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**2023 Annual General Meeting
Monday 25 September
At Suite G01 15-31 Pelham Street and via Zoom
Minutes**

Welcome and Opening

At 4:30 pm, Glen Noonan, CEO, welcomed all attendees and read an *Acknowledgment of Country*.

Directors Present

Richard Loveridge (*President*), Professor Peter Colman AM, Malcolm Gray AM, Dan Jefferson, A/Professor Mark Kennedy, Victoria Stevenson, Ed Stockdale and Dr Sarah Wenham

Apologies

Apologies have been received from Board Directors Kathryn Arndt and Erin Ferraris.

Proxies

Three proxies had been received prior to the meeting.

Quorum

Having been advised by the Corporate Secretary that there were 39 attendees in person and online (*with a quorum being at least 20 financial members*), Glen advised that the meeting would proceed.

Draft Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, held on Monday, 24 October

Glen proposed that the draft minutes of the *2022 Annual General Meeting*, as published on the Diabetes Victoria AGM webpage, be signed as an accurate record.

The motion was moved and passed, with 21 members in person, 3 proxy votes and 14 members online voting in favour and none against

President's Address

Richard Loveridge noted that 2023 is the 70th year in the history of Diabetes Victoria. In 1953, our organisation began with people who wanted to work together, united as a community to offer support to and amplify the voices of people affected by or at risk of diabetes. Richard noted that our shared commitment to diabetes research, care and support has been so important to where we are today.

Many people in this meeting are working with us through research, fundraising, advocacy, and programs, events and resources to support self-management. Many are here with us, having been involved with and supporting our organisation for many years.

Two such individuals, in particular, received a special mention on their retirement from Diabetes Victoria.

Associate Professor Mark Kennedy retired as a Director of our Board after five years of selfless and generous service to our Board, Programs & Services and Clinical Advisory Committees.

Mark's more than 25 years' experience as a general practitioner, with a special interest in diabetes, medical education and research, made him an invaluable contributor to our Board and Sub-Committees.

Richard thanked Mark for his sound advice and guidance since 2018.

Malcolm Gray AM retired as a Director of our Board after 30 years.

Richard expressed Diabetes Victoria's endless gratitude to Malcolm for his time, effort, energy and shared wisdom over many eras of the organization.

Malcolm's significant and impactful contribution to the Board, Audit & Risk and Commercial Committees was noted; in particular, Malcolm's resolute commitment to diabetes research. Richard noted Malcolm's representation of this commitment as a long-standing Director of Diabetes Australia Research Limited.

Diabetes Victoria has a proud history of contribution to diabetes research, including \$27M to the Diabetes Australia Research Program grant over the past 23 years, and this is due in no small part to Malcolm's advocacy.

Richard stated that Diabetes Victoria would continue to honour this legacy of commitment to research with Malcolm in mind.

Richard then introduced a short video tribute to Malcolm's 30-year history with the organisation.

CEO's Address

Glen Noonan thanked Richard for his address and acknowledged and thanked Mark and Malcolm for their impact, service and guidance over many years.

Glen thanked the entire Diabetes Victoria team for their remarkable commitment to our cause over the past 12 months.

Glen noted that 2023 - our 70th year – has been an opportunity for Diabetes Victoria to reflect on the many achievements we are proud of and the many hats we wear to support those living with or at risk of diabetes.

As the leading peak body, Diabetes Victoria amplifies the voices and advocates with the government for change for people living with diabetes. We are a charity and membership organisation – we thank our members, donors, supporters and partners for their generous contributions, which are critical to enable us to do the important work to support those living with or at risk of diabetes. We are a National Diabetes Services Scheme agent.

We are a proud supporter of the Diabetes Australia Research Program. Over the last ten years, our organisation has contributed more than half of the funds provided to researchers through this national program. Also, in research, along with our partner, Deakin University, we established the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes.

We are a partner with the Victorian State Government to deliver the *Life!* Program – the leading type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevention program in the country. In 2023, we celebrate 15 years of providing this important program.

Glen also noted Diabetes Victoria’s social enterprise lines of business, the returns of which contribute to our ability to achieve our mission. These include our Clothing Collection business and our long-standing partnership with Savers Australia, our For Purpose Commercial Solutions business, providing technology and shared services to Not-For-Profit organisations, and our recently launched Diabetes Victoria Clinic, providing individual expert diabetes care to Victorians.

Glen remarked that there was much to look forward to in the next 12 months and beyond as we continue to serve with many new initiatives, events and partnerships to reduce the impact of all types of diabetes on individuals, families, communities and health systems across Victoria.

Noting that Diabetes Victoria recently raised the voice of our community in a submission to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Diabetes. Glen said we asked the Victorian community for their input into our inquiry submission during National Diabetes Week. Their views helped us formulate specific priorities and recommendations to the Government. These priorities align with our work to refresh Diabetes Victoria’s strategy to achieve a brighter future – where, eventually, diabetes can do no harm.

Finally, Glen thanked the Board, staff, volunteers, our donors, advisors and many partners of Diabetes Victoria for their tireless commitment to our mission.

FY 22/23 Financial Report

Lalith Abeysena: The Company Secretary proposed that the Financial Report of Diabetes Victoria for the year ended 30 June 2023, as well as the reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon, as published on our website, be adopted.

The motion was moved and passed, with 21 members in person, three proxy votes and 15 members online voting in favour and none against

Re-appointment of Directors

Lalith proposed that Directors Dr Sarah Wenham and Erin Ferraris, who retired by rotation and, in accordance with the provisions of the Diabetes Victoria Constitution and being eligible, offered themselves for re-election, be appointed for a further term of 3 years.

The motion was moved and passed, with 21 members in person, three proxy votes and 14 members online voting in favour and one against

General Business

Glen advised that there was no general business for which the required notice had been given.

Close

Glen thanked all who attended in person and online and declared the meeting closed at 4:50 p.m.

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President and Chair

Date