



## ADEA BOARD COMMUNIQUE

Board Meeting – August 2018

This meeting was held in conjunction with the Australasian Diabetes Congress in Adelaide

### **New Board directors**

Helen Phelan (CDE Director), Anne Bush (CDE Director) and Maria Maieli (Independent Director and new Finance Director) were welcomed as new board directors. They attended their first board meeting as observers.

Retiring directors, Heike Krausse (CDE, Finance Director), Libby Bancroft (CDE director) Steve Brett (independent director) were acknowledged for their contribution to ADEA over many years on the board.

### **Diabetes in Schools Program Announced.**

A new diabetes in schools education and training program will make it easier for teachers and staff to support children with type 1 diabetes, and give parents confidence that their children will be safe and supported at school. The program funding has been approved by the Minister, who will launch it on 4 September.

Minister for Health, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP, at Mornington Park Primary School in Melbourne announced funding of \$6 million over two years from NDSS New Programs to develop and deliver the program through the National Diabetes Services Scheme.

The program will be developed with wide ranging consultation from consumers, health and education sectors. ADEA initiated this proposal to the government.

### **Investment Policy**

The board has approved an investment policy to guide future financial directions. It was decided that this would be reviewed at least annually by the Finance and Audit Risk Committee and the Board.

## **Life membership**

Jayne Lehman has been awarded Life Membership for 2019 for her outstanding and innovative support to diabetes education, ADEA and members and to the disability sector. Life Membership was approved by the board and is the highest award by ADEA in recognition of outstanding contribution over many years.

## **Collaboration**

ADEA continues to develop new and strengthen existing collaborations. ADEA has been working with Brawijaya University in Indonesia and is now in discussions with the Chinese Endocrine Society and diabetes educators in China. ADEA President Brett Fenton and CEO Joanne Ramadge met with Prof Ji, President of the Chinese Endocrine Society, at the ADC in August to discuss opportunities and identify areas for ongoing collaboration.

## **International Relationships**

ADEA is working with colleagues internationally to improve diabetes outcomes and to raise awareness and status of ADEA. We are working with colleagues in China to support their efforts in relation to diabetes education. In collaboration with the Australian Diabetes Society (ADS) we are looking to attract engagement with Chinese colleagues for ADC 2019 in Sydney.