

Welcome to 2021 and our latest newsletter.

Despite 2020 having been a rather different year, it is pleasing to look back and reflect on what we were able to achieve, as well as looking forward to ever greater progress in the year to come.

As ever, to keep in touch with all our work, do follow us on social media, or check out the [website](#).

## **RAD's inaugural Australian Research Fellows**

We are excited to announce the appointment of our first scientists in Australia, in collaboration with the [Dementia Australia Research Foundation](#): Dr Adekunle Bademosi and Dr Andrew McKinnon. Each will each receive an award valued at \$405,000 AUD in total, over three years, and will join RAD's growing team of RAD Fellows.



Dr Bademosi's research based at the University of Queensland, will explore how and why frontotemporal dementia begins, by using advanced imaging tools that have resolutions up to ten million times that of a standard digital camera. The results obtained will help scientists to produce drugs that target frontotemporal dementia.



Dr McKinnon's research based at the University of Sydney, will comprehensively examine sleep problems in older adults with early dementia and those at risk for dementia. This will result in the development of clinical tools for dementia management and prevention.

More information about their projects can be found [here](#).

## **And more RAD Fellows to come in 2021**

In 2020 we extended our partnership Alzheimer's Research UK (ARUK), with a call for applications in a second round of Fellowship grants, for early career dementia researchers.



In this second call, we have had more than three times the interest of the last round and so our current efforts are focusing on fundraising that might enable us to appoint more than the three RAD Fellows that we currently have funds available to appoint. These new RAD Fellows will be appointed mid-year, in time for the new academic year in the UK.

In the meantime, our initial cohort of RAD Fellows are now into their second fellowship year. You can read more about their progress [here](#).

## **Memories: Support our fight to protect yours**



With the rolling restrictions that characterised 2020 for us all, RAD turned to new ways of doing things. During the first lockdown, the concept of *Memories* was developed. In this series of entertaining conversations between Sir Jackie and a selection of his friends, they not only reminisce but also draw our attention to dementia – which steals memories away. We are hoping in 2021 to get *Memories* out to a wider audience and to grow RAD's supporter numbers.

Featured guests include: HRH the Princess Royal, Andes plane crash survivor Nando Parrado, Nick Mason of Pink Floyd, impressionist Rory Bremner, and F1 driver Daniel Ricciardo.

You can view all episodes [here](#) and click on the image above to view the trailer.

## **Save the date: *Dementia Research Meets Motorsports, 6 July 2021***

This summer, we are planning to bring together some of the biggest names and brightest minds in dementia science, Formula 1 and commercial innovation – all with the common purpose of accelerating the pace and progress of dementia research.

Cranfield University has kindly offered to host the event, where in-person attendance will naturally be limited. Additionally, we are also hoping to live stream content to enable participation from across the globe.

Please save the date in your diary and join us if you possible can.

## **Want to Know More?**

If you would like to know more about our work, please contact [penny@raceagainstdementia.com](mailto:penny@raceagainstdementia.com) or to make a donation, please go to [www.raceagainstdementia.com/donate](http://www.raceagainstdementia.com/donate).

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