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President's Report

Dear NAPSA members,

As June comes to an end, so does my term as the 2021/22 National President of NAPSA. This will be my last ePlacebo report as the NAPSA President, as I step down this Saturday 2nd July at our 2022 Annual General Meeting.

I would like to first and foremost take this opportunity to thank all of our NAPSA members and the professional organisations and individuals with whom we work, for their support and commitment to NAPSA over the last 12 months. It has truly been an honour to serve as the 2021/22 NAPSA National President, and it has been an incredibly rewarding role albeit a challenging one.



Verity Boustead
2021/22 NAPSA National President

I have been so fortunate over this past term to have worked alongside such a dedicated and supportive team of Executive Directors, Chairs, and Branch Presidents. When coming into office, I said in an interview that this quote by Ronald Reagan is one that I want to guide my term as President: “The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one who gets the people to do the greatest things.” I can step-down with the utmost confidence that our NAPSA team has achieved extraordinary things over the last twelve months, and I am beyond proud of you all.

Back to all things NAPSA!

May saw NAPSA launch the annual Locum Co scholarships which offer ten pharmacy students up to \$1,000 each to attend a rural placement. You can read more about the NAPSA x Locum Co Rural Pharmacy scholarship [here](#). Successful applicants will be announced shortly!

NAPSA created a flash competition for students, giving them the opportunity to publish an opinion piece in the Australian Pharmacy Students’ Journal (APSJ). This international competition asked students “What service/practice would you implement/improve to further the profession of pharmacy in your country?”. The winner will have their work published in the June edition of the APSJ as well as receive a certificate for their contribution, so keep an eye out for our next edition of APSJ!

NAPSA members were afforded the opportunity to enhance their professional competitiveness through the webinar “LinkedIn: Your professional reputation online” facilitated by Raven’s Recruitment. This session featured LinkedIn specialist consultant, educator and writer, Karen Hollenback, as well as Raven’s Recruitment general manager, Heidi Dariz. To check out this insightful webinar, click [here!](#)

President's Report

In June, NAPSA slowed down a little as pharmacy students across the country had their exams. However, they are delighted to announce NAPSA's representation at the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) 67th World Congress to be held in Egypt! World Congress is the annual meeting of the IPSF assembly. Over the course of the assembly, reports are accepted, deliverables are presented, and nearly 90 countries come together to formulate a plan and discuss goals for the next twelve months.

I would formally like to congratulate the NAPSA Official Delegates for the IPSF World Congress 2022: Flynn Swift (NAPSA Executive Director of IPSF), Max Groves (NAPSA IPSF Chair), and Georgia Bridges (NAPSA Treasurer). The three delegates were selected to attend the Congress and will be representing and voting on behalf of NAPSA, in Egypt.

It has been a pleasure to represent the thousands of pharmacy students throughout Australia as the 2021/22 National President of NAPSA, and I wish the incoming NAPSA Board of Executive Directors all the best for the 2022/23 term, and I am very excited to see all that you accomplish!

Verity Boustead
2021/22 NAPSA National President

APSJ 2nd Edition

It is with great pleasure to introduce the publication of the [second issue](#) of the [Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal \(APSJ\)](#): Winter 2022, Volume 1, Issue 1. Published on the 1st of July, this issue focuses on expanding our reach outside of Australia to other countries to welcome students to submit their research into the APSJ.

The APSJ is the only peer-reviewed pharmacy student journal in the world. Our purpose is to facilitate the work that students conduct in the research sector and project it into the industry. The APSJ is a journal created by students, for students.

The APSJ aims to:

- Strengthen the quality of student-led research in the pharmacy industry of Australia
- Provide a platform for students to publish their research in a peer-reviewed journal
- Promote the importance of student-led research within the profession
- Encourage evidence-based practice and stimulate research culture
- Develop skills of critical analysis under the supervision of an academic mentor
- Provide opportunities for students and early career pharmacists to gain skills and experience in academic publishing

Research is a key area that many pharmacy bodies have identified as an area that needs to be developed in the pharmacy profession and by targeting this development at a student level, we can foster essential research skills and create a research culture that will positively impact the future of the pharmacy profession.

APSJ 2nd Edition

In this issue, we have a variety of articles, including:

- an editorial from the Co-Editors-in-Chief of the APSJ, making the beginning of welcoming students around to world to publish their research through the APSJ
- an invited editorial by Uma L. S. Sreedhar and Joyce Guo, Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor of the New Zealand Medical Student Journal
- an invited feature co-written by Flynn Swift and Max Groves about International Pharmaceutical Students Federation and the research initiatives and opportunities they provide.
- a feature article by Jack Papworth, Samantha King, Joanne Wickens and Georgia Bridges on the topic of women in leadership. The article identifies a gap in the gender-parity “across pharmacy leadership roles”, “despite women comprising the majority of the modern pharmacy workforce”.
- five student-led original research articles of varying topics
- four opinion pieces that were selected from the competition that was held internationally. The topic was: "What service/practice would you implement/improve to further the profession of pharmacy in your country?" The competition grasp interests from pharmacy students globally, including the Philippines, UK, Indonesia, Malaysia and Australia.
- A letter from APSJ student reviewer, Eva Mavropoulos describing her experience reviewing articles for the APSJ.

The opportunities for student-led research in pharmacy are widespread, with all accredited Australian undergraduate pharmacy programs offering an integrated honours stream. Student-led research is an avenue where students can improve written communication abilities, critical analysis and problem-solving skills within a team environment. It is these skills that are essential and will build leaders within the pharmacy profession.

The APSJ is always open to new student reviewers, If you are interested in this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact apsj@napsa.org.au

As the APSJ is growing, we hope to open new positions to facilitate the journal to flourish. Please keep an eye out for future news on our website at <https://apsj.com.au/> or via our Instagram @the_apsj

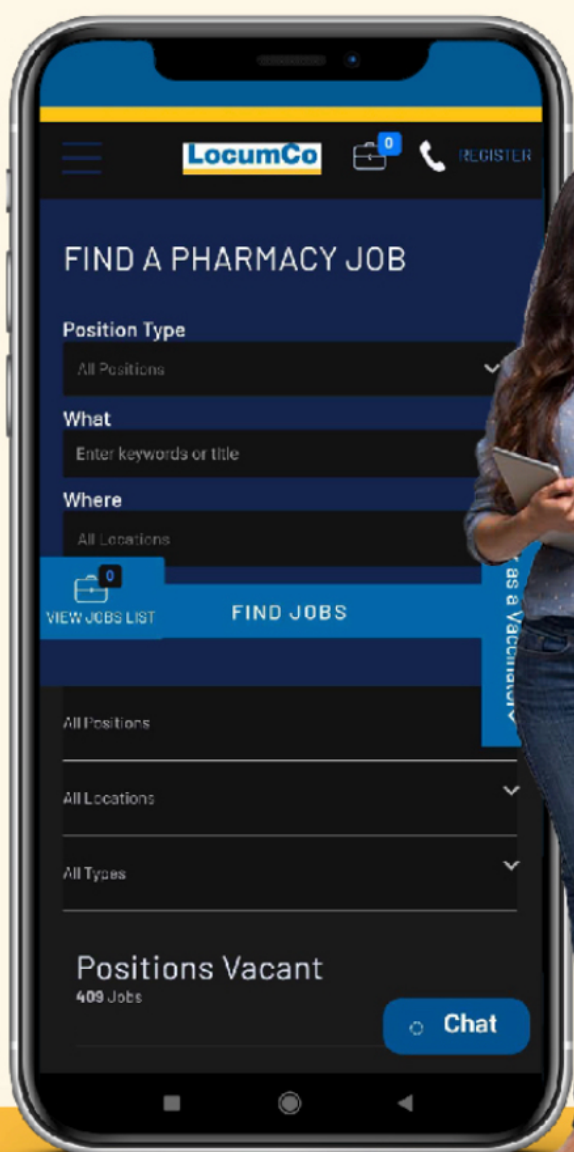
Forrest Tang
2021/22 NAPSA Executive Board

LocumCo - Covid Strikes Again!

I am writing today from isolation in a hotel in Port Lincoln, SA. With one day left of a 12 day conference to complete, I tested positive and now have to suffer in a hotel suite with a spa bath and water views. It was the only room available in the whole hotel. How lucky am I?

Fortunately my symptoms are extremely mild so I consider myself very fortunate. I even have perfect office setup using my laptop to connect via HDMI cable to the huge TV in my room.

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Enough about me. LocumCo is getting calls almost daily with pharmacists testing positive so the demand for locums has gone through the roof. The rates being offered are also higher than I have ever seen. I cannot see the rates or the demand dropping for some time to come so if you are considering locum work when you finish your Internship, I highly recommend it.

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The PSA intern training program has thoroughly prepared me for my career post-intern year.

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Erin Cooper
2021 PSA Intern
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"I was able to use my PDL grant to attend the SHPA Foundation Seminar in Clinical Medication Management. I was incredibly grateful for the financial support from PDL and the opportunity to use the money to attend this event."

Mikah Peterson
2020 PDL Student Grant recipient

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SHPA has unveiled its electrifying conference theme, with **Medicines Management 2022, the 46th SHPA National Conference** set to RECHARGE the pharmacy profession in Brisbane later this year!

After three years apart, the energy is palpable to reconnect and reinvigorate, as we prepare to welcome Australia's leading community of hospital pharmacists and technicians back to a very special in-person experience.

Over 1–3 December 2022, recapture the momentum of innovation, rediscover the buzz of budding partnerships, and find your passion for hospital pharmacy, at Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference.

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CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS TRAINING: AVAILABLE FREE TO ALL SHPA MEMBERS

SHPA has announced 12 months access for all SHPA members to the **Indigenous Allied Health Australia's (IAHA) Cultural Responsiveness** online training modules, which are tailored to Australian healthcare professionals.

Chastina Heck, Nywaigi Mamu Bidjara woman and member of the SHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Leadership Committee, says the program has been developed as a starting point to make individuals more culturally aware and workplaces a culturally safe and responsive environment.

'It is important to ask: is my workplace a culturally safe environment for those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, and for those of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds?

'Considering these questions frequently and year-round, not just on national days of awareness and action, is crucial to living the pledge to close the health and life expectancy gap experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.'

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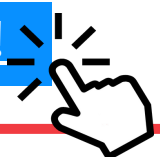
Virtual Student Summit

Wednesday 27 July, 3:30pm to 8:00pm

Time	Workshop	Blurb	Presenter/Facilitator
3:30pm to 4:15pm	Opening Address	Hear from PGA National President and past NAPSA President, Trent Twomey. Trent will provide insight on industry updates, the vital role of community pharmacy and full scope of practice.	Trent Twomey
4:30pm to 6:00pm	Myth-Busting in Community Pharmacy	Got a burning question about community pharmacy? We want to hear it! Join us in an interactive Q&A-style webinar with industry experts focusing on dispelling the myths and stigmas surrounding community pharmacy.	Panel: Nick Panayiaris, Elise Apolloni Facilitator: Georgia Bridges
6:15pm to 7:00pm	Community Pharmacy Careers	Panel discussion on why Community Pharmacy is a smart career choice and the opportunities to lead and innovate that await you.	Panel: Brad Butt, Luke van der Rijt, Melanie Moses, Alison Hope, Firouzeh (Fi) Farihi Zadeh Facilitator: Daniel Oyston
7:15pm to 8:00pm	Pathways to Ownership	Panel discussion on the exciting opportunities owning a community pharmacy can present. Delegates will hear from young pharmacists who have realised their dreams and the experts that can provide insight into what they can do to help make it happen.	Panel: Catherine Bronger, Elise Wheadon, Tim Mizzi, Belinda Hegarty, Natalie Sirianni Facilitator: Daniel Oyston

Attendees: NAPSA 2021/22 and 2022/2023 Executive Directors, NAPSA Branch Presidents, wider student cohort, university representatives, ECPs, Guild representatives

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- Suzanne Greenwood, Executive Director, Pharmacy Guild of Australia

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Registered Pharmacist

After you pass your registration exams, you become a **Registered Pharmacist**.

Pharmacists undertake dispensing operations, professional services and/or clinical activities as defined for a particular workplace.

Pharmacists work independently or in a team and is accountable and are responsible for their individual actions and any advice they provide.

Pharmacist may be required to supervise interns and pharmacy assistants.

Pharmacist in Charge

A **Pharmacist in Charge** assumes responsibility for the day-to-day operations of a community pharmacy including supervision of staff, accountability and functions within the workplace.

Pharmacists at this level may be responsible for undertaking a specialist function within the community pharmacy.

Pharmacist at this level will be able to demonstrate high-level knowledge, skills, experience and provide dispensing, professional services and clinical leadership within the workplace including clinical practice supervision.

Pharmacy Manager

Pharmacy Managers are responsible and accountable to the community pharmacy owner for all management and operational aspects of the workplace.

A Pharmacy Manager is a very experienced pharmacist with advanced level skills and knowledge of community pharmacy operations including dispensing and retail operations, professional services, clinical activities and staff/business management.

Owner

After working in pharmacy for a time, many pharmacists decide to take the next step and purchase a community pharmacy of their own.

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- ✓ **FREE Welcome Reception tickets - 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Thursday 1 September**
Don't miss this opportunity to network with fellow students, prospective employers and industry professionals at the internationally acclaimed Zeta Bar, Hilton Sydney. Enjoy canapés, drinks and live entertainment.
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Gain an insight into community pharmacy at the Pharmacy Connect Student Summit, which will include real life examples of community pharmacists and provide interactive, practical presentation.
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July 2022

New South Wales

20 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Sydney

Queensland

16 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Brisbane

Victoria

20 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Melbourne

Western Australia

02, 18, 22, 27 - Family and domestic violence interactive virtual training

Tasmania:

05 - TAS-QUIZmas: 5 July 2022

24 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Launceston

August 2022

New South Wales

02 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Sydney

Victoria

18 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Melbourne

Online

31 - EMPATHISE Mental Health Training: 3 part digital w/shops Expression of Interest

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