

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



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Dear NAPSA members,

I am super excited and extremely honoured to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your NAPSA president for the 2019/2020 term. On behalf of my Board and Chairs, we are looking forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead working together to provide better opportunities for our members.

I would like to firstly extend a big thank you to Immediate Past President, Jess Hsiao, and her board for all the hard work and many achievements seen in the last 12 months. NAPSA has come a long way to increase the professional representation of pharmacy students within the industry and I look forward myself to working with a fresh and enthusiastic new team to ensure we continue to foster these relationships and success within the pharmacy profession.

This year, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at Monash University's Parkville Campus in Melbourne. The AGM weekend also saw the second SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium with an overwhelming number of pharmacy students in attendance. The results of the AGM saw the new Board being elected and the winners of Charity Cup, Best Branch and induction of Honorary Life Members which were announced at our Annual Dinner. NAPSA's Charity Cup total was also announced on the night and I am proud to say we raised \$25277.79 for Brain Tumour Alliance Australia. Congratulations to Orange Pharmacy Students Association (OPSA) for winning the overall Charity Cup Award and to the Western Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (WAPSA) for the Charity Cup Innovation Award. The highest contribution was from the Victorian Pharmacy Students' Association (VPSA) with a total donation of \$5196.57. Another big congratulation goes to BAPS for also taking home the well-deserved Best Branch award. I would also like to congratulate our Honorary Life Member, Vasilios Sotiropoulos, who continues to work with NAPSA on projects such as the NPSS and NAPSA Connect.





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President's Report

I would like to congratulate our elected NAPSA board members for the 2019/20 term: Eliza Herd (UoNAPS) – Secretary Tina Blefari (SAPSA) - Treasurer Aisling McEvoy (VPSA) - Executive Director Alexandra Ward (SAPSA) - Executive Director Antoni Ukalović (WAPSA) - Executive Director Ella Crust (WAPSA) - Executive Director Juliet Contreras (CaSPA) - Executive Director

July was a busy month for NAPSA as we attended PSA19 held in Sydney a few weeks after AGM. The theme was Pharmacists in 2023: Unlocking Your Opportunities with the education programs and inspiring panel discussion sessions. A key message enforced through the conference was connecting pharmacists to the healthcare industry to ensure medicine safety. The Pharmacy Student of the Year Finals were also held at the conference and NAPSA would like to extend its congratulations to Alice Hashiguchi from University of Western Australia who was announced as the winner of this prestigious competition and Kiralee Gross from James Cook University who took home the People's Choice Award. It is exciting as students to be involved in the period of change for pharmacy and NAPSA would like to thank the PSA for providing us with educational and networking opportunities with the industry.

I would like to congratulate all our delegates who attended the 65th International Pharmacy Students' Federation (IPSF) World Congress in Kigali, Rwanda, and to our delegates that attended the Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium in Bandung, Indonesia .I am sure our Australian delegates had an eye-opening experience seeing the impact of pharmacy students internationally.





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NAPSA was also recently at the Pharmacy Connect Conference in Sydney held by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. The conference saw the whole Board in attendance, and we had the opportunity to meet with the Pharmacy Guild to discuss exciting improvements and future initiatives. The Conference also held the Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition finals and a massive congratulations to the team 'Know Your Genes Pharmacy' from University of Auckland (New Zealand) for taking out first prize (and the People's Choice Award!), as well as the runners up 'Sunscope Pharmacy' from University of Auckland (New Zealand) and 'Health Key Pharmacy' from the University of Technology Sydney.

NAPSA also recently announced the election of new Chairs and would like to extend our congratulations to: Chun Wai Lui (TAPS) - IPSF Chair Ethan Kreutzer (VPSA) - Publications Chair Clarissa Chen (QPSA) - Pharmacy Awareness Chair Maegan Johnson (BAPS) - Rural and Indigenous Chair Glory-Anne Leaupepe (QPSA) - Alumni Chair A huge thank you to the outgoing Chairs for their immense contribution to NAPSA and their personal achievements in each position. I look forward to working with the complete NAPSA Committee to achieve our goals for this term in providing for our members.

The annual NAPSA Blood Drive is in full swing and only has a few days left so if you haven't yet booked an appointment at your local Red Cross Blood Donation Centre it's not too late! Every blood donation can save 3 lives and it only takes an hour of your time to be a bloody legend!

Recently we have launched our annual National Pharmacy Student Survey (NPSS), which also allows you to go in the draw to win a 2019 AMH so click on the following link to have your say!





Organisation for NAPSA Congress 2020 are well underway and it looks to be an exciting week in January with a wide range of networking, educational and social events planned. Delegates will have the opportunity to meet with like-minded students from 18 universities across Australia and even New Zealand from the 23rd to the 29th of January in Newcastle.

I am looking forward to the 12 months ahead as president, I am sure it will be an extremely exciting time and I can't wait to see everyone at congress in January!

Erin Cooper National President president@napsa.org.au







NAPSA and LocumCo Rural Placement Scholarship

In the 2017/2018 National Pharmacy Students Survey (NPSS) conducted by NAPSA, it was highlighted that there was a decrease in students taking part in rural placement opportunities. This was due to a lack of financial support combined with the higher costs of independent living experienced while on a rural placement.

At the start of this year NAPSA announced that Sue Muller's company LocumCo, is generously funding Rural Placement Scholarships for students who were not eligible to access other funding and wished to undertake a rural pharmacy placement. LocumCo's funding is awarded to students through an application process.

The scholarship would be an opportunity to close these gaps and enable successful applicants to undertake a rural placement with reduced financial pressure.

The scholarship recipients for the first round of the NAPSA and LocumCo Rural Pharmacy Scholarship are:

- Abbey Richardson (Queensland University of Technology)
- Melinda James (Queensland University of Technology)
- Breannan Busetti (James Cook University)
- Saige Hancox (University of Canberra)
- Ashya Lal (University of Tasmania)
- Zheng Jie Chia (University of Queensland)

Together with LocumCo, NAPSA would like to extend congratulations to these successful recipients.





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QUTSPA's First Ever Industry Awareness Evening and Intern Night!

Buckle your seat belts and pay close attention! in the next couple paragraphs you are going to be mesmerised and excited to hear about the following events that have taken place in QUTSPA

QUTSPA has kicked off semester two with its very first industry awareness night, which was hosted on the 31_{st} of July. It was great to witness industry, community, and professional services pharmacists engaging with students and discussing what the future of pharmacy beholds. We are so incredibly proud of this event! There has been so much positive feedback from staff, students and the pharmacists in the industry who presented on the evening. It's the first of its kind in QUTSPA's recent history. We look forward to hosting this event again early next year with even wider range of pharmacies and industry representatives attending.

Just one week later senior students had a chance to dip their toes into intern programs at our very own ITP evening which was held on the 7th of August. This was a great opportunity for students to 'look before leaping' into an internship, which may be only a few months away. We had Penny Liddell from NAPE, Penny Macklin from PSA and Melissa Cosentino and Laura Hayes from the Guild present their Intern Training Programs. These women where wonderful in explaining the importance of choosing the right program for them and what will suit them during their intense and exciting year ahead. We again are so proud to have had the opportunity to run this event for our students.



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QUTSPA has been working incredibly hard this year to organise on as many new events for our students. We believe that it's our duty to offer as many educational experiences and chances to network as possible. We are striving and achieving more and more each year and we couldn't be happier with how these two events turned out.

We also want to thank our NAPSA Liaison: James Yang who helped, myself out with all the emails and logistics of the evening.

By Abby Richardson (QUTSPA President)





NAPSA Coming together for Brain Tumour Alliance Australia

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association's (NAPSA) 2019 Charity Cup campaign drew to a close in late May after two months of fundraising. This year NAPSA members supported Brain Tumour Alliance Australia (BTAA), a not-for-profit organisation that provides support for brain tumour patients and their carers. Outgoing National President, Jess Hsiao, said, "NAPSA chose to support BTAA in honour of dedicated SAPSA (South Australian Pharmacy Students' Association) and NAPSA member, Alycia Eaton, who passed away in May this year from a Stage 4 Glioblastoma."

Coming together for a common cause, NAPSA members raised a total of \$25,277.79. BTAA Chair, Catherine Hindson, said, "It's the biggest donation we have ever received," at NAPSA's Annual Dinner in July. Ms Hindson said she was delighted that "over 2500 NAPSA members and future pharmacists are now aware of our organisation and will be able to advise their patients on where to access support".

Outgoing NAPSA Pharmacy Awareness Chair, Antoni Ukalović, was proud of the efforts of each branch in their contribution to the Charity Cup campaign. Mr Ukalović said "I was fortunate to work with an excellent group of students and it's humbling to see us work together for a common cause especially in honour of one of our very own members."



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Orange Pharmacy Students' Association (OPSA) was announced as the overall winner of Charity Cup with the highest donation per member value of \$28.53. The Western Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (WAPSA) was presented with the innovation award for two events that were organised, most notably a prescription interpreting competition. The highest contribution was from Victorian Pharmacy Students' Association (VPSA) with a total of \$5,196.57.







Guild Intern Training Program



For more information about the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's Intern Training Program visit their website!





APPS 2019

Have you ever wondered what's better than NAPSA Congress? I'll tell you, it's the international conferences held by the International Pharmacy Students' Federation (IPSF).

In July, several NAPSA members escaped the cold winter of Australia to go to hot and tropical Bandung, Indonesia. Here we attended the 18th Asia-Pacific Pharmaceutical Symposium (APPS) with the theme "Forever 18" which celebrated us, the young international future pharmacists of the world.

If you thought battle night at congress was cool, you should try international night at APPS, this night celebrated the culture of each country and saw beautiful cultural dress and performance; for our own performance we donned kangaroo onesies and taught the crowd how to speak in Aussie slang, including a demonstration of a shoey by our friends from New Zealand "Let's show you what we get up to on a satdee night!" Other nights included Indonesian night; a showcase of Indonesian culture, APPS Got Talent and the gala ball.





APPS 2019

During the days our official delegates (Stephanie Salvatore, Ella Crust and myself) attended regional assembly to talk specifically about our region - the Asian Pacific Regional Office (APRO). This is where we talk about what each country is doing in terms of public health campaigns, socially and charitably. This is where elections are also held to elect the new committee of APRO, and we presented a short policy statement on vaccine hesitancy. Whilst we were doing this, our other delegates got the opportunity to attend workshops such as making your own face oil and cream, pharmacovigilance and patient centred care; and could also enter competitions such as the Patient Counselling Event and Clinical Skills Event. Sam Pearson (QPSA) was awarded first place for advanced clinical skills, and I was fortunate enough to be awarded runner up and be a finalist for the patient counselling Race and a public health campaign to encourage healthy living in local school children.

The most special part about APPS is making friends from different countries and being able to think about pharmacy from a new perspective. I would highly recommend one of the upcoming IPSF 2020 events; World Congress in Korea or APPS in Singapore.

Rhiannon Price







The National Pharmacy Students' Survey (NPSS) is now available. Students are invited to provide their views on a range of topics spanning the pharmacy curriculum, rural placements and future employment.

This survey allows NAPSA to gather important data to identify any issues, queries or concerns amongst students, and use this to implement positive change for pharmacy students. This year, NAPSA are hoping to publish the results of the NPSS survey.

Following the NPSS, NAPSA utilises the data to guide the development of policies and position statements that reflect the views of our members, and to provide services that are requested to help our members. Additionally, all decision-making will be governed by the results of this survey.

By filling out this survey, you will go into the draw to WIN a 2020 Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)!



Please use the QR code below or follow the link to fill out the survey: <u>https://pharmacyguild.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV 9smZqFzhzoZiDQx?Q Su</u> <u>rveyVersionID=current&Q CHL=preview</u>







For more information about the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's Intern Training Program visit their website!



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- Online access to Australian Pharmacist, the most closely read pharmacy journal in Australia.
- Invitations to regular PSA events, seminars and workshops in metro and rural locations throughout the country. Many of them are either free or offer exclusive discounts to PSA student members.
- Exclusive opportunity to compete against your peers nationally for the coveted annual title of Pharmacy Student of the Year (PSOTY).
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For more information on any of the PSA's Upcoming Events check out their website - https://www.psa.org.au/networking-events/all-events/

Australian Capital Territory

19 Provide Mums & Bubs & Dads too... – PnD & Developmental Milestone – Deakin
19 ACT CPD Planning Health Session – Deakin
25 Launch My Health Record Guidelines for Pharmacists on World
Pharmacist Day – Molonglo Valley
29 Tackling Chronic Pain - Deakin

Queensland

23 Hepatitis C facilitated Workshop – Sunshine Coast 28 Tackling Chronic Pain - Brisbane

Northern Territory 25 My Health Record launch and World Pharmacist Day Celebration -Darwin

New South Wales

18 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop – Dubbo
19 Intern Training 2019 Workshop 2 - Ultimo
21 Tackling Chronic Pain – Parramatta
22 Tackling Chronic Pain – Newcastle
24 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop – Wollongong
24 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop – Lismore

South Australia 18 CPD Planning Workshop - Unley



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September 2019

Tasmania

23 Inflammatory Bowel Disease – Launceston 23 Inflammatory Bowel Disease – Hobart

Victoria

18 Heart Failure in Primary Care Education Dinner – Ballarat
18 Heart Failure in Primary Care Workshop – Oakleigh
22 Immunisation Training Program – Parkville
23 APSIG September: Inflammatory Bowel Disease – Parkville
25 My Health Record Guidelines for Pharmacists launch on World
Pharmacist Day - Melbourne
30 Intern Training 2019/20 Workshop 1 – Parkville

Western Australia

24 Intern Training 2019/20 Workshop 1 – Perth 25 My Health Record Guidelines for Pharmacists Launch - Crawley

October 2019

Australian Capital Territory

17 Provide Mums & Bubs & Dads too... – Infant Health & Builds Milestone – Deakin

Queensland

01 Inflammatory Bowel Disease – Gold Coast
03 Intern Training 2019/20 Workshop 1 – Brisbane
09 Inflammatory Bowel Disease – Mackay
19 QLD Annual Therapeutic Update – Brisbane
28 Immunisation Practical Refresher – Brisbane
28 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Brisbane



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October 2019

Northern Territory

27 Blended Mental Health First Aid in the Workplace - Casuarina

New South Wales

01 Intern Training 2019/20 Workshop 1 – North Sydney
21 Intern Training 2019/20 Workshop 1 – Ultimo
22 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney
30 Hear Failure in Primary Care Workshop - Blacktown

Tasmania

19 Tasmanian Pharmacist Dinner - Hobart

South Australia

02 Immunisation Practical Workshop - Unley

- 02 Immunisation Practical Refresher Unley
- 18 Connect Me Speed Mentoring
- 20 Optimising Aged Care: The indispensable Role of Pharmacists Unley

Victoria

- 01 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop Parkville
- 01 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop Geelong
- 09 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop Ballarat
- 09 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop Clayton
- 17 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop Frankston
- 17 Hepatitis C Facilitated Workshop Bendigo
- 21 Immunisation Training Program Parkville
- 22 Victorian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program Part 2 Webinar
- 28 APSIG October: Living with Parkinson's Parkville

Western Australia

16 Optometrists and Pharmacists Improving Eye Care Together - Subiaco



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