

Diabetes Victoria welcomes donations as Marie Kondo inspires Aussies to declutter

21 January 2019: For more than 20 years, Diabetes Victoria has run a successful collection service with its partner, [Savers Australia](#). Since 1997, Diabetes Victoria has been collecting donated clothing and small household items, which have been on-sold-to, and by, Savers.

Following the new year's day release of Netflix program: "[Tidying Up with Marie Kondo](#)", many Australians are joining in on the Marie Kondo craze, taking the time to tidy, declutter and get organised. Donations to collection services have spiked over the past month, with reports that some collection services are struggling to keep up with the increase in donations.

Diabetes Victoria is encouraging Victorians to donate their pre-loved, unwanted clothing and small household items by visiting diabetesvic.org.au and booking a free collection.

Supported by a large warehouse facility and in partnership with Savers Australia, no donation to Diabetes Victoria will go to waste.

"As a not-for-profit organisation, we pride ourselves on our ability to generate untied and non-government income to support our programs and services, and to fund vital diabetes research projects," says Diabetes Victoria's CEO Craig Bennett. "In the last five years, we have raised almost \$8 million through our collection business."

Diabetes Victoria estimates that more than 60 million items have been recycled, which not only benefits the environment by reducing landfill, but also enables Diabetes Victoria to constantly improve and expand on the services it provides to Victorians affected by, or at risk of, diabetes.

Throwing clothing in the bin rather than donating is having a damaging effect on our environment. [It is estimated that 6000 kgs of clothing and textiles are sent to Australian landfills every 10 minutes!](#) Clothing made from synthetic fibres is incredibly popular, but unfortunately has a negative impact on our environment. Once these items reach landfills, [they can sit for more than 200 years, and as they decompose they emit methane – a greenhouse gas more potent than carbon.](#)

Marie Kondo is inspiring millions worldwide to declutter and get organised. Her New York Times best-selling book "The life-changing magic of tidying up", has sold more than 3 million copies worldwide.

Donation collections can be booked online at <https://www.diabetesvic.org.au/collection-business>

*We **support, empower and campaign** for all Victorians affected by, or at risk of, diabetes.*

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