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Kristin Michaels reappointed as SHPA Chief Executive

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) today announced that Kristin Michaels has been reappointed to lead the organisation into the future, as the organisation prepares to announce its *Transformation 2024* agenda.

SHPA President Tom Simpson praised Ms Michaels' visionary leadership at a time of growing opportunity for specialty pharmacy in Australia.

'Over seven strong and steady years, Kristin has been a driving force for modernising not just SHPA as an organisation, but the ways in which hospital-led expertise can positively impact pharmacy practice nationally.

'Kristin's deep understanding of the pharmacy sector, and Australian health care broadly, has helped position SHPA as a peak body for collaborative, multidisciplinary care.

'On behalf of our members, the Board of Directors recognises the tremendous and transformative energy Kristin has brought to the role, and we look forward to implementing Transformation 2024 to build on the strong foundations of the last seven years.'

Mr Simpson says SHPA is embarking on a phase of transformation over the second half of 2023 and into 2024.

'Through unprecedented investment in a new recognition program, specialty pharmacy and digital infrastructure, we are taking SHPA into a new era.

'I could not be more delighted to serve as SHPA President alongside such a uniquely talented leader in bringing about the next stage of SHPA's evolution.

'As a longstanding member, I noticed a palpable shift in our organisation as Kristin led SHPA from a more traditional society to a pre-eminent voice for the pharmacy profession.

'It is a pleasure to appoint Kristin to continue to serve as Chief Executive; SHPA is in safe – but never still – hands.'

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional organisation for the 6,100+ Hospital Pharmacists, and their Hospital Pharmacist Intern and Hospital Pharmacy Technician colleagues working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.

