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\$21 million for dementia research

The Morrison Government will provide \$21 million for 13 research projects that will focus on risk reduction, prevention and tracking of dementia, Australia's second leading cause of death.

This brings the total investment under the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) Boosting Dementia Research Grant scheme to \$200 million.

Two dementia research projects at the new National Centre for Healthy Ageing at Peninsula Health-Monash University will receive a share in support from the Morrison Government.

The Frankston campus based projects, one of which, will be the first in Australia to use electronic record data to develop ways of monitoring the prevalence of dementia.

The \$600,000 grant to Monash University researchers will use the unique aspects of the Peninsula region to conduct a pilot study for a program that will be rolled out across Victoria and nationally if successful.

The aim of the project is to provide a way to monitor dementia and its risk factors, resulting in the better management and treatment of the condition.

\$2 million has also been allocated to the University for a study designed to prevent and reduce the risk of developing dementia in 45-65 year olds.

The study will be carried out across NSW and Victoria with a view to develop an individualised health promotion programme, comprising of self-management training, practical behaviour change techniques and GP-coordinated interdisciplinary management of dementia risk factors.

Authorised by Greg Hunt MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Somerville, Victoria.

The need for investment in research to develop new treatments and to improve dementia care is evident.

Without a medical breakthrough, it is predicted that more than 1.1 million Australians will be living with dementia by 2056.

We're committed to ensuring Australians of all ages have access to the support they need to face life's challenges.

This important support is in addition to the \$185 million Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care 10 year mission funded through the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF).

Our Government is able to provide unprecedented levels of support to health and medical research because of our strong economic management.

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Boosting Dementia Research Grant scheme funding recipients			
Chief Investigator	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
Boosting Dementia Research Grants Priority Round Five: Dementia Risk Reduction and Prevention			
Associate Professor Lisbeth Evered	The PROTECT Trial: PeRiOperaTive Enhancement of Cognitive Trajectory	University of Melbourne	\$1,615,118.80
Professor Kaarin Anstey	Translating the evidence on dementia risk reduction to generate assessments, advice and training for health professionals, policy makers, patients and public	University of New South Wales	\$1,995,480.60
Professor Andrew Pipingas	Mediterranean diet and exercise to reduce cognitive decline and dementia risks in independently living older Australians: the MedWalk randomised controlled trial	Swinburne University of Technology	\$1,772,616.00
Doctor Ashleigh Smith	Living your best day- Optimising activity and diet compositions for dementia prevention	University of South Australia	\$1,234,805.00
Professor Sharon Naismith	REducing Sleep Apnoea for the PrEvention of Dementia (REShAPED): a multi-site feasibility RCT	University of Sydney	\$1,468,684.80
Professor Katherine Samaras	Preventing cognitive decline with metformin: a randomised controlled trial	The Garvan Institute of Medical Research	\$1,998,024.60
Doctor Paul Gardiner	Taking a whole of day approach to optimising activity to prevent dementia in people with type 2 diabetes	The University of Queensland	\$1,480,827.10

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Chief Investigator	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
Doctor Yen Ying Lim	BetterBrains: Person-Centred, Multi-Domain, Primary Prevention Strategies to Delay Memory Decline	University of Melbourne	\$1,568,806.80
Doctor Johnson George	Holistic Approach in Primary care for PreventIng Memory Impairment aNd Dementia (HAPPI MIND)	Monash University	\$1,999,499.84
Associate Professor Amy Brodtmann	Cardiovascular exercise to prevent cognitive decline in high risk patient populations: a post-ischaemic stroke exercise intervention study	University of Melbourne	\$1,613,508.00
Associate Professor Edward Strivens	Reducing dementia risk in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities	James Cook University	\$1,515,145.00
Boosting Dementia Research Grants Priority Round Six: Improving Dementia Data and Methods			
Professor Annette Dobson	Improving Australia's Dementia Statistics	The University of Queensland	\$2,154,096.00
Professor Velandai Srikanth	Leveraging electronic medical records and routine administrative data towards a population approach for monitoring dementia frequency, risk factors and management	Monash University	\$617,335.60