

Media release

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Leading pharmacist mentoring program returns

After a successful pilot year, Australia's only face-to-face pharmacist mentoring program is back in 2019, led by a premium [Platinum Partnership Program](#), now open to all pharmacists, complemented by an online [Gold Partnership Program](#), available exclusively to SHPA members.

Across both levels of the [SHPA Mentoring Program](#) pharmacist mentees are supported to build confidence, dismantle barriers and grow job satisfaction, while Platinum mentors in the will gain access to additional executive coaching support and workshops to optimise new skills in their day-to-day leadership.

Releasing the [SHPA Mentoring Program 2019 Prospectus](#) today, SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says both Platinum Partnership and Gold Partnership programs have been specifically designed to benefit mentors and mentees equally.

'As was wonderfully evident last year, the SHPA Mentoring Program enables pharmacist [mentees](#) to draw on the skills and experience of more senior pharmacists to overcome hurdles and roadblocks through expertly facilitated training and purpose-matched and supported partnerships.

'For Platinum Partnership Program [mentors](#), direct access to two of Australia's best executive coaches and tailored integration workshops will ensure developed techniques and skills can be applied to enhance their daily leadership practice.

'Upon completion of the program, certified Platinum mentors will be admitted to the SHPA Mentor Network.'

Gillian Swinnerton, a Platinum Partnership Program mentor and member of the SHPA Mentor Network says she entered the program to share knowledge with those who were earlier in their pharmacy journey.

'When you immerse yourself into helping people become better leaders, working with them to improve the way they do things, you gain greater clarity of how you can move forward in your own path.

'The SHPA Mentoring Program really helped me be better at what I'm doing, at my career stage. When you have clarity, you don't need certainty.'

Margie Butnoris, a Platinum Partnership Program mentee, says the 2018 SHPA Mentoring Program was a highlight of her pharmacy career.

'It was a wonderful combination of science and magic that's really powered my potential over the last 12 months.

'I've gained a wonderful mentor, but I've also gained a friend – someone who understands me and where I'm coming from when I reach out – and that's a real professional gift.'

For more information or to register visit the [SHPA Mentoring Program](#).

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