



Dear Member,

Everything Diabetes Australia does - every investment, every policy, every service - is to support our diabetes community.

On 19 June 2026, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will occur to vote on changes to the document that governs your organisation to elevate that purpose – the Diabetes Australia Constitution. The centrepiece of this reform is a structural shift that places people living with diabetes, and those at risk, at the heart of our governance. It is a clear statement that Diabetes Australia’s work will be driven by, and for, the diabetes community.

The Diabetes Australia Board unanimously encourage you to vote and to support the **changes recommended**. Your vote matters.

With 88 years of history behind us, Diabetes Australia is looking to the future – a future that is rich with optimism for innovations that will transform for the better the lives of people living with diabetes or at risk of developing the disease. While exciting, this future is fast-changing and complex. We need a refreshed Constitution to maintain strong governance that is future-fit and that can support us to grow our impact on behalf of you as members and the wider diabetes community. Our advocacy to governments, both state and federal, is critical to ensuring that these innovations become accessible and affordable to all Australians living with diabetes.

The Boards of Australian Diabetes Educators’ Association Limited (ADEA) and Australian Diabetes Society Limited (ADS), in their capacities as Member Organisations of Diabetes Australia, have been advised of the terms of the revised Constitution and support it being put to members for consideration. Diabetes Australia, ADEA and ADS look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of people living with and at risk of diabetes.

- The virtual meeting will occur on 19 June 2026 at 11.00am (AEST). All the information you need to participate in the meeting is enclosed in the [Notice of EGM](#) and [Proxy Form](#). The proposed Constitution has been carefully developed and independently reviewed by leading law firm Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, whose [Explanatory Table of key changes](#) is provided for members' information as part of the Notice. A copy of the [Board Statement of Support](#) is also provided.
- Eligible voting members who cannot attend the virtual meeting are encouraged to appoint a proxy by 11.00am (AEST) on 17 June 2026. [The Notice](#) and [Proxy Form](#) are also available on the [Diabetes Australia website](#). For hard copies or any questions, contact companysecretary@diabetesaustralia.com.au.
- To register for the meeting, visit the [Vero Voting website](#). Dial-in details will be provided upon registration. If you experience any difficulties, contact Vero Voting on 1300 702 898 or support@verovoting.com.au with your membership number and email address.

Diabetes Australia is the national peak body and the third oldest diabetes organisation in the world. We have a history of innovation and advocacy informed by lived experience. In recent years we have fought for improved access to diabetes technology, committed \$40 million to research, developed prevention tools for people at risk of diabetes, provided services to minimise diabetes complications, and supported more than 60,000 young people in under-resourced countries through our Life for a Child program. A modern Constitution protects this legacy and accelerates what comes next.

This is your moment to help shape the future of Diabetes Australia. Please participate in the EGM by voting or lodge your proxy if you cannot attend.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rutherford

President and Board Chair, Diabetes Australia

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and live, and we pay our respects to all Elders past and present.



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