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# President's Report

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Dear NAPSA members,

I hope that you have all finished (or are almost finished) with exams, and have a lovely summer break!

I would like to congratulate all of the class of 2021 students for finishing their studies, and the 2021 interns for becoming pharmacists! It is such an incredible achievement that you should all be extremely proud of, especially given the challenges you have overcome in the last two years.

September was NAPSA's Vaccine Awareness Month, which saw us focus on vaccine-preventable diseases and the remarkable health outcomes that have resulted from the development and implementation of vaccines. Throughout the month of September, we looked at [Hepatitis A and B](#), [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#), [Measles](#), and [COVID-19](#). I would like to thank former Pharmacy Awareness Chair, Kathryn Mayanja; current Pharmacy Awareness Chair, Ellen Jeon; and Executive Director of Internal and External Affairs, Jack Papworth, for all of their hard work on this initiative.

In October, our Executive Director of Education and Professional Development, Ellie, co-hosted a webinar with Kay from the Pharmacists' Support Services on Self-care as a pharmacist. The webinar featured Early Career Pharmacists from various professional backgrounds and locations in Australia, and discussed strategies to improve our well being while working within the pharmacy industry. Thank you to hosts Ellie and Kay, as well as guest speakers Ella Crust, James Buckley, Shefali Parekh, and Vasilios Sotiropoulos. The must-watch webinar recording can be found [here](#). Keep an eye out for more exciting educational and professional development sessions coming soon!

The National Pharmacy Students' Survey is NAPSA's annual survey that gives you the chance to win 1 of 27 prizes, including the 2022 Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH), 2022 Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary (APF), Community Pharmacy by P. Rutter, plus \$100 and \$50 gift cards! The survey only takes ~15 minutes to complete, and helps NAPSA to meet the needs and wants of our members. Please complete the survey [here](#) for your chance to win! I would like to commend Alex Ward, the Executive Director of Data and Membership, for all her hard work in creating the annual NPSS, for a third year in a row!

NAPSA have announced that the 2022 NAPSA Congress will be hosted virtually by James Cook University Pharmacy Students' Association (JCUPSA) from January 22 to 28, 2022, and will be FREE for all delegates! The annual NAPSA Congress is the premier education and networking event for pharmacy students in Australia and New Zealand.





# President's Report

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NAPSA Congress facilitates a healthy environment for learning and networking, with many students who attend going on to be future leaders within the pharmacy profession. Registrations are now open, so make sure that you register [here](#)! For more information about the 2022 NAPSA Congress click [here](#). Keep an eye out for details on the NAPSA Congress program!

For a second year in a row, NAPSA have partnered with the Australian Pharmaceutical Association (APSA) for the annual APSA x NAPSA Symposium. On Monday December 6 from 10:00am to 11:30am AEDT, pharmacists working both in Australia and Internationally will share their inspirational journeys about how they got involved in various aspects of research within the profession. Hear from Dr Tina Brock; Professor Parisa Aslani; Dr Jonathan Penm; Dr Fei Sim; and Associate Professor Joseph Nicolazzo.

NAPSA has opened submissions for our annual Student Research Poster Competition! If you have conducted research related to pharmacy practice or clinical pharmacy, email your poster to our Executive Director of Research, Forrest Tang, at [Forrest.Tang@napsa.org.au](mailto:Forrest.Tang@napsa.org.au) before the 9th of January 2022. Posters will be displayed at the 2022 NAPSA Congress, with the top applicants being invited to present their posters at the Congress! The winner of this prestigious competition will win a FREE registration to the 2022 APSA Annual Conference! For more details on the competition, please click [here](#).

I hope that you all have a safe and happy holidays! As always, if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please contact me at [president@napsa.org.au](mailto:president@napsa.org.au). Thank you!

Verity Boustead  
2021/22 NAPSA National President



# SAPSA Update

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This semester kick started with our long-awaited event, the Pharmacy Ball 2021. It was the most anticipated event of the year, as we had to forgo this event last year due to COVID-19 and this can be proven by the extremely quick ticket sales. The ball was held at the Adelaide Wine Centre and was themed “Emerald City”. The decorations of the venue were well thought-out – it was decorated with mostly do-it-yourself decorations made by the committee. SAPSA also organised a photo booth and life-sized characters from Wizard of the Oz to suit the theme. Our main sponsor, The Pharmacy Guild of Australia were present at the event.

It was an eventful night for everyone, with the event starting off with Guild’s SA Branch President, Nick Panayiaris who talked about the preparation for the 7th community pharmacy agreement and gave insightful knowledge on the future of Pharmacy. Star Pharmacy also prepared a prize for the Best Lecturer of the Year, in which Dr. Brian Chia won. Besides those, there were also the Best Dressed award, for both male and female. The students given the award were Elevis Mukeshimana and Ananya Jaiswal for male and female respectively. In addition, The Pharmacy Guild of Australia announced their mentors and the students they were going to mentor. The mentees were – Miranda Corner, Ananya Jaiswal, Jessie LaForgia, Srinivas Kamath and Simon Nguyen. Last but not least, one of the highlights of the night was the singer, Taylor Pfeiffer who sang exceptionally well and entertained everyone at the ball.

The event was a huge success all thanks to SAPSA’s social secretaries who took charge of planning it.

The semester would not be complete without an educational event. In conjunction with Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (PDL), we organised a talk on “Understanding Prescriptions and Medication Errors”. There were 5 representatives from PDL – Jack Janetzki, Paula Kwan, Ian Todd, Leigh Harrison and Amy Minion who spoke about different cases from their practice, picking up script errors and practising within scope of practice. Everyone who attended the event managed to gain useful knowledge beneficial for their career. PDL also treated students to free pizza which is always a delight. Without a doubt, this event was also successful and it was all thanks to SAPSA’s education chair, Jessica Shannon, who organised it.

Htat Myat Wai Alena  
SAPSA Publications Chair



# Education Webinar Update

## Mental Health First Aid: How Can I Help? – Online Webinar

In honour of Mental Health Awareness Month, NAPSA held a webinar with Mental Health First Aid Australia (MHFA), where Erin Healey and Fairlie Cottrill spoke on behalf of MHFA and shared some more information about why MHFA is so important for healthcare professionals. Throughout the webinar, Erin and Fairlie talked about how MHFA teaches pharmacists to recognise the signs of someone having a mental health problem and how we can help them.

Did you know that each year, 1 in 5 Australians will experience a mental illness and many people are not knowledgeable or confident to help? To read more about the amazing work that MHFA does, you can visit their website here. If you missed out on the webinar, feel free to view it on our website [here!](#)



## Self-Care in the Pharmacy – Online Webinar

On the 20th of October 2021, NAPSA held a joint webinar with the Pharmacists' Support Service that featured four Early Career Pharmacists as panel speakers. We were fortunate enough to have Ella Crust, James Buckley, Shefali Parekh and Vasilios Sotiropoulos as the panel speakers. Between the four speakers, the audience was able to hear more about life as a pharmacist and just how stressful it can be!

If you are ever struggling and need someone to talk to, PSS is only one phone call away and is available every day from 8am to 11pm (AEST) to talk to you. You can contact PSS on 1300 244 910 or view their website here. If you missed out on the webinar, the recording is posted on the NAPSA website, and you can view it [here!](#)

Ellie Hawkins

NAPSA Executive Director (Education) 2021/22



# SUPA Update

## Bayer Event; Women's Health and Fungi Infections: 19/10/21

Goal: To broaden the scope of pharmacy students' knowledge, in areas they may seek, to provide optimal patient-centered care.

Speakers; SUPA President/Professional Development officer AND Bayer representatives  
Students were introduced to disease states relating to women's health and fungal infections that are commonly seen in community pharmacy. They were then presented with appropriate treatment options and different formulations. This was done through various means such as Kahoot quizzes and videos.

The event went very well, with students commenting on how much knowledge they have gained in addition to an increase in confidence when approaching these topics.

## "Compounding Your Career" – Careers night: 23/08/21

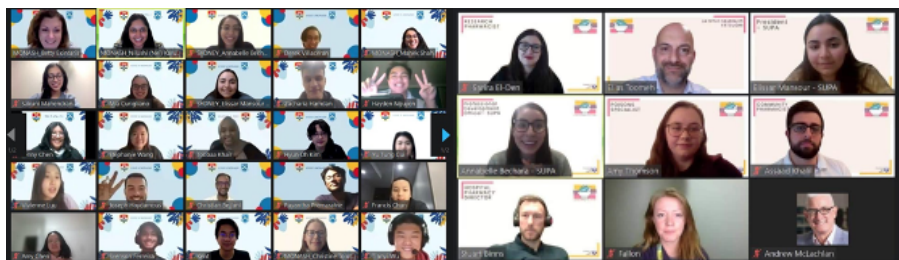
What the event was about: To provide an informative and educational evening which explored all branches of careers in pharmacy including industry, hospital, community, and research.

Speakers: The event included speakers from pharmaceutical industry, research pharmacy, a poison specialist, a community pharmacist, a hospital pharmacy director, and a hospital pharmacy deputy director.

This was one of SUPA's most successful events this year with 147 attendees from different universities across Australia. We went overtime because the speakers had so much to talk about and so much wisdom to impart! There was an endless flow of questions from the students about where pharmacy can take them, the future of each of these career pathways and the guests' experiences. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive with students asking for a recording so they could re-watch for advice later!

## USyd x Monash September/October Wrap-up

The University of Sydney and Monash University continued their collaboration during the months of September and October with another student-led networking night and a game's night. The attendees were pharmacy, pharmaceutical science, and pharmacology students from both universities. This time, the invitation was also extended to Macquarie University and UNSW with the aim to boost engagement during lockdown and across different pharmacy-related fields. The feedback was very positive with students requesting more networking opportunities with their peers across Australia. SUPA and VPSA look forward to expanding these collaborations with other Pharmacy Associations.



## World Pharmacist Day Video and Trivia Night: 25/09/21

Goal: To celebrate World Pharmacist Day in a fun and interactive way which celebrates all the hard work pharmacists do across the world.

Speakers: Event was hosted by SUPA and extended to QUTPSA, BAPS, PhUNE, VPSA, QPSA, SPASA, RAPS.

Our main sponsor for the night was “MediAdvice” and was also supported by Abbotsford Family Pharmacy. The night began with some speeches from the Head of the Sydney Pharmacy School and Dean, Professor Andrew McLachlan, and from our SUPA President and Vice President. This was accompanied by a video, made by SUPA, which featured pharmacists from all over the world including the Middle East, Canada and Europe, coming together as one to celebrate and acknowledge World Pharmacist Day! The trivia night then began and included general knowledge and pharmacy-related questions to challenge the participants.

The event went extremely well with about 100 attendees! Competitive spirits were high and made for a tremendously fun evening! The video was well received and highlighted the unity of pharmacists across the world and the acknowledgement of all the hard work we do, both generally and during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was an all-round very successful event!

## SUPA Fun Run for Beyond Blue: 12/10/21 – 12/11/21

What the event is about: To raise money for BeyondBlue in a way that gets everyone moving and exercising! Competitors’ steps are recorded for the period of October and the person with the most steps wins and scores some awesome prizes at the same time.

Everyone’s competitive nature is coming out in full force with the person currently in first place already at 95 288 steps only a week into the competition. \$330 has been raised SO FAR with plenty of time for more! The fun run encourages people to get out and get stepping, helping their fitness and mental health at the same time as supporting a worthy cause like Beyond Blue!

Cristen George

Sydney University Pharmacy Association







# AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY STUDENTS' JOURNAL

*Supporting the research endeavours of future pharmacists*

Introducing the Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal (APSJ):

“A journal created by students, for students”

The National Association of Pharmacy Students of Australia (NAPSA) has developed this student-led journal, through which Australian pharmacy students will have exclusive access to publish their work and have the opportunity to participate in reviewing other students' submissions. 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.

## WHY STUDENT-LED RESEARCH?

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

One of the domains in the National Competency Framework 2016 focuses specifically on education and research. It is an expectation of all pharmacists to be able to evaluate current evidence and apply it to their practice. Hospitals in Australia are now investing in their pharmacy departments to conduct research, which drives clinical practice, quality use of medicines, funding and overall enhances the quality of healthcare in Australia.

The opportunities for student-led research in pharmacy are widespread, with all accredited Australian undergraduate pharmacy programs offering an integrated honours stream. 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 stand out to future pharmacy employers regardless of field.

## ABOUT THE JOURNAL

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



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# Introducing the APSJ

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The journal accepts submissions from students currently studying pharmacy, undertaking an internship or early career pharmacist who have completed their research during their studies. Research in which an academic has supported a student, however a student must have led the research and been the main author.

The Journal accepts submissions in the form of:

- Original Research Article
- Academic Review Article
- Case Reports
- Academic viewpoint
- Feature articles
- Opinion pieces
- Qualitative Research

The journal is published bi-annually, with the first edition due to be released in January 2022. The APSJ is an open access journal that is indexed to ensure authors' work is projected into the research pool. The APSJ is proudly supported by a team of seasoned academics as well the SHPA as a Strategic Partner. Please find further information about the journal at: <https://apsj.com.au>

## WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

We are looking to connect with students across Australia to provide them with the opportunity to be published in the APSJ.

With the current semester coming to an end, we welcome and encourage students to submit their work. The APSJ is now accepting submissions for the first edition and we want to see students from every university published. The closing date is the 30th of November 2021.

Forrest Tang  
NAPSA Executive Director (Research) 2021/2022

Joanne Wickens  
NAPSA Research Chair 2021/2022

# Pharmacy Awareness Chair

Hi everyone, my name is Ellen (Ah Dam) Jeon, and I am the new NAPSA Pharmacy Awareness Chair for 2021/2022. I am from the Charles Sturt University Orange campus, and I was president of the Orange Pharmacy Students Association for the academic year 2020/2021.

We launched a vaccine-preventable disease awareness month in September 2021 for my first Pharmacy Awareness event. Since many students were locked down in Victoria and New South Wales at that time, this event was created as a health promotion so that all branches could participate equally.

The emphasis on vaccine-preventable diseases was selected to raise awareness of the remarkable positive health outcomes that have resulted from their development and implementation in societies all over the world.

The following posts were made:

3rd September: The importance of influenza vaccination

10th September: The importance of Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccination

17th September: The importance of Human Papillomavirus vaccination

24th September: The importance of Measles vaccination

30th September: The importance of COVID19 vaccination

I also received my COVID19 Pfizer vaccine during Vaccine Awareness Month, so this was posted on NAPSA social media pages, and I believe it was an excellent opportunity for me to promote vaccines and demonstrate the importance of having vaccines on time.

**“Some people become chronically infected with the hepatitis B virus after an acute infection with the virus. Chronic hepatitis B can be passed down from mother to child..”**

## BENEFITS OF VACCINATION

COVID-19 will be with us for many years into the future.

Getting vaccinated now has many benefits, including:

- protecting yourself against severe illness and death from COVID-19
- preventing complications such as 'long COVID'
- protecting people who can't be vaccinated due to medical conditions
- protecting children while research continues to test the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in people under the age of 12

## SO, SHOULD I GET THE FLU VACCINE?

**Yes, while the vaccine is not 100% effective, it provides a high level of protection and can help those who are still sick. Because the vaccine may not always protect against all strains of the flu virus circulating in the community, some people may still catch the flu.**



Other pharmacy awareness chairs from various branches collaborated, including Vicki and Mei-lee from TEP SA and Michelle Ngo from GUAPS, who went above and beyond to create such high quality content in a short period of time, which certainly helped to broaden the understanding and importance of different vaccines available in Australia.

This initiative has unquestionably increased community awareness of vaccines available in pharmacies, so thank you all for your efforts.

The data were obtained from reliable sources including the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), Better Health VIC, Health Direct Government, Australian Immunisation Handbook, NSW Government, Australian Government Department of Health, and Cancer Council Organisation.

We'd also like to welcome the following new members: Laura Edmondson, Anne Nguyen from SUPA, Yurie Oh from UWA Master of Pharmacy Society, and Angel Wallace-Miles from GUAPS (Welcome everyone!)

I'd like to express my gratitude to Madison Johnston, who took the extra time to create the posts and upload them to the NAPSA social media pages. We are always welcoming new members, so please do not hesitate to contact me directly to join the team in promoting awareness in pharmacy and public health!

Ellen Jeon  
NAPSA Pharmacy Awareness Chair 2021/2022



# SHPA: Pharmacy Forecast Aus 2021



## GREAT MINDS *DON'T* THINK ALIKE!

Teamwork makes the dream work – but sometimes that ‘team’ is spread beyond people we work closely with, or even people we know.

To make the smartest decisions, it's important to gather as much current information as possible, which is where *Pharmacy Forecast Australia* steps in as a new annual report helping shape future pharmacy planning. It is the extra and all-knowing team member future pharmacy leaders can turn to!

While one person, one team, or one health service can continue to build on local successes, there is greater power in infusing the strategic planning process with a snapshot of what other minds across the profession are thinking, at that same moment in time.

It is with this broad remit in mind that SHPA brought [Pharmacy Forecast](#) to Australia.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW, NOW

*Pharmacy Forecast Australia 2021* was inspired by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP's) *Pharmacy Forecast*, which is now a much-anticipated annual publication used by the pharmacy practice sector to plan for future demand, service provision and leadership.

SHPA's inaugural Forecast was developed using the same 'wisdom of crowds' methodology, which identified **six key emerging trends and phenomena projected to impact pharmacy practice and the health of Australian patients to 2026**, contextualised into the following recommendations by the report's 19 authors.





# EMERGING TRENDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PHARMACY LEADERS



## WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

- identify barriers to successful implementation of **collaborative prescribing**
- facilitate education and training that fosters **leadership competency**
- undertake gap analysis to the implementation of **pharmacy residencies**
- support **skilled workforce capacity** through promotion of hospital pharmacy career pathways
- invest in **hospital pharmacy technicians'** ongoing professional development.



## WORKFORCE ACCESS / RESOURCING

- **resource/advocate for specialised clinical services**; 7-day pharmacy services and roles in non-hospital settings
- advocate for increased **pharmacy informatics roles** that harness smart technology to inform safe systems
- integrate **electronic health records** into business-as-usual practices
- consider pharmacy design and models of care that incorporates **automated technologies**, in faculty and service planning
- advocate for expanded **pharmacy technician roles** at all levels.



## RELIABILITY OF MEDICINES SUPPLY

- support advocacy for improved, centralised **early warning systems for medication shortages**
- develop and advocate a **Purchasing Standards Policy**
- unite behind robust **pharmacy procurement standards**.



## MEDICATION COMPLEXITY AND ACCESS

- ensure **procurement frameworks** safeguard quality use of medicines and measure value delivered from pharmacy resources
- actively participate in discussions around **policies and funding reforms** that increase medicines access and equity
- lead the **transition to biological and biosimilars** by developing clear education and management processes
- lead the development of a 'patient first' attitude so that **dispensing and ambulatory care services are adapted to improve patient access to complex medicines.**



## MEDICATION SAFETY

- implement workforce planning and training for **leadership roles in medication safety**
- lead workforce redesign for **medication reconciliation and management** during high-risk **transitions of care**
- build **capacity in clinical informatics** to inform safe systems.



## ELECTRONIC REVOLUTION

- invest in **training in digital technologies and solutions** to address workforce and health issues
- actively follow **developments in EMM systems** and advocate for their adoption and expansion
- advocate, in partnership with strong nursing leadership, for the implementation of **automated dispensing cabinets**
- advocate for **closed loop medication management systems**
- increase the prevalence, safety and effectiveness of **pharmacy telehealth services**
- advocate for **MHR adoption** by patients and organisations to ensure accurate information sharing.



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Healthcare is one of Australia's biggest employers across the Public and Private sectors and will continue to grow into the future. There are amazing opportunities for students who decide to undertake tertiary studies in a healthcare discipline and a Pharmacy degree can provide a rewarding, flexible career with many pathways.

Community pharmacies are located all over Australia, so there are loads of great communities where you can work as a pharmacist, from surfing and beach communities, to regional farming areas.

Your skills will be in demand due to the continual advancements in new drug therapies and health services such as vaccinations now offered in pharmacies.

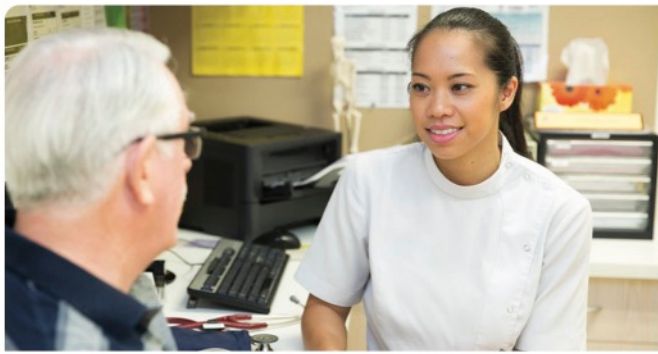
## **So what does a pharmacist do?**

Pharmacists are the medication experts and a pharmacist is responsible for providing medications and health advice to patients. While it may look like a pharmacist just dispenses prescriptions, there are many things which go on behind the scene to ensure the patient receive safe, effective and up to date medication information.

Pharmacists are also involved in the provision of healthcare services such as medication checks, vaccinations and health screenings. Pharmacists work as part of a multidisciplinary health team to improve patient health outcomes.

**Speak to your preferred university about pathways to becoming a community pharmacist.**





## What sort of subjects do you need have a good understanding of?

- Science, especially chemistry
- Maths

## What type of qualities as a person are best suited to the profession?

- Attention to detail, analytical, problem solving skills
- Empathy and listening skills

## Does this sound like you?

If that's a yes, you can find out more by contacting your local University and see below for some Government funded options for scholarships to help you undertake your tertiary studies.

### Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme:

The Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme provides financial support to students from rural and remote communities to undertake undergraduate or postgraduate studies in pharmacy at university.

**Each year, at least 30 scholarships are made available, each with a value of \$10,000 (GST exempt) per year per student.**

Scholarship holders are encouraged to seek employment in rural and remote areas following graduation.

This is a great way to get a head start on your tertiary Pharmacy degree and could one day see you delivering pharmacy services to a rural or regional community where you will become a valued member of a community.



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### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme (ATSIPSS) aims to address the health needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the workforce needs of the pharmacy profession by encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to choose a career in pharmacy. The Scheme supports students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in their decision to undertake undergraduate or graduate entry studies in pharmacy at an Australian university.

**At least three scholarships are offered each year, with a value of \$15,000 (GST exempt) per student, per year.**

Successful applicants will receive the scholarship for a maximum of four years or until the end of their course of study, whichever is shorter. Scholarship holders may be granted a maximum of \$60,000 over a four-year period.

This is a great way to reach your tertiary goals and in future you may choose to provide specialised pharmacy services to aboriginal people in a local community.



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# PSA Upcoming Events

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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/>

## **November 2021**

### **Australian Capital Territory**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - ACT
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV ACT
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI ACT

### **New South Wales**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 18 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - NSW Online Delivery
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - NSW
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV NSW
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI NSW

### **Northern Territory**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - NT
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV NT
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI NT

### **Queensland**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - QLD
- 24 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Brisbane
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV QLD
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI QLD

### **South Australia**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - SA
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV SA
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI SA

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## **Tasmania**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - TAS
- 25 - Tasmania Quiz Night. Boodle Beasley Hobart
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV TAS

## **Victoria**

- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - VIC
- 24 - VOPP Digital Workshop 1
- 25 - VOPP Digital Workshop 2
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV VIC
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI VIC

## **Western Australia**

- 14 - Heart Failure Masterclass WA - Perth, Subiaco
- 17 - COPD: A national health priority in the midst of the pandemic. Webinar.
- 20 - Heart Failure Masterclass WA - Perth, South, Mandurah
- 24 - Webinar: Booking your booster doses through the VCF - WA
- 25 - WA Speed Mentoring for ECPs 2021
- 30 - Webinar: Screening for CVD risk in people living with HIV WA
- 30 - Battle of the Pharmers Clinical Games EOI WA
- 30 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Perth

## **December 2021**

### **Australian Capital Territory**

- 09 - 2021 PSA ACT Pharmacist Awards and members' end of year celebration

## **Victoria**

- 01 - Immunisation Practical Workshop
- 08 - Immunisation Practical Workshop

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