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enhanced patient care at the Royal Adelaide Hospital



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Can you help us prevent
nightmarish flare-ups?

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Enclosed is your copy of
the official newsletter of the
**Royal Adelaide Hospital
Research Fund**

November 2017

Dear Supporter,

It's my absolute pleasure to introduce you to your first copy of the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Research Fund's new-look Researcher newsletter.

Fittingly, the publication's fantastic new design coincides with the recent opening of the state-of-the-art new RAH—a truly world-class healthcare facility of which we can all be proud, and that of course houses the hospital's very own fundraising arm, the RAH Research Fund.

But that's not all the new look reflects; it also marks an exciting new phase for the fund itself. As you'll read in the Researcher, the fund now has an expanded fundraising presence in the hospital, including its own walk-in hub, making it easier than ever for you to drop in and say "Hi", or learn more about how you can get involved.

Coupled with this, the fund is stepping up its strategic engagement with corporate and grant bodies, as well as the broader community; and it has recruited a number of talented new team members, under the leadership of Fundraising Manager Simon Blight, to ensure the new activity delivers real results.

Speaking of real results, you'll also read inside about some wonderful new RAH-based research, being led by Dr Eugene Roscioli. With your support, it could help sufferers of chronic lung disease avoid many nightmarish, and life-threatening flare-ups. Please, give what you can.

Your support for the RAH Research Fund goes directly towards research and enhanced patient care right here at the RAH. For the RAH Research Fund, it's all about the RAH.

Jenny Richter
Chief Executive Officer
Central Adelaide Local Health Network



Simon Blight, Fundraising Manager CALHN and
Jenny Richter, Chief Executive Officer CALHN



Welcome

We have a new home! After over 35 years raising funds exclusively for vital medical research and enhanced patient care at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH), the RAH Research Fund—the hospital’s very own fundraising arm—has moved into the world-class new RAH.

The new hospital’s September 3 opening was significant for all South Australians. The original announcement that the new RAH would be based at the western end of North Terrace led to the area’s development as the state’s Biomedical Precinct, and the hospital’s opening makes that precinct complete.

We remain committed to our critical role supporting incredible research activity and life-changing patient care at the new RAH, arguably the world’s most advanced hospital. Far from things being business-as-usual, the RAH Research Fund has entered an exciting new phase of its own.

We recently welcomed several new team members, allowing us to do even more to raise funds for vital medical research and enhanced patient care. A big part of that will involve increasing our community engagement, including through a new ground-level walk-in Hub. This presence, opposite popular cafes and eateries, will allow fund supporters and hospital visitors to have a coffee and chat with us any time during business hours—so look for our logo, and don’t be shy!

The fundraising “footprint” at the new RAH will also include the Research Fund Newsagency and SARAH’s Gift Shop, both located only metres from our Hub. Proceeds from each support medical research and enhanced care right here at the hospital. So if you’re looking for something to read, or perhaps a special gift for a loved one receiving care, I urge you to check out their fantastic range.

In recent campaign results, our June appeal supporting Professor Robert Casson’s research into glaucoma and related eyesight issues was very successful, with Professor Casson taking a group of appreciative donors on a tour of his new state-of-the-art research facilities.

Similarly, a number of other donors—including representatives from Cancer Research Advocate Bikers (CRAB) and the Christian community of San Padre Pio Di Pietrelcina—were given a tour of the hospital, hosted by new RAH Director of Commissioning Elke Kropf.

Our May *Meet the researcher* morning tea featured Professor Eugene Roscioli, who discussed his groundbreaking work in thoracic medicine. As you’ll read in this newsletter, Professor Roscioli’s investigations are already delivering

strong patient outcomes, so please consider helping us keep it going by taking the opportunity to donate using the enclosed form.

Finally, with so much positive change happening, I want to reiterate that our fund’s core mission—and our reliance on generous donors like you to help fulfil it—remains. It’s about raising funds for medical research and enhanced patient care, right here at the RAH.

We thank you sincerely for your past support, and look forward to continuing to receive it as we serve our community in the future.

Enjoy our new newsletter.



Simon Blight
Fundraising Manager CALHN

Our footprint's grown!

The RAH Research Fund is now supported by three separate sites on the ground floor (street level) of the new RAH—all located adjacent each other, opposite the high-traffic food court.

RAH Research Fund Newsagency

Monday – Friday 7.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays Closed

The wonderful RAH Research Fund Newsagency team are loyal friends of our fund. Having operated in the old RAH for 27 years, every cent of profit the store earned during that time went straight to and continues to support the hospital's research and life-changing patient care.

Impressively, Newsagency Manager Cynthia Henderson has been at the helm from day one. "I love my job," she says. "We work for a cause here, not just ourselves."

Naturally, the newsagency offers everything from newspapers, magazines and books, to cards, stationery, toys and gifts, lottery tickets, Metro cards and mobile recharge vouchers. But it also has some surprises.

"We're an agent for dry cleaning and parcel deliveries," adds Cynthia. "Patients can purchase Internet and movie vouchers for use in rooms, and we sell delicious Melba's chocolates for anyone wanting a treat."



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SARAH's Gift Shop

Monday – Friday 10am – 8:30pm

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

SARAH's Gift Shop houses a treasure trove of unique products, almost exclusively handmade here in South Australia. Among the inspired range are hand creams and candles, cards, jams and pickles, paintings, jewellery, babies' clothes, bags and scarves.

Run by the RAH Auxiliary, SARAH's distributes its proceeds in a number of ways, but all for the hospital's benefit. These include equipment purchases, patient support, and enabling research—including through our fund.

"We value all these avenues," says Store Manager and Auxiliary President Debbie Conlin. "Each makes an important difference for people."

The RAH Research Fund Hub

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

The Research Fund's Hub is our accessible new home in the new RAH. We've created this space to make it super easy for our supporters—and anyone interested in becoming one—to come and say "Hi".

"We encourage our donors and hospital visitors to drop in whenever they're in the vicinity," says RAH Research Fund Community Engagement & Events Officer Olivia Harper.

"You can learn all about us, of course, and how you can support the life-enhancing medical research and care we enable. But it also gives us the chance to meet and thank you."



A home we can be proud of

The state-of-the-art new RAH houses 800 beds, and expects to provide a comprehensive range of the most complex clinical care to around 85,000 inpatients and 400,000 outpatients each year.

With the state-of-the-art new Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) now open, our RAH Research Fund team has moved into its new home—and wow, are we impressed.

The most advanced hospital in Australia, the new RAH is the jewel in the crown of South Australia's Biomedical Precinct, which brings together healthcare, education and medical research in one central hub.

Spanning three city blocks, the hospital includes almost four hectares of landscaped parks and internal green space, houses 800 beds, and will facilitate complex clinical care for around 85,000 inpatients and 400,000 outpatients each year.

Purpose-built around patient needs

Reflecting international best-practice in hospital design, all general inpatients have their own rooms with ensuites, providing both privacy and outstanding infection control. Inpatient rooms also feature:

- opening windows, for fresh air;
- in-built day beds, for loved ones' or carers' overnight stays; and
- touch-screen bedside monitors.

Showing similar depth of thought, critical areas within the hospital have been positioned to allow efficient patient movement.

For example, the Emergency Department has been positioned directly below pathology and blood transfusion areas, trauma and emergency theatres, and the helipad. Connected by "hot lifts", each of these areas can be reached in under two minutes.

Full-spectrum health and support services

Providing a comprehensive range of complex care across medical, surgical, emergency, acute mental health, outpatient and diagnostic services, the new RAH leads the state in numerous ways.

It's a "super-site" in South Australia for health emergencies and is the state's complex multi-trauma destination. To fulfil these critical roles, the hospital has: a 24-hour on-site stroke team; 24-hour on-call service for acute coronary syndrome; and 24-hour diagnostic and imaging services.

The new RAH is also the state's centre for many other critical services, such as complex cancers, bone marrow transplants, craniomaxillofacial surgery, neurosurgery and cardiothoracic services; and is the hub for renal transplantation, hyperbaric medicine, and complex vascular medicine and surgery.

World-class clinical technology

The new RAH sets a worldwide technological benchmark. Its cutting-edge technology includes:

- one of the biggest automated pharmacy distribution systems in the nation, comprising over 80 automated dispensing cabinets in patient wings to support the accurate and timely distribution of medicines



- advanced tele-health facilities, enabling staff to consult with colleagues and patients across the state
- automated guided vehicles to efficiently transport supplies and equipment.

Equipped for major disaster response

Should South Australia suffer a major disaster, the new RAH is equipped to play a leading role in victim support.

In the event of a chemical spill, the Emergency Department is equipped with decontamination showers for rapid, mass decontamination.

Should there be an infectious outbreak, there are five negative pressure rooms and a quarantine room available; and if additional clinical space is required urgently, such as in the event of a mass-casualty plane crash, specific spaces can be rapidly converted.

In every way, the new RAH is a stunning achievement of which we can all be proud.

For more information about the new RAH, visit: www.newrah.sa.gov.au



Researcher Profile Professor Paul Reynolds



Positions

- Clinical Director – Medical Specialties, Central Adelaide Local Health Network
- Director, Basic and Translational Research Program, Lung Research Laboratory, Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building, University of Adelaide
- Senior Consultant Respiratory and Sleep Physician, Department of Thoracic Medicine, Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH)
- Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Adelaide.
- Chair, RAH Research Committee and RAH Medical Staff Society.

Did you always imagine yourself working where you do?

Yes, I always wanted a research focus, but as I gained clinical experience I also appreciated direct patient care. Research enables creativity and brings advances, but it takes time to see them in practice, while direct care typically involves applying existing knowledge, but with more immediate rewards.

What are some of your major research achievements at the RAH?

A big translational success involved modifying airway inflammation in asthma. We used antibiotics called macrolides (Azithromycin) not to kill bacteria, but for their anti-inflammatory properties.

A small initial project, funded by the RAH Research Fund, enabled us, and some national colleagues, to secure external funding for a multi-site clinical trial, in which we showed regular Azithromycin for 48 weeks reduced the rate of asthma exacerbations by 30%. Our results were published in The Lancet earlier this year.

Another success has been the development of gene and cell therapy for pulmonary hypertension, a lethal disease that narrows the lungs' blood vessels. We've shown we can treat this problem through the use of modified cells; and, importantly, our approach is more easily translated to practice than others.

Is the RAH Research Fund important to your work?

It's critical. While we've also successfully obtained grants from other national bodies, it's often preliminary data from RAH Research Fund projects that helps us to do so. The Research Fund also helps attract the best health professionals to the RAH, and supports them in the delivery of outstanding care.

What's next on your research radar?

One important project focuses on pulmonary fibrosis, an incurable and lethal disease. I'm adapting our cell-therapy approach to directly impact the disease mechanism, and—in collaboration with a PhD student—am exploring ways to improve sufferers' quality of life.

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A life of land and landscapes



It's often said those who deserve the most praise are least likely to seek it; and in the case of RAH Research Fund donors Wolford Parsons and his family, who've raised more than \$100,000 for us over the past 14 years, that cap certainly fits. So, lest their humility leave their deeds unrecognised, we'd like to publicly thank them and share their inspiring story.

Wolford, or Wol' to his friends, has lived all his life on a farm at Port Vincent, on the east coast of the Yorke Peninsula. He married his wife, Marie, then an art teacher at Minlaton High School, in 1965, and they had two children, Allyson (Ally) and Nigel.

In the 1980s, Marie retired from teaching and began working as a professional artist. Around the same time, Ally began her own remarkable rise in the art world. After producing work of incredible quality and maturity in her final high-school year, she began exhibiting within 12 months, selling out exhibitions in 1984, 1986 and 1987, with prospective buyers literally sleeping out on the street to secure purchases.

Buoyed by this success, the family launched Allyson Parsons Art in 1988, with Ally and Marie painting, and Wol' taking the reins as manager, dividing his time between the new business and the farm.

Allyson Parsons Art flourished, with another sell-out exhibition in 1989—for which buyers camped out a staggering 36 hours—particularly noteworthy. But as time went by the family's circle was touched, as too many are, by cancer. Some close family friends were stricken with the disease. Soon, however, something very positive was to come of it.

Hope springs from despair

While pondering his friends' plight as he drove his tractor in August 2003, Wol' had a flash of inspiration: the family should get involved in supporting cancer research.



"I remember stopping the tractor and ringing Ally right away," says Wol'. "That's great, Dad," she replied. "But what'll we do for money?" "We'll raise it!" I said."

Energy builds

Just days later, Wol' and Marie met with John Zilm of Barossa Valley's Craneford Wines, to discuss an upcoming exhibition they were staging in his winery. Wol' mentioned his epiphany in passing, and John's response was immediate—whatever the Parsons did, they could count on Craneford Wines.

With energy building, Wol', Marie and John decided to arrange a meeting with Professor Ian Olver, who was then head of the Hanson Institute, a leading medical research centre affiliated with the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH).

"We told Ian we wanted any monies we raised to go straight to the Institute's

cancer research, via the RAH Research Fund," says Wol'. "Ian said, 'Well I've never had an artist, winemaker and farmer offer to raise money for us before! But naturally he was very appreciative.'"

Event number one: \$38,000

A short time later, and following another chat with a friend, the group's first fundraising event was set.

"My mate Alastair Walker was involved with the Variety Bash, and he invited us to cater for the participants during an overnight stay in Burra in 2004," recalls Wol'.

"We staged a silver-service dinner for over 400 guests in Paxton Square. Mid North Party Hire supplied a huge marquee, a Yorke Peninsula band called 'Max Tillage' performed, and we held an auction of our artwork and Craneford Wines."

Family and close friends volunteered to wait tables, and accomplished chef Mike Goodlett ran the catering. "We even provided a full cooked breakfast for the teams the next morning," says Wol'. "No sleep that night!"

The event was an unqualified success, raising a huge \$38,000.

Event number two: \$40,000

The following year the Parsons tackled another Variety Bash event, this time at Clare Valley's Bungaree Station.

"We had largely the same team of volunteers," says Wol', "and it was another great success—despite heavy rain making conditions very tricky!"

The family again raised around \$40,000.

The legacy continues

Following some well-earned rest after their first two forays, the Parsons have since "rolled up their sleeves" for cancer research on numerous occasions.

They've raised around another \$20,000 through various art exhibitions—nowadays also featuring works from Ally's 19-year-old son, Henry—and don't plan on stopping any time soon.

"We're proud of our small contribution," says Wol'. "We like to think we've made a difference."

Yes, Wol', you and your family have made a difference, and we're eternally grateful.



Couldn't have done it without 'em

The Parsons would like to thank the following sponsors and individuals for their generous support over many years, in addition to numerous small businesses and volunteers:

- T&R Pastoral (now Thomas Foods)
- CMV Group (the Crawford Family)
- Coopers Brewery
- Nippy's
- Mid North Party Hire
- Tip Top Bakery
- Angelakis Brothers
- Adelaide Produce Market
- Bernard Mahar
- The Hawker family
- Craneford Wines
- Haigh's Chocolates
- Galipo Food Company
- Coca Cola
- Norwood Foodland.



End of blinding eye disease a big step closer

We're delighted to report our May 2017 campaign to raise funds for research into the groundbreaking use of advanced hyper spectral imaging technology to more effectively detect and monitor blinding eye disease was extremely successful.

As hoped, the money raised has allowed the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Ophthalmic Research Laboratories to progress to the critical next stage—clinical trials.

Lead researcher Professor Robert Casson and his team were incredibly grateful for this vital support, and recently showed their appreciation by taking a group of RAH Research Fund donors on a guided tour of their state-of-the-art new facilities.

"It was an absolute pleasure to have the opportunity to meet some of the fund's supporters in person and discuss our research," says Professor Casson.

"But they're not the only ones who deserve recognition, of course. I want to sincerely thank absolutely everyone who donated to the campaign. Your collective generosity plays a huge part in enabling us to continue our sight-saving research."

In addition to the hyper spectral imaging work, Professor Casson says his team has another equally exciting investigation underway, relating to the use of a new "gentle" laser that improves cells' energy production and reduces pollutant by-products.

The Novel Laser is currently being trialled by Adelaide-based ophthalmic laser company Ellex in individuals with diabetic eye disease, and the RAH team is conducting concurrent laboratory studies to determine the technology's unique mechanism of action.

"This type of laser has been successfully used to heal wounds and is proving to have remarkable properties in treating diseases of the retina, the light-sensitive film at the back of the eye."

"We're also planning a study to test the same laser's effectiveness for treating glaucoma, and are hopeful this collaboration with Ellex will enable big steps forward in the treatment of blinding eye diseases."

"I want to sincerely thank absolutely everyone who donated to the campaign."



"Your collective generosity plays a huge part in enabling us to continue our sight-saving research."

Professor Robert Casson

Image: CALHN Fundraising Manager, Simon Blight thanks Professor Robert Casson

Supporter Profile

CRAB: Cancer Research Advocate Bikers



We couldn't be more grateful for CRAB's truly phenomenal effort. Thank you, Blueys'!

Background

Cancer Research Advocate Bikers (CRAB) is a not-for-profit organisation that was originally founded in Queensland by a biker named Robbie Grimstone in 2004.

After losing his mother, Shirley, to cancer, Robbie was motivated to raise money for cancer research in the hopes of finding a cure. He recruited a few likeminded mates and CRAB was born.

In the ensuing years, the group's spirit and good works have spread far and wide. There are now four CRAB branches in Australia, and even one in Switzerland. Embracing the group's acronym, each branch is named after a different type of crab:

- In Victoria it's the Mornington Peninsula Hermits.
- In NSW there are the Kingies in Bermagui and the Yabbies (clearly honorary crabs!) in the Riverina.
- Switzerland has the Hummers.

Here in South Australia we've got the Blueys'.

"It means a lot to us to support the RAH Research Fund. Many of us have been touched by cancer in some way, so we're all passionate about helping to improve treatment and find a cure."

Heather Kemble, Treasurer CRAB (SA)

What have they raised?

A lot! To date, the group has contributed a staggering total of over \$140,000 to the RAH Research Fund, including an incredible \$41,000 this year alone.

All the Blueys' donations go directly to the Hanson Institute for cancer research at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, with a particular focus on prostate and testicular cancer.

How have they raised it?

Many people volunteer their time to help the Blueys' raise money, conducting two major family-friendly, community-based bike runs every year—the "Testi-Kool" run" in February and "Roll the Dice" in October.

The group also donates earnings from flag marshalling at local motocross meets, and regularly raffles donated goods.

Going above and beyond

Even within a group as generous as the Blueys', this young member's efforts stand out. Earlier this year, 11-year-old Tansy personally raised \$2,630 for the Research Fund by cutting her hair, and then also donated that hair to the RAH so that it could be made into a wig for cancer sufferers—truly inspirational.

Breathe easier



“Medical researchers can only truly innovate with donations. Without your support, we can’t follow through on our ideas and make the quantum leaps humanity needs. You have my utmost admiration.”

Dr Eugene Roscioli, RAH Chronic Inflammatory Lung Disease Research Laboratory

With your support, RAH researchers could significantly reduce the impact of lung disease for thousands of Australians

When it comes to Australians’ respiratory health, the signs aren’t good. Our incidence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)—encompassing emphysema, chronic bronchitis and chronic asthma—is rising; those at greatest risk are over-75’s; and we have an ageing population.

But hope is on the horizon. Ongoing research at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) is providing critical insights into two major aggravators of the disease, and—with your support—could significantly improve COPD sufferers’ quality of life.

The RAH Chronic Inflammatory Lung Disease Research Laboratory is investigating two leading causes of COPD “exacerbations”; major flare-ups that worsen airway inflammation, produce intense discomfort, require hospitalisation, and reduce life expectancy.

The first line of inquiry is seeking to better understand and quantify the effect of bushfire smoke exposure on those with COPD. The second is looking at the use of a novel, non-antibacterial antibiotic treatment to help the body rid itself of a bacterium called nontypeable

COPD: a growing global problem

According to Lung Foundation Australia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease:

- was the third leading cause of death worldwide in 2010
- was responsible for 4.5% of all deaths in Australia in 2014, up from 3.7% in 2005
- affects 14% of Australians aged 40 or over, and 29% aged 75 or over
- is the second leading cause of avoidable hospital admissions in Australia
- is primarily caused by smoking, and considered preventable.

haemophilus influenza (NTHi), thought to cause around 50% of all COPD exacerbations.

According to Laboratory Manager Dr Eugene Roscioli, both projects promise enormous potential benefits. “Exacerbations are a nightmare for people with COPD,” he says. “They can knock years off their lives, and are extremely distressing.”

“If we can help prevent exacerbations it could make a huge difference to the way people with COPD live out their lives.”

Increasing bushfire smoke contributing to perfect COPD storm

Climate scientists’ predictions of more bushfires in Australia over coming decades as a result of climate change is of great concern to healthcare authorities.

“It could cause a big increase in COPD exacerbations,” says Dr Roscioli. “That’s obviously worrying for the individuals involved, but also for healthcare providers. Hospitals could be inundated with COPD-related issues.”

“Bushfire smoke can cover hundreds of kilometres and affect millions of people. Plus, populations are increasingly encroaching on forested areas. That means more people are going to be near prescribed fires, undertaken to reduce bushfire impact.”

With this in mind, Dr Roscioli’s seeking further RAH Research Fund support to progress his team’s preliminary research, which has indicated bushfire smoke has a similarly detrimental effect on airways to cigarette smoke.

“Our research could allow authorities to confidently inform people with COPD that if they stay home with a bushfire nearby,

they’re highly likely to be hospitalised with an exacerbation.”

“That could definitely influence their decision to stay or go.”

Taking away a dangerous bug’s “Trojan horse”

For most people, NTHi is relatively harmless. In COPD sufferers, it’s nasty. The bacterium is carried from its usual home in the ears into the lungs, where it causes frequent exacerbations.

The body has its own in-built system for clearing intracellular material, called “autophagy”, or “xenophagy” when the material’s pathogenic, like NTHi. But unfortunately, this process doesn’t work in people with COPD.

The nature of this dysfunction mystified researchers for years; but no more. Dr Roscioli’s team recently became the world’s first to pinpoint the precise ways in which autophagy in COPD sufferers is defective—and what they found could now lead to a major treatment advance.

“We learned the autophagy process was blocked in people with COPD in two specific ways,” says Dr Roscioli, “and that traditional antimicrobial antibiotic treatments were contributing to these blocks.”

“Rather than helping people, the antibiotics were helping the NTHi, and turning patients’ lungs into Trojan horses—giving the bugs somewhere to hide and multiply. And the drugs’ repeated application, of course, also risked contributing to the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.”

Having made this critical breakthrough, Dr Roscioli’s team is now seeking

additional RAH Research Fund support to progress testing of a new form of non-antibacterial antibiotic, created by industry collaborators Gilead Sciences. Rather than directly targeting the NTHi, the new therapies work to repair the body’s intracellular clearance system.

“Our findings are only preliminary at this stage, but do indicate the new treatments are indeed helping the autophagy process,” he says.

“By targeting this pathway, rather than the NTHi specifically, we’ll mitigate the issue of antibiotic-resistance, support the clearance of the bugs from the cells, and help COPD sufferers avoid many dangerous exacerbations.”

“It could be a big win-win.”



Please support Dr Roscioli’s work with COPD

If you share our belief in the potential of Dr Roscioli’s work to help thousands of Australians with COPD reduce life-limiting flare-ups, please indicate your support on the enclosed donation slip. **Your selfless generosity will make an enormous difference.**

Bear necessity

Our mascot needs a name!

We're currently in the process of finding a cuddly, too-cute-for-words teddy bear to be our new mascot for the RAH Research Fund.



But for the life of us we can't think what to name it. So, we're inviting you, our wonderful supporters, to help!

Send us your most creative suggestion, and if yours is selected it will not only be printed on the teddy's bib, but we'll also take you on a complimentary guided tour of the state-of-the-art new RAH and give you a bear to take home.

Simply email your entry to contactus@rahresearchfund.com.au by 30 December 2017, and we'll announce the winner—and reveal our chosen bear—in the next newsletter.

The teddies will be available for purchase at the RAH Research Fund Newsagency and Hub (ground floor, level 3), with all proceeds, of course, going to the Research Fund.

Now pop your thinking cap on and show us you're smarter than the average bear!

Introducing the new RAH Research Fund team

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- \$25 \$35 \$45 \$55 \$100 Other \$ _____

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4. In the instance of any variation of this debit agreement, the Royal Adelaide Hospital Research Fund reserves the right to inform of such changes in writing with no less than 14 days notice.
5. If you wish to alter or defer this agreement please phone the Royal Adelaide Hospital Research Fund on (08) 7074 1445 or submit your request in writing via email or mail (details on this letterhead).
6. All requests to Stop or Cancel this Agreement may be sent to the Royal Adelaide Hospital Research Fund in writing via email or mail (details below). You may also direct your request to your financial institution. It is your responsibility to have sufficient clear funds available in the relevant account by the due date to allow for the payment to be debited.
7. In the event the debit is unsuccessful, we will make attempts to contact you via phone or mail to attempt to recover your payment or amendment to the initial agreement upon your instructions.
8. If you wish to dispute any debit payment made by the Royal Adelaide Hospital Research Fund, please contact us by phone, email or mail and we will make every attempt to resolve your dispute. You may also direct your claims to your financial institution.
9. Direct Debit, through BECS, is not available on all accounts; You are advised to check account details against a recent statement from your financial institution; If uncertain, please check with your financial institution before completing this Direct Debit Request DDR Service Agreement.
10. Your account details will be kept private & confidential and required only for the purposes stipulated on this Agreement otherwise required by the Bank in the event of a claim or relating to an alleged incorrect or wrongful debit. If you wish to notify us in writing about anything to this agreement, you should write to; Royal Adelaide Hospital Research Fund, RAH, Port Road, Adelaide SA 5000.
11. We may send notices either electronically to your email address or by ordinary post to the address you have given us.