





# Pharmaceutical Society of Australia - Queensland

# **Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Purpose Statement**

We want every Australian to have access to the best Healthcare, and to enhance the lives of Australians through safe, quality, and effective use of medicines.

We are committed to embedding, equipping and enabling pharmacists to be at the forefront of healthcare.

We will continue to reflect on our contribution and our engagement with each other. We are stronger when we work together.

# A snapshot of Queensland pharmacy sector this year

2025 has been a landmark year for pharmacists in Queensland, marked by expanding scope of practice, new prescribing opportunities, and increasing recognition of pharmacists as essential frontline health professionals. Pharmacists played a central role in immunisation, aged care, and medicines safety initiatives, with strong engagement in policy reform and advocacy. The Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilots continued to demonstrate the profession's capacity to manage common conditions and improve patient access to care.

We kicked off the year with NAPSA Congress hosted in Brisbane. PSA President, Fei Sim, shone bright like a diamond speaking about the future of the pharmacy profession. Thank your pharmacist day was celebrated in March with pharmacist Ken Lai acknowledged for serving the community in Caboolture for over 50 years. PSA hosted three member networking events in Townsville, Cairns and Brisbane, this year trialling a new format combining networking with CPD. We acknowledge the amazing Professor Beverley Glass who lead workshops on conflict management in Townsville and Cairns. PSA was represented by our incredible team at a number of university induction events and award ceremonies.

We acknowledge the nation leading work the Queensland Government is doing in collaboration with the PSA and other key stakeholders including the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Pharmaceutical Defence Limited.

Highlights this year have included the permanent enablement of the Hormonal Contraception Pilot and the acute conditions arm of the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot, nation leading legislation that enables Collaborative Pharmacist Medication Prescribing in Queensland hospital and health facilities and legislative changes that now mean supervised student pharmacists can administer medicines to their patients.

Despite ongoing workforce pressures, pharmacists across Queensland have shown resilience, leadership, and innovation, strengthening their role within the health system and delivering safe, accessible patient care.



# PSA Queensland – our rich history!

## First Council – Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland (PSQ) – 1880

| Executive      |                | Members of Council |                |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| President      | Edward Taylor  | W G Bailey MLA     | J C Moffatt    |
| Treasurer      | M Ward         | R T Bellamy        | J E Poore      |
| Vice-President | J H Fitzgibbon | W J Costin         | H W Potts      |
| Secretary      | C H F Yeo      | C Davies           | William Steele |

### Presidents (PSQ / PSAQ / PSA Queensland) Branch

| Name           | Year/s  | Name           | Year/s  | Name                | Year/s  |
|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Edward Taylor  | 1880–87 | H E Crease     | 1924    | Doug W Cadden       | 1977-78 |
| C H F Yeo      | 1888    | R C Rutter     | 1925    | Nelson A Hunt-Sharp | 1978-80 |
| A W Field      | 1889    | Sydney P Clark | 1926-28 | Robert A Elliott    | 1981-83 |
| W G Clapperton | 1890    | Alex Forbes    | 1929    | Andrew F Petrie     | 1984-85 |
| G Watkins      | 1891    | R C Rutter     | 1930-31 | David F Lloyd       | 1986-87 |
| D J Clarke     | 1892    | D Scott Hyslop | 1932    | M Claire Hickey     | 1988-89 |
| J H Fitzgibbon | 1893    | T F Hall       | 1933    | H Peter Brand       | 1990-91 |
| A S Denham     | 1894-95 | J Cameron      | 1934    | Jay A Hooper        | 1992-94 |
| H W Thomason   | 1896    | D Scott Hyslop | 1935    | Stella R O'Donnell  | 1995-96 |
| A B Chater     | 1897    | A G Grant      | 1936-37 | Warren S S Blee     | 1997-98 |
| W G Clapperton | 1898    | C F Angell     | 1941    | Susan L Scott       | 1999-01 |
| S H Vaughan    | 1899    | N C Sinnamon   | 1942    | Peter H Mayne       | 2002-04 |
| F W Simmonds   | 1900    | H G Louttit    | 1943    | Warren S S Blee     | 2005-07 |
| D J Clarke     | 1901-02 | G W Eedy       | 1944-46 | Lisa M Nissen       | 2008-10 |
| G Watkins      | 1903    | V Barnett      | 1947-49 | Bruce A Elliot      | 2010-11 |
| T Maugham      | 1904    | R S F Greig    | 1950-53 | Lisa M Nissen       | 2011-15 |
| J W Ward       | 1905-06 | R V S Martin   | 1954-57 | Bruce A Elliot      | 2015-17 |
| A B Chater     | 1907-09 | L A Stevens    | 1958    | Jacquie L Meyer     | 2017-19 |
| G J Mackay     | 1910-13 | G R Wells      | 1959-62 | Chris J Campbell    | 2019-20 |
| J W Case       | 1914-16 | J E McCaskie   | 1963-65 | Shane P MacDonald   | 2020-25 |
| R C Park       | 1917-18 | G C Caswell    | 1966    | Hannah Knowles      | 2025-   |
| R Lenehan      | 1919-20 | J E McCaskie   | 1967    |                     | ·       |
| J P Davies     | 1921    | Henry Evans    | 1968-71 |                     |         |
| H I C Dent     | 1922    | Eric A Roush   | 1972-74 |                     |         |
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## **Highlights**

- Inaugural meeting of the Society. First President was Mr E Taylor. Founded as the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland.
- Gazettal of the first Pharmacy Act which provided the means for Registration of pharmacists by the Pharmacy Board.
- Arrival in Queensland of Mr RC Cowley as Director of the Pharmacy College.
- The Society granted Letters Patent under the Religious, Education and Charitable Institutions Act.
- Amendments to the Pharmacy Act which required all chemist shops to be under direct management of registered persons.
- 1921 Opening of the Pharmacy College Building.
- Closure of Pharmacy College Building. Transfer of Pharmacy Education to Central Technical College, George Street.
- Pharmacy Education becomes the responsibility of the University of Queensland and the three-year BPharm. Degree course commenced.
- First students of the new B.Pharm Degree course graduated.
- The University of Queensland Pharmacy Degree moved from George Street to the Steele Building at the St Lucia Campus.
- Formation of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the federal body representing all State Societies.
- Bowl of Hygeia Awards commenced, to celebrate the centenary of the Society.
- Incorporated as the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Queensland Branch).
- Commencement of the Pre-Registration Training Program.
- Purchased premises at 1 Crown Street, South Brisbane.
- First students of the new University of Queensland four-year BPharm Degree course graduated.
- Successful completion of the Society's Pre-Registration Training Program became one of the mandatory requirements before graduates could become registered.
- First students of the Griffith University combined BPharmSc / MPharm Degrees graduated and were the first group to enter the Pre-Registration Training Program in the first mid-year entry to the Program in 2006.
- National AGM passed new PSA Constitution allowing incorporation of all state entities into one corporate body.
- Signing of the Branch National Agreement 13th February 2008 creating one single corporate body operating under one National PSA constitution.
- PSA Queensland Branch move to the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) building co-located with the School of Pharmacy at the University of Queensland.

- Queensland Mid-Year Intern intake commenced delivery under the National NITP.
- Queensland Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (QPIP) Influenza commenced.
- Queensland Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (QPIP) expanded to include Pertussis & MMR
- Queensland Government passed legislation for Queensland pharmacists to administer vaccinations permanently.
- PSA office moved to 225 Montague Road, West End.
- Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award transitioned to Pharmacist of the Year Award criteria for national award consistency.
- Legacy Gold Medal Award transitioned to Lifetime Achievement Award criteria for national award consistency.
- Commenced as lead organization, the IPAC project in partnership with NACCHO and JCU across Queensland, Northern Territory and Victoria.
- Pharmacists authorised to administer Covid-19 vaccinations.
- Queensland Government commits to work with PSA and other stakeholders to pilot a model of care that embeds transition of care pharmacists in inpatient-care teams and to design and implement a trial of pharmacists practising to their full scope in North Queensland.
- Pharmacists scope of practice expanded to administer influenza and COVID-19 to people 5 years and over.
- Temporary expansion of locations (e.g., in aged care facilities, general practice, ACCHOs) where pharmacists are authorised to administer influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Pilot (UTIPPQ) commences.
- Launch of the PSA Communities of Specialty Interest
- Pilot of pharmacists administering funded National Immunisation Program (NIP) influenza vaccination for people 65 years and over.
- Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Service permanently enabled in legislation
- Queensland pharmacists are the first in Australia to be authorised to administer influenza vaccines to children younger than 5 years of age.
- Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot and Hormonal Contraception Pilot commenced
- Pharmacist prescribing for a range of acute conditions permanently enabled in Queensland and Collaborative Pharmacist Medication Prescribing permitted in public and private hospitals

## **PSA Queensland branch committee**



President **Hannah Knowles** B.Pharm MPS MSHP



Vice President **Emma Conway** B.Pharm AACPA MPS



Vice President **James Buckley** B.Pharm MPS



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**Shane MacDonald** B.Pharm(Hons) GCertAdv PracPresPharm MBA MPS



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- Karen Castle BBus BPharm MPH GCertPolicyAnalysis MPS State Manager - Queensland
- Jenny Cox Engagement Coordinator - Queensland





#### Honours and awards

#### Lifetime Achievement (legacy Gold Medal)

Awarded for pharmacists who have practised for 25 or more consecutive years and who have demonstrated significant and enduring contribution to the pharmacy profession.

The award must address one of the following key areas: Pharmacy Practice Research, Pharmacy Practice Innovation, Pharmacy as a Community Service Advancing Pharmacy Practice.

| Year | Pharmacist         |
|------|--------------------|
| 1992 | Andrew Petrie FPS  |
| 1997 | Peter Brand FPS    |
| 2004 | Jay Hooper FPS     |
| 2008 | Susan Scott FPS    |
|      | Warren Blee FPS    |
| 2011 | Peter Mayne FPS    |
| 2017 | Lisa Nissen FPS    |
|      | Debbie Rigby FPS   |
| 2019 | Gary West          |
| 2020 | Gilbert Yeates     |
| 2021 | Terence White AO   |
| 2022 | Carmel Delahunty   |
| 2023 | Lynette Dupuy      |
|      | George Kotzas      |
| 2024 | Beverley Glass FPS |
| 2025 | Danielle Stowasser |

### Pharmacist of the Year (legacy Bowl of Hygeia)

The Bowl of Hygeia was introduced in 1980 to commemorate the Centenary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland. Awarded to pharmacists who demonstrated a consistently high standard of professional practice in support of the principles of pharmacy service to the community. The Bowl of Hygeia Award also recognised an exceptional individual service to the profession.

Since 2018, the Pharmacist of the Year Award has recognised pharmacists who have made a significant contribution to the profession. Nominations must address at least one of the following key areas: Pharmacy Practice Research, Pharmacy Practice Innovation, Pharmacy as a Community Service, or Advancing Pharmacy Practice.



#### Recipients of the Bowl of Hygeia Award

| Year | Pharmacist                  | Awarded for  |
|------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1980 | H Peter Brand FPS           | Services and technology combining both private and hospital practice   |
| 1980 | Andrew F Petrie FPS         | His work at the Poisons Information Centre.  |
| 1981 | Chris J Bonner              | The development of hospital sessional practice.  |
| 1981 | Michael K Hooper            | Research and preparation of "A Centennial History of the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland".  |
| 1982 | William A Harris            | Research and preparation of the "Guide to the Poisons Regulations".  |
| 1984 | Robert A Elliott FPS        | Development and continued excellence of the Queensland Branch publication "Introspect".  |
| 1984 | Treasure M McGuire FPS      | Drug information in Queensland and particularly in the development of the Queensland Drug Information Centre.  |
| 1985 | Nelson A Hunt Sharp FPS     | Demonstrated proficiency in all aspects of the law relating to pharmacy.   |
| 1986 | Dr. Peter J Roush           | Significant contribution to the continuing professional education of pharmacists in Queensland.  |
| 1987 | William L Abbottsmith       | Innovative use of advanced computer technology in pharmacy practice.   |
| 1990 | James G Busuttin            | His efforts in the advancement of the professional practice of pharmacy in a country area.   |
| 1993 | Geraldine Moses AM FPS      | Her efforts and contribution in the provision of community counselling and outreach.   |
| 1993 | Michael G Andersen          | His efforts and contribution in the provision of innovative counselling and facilities in a community pharmacy.  |
| 1996 | Jay A Hooper FPS            | Intellectual contribution and personal commitment to the reform and review of legislation as it affects the practice of pharmacy in Queensland.  |
| 1997 | Barry E Bryant              | Significant commitment to development and delivery of continuing professional education to pharmacists in Central Queensland   |
| 1998 | Kaylene M Hazel             | Her innovative approach to community pharmacy practice and research and promotion of the profession to other health professionals and the community.   |
| 1999 | Kosmas Sclavos FPS          | The development and introduction into Australia of the Quality Care Pharmacy Standards Program.  |
| 2001 | Shane Britnell              | His commitment to the health of his community and for advancing practice in rural areas through active participation in research to improve integrating patient care.  |
| 2002 | Paul Jeon                   | His innovative work, particularly in the area of specialty practice, where commitment to maximising the care of diabetic patients included the establishment of high levels of cooperation with other health professionals.                |
| 2002 | Debbie Rigby FPS            | Her outstanding contribution to advancing the practice of consultant pharmacy, with continued involvement in the development of appropriate professional standards and commitment to advancing and integrating clinical pharmacy services. |
| 2003 | Samantha Duggan<br>(Maleny) | Her innovative community services in the implementation of all aspects of current pharmacy practice to a very high level.  |
| 2005 | Peter Mayne FPS             | For long standing commitment to the development of high standards, excellence and innovation in the Pre-Registration Training Program.   |

#### Recipients of the Bowl of Hygeia Award - continued

| Year | Pharmacist                            | Awarded for   |
|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2006 | John Savina (Awarded<br>Posthumously) | Through his work as a Pharmacist he consistently demonstrated a very high standard of professional practice in support of the principles of pharmacy service to the community and, in addition, he gave an exceptional individual service to the profession.  |
| 2007 | Stella O'Donnell AO FPS               | For her outstanding contribution to innovative continuing education of pharmacists including pre-registration, practitioner and advanced skills training and educational events and conferences for over 30 years.  |
| 2008 | Radley West LM                        | Study of, commitment to and teaching of the History of Pharmacy in Queensland and Australia.  |
| 2009 | Beverley Glass FPS                    | Leadership role in the management and development of the JCU Pharmacy Program and her commitment to Rural Pharmacy Education  |
| 2010 | Danielle Stowasser                    | Leadership and innovation in the area of Quality Use of Medicines and Patient Safety  |
| 2012 | Joyce McSwan FPS                      | For her innovative practice in a range of areas including multidisciplinary approaches to pain management, education, and links with Medicare Locals.   |
| 2013 | Paul Nicholas Shaw                    | In recognition of his leadership in drawing PACE to successful completion, retaining its original concept of strong links to the profession, and utilising those links to achieve a contemporary curriculum and a connected, engaged student cohort.  |
| 2014 | Tim Logan                             | Recognising long term service to the profession and particularly his role in co-operation between professional organisations in development of Immunisation as a role for pharmacists. Managing pharmacist expectations and facilitating data collection were significant factors. Awarded in conjunction with Lisa Nissen FPS and Michelle Rosenthal.                          |
| 2014 | Lisa M Nissen FPS                     | Recognising long term service to the profession and particularly her lead role in development of Immunisation as a role for pharmacists. Her input to rigorous design and implementation of the trial, and its Ethical Approval and importantly co-operation between professional organisations were all factors. Awarded in conjunction with Tim Logan and Michelle Rosenthal. |
| 2014 | Michelle Rosenthal                    | Recognising her extensive input to effective management of PSA Queensland Branch and particularly her major input to training and certification of practitioners in development of Immunisation as a role for pharmacists through a co-operative development model. Awarded in conjunction with Tim Logan and Lisa Nissen FPS.  |
| 2015 | Rhonda White AO                       | Excellence in the widespread implementation of innovative professional services in a community pharmacy setting.  |
| 2016 | Maree Smith AC                        | In recognition of leadership in novel drug discovery and design, particularly in the area of pain management and innovative education programs providing inspiration to future generations of researchers.  |
| 2019 | Jui-Wen (Vivien) Hsu                  | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |
| 2020 | Bridget Totterman                     | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |
| 2021 | Selina Taylor                         | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |
| 2022 | Lakis 'Lucky' Zeniou                  | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |
| 2023 | Jacqueline Meyer                      | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |
| 2024 | Esther Lau                            | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |
| 2025 | Peter Fairgray                        | Pharmacist of the Year (Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award)  |

#### **Early Career Pharmacist of the Year**

Awarded to pharmacists under 35 years of age with less than 10 years' experience as a practising pharmacist. The award is based on a significant achievement in an area of excellence within the year or a recent period. The award must address one of the following key areas: Pharmacy Practice Research, Pharmacy Practice Innovation, Pharmacy as a Community Service Advancing Pharmacy Practice.

| Year | Pharmacist       |
|------|------------------|
| 2019 | Nicolette Ellis  |
| 2020 | Hannah Knowles   |
| 2021 | Andrew Calabro   |
| 2022 | Elisha Noone     |
| 2023 | Swapna Chaudhary |
| 2024 | James Buckley    |
| 2025 | Gift Sailim      |

#### Intern of the Year

The Award is judged on four criteria: leadership skills in pharmacy, commitment to patient care and medicines safety, initiative in pharmacy service delivery and professional engagement.

| Year | Intern            |
|------|-------------------|
| 2009 | Selina Taylor     |
| 2010 | Jessica Simpson   |
| 2011 | Andrew Heathcock  |
| 2012 | Natalie Mancuso   |
| 2014 | Alexandra Pitiris |
| 2015 | Liam Mendiolea    |
| 2016 | Veronica Moss     |
| 2021 | Jacob Neilson     |
| 2023 | Zain Langah       |
| 2024 | Antonia Hurd      |
| 2025 | Kaden Collier     |

#### **Professor James Dare Graduate of the** Year

The four graduate finalists of this award are nominated from each School of Pharmacy in Queensland. The award assessment is considered against the following criteria: Sound academic performance, a high level of communication and interpersonal skills, leadership, initiative, contribution to the student community and demonstration of characteristics consistent with the pharmacy code of ethics.

| Year | Graduate                       | University   |
|------|--------------------------------|--|
| 2008 | Samantha<br>Corrigan           | UQ   |
| 2009 | Lisa Goldsmith                 | Griffith   |
| 2010 | Joseph Monteith                | UQ   |
| 2011 | Madeline Orange                | QUT  |
| 2012 | Melanie Burgess                | JCU  |
| 2013 | Rebecca Curran                 | Griffith   |
| 2014 | Natalie Maher                  | JCU  |
| 2015 | Samuel Turner                  | QUT  |
| 2016 | Kaela Armitage                 | UQ   |
| 2017 | James Buckley<br>Emma Conway   | JCU - shared award winner<br>QUT - shared award winner |
| 2018 | Cameron Press                  | Griffith   |
| 2019 | Emma Dall'Alba                 | JCU  |
| 2020 | Joshua Clements                | Griffith   |
| 2021 | Samantha King                  | UQ   |
| 2022 | Renee Buckland                 | JCU  |
| 2023 | James Oh                       | JCU  |
| 2024 | Shylee-Jade Hadar-<br>Pagliari | JCU  |
| 2025 | Tahlia O'Hara                  | Griffith   |



# **Fellowships**

| Year  | Fellow           |
|-------|------------------|
| 1964* | A D Gibson       |
| 1975* | N A Hunt Sharp   |
| 1976° | J Dare           |
| 1977° | W A Harris       |
| 1978* | B E Bryant       |
| 1980° | V Barnett        |
| 1980° | D W Cadden       |
| 1980° | J J Delahunty    |
| 1980° | H Evans          |
| 1980° | A G Grant        |
| 1980° | A M Grant-Taylor |
| 1980° | RSF Greig        |
| 1980° | M M Higgins      |
| 1980° | R V S Martin     |
| 1980° | E A Roush        |
| 1980° | L A Stevens      |
| 1981° | E Chalmers       |
| 1981° | N A Hunt Sharp   |
| 1983* | R H Fitzpatrick  |
| 1984° | G J Duffus       |
| 1985° | R A Elliott      |
| 1987° | A F Petrie       |
| 1989° | D F Lloyd        |
| 1990° | B N Ellemor      |
| 1991° | M C Hickey       |
| 1992° | P J Stewart      |

| Year  | Fellow              |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1993° | H P Brand           |
| 1995° | J A Hooper          |
| 1999º | S R O'Donnell       |
| 2001° | J S D Mellick       |
| 2002° | S L Scott           |
| 2003° | W S Blee            |
| 2006° | P H Mayne           |
| 2008° | D A Rigby           |
| 2008° | C A Foote           |
| 2010° | K J Huxhagen        |
| 2011° | L M Nissen          |
| 20110 | B A Elliot          |
| 2011° | G M Moses           |
| 2016° | C R Freeman         |
| 2016° | T M McGuire         |
| 2020° | J L P McSwan        |
| 2021° | B D Glass           |
| 2022° | S J Roberts-Thomson |
| 2022° | K S Sclavos         |
| 2024° | J A Stokes          |
| 2024° | G M Yeates          |
| 2025° | C Antrobus          |
| 2025° | C J Campbell        |
| 2025° | B Simmonds          |
| 2025° | G W West            |
| 2025° | R White             |
| 2025° | T A White           |

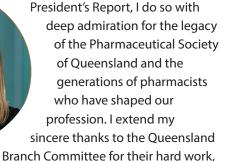
<sup>\*</sup>Academic Fellow / ° Fellow Honoris Causa / Interstate

# **Special Commendations**

| Year | Recipient           | Citation  |
|------|---------------------|---|
| 2003 | Irene Wescombe      | Awarded for dedicated service over 15 years to the pharmacy profession in Queensland.   |
| 2003 | Gary West           | Awarded for innovative development of a competency-based Pre-Registration Training Program.   |
| 2007 | Jan Castrisos       | Awarded for her work in developing the Pre-Registration Training Program as a bridging program between academic training and practice.  |
| 2007 | Karalyn<br>Huxhagen | Awarded for her work in continuing education for pharmacists both in the Mackay Region and as Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, for her work with Rural Pharmacy and Indigenous Health issues and for her work on National Council.  |
| 2008 | Terri Feltham       | Award was presented in recognition of her work in the administration of the Society.  |
| 2009 | Leanne Brown        | Award was presented in recognition of her work in the administration of the Qld Intern Training Program.  |
| 2017 | Sally Mellick       | Awarded for her work in voluntarily researching, compiling, and bringing to publication the book "Queensland Pharmacists of World War I". This book has been based on the list of 84 pharmacists on the PSA Honour Board which was rededicated in 2012. The book was launched in November 2017 with all benefits accruing to PSA. Ms Mellick is not a pharmacist or PSA staff member. |

#### From the Queensland President -**Hannah Knowles**

As I sit down to write my first



collaboration, and unwavering dedication in shaping and supporting our shared vision for the future. I would especially like to acknowledge my predecessor, Shane MacDonald, whose steady leadership, commitment, and service have guided PSQ through a period of significant change. Shane's dedication to the profession and to our members has laid strong foundations for the work that continues today, and I am grateful for his ongoing support as we navigate this new chapter together.

2025 has been a landmark year for pharmacists in Queensland. It has been a year defined by expanding scope of practice, new prescribing opportunities, and continued recognition of pharmacists as essential frontline health professionals. Across immunisation, aged care, and medicines safety, pharmacists have demonstrated their unwavering commitment to delivering safe and accessible care. The Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilots again highlighted the profession's ability to manage common conditions and improve timely access for patients statewide.

The year saw PSA active across Queensland, with a range of member networking and CPD events held across the state. We held the Annual Therapeutic Update in October 2025 and were proud to celebrate five outstanding pharmacists for their commitment to excellence in pharmacy practice. I admire the passion, community involvement, dedication, and impact that each of them continues to have in their workplaces, communities, and across Australia.

This year also brought significant regulatory and policy achievements. We acknowledge the Queensland Government for its nation-leading work, undertaken in close collaboration with PSA and key partners. Major milestones included the permanent enablement of the Hormonal Contraception Pilot, continuation of the acute conditions arm of the Scope Pilot, legislation enabling Collaborative Pharmacist Medication

Prescribing in hospital and health services, and changes allowing supervised student pharmacists to administer medicines. Despite workforce pressures, Queensland pharmacists have again demonstrated resilience and leadership, strengthening their role within the health system.

A major focus of 2025 has been ensuring that PSQ's assets continue to meaningfully support the profession into the future. During the year, PSQ sold its property at 63 Annerley Road, Woolloongabba, with the proceeds, after all debts and liabilities, donated to PSA Ltd and the PSA Foundation Ltd. We also transferred the Hugh and Mary Darragh Trust funds to the PSA Foundation. These actions reflect our commitment to ensuring that PSQ's legacy will continue to empower the profession for decades to come.

The PSA Foundation has already put these funds to good use. Initiatives supported this year include Mental Health First Aid scholarships, the Maudsley Deprescribing Guidelines eBook project, and innovation programmes such as the national Shark Tank sponsorship. I am delighted to share that the Foundation will also establish a new Hugh and Mary Darragh Trust Scholarship, with applications now open.

On 27 November, members unanimously voted to formally wind up PSQ in accordance with our Constitution. While this is a moment of deep reflection, it is also one of pride. PSQ has represented Queensland pharmacists for decades, and through this decision, its legacy will continue through PSA Ltd, the PSA Foundation, and the dedicated work of the Queensland Branch Committee. This step aligns with the Pharmaceutical Societies Transition Agreement, reduces duplication, strengthens governance, and ensures Queensland pharmacists remain central to PSA's national strategy.

In early 2026, we will come together for a celebration of legacy event to honour PSQ's history and announce the inaugural Hugh and Mary Darragh Scholarship recipient. This will be a special opportunity to reflect on our shared journey and celebrate our collective achievements.

On behalf of the Council and the Queensland Branch Committee, I extend my sincere thanks to every member who has contributed to PSQ's proud story. Together, we honour the past and build confidently towards the future.

