

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (South Australian Branch) Incorporated

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2025 Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 22 October 2025

1. What is PSA-SA?

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (South Australian Branch) Incorporated (PSA-SA) is the historical state-based association that represented pharmacists in South Australia.

In 2008, PSA-SA entered into the Pharmaceutical Societies Transition Agreement (PSATA) with the national body, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Ltd (PSA Ltd). Under this agreement, PSA Ltd assumed responsibility for all governance, membership, and advocacy on behalf of South Australian pharmacists.

Since that time, PSA-SA has not undertaken ongoing activities. Its role has been limited to holding residual assets (including the Greenhill Road property and Museum Collection) and managing trust funds, which have now been transferred to the PSA Foundation. The proposed winding up is the final step in formally recognising this transition, while ensuring PSA-SA's legacy is preserved.

Important to note: PSA-SA (the incorporated association being wound up) is not the same as the PSA SA/NT Branch Committee, which is a branch committee of PSA Ltd. The PSA SA/NT Branch Committee will continue to operate and represent members as usual.

2. Why is PSA-SA being wound up?

PSA-SA has fulfilled its role since the 2008 Pharmaceutical Societies Transition Agreement (PSATA), which transferred primary governance, membership, and advocacy responsibilities to the national body, PSA Ltd. Keeping PSA-SA incorporated creates duplication, ongoing compliance obligations, and costs. Winding up ensures assets are consolidated with PSA Ltd, delivering efficiencies and ensuring funds are applied directly to member benefit and the advancement of the pharmacy profession.

3. Why do members need to give consent to join the PSA-SA register?

As PSA-SA is an incorporated association, it is necessary to maintain an auditable record of members who are entitled to vote. Consent ensures that only eligible PSA Ltd members are included on the PSA-SA register for the purposes of the AGM and voting on the resolutions.

4. What happens to PSA-SA members?

There will be no change to membership rights or entitlements. Members are already members of PSA Ltd. Winding up PSA-SA simply removes the duplicate incorporated entity.

5. What are the surplus assets of PSA-SA?

The surplus assets include:

- The property at Suite 7, 102 Greenhill Road, Unley SA 5061, including all fixtures and fittings; and
- The Museum Collection currently held at the property.

These will be transferred to PSA Ltd and remain dedicated to supporting pharmacists in South Australia & Northern Territory.

6. What happened to PSA-SA's funds?

PSA-SA's two trust funds have already been transferred to the PSA Foundation (PSAF) and the original trust accounts closed:

- Lipsham Memorial Trust (c. \$30,000):
 - PSAF must apply the assets for charitable purposes.
 - Consideration must be given to naming, recognising, or acknowledging Edward Francis Lipsham when funds are distributed, with acknowledgment that the funds originated from South Australia.
 - The funds should be prioritised to foster and encourage excellence in pharmacists' practice by providing opportunities for further study and education to pharmacists and pharmacy students where possible.
 - PSA-SA Benevolent Fund (c. \$26,000):
 - PSAF must apply the assets for benevolent purposes to assist a pharmacist or pharmacy student in contributing to areas of high health need in Australia.
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7. What is the PSA Foundation?

The PSA Foundation (PSAF) is the charitable arm of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, registered with the ACNC. Its purpose is to support pharmacists, students, and the community through targeted grants, scholarships, and projects that improve health outcomes and strengthen the pharmacy profession.

8. What has the Foundation done or will do with the money?

The PSA Foundation transforms donations into real impact — funding programs that empower pharmacists, improve patient outcomes, and strengthen our profession.

Recent highlights:

- Building a resilient workforce (Mental Health First Aid): Pharmacists who received Foundation scholarships report feeling more confident, better equipped to handle safety-critical conversations, and more connected to the communities they serve.

- Driving safer care (Maudsley Deprescribing eBook): For the first time, Australian pharmacists have access to practical, step-by-step deprescribing guidance for antidepressants, benzodiazepines, gabapentinoids, and Z-drugs — closing a long-standing gap in community practice.
- Inspiring innovation (Shark Tank sponsorship): By backing new ideas, the Foundation has elevated its profile nationally, engaged thousands of pharmacists, and opened doors to new partnerships and collaborations.

Who benefits?

- *Frontline pharmacists and teams* — through training, resources, and scholarship opportunities.
- *Patients and carers* — especially older Australians and those managing mental health conditions, who benefit from safer medicine use and earlier access to support.

What's next?

- Expanding targeted scholarships, including a potential new South Australian program for students and early career pharmacists.
- Launching the next phase of the Maudsley deprescribing project, including a national aged care symposium.

9. How will PSA-SA's legacy be preserved?

PSA-SA's legacy will be recognised through:

- A PSA-SA Celebration event in 2026 acknowledging its history and contributions.
- PSA Foundation document; reporting and sharing achievements and future commitments.
- The continued application of transferred funds through the PSA Foundation, ensuring ongoing benefit to pharmacists and pharmacy students.

10. Why is the Museum Collection included?

The Museum Collection forms part of PSA-SA's assets. Transferring it to PSA Ltd ensures it remains preserved and accessible, with decisions about its future made in line with PSA's national governance and cultural responsibilities.

11. Why has BRI Ferrier been appointed as Liquidator?

Council recommends appointing Maris Andris Rudaks of BRI Ferrier, an experienced registered liquidator, to manage the winding up. An independent liquidator ensures transparency, compliance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA), and professional handling of the process.

12. How much will the winding up cost?

The Liquidator's fees will be charged on a time-costed basis but capped at \$15,000 plus GST. This gives certainty and ensures costs remain proportionate to the work required. These costs will be paid by PSA Ltd.

13. What happens if the special resolution is not passed?

If the resolution does not pass:

- PSA-SA will remain an incorporated association.
 - Compliance obligations (administration, insurance, reporting) will continue.
 - Council will need to continue managing PSA-SA, diverting resources from national member priorities.
 - Duplication with PSA Ltd will remain, contrary to the PSATA.
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14. Will members still have a voice in South Australia?

Yes. Members will continue to be represented through PSA's national structure and the SA/NT Branch. Programs, advocacy, and services for SA & NT members will continue to be delivered by PSA Ltd.

15. How will members vote at the AGM?

- All voting will be conducted by poll or show of hands.
 - Only registered members of PSA-SA are entitled to vote.
 - A quorum of 10 members is required for the meeting to proceed.
 - The special resolution requires approval by at least 75% of members present and voting.
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16. What does this mean for the future of pharmacy in South Australia?

The winding up of PSA-SA is an administrative and governance step. It does not change PSA's strong presence in South Australia & Northern Territory. All assets will continue to be used to benefit SA & NT members and to advance the pharmacy profession locally and nationally.



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