ticket will directly support the NRF and the other 50% will fund prizes to help run the raffle.

NRF RAAF VETERANS BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12 Feb 2022
7pm

Torrens Parade Ground, Victoria Drive
Tickets \$25



FSGT Terence Youell is organising the NRF RAAF Veterans Brain Tumour Research Quiz Night to raise funds for brain tumour research. Please join us on Saturday 12th February 2022 - doors open at 6.30pm, for a 7pm start.

Tables of 8, please make sure to let us know who your table captains are so that we may organise the tables for the night. A light supper and one drink is included. A cash bar will be available during the evening. In the event of a cancellation due to COVID refunds will be offered.

Thanks to event supporters: AFA and Mess.