

**NEUROSURGICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 & Adam Wells

Retirement: Andrew Goodhand, Simon Sandler

**DECLARATION OF OFFICERS**

**MEETING CLOSE**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

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

**Prof Renée Turner** - Building the Future of Stroke Research

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

**Esmee Broekhuizen** - 2026 Donald Simpson Neuroscience Scholarship Recipient

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

**Dr Adam Wells** - Clearing the Roadblocks – Enhancing CAR-T Effect in Clinical Trials  
NRF Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellow

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



### **Dr Adam Wells**

Advisory Member - NRF Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellow  
Neurosurgeon, Royal Adelaide Hospital  
Consultant Neurosurgeon, St Andrew's Private Hospital  
Neurosurgeon & Spine Surgeon, Adelaide Spine & Brain  
Senior Clinical Lecturer Department of Surgery (Neurosurgery)  
Adelaide University  
NRF Chair of Neurosurgical Research 2015 Student