



2019 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

INVESTMENT TO IMPACT

In 2019, we saw a transition from investment to impact at SHPA, as we further strengthened our programs and services, our partnerships and our support for the professional community to give members the strongest base for satisfaction and success in hospital pharmacy.

TOTAL SHPA MEMBERS

5,250

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



This year saw the release of *'Advancing Australia's Pharmacy Workforce'*, which connects the dots on years of visionary planning.

In its new Practitioner Development Pathway – we hope every member can see avenues for their personal progress, to maximise their impact on patient care with SHPA as their professional partner.

[View *'Advancing Australia's Pharmacy Workforce'* →](#)

EXPANDING EDUCATION



The **Electronic Medication Management (EMM) Conference**, SHPA's first specialty conference, attracted 100 delegates over two days in Sydney in June.

This year saw a **20% increase in attendance at national events** as SHPA delivered **24 seminars** to members, including **nine brand new offerings** and the second SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium.

As always, **SHPA Branches** were key drivers of education, reaching members through an incredible **63 events**, including **six Branch symposia**.

Tying it together, this year saw the launch of **CPD Central**, SHPA's intuitive CPD planning and recording tool. Packed with detailed CPD activity and registration information, CPD Central features a 'traffic light' tracking dashboard and unique 'thought bubble' learning intention feature to help members plan a path to their minimum of 40 annual credits.

HITTING NEW HEIGHTS



Our revitalised Specialty Practice program continued to flourish, with more than **2,600 members** enrolled in at least one of our **29 groups**, exceeding SHPA's 50% membership target. We gained three new member-driven groups: **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Research and Medical Specialties**.

SHPA's **Standard of Practice in Pain Management for Pharmacy Services**, the first in the progressive release of new and updated guidelines, was published in June.



RESIDENCY ROLL-OUT



The SHPA Residency Program continues to grow strongly. **Over 90 Foundation Residents** got underway in 2019 and **54 of our original cohort have now completed** their programs.

We now have residents in **34 programs**, spread across over **50 facilities nationwide**, in every state and territory in Australia.

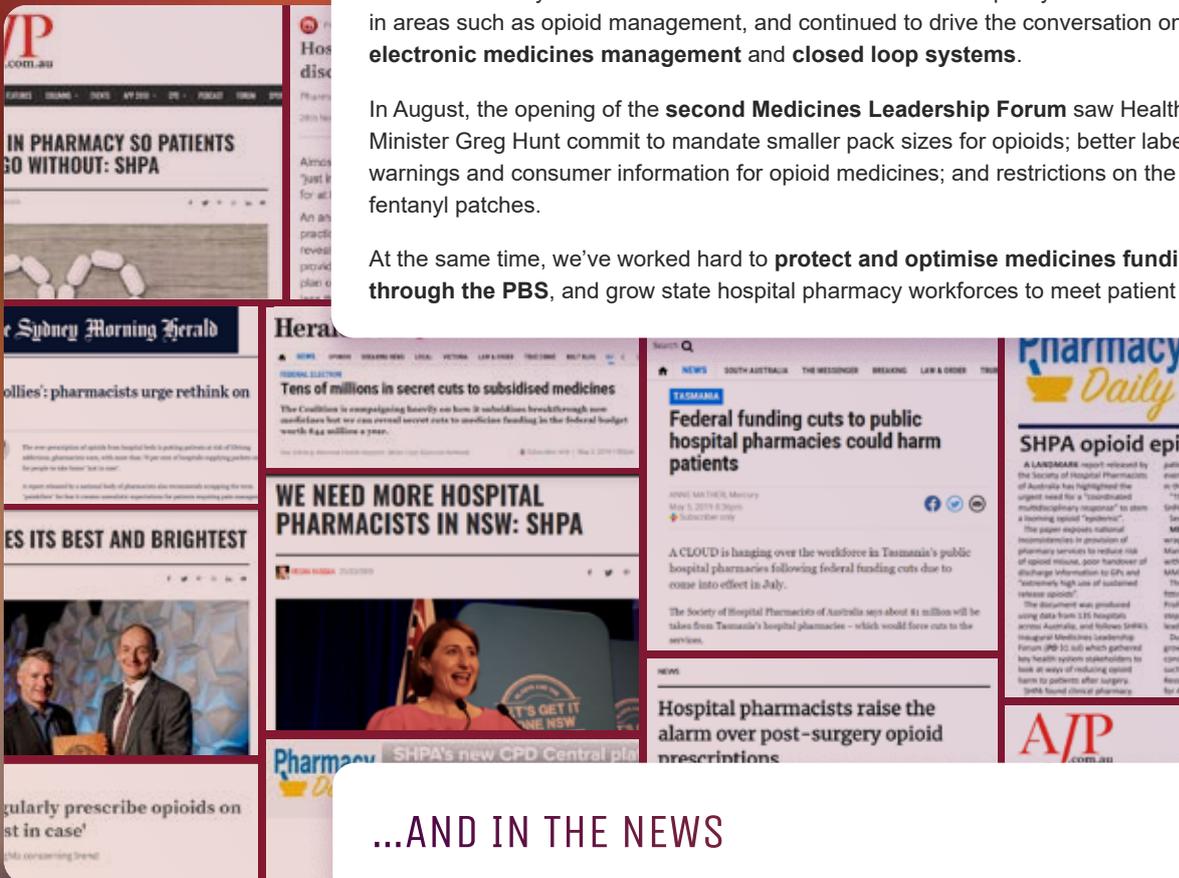
2019 also saw the **development and opening of Advanced Training Residencies**, the next stage in structured and accredited national training programs for hospital pharmacists.

ADVOCACY IMPACT ON PHARMACY PRACTICE...

SHPA's advocacy continues to build. In 2019 we saw national policy achievements in areas such as opioid management, and continued to drive the conversation on **electronic medicines management** and **closed loop systems**.

In August, the opening of the **second Medicines Leadership Forum** saw Health Minister Greg Hunt commit to mandate smaller pack sizes for opioids; better labelling, warnings and consumer information for opioid medicines; and restrictions on the use of fentanyl patches.

At the same time, we've worked hard to **protect and optimise medicines funding through the PBS**, and grow state hospital pharmacy workforces to meet patient need.



...AND IN THE NEWS

The buzz surrounding our advocacy outreach, coupled with good news stories about the work of our organisation and our members gained a **cumulative media audience of 101.3 million**, more than five times last year's figure, and our **social media audience grew by 18% to 1.9 million**.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

JOURNAL OF
Pharmacy Practice and Research

We farewelled **Dr Chris Alderman**, who stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of **JPPR** in July. In his place we welcomed Professor Michael Dooley to set the strategic direction for the next phase of growth for SHPA's flagship journal, which has seen record numbers of article downloads again this year.

2019 saw the development of **EMIT**, the next generation of our popular Medicines Information Training Workbook. Comprehensively updated by member Medicines Information experts, EMIT will be **fully integrated into SHPA's Online CPD platform**.



BLOCKBUSTER IN BRISBANE

Last November, Medicines Management 2018 was a major success, with a **record 1,300 delegates** in attendance at **Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference**.

Associate Professor Ian Coombes (pictured) received the 2018 Fred J Boyd Award, recognising his passion and dedication for practitioner growth, pharmacy research and developing leading pharmacy services.

Dr Lisa Pont was awarded the 2018 SHPA Medal of Merit, in acknowledgment of her extensive contribution to pharmacy research and role in supporting, mentoring and inspiring pharmacy, nursing and medical staff.

Dr Rohan Elliott received the 2018 SHPA Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award and was honoured for his contribution to pharmacy practice and patient care as a geriatric medicine pharmacist, educator and researcher.



WELCOME TO NEW SHPA PRESIDENT PETER FOWLER

At the close of MM2018, Professor Michael Dooley stepped down and **Peter Fowler** was elected by the Board of Directors as SHPA's new President. **Dr Jacinta Johnson** was elected Vice President and **David Brennan** elected Treasurer.

In releasing the SHPA Strategic Plan 2019-23 two months later, Mr Fowler, who is Specialist Pharmacist – Critical Care at the Launceston General Hospital in Tasmania, highlighted how the organisation will continue to deliver as the **indispensable professional partner of Australia's community of leading pharmacists and pharmacy technicians**.

'Through SHPA's ongoing advocacy, programs and initiatives members will be supported to **sharpen their skills, forge stronger connections, advance their practice** and **wield a more influential voice** as they drive their careers forward.'



STRONGER TOGETHER

2019 saw the publication of the **SHPA Honour Roll**, acknowledging members who have contributed their time and expertise to advance Australian pharmacy and patient care through key SHPA bodies, including state and territory Branch Committees, Specialty Practice Leadership Committees, groups steering key SHPA programs, projects and events across advocacy, education, workforce development, and the Medicines Management SHPA National Conference.

The Honour Roll will be updated annually, and on behalf of the SHPA Board and Leadership, **SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels sincerely thanks all members** for shaping **another year of success and growth**.

'Your commitment enables us to **lead and influence positive change in patient care** and we are proud to continue to **invest in your pharmacy future**.'