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## Celebrating 60 years of research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital



*L-R: Mr Paul Flynn CEO THRF Group, Professor John Beltrame AM, Director of Research CALHN, Professor Richard Ruffin AM, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Mr Raymond Spencer, Chair CALHN, Dr Prue Cowled and Professor Guy Maddern, Director of Research BHI, TQEH*

A gala dinner celebrating 60 years of life-changing research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) and the 30th anniversary of TQEH Research Expo was held at the National Wine Centre on Wednesday 13 October 2021. The dinner's host, Director of Research at the BHI, TQEH, Professor Guy Maddern, summarised the night saying "The 60/30 dinner and celebration was a great success, bringing together the old, the new and the future leaders in medical science. I have always been very proud of what the BHI has achieved, and after last night's event I have no doubt about its future."

The event began with a welcome from MCs Dr Giri Krishnan and Dr Jessica Reid. Giri recently submitted his PhD thesis, which he completed with the ENT Surgery group, while Jess is a research officer with the Surgical Science Research Group. Professor Guy Maddern, then introduced guest speakers Isobel Marshall and Eloise Hall, who spoke about how their business, Taboo Period Products [[tabooau.com](http://tabooau.com)], came to be and how everyone can help end period poverty.

Invited guests including colleagues and supporters from CALHN, the three major South Australian Universities, The Hospital Research Foundation Group, as well as current and former researchers at TQEH, then enjoyed delicious food and wine while engaging in lively conversation.

A [video](#) celebrating 60 years of research at TQEH was then shown to the audience, before

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#### BHI Seminars

The seminar program recommences in March 2022

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4pm Wednesday 24 November

# BHI HUB

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This October, we celebrated. We celebrated 6 decades of research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and 3 decades of TQEH Research Expo (formerly known as TQEH Research Day).

To our knowledge a celebration of this scale, dedicated to research at the Hospital, has not happened before. There have been dinner dances for staff of the Hospital, staff have been encouraged to enter the SA SportsGirl Quest as a fund raiser, and Research day has traditionally ended with drinks and nibbles (or buffet and cocktails), and occasionally a dinner.

This year, a dinner was held on the evening of 13 October at the National Wine Centre of Australia and attended by members of our research community, alumni, colleagues and supporters to celebrate 60 years of Research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We were joined by Her Excellency, Ms Frances Adamson, AC, Governor of South Australia and Mr Rod Bunten. Isobel Marshall, Young Australian of the Year, and co-founder of TABOO, with her business partner, Eloise Hall, began the evening with a presentation. A video, created by the talented team at THRF Group, was shown and inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Awards were presented. The room was noisy, the guests stayed and the event was referred to as a triumph by a guest on twitter – signs of a very successful event. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night happen, and to our major sponsor, The Hospital Research Foundation Group.

We followed this dinner with the 30th TQEH Research Expo, a summary of which can be found later in this edition of Winning News.

This October, we celebrated TQEH's impressive research success and the impact of this research on South Australia and the world. We should not leave it another 60 years before we do this again!

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## Celebrating 60 years of TQEH Research



L-R: Guest Speakers Eloise Hall and 2021 Young Australian of the Year Isobel Marshall, co-founders of Taboo Period Products

## Inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Awards

[continued from p1] Professor Maddern announced that three inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Awards were to be presented by the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. He did not realise that a fourth award was to follow these! The biographies read out for each recipient are included below, together with a photo of each recipient receiving their award, a Tom Dixon designed salt grinder - to represent Basil's immense contribution to the world, from his group's research linking iodine deficiency with significant brain damage in unborn children through to campaigns to include iodized salt in the diet, an effort that continues today through the [Iodine Global Network](#).

**Professor Richard Ruffin AM:** "Richard Ruffin (Dick) joined The Queen Elizabeth Hospital as the senior director of the Thoracic Medicine Unit on the 13th of August 1990. He was recruited from the Flinders Medical Centre where he had spent 12 years as a senior consultant.

In 1998 Dick was appointed as the Michell Professor of Medicine at The University of Adelaide, based at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a position he held until 2010.

Dick's research focussed on the epidemiology of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, defining the incidence, prevalence, severity and burden of disease. He was instrumental in establishing the North West Adelaide Health Study, a longitudinal study of South Australians that has run from 1999 and continues today. He has an impressive publication record, a current h-index of 61 and continued to publish with colleagues at the BHI, his most recent publication being in 2017. Dick also continued his involvement in research as Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee at TQEH from 2014 until late 2017.

Dick has received many other awards for his outstanding contributions to research in respiratory medicine, including a Member of the Order of Australia in 2005 and a SA Great Award in 2008.

Tonight, we honour Emeritus Professor Richard Ruffin with an inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Award in recognition of his exceptional contribution to research at the BHI, TQEH."



## Inaugural BHI Awards (continued)

**Dr Prue Cowled:** “The first paper Prue Cowled published, in July 1978, was three years after commencing with the Department of Medicine at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. There was a time when her affiliations also included the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as well as Medicine. It was all settled, however, when she defected to Surgery in November 1994, being appointed the RP Jepson Research Fellow, a role she holds to this day. Prue’s career at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital has been long and influential.

Prue has shown exceptional leadership and made lasting contributions to the research programs of staff and students at the BHI, TQEH. She has acted as a post-graduate coordinator for The University of Adelaide from 1994 to the present. For over 21 years she developed and ran TQEH Research Day (now TQEH Research Expo). TQEH Research Expo is a postgraduate conference for students studying on TQEH precinct and is currently in its 30th year, a milestone we are celebrating tonight. TQEH Research Expo’s success is in a large part due to Prue’s long and passionate stewardship.

Prue is threatening to retire after some 47 years of service to research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and our community will be impoverished for this, if it happens!

Tonight, we honour Dr Prue Cowled with an inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Award in recognition of her exceptional contribution to research at the BHI, TQEH.”

Prue says of her time at TQEH “I recall being at a meeting of TQEH researchers in the late 1980’s where I became aware of the concept of a research institute. After this, research at TQEH ramped up and I continue to be amazed at how far we have come!”



**THRF Group and Mr Paul Flynn:** “Research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital has always been promoted and funded by The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Research Foundation. TQEH Research Foundation was the first of its kind in the state. Approved in principle in 1960, the foundation was incorporated on the 21st of September 1965. The history of research and the history of the foundation have been entwined ever since. We would not all be in this room tonight celebrating the long and illustrious history of research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital without what is now known as The Hospital Research Foundation Group.

Mr Paul Flynn joined The Hospital Research Foundation Group in 2009 as the Chief Executive Officer after a multifaceted career in the Finance and Not-for-profit sectors.

Paul is an innovative and entrepreneurial leader who enjoys working with health networks, universities and other stakeholders to fulfil THRF Group’s vision to deliver world-leading medical research and patient care initiatives across South Australia. He is passionate about giving medical and scientific researchers the opportunity to progress their lifesaving work for the benefit of all Australians. THRF Group continues to support that mission of the BHI, TQEH.

Tonight, we honour the role of The Hospital Research Foundation Group, and their inspirational CEO, Mr Paul Flynn, with an inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Award in recognition of exceptional contribution to supporting research at the BHI, TQEH.”

Paul writes of this award “On behalf of my colleagues at The Hospital Research Foundation Group we congratulate TQEH on their 60 years of life saving medical research and we are very humbled to be acknowledged with an inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Award.”





## Inaugural BHI Awards (continued)

After presiding over the first three awards, Professor Maddern returned to his seat only to discover that another award was to be made. Scientific Director of the BHI, Associate Professor Joy Rathjen, announced with great delight that Professor John Beltrame AM was to speak about a final awardee. John's notes follow:

### Professor Guy Maddern:

"It is with great pleasure and an honour to be able to say a few words about Prof Guy Maddern, who would be known to most people here tonight. Guy exemplifies a passionate clinical academic, with relentless drive, energy and commitment as reflected in his multiple current roles, which include:

- The RP Jepson Professor of Surgery & the Surgical Discipline Lead at The University of Adelaide
- The Director of Research, of the Basil Hetzel Institute for Translational Health Research at TQEH
- Coordinator of Rural Surgical Services for The University of Adelaide, and
- Surgical Director of Research & Evaluation at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons



Guy undertook his undergraduate medical training, PhD, Master of Surgery and MD at The University of Adelaide, receiving multiple awards including the RP Jepson medal, and Nimmo Prize on two occasions (since one wasn't enough). His postdoctoral studies were undertaken at multiple institutions, including in Switzerland, France, Germany, England and the United States; thereby providing a vast international experience, which would serve him well in his clinical academic career.

In 1993, he literally returned to his place of birth, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital; to a dual appointment as The University of Adelaide RP Jepson Professor of Surgery and the Director for the Division of Surgery at the hospital. Thus, *his name has been synonymous with TQEH surgery & research for more than 28 years.*

In 1996, he was appointed as the Director of the Clinical Development Research Centre at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a role that he has developed and still holds today. Under his visionary leadership, research at TQEH has evolved with major infrastructure innovations including:

- Establishment of the Basil Hetzel Institute for Translational Health Research
- Formal review of research performance of the BHI groups
- A comprehensive and creative Annual BHI Research Report
- Developing a close relationship with TQEH Research Foundation, which has now evolved to The Hospital Research Foundation Group
- Maintaining basic research facilities and support at TQEH, and
- Attracting outstanding research groups to the Basil Hetzel Institute

In addition to these research achievements, Guy has been a leader and advocate for improved health service delivery and health technology assessment with innovations such as:

## Inaugural BHI Awards (continued)

- SAPACT – South Australian Policy Advisory Committee on Technology, which he chairs
- ASERNIP-S – Australian Safety & Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical
- and the development of surgical skills simulation laboratories

Indeed, he has an exemplary research track record with over 570 publications and reports, and more than \$65 million in research funding.

With all these outstanding achievements, he does have some flaws! Firstly, he is a surgeon, and we physicians are weary of these folk and secondly, he is a crazed Port Power fan.

Joking aside, the BHI, TQEH has been most fortunate to have Guy's leadership over the past 28 years, and we expect that he will continue these roles for many years to come; particularly as *he is a giant on whose shoulders future generations will stand upon to carry on TQEH motto of Petimus, Docemus, Curamus – We Seek, We Teach, We Heal.*

Thus tonight, we honour the achievements of the RP Jepson Professor of Surgery, Professor Guy Maddern, with the inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Award In recognition of his Excellence in Research Leadership at the BHI, TQEH.

Thank you Guy."

To a standing ovation Professor Maddern was presented with his award by Chair of CALHN, Mr Raymond Spencer [photo previous page]. When asked a few days afterwards about the night, fellow awardee Professor Dick Ruffin said "...while the dinner contained many highlights for me – memories rekindled, meeting colleagues and hearing about the brilliant young innovators and researchers, the major highlight for me was to see the public recognition of Guy Maddern for his endeavours at TQEH, and to be able to participate in the standing ovation that occurred in recognition of his work for research and the BHI, TQEH. Over the past 30 years Guy has shown leadership, persistence, advocacy, innovation and a personal publication record that have been translated into producing a stream of researchers, a new building and an annual record of BHI research as some of the markers of his success. A truly remarkable feat."



Following the awards, official proceedings were then brought to a close by some thoughtful remarks from Professor Caroline McMillen, AO, Chief Scientist of South Australia.

The BHI, TQEH thanks the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at The University of Adelaide for their assistance with audiovisual support, CALHN for the leadership award, and our major sponsor - [The Hospital Research Foundation Group](#).

To see more photos from the night please visit the [BHI website](#). All photographs taken by Andrew Beveridge from [ASB Creative](#).

Click [here](#) to view the video, created by Mena Soliman from THRF Group.



## 30th TQEH Research Expo

Congratulations to the 30th TQEH Research Expo Award Winners, in the photo below with (L-R) Professor Andrew Zannettino, CALHN/The University of Adelaide, Man Ying Li, Minister Stephen Wade MLC, Joshua Kovoov, Lana Matteucci, Matt Cowdry MP, Dr Anna Megow, Professor Guy Maddern, Director of Research BHI, TQEH, Muhammed Awad and Paul Flynn, CEO THRF Group.



30th TQEH Research Expo Award Winners:

Category	Prize Sponsor	Winner	BHI Research Group
Best Lay Description	The University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences (\$350)	Amita Ghadge, The University of Adelaide	Breast Biology and Cancer Unit
Best Mini-Oral Presentation	Southern Cross Science (\$500)	Dr Madeleine Bryant, The University of Adelaide	Rheumatology Research Group
Best Mini-Oral Presentation	University of South Australia, Clinical & Health Sciences (\$500)	Dr Sheree Cross, CALHN	Solid Tumour Group
Best Oral Presentation: Honours & Summer Students	The Hospital Research Foundation Group (\$1000)	Lana Matteucci, University of South Australia	Therapeutics Research Centre
Best Oral Presentation: Junior Laboratory Research	The University of Adelaide, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences (\$1000)	Man Ying (Celine) Li, The University of Adelaide	Surgical Science Research Group
Best Oral Presentation: Senior Laboratory Research	University of South Australia, Clinical & Health Sciences (\$1000)	Muhammed Awad, University of South Australia	ENT Surgery
Best Oral Presentation: Junior Clinical Research	The Hospital Research Foundation Group (\$1000)	Joshua Kovoov, The University of Adelaide	Surgical Science Research Group
Best Oral Presentation: Senior Clinical Research	AusHealth (\$1000)	Dr Anna Megow, The University of Adelaide	ENT Surgery

## 30th TQEH Research Expo (continued)

Chair of TQEH Research Expo Organising Committee, BHI Scientific Director, Associate Professor Joy Rathjen provides the following summary of the 30th TQEH Research Expo:

“The research expo is a fantastic event that the students gain so much from...” “It was fun...” “...a total pleasure” “...feel a little old watching these terrific folk present.”

These are some quotes from our chairs about their thoughts on participating in the 30th TQEH Research Expo.

TQEH Research Expo was held for the 30th consecutive year. This milestone has prompted an evaluation of the history of research at the hospital and of Research day. In 1994, the third year of TQEH Research Day, “[the] committee resolved to maintain the established philosophy of promoting the Day for student researchers and those in training from either medical or scientific backgrounds, to enhance their scientific communication skills under conditions with are typical of most professional society congresses. ...it is hoped that medical research of TQEH will be further enhanced when these folk move on to deliver their research work to such congresses...”

This statement is as true for the 30th TQEH Research Expo as it was for the third.

Also, as noted then, this event cannot happen without the contribution of a great many people. Thank you to:

- the judges who shoulder the difficult burden of deciding the winners, and a particular note of 3 judges – Dr Yuliy Chirkov, Prof. John Horowitz and Dr Prue Cowled who acted as judges in 1994 and 2021, and no doubt in many years in between.
- the chairs, who find the time in their diaries to join us, encourage the students and add to the experience.
- the plenary lecturer, Dr Michael Cusack, SA Chief Medical Officer, who shared his thoughts and experiences around the use of performance data in health services, drawing on the events that happened in the Bristol Royal Infirmary in the early 1990s.
- the Hon Stephen Wade MLC, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, who again gave of his time to present the awards to our winners.
- the sponsors, with particular note to TQEH Research Foundation (now THRF Group) who sponsored TQEH Research Day in 1994 and who have continued to sponsor this event to this day.





## 30th TQEH Research Expo (continued)

- the audiences – colleagues and friends without whom we would not achieve conditions “typical of most professional societies.”
- And, finally, to the organising committee. I extend my sincere gratitude to my colleagues on the organising committee on the work they have done in the planning and on the day.

We received 35 abstracts this year from student researchers and those in training working in laboratory-based and clinical projects. We enjoyed 4 hours and 19 minutes of student talks and 2 hours and 8 minutes of questions over a day and half. We gave out \$6350 in prizes. The talks were universally excellent, and the students made the job of the abstract and presentation judging panels very difficult. It was a wonderful research expo. Congratulations to all the students who presented.

I will finish on the challenge given to our students by Minister Wade. In the last three years, students who participated in the 3 minute thesis (3MT®) competition have presented their work, in 3MT® format, to a lay audience at expo. The audience has included supporters from the universities, the foundation, CALHN and the government. These talks have quickly become very popular. Last year we had 5 presenters and they wowed our community. This year, just one (thank you to Muhammed Awad). Next year, Minister Wade would like to see 6 3MT® presentations, so to eligible students reading this – 2022 is the year to enter the 3MT® competition.

We all know that none of this happens without the research team – Dr Rebecca Anderson, Kathryn Hudson and Imogen Ball – thank you from all of us.

*Associate Professor Joy Rathjen*



*L-R: Professor Guy Maddern, Director of Research BHI, TQEH with the 30th TQEH Research Expo Plenary Lecturer Dr Michael Cusack, SA Chief Medical Officer*

A gallery of photos from the 30th TQEH Research Expo can be seen on the [BHI website](https://www.basilhetzelinstitute.com.au).

## Adelaide Immunology Retreat



*The Australian and New Zealand Society for Immunology Inc. (AIS) SA/NT Branch's Adelaide Immunology Retreat was held on the 18th and 19th of October.*

"The 2021 Adelaide Immunology retreat was held at the McLaren Vale Function Centre this year. We were lucky to have this opportunity as the retreat was cancelled last year due to COVID. We had over 30 speakers ranging from honours through to early career researchers. Our invited speakers discussed the research they've done throughout their scientific careers and the career decisions they've made which I've found to be really insightful. An important aspect of the retreat is for us to network and interact with other research groups in SA. We had a great time with our social activities including a scavenger hunt, wine tasting and the dinner quiz night.

There was a good representation of speakers from the BHI and Ghais Houtak won second prize for Best PhD presentation. I encourage more people to attend next year. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out, we're always keen for volunteers to help organise both the Day of Immunology and the Adelaide Immunology Retreat."

*Dr Kevin Fenix, Research Fellow with Surgical Science and ENT Surgery Research Groups*

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Zonta Club prepares birthing kits



The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens again visited the BHI on Saturday 30 October to hold a [Birthing Kit](#) Assembly Day. A group of Zonta members, friends and BHI staff enjoyed working on the project and assembled 600 kits which will be sent to developing countries to give women the best chance of a clean birth and a good outcome for mother and baby. Many thanks to the BHI for continuing to provide access to the seminar rooms for the event!

*Dr Prue Cowled*





# BHI STUDENT NEWS

## BHI STUDENT REPS 2021



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## Award: Dr Avisak Bhattacharjee

Breast Biology and Cancer Unit PhD student **Dr Avisak Bhattacharjee** was awarded Best Speaker of the Clinical Presentation category at a scientific meeting arranged by the South Australia Breast Cancer Study Group. The meeting was held in the Bradley Building at the University of South Australia on the 22nd October 2021. Avisak's prize, valued at \$500, was sponsored by Benson Radiology.



## Award: Ghais Houtak



ENT Surgery PhD student **Ghais Houtak** was awarded second prize for the best PhD presentation at the annual ASI meeting held on 18-19 October (Australian and New Zealand Society of Immunology). His ten minute presentation was titled "Eosinophilic airway inflammation elicited by *Staphylococcus aureus* strains: role in chronic rhinosinusitis". His prize included \$100 in addition to registration at the next ASI meeting. Ghais said of the meeting "It was a very well balanced conference with scientific depth, opportunities to meet new people, and fun!"

## Award: Joshua Kovoov

Surgical Science Research Group PhD student **Joshua Kovoov** was awarded one of the first Adelaide Medical School/Biomedicine Research Committee Publication Awards for "clever work outlining how surgical systems can improve patient outcomes, efficiency of care, and staff health via synchronising daily routines within the surgical and perioperative workflow to intrinsic circadian rhythms".

[Kovoov JG, Maddern GJ \(2021\) Seeing the light: surgical circadian rhythm. Br J Surg doi: 10.1093/bjs/znab315](#)



## BHI Off the Clock

All staff and students are welcome to attend these informing gatherings that are held on the last Wednesday of each month. The next event will be held in the Ground Floor Seminar Rooms from 4pm on Wednesday 24th November.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## STATISTICIAN AT THE BHI

Suzanne is available at the BHI each Tuesday and can be consulted by TQEH/ The University of Adelaide Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences staff and research higher degree students. Support is limited to 15 hours on a per project basis.



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## Online workshops for researcher development and training

The University of Adelaide Adelaide Medical School/School of Biomedicine Research Committee is offering the following online workshops for researcher development and training. All workshops are presented by Science and Technology Australia, and are available to staff and titleholders of AMS/SBM. They are capped at 30 participants. Register early using the this [link](#).

### **Learn to talk like TED: Wednesday 17 November at 2pm - 3:30pm**

The workshop presenter will share the secrets they use to coach TED presenters to tell good stories in the renowned TED way. A different approach to typical public speaking training, this session will focus on the art of storytelling to really engage an audience. Participants come away from the workshop with the confidence and skills to be a well rounded communicator ready to share their science and stories with broad audiences. This session tackles jargon and how to communicate work in a way that matters and more effectively connects with audiences.

### **Marie Kondo your writing: Thursday 9 December at 12:30pm - 2pm**

This session teaches the craft of writing well. Glean expert tips on how to declutter writing and become a stronger and more persuasive author. Participants will come away with a clear set of practical insights to apply straight away in their opinion pieces, research and public speaking. Writing with greater clarity and impact will help to lift attendee's broader leadership presence and profile. This session is delivered by Science & Technology Australia's CEO Misha Schubert. In her past roles as a highly respected senior print and broadcast journalist and political editor, she worked for major Australian news outlets including The Sunday Age, The Age, The Australian, ABC TV and Sky News.

*Further information:* [Associate Professor Wendy Ingman](#)

## TQEH Librarians

Every Wednesday a TQEH librarian, Anna or Rachel, visits the BHI (Room 1E.07). These librarians are from the SA Health Library Service, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital campus, and are available to assist you with constructing suitable literature and database searches for your research and help you obtain relevant material.

Please contact TQEH librarians [anna.holasek@sa.gov.au](mailto:anna.holasek@sa.gov.au) or [rachel.davey@sa.gov.au](mailto:rachel.davey@sa.gov.au) to arrange a Wednesday morning meeting, or another time at TQEH Library on level 5B of the Main Tower.

Alternatively, visit the library website at SALUS [<https://salus.sa.gov.au>] to view our services and resources or use the quick online chat option to contact us.

Please [register online](#) for a SALUS username and password to access online library resource.



## Pre-review service for clinical research grants

All research studies, including grant funded research, require appropriate ethics and governance approvals before they can commence. Unlike the NHMRC, many funding bodies do not utilise a peer-review system as part of their grant funding rounds. This can lead to delays in researchers obtaining the post-award approvals that are required before they can start their projects. **The CALHN Research Office is offering pre-application scientific review of clinical human research projects by the CALHN HREC Chair, Mr Ian Tindall, with a view to facilitating efficient post-award approval processes.**

For further information and submission please contact the CALHN Research Office on [Health.CALHNResearchEthics@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchEthics@sa.gov.au) or call 7117 2230

## CALHN Human Research Ethics Committee 2021 Submission and Meeting Dates for Applications

A list of all meeting dates can be found on the [BHI website](#)

HREC/IDSC Submission deadlines	CALHN HREC Meeting	IDSC Meeting
Monday 25 October 2021	Thursday 18 November 2021	Thursday 25 November 2021
Monday 8 November 2021		
Monday 22 November 2021	Thursday 16 December 2021	Thursday 16 December 2021

The Central Adelaide Local Health Network Human Research Ethics Committee (CALHN HREC) will hold two meetings and with two submission deadlines each month in 2021.

The Investigational Drug Sub-Committee (IDSC) will continue to meet monthly.

Studies involving early phase trial of investigational medicinal products require review and approval from both the IDSC and CALHN HREC.

Supporting documents are to be submitted to CALHN HREC via email  
[Health.CALHNResearchEthics@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchEthics@sa.gov.au)

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## Animal Ethics

Animal ethics applications go through The University of Adelaide Animal Ethics Committee.

Details of meeting and submission dates: [www.adelaide.edu.au/research-services/oreci/animal/applications/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/research-services/oreci/animal/applications/)

Contact details for this committee:

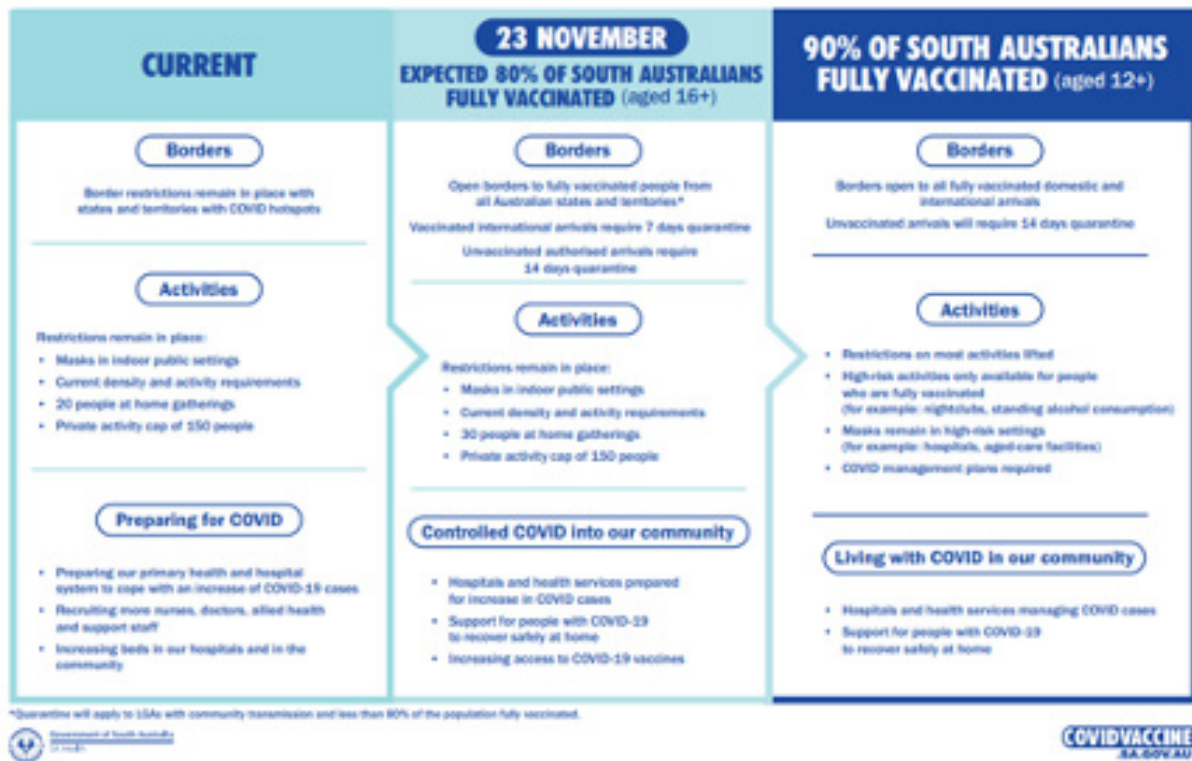
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# WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-READY PLAN



[South Australia's COVID-Ready Plan](#) outlines how COVID-19 will be managed in South Australia. As of November 23, South Australian borders will be open to other states and territories.

It is particularly important with more visitors coming into the state that current COVID-19 directions are adhered to. South Australia remains under [level 1 activity restrictions](#).

As a CALHN site, the wearing of [masks](#) and proof of [vaccination](#) is mandatory for all staff, students, contractors and visitors of the Basil Hetzel Institute, TQEH.

Please continue to:

- ☐ Check-in on arrival to the BHI using the QR-code provided
- ☐ Wear a mask indoors in common and open plan areas
- ☐ Socially distance where possible
- ☐ Have a COVID-19 test whenever you have symptoms
- ☐ Stay home when you are sick

Further information on The University of Adelaide's COVID-19 response can be found [here](#).



# PUBLICATIONS

If you wish to have a recent publication included, please send details to the BHI Communications Officer

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## Applications now open: BHI/TQEH Research Scholarships

The Hospital Research Foundation (THRF) Group, the Basil Hetzel Institute for Translational Health Research (BHI) and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) are pleased to invite applications for their [2022 Research Scholarship Grant Round](#).

The scholarships are offered via a competitive, application-based process and open to research students working on health and medical research projects at TQEH precinct with BHI, TQEH-based research supervisors.

THRF Group is funding the following research scholarship categories:

- Vacation Scholarships of \$200/week for up to eight (8) weeks
- Honours Scholarships of \$5,000 for one (1) year
- Higher Degree by Research Scholarships equivalent to the Research Training Program Stipend rate for either a PhD (3 years) or Masters (2 years).

Applications will only be accepted via the [SmartyGrants](#) platform and must be submitted by the **deadline of 4:00pm (ACDT) Wednesday 24 November 2021**.

## Celebrating 60 years of Research at TQEH



Last month, we were pleased to help celebrate 60 years of research at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. THRF Group CEO Paul Flynn was proud to accept an inaugural Basil Hetzel Institute Award recognising our exceptional support of research over nearly all of these 60 years.

Congratulations to Professor Guy Maddern who was recognised for his excellence in research leadership over more than two decades, and to Professor Richard Ruffin and Dr Prue Cowled who were both received awards for their exceptional contribution to research!

This [video](#), created by THRF Group, shows just some of the amazing research developments over the past 60 years!

# THRF GROUP NEWS CONTINUED

## \$150,000 to Help Young Women Escape Period Poverty



THRF Group is joining forces with social enterprise [TABOO](#) to fight period poverty!

The \$150,000 grant will go to TABOO's "[Pad It Forward](#)" program through the purchase of 4,300 boxes of pads every year for five years, which will support 700 people annually.

Period poverty is when someone cannot access or afford period products or education, something that is far too common in Australia and globally according to TABOO co-founders Isobel Marshall and Eloise Hall (pictured left).

Lack of access to period products can cause various physical, mental and social consequences, including affecting school and work attendance, and causing severe health and reproductive issues.

"At risk groups include people experiencing homelessness, Indigenous communities, school children, people experiencing poverty, and people fleeing domestic violence, among others," Isobel and Eloise said.

## New Charity Partnership Scoring Goals

We are excited to be joining forces with the Adelaide 36ers for the 2021/22 NBL season!

The 36ers have a proud history of success both on and off the court. With their exceptional game-day experience and community programs bringing families and friends together, all united on a common goal, they are the perfect partner to drive positive health messages and awareness.

We look forward to further engaging our shared supporters and wider community at 36ers games and other exciting opportunities to come!

[Click here](#) to read the full announcement.



## Attention Military Members: Kickstart your Career Transation Today

Registrations are now open for [StoryRight](#), a one-day workshop for those who served in Defence, whether full-time, part-time, regular or reserve. The workshop assists ex-serving Australian Defence Force members in their transition from military to civilian life by providing the tools to translate their military skills and experiences, boosting their confidence in the transition process and assisting in gaining post-ADF employment. [Military and Emergency Services Health Australia](#) part of THRF Group, in partnership with [Nova Systems](#) is proud to support this workshop, which has helped over 200 military personnel since inception.

**When:** 8:45 - 3:45pm Friday 26 November 2021

**Where:** The Hospital Research Foundation Group - Head Office - 62 Woodville Road, Woodville  
The Hospital Research Foundation Group – Head Office

**Cost:** \$10



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Adelaide Biomed City Mini-Reviews

Past ABMC Mini-Reviews can be [viewed online](#).

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# Adelaide BioMed City

## ABMC Research Mini-Reviews

Join our weekly webinar to find out  
about current research activities  
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### UniSA on Arthritis

Tuesday 30 November  
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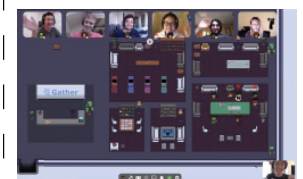
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# OPPORTUNITIES



Beat Cancer  
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## CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT CLINICAL INVESTIGATOR AWARD GUIDELINES

**Closing Date for Applications: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - 5pm ACST**

Applications are invited for the newly introduced Clinical Investigator Award scheme, offered through **Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project**.

The Beat Cancer Project is funded by Cancer Council SA and the SA Government (through SA Health) and administered by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Further details are available on the Beat Cancer Project [website](#).

### Aim of Clinical Investigator Award

The aim of the Clinical Investigator Award is to stimulate and encourage the clinical cancer research workforce capacity in South Australia. Seed funding will be awarded to early/mid-career clinician researchers who are looking to establish research programs in South Australia that align with the Beat Cancer Project objectives of:

- Scientific excellence
- Health relevance
- Research collaboration
- Translation of research results
- Mentoring and career development of early-career researchers
- Fostering the acquisition of NHMRC and other research funding.

Applications are invited from researchers from multiple clinical disciplines, including nursing, allied and public health professionals, with particular consideration given to applicants specializing in Aboriginal health equity research and Indigenous researchers.

### Funding Available

**Four (4)** Beat Cancer Project Clinical Investigator Awards will be available in this round. The funding scheme aims to provide financial support through a once only grant of **\$80,000**. The appointment will be for a one-year period and will not be renewable.

### Eligibility

The intent of the Clinical Investigator Award scheme is to provide support for early career clinical researchers to establish their clinical research programs.

To be eligible to apply for the Clinical Investigator Award, applicants need to be a medical graduate or a graduate of another clinical discipline with a definitive clinical appointment of at least 0.2 FTE. Applicants must be employed by a South Australian Institution and be located and conduct their research primarily in South Australia for the duration of the funding period.

Applicants need to have a PhD or equivalent qualification. Researchers without these qualification/s may be able to demonstrate an equivalent track record through evidence of postgraduate training, peer-reviewed publications, grant acquisitions and other achievements.

Applicants **must be within 10 years of PhD** or equivalent qualification being attained, or must submit their thesis by 31 December in the year of application. Where applicable, evidence of PhD pass date must be provided.



# OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



**Beat Cancer  
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## **CANCER COUNCIL SA BEAT CANCER PROJECT EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FUNDING GUIDELINES**

**Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - 5pm ACST**

Applications are invited for Early-Career Research (ECR) Fellowships offered through **Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project**.

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### **Aim of Early-Career Research Fellowship**

The aim of the ECR Fellowship program is to build research workforce capacity in South Australia, primarily by advancing the careers of post-doctoral researchers and by addressing Beat Cancer Project objectives of scientific excellence, health relevance, research collaboration, translation of research results, mentoring and career development of early-career researchers, and fostering the acquisition of NHMRC and other research funding.

Applications are invited from researchers across the research spectrum, however particular consideration will be made to researchers from the health services, population health and biomedical disciplines. The scheme is also highly suited to those individuals currently working overseas or interstate who are seeking support to return to a South Australian Institution.

Fellowships are open to research scientists, clinicians, as well as public or allied health professionals or professionals in health services administration.

### **Funding Available**

**Two (2)** Beat Cancer Project ECR Fellowship Packages will be available in this round. The funding scheme aims to provide financial support through a package of up to **\$80,000 per annum for 3 years for a full-time position, with the value of the award adjusted pro-rata**.

The scheme will **only** support cancer researchers who can bring matched dollar-for-dollar funding, taking the collective value of each package to up to \$160,000 per year. **The matched funding component is essential and can be from more than one source. The matched funding cannot be provided by SA Health or Cancer Council SA.**

**Applicants that are unable to provide matched funding will not be considered. In-kind support will not be considered as matched funding.**

Funding includes provision for non-salary expenses. This may be complemented by Institutional funding, depending on the associated employing Institutions remuneration practices. The appointment will be for a 3 year period and will not be renewable.

### **Eligibility**

The intent of the ECR Fellowship scheme is to provide salary support for early-career researchers and build the early-career workforce. **It is not possible to hold a Beat Cancer Project ECR Fellowship while simultaneously holding a Fellowship from another funding body e.g. NHMRC.**

To be eligible for an ECR Fellowship, applicants will usually have a PhD or equivalent qualification, but others without these qualification/s may be able to demonstrate an equivalent track record through evidence of postgraduate training, peer-reviewed publications, grant acquisitions and other achievements.