

DIABETES AUSTRALIA RESEARCH STRATEGY 2025–2030

Empowering community-informed research and innovation to deliver evidence-based solutions that eliminate the impact of diabetes on individuals, health systems, and society.



Acknowledgment of Country

Diabetes Australia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this Country.

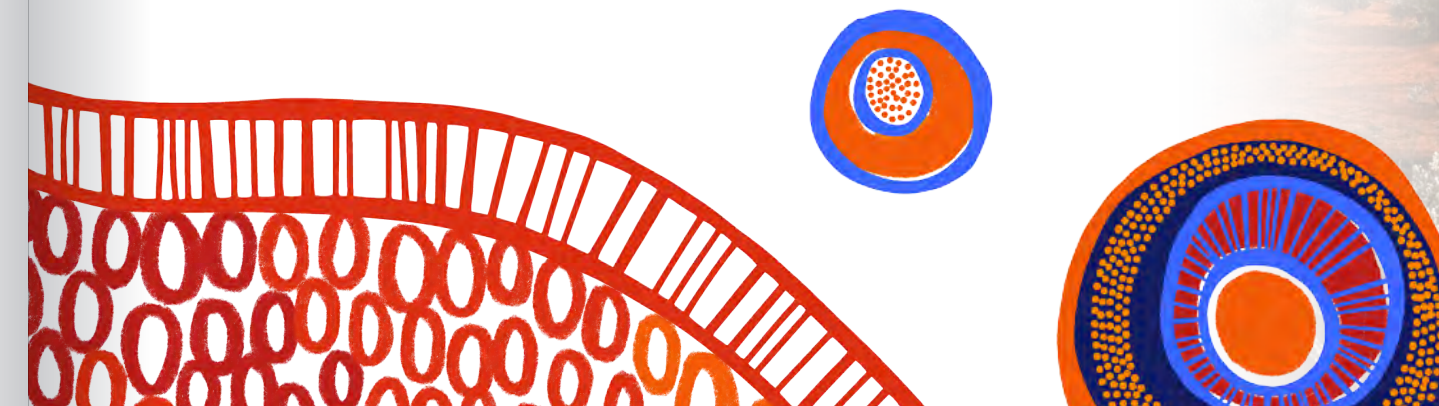
We recognise their connection to land, waters, winds and culture.

We pay the utmost respect to them, their cultures and to their Elders, past and present.

We recognise that Australia is made up of hundreds of different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, each with their own histories, culture, language and belief systems.

Their relationship with Country remains of utmost importance as it is the foundation for culture, family and kinships, song lines and languages.

We are committed to improving health outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by diabetes and those at risk.



Our Research Impact



\$50M+

invested in grants, awards, and partnerships nationally



800

projects funded across all areas of research



400+

principal research investigators supported



\$40M

investment commitment over the coming decade



Foreword

Diabetes is one of the most urgent and complex health challenges of our time. It affects more than two million Australians today and, without decisive action, that number will continue to rise, bringing with it profound personal, social, and economic consequences.

As the national voice for people living with all types of diabetes and those at risk, Diabetes Australia has long championed research as a cornerstone of progress for improving lives. Over past decades, our investment in research has helped unlock new treatments, improved care, and informed policy. But the scale and impact of diabetes demands more than incremental change. It requires a bold, coordinated, and future-focused response.

This evolution is not only in what we fund, but in how we fund it, who we partner with and how we support the next generation of researchers and innovation. The future of diabetes research depends on a more agile, inclusive, and impact-driven approach. We are shifting towards models that prioritise collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and communities.

The Diabetes Australia Research Strategy 2025–2030 marks a pivotal moment in our journey. It sets out a clear and ambitious vision: to accelerate research underpinned by scientific excellence that is shaped by lived experience, and addresses

the most pressing needs of our community to deliver real-world impact. This Strategy is not just a framework – it is a commitment to leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

At the heart of this Strategy are the people whose lives are shaped by diabetes, those living with the condition, those at risk, and the families, carers, and communities, as well as the health system which supports them. Their experiences, insights, and aspirations are our purpose and will continue to shape our actions. And equally at the heart of this Strategy are Australia’s world-class diabetes researchers and innovators dedicated to changing lives.

We recognise that behind the story of every person living with diabetes is a need for answers, for hope, and for progress. This Strategy is grounded in the belief that meaningful research begins with listening – to the challenges people face, the solutions they seek, and the futures they envision. It is also driven by the singular purpose – to eliminate the impact of diabetes on Australians.

To our researchers, partners, donors, and community – thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we can shape a future where diabetes no longer defines lives, and where research leads the way to lasting change.



Justine Cain
Group CEO
Diabetes Australia



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Director of Research
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My hope is that diabetes will not stop anyone from living their dream. It certainly hasn't stopped me."

Dr Steven James
Diabetes Researcher
Lives with type 1 diabetes



Introduction

A challenging landscape

Diabetes is one of the most pressing, yet under-prioritised health challenges facing our nation. More than two million Australians live with diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes. Every five minutes, another person is diagnosed. By 2050, up to 3.6 million Australians could be living with the condition. It remains one of, and often the leading cause of kidney failure, blindness, amputations, heart attacks and congenital malformations.

It is true that some things have improved. Before the discovery of insulin in 1921, diabetes was a death sentence. Since then, high quality research and innovation has revolutionised care, leading to better understanding, new technologies and life changing treatments..

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To change the destructive trajectory of diabetes and its serious complications, and to build a healthier future for our nation, research must remain at the forefront of our response."

Despite the growing burden of diabetes, government funding for diabetes research in Australia has declined by more than 35% over the past decade, while the number of people living with diabetes has increased by 32%. This funding decline is significantly impacting Australia's world-class diabetes research sector and the researchers dedicated to improving the lives of people living with, and at risk of, diabetes.

To advance the discovery of a cure, prevent the onset of diabetes, and improve treatment for the condition and its associated complications, sustained and increased investment is critically needed.

Beyond funding, the research ecosystem is evolving. Philanthropic and government funding bodies now demand community-informed and consumer-participatory research that achieves measurable impact and return on investment. Whilst research excellence remains fundamental, collaborative, multi-stakeholder and co-designed approaches are essential, ensuring research knowledge is activated to achieve impact through better coordination, and to address the unmet needs of people living with, and at risk of, diabetes, health care systems and society.

Our ambition

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At Diabetes Australia, our ambition is clear: to eliminate the impact of diabetes on Australians – those living with the condition and those at risk, our health system and society. This bold goal drives everything we do.”

People living with all types of diabetes, along with their families, carers, and communities, are at the heart of our work. Their voices and experiences shape our approach, ensuring our strategies are grounded in lived experience while remaining grounded in scientific excellence, forward-looking and innovative.

We work in close partnership with people living with diabetes, other diabetes organisations, healthcare professionals, researchers, industry, government, aligned health agencies and communities to make this vision a reality.

As the national peak body for diabetes and one of the largest non-government funders of diabetes research in Australia, we are uniquely positioned to drive meaningful impact through research and innovation. Our efforts reflect the priorities of the diabetes community and aim to create lasting and wide-reaching change that improve lives.

Over the past 20 years, Diabetes Australia has invested more than \$50 million to support groundbreaking research. Much of this investment is thanks to the generous support of our members, donors (including through bequests), and co-funding partners. This funding has supported outcomes that have led to new treatments, improved interventions, and tangible changes in practice and policy, making a real difference for people living with diabetes. Our investment has supported hundreds of researchers, helping to launch their careers and develop expertise that is now recognised internationally.

With diabetes affecting more Australians than ever before – and the research landscape becoming increasingly complex and more accountable – our role has never been more critical.

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We are entering a new era in our research efforts. Over the next decade, we will invest \$40 million to drive innovation and accelerate research that improves lives.”



Our Research Strategy

The Diabetes Australia Research Strategy 2025-2030 (the Strategy) supports our ambition to eliminate the impact of diabetes on Australians and represents a transformative vision for the future. It defines Diabetes Australia’s approach to support and leverage diabetes research to effectively deliver impact for people living with, and at risk of, diabetes, their families and carers.

The Strategy prioritises research excellence alongside a community-informed approach to research and supports the Australian Government’s commitment to strengthen the nation’s research and development ecosystem by ensuring research investments translate into tangible benefits to create health, social and economic impact. We envision a future where research is not only conducted for people living with, and at risk of, diabetes, but with them.

By advocating for greater investment in diabetes research we can ensure Australia’s world-class diabetes research sector thrives into the future. And by investing in research talent, we can nurture the next generation of diabetes researchers (and support those who mentor them).

By embedding the voices and lived experiences of people living with diabetes across every stage of the research process – and supporting a robust, high-quality research and innovation sector – Diabetes Australia aims to stimulate scientific breakthroughs that translate into meaningful benefits. Achieving this requires collective action across the research ecosystem, leveraging partnerships with lived experience experts, researchers, healthcare professionals, policymakers, industry and communities.

Aim and objectives

Our aim is to empower community-informed research and innovation to deliver evidence-based solutions that eliminate the impact of diabetes on individuals, health systems, and society.

Our Strategy sets a transformative vision to drive research and innovation, turning bold ideas and breakthroughs into real-world solutions – outcomes that change lives.

We are investing in innovative researchers to generate high-quality research and foster collaboration with translation partners, accelerating meaningful outcomes that improve lives. This strategy offers a clear framework for people with lived experience, researchers, health professionals, diabetes educators, and partners – including industry and government – to work together to drive progress and deliver real-world impact.

Through the Strategy we will prioritise research that is strategically aligned with our goals and shaped by community-informed priorities and involvement.



Cure diabetes:
Advance discoveries that bring us closer to a cure.



Eliminate complications:
Address the medical and psychosocial complications caused by diabetes.



Prevent diabetes:
Understand the causes, tackle risk factors, enhance screening and awareness and interventions to prevent diabetes.

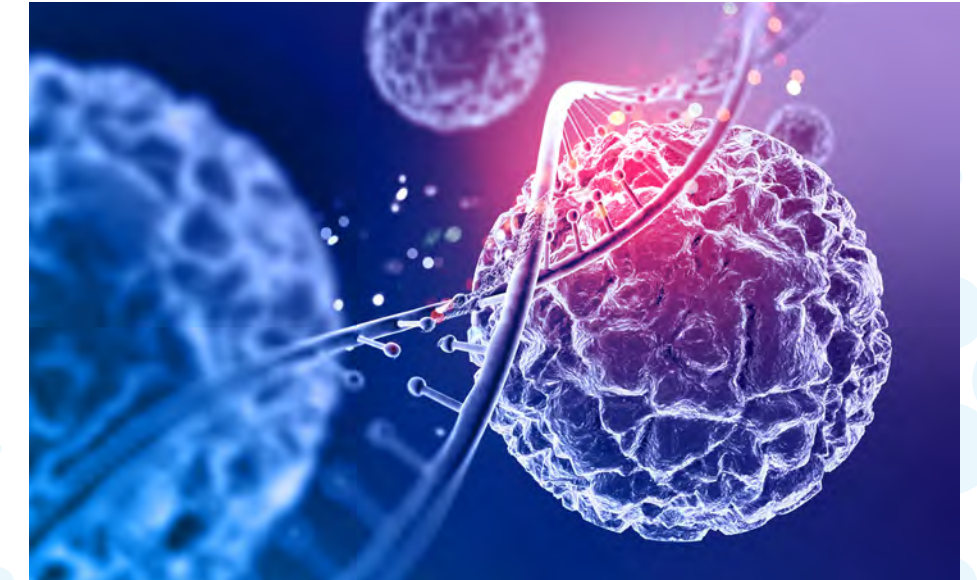


Reduce financial burden:
Develop solutions to ease the financial impact on individuals and the health system.

The objectives of our strategy are to:

Activate high-quality research that delivers measurable impact for people living with, and at risk of, diabetes, health systems and society.

Further strengthen the capability, capacity and competitiveness of the diabetes research sector to achieve research impact in partnership with the diabetes community.

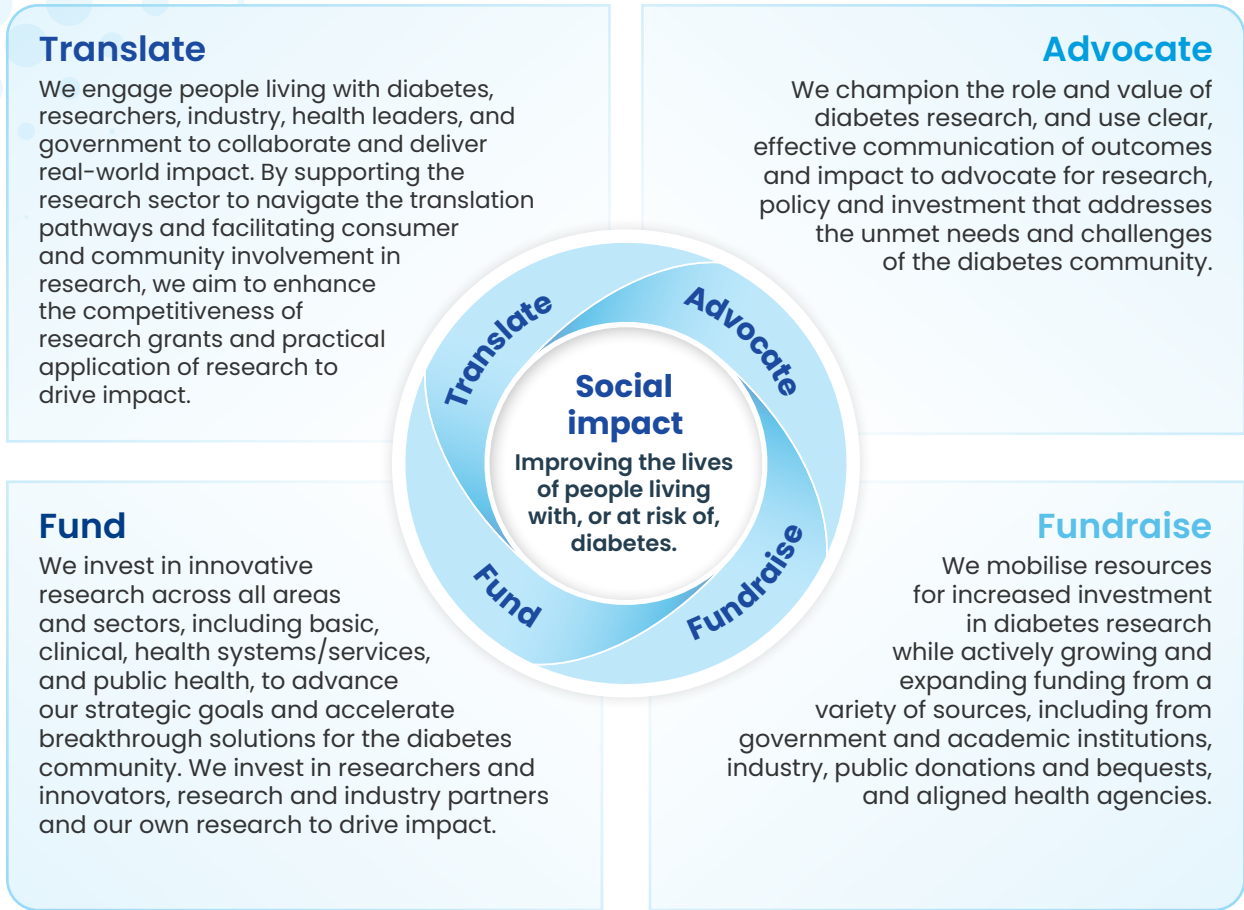


Diabetes Australia's role in research

Our role in diabetes research is centred on delivering social impact to people, health systems and society through a continuous cycle of four key activities:

- **Advocate** – Advocating for greater investment and policy support for diabetes research
- **Fundraise** – Mobilising resources to grow and support high-impact research
- **Fund** – Investing in early through to later stage research and researchers to advance our strategic goals and align with community priorities
- **Translate** – Activating scientific knowledge by translating research outcomes into action, ensuring they are used in real-life settings to make a tangible difference to people's lives.

This cycle, illustrated in our *Circle of Social Impact*, guides our efforts to ensure every research dollar delivers value to the diabetes community and our stakeholders.



Strategic approach

Our approach to research is underpinned by **six guiding principles** that reflect our commitment to be:

- **Community-informed**
We put lived experience at the heart of our research, driven by the priorities of the diabetes community. This includes our key focus on addressing the needs of vulnerable populations at increased risk of diabetes and related complications.
- **Collaborative**
We unite diverse expertise, perspectives, and resources to tackle complex challenges. By fostering partnerships across research, clinical and health systems, industry, government, and community sectors, we accelerate knowledge sharing, translation, and innovation.
- **Outcome and impact-oriented**
We prioritise both pilot and large-scale research projects that have clear pathways to practical solutions. Our approach maintains strong scientific excellence while delivering both short and long-term goals.
- **Broad in funding**
We support equitable funding across all areas of research – basic, clinical, health systems and services, and public health – using a modern, innovative approach to accelerate progress and deliver meaningful outcomes.
- **Researcher-growth committed**
We invest in the next generation of researchers and innovators, strengthening skills, building capacity, and empowering early and mid-career experts to drive advancements in diabetes research. We also acknowledge the role of mentors supporting early career researchers.
- **Transparent**
We ensure full transparency in funding management including clear decision-making, disclosure of funding recipients, outcome reporting, funding model updates, and acknowledging funding sources through open communication with stakeholders.

Delivering the Strategy

Delivering our Strategy requires a structured and coordinated approach that aligns with organisational goals and community needs. Our delivery is focussed on setting clear pathways of support, key priorities, establishing robust funding mechanisms, and fostering collaboration across disciplines and sectors.

The delivery and coordination of our Strategy is underpinned by the **Diabetes Australia Research Impact Hub** (the Hub) which supports the delivery of the Strategy through four platforms and three key enablers.

The Hub is a centralised virtual platform to align, connect and amplify research activities and resources. The Hub serves as a national one-stop-shop, hosted via the Diabetes Australia website, for all research-related initiatives to:

- **Provide streamlined access** to funding opportunities, training support, and engagement tools
- **Foster collaboration and networking** across the national and international research and diabetes community to increase the competitiveness of the Australian diabetes research sector
- **Align and amplify** research partnerships and activities to maximise innovation and impact.

DIABETES AUSTRALIA RESEARCH IMPACT HUB

RESEARCH PLATFORMS

Research Funding Programs	Research Training Programs	Community Research Engagement	Research Partnership Network
Project grants and awards	Lived Experience and Researcher Training Program	Lived Experience Research Portal	Australian Diabetes Clinical Trials Network (ADCTN)
Co-funded project grants and awards		Community Research Communication Channel	Research Partnership Network Program
PhD scholarships and fellowships			
Partnership Alliances			

ENABLERS

Partnerships	Research Governance	Communications and Change Management
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Research Platforms

- The Strategy will be delivered through four platforms:
- 1. Research Funding Programs:** Strategic investment in researchers, teams and partners to support groundbreaking projects.
 - 2. Research Training Programs:** Building research leadership skills for researchers and the diabetes community.
 - 3. Community Research Engagement:** Fostering collaboration, engagement and participation for people living with, and at risk of diabetes, their families and carers to engage in research.
 - 4. Research Partnership Network:** Facilitating collaboration across and between sectors.

Platform

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Research Funding Programs

Our Research Funding Programs Platform is a catalyst for high-quality research data, innovation, collaboration, and real-world impact. Over the next five years, we will invest strategically in robust research initiatives shaped by the priorities of the diabetes community, while championing the bold ideas and expertise of research innovators. Our approach to funding addresses critical knowledge gaps, promotes co-design and community involvement, and advances equity – especially for priority populations including First Nations

people, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, youth, older adults, pregnant individuals, people with disabilities, and those facing socioeconomic disadvantage.

Aligned with our commitment to invest \$40 million over the coming decade, we will invest substantial research funding during the Strategy period 2025 – 2030 across key funding streams described below.

Project grants and awards	Co-funded project grants and awards	PhD scholarships and fellowships	Partnership Alliances
<p>Building on Australia’s longest running diabetes research funding program</p> <p>Building on our funding approach over the past 20 years, we will continue to fund pilot studies and larger projects across basic, clinical, health systems/ services and public health research aligned with Diabetes Australia’s strategic goals – particularly those addressing health inequities among First Nations people, culturally diverse communities, and underserved populations. This funding stream prioritises high-quality research studies with community involvement and identifiable translational impact pathways to meaningfully reduce the impact of diabetes on people, health systems and society.</p>	<p>Partnering with aligned funders to support diabetes research innovation</p> <p>Through this funding stream, we will drive high-impact research via co-funded partnership grants and awards that foster collaboration and innovation across the diabetes research landscape. By partnering with universities, government, industry and health agencies, we can amplify resources to support projects that improve diabetes prevention, management and treatment. This includes externally led initiatives – such as Partnership grants and Centres of Research Excellence seeking NHMRC funding – where researchers approach Diabetes Australia to co-fund strategically aligned, community-prioritised research partnerships.</p>	<p>Supporting diabetes researcher career growth</p> <p>We are committed to advancing bold ideas and building a strong pipeline of research talent. Through our PhD scholarships and fellowships stream we align co-funding from universities, industry, government and health agencies to support early to mid-career researchers tackling diabetes research with creativity and purpose. These opportunities nurture the next generation of diabetes researchers to accelerate innovation, foster leadership, and strengthen Australia’s diabetes research ecosystem for lasting impact.</p>	<p>Collaborating to tackle targeted challenges or identified priority areas of research need</p> <p>Through this funding stream we will identify areas for targeted investment and partnerships to address specific strategic priorities and areas of unmet need for people living with diabetes. This includes targeted calls for research proposals, and investment to amplify the work of strategic research partners. At the heart of this funding stream is fostering strategic collaborations with research service providers across universities, healthcare organisations, research institutes and government.</p>

Platform

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Research Training Programs

Delivered in collaboration with national research partners, our Research Training Programs Platform empowers both individuals with lived experience and researchers by providing educational tools and training modules that build contemporary research and leadership skills, ensuring they remain competitive in today’s health and medical research landscape.

Featured Initiative:
Lived Experience and Researcher Training Program

Through the Strategy we will champion a national program to deliver consumer and community involvement (CCI) training – designed to strengthen partnerships between researchers and people with lived experience across the diabetes sector. Developed in collaboration with leading experts and partners, the co-designed training will provide practical tools to empower lived experience participation and meaningful engagement across all research disciplines.

To complement scientific excellence and expertise, the program will also address the identified critical non-academic skill

gaps essential for successful modern-day research. Researchers will have the opportunity to receive training in areas such as customer identification and value proposition validation, business models, translation and commercialisation, project management, and professional development – skills often not acquired in traditional researcher training but essential for real-world research impact.

This program will empower the voices of people with lived experience, while equipping researchers with the tools to embed lived experience into the heart of their work and translate outcomes into practical solutions.



Professor Stephen Twigg
Diabetes Researcher

Platform 03

Community Research Engagement

Our Community Research Engagement Platform creates accessible pathways for people living with, and at risk of diabetes, their families and carers to engage in research and stay informed about relevant research findings and opportunities. Through the Lived Experience Research Portal and a dedicated community research communication channel, individuals can connect and participate in research activities and receive updates on new breakthroughs and outcomes. By fostering collaboration, participation and transparently sharing results, this Platform ensures that research remains grounded in the real-world needs of the diabetes community.



Featured Initiative: Lived Experience Research Portal

The Lived Experience Research Portal empowers people living with diabetes to actively participate and shape research that affects their lives. By embedding real-world experiences and priorities into every stage of the research process, the Portal accelerates the development of inclusive, actionable solutions.

The progress of many research projects, including clinical trials, and the subsequent development and availability of new life saving treatments, therapies and interventions can be hampered by

insufficient participation in research studies. The Portal addresses this disconnect, ensuring that people living and at risk of diabetes are aware of and participate in research projects and that progress in prevention, treatment, and health care strategies are fit for purpose for the diabetes community.

Delivered through the Diabetes Australia Research Impact Hub (and growing and evolving over time), the interactive Portal will:

- Promote Australia-wide research opportunities and trials available for participation for all types of diabetes

- Provide consented participant registration to receive communications and engage with tools designed to better connect people living with diabetes with relevant research opportunities
- Enable researcher and research project registration and profiling to support recruitment into studies (including clinical trials)
- Offer resources to help researchers embed co-design principles and provide participants with tools to understand and engage in research.

Platform 04

Research Partnership Network

Our Research Partnership Network Platform creates opportunities for researchers, institutions, industry and stakeholders to connect, share knowledge, co-design solutions, and amplify the impact of their work. In collaboration with the Australian Diabetes Society (ADS), the Australian Diabetes Educators Associations (ADEA), and other national research partners, this Platform will better connect and empower our research alumni, strengthen engagement and amplify the long-term impact of our funding.

Featured Initiative: Australian Diabetes Clinical Trials Network (ADCTN)

The Australian Diabetes Clinical Trials Network (ADCTN) is a national initiative co-led by Diabetes Australia in partnership with the Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations (ACADI). Designed to elevate investigator-initiated clinical trials, the Network provides expert guidance, consumer insights, and formal endorsement of diabetes clinical trials – ensuring research is both scientifically rigorous and deeply relevant to people living with diabetes.

The ADCTN offers structured guidance through two tailored pathways:

- **Expert Review and Feedback:** Provide expert feedback on clinical trial design including lived experience involvement, cultural relevance and biostatistics to assist researchers refine trial protocols prior to ethics or funding submissions
- **Formal Endorsement:** Provides high-quality trials with a Letter of Endorsement from the ADCTN Executive Committee, enhancing credibility and visibility.

This support ensures trials are scientifically rigorous, aligned with community needs, and designed for success. By integrating insights from leading researchers, health professionals, and individuals with lived experience, the ADCTN also serves to bridge the gap between innovation and real-world impact.

Enablers

The success of our Strategy is underpinned by three key enablers:

- **Partnerships**
- **Research Governance**
- **Communications and change management.**

Enabler 01

Partnerships

Partnerships are at the heart of our Strategy – bringing people together to collaborate and drive research innovation and impact. Driving the success of the Strategy will involve fostering partnerships and uniting people and organisations from across the diabetes community. Over the lifecycle of the Strategy, we will continue to deepen and grow existing partnerships, forge new ones, and proactively foster collaboration.

Our existing partner organisations, co-funders, and research delivery collaborators, provide the foundations for our partnership network, and we look forward to many more successful partnerships.

Our unifying health professional partner organisations:



Our co-funding and research collaboration partners include:

Researchers	Industry	Health Services
Universities	Funding Agencies	BioTech / MedTech Sector
Research Institutes	Health Professional Bodies	Health Peak Bodies

Acknowledging our generous donors

Our generous donors are important partners in driving meaningful research impact. We are incredibly grateful for their financial support. Our significant investment in research over many decades would not have been possible without the generous support of our members, donors, and co-funding partners. Bequests, in particular, have been vital to sustain research funding.

We are proud to work with donors of major gifts and bequests, and their families, to ensure their generous contribution to support diabetes research is honoured in a way that truly reflects their wishes and positively impacts lives.

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Research Governance

Our Strategy will be underpinned by strong governance – ensuring alignment with strategic goals, clear oversight, and efficient decision-making.

Our governance approach is grounded in innovation, scientific excellence, transparency, and accountability. By governing and allocating research funding responsibly, we maximise impact, deliver value, and uphold public trust in our role as a steward of vital research investment.



Professor John Wentworth
Diabetes Researcher

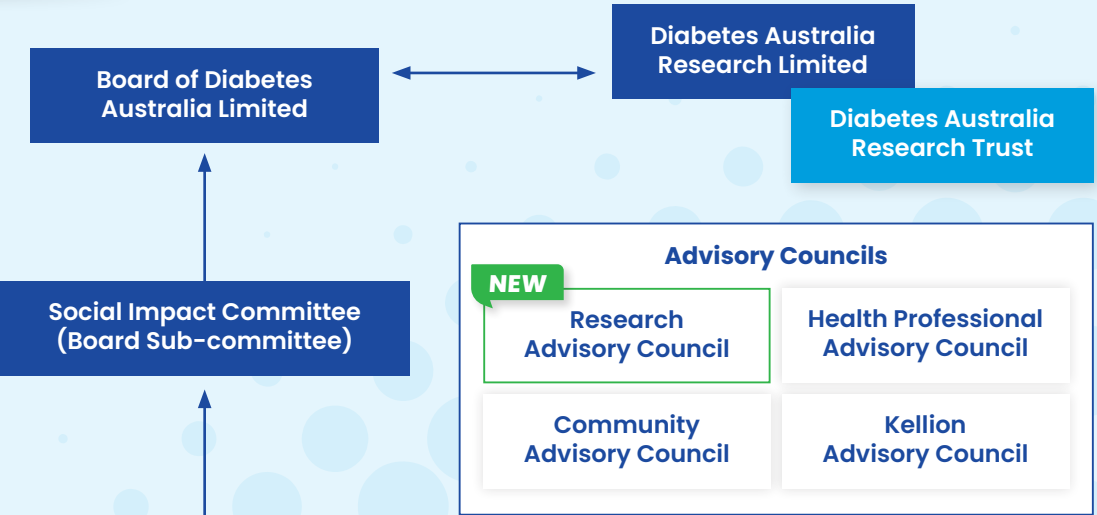
**Research Steering Committee
(project grants and awards):**

The Research Steering Committee comprises members with lived experience, health professionals and researchers, including members of our partner organisations ADS and ADEA. The Committee will be involved in the review process of our project grants and other research awards as relevant, to ensure our funding approaches and investment meaningfully addresses the needs of the diabetes community and have the greatest potential to reduce the impact of diabetes. This Committee will advise and support Diabetes Australia management through reviewing grants and providing recommendations for consideration.

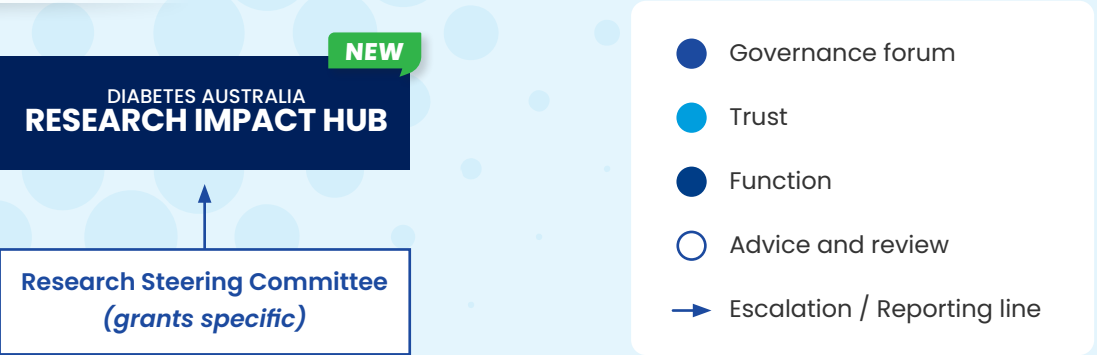
Research Advisory Council:

The Research Advisory Council will be established to assist the Board in its governance role, reporting into the Social Impact Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Diabetes Australia Board. It will consist of a multidisciplinary and multi-sectorial group of members representing diverse perspectives, expertise and experiences in lived experience, research, governance and innovation, and will provide expert advice on research strategy, direction and priorities. Members will collectively have expertise in research management and translation, ethics, policy, data science, innovation, and commercialisation. The Research Advisory Council will enhance Diabetes Australia's research excellence, innovation, and impact by providing expert insights and fostering collaboration across multiple disciplines and sectors.

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The changes that I've seen over the 21 years I've had diabetes thanks to research, have been incredible. Knowing that funding for diabetes research is on the decline is really upsetting because I have seen the improvements that it has made to my life and it would be so upsetting to think that it stops there. There is so much hope that it can continue to improve as I have seen happen through my life that I want to make sure if my daughter ends up being diagnosed as well, that her quality of life is going to be even better than what mine was. And that can only happen with research."

Tanya
Lives with diabetes



Enabler 03

Communications and change management

We are committed to actively involving stakeholders, ensuring they are empowered and supported to fully engage with the opportunities the Strategy provides. Effective communication and intentional change management will be central to embedding the Strategy and ensuring its long-term impact.

This enabler will drive a coordinated and transparent approach to engaging researchers, health professionals, diabetes educators, communities, funders, industry partners, government and health system leaders throughout the lifecycle of the Strategy.

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The grants I received from Diabetes Australia provided me with the opportunity to establish new and emerging ideas and gave me the opportunity to be more competitive to apply for funding from the larger funding bodies such as NHMRC. I strongly believe that my successful Diabetes Australia grants contributed greatly to the success of my NHMRC project and ideas grants."

Associate Professor Melkam Kebede
Diabetes Researcher



A roadmap for impact in diabetes research

Our Strategy will be delivered through a carefully phased approach, designed to generate measurable progress and deliver tangible outcomes while laying the groundwork for sustained innovation and growth in diabetes research.

Why a phased approach? Delivering the strategy incrementally allows us to:

- Maximise impact by focusing on achievable goals at each stage
- Foster collaboration across diverse stakeholders
- Adapt and evolve based on insights and emerging needs
- Build momentum through early wins that inspire confidence and engagement
- Provide clarity for potential funding recipients.

Each phase builds cohesively on the last, sustaining a trajectory of growth, innovation, and continuous improvement.



Provision of research funding to support innovation and impact



Associate Professor Costan Magnussen
Diabetes Researcher

Horizon 1: Delivering early impact

Horizon 1 builds on existing initiatives to expand and enhance their impact. Horizon 1 will also introduce initiatives designed to deliver tangible early outcomes. Phase 1 will include the:

- Continuing delivery of established funding streams (e.g. project grants and awards, co-funded research) with evolution to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose, as well as the embedding of newly defined funding streams
- Promotion of support for competitive grants (e.g. NHMRC Partnership grants and Centres of Research Excellence)
- Evolution and enhancement of the ADCTN to broaden national reach and engagement
- Launch of early phases of our community research communication channel, Lived Experience Research Portal, Lived Experience and Researcher Training Program, and Research Partnership Network.

Horizon 2: Scaling capacity and engagement

Horizon 2 focuses on deepening engagement and building capacity across the research ecosystem, further evolving and expanding key initiatives including the:

- Growth of the Lived Experience and Researcher Training Program to address identified skill gaps among researchers and lived experience participants in research
- Expansion of the Lived Experience Research Portal with enhanced interactive features
- Growth in collaborative platforms such as the Research Partnership Network
- Growth in funding streams.

Horizon 3: Sustaining impact and enhancing innovation

The final horizon focuses on long-term sustainability and innovation, driving scale to ensure the Strategy's impact is not only sustained but amplified moving into the next phase of strategic research activity and investment.

Measuring and reporting impact

We are committed to providing visibility of our progress against the objectives of the Strategy and to ensuring accountability in delivering meaningful outcomes for people living with, and at risk of, diabetes.

The Strategy is focussed on delivering across:

- **Outputs**, such as funding awarded, number of projects initiated (including clinical trials), researchers and EMCRs supported, participant and partner engagement and participation, and knowledge outputs generated.
- **Outcomes**, such as co-investment activated and follow-on funding secured, research translation including uptake of research findings into clinical guidelines and standards to inform policy and development of new tools, programs, interventions and treatments.
- **Impacts**, such as knowledge, health (including health outcomes), social and economic impact communicated through impact case studies and outcome narratives.

Evaluation will be embedded across all aspects of the Strategy to measure the outputs, outcomes and longer-term knowledge, social and economic impact of our research investment. We are determined to ensure the effectiveness of our efforts to facilitate meaningful lived experience engagement in research, build and strengthen the capacity of the diabetes research community, foster partnerships and collaborations, and undertake advocacy and fundraising to drive greater investment.

Progress will be transparently reported through our organisational annual report and complemented by regular updates shared via our communication channels. This will include highlighting research outcomes, impact case studies, and key achievements that demonstrate the value of investment in diabetes research.

By consistently and continually evaluating and communicating our impact, we will foster a culture of learning, improvement and shared success – ensuring the Strategy remains dynamic, responsive, and focused on delivering tangible benefits to the diabetes community.



Connect, collaborate and drive impact with us

Delivering meaningful change for people living with, and at risk of, diabetes requires collective ambition and shared action. We invite researchers, clinicians, health professionals and diabetes educators, academic and research institutions, policymakers, industry, donors and funders, and community partners to join us in advancing our Strategy. Whether through partnerships, co-funded initiatives, or aligned programs of work, your collaboration can help unlock new knowledge, accelerate innovation, and translate research into real-world outcomes. Together, we can shape a healthier future for all Australians.

Get in touch to discuss opportunities to collaborate.

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