

Diabetes Australia Research Limited Board of Directors

Diabetes Australia Research Limited is a company limited by guarantee. The Company is the Trustee of Diabetes Australia Research Trust and is controlled by Diabetes Australia Ltd.

Chair



John Townend – AM, CFRE, FFIA, LFS (Hons)

John was appointed as Chair of the Board of Directors in 1991, and has served as a Director since 1989. He is also on the Board of Directors of Diabetes Australia Ltd (appointed June 2010), and is a Governor of the Kellion Diabetes Foundation.

John was formerly the Vice-Chairman of the International Diabetes Federation Western Pacific Region, President of Diabetes Australia, and President of Diabetes Australia – NSW. John was also the Chair of Fundraising Institute Australia – NSW and Fundraising Institute Australia.

As part of his role as Director of International Ministries for a US not-for-profit organisation, he is a Chair for organisations in Germany and Holland, and a Director for organisations in Canada, England, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

John has actively contributed to the diabetes movement over the last 28 years, and he personally experienced the effects of diabetes when one of his sons was diagnosed at the age of five. His wish is to see a cure for diabetes.

Directors



Gordon Bunyan – BA, LLB

Gordon was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2000, is on the Board Committee on Governance and Membership, and is a Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation.

He was Assistant Director at the Australian Institute of International Affairs, and a senior manager with Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Ltd, and a racing car driver.

He has been involved in the Diabetes Australia Research Trust, at local, state and federal levels, as well as internationally. As a person with diabetes he can provide to the Board a different perspective from that offered by the medical and business professionals committed to Diabetes Australia, and to the parents and partners of loved ones with diabetes who give their time so generously.



Malcom Gray – AM, B.Com, DDA, FREI, FAPI, FAICD

Malcolm was appointed to the Board of Directors in 1997 and has been a Director of Diabetes Australia – Victoria since 1994.

Malcolm is an Executive Director at Gray & Johnson (Real Estate) with more than 40 years' experience with the company. Currently he is also a Director of the Bennelong Group, Bennelong Funds Management and BQ Design. He has previously worked as the Deputy Chairman for the Bank of Melbourne, President of both Real Estate Institute of Victoria and the Real Estate Institute of Australia, the Chair of Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia, and the President of the International Cricket Council.

Malcolm's son has lived with diabetes for 35 years and Malcolm is committed to working with Diabetes Australia to improve services available to individuals, families and carers.



Richard MacIsaac – Bsc (HONS), PhD, MBBS, FRACP

Richard was appointed to the Board of Directors in November 2010 and is the Chair of the Diabetes Australia Research Trust Advisory Grant Committee.

Richard is a member of the Australian Diabetes Society, the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, the Endocrine Society of Australia, and the Endocrine Society (USA). He is also a member of the American Diabetes Association, the European Association for the Study of Diabetes, and the American Society of Nephrology.

Richard is Professor and Director of Endocrinology and Diabetes at St Vincent's Hospital and the University of Melbourne. Prior to taking up his current position he was Head of Diabetes at Austin Health.

His main research interest is diabetes and its complications, especially those related to cardiovascular and kidney disease, and he has published over 100 research articles on this topic.



Ian Rodwell – BCom

Ian was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2000. He is also a Director of MND Australia, an organisation responsible for the support and funding of medical research to find the cause and cure for motor neurone disease. Ian is the Chair of Optalert Ltd, a company developing and marketing an innovative technology product to measure both alertness and drowsiness, as an aid to the global transport and mining industries.

Ian is the founder of Adcorp Australia Ltd, which is Australasia's largest locally owned marketing and advertising communications group. He held the position of Managing Director from Adcorp's inception until his retirement in January 2004, and is now a non-Executive Director.

Ian sought to contribute to the area of diabetes due to the diagnosis of a family member with type 1 diabetes. He is particularly focused on finding a cure and maintaining the high value that donors receive as a consequence of the organisation's low cost structure.



Paul Williams – BSc, MSc, PhD, ARCPA, FFSc (RCPA)

Paul was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2008. He is a Director of Diabetes Australia Research Ltd (appointed 2002) and a past President of the Australian Diabetes Society. He is a member of the Diabetes Australia International Affairs Committee and is on the Executive Committee of the International Diabetes Federation Western Pacific Region. Paul was also previously a member of the Diabetes Australia Medical, Education and Scientific Committee.

Paul is the Endocrine Society of Australia's delegate to the Pathology Associations Committee and a member of the American Diabetes Association. He has been a Foundation Fellow of the Faculty of Science and an Associate Member of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. He is an Associate Professor and Principal Research Fellow at the University of Sydney Medical School.

Paul has been involved in diabetes research since 1972, covering insulin resistance, insulin receptor structure and function, insulin action, diabetes complications and pathology testing for diabetes. He aims to ensure that the rights and concerns of people with diabetes are represented by Diabetes Australia to the Commonwealth.