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Diabetes Victoria and Deakin University extend partnership to support The Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes

Diabetes Victoria and Deakin University are pleased to announce the renewal of their strategic Collaboration Agreement to fund the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD) for an additional five years, from 2025 to 2030.

This significant agreement ensures the continuation of Australia's first and only national research centre dedicated to the behavioural, psychological, and social aspects of diabetes. Established in 2010, the ACBRD has been at the forefront of innovative research aimed at improving the quality of life for people living with diabetes over the past 15 years.

"We are delighted to extend our long-standing partnership with Deakin University", said Glen Noonan, CEO of Diabetes Victoria. "The ACBRD has delivered exceptional applied research over the past 15 years, directly benefiting Victorians and all Australians living with diabetes. This renewed commitment reflects our shared vision of advancing diabetes care through evidence-based behavioural research".

Professor Matthew Fuller-Tyszkiewicz, Associate Dean for Research and Impact, within Deakin's Faculty of Health, welcomed the extension: "This partnership exemplifies Deakin's commitment to impactful research that addresses real-world health challenges in our community. The ACBRD's work has significantly influenced diabetes policy and practice across Australia and internationally".

The renewed funding will support the ACBRD's comprehensive research program. It focuses on understanding the psychological impact of diabetes, developing effective interventions, and translating research findings into practical applications for and with people living with or affected by diabetes, and the healthcare professionals who support them.

Professor Jane Speight, the Foundation Director of the ACBRD, expressed enthusiasm about the centre's future: "This renewed support enables us to build on our strong foundations of world-class research and continue developing innovative solutions and initiatives. Our work over the next five years will focus on emerging challenges and opportunities, including advancing towards the end of diabetes stigma and discrimination, transforming mental health support for people living with diabetes, supporting the realisation of real-world screening and cell-based therapies for type 1 diabetes and, as ever, amplifying lived experience voices".

Since its inception, the ACBRD has published around 300 peer-reviewed papers, secured competitive research grants, and developed evidence-based resources used throughout Australia's healthcare system and adopted internationally.

The renewed partnership commences on 1st July 2025, ensuring the ACBRD's valuable work continues without interruption. The Centre will host a celebration on Thursday 14th August at Deakin Downtown, Melbourne, to commemorate this milestone.

Partners for better health

About The Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD)

The ACBRD was launched in 2010 as a partnership for better health between **Diabetes Victoria** and **Deakin University**. As the result of this successful 15-year partnership between a community-based and an academic organisation, the Centre is uniquely positioned to combine evidence and practice to address the unmet needs of people with diabetes. Through strategic collaborations, and with generous supporters, the ACBRD creates new knowledge and evidence-based resources, translating research findings into real-world impacts to improve the health and quality of life of people living with, or affected by, diabetes. For more information, visit: www.acbrd.org.au or contact info@acbrd.org.au.

About Diabetes Victoria

Since 1953, Diabetes Victoria has been the leading peak body dedicated to reducing the impact of all types of diabetes on people, families, communities and health systems across Victoria. Diabetes Victoria was established when Victorians living with diabetes expressed the need to have ownership of their condition. Diabetes Victoria works to support, empower and campaign for all Victorians affected by diabetes.

About Deakin University

Deakin's community spans a network of over 60,000 students, 5,000 staff and more than 350,000 alumni – all who have contributed to a rich, impactful legacy, making Deakin the leading university it is today. Trusted by more than 500 leading organisations, Deakin partners with the world's best to bring meaningful impact to the communities it serves.

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