

Diabetes Victoria supports Op Shop Week with competition

Wednesday 19 September: During National Op Shop Week, Diabetes Victoria is rewarding its clothing donors with the chance to win a \$100 Savers voucher. To enter the competition, people need to book an online pick-up of their unwanted clothes from Sunday 30 September to Saturday 6 October 2018. Every collection booked during that week will go into the draw to win a \$100 Savers voucher.

About 150,000 Victorians donate clothing and small household items to Diabetes Victoria's collection business at least twice a year, helping the charity and not-for-profit organisation to put more money towards vital diabetes research.

"Diabetes Victoria currently deploys 11 vehicles that make up to 300 separate pickups per day. At our Campbellfield warehouse, these recycled items are then sorted, priced and transported to the seven Savers stores in Melbourne for sale to the public," said Lalith Abeysena, Diabetes Victoria's Chief Operating Officer.

National Op Shop Week seeks to raise awareness of the important role of charity op shops and volunteering in our community.

"More than 324,000 Victorians live with diabetes, and the number is constantly growing," said Mr Abeysena. "We are committed to running a variety of campaigns in order to better support people living with this relentless chronic condition."

Diabetes Victoria and Savers Australia have had a vibrant partnership for more than twenty years that has directly benefitted Victorians affected by diabetes. The partnership is stronger than ever due to the successful implementation of several new business processes in recent years.

"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," added Mr Abeysena. "In the last five years, almost \$7 million has been raised through Diabetes Victoria's collection business partnership with Savers.

To enter the competition, please book your collection during *Op Shop Week* online: **diabetesvic.org.au/collection**

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

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Partnership facts:

- Over the past 20 years, an estimated 60 million items have been recycled through this business model.
- There are environmental benefits of reduced landfill.
- Diabetes Victoria's collection business employs 15 people and deploys 11 vehicles that make up to 300 separate pickups per day.
- Currently about 150,000 Victorian donate items to the collection business at least twice a year.