Diabetes Expo Community Art Exhibition

My Diabetes, My Story

The Diabetes Expo Community Art Exhibition celebrates the creativity and lived experiences of children and young people living with diabetes.

This display is an opportunity for young people to share their story through art, in their own way.

Every artwork will be valued as part of a shared community exhibition that recognises creativity, connection and the many different experiences of living with diabetes.

Key Details:

- Open to ages 5 – 22
- Must be original artwork
- 2D artwork only
- Maximum size is A4
- Submissions will not be returned
- Submissions must be received by Friday 6 November 2026

Submission guidelines

1. Who can participate?

Children and young people living with diabetes are invited to submit an original artwork.

Age groups are included for display and planning purposes only:

- 5 to 8 years.
- 9 to 12 years.
- 13 to 17 years.
- 18 to 22 years.

2. Theme

The theme is *My Diabetes, My Story.*

Your artwork might show:

- What life with diabetes means to you.
- Things that help you feel confident or supported.
- Your diabetes technology.
- Friends, family or community.
- Challenges you have overcome.

- What gives you strength, hope or happiness.
- A future you are excited about.

There is no right or wrong interpretation.

Every artwork tells a different story. Together they tell the story of our community.

3. Artwork requirements

- Artwork must be the entrant's original work.
- Any visual art medium is welcome, including drawing, painting, collage, mixed media, illustration, printed digital art, flat textile art or other visual media.
- Artwork must be suitable for public display.
- AI-generated artwork is not permitted.
- Maximum size: A4.
- Artwork should include a title that reflects the idea, feeling, or story behind the piece.

4. How to submit

Original artwork

Entrants must complete the submission form.

- The artist's name and artwork title must be written on the back of the artwork.
- Artwork must be packaged securely for posting.
- Postage and packaging costs are the responsibility of the entrant.
- Only submit original artwork if you're happy for it to become part of the Expo, as submitted artwork cannot be returned.
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Postal Address
Think Business Events
Suite 1, 4 Anderson Street
Port Melbourne VIC 3207
Ref: Diabetes Expo

5. Exhibition at Diabetes Expo

Submitted artworks may be featured in the Community Art Gallery at Diabetes Expo.

The exhibition aims to:

- Celebrate creativity.
- Share lived experiences.
- Build connections across the diabetes community.
- Create a welcoming and inclusive Expo experience.

6. Permission and copyright

Copyright remains with the artist.

By submitting artwork, artists and parents or guardians grant the organisers permission to:

- Display the artwork at the Expo.
- Photograph the artwork.
- Share images of the artwork on websites, social media, and promotional materials.
- Use the artwork to support diabetes awareness and community engagement activities.

Artists will be acknowledged wherever reasonably possible.

7. Parent or guardian consent

Entrants under 18 years of age must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to participate.

A parent or guardian should complete the consent section of the submission form and confirm that they understand how the artwork may be used.

8. Suitability for public display

Artwork must be appropriate for a public, family-friendly event. The organisers may decline to display artwork that contains offensive, discriminatory, defamatory or unlawful content, or content that may be distressing in a public setting.