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## New website launched [www.nsf.org.au](http://www.nsf.org.au)

The Neil Sachse Foundation is proud to announce its new website! This website will serve as a focal point for information and announcements about our current activities, as well as being an easy way to donate to assist in our vital work.

This website was made possible through a grant funded by United Way SA. The Neil Sachse Foundation would like to thank United Way SA for its support.

Thanks are also extended to designCentric for their efforts in designing and launching the website, as we are very pleased with the result and hope that you visit it and read more about our activities.

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## Newsflash:

### Spinal Treatment Australia renamed as the NEIL SACHSE FOUNDATION

The Board and supporters of Spinal Treatment Australia have recently decided to commemorate the work done to find a cure for spinal cord injury by Neil Sachse. Therefore, they have decided to change the name of the organisation from Spinal Treatment Australia to the Neil Sachse Foundation.

Neil founded the organisation in 1994 and has since worked tirelessly towards finding a cure through fundraising and coordinating research.

As well as commemorating Neil's commitment to the organisation and his work towards finding a cure, the change of name also enables further marketing and promotional avenues as the organisation's image is now more personal.

This is a positive move and we believe it will improve the organisation's profile and increase its business opportunities.

## Neil Sachse Foundation OFFICIAL LAUNCH



Clockwise from top left: Otto Baumgartner and Ary Van Keff from the Rotary Club of Modbury with Neil Sachse and their donor recognition certificate

Brendon Gale of the AFL Players Association being presented with his donor recognition certificate by CEO, Neil Sachse

Mark Aiston, MC, opens the Launch

Alan Moore and James Kinghorn of Paraquad SA HomeCare Plus with their donor recognition certificate

To celebrate the change of organisation name to the Neil Sachse Foundation, an Official Launch was held on November 21st at the Lakes Resort Hotel in West Lakes, Adelaide.

This event was well attended by approximately 75 people, with representation from government, the private sector, the footballing world, the media and Foundation supporters. The Hon Bob Sneath, MLC, President of the Legislative Council, representing the Hon Mike Rann, Premier of South Australia officially launched the Foundation.

Mark Aiston from Channel 10 and media insider was the MC for the function, and he interviewed CEO, Neil Sachse about the high prospects of finding a cure for spinal cord injury. Flinders University Professor Robert Rush then spoke about the nerve regeneration research conducted through the organisation and Neil Sachse Foundation Chairman Rick Harley gave a presentation on the organisation's history and our partnerships with others. Finally, The Advertiser Chairman Peter Wylie spoke about the vital importance of supporting the Foundation and its work.

A fundraising appeal was also launched in conjunction with this event. The target for this appeal is to raise \$1 million over two years, via 100 community minded individuals and businesses each giving \$5000 per year.

**Already, there have been a number of donors, who were formally acknowledged at the Official Launch. The inaugural donor was Paraquad SA HomeCare Plus, followed by Graeme Bignell, Adtrans, John and Sandy Johnston, the Advertiser Sunday Mail Foundation, the Rotary Club of Modbury and the AFL Players Association. The Neil Sachse Foundation would like to thank these donors for kicking off this fundraising campaign.**

The Official Launch was a resounding success, with positive feedback and a supportive atmosphere. This could not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: The Lakes Resort Hotel, designCentric, Three Reasons, Hewitson Wines, Warren Public Relations, Mark Aiston and Matt Oborn. The Neil Sachse Foundation thanks these sponsors for their support which is greatly appreciated.

## Message from the Chairman RICK HARLEY



Welcome to the December issue of Stand Up. Firstly, I would like to extend Seasons Greetings to all and hope that you have a great festive season and a happy and safe Christmas.

It has been a very busy few months here at the Neil Sachse Foundation, with the name change and Official Launch, the Anderson Solicitors Pasta Night and the Dinner with a Minister event, not to mention the establishment of our new website ([www.nsf.org.au](http://www.nsf.org.au)). The AGM was held while this newsletter was being printed and so the results will be reported in the next newsletter.

The Official Launch was a great event and I would like to thank all those that assisted in making this day such a success. A fundraising appeal was also launched, which is very exciting as it will help us achieve some great things.

With your support the Neil Sachse Foundation will:

- operate as a Centre of Excellence for Spinal Cord Injury Research and Treatment;
- provide a platform for clinical trials;
- provide a hub for testing and evaluating spinal cord injury research;
- investigate and test worldwide technologies through our associations with similar, like-minded organisations;
- coordinate with our partnership organisations.

The fundraising appeal launched has a target of \$1 million. This amount of funding will facilitate the:

- employment of researchers to conduct specific projects;
- purchase of necessary equipment and resources;
- collaboration between relevant individuals and organisations, nationally and internationally;
- commencement of clinical trials;
- sourcing of further funds through established medical funding systems.

We are extremely excited about what this \$1 million will achieve and we hope that each and every one of you will get behind us and support us, as it cannot happen without funds. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help us make a difference to those living with spinal cord injuries.

## Andersons Solicitors PASTA NIGHT

The most successful Pasta Night yet was held on October 6th this year. \$19,500 was raised, which is a great result, with an increase of \$8,000 from last year's \$11,500.

The Andersons Solicitors Pasta Night was held at the Marche Club in Paradise, and it was a memorable evening with all-you-can-eat Pasta, Elvis floorshow and live entertainment.

Both a live and a silent auction were held on the night with a little competition between the Adelaide Crows footy supporters and the Port Power supporters when their respective autographed guernseys went for auction. Other prizes included a Bed and Breakfast accommodation package at Pennys Hill winery, a cruise and accommodation package and various items for the home.

The silent auction saw many football jumpers sold as well as a framed, signed Adelaide 36ers singlet. The 45 raffle items provided excitement, although the Elvis floorshow was widely touted as the highlight of the night.

A great night was had by all, but it couldn't have happened without the contribution made by Stacey Joyce and Tracy Sachse for their help in organising the event, the four sponsors: Andersons Solicitors (gold), SA Care (silver), Datanet (silver) and Australian Mortgage Brokers (bronze), those who donated items for the auctions and raffle and finally, to attendees.

We hope that you all had a great time and will come again next year!

Thank you to all sponsors and donors:

Gold: **Andersons Solicitors**

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Some attendees taking advantage of meeting Elvis. From left, Shaun Kies, Russell Brewer, Elvis, Christy Kosch, Sarah Tomlinson and Ben Turner (front).

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## DINNER with a Minister

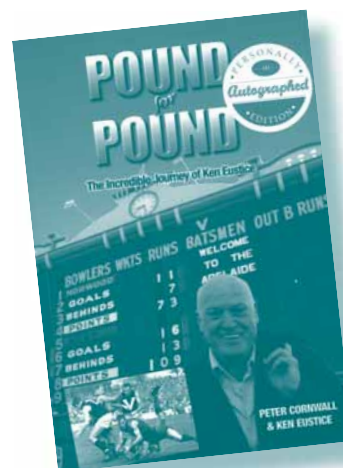
On August 29th, the Dinner with a Minister fundraising event was held at Parliament House. It was a great night of conversation and merriment with approximately 50 attendees.

Attendees had the relatively unique opportunity to eat a meal in the Parliamentary dining room and a number of people took the opportunity to take a personalised tour of Parliament House.

The Hon John Hill, Minister for Health was the Minister for the evening and he pledged a gift of \$5000 to the organisation, which is greatly appreciated and we thank him for this contribution and for his attendance at the function.

Approximately \$10,000 was raised from this event, which is the highest thus far and an encouraging result. Let's see if more can be raised next time!

We would like to thank Hon Bob Sneath, Ms Narrah Luks and Ms Kara Doyle for their support in putting on this event for the Foundation and to everyone that attended - it could not have been such a success without your participation.



## A great Christmas Idea

Buy Ken Eustice's autobiography "Pound for Pound"

Once a champion footballer, then a millionaire, then bankrupt, Ken Eustice's story has it all. His humble beginnings, the rise and fall of his fortunes and the journey to get back on track. The book is personally autographed, and it can be yours for the low cost of \$15. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Neil Sachse Foundation thanks to the generous support of Ken Eustice. Please visit our website [www.nsf.org.au](http://www.nsf.org.au) for an order form.



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## ICCP meeting in Atlanta, USA

The October meeting of the International Campaign for Cures of spinal cord injury Paralysis (ICCP) was held in Atlanta, USA. Keith Smith, the Medical Advisory Committee's Chairman attended this meeting on our behalf and found it to be a most informative and useful experience.

The ICCP provides a forum for discussion and collaboration between organisations around the world who, like us, are striving to cure spinal cord injury. Currently, clinical trial guidelines are being developed, increasing the industry's

knowledge and providing a platform from which to work from with respect to moving technology from the research laboratory to clinical trial.

We would like to thank Keith Smith for attending this meeting in Atlanta and we are confident that the knowledge and contacts gained from his attendance will be very useful for the Medical Advisory Committee in their discussions.

If you would like further information on ICCP, please visit <http://www.campaignforcure.org/>

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and a happy and safe  
New Year

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