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Consumers and health professionals make history, create united voice for diabetes care

The Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA), which represents over 2,500 Credentialed Diabetes Educators (CDEs) and the Australian Diabetes Society (ADS) which represents endocrinologists and research scientists have both voted to unify with Diabetes Australia, Australia's largest diabetes consumer group, at their AGM this afternoon.

The Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA), formed in 1981, is Australia's leading organisation for diabetes care and education. ADEA members are healthcare professionals who are committed to providing evidence-based best practice diabetes education to ensure optimal health and wellbeing for all people affected by, and at risk of, diabetes. Diabetes education is a specialty field of health care practice.

"This is a pioneering step toward improving diabetes care and empowering those living with diabetes across Australia," said ADEA President, Tracey Tellam. "The unification of health professionals and consumers creates a unique voice that promises a new era in diabetes care in Australia. We are excited to be in the forefront as we work together to amplify the voice of diabetes care in Australia."

"ADS and ADEA will each maintain their own Board, budget and personnel but the unification will enable stronger integration of policy and advocacy efforts and reduce duplication, resulting in a more effective voice for people living with diabetes and the health professionals that support them," said ADS President, Steve Stranks.

Unification between ADEA, ADS and Diabetes Australia will create one powerful voice that will help improve diabetes management, education services, research, and advocacy to make a real difference for people living with diabetes and their carers.

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