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President's Report

Dear NAPSA members!

Firstly I am very excited to announce that in addition to NAPSA's Sydney Congress Organising Chair Melissa Faehrmann, four fresh-faced new Chairs were elected on the 27th August.

Congratulations to Stephanie Samios - Pharmacy Awareness Chair, QPSA

Rosie Earl - IPSF Chair, WAPSA

Rachel Horner - Rural & Indigenous Chair, GUAPS

Eliza Herd - Publications Chair, UoNAPS

and in our new chair position, Matthew Perry - Alumni Chair, SUPA

With the NAPSA committee now complete, the Board and Chairs have been collaborating to reach NAPSA goals in providing for our members and we look forward to the rest of the term working together to ensure the growth of NAPSA.

Over the past two months NAPSA have been keeping busy participating in key industry discussions. We spoke about Social inequality and how this a healthcare matter and the opportunities in taking pharmacy in any direction. We also showed our support to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) for their official launch of the next round of accreditation for residency programs in hospitals. We collaborated with the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) to celebrate World Pharmacists Day, with a NAPSA/PSA filter used on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We also ran a competition on this day that encouraged our members to post a photo showing what "Your Pharmacist is at Your service" meant to them. The entrants went in the running to win a Community Pharmacy 3e text book prize!

Mental Health week saw NAPSA members coming together to show our support for mental health care, aiming to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. We shared vital information regarding mental health identification and management and our roles as future health professionals. "Mental Health begins with Me" was one of the ways we ensured our members were looking after themselves as well as looking out for their peers. On one of the days we also wore odd socks to raise awareness in ensuring we look out for those around us and know when they're acting, feeling or looking odd and to do something about it. Always know that NAPSA is only an email or Facebook message away if you are going through a difficult time or seeking direction on who can help.

The start of September marked the Annual Pharmacy Connect Conference hosted by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in Sydney. The conference ran from the 1st to the 3rd of September and the whole Board had the pleasure of attending, it was fantastic to see representation from pharmacy students from all over Australia. Not only did the conference provide a comprehensive educational program for its delegates, but also gave us the opportunity to meet with the Pharmacy Guild to discuss exciting future initiatives. NAPSA are committed to a stronger working relationship with the Guild and are excited to bring some of these new initiatives discussed to each and every one of our members. This weekend also saw us launch our annual National Pharmacy Student Survey (NPSS). With the survey nearly coming to a close I hope you all have had the chance to complete it! If not there is still time, and your opinion is invaluable to the future of our profession. You also go in the draw to win a 2018 AMH, so click on the following [link](#) to have your say! Each year NAPSA uses the results from this survey to understand the views and opinions of students pertinent to pharmacy, including employment, remuneration, undergraduate placements and much more. This allows NAPSA to advocate for each and every one of you, as our members. Whilst at the same time, identifying for branches and ourselves exactly where we can support you more in your quest to becoming a job-ready pharmacist.

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It was also fantastic to see the Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition finals at Pharmacy Connect. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a massive congratulations to our friends from the University of Tasmania for taking out first prize, as well as the runners up from Latrobe University /Monash University and the team from University of South Australia/James Cook University/Queensland University of Technology.

The following weekend, The Australian Friendly Societies' Pharmacies Association (AFSPA) held their Annual Conference in Brisbane. NAPSA Director of External Affairs, Tahlia Murador, and NAPSA members from QPSA, Alistair Meldrum, Alli Cooper, Melissa Lim, Jessica Hawula, Jess Blinks and Michael Whordley were able to attend, volunteering at the conference and representing pharmacy students. The conference proved to be a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a different perspective of the pharmacy industry as Friendly Societies pharmacies operate through a unique not-for-profit mutual business model which is different to that of other pharmacy models in Australia and in doing so, bring diversity to the industry. NAPSA is very happy to continue and develop their professional relationship with AFSPA through the initiatives outlined in our agreement and look forward to working with them and attending future annual conferences.

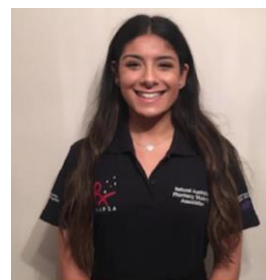
The next upcoming conference will be the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) annual Medicines Management conference in November. This year it will be held in Sydney and with amazing opportunities to network with the industry and professionals I would highly recommend that students attend. SHPA Membership is also free for students, so sign up today!

The Health Students Blood Challenge also came to an end last month, a big thank you to all participants. Teaming up with Australian Medical Students Association (AMSA), the Australian Dental Students' Association (ADSA) and Student Paramedics Association (SPA) was very successful was once again! Unfortunately the anticipation will have to wait for NAPSA congress, where we will hear the final results including our total NAPSA donations and which branches will take out the Cup and Young Blood Award.

Speaking of NAPSA Congress, we are all extremely excited in preparation for the 2018 NAPSA congress, with the congress organising committee and NAPSA working hard to bring you amazing education and social events. SUPA is looking forward to hosting 350 of NAPSA members for what will be a great week in Sydney! More information will be released to delegates in the coming weeks so watch this space.

With many of you already finishing your final classes, some for the semester and others for their degrees, I would like to wish you all the best of luck with your final exams and last assessments for the year. In the words of Henry Ford "whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." So don't forget that you can.

Sandra Minas
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Linh's Story

Hi, I am Linh and I am an international student from Vietnam. Vietnam is a small country in South East Asia that is shaped like the letter S.

I left my hometown when I was 17 to fly thousands of kilometres to Brisbane, Australia to explore the world. Just kidding, I was 17 and just like most other teenagers, I didn't even know what I want to do in my life apart from staying home and watching 9 seasons of "How I met your mother". I came to Australia because my dad decided it was time for me to grow up and be independent. He told me about all the amazing things that Australia had to offer and totally forgot to mention how I would be panicking and homesick in the first few months away from home. During the first year, I didn't even know why I travelled to Australia. I knew my dad sent me here because he wanted me to do a Pharmacy degree but honestly, I was not a big fan of this industry because of my experience at home. Most people working in the community pharmacy in Vietnam are not friendly to customers and most of them are not trained properly to hold a position as a qualified pharmacist. I still remember when my sister was experiencing allergies they gave her antibiotics instead of an antihistamine. Since I was living next to one of the biggest pharmaceutical areas in Vietnam, I knew there were many cases that were similar to my sister and the misuse of antibiotics is an extremely serious issue in my home country.

Linh's Story

However, despite to all my previous negative feelings towards the pharmacy industry, I still ended up pushing through it and falling in love with it every single day I continue to study. From being a girl having no belief in the pharmacy system, I was completely impressed by how professional and thoughtful the pharmacists are in Australia and gradually became to see the importance of their role in managing patient's health. Then, it hit me. It hit me hard. This was what we are missing in Vietnam. We needed trained pharmacists working in community pharmacies, who would be truly knowledgeable and caring for their patients. That was when I realized what my reason to study pharmacy in Australia was in the first place. I needed to learn as much as possible and train myself as much as possible, so that when I am prepared enough, I can contribute my knowledge, skills and energy to change the community pharmacies in Vietnam for the people. It has been a few years since I first came to Australia and I have never regretted, even for a second, leaving my hometown to study in a foreign country. I treasure every moment of learning in Australia and can't wait to bring this knowledge back to make Vietnam become a better place. I'm looking forward to the future and the changes I can help bring, thanks to my education in Australia.

Linh Phuong Dao
Third Year Representative
QPSA Third Year Pharmacy Student
The University of Queensland

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What is the First Home Super Saver Scheme?

The Scheme was put forward as part of the 2017 Federal Budget. In a nutshell, it's designed to help you boost savings towards a first home by allowing you to build a deposit via your super account.

So how does it work?

The Scheme can help you save more because of the way super is taxed. If you're a first home-buyer, you can make before-tax (salary sacrifice) or after tax contributions to your super account to save for a house deposit. You can put in up to \$15,000 a year, subject to existing contribution caps.

Salary sacrifice contributions are in addition to your employer's 9.5% super guarantee contributions. As long as you stay under the annual concessional contributions cap of \$25,000 a year (which includes employer contributions), these contributions are taxed at just 15%. If your employer doesn't offer salary sacrifice, you can make personal contributions from your take home pay and claim a tax deduction later. If you claim a deduction later these contributions will become concessional contributions.

Over several years you can save up to \$30,000 as part of the Scheme. When you've found the place you want to buy, you withdraw the savings and put it into your deposit. You'll pay tax on the amount you withdraw at your marginal rate - but it will be discounted by 30%.

Sounds great, so can you start contributing now?

Well, yes and no. The Scheme hasn't been passed by the Federal Parliament yet. So even though you could start making contributions from 1 July 2017, you may want to wait to see the final form of the Scheme legislation. If you make additional contributions now and the Scheme doesn't go ahead, the funds will remain in your super until preservation age. But then, your super will get a boost. And in the long term, that's not a bad thing either.

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UoNAPS Handover

Spring has definitely sprung here at UoNAPS, with the farewell of a historic outgoing committee and the election of 5 fresh faces comes a bitter sweet time for everyone in the Newcastle Pharmacy Precinct! UONAPS had our Annual General Meeting on the 1st of September and with it comes a big change, as the committee that essentially built the association from the ground up over the last 2 years graduates and moves on to the bigger better 'internship year'. Taking up the reins for 2018 is a committee headed by Holly Pole-Cini (President) and Brad Rockliff (Vice president). In the role of secretary we have Eliza Herd, as treasurer we have Tahlia Quigg and myself, Pat Kuter as UONAPS NAPSA liaison. For those of you who were able to attend the NAPSA AGM, some of the faces on the committee may be familiar to you and if not we hope to get to know as many people as possible from as many branches as possible as we can continue to increase our presence under the NAPSA footprint.

Again, a massive thankyou and congratulations goes to the outgoing committee that has looked after things for the last 2 years here at UONAPS. A big shout out to Emma, Ellyn, Annie, AJ and Abs. You have always been and will always continue to be professional, helpful, supportive, and committed to the pharmacy student experience here at UoN and have laid the framework for us to continue to grow this association which you have all worked so hard on. We promise to take care of it for you!

The incoming committee comes in fresh and ready to tackle the challenges of 2018 and we hope to deliver a great experience for ALL pharmacy students here at UoN by expanding our presence at a local and national level as well as engaging in networking activities with other members of NAPSA. As we are so lucky with 2018 Congress being held just a short train ride away we have the opportunity to send a much larger group of students this year which provides a great opportunity for us to get to know everyone and have a sneaky bit of fun. If you see us, come say hello and have a chat.

Stay classy NAPSA,
Patrick Kuter
2018 UONAPS NAPSA liaison

(Holly Pole-Cini (President) absent from photo)





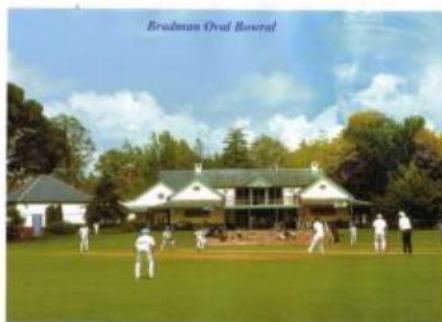
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is a good way to find out about who we are and what we do.

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Donating in Paradise – a JCUPSA Update

At the end of August we finally had our biggest event of the year, the pharmacy ball. It was a great success! It was held at Reef HQ, which was a gorgeous and fun venue for the event. The food was incredible and everyone had a great time dancing. Our events representatives, Alex and Jake did a phenomenal job and even put together donation swag bags for everyone to take home.

We held a bake sale for RU OK? Day, with donated sweet and savory goodies from about 20 students. We were a little bit worried about our bake sale because the university held a RU OK event on the same day with free cupcakes near the library. I think that we can all appreciate that free food for uni students is extremely valuable. Thankfully we were unnecessarily worried, as we incredibly still managed to raise \$150 for RU Ok? thanks to

We had a free event to encourage the different year levels to mingle and get to know one another better. We held it at Kryptic, a bar in the city. There was a great turnout of all the year levels, even a handful of fourth years turned up! The food was awesome, particularly the breaded camembert was a big hit, for me anyways.

For the Blood Drive Challenge, we had quite a struggle to remain competitive this year, as our blood donor center was being renovated for the entirety of the challenge. They set up a temporary center nearby with only limited appointments available. Another interesting obstacle that we came up against was that Townsville's donation center is becoming a plasma only donation center. Because of this some people were unable to donate, as in order to donate plasma, a successful whole blood donation first. We ended up getting second with 31 donations made!



The Health Students Blood Challenge

The Annual Health Student's Blood Challenge has ended for 2017! Congratulations to all the NAPSA Pharmacy Student Organisations that participated. Together we garnered a total of 227 donations for NAPSA's Red25 group, and as a result saved approximately 681 lives! What a great achievement not only for NAPSA, but for the pharmacy students across Australia who participated.

The blood donated to Red Cross serves a very important purpose in saving millions of lives across Australia. One-third of blood donations help treat people with cancer and blood diseases and another portion is donated to surgical patients, orthopaedic patients, obstetrics and road trauma accidents.

We hope that NAPSA's Health Student's Blood Challenge campaign will encourage greater participation and achieve even more donations next year to save more lives! Further congratulations should be extended to those branches who surpassed their targets. I will be so excited to announce the results and to present the Young Blood Award and the Overall NAPSA Health Student's Blood Challenge Winner at Congress next year in Sydney.

Thanks again to everyone for their hard-work and for helping NAPSA finish the year on a high note.

"With one in three of us needing donated blood in our lifetime, the life you save could be that of a friend or family member." ~ Shaun Inguanzo, Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Stephanie Samios
Pharmacy Awareness Chair



SAPSA had a Ball!

Where have all the months gone?! SAPSA held its Annual Gala Ball at the beautiful Adelaide Town Hall, sponsored by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia SA Branch. Here a snippet of the SAPSA President's speech from the night, which summed up SAPSA's year:

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to serve as SAPSA president this year and gosh have we had a great year. We begun the year travelling halfway around the world to Perth for NAPSA Congress and the spirit of the delegates truly made SAPSA great again. It was then immediately back to uni for the 4th years but not for the rest of us until O'day where SAPSA recruited a fresh batch of first years and it's great to see some of you guys here tonight! Next up were a bunch of social events which I'll save for the girls to talk about but involved the NAPSA charity cup events raising awareness for Livin', a health initiative to smash the stigma of mental illness. On topics of NAPSA, over the mid year break 4 SAPSA committee members attended NAPSA AGM in Melbourne where Vasilios and myself were elected onto the NAPSA Executive Board of Directors. August was SAPSA's Pharmacy Awareness Month where we held the annual Pharmacy Profession Awareness Day and also saw the start of the Health Students blood challenge. This year we held one of SAPSA's biggest PPAD to date and we are grateful for all the industry and allied health groups that attended our event I'm sure all the students took something out from the day other than a lot of pens.

I am proud to be standing up here representing SAPSA and giving a spiel about some of the things we've done this year but majority of this would not be possible if it weren't for our sponsors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pharmacy Guild of Australia for continuing to sponsor SAPSA and our growing partnership, with the Guild SAPSA Mentoring program pilot initiative which is going smoothly with feedback thus far from both parties saying it has been a fantastic opportunity. Also to the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia for your ongoing support for students with ECP events and education materials. 2017 also brought about new partnerships. Thank you for the support from National Pharmacies for our BBQ events each semester and also to Star Pharmacy Group for sponsoring the new SAPSA Committee shirts. Lastly to the UniSA Staff here tonight it's a pleasure to have so many of you here. I know it's a bit of a love-hate relationship between us but we truly appreciate the effort you put in us students.

SAPSA had a Ball!

Before I finish off my rambling I would just like to say a huge thanks to my SAPSA committee this year. You have been amazing to work with and we have achieved great things for SAPSA. I would like to especially thank the Executive team: Vasilios Sotiropoulos, SAPSA Vice President for 2 terms, who has always had my back and we wouldn't have made all the great changes to SAPSA without you. Libby Dansie, SAPSA Treasurer for 2 terms, and the one that has kept SAPSA not in check during her terms, thank you for letting us have nice things. And lastly to Tom Browne, immediate past president, for your guidance and surprising interior design skills for the SAPSA office makeover.

On behalf of SAPSA, I would like to congratulate all the 4th years on completing their degree. Best wishes for your internship year and don't forget about us and all the memories with SAPSA!

xoxo SAPSA love



How to land the perfect Pharmacy Internship

With the level of competitiveness in the job market increasing, pharmacy graduates need to demonstrate a range of skills and expertise to secure employment. Following are a list of things to help you land the perfect internship.

Experience within a Pharmacy

Whilst your University grades are important in securing an internship, having some previous experience within a pharmacy is also essential. In fact, most employers will seek out candidates with pharmacy experience, prior to considering any other factors. Without this experience, you will find it more difficult to secure an internship, so your first priority should be finding a part-time role within a pharmacy, if not paid, then a volunteer role will also be looked on favourably.

An Effective Résumé

It goes without saying that your Résumé should be clear, concise and error free, however potential interns should make sure that they're including the information that employers frequently want to know about, preferably at the top of the document. Namely, you should describe all relevant experience you have in the industry, as well as any special knowledge you may have acquired in the field so far.

Don't take out any job or volunteer experience from your Résumé that think may not be relevant to the job you're chasing, instead, point out that they are relevant by highlighting your leadership roles and customer service skills.

Your Personal Brand

We live in a world filled with social media and it's plausible to assume a potential employer will look for you online. It's therefore essential that you are aware of your online presence, and how it may reflect on a potential employer. Do a brand audit and look at what is already out there and see how you can leverage it to define you as a person, showcase your talents, and introduce people to you as an employee.

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Bring your best to the interview

Even before the interview, it's important to learn as much about the company as you can by visiting the company's website as well as the company and employees LinkedIn pages to gather as much information as possible.

You should also consider asking questions. For example, consider asking about the company's strategy, what the employer expects from the intern, or about some of its products or professional services offered. This will help convey the message that you are truly interested in the position and the pharmacy. You should also be prepared to answer questions as well, and prepare some answers to common behavioural interview questions that ask you to describe a situation or example of a previous situation.

Be Proactive and open-minded

Employers want to see that you are capable, determined and invested in the position you want. This tells them that you will work hard and be a good employee. Be persistent in your communications and proactive.

Finally, don't take on an internship just for the sake of it—do your research and make sure it's actually the right internship for you. If it's a company you can picture yourself working at in the future, that's a good sign—otherwise, move on.

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GUAPS Goes Rural

On the afternoon of Friday the 8th September, Griffith University pharmacy students were piling into cars laden with sleeping bags and snacks for the drive west to Goondiwindi. We arrived in Gundy just in time for a bite to eat and then set up our gear for a pharmily sleepover. On Saturday morning we were privileged to be able to visit the incredible team at Lucy Walker Pharmacy TerryWhite Chemmart Goondiwindi; winner of the Guild Pharmacy of the Year 2017 and 2017 Community Engagement Category winner.

The Lucy Walker Pharmacy is a true community hub, and you can tell immediately that the Pharmacists here are trusted and respected by their community. The students were amazed at the cutting edge technology and innovative practice on display. We all got inspired by this exceptional example of a community pharmacy and developed a new appreciation for the fact that location has no bearing on a pharmacy's ability to be outstanding!

If you are interested in getting out there and 'test driving' Rural Pharmacy, what better way to do that than through placement whilst at University! The opportunities for placement in rural and remote areas are limitless and if you need ideas the MyNAPSA website has an awesome interactive map with plenty of sites for rural placement listed. If you're nervous about travelling far from home, you might be surprised to find that rural placements are available as little as an hour or two from the city. So if you think rural might be for you, I can't encourage you enough to throw caution to the wind and try it out, placements don't last forever and who knows- you may discover a passion for rural life and practice!

I cannot thank Lucy Walker and the team enough for giving us the chance to visit their amazing pharmacy, if you'd like to see more of what they're up to in Gundy, you can check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/LucyWalkerChemmartPharmacy/>

Please feel free to shoot me an email at rural.indigenous@napsa.org.au if you have any questions or would like to chat about Rural Pharmacy.

Rachel Horner
GUAPS



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PSA's Upcoming Education Events

November 2017

Australian Capital Territory

09 Pharmacists in General Practice Forum – TBA

18 Immunisation Training Program for Pharmacists – PSA National Office

New South Wales

02 BTG: Medication in Depression and Anxiety - Dubbo

09 Pharmacists in General Practice Forum - TBA

15 BTG: Medication in Depression and Anxiety - Wollongong

18 Provide CPR – Ryde-Eastwood

18 Provide First Aid – West Ryde

Queensland

07 CPD Plans: Meet the New PBA Requirements – Brisbane

09 Pharmacists in General Practice Forum – TBA

14 Palliative Care in the Pharmacy – PACE

22 Immunisation Training Program for Pharmacists – Freshwater Point

24 Immunisation Training Program for Pharmacists – Freshwater Point

25 Provide CPR – PACE

25 Provide First Aid – PACE

30 Immunisation Training Program for Pharmacists - PACE

Northern Territory/South Australia

05 Penola Regional Seminar – Penola High School Library

09 Pharmacists in General practice Forum – TBA

13 Obesity As a Risk Factor – PSA SA Office

Victoria

09 Pharmacist in General Practice Forum – TBA

13 Provide First Aid - Parkville

19 Victorian Pharmacist Immunisation Training Program – PSA

Boardroom

PSA's Upcoming Education Events

November 2017 Continued

Western Australia

- 01 BTG: Diabetes – Bunbury; St John of God Hospital
- 08 BTG: Diabetes – Kalgoorlie; Kalgoorlie Hospital
- 09 Pharmacists in General Practice Forum – TBA
- 14 Dementia Friendly Pharmacy – WACRH
- 25 Mentor, Shape and Lead: the role of a leader – Fremantle

Tasmania

- 06 Are you and your staff safe? – The University of Tasmania
- 09 Pharmacists in General Practice Forum – TBA
- 20 Paediatric and Childhood Asthma – 3 in 1 Cafe

December 2017

South Australia

- 03 PSA Immunisation Training – PSA SA Office (Adelaide)

Queensland

- 07 CPD Plans: Meet the new PBA requirements – Sunshine Coast
- 12 Immunisation Training Program for Pharmacists - PACE

March 2018

New South Wales

- 16 Annual Therapeutic Update 2018 – Blue Mountains