



**The Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society Limited (ADIPS)
2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

Date: Sunday, 23 August 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM AEST

Location: Centre Stage, Rydges Hotel, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

1. Meeting Opening & Welcome (1:00 PM)

- Official opening of the AGM by the Chair.
- Establishment of a quorum.
- Acknowledgment of proxies received (due by 1:00 PM, 21 August 2026).

2. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes

- Minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 11 October 2025 at the Grand Room 1 & 2 at the Cortis Hotel, Auckland, NZ.

3. General Business

- i. President's Report (presented by Dr Matthew Hare)
- ii. Treasurer's Report (presented by Dr Tang Wong)
- iii. Consideration of the Financial Report and Directors' Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.
- iv. Consideration of other business submitted by members with due notice.

4. Ordinary Resolution

- **Resolution 1:** Vote on the temporary alteration to the maximum number of Board Directors.
 - *Proposal:* Temporarily increase maximum directors from 9 to 10 until the 2028 AGM.



5. Contingent Ordinary Resolutions (Election of Directors)

The voting path for this section will strictly follow the outcome of Resolution 1:

- **PATH A (If Resolution 1 Passes):** Voting on 5 individual ordinary resolutions for 5 available vacancies:
 - **Resolution 2A:** Election of Anna-Jane Harding (NSW)
 - **Resolution 2B:** Election of Carina Cotaru (QLD)
 - **Resolution 2C:** Election of Elizabeth Lewis-Hills (NZ)
 - **Resolution 2D:** Election of Felicity Farnworth (VIC)
 - **Resolution 2E:** Election of Robyn Barnes (NSW)
- **PATH B (If Resolution 1 Fails):** Announcement of pre-AGM electronic ballot results via TrueVote Pty Ltd to fill 4 vacancies:
 - **Resolution 3A:** Constitutional election of Carina Cotaru, Robyn Barnes, and Felicity Farnworth to meet mandatory professional diversity criteria.
 - **Resolution 3B:** Election of 1 remaining director (either Anna-Jane Harding or Elizabeth Lewis-Hills) based on the highest electronic ballot vote count.

6. Information Items

- **Recognition of the continuing Directors for the 2026–2028 term (no vote required):**
 - Matthew Hare (NT),
 - Rosemary Hall (NZ),
 - Tang Wong (NSW),
 - Alexis Shub (VIC), and
 - Shantha Joseph (SA).

6. “Office Bearers’ Appointments” and other Operational Updates

7. Future Meetings

8. Meeting Close (1.30 PM)



Minutes of the
Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society Limited
Annual General Meeting
held at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland, NZ
Saturday 11 October 2025 at 12.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President and Board Chair, Dr Matthew Hare, welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting. It was noted that the agenda papers were emailed to all members earlier in the week and were also available to members on the ADIPS website under the Annual General Meeting tab when logged in.

Present

D Simmons, I Fulcher, G Ross, J Chemmanam, A Sakthivel, A Shub, A Nankervis, B Hague, K H Singh, M Morton, D McNeill, C Houlihan, C Foged, R Gogna, J Oats, R Hicks, L Yuen, A Gupta, A Drew, H Lakhdhir, AJ Harding, W Cheung, T Wong, B Crinall, S de Jersey, R Hall, I-L Lee, R Goldstein, Z Lah, E Lewis-Hills, K Skeggs, R Elder, A Barry, J Rowan, C Nolan, S Eldridge, G Guttenbeil, M Hare.

Apologies

Nil

Proxies

J Lagstrom (to the chair in favour of the motion)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 24 August 2024 at 12.30pm at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle on 24 August 2024 were provided in the agenda papers. The President was notified by one of the board directors, Susie de Jersey, that her name was missing from the attendee list. Subject to that correction, the members were asked to nominate and second that the minutes represent an accurate record of that meeting.

Nominator: R Hall

Seconded: T Wong

3. President's Report – Dr Matthew Hare

Dr Matthew Hare thanked the members for attending this annual meeting of our society. He highlighted that the members, from various disciplines and from across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand make ADIPS so special. He reported that it had been another significant year for the society and it had been a privilege to serve in his role and to build on the legacy of those who have given so much over the last 38 years.

The board members were thanked for generously serving as voluntary non-executive directors of the company. In particular, the contribution of Julia Zinga, who tendered her resignation from the board early in the year for personal reasons, were highlighted. Julia had served on the board since 2020 and was thanked for her valued contributions. In light of this, the president reported that the board requested expressions of interest from the membership to fill the casual vacancy. The president announced the appointment of Anna-Jane Harding to the board. Anna-Jane is a highly experience Clinical Nurse Specialist and Credentialed Diabetes Educator at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. The Board are grateful for the expertise she will bring.

In March, the Board held a face-to-face Strategic Planning Day in Sydney. The Board felt this was an essential activity to create the space in their busy schedules to step back, reflect and plan. Having a strategic plan would help ensure the limited resources are focused on appropriate priorities. It will provide a framework against which to assess new ideas and activities, and it will help ensure that the Board are constantly considering the ongoing success and sustainability of ADIPS. In the lead-up, all board members independently completed a detailed analysis of the society's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This was then deidentified and aggregated, forming the basis of draft strategic plan that was then extensively revised in person.

The President then read through the ADIPS Strategic Plan.

At the strategy meeting, the Board also agreed on a list of priority-aligned actions for the current board term and the President used this as a framework for giving the following updates on the key activities for the year.

Annual Scientific Meeting – Auckland

The president reported that it was fantastic to be back in New Zealand, it now being 11 years since the last meeting here, with Queenstown in 2014. The Auckland meeting was reported as one of our largest meetings to date, with 449 delegates registered as of yesterday. We received a total of 127 abstracts across both societies and we have 34 invited speakers and panellists, including our two international keynote speakers A/Prof Sharleen O'Reilly from Ireland and Prof Saskia Middeldorp from the Netherlands. The president also expressed gratitude to have honorary Australian, Professor Helen Murphy from Cambridge with us again.

The Auckland meeting was run in a hybrid format, with 77 people opting to attend virtually. We are pleased to have been able to offer the program to those unable to travel. We are reassured that having the virtual option did not deter strong face-to-face registrations and was very cost effective.

Local Organising Committee – ASM Auckland, NZ

The president thanked Dr Heena Lakhdhir who co-convened the local organising committee for the scientific meeting this year for ADIPS. He also extended thanks to the full ADIPS team that included Bethany Crinall, Liz Lewis-Hills, Charlotte Oyston, Alexis Shub, Rosemary Hall, and Suzie Neylon.

The Society

It was reported that the Society currently had a membership of 304, of which 258 were financial. A slide showing the increase in membership and improvement of the proportion financial was shown. The society continues to welcome all health professionals involved in the care of women with diabetes in pregnancy as members. A breakdown of membership by profession was displayed on slides as a pie chart. A breakdown of membership by location was displayed on slides as a pie chart. Aligned with our strategic plan, it was reported that the board is committed to continue to grow the membership numbers and the diversity of our membership through improving the offering and value to members.

ADIPS Activities

The president then provided a quick overview of some other key activities in the last year.

- Preparations have begun for the 2026 ADIPS ASM which will be held in Melbourne. If you are interested in being involved in the LOC please do get in touch. This meeting has been approved as an official satellite meeting of the IDF Western Pacific Region conference being led by ADS, ADEA and Diabetes Australia. This will enable cross pollination of our invited speakers, securing a shared session at the IDF meeting, and some promotion of our meeting to potential attendees of the larger meeting.
- Established the Education Subcommittee, which is currently chaired by Shantha Joseph. Thank you to our members with varied expertise and from diverse locations who are contributing the subcommittee. The work of this group will be essential to improving what ADIPS offers to its members.
- Developed a communications plan and social media policy. We have launched a LinkedIn profile as an additional way of communicating with members, potential members and other professional stakeholders.
- Commenced budget forecasting, which is updated as needed and included in the financial papers for each board meeting. This enables us to plan appropriately and think strategically. With the recruitment of a new Executive Officer underway, we have agreed with SOMANZ, to increase from 10 to 15 hours per week (per society). We will need to bring in additional revenue to resource this, but without additional capacity, we feel it will be impossible to grow the Society's activities.

- In order to support the efficient and effective functioning of ADIPS, governance and processes are a key aspect of our strategic priorities. We have commenced regular meetings of the Finance and Risk Subcommittee, chaired by Tang Wong. We have made long overdue updates to account signatories and are improving account visibility to board members. We have reviewed our insurances and got professional advice and quotes for cyber insurance.
- In 2015, when the membership decided to become a company limited by guarantee, the membership also decided to become a registered charity. This has not progressed. We have a quote from a legal firm to assist with this process and the board is committed to pursuing this in due course with timing subject to our budget position.
- In 2025, ADIPS has worked hard on the dissemination of the new Consensus Recommendations for the Screening, Diagnosis and Classification of GDM. An update on this will be presented this afternoon. We are grateful to all our members who have had to work locally to update local guidance and processes.
- We have commenced our next ambitious exercise, which is to update consensus recommendations for the management of GDM. ADIPS last published guidance for the management of GDM in the MJA in 1998 with an update letter published in 2002. The board is grateful to all members who expressed interest in being involved in this process. We had more applicants than required and the group was selected to ensure appropriate expertise, diversity and representation.
- ADIPS led advocacy and clinical guidance in wake of the discontinuation of Novo Nordisk's Protaphane InnoLet and plans for the discontinuation of Levemir.
- Nominated a representative for the Levimir withdrawal working group established by Diabetes Australia on behalf of the diabetes alliance.
- We continue to work effectively and positive with Diabetes Australia as an associate member. We have secured our representative position on their Health Professional Advisory Committee, which is currently filled by A/Prof Susie de Jersey. As members will recall from discussions at previous AGMs, our membership involved a \$2000 annual fee. We decided that this was not in our interests and to date, in open discussion with Diabetes Australia, are no longer paying this.
- Related to governance and process, we began annual "focus, feedback and future" discussions with our one, much loved and very generous, staff member. This new process also involves an annual salary review. It came to our attention that Suzie had not had any change in her pay since 2016. The board decided to put in place a minimum 3% indexation of salary on 1st Nov each year and back paid Suzie to November 2022.
- We have plans in place to modernise some of our board process, which will include online secure platforms for preparing and sharing agenda and minutes, a board conflicts register and shared folders for accessing key documents.

- In late 2024, the report of the ADIPS Preconception Working Group, chaired by Prof Kirsten Black, was published on our website and we are still working on publication of a related perspective piece.
- Dr Arianne Sweeting continues to represent ADIPS on the national pre-analytical specimen handling working group led by AACB and we look forward to seeing those recommendations disseminated.
- We remain committed to pursuing an ADIPS DIP benchmarking register and re-establishing the working group which is to be co-chaired by Prof David Simmons and Dr Hare.
- ADIPS continues to collaborate broadly. Key partnerships include our role as a founding member of the IADPSG. Our current official representatives are Dr Arianne Sweeting from Australia and Dr Rosemary Hall from New Zealand. Dr Hare represents ADIPS on the Diabetes Alliance which meets monthly. Through the alliance, ADIPS is contributing to significant national advocacy efforts including several submissions to government and regulatory agencies in the last year.

It was noted that there are many other activities that ADIPS continues to contribute to but in the interests of time, it was necessary to keep moving and the President handed over to Dr Tang Wong for the Finance Report.

4. Finance Report – Dr Tang Wong

The Finance Committee Chair, Dr Tang Wong, reported that the Financial Statements for 2025 were prepared by Tinworth Accounting Pty Ltd in North Sydney and a full copy of the financial statements were circulated to all members prior to this meeting by email. The full report was also available to logged in members on the ADIPS website.

The financial statements for 2025 reported that the Society made a net profit of \$2,508 compared with \$7,132 in 2024. The income appeared slightly less in 2025 compared with 2024 due to the \$16,364 in financial support from NSW Health and SPHERE to support the GDM conference in 2024. This is not a regular income item and it was noted that it was fully expended on that event. It was pleasing to see an increase in membership payments in the 2025 period; however, this is sometimes a timing issue.

There was less interest earned on investments over the past 12 months but this related predominantly to timing. The new Negotiator account earns around \$250 a month in interest at present so we should see a figure closer to \$3,000 in 2026. The retained earnings at 30 June 2025 were \$110,825 compared with \$108,316 in 2024.

The profits from the ASM and the Membership fees continue to be the two main sources of income and together these funds only just cover the operating costs of the Society and occasionally fall short. The Society receives only a small proportion of income at present from their investments in the bank.

The Board acknowledged that they need to source other forms of income to sustain and grow the Society and will continue to formally develop an ADIPS education stream to provide a third major source of income.

The Board remained hopeful that we will return a surplus to cover the operating costs. The Society funds have depleted over recent years but it was noted that the trend over the previous 10 years, the net assets fluctuate from year to year and the Board will work hard over the coming year to ensure the operating costs are covered. ADIPS will continue to fund grants and awards as the finances permit.

The finance report was passed by the members.

Nominator: J Oats

Seconder: D Simmons

5. Proposed Constitution Amendment

The president reported that the Board had reviewed the ADIPS Constitution and as previously notified to members, were putting forward a minor amendment.

The proposed amendment is to change the timing of the board meeting where the board votes for the incoming President and Board Chair and the Deputy Chair. Currently, this is decided after the AGM, however, the Board feel this decision should be made prior to the AGM so the incoming President and Board Chair and the Deputy Chair can be announced at the AGM.

This is not an election year so this change, if passed by 75% of the voting members at this meeting, will take effect at the conclusion of the AGM and be implemented in 2026, which is an election year.

The president moved through three slides outlining the proposed amendment.

The ADIPS Constitution currently reads:

12.1 Chair and Deputy Chair

(a) At the first meeting of the Board after every second AGM, the Board shall elect from amongst the then current Directors:

- (i) a Chair;
- (ii) a Deputy Chair.

To facilitate nominating the new Chair and Deputy Chair, prior to the AGM, the following amendment is proposed:

12.1 Chair and Deputy Chair

(a) At the meeting of the Board before every second AGM, the Board shall elect from amongst the current Directors:

- (i) a Chair;
- (ii) a Deputy Chair

(Circulated to members through the E Newsletter on 19 August 2025)

The president moved through the slides one by one and requested a show of hands to pass the special resolution on the final slide.

Moved: A Shub

Seconded: J Oats

The amendments were supported by the members and passed.

6. Grants and Awards

Novo Nordisk Research Grants

ADIPS were successful in securing funds again this year for the ADIPS Novo Nordisk Research Grants, with one grant for A\$10,000 on offer. The president thanked Novo Nordisk for continuing to support this important research program. Ten applications were received for the 2025 round and the winner was Dr Annabel Jones from Western Health in Victoria.

Honorary Life Membership

The Board considered two outstanding members to confer with Honorary Life Membership in 2025. The first was nominated for life membership directly by the Board with unanimous support.

Dr Janet Rowan

Janet trained as a General Physician but, in 1993, during her final registrar year worked at National Women's Hospital, Auckland with the Obstetric Medicine team - and never left. She became increasingly involved with the Maternity Diabetes service and from 2002 her clinical practice was predominantly in that service, which grew to 1000 deliveries a year until her retirement in 2023. She has made significant contributions to research and mentorship and is particularly renown as principal investigator of the MiG Trial which has been globally impactful. Janet has been a very active, generous and valued contributor to ADIPS, including serving two 6 years terms on the board, which is remarkable. On behalf of all of us at ADIPS, thank you. Dr Rowan was presented with an Honorary Life Membership certificate.

The second successful nomination came from a member, but accompanied by several high-profile seconders, and was also unanimously supported by the board.

David Simmons

Like Janet, David Simmons needed no introduction. He has held and continues to hold several significant leadership roles in diabetes clinical care, advocacy and research. He is Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the Western Sydney University. With over 400 refereed publications, he has won several national and international awards for his work in diabetes epidemiology, diabetes in pregnancy and diabetes service development. His impactful research spans many domains, including but not limited to epidemiology, community-based translation initiatives and high-quality international randomised trials. David has contributed a remarkable 22 years of service to the ADIPS board, including two terms and a total of 6 years as President. David it is my great privilege to award you Honorary Life Membership and to thank you on behalf of ADIPS for your extensive contributions.

David Simmons was presented with an Honorary Life Membership certificate and added a note of thanks to Suzie Neylon for all her support to him during his term as the ADIPS Board Chair and President.

7. Future Meetings

ADIPS ASM 2026

The ADIPS Annual Scientific Meeting will be held as an official satellite of the IDP-WPR in 2026 in Melbourne. The ADIPS ASM will run from Friday 21 August to Sunday 23 August at the Rydges Hotel in Melbourne. The president invited volunteers for the organising committee with a meeting to convene prior to the end of the year.

8. Other Business

David Simmons raised a concern regarding the new GDM diagnostic criteria and the issue of women who meet the previous lower diagnostic thresholds that aligned with a 1.75-times greater odds of adverse outcomes in the HAPO study, especially those who may have been diagnosed by these criteria in a previous pregnancy. He raised the importance of developing guidance on how to communicate this to women when they are not diagnosed with GDM in a second pregnancy, as well as highlighting the ongoing relevance of these lower glucose thresholds to long-term health risks beyond pregnancy. The President noted that these important issues were considered during the extensive process to develop the consensus recommendations and that ongoing monitoring of the impacts of the criteria changes would be important.

A question was raised about the planned management guidelines for gestational diabetes and what the process for this was. It was noted that there will be an expert working group, systematic literature review and a draft will go to the members. Consumer groups and other key stakeholders will also be consulted.

Thank the Executive Officer

The president formally thanked Suzie Neylon for all her support of the board and the society over many years. He reported that Suzie has announced her retirement and following a transition period, will finish with ADIPS before the end of the year. Suzie had been formally employed by ADIPS since 2009 but contributed to organising the ADIPS scientific meetings well before that date as they used to align with OMGA and ASSHP.

Suzie's contributions to both ADIPS and SOMANZ will be formally recognised later in the weekend.

9. Close

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 1.15pm local time.