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President's Report

Dear NAPSA members,

I hope you all had a well-deserved and relaxing festive period after the year that was 2020. I think it is important to reflect that as we spend some quality time with friends and family, there are those here in Australia and around the world that have sadly lost their loved ones due to the pandemic. Our thoughts are with them and their families. I would also like to thank healthcare workers, both here and abroad, for their tremendous efforts this year, particularly pharmacists and the pharmacy workforce for their dedication.

In November, NAPSA celebrated NAIDOC week 2020, with this year's theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Thanks to Glenda, a Kalkadoon woman, from [@cungelella_art](#), for recreating the NAPSA logo in her own style. NAPSA marked the end of NAIDOC week by endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart. It is the view of NAPSA that true reconciliation can only be achieved through structural reform, and we all have a role to play in this effort. We encourage our members to read our endorsement [here](#), and to read the Uluru Statement from the Heart [here](#).



President's Report

November also saw the inaugural APSA x NAPSA Symposium. Thanks to the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA), we were able to bring an informative event for students on career pathways in research after a pharmacy degree. A huge thank you to Joseph Nicolazzo, Parisa Aslani and Lisa Nissen for presenting to our students, answering our questions and for sharing their wonderful personal career stories. We hope to continue to work with APSA again and highlight research opportunities for students in the future!

We have now closed our annual National Pharmacy Students' Survey (NPSS) for 2020. Thank you to all those that completed the survey! The information you provide is not only highly valued by NAPSA but the topics that you rate as important are also taken on board by pharmacy's professional bodies. Congratulations to the winners of the annual NPSS competition, Emily Kry from VPSA and Molly Hanley from UoNAPS, who have each won a copy of the 2021 Australian Medicines Handbook. Stay tuned for the release of the survey results!

NAPSA also finalised the second round of our LocumCo x NAPSA scholarship for 2020. Congratulations to Samantha King, Gemma Winter Brooks, Trisha Gupta, Xin Yee Wong, Ngoc Quynh Nhu Ngyuen and Marcel Heath! The scholarship program will run again in 2021, so keep your eye out for applications opening!

Our very first online Congress is less than a month away, and although not in person, we're still very excited to bring you a wide range of educational and fun sessions! Our Congress Chair is busy organising the week's events, so keep your eyes out for the schedule and for our promotion in the run-up to January 22nd. Make sure to get in touch with your branch about registration today!

President's Report

NAPSA is also working to change the immunisation approvals for pharmacy students and interns. Currently, South Australia, the Northern Territory and Victoria do not permit pharmacy interns or students to immunise under supervision, even if they have received prior training. Only Queensland allows pharmacy students to administer vaccines. We are calling on the states and territories to change these rules and allow pharmacy students and interns to contribute and make up a part of an essential immunisation workforce. It's happening already overseas, and the allowances are in place in Queensland already, there's no reason it should not be extended to the rest of Australia. You can read our open letter to the South Australian, Victorian and Northern Territory governments [here](#).

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your holiday season, stay safe and socially distanced, and look forward to a fresh year in 2021, where we'll hopefully be able to see each other face to face a bit more!



Ethan Kreutzer
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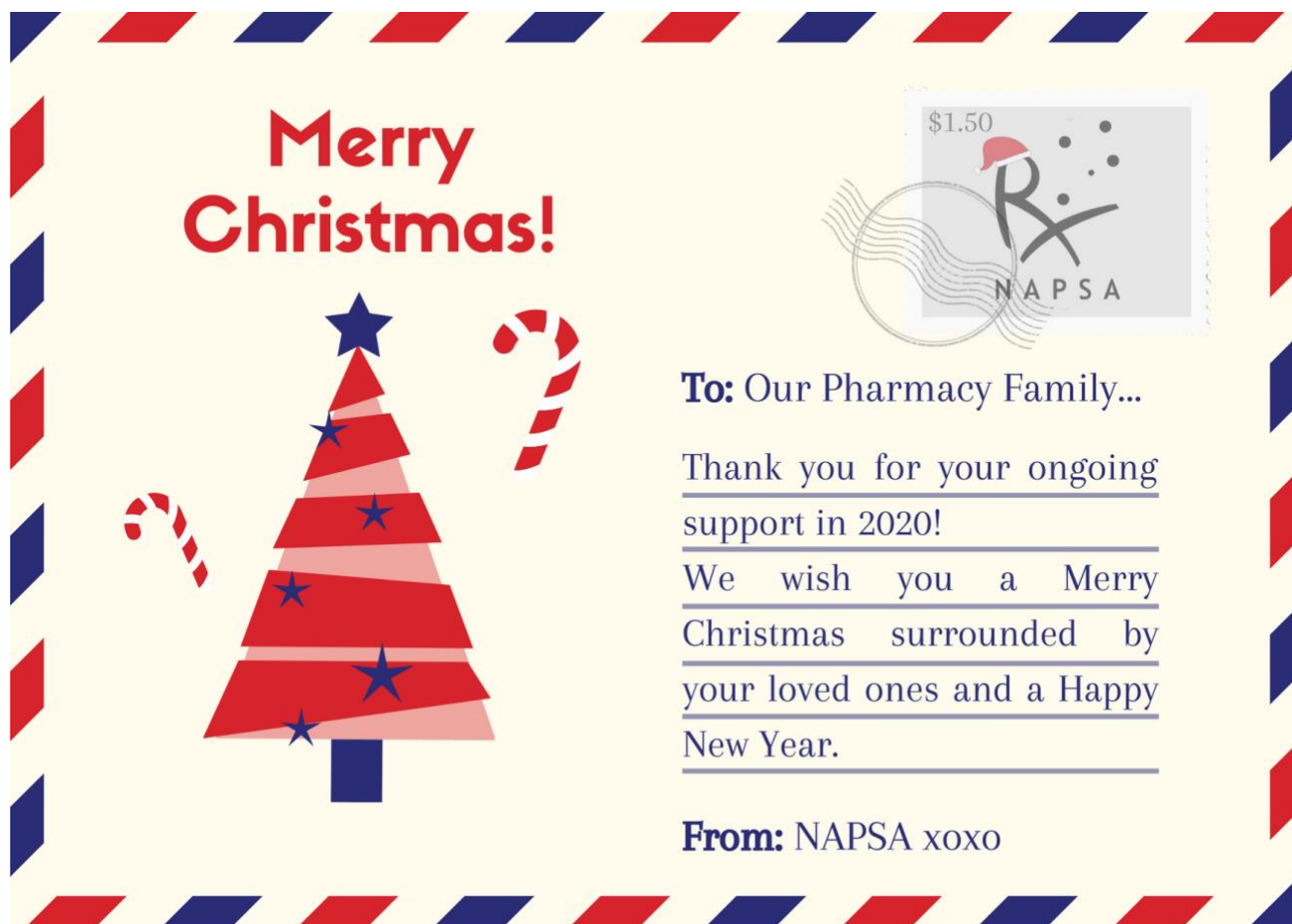
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Wow – what a year! From all of us at NAPSA, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We can't wait to see you again in 2021 for a pharmacy-filled year, where hopefully the world is a little less crazy and a lot safer.

Ellie Hawkins
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Pharmacists' Support Service

Pharmacists' Supporting Pharmacists for 25 years

"The Pharmacists' Support Service offers (PSS) is a charity which focuses on the mental health and well-being of the Australian pharmacy professional. PSS is just one phone call away and can help if you are stressed, concerned about your mental health or need a listening ear.

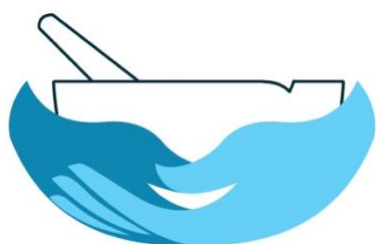
The PSS telephone is answered by volunteers who are experienced pharmacists or retired pharmacists who have undertaken training in crisis support counselling. PSS is available to all pharmacists, intern pharmacists or student pharmacists and overseas pharmacy graduates seeking registration in Australia."

- John Coppock (Pharmacists' Support Service President)

PSS provides anonymous and confidential support over the phone every day of the year, between 8:00am and 11:00pm (AEDT) by phoning 1300 224 910.

For more information visit our website
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NAPSA Alumni Mentoring Program



Alumni Mentoring Program

NAPSA is beyond excited to introduce our first ever Alumni Mentoring Program! The Program aims to match students with pharmacy alumni with experience in the area that students have a particular interest in.

Students will have the option meet with alumni over video call to talk about all things pharmacy and gain advice from their mentor. Students and their mentors can organise a time and frequency of meetings that best suits their schedule.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in taking part in, please fill in the surveys below by the 1st February 2021. We hope to get the program up and running by March 2021. Please contact Sophie via email if you have any questions or queries!

Survey for pharmacy alumni:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MK3JY8S>

Survey for pharmacy students:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M88XN2Y>

Sophie Keating

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PSA Intern Training Program



PSA Intern Training Program was recommended to me by my colleague at work. I must say the flexibility and support I got through the training helped me a lot.

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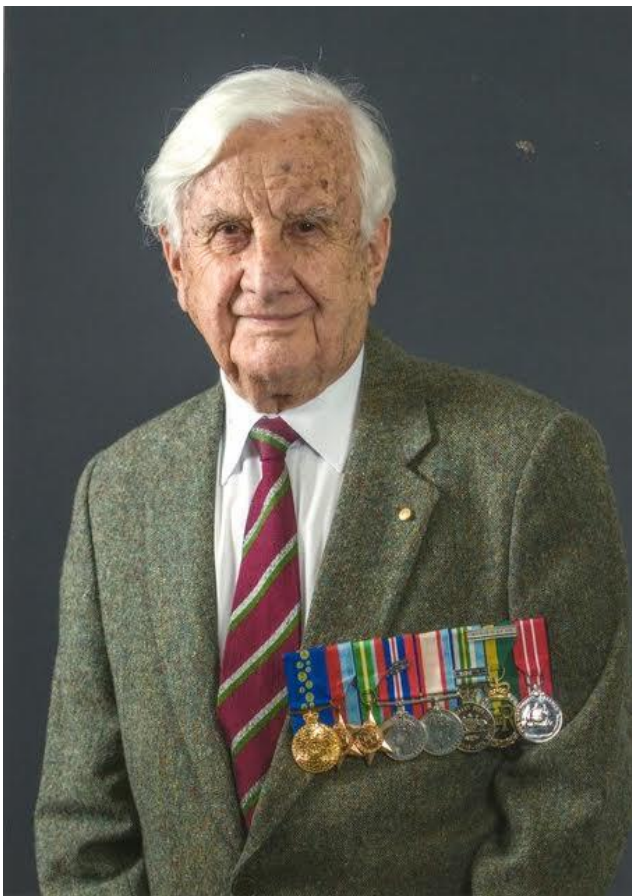
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Pharmacy Alumni Spotlight: Stan Mellick



Stan completed two years of secondary schooling at Brisbane Grammar School and was an office boy and later a wholesale officer at the Australian Guarantee Corporation, a finance firm in Brisbane during the late 1930's. Following this, Stan joined the Cadets of Australian Corps Signals Citizen Military Forces (CMF) in 1936 and began his accountancy studies with Hemingway & Robertson in 1937. Studied Pharmacy at the Central Technical College in Brisbane and became a qualified pharmacist in 1949.

Stan remembers being the local President during 1948-1949 but to his recollection, NAPSA wasn't as prominent during his time at college as it is now. He recalls attending a Pharmacy Guild Dinner with a charming pharmacist. He says there may have been "goings on" south of the border but notes that the locals didn't have much money and the returnees from the war were too preoccupied trying to make up lost time (up to six years for some!).

Stan has achieved much during his admirable and varied career. One of the most memorable was being "Mentioned in Despatches" for his war service efforts. During his pharmacy years he was elected as an FPS for his role in successfully getting the Pharmacy degree to the University of Queensland separate from an apprenticeship system which meant the discontinuance of the apprenticeship system.

Pharmacy Alumni Spotlight: Stan Mellick

After several years in Pharmacy, he retired due to a war caused illness. He then went to the University of Queensland, where he achieved his PhD in English and was a senior lecturer, he also has published works in the literary field.

Notably, Stan was awarded with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to Australian Studies here and abroad. He was a member of the board of Pharmacy Studies at the University of Qld and St. Andrew's War Memorial Hospital, as well as, Fellow of Grace College, St. Andrew's Hospital and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. Additionally, he was elected a Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Qld. A Stan Mellick Centre was established at the University of Le Havre in France in recognition of his assistance to the university.

Stan's advice for students is to "dare to have a go, watch current developments and follow and explore ideas which occur to you". He encourages students to be visionaries and bring about change as well as strive to improve themselves beyond their Pharmacy studies and above all "don't be afraid to persist." Stan says the most powerful words you will ever hear are those of his unaware mentor, "**Dare to think - someone has to think of it first.**"

PDL Student Grant Program

PDL Student Grant Program

Three grants of up to \$5,000* available to Pharmacy students each year!

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Let Pharmacy Interns & Students Vaccinate!

On the 23rd of December 2020, NAPSA's President, Ethan Kreutzer, issued a letter on behalf of NAPSA requesting that pharmacy interns and students be permitted to vaccinate under supervision once they are trained. Please read the letter below:



23 December 2020

To the Victorian, South Australian and Northern Territory governments,

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association requesting a change to the approval for Pharmacist Immunisers in your respective states and territory.

Currently, your governments only permit pharmacists who hold general registration to provide immunisations.^{1,2,3} Under these parameters, both pharmacy students and provisionally registered pharmacists (intern pharmacists) are unable to administer immunisations regardless of any training they may have received prior. This model is lagging behind other jurisdictions in Australia. In the Australian Capital Territory⁴, New South Wales⁵, Queensland⁶, Tasmania⁷ and Western Australia⁸ provisionally registered pharmacists are able to immunise given appropriate supervision and after having completed the required training. Not only is this leaving provisionally registered pharmacists behind in Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory, it also puts the general public of these areas at a disadvantage to the rest of the country, given the obvious differences in the immunisation workforce size.

In Queensland, under the Queensland Pharmacist Vaccination Standard⁶, the ability to administer vaccines also extends to pharmacy students with supervision. We see this as a model to pursue, not only in your respective jurisdictions but also around the rest of the nation, utilising a ready-made workforce to achieve optimal public health outcomes. We call on the other states and territory to also allow pharmacy students to administer immunisations.

We do not need to look too far to see that Australia is in danger of being left behind in this area. In the United States of America, pharmacy students have been heavily involved in both the preparation and administration of the first COVID-19 vaccine⁹. They have demonstrated their immense value in providing easy access to a much-needed immunisation. Whilst on the pandemic front, Australia can consider itself in a fortunate position relative to most other countries, mass vaccination is still a key foundation stone in our fight against this disease, and will be a strong feature in 2021.

In addition, pharmacy students and provisionally registered pharmacists are well placed to meet the demand of other immunisation requirements, such as those for influenza vaccinations. In 2020, a record 18 million flu vaccines were required to meet demand¹⁰, and both demand and the administration rate are likely to remain high in 2021, if not rising even further.

Let Pharmacy Interns & Students Vaccinate!



National Australian Pharmacy
Students' Association
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Pharmacists

We call upon your governments to make these changes to the approval requirements in your respective states and territory, allowing both pharmacy students and provisionally registered pharmacists to immunise under supervision, after having completed the requisite training and following all other requirements. The Australian Pharmacy Council has updated its 'Standards for the Accreditation of Programs to support Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines'¹¹ to ensure that pharmacy students are eligible to take part in a training program for vaccinations. The foundations are in place already to make this change, we just need your help in making it a reality.

Having a larger immunisation workforce will only ever be a positive. Immunisations save lives and pharmacy students are ready to do just that.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at president@napsa.org.au or on 0459 561 761.

Yours sincerely,

Ethan Kreutzer
National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association
President

To read the letter (including references) sent to the VIC, SA and NT governments, please click [here!](#)

Guild Student Offer and Resource Hub

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The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's Student Offer is open to all pharmacy students until graduation.



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The Guild Student Offer gives you:

- ✓ FREE entry to The Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP) Trade Exhibition and Welcome Reception on the Gold Coast
- ✓ FREE registration to Pharmacy Connect Conference in Sydney
- ✓ Important Community Pharmacy Agreement updates
- ✓ Quarterly dedicated student newsletter delivered straight to your inbox – bringing you the most relevant issues and advances in the industry today
- ✓ Comprehensive updates on professional pharmacy services
- ✓ Exclusive competitions

Community Pharmacy Career Pathways Resource Hub

The Guild aims to equip early career pharmacists with the pathways, skills, tools and professional networks needed to be leaders in the primary health care system and owners of community pharmacies. The Resource Hub is where to find valuable information and resources relevant to you and your stage of career.

Guild resources relevant to you

Complement your university studies and meet your professional development needs with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.



GUIDED

Access a wide variety of online training courses, GuildEd assists pharmacists, interns and students to meet their professional development and education needs through CPD approved education, the CPD learning plan and online training options.



MENTORING

Are you interested in building skills that help develop your career in community pharmacy? Or perhaps you have a lot of experience that you'd be willing to share. Our mentor platform helps you connect with other professionals around Australia.



PODCASTS

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NEWS & EVENTS

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The Year That Was - LocumCo

Well, I bet you are pleased to kiss 2020 goodbye! It has indeed proved a challenge to many of you. Here at LocumCo headquarters, we were totally geared up at the beginning of COVID-19 and knew exactly who could jump in at a moment's notice in case a pharmacist went down with symptoms.

We were surprised to see that hardly anyone went down at the start and required our services. Pharmacists were suffering abuse and working 7 days a week and not wanting to leave their businesses. We also noticed that locums were not getting work because the pharmacy owners could not take their usual number of overseas holidays. These locums had to put bread on the table, so they started considering more permanent employment, in particular permanent roles for 6 months or so, which was a good solution for the pharmacy owner who was unable to secure a candidate long term.

Once the stock piling had died down and some of the borders started opening up, LocumCo established a partnership with Accor Hotel Group. This enabled our pharmacists, interns and students to get fabulous discounts at any Accor Hotel to encourage workers to have a reprieve after all their hard work. This offer is still available by going to the LocumCo website and clicking the tab for Accor Offer. Fortunately, other nations will be acting as guinea pigs for the new vaccine so by the time Australia gets it, all the issues will be sorted.

LocumCo trusts that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions about your career path, we are always here to help.

LocumCo (1800 357 001)
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NAPSA's Mental Health Webinar

On Thursday the 22nd of October, NAPSA – in collaboration with the PSS (the Pharmacists' Support Service) – hosted its online 'Mental Health Webinar'. This interactive education session was developed in recognition of October as mental health awareness month; and, featured three passionate and insightful keynote speakers, all with a strong interest and unique industry-related experiences in providing and promoting mental health care in the pharmacy.

The NAPSA team were inspired to pursue this event after student feedback from NAPSA's 2019 NPSS (National Pharmacy Student Survey) had revealed that a large majority of pharmacy students wanted to receive more education events and resources in relation to mental health care in pharmacy practice. As future pharmacists, it can often be quite easy to lose comprehension or underestimate the impact of our role in supporting individuals' mental health - whether that be to our patients or within our own healthcare team.

IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH,
NAPSA X PSS PROUDLY PRESENTS-

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**THURSDAY 22ND OF OCTOBER
6PM AEST/7PM AEDT | ONLINE WEBINAR**

NAPSA's Mental Health Webinar

The event's keynote speakers included: Kayla Lee (Community pharmacist & pharmacist owner), Helen Lowry (Registered Pharmacist & Counsellor, UK pharmacist & Program Manager in Medicines, Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dept. of Health & Human Services (VIC); and Elise Apolloni (Community pharmacist, pharmacist owner & mental health first aid trainer). Both Kayla and Elise are registered pharmacists and community pharmacy owners from the ACT – and are actively engaging in pharMIbridge trial program which aims to bridge the gap between Physical and Mental Illness in within the community pharmacy setting.

What role do pharmacists play in mental health care apart from medications?

How can I make the counselling I provide to my customers/patients more patient specific regarding mental health related drugs?

How can we make people feel secure/comfortable enough to discuss mental health in the usually brief time that we interact with patients face to face?

What does providing mental health care in pharmacy look like on a day to day basis?

How to address mental health crisis in busy pharmacies

Q&A

GROUP 1: TOPICS RELATING TO ADDRESSING PATIENT'S MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS

How to go about speaking to patients about mental health without being too intrusive

How can I help in spreading awareness about mental health and how can I ensure myself that I won't easily give in stress with much academic workload and house duties/responsibilities at hand?

How to begin the conversation with someone who you suspect needs help?

I find customers are often worried to tell their doctor if they aren't doing well as they have a fear of hospital admission etc. How can I better help them instead of just trying to convince them to talk to their doctor?

What resources are useful to provide the patient with, for depression and/or anxiety?

For more education sessions or for feedback regarding this webinar, please feel free to email Sam! The live recording will soon be made available on NAPSA's website via <https://home.napsa.org.au/mynapsa/resources>

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National Student Business Plan Competition

Where are they now?

National Student Business Plan
COMPETITION

 The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

Participation in the Pharmacy Guild's National Student Business Plan Competition has helped to launch some amazing careers for young pharmacists.

The competition is the perfect way for pharmacy students to develop their entrepreneurial spirit and bring innovative ideas to the forefront of community pharmacy.

The competition also gives students the opportunity to meet leaders in the sector including university colleagues, pharmacist owners and accountants. Many of these contacts have helped students as mentors and guides as they progress their pharmacy careers.

And if you progress to the finals the opportunities for advancing your career grows as, COVID-19 notwithstanding, the finals are held at the Pharmacy Connect conference, which attracts hundreds of pharmacy owners – who also are potential employers/partners.

National Student Business Plan Competition

Students who have found the National Student Business Plan Competition (NSBPC) to be an invaluable learning experience as well as a career boost include:

Connie Arronis, 2013 Finalist – Pharmacist Manager at Illawong Discount Drug Store in Sydney. “My experience in the NSBPC was very worthwhile and valuable during that stage of my pharmacy career. It reaffirmed my interest in the community pharmacy retail environment and enhanced my knowledge of concepts that weren’t covered to the same extent with university subjects at the time. I would definitely recommend final year pharmacy students participate in the NSBPC. It is an excellent and valuable opportunity to learn about business plan development, pharmacy management and team building.”

Wally Maguire, 2011 Winner – Ownership and management position with LiveLife in Bowen. “Our success with the NSBPC saw me being offered an intern scholarship at LiveLife Pharmacies in the Whitsundays ... I don’t believe I would be where I am today if not for the NSBPC. Networking with pharmacists at the event and getting my name out there definitely helped in securing the LiveLife scholarship in Airlie Beach that started me on the career path to where I am now. I would definitely recommend students participate as it can open up a variety of opportunities down the track.”

Jess Cahill, 2014 Winner – Proprietor of City Pharmacy Newcastle. “I am where I am now thanks in some ways to my involvement in the competition because I learnt so much from it. Ultimately it helped to shape the career decisions that I made and led me to my current role as a pharmacy owner. It taught me who the key players were and how to navigate the industry. I learnt new skills in negotiation, communication, mentorship and innovation. Looking back, it was a competition of true endurance but that mimics the real world and what it is like to work in the industry or own a business.”

Lauren Haworth, 2015 Winner – Pharmacist in Charge Terry White Chemmart Maddingley. “The NSBPC gave me an interest in the business side of things and a very basic understanding of how to make the books balance. At the time there was no other part of the BPharm that focused on what is a significant part of the career path that many of us take so the NSBPC filled a gap in knowledge. Taking part in the NSBPC gave me a really important understanding of the bigger picture of running a business eg. Wage percentage, impact of stock on hand, stock turn and so on.”

National Student Business Plan Competition

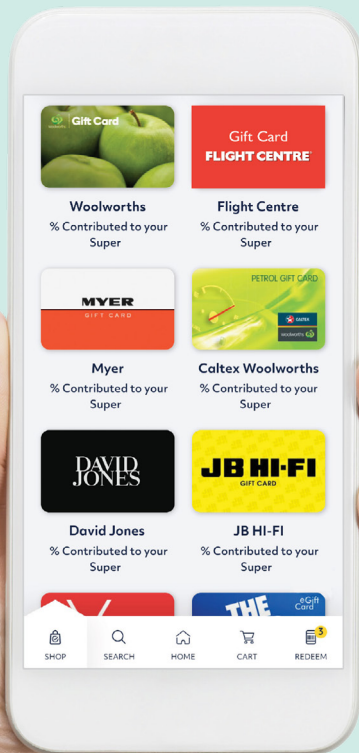
Ellen South, 2018 Winner – Pharmacist at Wanniasa Capital Chemist. “The NSBPC gave me the opportunity to gain an insight into the business aspect of pharmacy. As a community pharmacist, this is a vital part of pharmacy management and I did not learn a huge amount of business knowledge during my university degree. The NSBPC is a unique and extremely valuable opportunity for university students and absolutely is worth the effort. The networking opportunities, experience and skills that I gained has made me a more experienced pharmacist. They have inspired me to one day put my ideas into a new pharmacy service, and students cannot miss the opportunity.”

Akhila Puthigae, 2016 Winner – Aged Care Pharmacist. “The NSBPC helped me gain a basic understanding of pharmacy services in Australia, and all the different ways pharmacists can make their businesses profitable and still provide a high level of care. I also got a better understanding of pharmacy business, which was touched on during my final year of university; however, being able to actually take part in the competition helped me understand the nuances of business. This competition is . . . rewarding – the people you meet, the things you learn and the fact that you get to see your knowledge being put into practice is quite exciting.”

Chris Braithwaite, 2012 Winner – Clinical Consultant Pharmacist (or ACCHO Pharmacist) at Galambila Aboriginal Health Service in Coffs Harbour. “Other than the business knowledge I was able to gain from the competition and our mentors, I was fortunate to meet my future employer at the Pharmacy Business Network (where the final was then held). This networking opportunity led to me living and working in Weipa for almost three years and gaining the experience I needed for my current role. It is a great challenge and an opportunity to meet some great people who could have a big impact on your career.”

Jordan Anderson, 2019 Winner – Clinical Pharmacist at Waikato Hospital, New Zealand. “I would highly recommend this competition to anyone with an idea they want to pursue. This competition has taught us so much about business and innovation that we would not have learned from our degree alone. I would recommend this competition to anyone with the slightest interest in business or innovation! Even if you’re someone who has a small idea that you’re pondering, you should join the competition and use it to your advantage and as a learning experience.

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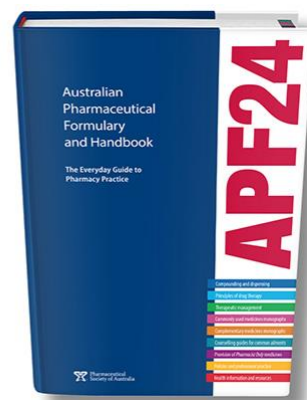
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January 2021

Australian Capital Territory

27 Triptans Webinar: Managing migraines (Online Webinar)

Queensland

14 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Brisbane: Morning

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20 Palliative Care and Anticipatory Medicines: palliPHARM (Online Webinar)

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New South Wales

16 Mental Health First Aid (EMPATHISE) – Workshop 1 (Video Conference)

17 Mental Health First Aid (EMPATHISE) – Workshop 2 (Video Conference)

22 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning

22 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon

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28 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning

28 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon

31 Older adults and depression (EMPATHISE) – Newcastle

31 Older adults and depression (EMPATHISE) – Gosford

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South Australia

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Tasmania

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Victoria

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19 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Melbourne: Morning

27 Triptans Webinar: Managing migraines (Online Webinar)

Western Australia

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February 2021

Australian Capital Territory

- 13 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Morning
- 13 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Afternoon

Queensland

- 02 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Brisbane: Morning
- 02 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Brisbane: Afternoon
- 16 Palliative Care and Anticipatory Medicines: palliPHARM (Online Webinar)

New South Wales

- 03 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning
- 03 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon
- 07 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning
- 07 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon
- 09 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning
- 09 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon
- 12 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning
- 12 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon
- 27 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Morning
- 27 Immunisation Practical Workshop – North Sydney: Afternoon

South Australia

- 17 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Adelaide: Morning
- 17 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Adelaide: Afternoon

Tasmania

- 19 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Hobart: Morning
- 19 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Hobart: Afternoon

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February 2021

Victoria

- 11 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Melbourne: Afternoon
- 23 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Melbourne: Afternoon
- 24 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Melbourne: Morning
- 24 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Melbourne: Afternoon

Western Australia

- 15 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Perth: Morning
- 15 Immunisation Practical Workshop – Perth: Afternoon

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