



New foundation for healthy life

The University of Adelaide has launched a new Foundation to raise money and awareness for its internationally renowned Robinson Institute.

The Institute, which focuses on life-giving research into the causes and cures of major diseases, as well as preventing illness across generations, will now be supported by funds raised through the Robinson Foundation.

The Foundation was launched last month at a gala dinner at Government House in the presence of His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia. At the dinner, the Governor and his wife, Mrs Liz Scarce, were announced as joint Patrons of the Robinson Foundation.

Institute Director Professor Rob Norman said the establishment of the Robinson Foundation would provide opportunities to further engage with the community and for corporate partnerships, volunteering, donations and bequests to support the research of the Robinson Institute.

"The Robinson Institute brings together a unique blend of more than 300 clinical and research leaders spanning the disciplines of medicine and science, with wide-ranging expertise from epidemiology through to genetics and molecular biology," Professor Norman said.

"Our researchers concentrate on fundamental clinical and scientific discoveries, with the aim of changing



human health and conquering disease.

"By focusing on the earliest stages of life, we are looking at preventing disease and promoting health in children and adults across generations. We are incorporating outstanding laboratory research with clinical investigation to discover more about reproduction, fertility, pregnancy, stem cells and the origins of healthy living.

"This Institute will provide immeasurable benefits to society and for future generations," Professor Norman said.

In 2009, Professor Norman was a dual winner in the South Australian of the Year awards, taking out top honours in the Health and Science categories for his outstanding contribution to reproductive health and regenerative medicine.

The University's Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor James McWha, said the new Robinson Foundation would provide the community with an opportunity to learn more about and support life-giving research.

"The Institute's research is recognised internationally in the scientific community for its quality and relevance. With financial support we can realise significant health outcomes for all Australians," Professor McWha said.

The gala dinner was attended by more than 250 supporters of the Robinson Institute.

For more information about the Institute and the new Foundation, visit:
www.robinsonfoundation.org.au

Inset: His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia, at the launch of the Robinson Foundation. The Governor and Mrs Scarce are joint patrons of the Robinson Foundation.

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