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Diabetes Australia appoints The Hon Judi Moylan as new President

Diabetes Australia announced a new President today with the appointment of Judi Moylan, former Federal Member of Parliament and Minister.

“I am delighted to take on this very important role with Diabetes Australia to help reduce the impact of the diabetes epidemic,” said Ms Moylan. “There are around 280 Australians developing diabetes every day, adding to the 1.5 million people who already have diabetes – and the frightening 2 million people with pre-diabetes who are at high risk.”

Ms Moylan commented on the challenge and opportunity for the new Federal Government. “We welcome the Coalition Government’s commitment to work with Diabetes Australia and develop a new National Diabetes Strategy. This strategy will address prevention of complications, prevention of growing costs and prevention of more people developing type 2 diabetes,” she said.

“The Coalition Government is also committed to making diabetes prevention and management a clear priority for the primary care system in Australia – this is a great opportunity.”

Outgoing President Moira Watson said she looked forward to Judi Moylan taking on this role with her strong experience in the Federal Parliament and with diabetes which includes:

- establishing the Federal Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group in 2000 and serving as Chair until her retirement earlier this year
- serving as Federal Member for Pearce, WA for 20 years and a former Minister for Family Services and Minister for Status of Women
- chairing numerous Parliamentary committees and leading many international exchanges.

“The World Diabetes Congress comes to Melbourne 2–6 December this year and we expect to have over 10,000 international delegates in attendance, shining the global spotlight on the diabetes epidemic in Australia and around the world,” said Ms Watson. “Having Judi Moylan as our President will enhance our ability to connect with parliamentary and community leadership.” Ms Moylan will commence her new role on 4 November 2013.

Diabetes Australia has successfully administered the National Diabetes Services Scheme on behalf of the Australia Government for over 25 years.

Diabetes Australia is the national body for people affected by all types of diabetes and those at risk – and is committed to reducing the impact of diabetes.

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