

**Diabetes Research**

Western Australia



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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(Trading as Diabetes Research WA)

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## 2019-2020 Board, Executive & Staff

### Office Holders

Chairman	Mr Peter Kerr
Vice Chairman	Dr Joey Kaye
Secretary	Mrs Sally Bruce
Treasurer	Mrs Janette Lano

### Ordinary Board Members

Professor Elizabeth Davis  
Ms Liz McGrath  
Mr Brad Russell-Lane

### Executive Director

Ms Sherl Westlund

### Executive Assistant

Mrs Dione Coleman

### Medical Advisory Panel

Chairman	Dr Joey Kaye
Members	Professor Elizabeth Davis Dr Gerard Chew Dr Gerry Fegan Dr Seng Khee Gan Clinical Professor Tim Jones

### Auditor

Crunch Auditing (formerly Optima Audit Pty Ltd)

## Chairman's Report 2019-2020



*Diabetes Research WA (DRWA) was active in the 2019/20 financial year as we continued to lift DRWA's profile as a focused Western Australian medical research organisation and to fund dedicated diabetes-related research projects here in Western Australia.*

The key objectives of Diabetes Research WA are to:

- investigate the causes and complications of all forms of diabetes;
- search for new ways to prevent and control diabetes; and
- fund research which can contribute to identifying a cure for diabetes.

The volunteer Board and small dedicated staff of the organisation worked hard through the year to fund a number of important diabetes-related research projects. This was achieved through the generosity of existing members and donors, and the expansion of our funding activities to new crowdfunding platforms.

### Strategy

The Board continued to pursue the strategy outlined in the prior financial year, with our key vision being a "World Without Diabetes" and our purpose being "to fund and advance research for the prevention, control and cure of all forms of diabetes". We continue to pursue and develop various initiatives relating to our research model, sustainable funding, branding and profile, partnerships and improvements in organisational design.

### COVID-19

The coronavirus pandemic has presented considerable challenges for many businesses and individuals, and not-for-profit organisations in particular. Understandably, many donors are experiencing their own challenges and funding availability or medical research has also been diverted in many cases to COVID-related projects.

The DRWA Board and staff have carefully controlled the expenditure of the organisation, and we have sufficient financial resources to continue to pursue our key objectives and fund the best local diabetes-related research projects.

### Research Activities

During the financial year we awarded two annual grants – one in fundamental science research and the other in clinical/translational research. Following an encouraging large number of local applications, the following projects were the successful recipients of our 2019 grants of \$60,000 each:

- Dr Lakshini Herat, a researcher at the UWA School of Biomedical Sciences and the Dobney Hypertension Centre in Perth – this project will use well-established diabetic retinopathy mouse models to investigate whether a particular sodium glucose co-transporter inhibitor is an effective therapeutic agent to reduce the development of diabetic retinopathy. The study is considered leading edge and could inform something quite important with respect to the treatment of diabetic retinopathy (eye complications).
- Associate Professor Julia Marley from the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia, UWA and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services – this project seeks to build on an earlier study called "ORCHID" (which was not funded by DRWA) and seeks to improve the laboratory analysis of glucose levels obtained in rural and remote areas where processing delays can cause misclassification of the diagnosis of gestational diabetes. The study has particular relevance for patients in remote locations such as Aboriginal communities. In addition, the study aims to confirm two alternative markers of high blood glucose in pregnant women, being glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) and glycated albumin (GA), to enable the stratification of risk for high blood glucose and adverse outcomes.



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In relation to the research grants awarded in 2018/19, these moved into their second year and final reports are awaited, although COVID-19 has resulted in some delays. Notwithstanding this, Associate Professor Kevin Pflieger, an internationally-recognised researcher at the Harry Perkins Institute in Western Australia who received a \$60,000 grant in 2018, was published in high quality research journals for his project seeking to target a specific molecule (called "RAGE") involved in cell damage which could lead to new treatments preventing diabetes complications.

We are grateful for the submissions from all grant applicants and in particular for the efforts of the medical and research specialists who offered their valuable time for no cost to assess the various grant applications we received.

### **Research Events**

A number of research events were held through the year, with the objective of conveying the results of the various research projects funded by DRWA and providing all interested attendees with an improved understanding of the key themes in diabetes research. These events included lunchtime lectures on the impact of nutrition and therapeutics on gut microorganism health and the onset of chronic diseases, including type 2 diabetes, and regarding the national Environmental Determinants of Islet Autoimmunity (ENDIA) study which is investigating the cause of type 1 diabetes and whether the bacteria in mothers' digestive systems can influence the health of babies, including whether or not they develop chronic conditions such as type 1 diabetes.

In addition, an event was held to mark World Diabetes Day which featured introductions and interviews with DRWA's grant recipients from 2018/19 as well as the awards for 2019/20.

We are grateful for all those who participated in our research functions and we hope to see these events, whether in person or on-line, continue to be well attended in the coming year.

### **Support and Fundraising Activities**

Key fundraising activities during the year included generous donations and bequests from various groups and individuals, proceeds from events sponsored by our supporters, in particular Scarborough restaurant Drift Kitchen, and interest income on our cash reserves.

We are very grateful for the involvement of professional football player Jamie Cripps of the West Coast Eagles Football Club, himself a type 1 diabetic, who assisted with a very successful crowdfunding campaign which raised over \$60,000 for a research project we are seeking to award in the coming year.

Diabetes Research WA is the beneficiary of generous donations, in terms of time and financial support, from various suppliers and supporters. Similar with last year, these include Two Moons Consulting and Elfin Database Solutions, as well as our various Ambassadors and Advocates, being footballer Jamie Cripps as described above, sports commentator Dennis Cometti, Australian actress Jenni Baird, long-time supporter John Baines and our Junior Ambassador Lucia Wright. We are also grateful for support from many other volunteers including the micro-volunteering team from the University of Western Australia and Royal Perth Hospital which provides office space and support.

### **Thank You**

And finally, we sincerely thank our research grant applicants and recipients as well as our staff, in particular Sherl Westlund and Dione Coleman, who work tirelessly to drive and promote the DRWA organisation each day, as well as Ms Natalie Caudle of Capture Media who has ensured DRWA has retained a robust local media presence. Support from these people, as well as all of our Board members, volunteers, supporters, donors and suppliers, is integral to the long-standing success of our organisation.

We look forward to the coming year with a keen focus on our diabetes research projects and continuing our fundraising capacity to achieve our broader research objectives.

**Peter Kerr**

Chairman DRWA

October 2020

## Research Report 2019–2020



*The role of the Medical Advisory Panel remains principally the facilitation and oversight of the assessment process for research grant applications received by Diabetes Research WA.*

*All applications are independently peer reviewed to specific criteria that ensures each application conforms to the highest possible standards in terms of scientific rigour and administrative transparency.*

2020 has been an extraordinary and challenging year with COVID-19 impacting the global community. Importantly, there have been significant implications for people with diabetes and whilst Western Australia has fortunately been relatively spared, the medical, research and broader community in WA has been acutely aware of the devastating impact of this virus.

Unsurprisingly, some research projects have been impacted, particularly those that have required recruitment and participation, however, research teams that DRWA are affiliated with have demonstrated enormous resilience and determination to adapt and continue their plans and projects. We are grateful for their diligence, skill and perseverance.

As in previous years, DRWA has remained committed to funding two project grants for 2020, one for projects with a clinical/translational focus and the other in the field of basic science research. The Medical Advisory Panel again facilitated independent peer review of grant applications and are grateful to all the reviewers who voluntarily gave their time to assist with the review process. Their expertise ensures the application and assessment process conforms to the highest standards of scientific rigor and administrative transparency.

The basic science grant was awarded to Dr. Lakshini Herat from the UWA School of Biomedical Sciences and Dobney Hypertension Centre for her project entitled: Determining a novel role for sodium glucose co-transporter 2 in the pathogenesis of diabetic retinopathy.

Sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitor medications improve glucose control in people with diabetes and are associated with significant reductions in diabetes associated heart and kidney complications. This study will focus on eye complications by utilizing well-established mouse models of diabetic retinopathy (the Akita, Kimba and Akimba strains) to elucidate whether the sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitor, Canagliflozin, is an effective therapeutic agent to reduce the development and progression of diabetic retinopathy.

Dr Julia Marley from The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia (RCSWA), The University of Western Australia and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Ltd received the clinical/translational grant for 2020 for her project entitled: Validation of algorithms for screening and detection of hyperglycaemia in pregnancy in rural and remote Australia.

This project builds on a previous study by her group, the ORCHID study (Optimisation of Rural Clinical and Haematological Indicators of Diabetes) and aims to improve the laboratory analysis of glucose levels obtained in rural and remote areas as processing delays can result in misclassification of the diagnosis of gestational diabetes in many women. The study will also examine whether two alternate markers of high blood glucose (glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) and glycated albumin (GA) can be used to help stratify risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes.

During the year, Professor Kevin Pflieger from the Harry Pekins Institute, who received the 2019 basic science grant award for his project entitled Novel mechanism of RAGE activation as a new therapeutic target in diabetes, reported ongoing success with his research project with several successful publications in high quality research journals.

**Dr Joey Kaye**

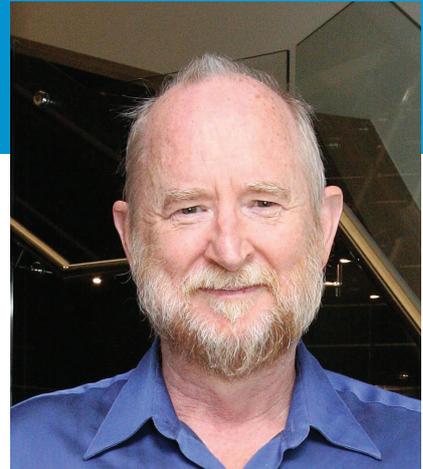
Chairman

Medical Advisory Panel

October 2020



## Research Update and Progress 2019–2020



*The WA Centre for Diabetes Research was established in 2005 through an initiative of the Diabetes Research Foundation of WA Inc. (now trading as Diabetes Research WA).*

Welcome to the 2020 Report from the Centre for Diabetes Research.

We have been a part of the Environmental Determinants of Islet Autoimmunity (ENDIA) study since its inception in 2015 and earlier this year, ENDIA has reached a crucial milestone: completion of our recruitment target of 1500 ENDIA babies. Though recruitment has now finished, collection of samples from the ENDIA families is still ongoing. Here at the CDR we currently have close to 3,500 samples in our biobank, consisting of saliva samples and extracted DNA, which we are using to study the genetic make-up of our ENDIA families. The early findings coming out of the ENDIA study are exciting and we look forward to reporting these to you over the next few years.

Another achievement to report is the completion of a project spanning the last eight years, investigating the genetic makeup of Australian Burmese cats. This breed is significantly more likely to develop type 2 diabetes (T2D) than other cat breeds, or of Burmese cats overseas. This is due to a genetic “bottleneck” effect, with most Burmese cats descended from only a few founders, which by chance had more T2D genes than usual. Our work identified genetic markers that tag T2D susceptibility genes in Burmese cats and will enable veterinarians to conduct preventative health strategies in those cats that are at high risk. Some of the cat genes are also involved in human diabetes. This work has involved collaborations with scientists in Queensland and the US and is currently undergoing review for publication.

Over the last few years, we have made a breakthrough in the field of analysing genetic data and developed a worldleading method that defines “Genetic Risk Signatures”. These signatures identify people at high risk of adverse disease outcomes, such as heart attack or death from melanoma, based on their genetic variants. In early 2020 we were awarded close to \$1M from the Australian government's Medical Research Future Fund. This funding, in collaboration with Fiona Stanley Hospital and the Baker Institute in Melbourne, will be used toward developing a set of genetic tests to determine people who are at a high risk of heart attack, stroke or heart failure. This ground breaking work can be translated into many disease types and we are currently seeking funding to develop a genetic test to identify which people with T2D are at high risk of developing diabetic kidney disease. A test such as this would greatly influence the preventative medical care of those people in WA with T2D.

As always, we are grateful for the support of Diabetes Research WA, which allows us to continue our research and benefit the community.

### **Professor Grant Morahan**

Director

WA Centre for Diabetes Research

October 2020





**2019-2020**

## **Research Team & Focus Areas**

### **The WA Centre for Diabetes Research Team**

Director	Professor Grant Morahan
Research Fellow	Dr Sylvia Young
Research Associate	Dr Kevin Li
Administration & Research Officer	Bek Brittain
PhD Students	Xiaoshun Shi
Adjunct Senior Researcher	Lois Balmer
Volunteer	Nanthinie Shanmugam

### **The WA Centre for Diabetes Research Focus Areas**

#### **Type 1 Diabetes:**

- Identifying Genetic and Environmental Causes of Type 1 Diabetes: The ENDIA Study
- Genome-Wide Interactions in Type 1 Diabetes

#### **Type 2 Diabetes:**

- Genetic characterisation of a domestic cat breed with an unusually high incidence of diabetes mellitus

#### **Diabetes Complications:**

- Genetic test for risk of diabetic kidney disease

#### **Bioinformatics**

- Genetic tests to identify people at high risk of heart disease
- Tissue specific expression of cancer susceptibility genes
- Identifying risk signatures for people with lung cancer

#### **Centre for Diabetes Research Flow Cytometry Facility**

- The Flow Cytometry Facility is a cell sorter which enables researchers to collect and analyse cells. In addition to providing services to the WA CDR, it is also available to researchers within The Perkins Institute and other universities and institutes within Western Australia.

# Annual Financial Report

for the year ended 30 June 2020

## Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020

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# **The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) ANNUAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2020**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

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The Members of the Committee present their Report together with the financial report of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) (“the Association” or “DRFWA”) for the year ended 30 June 2020 and the auditor’s report thereon.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Mr Peter Kerr**

##### **Office Holder - Chairperson**

Peter is an Australian Chartered Accountant with more than 20 years’ experience in the mining industry in Australia and Canada, including corporate, operations and senior executive roles. He is presently Chief Executive Officer at Mount Gibson Iron Limited. Having been part of DRFWA’s Committee from 1997 to 2000 and greatly admiring the work of the organisation over a long period, Peter re-joined DRFWA in October 2015. Peter was appointed Chairperson in May 2017 and is passionate about research into all forms of diabetes.

#### **Dr Joey Kaye**

##### **Office Holder – Deputy Chairperson**

Joey is a Consultant Endocrinologist and the Director of Diabetes Services at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Western Australia. Joey completed his undergraduate medical training at The University of Western Australia, physician training at various hospitals in Western Australia and completed specialist training in Endocrinology and Diabetes in 2001. Joey undertook a PhD in neuro-endocrinology at the University of Bristol in the UK from 2000-03.

#### **Ms Sally Bruce**

##### **Office Holder - Secretary**

Sally Bruce presently holds the position of Special Counsel with Jackson McDonald Lawyers, where she has worked since 2008. For the past 20 years, Sally has practised predominantly in the areas of succession planning, estate litigation, trusts, deceased estates and guardianship and administration. Sally is a member of the Law Society of WA and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. She is also a member of the Elder Law and Succession Committee of the Law Society of WA.

#### **Mrs Janette Lano**

##### **Office Holder - Treasurer**

Janette is a highly experienced Management Accountant at Tianqi Lithium Kwinana and prior to this worked at Mount Gibson Iron Limited, Perseus Mining Limited and Ramelius Resources in the same capacity. She joined the DRFWA Committee in May 2017 as Honorary Treasurer. Janette is a member of CPA Australia and understands the power of research to make a difference to the lives of those with diabetes.

#### **Associate Professor Elizabeth Davis**

##### **Ordinary Committee Member**

Professor Liz Davis MBBS, FRACP, PhD is an Australian clinical researcher in paediatric diabetes. She received paediatric endocrinology training in Perth and University of Pennsylvania, and received her PhD from the University of Western Australia.

Professor Davis is the Head of the Department of Endocrinology and Diabetes at Perth Children’s Hospital. She co-directs the Children’s Diabetes Centre at Telethon Kids Institute, an integrated Clinical and Research centre, which has exercise as one of its key research themes.

# The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) ANNUAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2020

## COMMITTEE REPORT - continued

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### **Ms Liz McGrath**

#### **Ordinary Committee Member**

Liz is a writer and communicator with more than 25 years' experience working in Australia, London and New York, and currently runs her own freelance copywriting and writing agency.

### **Mr Ken Pettit SC** (retired 21 October 2019)

#### **Ordinary Committee Member**

Ken is a Senior Counsel and commenced at the Independent Bar in 1995. Ken has practised in large commercial matters, administrative and constitutional law, public sector inquiries and investigations, industrial law and native title litigation.

### **Mr Mervyn Rothstein** (retired 21 October 2019)

#### **Ordinary Committee Member**

Mervyn is a retired commercial lawyer and migration agent who has had involvement in various diabetes associations in Australia and South Africa for over 30 years. He was for many years the Honorary Secretary of the Association.

### **Mr Brad Russell-Lane**

#### **Ordinary Committee Member**

Brad is the former Chief Executive Officer of the North West Shelf and Vice President Australia Business at Woodside Energy where he worked from 1989 until his retirement in 2019. Brad is a Volunteer Advisor to the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, a mentor to young professionals and Vice President of Southern Capes Motorcycle Club based in Busselton. Brad was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 36 and is an advocate for workplace and corporate giving, believing that diabetes research in Western Australia is world-class.

## EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

### **Ms Sherl Westlund**

#### **Executive Director**

Sherl has over 23 years' experience in the not-for-profit (NFP) sector and ensures DRFWA continues to focus on funding world-class research into diabetes in Western Australia by collaborating and partnering with like-minded institutions and entities. She recognises the vital role research plays in changing the future and the impact quality local research can bring for those living with or at risk of diabetes and the associated complications.

Sherl also mentors in the NFP sector and previously held the position as Clinical Co-ordinator of the Northampton Asthma Service; Resource/ Education Officer for the Asthma Foundation and was the President of the Geraldton Asthma Group where she implemented strategies to improve affordable access to asthma health care services for all, particularly for Indigenous and Vietnamese communities.

# The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.)

## ANNUAL REPORT

### For the year ended 30 June 2020

#### COMMITTEE REPORT - continued

#### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The number of meetings of the Association's Committee held during the year ended 30 June 2020, and the number of meetings attended by each member of the Committee, were:

Members of the Committee	Committee Meetings		Fundraising Committee Meetings	
	A	B	A	B
Mr Peter Kerr	7	7	5	5
Dr Joey Kaye	7	6		
Mr Mervyn Rothstein (resigned)	7	1		
Mrs Janette Lano	7	3		
Ms Sherl Westlund	7	7	5	5
Associate Professor Elizabeth Davis	7	3		
Mr Ken Pettit SC (resigned)	7	2		
Ms Sally Bruce	7	7	5	1
Ms Liz McGrath	7	4	5	4
Mr Brad Russell-Lane	7	7	5	5

A = Number of meetings eligible to attend

B = Number of meetings attended

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Association during the year was to act as a charitable institution providing research funds to Western Australian diabetes researchers. No significant change in the nature of those activities occurred during the year.

#### DIVIDENDS

As the Association has no share capital, no dividends are payable.

#### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

DRFWA is a private charitable Association dedicated to the funding of research in Western Australia focused on the prevention, control and cure of all types of diabetes. The Association's objectives are to fund the State's best researchers to investigate the causes and complications of all forms of diabetes, to search for new ways to prevent and control diabetes, and to discover a cure for diabetes. Funds are sourced from bequests, fundraising initiatives including specific events and crowdfunding, workplace and corporate giving, and generous personal donations.

#### KEY STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Through the Association's efforts, funds are sourced for the purpose of enabling world-class diabetes research in Western Australia. The Association awarded two annual research grants in 2019-20 to applicants through a formal and competitive application process. The selection of grant awardees each year is overseen by an independent Medical Advisory Panel. This panel reviews all grant applications and makes recommendations to the Members of the Committee on the worthiness of such applications. Approval of research grants is ultimately decided by the Committee.

# **The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.)**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **For the year ended 30 June 2020**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT - continued**

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#### **MEASUREMENT OF PERFORMANCE**

The success of DRFWA is measured through formal and informal monitoring of our key objectives for each year. The Committee meets approximately every two months and at each meeting reviews the financial, marketing and research outcomes of the Association, and its future plans. The key areas monitored include:

- Compliance with regulatory and acceptable business practices;
- Effective management of the Association;
- Cost control;
- Periodic fundraising targets;
- Applications and processes for the assessment and award of research grants;
- Website “hits” and enquiries, and media presence; and
- Performance of fundraising and other programs against expectations.

#### **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS**

During the year, the Association continued to raise funds from generous estate bequests and donations from members and other individuals and companies, and to apply these funds to diabetes research projects and general running costs.

Other than the above, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs during the financial year.

#### **MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2020 that have significantly affected the Association’s operations, results or state of affairs, or may do so in future years.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

The Association’s operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State Legislation.

#### **INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS**

Since the start of this financial year, the Association has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Association.

During the financial year the Association has paid premiums in respect of Members of the Committee and Officers’ liability and legal expenses insurance contracts for the year ending 30 June 2020. Such insurance contracts insure against liability (subject to specific exclusions) arising against persons who are or have been Members of the Committee or Officers of the Association.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ BENEFITS**

During the year no member of the Committee has received or become entitled to receive any benefit by reason of a contract made by the Association with the member of the Committee or with a firm of which he or she is a member or a company in which he or she has a substantial financial interest, except as otherwise disclosed in Note 13 of the financial statements.

# The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) ANNUAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2020

## COMMITTEE REPORT - continued

### RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS PAID

In the 2019-20 financial year, the Association paid cash grants (excluding GST) totalling \$159,717 (2018-19: \$160,283) as listed below:

	2019-20	2018-19
	\$	\$
Retinopathy Research – CSIRO	-	40,000
Curtin University – F O’Gara	-	40,000
University of Western Australia – K Pflieger	30,000	30,000
University of Western Australia – V Matthews	39,717	20,283
University of Western Australia – A Haynes	30,000	30,000
University of Western Australia – L Herat	30,000	-
University of Western Australia – J Marley	30,000	-
	<u>159,717</u>	<u>160,283</u>

To ensure that the Association is kept updated and across any issues with the research, DRFWA typically releases half of the funds for each research project upon receipt of an invoice and the remainder mid-way through the research project following receipt of a suitable interim report.

### AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the Auditor’s Independence Declaration as required under section 60.40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC) is set out on page 14 and forms part of this Committee Report.

This Committee Report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Peter Kerr  
Chairperson



Janette Lano  
Treasurer

Perth  
8 October 2020

## Auditor's Independence Declaration

To those charged with governance of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia Inc

As engagement partner of audit of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia Inc for the year ended 30 June 2020 I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of the code of conduct relating to independence in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

*Crunch Auditing Pty Ltd*

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Michael Cooper

9 October 2020



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**The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.)  
ANNUAL REPORT  
For the year ended 30 June 2020**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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This financial report covers The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.), trading as “Diabetes Research WA” (the “**Association**” or “**DRFWA**”), as an individual entity.

The financial report is presented in Australian currency.

DRFWA is a not-for-profit association incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 5 Ainslie House  
RPH Precinct  
48 Murray Street  
Perth WA 6000

A description of the nature of the Association’s operations and its principal activities is included in the Committee Report on pages 10–14, which does not form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Members of the Committee on 6 October 2020. The Members of the Committee have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

# The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) ANNUAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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		<i>Year Ended 30 June</i>	<i>Year Ended 30 June</i>
	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue from continuing operations	4	<b>132,612</b>	97,154
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee benefits expenses		<b>(170,038)</b>	(177,524)
Advertising and promotion		<b>(50,255)</b>	(42,104)
Other expenses	5	<b>(14,876)</b>	(21,209)
Research grants expensed during the year		<b>(129,717)</b>	(150,283)
<b>Surplus (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(232,274)</b>	(293,966)
<b>Other comprehensive surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	4	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(232,274)</b>	(293,966)

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.)  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>30 June 2020 \$</b>	<b>30 June 2019 \$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	<b>557,252</b>	816,593
Trade and other receivables	7	<b>6,162</b>	24,867
Other assets	8	<b>2,912</b>	2,590
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>566,326</b>	844,050
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Equipment	9	<b>2,249</b>	3,199
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>2,249</b>	3,199
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>568,575</b>	847,249
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	<b>16,988</b>	66,875
Employee benefits	11	<b>34,808</b>	31,321
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>51,796</b>	98,196
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>51,796</b>	98,196
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>516,779</b>	749,053
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Retained Earnings		<b>516,779</b>	749,053
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>516,779</b>	749,053

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) ANNUAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Year Ended 30 June 2020 \$</i>	<i>Year Ended 30 June 2019 \$</i>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Donations received		97,602	60,367
Interest received		9,387	23,447
Memberships		612	338
Other income		27,017	14,363
Payments to suppliers and employees		(233,843)	(222,725)
Research and education payments		(159,717)	(160,283)
<b>Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities</b>		<b>(258,942)</b>	<b>(284,494)</b>
<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>			
Acquisition of office equipment		(399)	(3,582)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(399)</b>	<b>(3,582)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(259,341)</b>	<b>(288,076)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		816,593	1,104,670
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	6	<b>557,252</b>	816,593

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) ANNUAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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	Accumulated Funds \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2018</b>	1,043,019
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(293,966)
Other comprehensive income	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>	<b>749,053</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>	749,053
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(232,274)
Other comprehensive income	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>516,779</b>

The above statement of changes in accumulated funds should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

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### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) (the “**Association**”).

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 were approved and authorised for issue by the Members of the Committee on 6 October 2020.

### 2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

None of the new standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2019 affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period and are not likely to affect future periods.

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarised below.

The financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by Australian Accounting Standards for each type of asset, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies below.

#### 3.1 Basis of Preparation

##### *Historical cost convention*

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention.

##### *Critical accounting estimates*

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Association’s accounting policies. There were no areas involving higher degrees of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates were significant to the financial statements of the Association.

##### *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of the Association’s operations are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (“functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Association’s functional and presentation currency.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

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### 3.2 Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable, when the Association is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

*Donations*

Donations are recognised when the amounts are received. In common with most organisations dependent on such contributions, the Association is unable to establish control over voluntary donations prior to their initial entry into the accounting records.

*Bequests*

Revenue is recognised when bequests are received by the Association.

*Interest Revenue*

Interest Revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

### 3.3 Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Association.

Where a bequest is received in the form of assets, these are recognised at fair value at the date acquired.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis to write down the cost less estimated residual value of the asset. The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Buildings	25 to 50 years
Vehicles	4 to 10 years
IT Equipment	3 to 5 years
Furniture, fittings and other equipment	3 to 8 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the assets, and are recognised in profit or loss within other income or other expenses.

### 3.4 Income Tax

The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) is exempt from tax under Subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **For the Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)**

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#### **3.5 Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

For the purposes of presentation in the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above. Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

#### **3.6 Payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year which are still outstanding. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value.

#### **3.7 Employee benefits**

The liability for employee benefits relates to amounts expected to be paid to employees for annual leave, long service leave, salary sacrifice and superannuation. It is based on legal and contractual entitlements. Current wage rates are used in the calculation of the provision.

#### **3.8 Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST components of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

#### **3.9 Contingent Liabilities**

Where there exists a possible obligation, defined as having a less than a 50% chance of becoming a present obligation, the Association recognises a contingent liability.

#### **3.10 Adoption of new and revised accounting standards**

The Association has adopted all standards which become effective for the first time at 30 June 2020. The adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association.

#### **3.11 New accounting standards and interpretations**

The Australian Accounting Standards Board has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Association has decided not to early adopt these Standards.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

	30 June 2020 \$	30 June 2019 \$
<b>4. REVENUE</b>		
General donations	70,836	59,281
Bequests from deceased estates	26,766	1,086
Memberships	650	380
Interest	7,305	22,012
Other Income	5,055	14,396
Government subsidy	22,000	-
	132,612	97,154
<b>5. EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Audit fees	2,100	2,050
Legal fees	-	-
Insurance	5,160	4,621
Depreciation	1,349	1,249
Other administration costs	6,267	13,289
	14,876	21,209
<b>6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at 30 June:		
Cheque accounts (including funds awaiting term deposits)	557,252	76,042
Term deposits	-	740,551
	557,252	816,593
<b>7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Receivables	-	-
Net GST receivable	6,162	22,785
Interest receivable	-	2,082
	6,162	24,867
<b>8. OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Prepayments	2,912	2,590
	2,912	2,590

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

#### 9. EQUIPMENT

Gross carrying amount	Furniture and Fixtures	IT Equipment	Total
Balance 1 July 2019	3,089	4,579	7,668
Additions	-	399	399
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-
<b>Balance 30 June 2020</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>4,978</b>	<b>8,067</b>

Accumulated Depreciation	Furniture and Fixtures	IT Equipment	Total
Balance 1 July 2019	2,684	1,785	4,469
Additions	104	1,245	1,349
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-
<b>Balance 30 June 2020</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>5,818</b>

Carrying Amount	Furniture and Fixtures	IT Equipment	Total
At 1 July 2019	405	2,794	3,199
<b>At 30 June 2020</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>2,249</b>

#### 10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 June 2020 \$	30 June 2019 \$
Accrued expenses	5,060	37,642
PAYG withholding payable	7,936	25,268
Superannuation payable	3,992	3,965
	<u>16,988</u>	<u>66,875</u>

#### 11. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Liability for annual leave	22,646	21,908
Liability for long service leave	12,162	9,413
	<u>34,808</u>	<u>31,321</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

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#### 12. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation.

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Association's related parties include its Key Management Personnel and related entities as described below.

Unless otherwise stated, none of the transactions incorporate special terms and conditions and no guarantees were given or received.

##### *Transactions with Key Management Personnel*

Key management of the Association are the Members of the Committee and the Executive Director. Details of the Members of the Committee are disclosed in the Committee Report. Other than the Executive Director who received remuneration, the other Members of the Committee of DRFWA did not receive any emoluments during the year. No Members of the Committee are associated with companies or firms which provided paid services to the Association during the year.

#### 14. COMMITMENTS

The Association has the following diabetes research commitments as at 30 June 2020:

- Remaining amount of \$30,000 for the research grant '*Trial of novel drug to treat diabetic retinopathy - Lakshini Herat UWA*'; and
- Remaining amount of \$30,000 for the research grant '*Validation of algorithms for screening and detection of hyperglycaemia in pregnancy in rural and remote Australia - Julia Marley UWA Rural Health*'.

#### 15. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

There are no contingent liabilities that have been incurred by the Association in relation to the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

## DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.):

The financial statements and notes of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

There are reasonable grounds to believe that The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.) will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Chairman – Mr Peter Kerr



Treasurer – Mrs Janette Lano

Dated: 8 October 2020

# Independent Audit Report to the members of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia Inc

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia Inc (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit and loss and comprehensive income, the statement of changes in accumulated funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the declaration by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



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