

NEURONEWS

Your Support Powers Innovative Research

Every day, neurosurgical diseases change lives. Here in South Australia, your support is helping researchers make groundbreaking discoveries that bring real hope to patients and their families. From exploring new treatments in the lab to advancing clinical trials, every step forward is powered by generous donors like you.

A STROKE OF LUCK: BLOOD TEST TO DETECT DAMAGE

Dr Feargal Ryan is developing a blood test to detect blood-brain-barrier damage after stroke, helping rural and emergency care teams diagnose and monitor recovery faster.

CAN VITAMIN C REDUCE BRAIN SWELLING?

Dr Aniket Nadkarni is testing vitamin C against the standard treatment to reduce dangerous brain swelling, aiming for safer, faster recovery.

CATCHING PARKINSON'S EARLY

Dr Angus McNamara is creating a framework to detect Parkinson's early, giving patients interventions and hope before irreversible damage occurs.

STIMULATING RELIEF AFTER SPINAL CORD INJURY

PhD student **Ryan Dorrian** is testing a novel device to deliver wireless stimulation to damaged nerves, reducing neuropathic pain and improving quality of life.

Your donation can help fund the next breakthrough in neurosurgical research and bring hope to those who need it most. **Scan the QR code to donate to research:**



Pioneering Children's Cancer Research



Prof Quentin Schwarz has secured \$3 million in Federal funding to uncover the genetic changes that predispose children to brain cancer, with the goal of developing safer and more effective therapies. This vital work was kickstarted by NRF support.

In Newcastle, Professor Matt Dun and his team have received \$18.7 million in Federal funding to investigate high grade gliomas, with the ambitious aim of bringing new therapies to clinical trial within just five years.

Adelaide-based paediatric oncologist Professor Jordan Hansford will lead national clinical trials of a promising new agent, the brain-penetrant Protein Kinase C inhibitor JLD14, offering much-needed hope for more effective treatment options.

The growing Federal investment in these cutting-edge projects underscores the importance and promise of advancing childhood brain cancer research –progress that would not have been possible without the foundational seed funding provided by the NRF.

Scan the QR code to read more about the research:



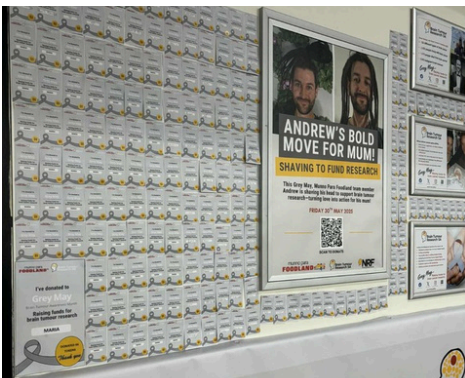
Grey May 2025 Raises \$185,000!

This year's Grey May campaign raised over \$185,000 for vital brain tumour research. From lab tours and cocktail parties to brain socks and courageous head-shaves, your support is driving cutting-edge trials, innovative diagnostics, and new therapies.

Generous contributions from community champions, including Foodland Munno Para, Andrew Greatwich who shaved his head, and the Brave for Dave initiative, made this record-breaking result possible. These funds are already helping researchers understand tumour genetics, trial promising treatments, and bring hope to children and families affected by this disease.

Thank you to every participant, donor, and partner. Your generosity is powering real progress in the fight against brain cancer.

Scan the QR code to read more about the impact.



Together for Griff

Catie and Jaimi brought together friends and family for a heartfelt fundraising lunch in honour of their Dad Griff, and his journey with glioblastoma.

Together, **they raised an incredible \$43,000** for brain tumour research and support. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Griff, Catie, Jaimi, and the entire family. Your strength, warmth, and generosity in the face of such a personal challenge is deeply inspiring.

We respectfully acknowledge the passing of John "Griff" Griffen and offer our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.

Team Neuro Raises \$45,000 at City to Bay!

More than 80 participants braved one of the wettest City to Bay events on record, raising an amazing **\$45,000** for neurosurgical research. Your energy and teamwork are helping fund breakthroughs that could change lives.

Special thanks to our sponsors, **The Dinning Family**, **Surfacing Contractors Australia**, and **Pick a Local, Pick SA! Fruit & Veg**, and to the volunteers who cheered at the finish line.

Behind every step was a story. Catherine and Matt ran in honour of Catherine's father Olly, raising \$16,000. Team Surfcon SA ran in memory of founder Mark Weber raising \$4,575. Team Tony Tony Tony walked in memory of Anthony Walsh, raising \$25,000 for the Anthony Walsh TBI Vacation Scholarship.

Thank you, Team Neuro. Every step you took is paving the way for tomorrow's breakthroughs.

Scan the QR code to read more.



Team Tony Tony Tony



Running for Olly



Team Surfcon SA

One Run. 242 Reasons

A/Prof Guillermo "GG" Gomez took on an extraordinary challenge: running 242 kilometres over 3 days from Barmera to the City-Bay finish line in Glenelg. His journey honoured the 242 South Australians diagnosed with brain cancer each year while raising vital awareness and funds for glioblastoma clinical trials.

GG's inspiring run, powered by courage, community and hope, has raised **\$11,195.75**, with donations still open!



9TH NOVEMBER 2025 | 9AM

GOLF DAY

at Mt Lofty



Driving Change for Traumatic Brain Injury Research. Join us on November 9th at 9:00 AM for a fun-filled day at Mount Lofty Golf Course.

nrf.com.au/events/golf-day-at-mount-lofty-



A Star of Hope



Brain Tumour Research SA

Send a Star of Hope to honour someone touched by a neurological disease or condition and let them know they are not alone.

nrf.com.au/star-of-hope



Hope in Every Gift



Kristen's Journey Inspires Family's Lifesaving Gift

When Kristen Wilkins was diagnosed with a brain tumour, her family's world changed overnight. Thanks to the dedication of her medical team, Kristen recovered, and today she and her family are determined to help others facing the same frightening diagnosis.

Through their Foundation, the Wilkins family funded the SONOCA 300 neuroendoscopy ultrasonic aspirator for the Women's and Children's Hospital, the only tool of its kind in South Australia. This technology enables minimally invasive tumour removal, allowing faster recovery and less damage to healthy brain tissue. Their remarkable generosity is a gift of hope for countless children and families. The NRF and the patients who will benefit for years to come are profoundly thankful to the Wilkins family for this life-changing donation.

Shimmi for Immi: A Family's Gift of Love

On what would have been her 21st birthday, more than 200 friends, family and supporters gathered at Jarmer's Kitchen to celebrate the life of Imogen Cenko. Imogen passed away at just 9 years old in 2014, after a sudden and devastating diagnosis of acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM).

Through their event "A Night to Shine and Remember: Shimmi for Immi", the Cenko family raised \$18,677 for the NeuroSurgical Research Foundation, funding the LEVICS Micro-Instrument – a tool that helps neurosurgeons safely remove tumours close to vital brain areas while preserving healthy tissue.

Every time this equipment is used, Imogen's legacy lives on in the children and families it helps. We are deeply grateful to the Cenko family for their generosity – on behalf of the NRF, and the many patients whose lives will be changed by this gift.

