COMMITMENT TO CURE

NeuRA
Dr Jason Bruggemann, Down syndrome study
Prof Glenda Halliday, Parkinson’s disease
Assoc Prof Jacqui Close, falls in the elderly
Drs Stu Fillman and Tertia Purves-Tyson, schizophrenia research
Dr Yash Tiwari, bipolar disorder research

NeuRA prevents and cures diseases and disabilities of the brain and nervous system through leadership, excellence and innovation in neuroscience research.

We are an independent, not-for-profit research institute based in Sydney.

Every year, one in five Australians is struck down with a major brain or mind disorder.

At NeuRA, we are dedicated to reducing this burden on our community.

For many affected by these devastating diseases, medical research offers the only hope.

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By joining our Society you will be making a positive contribution to research.
Valerie Ardler, Aboriginal elder, participated in our Koori Growing Old Well Study.

Dr Tim Karl, Senior Research Fellow, works on the effects of cannabis and schizophrenia.

Caidos Sapsford has Asperger’s Syndrome and participated in our empathy study.

Pip Kuczerywsky cared for her mother, Anne, who had Frontotemporal dementia.

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- New national child restraint legislation, introduced as a direct result of our research, is now saving young lives. Our research on autism, Asperger syndrome and reading disabilities addresses the acute needs of our children.

Middle age

- Our scientists are leaders in research in Frontotemporal dementia, a devastating disease typically beginning in the 50s or 60s.

- We are using video games in stroke rehabilitation to help patients regain movement and we are developing better treatments for people with chronic pain. We are also working towards finding the cause of obstructive sleep apnoea, sufferers of which have a seven-fold higher risk of death and heart disease.

- In an ageing population, our focus is on the early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease. Our significant research on the prevention of falls in the elderly will help reduce the health care burden that impacts our community.

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There are four options you can choose from when leaving a gift.

• You can leave a percentage of your estate.
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How your bequest can help research at NeuRA

Previous bequests and donations have underpinned Professor Glenda Halliday’s research programs including:

• understanding the pathogenesis of progressive supranuclear palsy and developing a blood test for this disorder.
• identifying genetic forms of pathologically confirmed patients with Parkinsonian conditions and dementias.
• characterising the differences in tissue pathology in genetic forms of Alzheimer’s disease.

Suggested wording for inclusion in your Will

The following might be a useful guideline for you and your solicitor:

“I give [insert details] to the Neuroscience Research Australia Foundation (ABN 57 008 429 961) to be applied for the purpose of research into diseases and conditions of the brain and nervous system. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of the Neuroscience Research Australia Foundation is an absolute discharge to my Executors.”

Should you wish to designate your gift to a particular aspect of our research, such as Parkinson’s disease or dementia, you would add a sentence to that effect in the first paragraph.

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