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# President's Report

Dear NAPSA members,

I hope you are all well, particularly during this busy time of year with exams either underway or right around the corner. I am sure you are studying hard and will reap the rewards of your hard work, however, remember to take time out of your studies for breaks and a bit of relaxation. It has been a long year for many of us and whilst self-care is always important, it can be neglected more so during periods of stress.



**Flynn Swift**  
**2022/23 NAPSA National President**

Support networks exist that you can reach out to if needed, and pharmacy students and interns are lucky to have a dedicated service in the Pharmacists' Support Service (PSS) run by pharmacists for the pharmacy profession. PSS is happy to provide confidential and anonymous support and can help if you are stressed or need to talk about your mental health. Run all year round, you can call PSS on 1300 244 910.

The Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) - Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT) Annual Conference will showcase the latest research in fields of pharmaceutical science, clinical sciences, pharmacy practice and pharmacy education. The APSA-ASCEPT Conference will be held in Perth from the 29th of November to the 2nd of December for those that are interested. NAPSA would like to congratulate NAPSA Research Director, Elissar Mansour, who has been selected to present the conference on her research around 'Restoring multi-drug resistant Gram negative bacterial susceptibility to fosfomycin'. NAPSA would also like to congratulate all NAPSA students heading to Perth to present their research, well done!



# President's Report

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The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) Medicines Management 2022 conference is coming up in Brisbane this year. I would highly recommend that students attend or if you would like to volunteer, it'll also be a great experience. I believe stronger networks with SHPA will foresee better opportunities for you to gain access to the field. The renewal of this relationship between SHPA and NAPSA will strengthen our ties and the opportunities for development in the future, especially for those of you who are interested in hospital careers and research following your degrees. SHPA Membership is also free for students, so sign up today! The NPSS is still up and running and we are still looking for more responses. This is your chance to provide your opinion on the future of your profession so if you have not had a chance to complete it, there is still time! The annual NPSS results are used by NAPSA to understand the view and current concerns of students that are relevant to the pharmacy profession, including employment, remuneration, undergraduate placement opportunities and more. This allows NAPSA to advocate for you, our members, and relay the message to peak bodies to make our student voice heard. By completing the survey, you go in the draw to win plenty of prizes including NAPSA Congress tickets so have your say!

Congress 2023 is not too far away either and we are excited about the development of our first face-to-face Congress in 2 years. With our organising team hard at work to bring you amazing education events and fun activities, keep your eyes peeled for more information on the education timetable and various topics covered, and we hope you will all join us in January! Tickets are still available from your local association so get in while they are still available.

As we come to the end of the academic year, I will you all the best for your final exams. To our graduating students and interns, congratulations on reaching that important milestone and all the best for future career aspirations! We know you are going to be an amazing pharmacist wherever your careers take you!

Flynn Swift

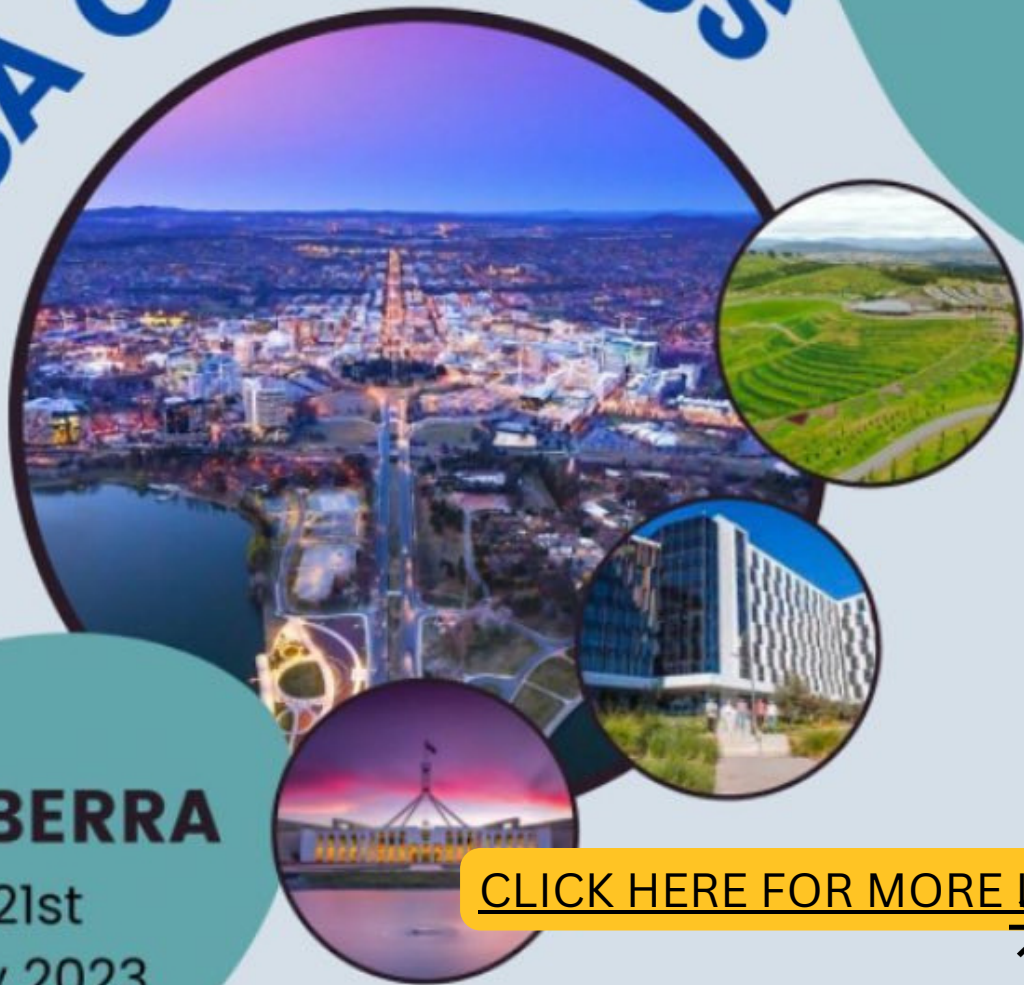
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## Episode 5 of Your Pharmacy Career Podcast

Season 5 Episode 5 – Miruna Vivekanandarajah is a Self-Employed Pharmacist (Locum) who completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy, with a Major in International Pharmacy at The University of Sydney.

Miruna commenced pharmacy career training in the pharmaceutical industry in regulatory affairs and in community pharmacy.

Currently focussed in expanding clinical, professional and personal skills through working in different pharmacies in rural/regional Australia, Miruna is an early career pharmacist with a goal to work in all the states and territories in Australia!

In this episode, Miruna shares with us many practical tips and useful advice to help fellow pharmacists who are interested in starting or excelling on their locum journey.

As a bonus in this episode, Allie Xu invited the general manager of [Raven's Recruitment](#), Heidi Dariz. Heidi shares with us her insights from the [2022 Pharmacy Salary and Market Report](#), the [7CPA Emergency Locum Service Program](#), and Heidi is also bringing exciting news about a new initiative at Raven's Recruitment.

You can find Miruna Vivekanandarajah on [LinkedIn](#).

You can find Heidi Dariz on [LinkedIn](#).

You can listen to the podcast on our [website](#) or via your [favourite Podcast app](#).

### YOUR PHARMACY CAREER PODCAST



# Student Research Poster Competition!

Attention all student researchers – NAPSA has officially opened submissions for the Student Research Poster Competition. We will be accepting all posters for research conducted by pharmacy students or intern in 2022 regarding pharmacy practice, clinical pharmacy, and pharmaceutical sciences.

The top 2 applicants will win free registration to the upcoming NAPSA Congress in January 2023 (valued at \$600 each) and the chance to give a lightning talk on their topic at Congress.

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR POSTER SUBMISSION TO ELISSAR MANSOUR AT RESEARCH@NAPSA.ORG.AU BY THE 15TH OF NOVEMBER WITH THE SUBJECT “POSTER COMPETITION 2022”.**

Posters should include a title, aim, method, results, conclusion, references, and the email address of the author. Students must be either currently studying a Bachelor, Master or Extended Masters degree in Pharmacy or a double degree of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics to be eligible for entry. Current students across all year levels are welcome to apply but applicants must be a student in the 2022 academic year.

The University of Melbourne has a great guide for designing academic posters if you're not sure where to start!

[Click here to view UniMelb poster guide\\_](#)



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# PGA and NAPSA Renewing of Partnership



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## **The Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association have signed an agreement renewing their long-standing partnership for a further 12 months!**

The agreement was signed during Pharmacy Connect in Sydney and continues the Guild's involvement as NAPSA's largest financial sponsor.

The National President of the Guild, Professor Trent Twomey, said the agreement was an important step in the Guild's relationship with the community pharmacists of the future.

"As a former President of NAPSA myself I know how important this relationship with the Guild is to the organization and to students across Australia," Professor Twomey said.

"The financial support we give to NAPSA is one aspect but perhaps even more important is the strong connection and association with the pharmacists of tomorrow who are coming through pharmacy schools today.

"It keeps us connected to the students and the students connected to us. This agreement is the basis of a trusting and enduring partnership which the Guild values highly."

National President of NAPSA Flynn Swift, said that continuing the growth-fostering relationship with the Guild allowed pharmacy students, and the pharmacy profession as a whole, to feel supported "with entrusting us as the future pharmacists of Australia".

"With COVID-19 in the pharmacy scene, having the Guild show its continued support for NAPSA helps build confidence in our students to know we are represented properly in such a hard time.

"With that being said, pharmacy is only going to become more rewarding with the development of a pharmacist's scope of practice, and the continuous light on the pay rates.

"It's a great time to be a pharmacy student and we look forward to what the next 12 months has to offer with collaboration with the Guild."





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

*The staff and tutors at the PSA were incredibly helpful and supportive during the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Erin Cooper  
2021 PSA Intern  
of the Year

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# Get to know community pharmacy



*Community Pharmacy in 2025*



*Capital Chemist, Chisholm  
Guild Pharmacy of the Year, 2020*



*Flannery's Pharmacy, Forbes  
Guild Pharmacy of the Year, 2019*



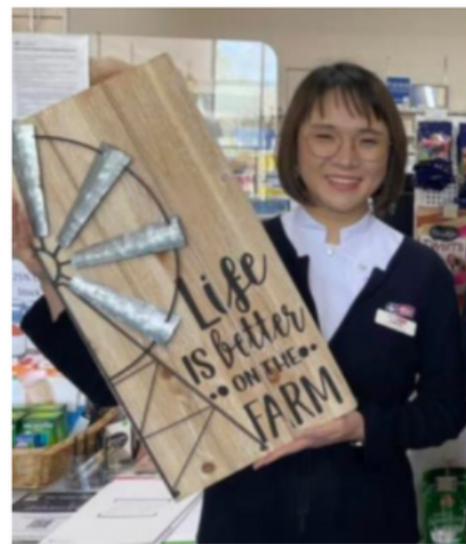
*Cooleman Court Pharmacy, Weston Creek  
Guild Pharmacy of the Year, 2022*

## Meet Ilwoo Park

PSA Tasmanian Early Career Pharmacist of the year 2020 and 2020 National Pharmacy Guild Rural pharmacy video competition winner, Ilwoo Park came to Australia as a backpacker from Korea in 2007, unable to speak English, she picked up English while she was traveling in Australia.

Ilwoo has worked in 23 community pharmacies, since graduating from UTAS in 2013, and figured out her favourite place to practice is in a rural community setting.

Ilwoo is the iconic pharmacist manager, soon to be a partner owner at Oatlands Pharmacy Tasmania.



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# SHPA Free Student Membership



**Are you a pharmacy student considering a career in Australia's fastest-growing pharmacy sector?**

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**SHPA Student Membership is FREE for pharmacy students!**

Being a member of SHPA during your foundation years gives you the strongest base for your start in hospital pharmacy, providing you with the support, resources and programs you need to drive every stage of your career.



But don't take it from us... recently we spent 'A minute with' **Jade Craig**, Student Observer on the SHPA WA Branch Committee.

*'Appointed as the SHPA WA Branch Student Observer, I hope to facilitate bonds between SHPA and Curtin students, staff, and the School of Pharmacy. I hope to bring SHPA events and plans into student life, especially for those looking at a career in hospital pharmacy.'*

*'Student membership is great because it is free, so anyone can join and get a taster for hospital pharmacy. It has provided me with the tools to write a promising Intern application for WA hospitals, and some very credentialled mentors to have a look over my application and make sure I'm on the right track.'*

*'Outside of Intern applications, there are always Education events to attend and further your knowledge base in a non-University setting.'*

*'I don't see why you wouldn't be an SHPA member, you've really got nothing to lose.'*

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# SHPA Events and Courses



**Save over \$700 at Australia's largest annual scientific pharmacy conference!**

Recharge, reconnect and reinvigorate at Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference. SHPA Student members enjoy up to \$700 off their registration to **Medicines Management 2022**, the 46th SHPA National Conference, 1–3 December in Brisbane!



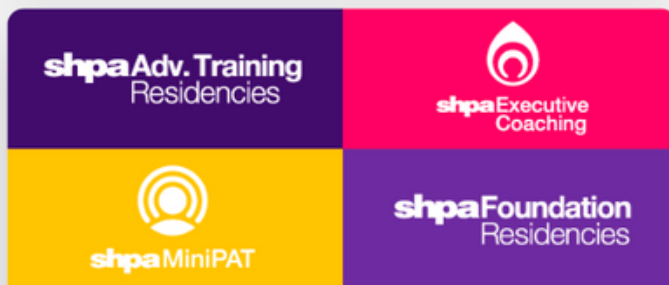
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- Suzanne Greenwood, Executive Director, Pharmacy Guild of Australia

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Your Pharmacy Career

## Where will a career in community pharmacy take you?

### Studying pharmacy?

Pharmacy is a four year degree in Australia. You'll learn all about anatomy, medicines, how chemicals interact and how illnesses are treated.

### Your Intern Year

After graduating and receiving provisional registration, pharmacists undertake a 48 week long internship in a pharmacy setting, supervised by a senior pharmacist (a "Preceptor").

This year introduces you to what it's like working in a pharmacy and is a great opportunity to get to know your community.

### 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.

That's where the Pharmacy Guild of Australia comes in - we look after the interests of community pharmacy owners so that they can do what they do best - provide better health outcomes for all Australians.



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# PSA Upcoming Events OLDDD

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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 2022**

WA

24 - Quizmas Quiz Night: Perth, WA

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26- Immunisation Practical Workshop, Brisbane

## **December 2022**

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13- Immunisation Practical Workshop, Melbourne

15- Victorian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program Part 2 Workshop

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