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Neil and Mr Allan Scott OAM

Mt Lofty Workshop

Each year, the Computational Neuroscience Research Cluster at the University of Adelaide hosts a multidisciplinary research workshop at Mt Lofty house. The workshop brings together an international mix of approximately 60 neuroscience researchers to discuss emerging areas of research interest, with a focus on cross-disciplinary discussion. Invited attendees include clinicians, basic scientists, engineers and rehabilitation experts from around Australia, as well as selected international speakers.

The organisers have invited Neil Sachse, CEO of the Foundation, to give a lecture on what it means to live with a spinal cord injury at this seminar. Neil views this as an essential step in educating researchers to understand the difficulty people with a spinal cord injury face day to day when considering developing research for cures or new treatments and of their urgency.

Catching up with the Ministers



Neil and The Hon. Lindsay Tanner at Parliament House

Over the past few weeks through the assistance from the SA Parliament State President The Hon. Bob Sneath and the "Whip" The Hon. John Gazzola, we have caught up with a number of state and federal Ministers. While in Canberra we were able to talk with a number of parliamentary members

such as Brendon O'Connor, Bill Shorten, Senator Anne McEwen and Steve Georganas.

One of these was Federal Senator and Government Whip Senator Anne McEwen who gave a speech in the Senate on November 11, 2008. She spoke of the Neil Sachse Foundation and the plight people with spinal cord injury face, how expensive care costs are to the nation and how there is little money spent in Australia on research to find treatments/cure to reverse the paralysis.

During his recent trip to Adelaide, the Federal Minister for Finance, The Hon. Lindsay Tanner, caught up with foundation's CEO, Neil Sachse. His advice on ways to progress the foundation's research program was invaluable.

Receiving a spinal cord injury is a lifelong condition, never ending, as there are no breaks for public holidays or Christmas. It is 24-7, 365 days a year. The foundation plans to continue working with both governments to ensure the voice of spinal cord injury is heard and funding is received for research to develop a cure and effective treatments. The nation's care costs alone are in excess of \$500 million per year and increasing.

AWU Delegate Dinner

A dinner held on Saturday November 15th for AWU delegates at Allan Scott Park Morphettville will support the Neil Sachse Foundation. The Foundation received at least a ten dollar donation from each attendee. A live band "Keep the Change" provided entertainment for the night.

We appreciate the support of the Australian Workers Union and our sincere thanks to the AWU Secretary, Mr Wayne Hanson for



instigating this event and assisting our goal to find a cure for spinal cord injury.

It was a fabulous night for the foundation receiving over \$15,000 in donations. The foundation wishes to genuinely thank all those that contributed with donations through the event.

Mr Allan Scott OAM

In our September newsletter, we wrote that Mr Allan Scott donated a significant sum of money for our PhD research student over the next three years at the University of Adelaide. Sadly, after a short illness, Mr Scott a great supporter of the Foundation passed away in October. The Foundation appreciated the support of Mr Scott and the Scott Group of Companies for his generosity.

On behalf of the Neil Sachse Foundation, we wish to pass on our deepest sympathies to

Mrs Grace Scott and her family for their loss.

A self-made multi-millionaire, Mr Scott settled in Mount Gambier from Milang in 1952 with one truck and built an empire that now boasts the Scott Group of Companies, which has a wide range of diverse interests.

His philanthropic interests in the racing industry, sporting clubs and charities amounted to millions of dollars each year.

Grill the Minister hosted by Hon. Robert Sneath

At the time of this publication, once again a dinner is on November 27th at Parliament House.

The Hon. Bob Sneath sponsors a young man named William Bragg. Eighteen months ago, William was diagnosed with craniopharygioma.

It is a benign brain tumour, which develops in the hypothalamus, close to the pituitary gland. It is a very rare medical condition, with only five people in Australia diagnosed. Little William had surgery in October 2006,

to remove the tumour, but it interferes with his pituitary gland. As a result, there is no growth hormone in William's body and additional health complications have followed, such as the inability for William to grow any taller, or mature into an adult, he has the bone density of a ten year old child, suffers from diabetes and severe weight gain. This treatment is very expensive for the family at a cost of approximately \$15 - \$25,000 per year in addition to the other expenses incurred caring for a sick child.

City to Bay Fun Run

Forty Eager participants from the Neil Sachse Foundation and the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks ran, jogged, and walked the 12 / 6/3 km, in our "frog green" T- Shirts. The day in general was great with many finishing with personal bests. The fresh fruit supplied by Nick Scopelitis was a delight and thank him for this kind donation. After the event, some participants enjoyed a "healthy" snack at McDonalds!

Money raised was shared with the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks raising money for the Rotary Health Fund. Our thanks to Paul Haylock, Scott Mason and their crew for organising this and congratulations to all the participants for their fundraising efforts.

Join us in 2009, and we welcome wheelchairs. We promise a fun time for all.

Message from the Chairman RICK HARLEY



Welcome to the December issue of Stand Up

Firstly, I would like to extend Seasons Greeting to all and hope that you have a great festive season and a happy and safe Christmas.

It has been another busy few months here at the Neil Sachse Foundation, with the City to Bay fun run, Andersons Solicitors Pasta Night, AWU Dinner Dance, not to mention planning of events for 2009. At the time of this publication, the AGM will be held and so the results are in the next newsletter.

We were saddened by the passing of Mr Allan Scott of Scott Group of Companies. Mr Scott was a loyal supporter of the Foundation through his philanthropic work. We pass on our condolences to the family, partners, staff and friends of Mr Scott.

Remember with your support, The Neil Sachse Foundation will establish the Research Centre for Spinal Cord Injury with the Adelaide University. The team have been working tirelessly and knocking on many doors to bring this goal to fruition.

Every contribution no matter how large or small does make a difference, to fulfil our goal for research into finding a cure for SCI.

ICCP SCOPE Initiative

SCOPE is a consortium of Scientists and clinical researchers representing academic institutions, professional societies, industry, government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and foundations. They formed in late 2006. (For more information, please visit www.scope-sci.org). It is the groups first dealing with the FDA and seen by members as an important alliance when moving research into clinical trials. The mission of SCOPE is to enhance the development of clinical trials and clinical practice protocols that will accurately validate therapeutic interventions for spinal cord injury leading to the adoption of improved best practices.

The SCOPE Workshop is entitled: "Functional Recovery After Spinal Cord Injury: Implications of Different Spinal Injury Patterns and Distinct Therapeutic Targets on Clinical Trial Outcomes". This is a structured panel discussion of each session's topics with respect to the type of SCI, the therapeutic target or intervention, the clinical trial phase and appropriate outcome measures. The ICCP, of which the Foundation is a member, supports and funds this initiative.

"AMANTI Gourmet Coffee & World Coffee Aid is extremely proud to support the Neil Sachse Foundation. We look forward in providing ongoing support for this great cause and contributing in helping make the lives of people with spinal cord injury better in the future".

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Pasta Night

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Once again, the Pasta Night held at the Marche Club on October 18th was a great success. We thank Andersons Solicitors for sponsoring this event. A scrumptious 6-course home-style meal left many stuffed and having to dance the night away. Georgia and Wendy sourced many great items, for the Main and Silent Auction as well as the raffles. Our auctioneer Andrew Simpson from Brock Harcourt, Tea Tree Gully encouraged some spirited bidding from our guests, which helped to raise in excess of \$20,000. The great live band played and many nimble footed dancers both young and old danced throughout the night. Our thanks go to our hardworking volunteers on the night, which always helps to make the night run smoothly. A very big thank you goes to all our donors of goods, both private and corporate. Without their support, we would not have been able to achieve such a good result. Keep your eyes open for our next year's event, which promises to be a little different but every bit as successful!

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SANFL Calendar 2009 supporting the Foundation

The SANFL announced the release of their 2009 calendar, December 5 2008, featuring SANFL players from all the clubs, SANFL, games, and the Foundation's fundraising events. All proceeds go to the Neil Sachse Foundation. They will be available through the SANFL front office or the Neil Sachse Foundation, office and website. This great gift idea for Christmas is approximately \$20 per calendar. To pre-order your copy please contact the Foundation on 08 8227 1777. Our Sincere thanks to the SANFL for this fantastic initiative.

West Adelaide

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Neil Sachse Foundation was supported at their home game, Sunday September 6 2008. Being the last game of the round and with both sides not playing for a spot in the finals, pride was certainly on the line. A drab and dreary day with rain and hail pelting all day, the faithful attended to support their teams. A signed State of Origin Guernsey auctioned at the lunch sold for \$800, of which the total proceeds went to the Neil Sachse Foundation. With a couple of donations and collections from around the ground, the foundation raised a total of \$1,100 on the day. Our sincere thanks to CEO Damien Phillips, Marketing Manager Angela Jacka, board, staff, supporters and members for their support.

Club SA

Through the support of Vice President of Clubs SA Mr Bill Cochrane, the Foundation has received \$50,000 per year for three years towards its research projects. Clubs SA were the Foundation's sponsor to the Independent Gaming Corporation that puts funds allocated from gaming machines back into the community. These funds will be used in research projects that will compliment the work being undertaken by PhD Student's project.



Georgia's Corner

*Have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy and safe New Year*

Hi all

Can you believe that it is so close to Christmas and we will shortly welcome another new year?

Where has the time gone! 2008 has seen many changes here at the Foundation. We have included a new section in the newsletter called "Supporter Profile". These corporate assist the Foundation through services provided to the Foundation at no cost. This newsletter introduces Pt Design. We share office space with Andre and his crew. Please take the time to read their profile.

Since commencing in March, we have placed submissions, hosted events and raised money. We raced, ran, walked and ate our way through 2008. We said farewell to some very special friends of the Foundation. They were larger than life and their philanthropic work will be missed.

We are also excited with the release of the SANFL 2009 Calendar featuring players from all the clubs. I offered to "interview" the players personally, however the very capable marketing team at the SANFL, had already selected them. All proceeds from the Calendar will go to the Foundation. So get in early and pre order your copy by calling us. It is a great idea for Christmas. Heartfelt thanks to the SANFL for this fantastic initiative and their support. The Foundation will also be recipients of proceeds from one of the President's Lunches, hosted by Mr Rodney Payze.

The Foundation is working hard planning for 2009. We have "pencilled" in tentative dates for the 2009 events. On behalf of the Neil Sachse Foundation, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and please have a safe New Year. We look forward to seeing in 2009.

Georgia

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Volunteers

The Foundation would like to thank our volunteers for their valuable assistance throughout 2008.

Volunteers are an integral part of any Not for Profit organisation and as such we are always very appreciative of their time and effort and we always welcome new volunteers to our organisation. We understand how busy people's lives are; however, if you wish to assist us in any way please contact the Foundation. Any spare time you have is valuable and appreciated.

Myer Community Fund

We wish to thank Myer Community Fund for selecting the Foundation as their charity for this financial year. We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with a major retailer. These contributions are from the Myer employees through workplace giving and various fundraising activities. This Christmas, please visit Myer. The Foundation has the philosophy of asking supporters to support those that support us.

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We share office space with NSF in our new building located in Ifould Street.

Although we work in unrelated industries, we have gained an appreciation of the great efforts needed to run the foundation. We gladly offer our ongoing support to help the foundation achieve its goals.

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