Pharmaceutical Society of Australia



PSA Queensland Overview 2024



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

Queensland continues to lead the nation in advancing pharmacist services, particularly in expanded scope of practice and vaccination. In 2024, the Queensland pharmacists have continued to be trailblazers, leading the nation on scope of practice.

The Queensland Branch has driven pivotal initiatives that are shaping the future of pharmacist services. One of the most notable achievements has been the branch's advocacy for expanded immunisation services. Pharmacists in Queensland are now authorised to administer vaccinations in a wider range of locations including general practice, aged care homes and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. This expansion not only highlights the expertise of pharmacists but also greatly enhances access to essential vaccinations.

These changes were especially important as, for the first time, community pharmacists were able to offer vaccinations at no cost to patients thanks to the National Immunisation Program Vaccinations In Pharmacy (NIPVIP) Program and state funded influenza and meningococcal B programs. Further, community pharmacists in Queensland can access the full range of National Immunisation Program (NIP) funded vaccines meaning families can access life-course vaccination from their local pharmacy, marking a new era in community health accessibility.

This year saw the commencement of the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot and the Hormonal Contraception Pilot. These nation-leading initiatives expand the role of community pharmacists and are improving access to high-quality primary health care for Queenslanders. The Queensland state budget committed $6 million to enable pharmacists to complete additional training to support the rollout of the pilot. This includes completion of prescribing training and clinical practice training and will allow participating pharmacists to treat and prescribe medicines for common health conditions and wellbeing services, making healthcare more accessible for Queenslanders.

In 2024, the Queensland Branch continues to collaborate with key stakeholders to foster better communication between organisations and enhance patient outcomes. Critical partners include Queensland Health, Primary Health Networks Health Consumers Queensland and Palliative Care Queensland.

Acknowledgement must be given to the dedicated Queensland Branch Committee members, who have gone above and beyond in representing and advocating for their pharmacist colleagues. Whether through meetings with the Queensland Health Minister, delivering education to intern pharmacists, welcoming new pharmacy students, or engaging with members at exclusive events, the committee has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the year.



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
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Presidents (PSQ / PSAQ / PSA Queensland) Branch 1880-2024

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-
R C Park	1917-18	G C Caswell	1966		
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		
J Lunn	1923	Henry Evans	1975-76		

Highlights

1880 Inaugural meeting of the Society. First President was Mr E Taylor. Founded as the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland.

1884 Gazettal of the first Pharmacy Act which provided the means for Registration of pharmacists by the Pharmacy Board.

1908 Arrival in Queensland of Mr RC Cowley as Director of the Pharmacy College.

1912 The Society granted Letters Patent under the Religious, Education and Charitable Institutions Act.

1917 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.

1935 Closure of Pharmacy College Building. Transfer of Pharmacy Education to Central Technical College, George Street.

1960 Pharmacy Education becomes the responsibility of the University of Queensland and the three-year BPharm. Degree course commenced.

1962 First students of the new B.Pharm Degree course graduated.

1973 The University of Queensland Pharmacy Degree moved from George Street to the Steele Building at the St Lucia Campus.

1977 Formation of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the federal body representing all State Societies.

1980 Bowl of Hygeia Awards commenced, to celebrate the centenary of the Society.

1982 Incorporated as the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Queensland Branch).

1984 Commencement of the Pre-Registration Training Program.

1991 Purchased premises at 1 Crown Street, South Brisbane.

2000 First students of the new University of Queensland four-year BPharm Degree course graduated.

2002 Successful completion of the Society's Pre-Registration Training Program became one of the mandatory requirements before graduates could become registered.

2006 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.

2007 National AGM passed new PSA Constitution allowing incorporation of all state entities into one corporate body.

2008 Signing of the Branch National Agreement 13th February 2008 creating one single corporate body operating under one National PSA constitution.

2010 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.

2010 Queensland Mid-Year Intern intake commenced delivery under the National NITP.

2014 Queensland Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (QPIP) Influenza commenced.

2015 Queensland Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (QPIP) expanded to include Pertussis & MMR

2016 Queensland Government passed legislation for Queensland pharmacists to administer vaccinations permanently.

2018 PSA office moved to 225 Montague Road, West End.

2018 Legacy Bowl of Hygeia Award transitioned to Pharmacist of the Year Award criteria for national award consistency.

2018 Legacy Gold Medal Award transitioned to Lifetime Achievement Award criteria for national award consistency.

2018 Commenced as lead organization, the IPAC project in partnership with NACCHO and JCU across Queensland, Northern Territory and Victoria.

2020 Pharmacists authorised to administer Covid-19 vaccinations.

2020 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.

2021 Pharmacists scope of practice expanded to administer influenza and COVID-19 to people 5 years and over.

2021 Temporary expansion of locations (e.g., in aged care facilities, general practice, ACCHOs) where pharmacists are authorised to administer influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations.

2021 Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Pilot (UTIPPQ) commences.

2021 Launch of the PSA Communities of Specialty Interest

2022 Pilot of pharmacists administering funded National Immunisation Program (NIP) influenza vaccination for people 65 years and over.

2022 Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Service permanently enabled in legislation

2023 Queensland pharmacists are the first in Australia to be authorised to administer influenza vaccines to children younger than 5 years of age.

2024 Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot and Hormonal Contraception Pilot commenced

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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

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.

From 2018 the Pharmacist of the Year is awarded for pharmacists that have made a significant contribution to the pharmacy profession within any of PSA's 11 Action Items for Change. The award must address one of the following key areas: Pharmacy Practice Research, Pharmacy Practice Innovation, Pharmacy as a Community Service 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 (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 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)

Early Career Pharmacist of the Year

Awarded to pharmacists under 35 years of age with less than 10 years' experience as 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

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

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 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 Emma Conway	JCU - shared award winner 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-Pagliari	JCU



Fellowships

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

Year	Fellow
1990º	B N Ellemor
1991º	M C Hickey
1992º	P J Stewart
1993º	H P Brand
1995º	J A Hooper
1999º	S R O'Donnell
2001º	J S D Mellick
2002º	S L Scott
2003º	W S Blee
2006º	P H Mayne
2008º	D A Rigby
2008º	C A Foote
2010º	K J Huxhagen
2011º	L M Nissen
2011º	B A Elliot
2011º	G M Moses
2016º	C R Freeman
2016º	T M McGuire
2020º	J L P McSwan
2021º	B D Glass
2022º	S J Roberts-Thomson
2022º	K S Sclavos
2024º	J A Stokes
2024º	G M Yeates

*Academic Fellow / º 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 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	Award 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. She has been working on it since 2012 and it will be launched on 11 November 2017. Any benefits from the book will accrue to PSA. Ms Mellick is not a pharmacist or staff member.

From the Queensland President – Shane MacDonald



It has been a busy and productive year for Pharmaceutical Society Queensland (PSQ) as we continue our dedicated journey towards winding up the organisation. We have worked closely with our committees, trustees, and PSA Ltd to ensure this process is managed thoughtfully and effectively, with careful consideration of the legacy PSQ will leave behind.

PSQ is committed to this journey for several reasons. First and foremost, it allows us to align our resources and efforts with PSA's national strategy, ensuring that we contribute to the broader advancement of pharmacy practice across Australia. This alignment will also provide financial sustainability for critical initiatives, while ensuring that the unique contributions from Queensland are recognised and preserved.

Over the past 12 months, we have successfully negotiated significant donations from the Queensland Pharmacy Research Trust, the Hugh and Mary Darragh Trust, and the Benevolent Fund to the PSA Foundation. These donations mark a significant milestone as the first contributions to the PSA Foundation, and they will be instrumental in advancing its mission.

The PSA Foundation's mission is to:

"To enhance, foster, and promote excellence in pharmacy practice by providing opportunities for research, study, and postgraduate education across all areas of pharmacy practice. Through these endeavours we seek to elevate pharmacy practice standards and improve public health outcomes."

These donations will help support the growth of research and education, which, in turn, will elevate pharmacy practice standards and improve public health outcomes. This is an exciting step forward, and we are proud to have made these contributions that will benefit the profession for years to come.

You will all know that on World Pharmacist Day this year, the PSA Foundation announced funding for pharmacists in Queensland to undertake Mental Health First Aid Training. This is a fantastic example of how our donations are already being utilised to directly support pharmacists in our state, equipping them with essential skills to improve mental health care in their communities. We are excited to see our contributions having such a positive impact so quickly, helping to ensure that pharmacists are at the forefront of addressing mental health needs.

In addition, we are in the process of selling our property, with proceeds from the sale going directly to PSA Ltd to support its higher purpose:

"To create a bigger, better, stronger, and more influential PSA in service of our members and the pharmacy profession, ensuring the long-term sustainability of pharmacy practice across Australia."

We believe this action will provide the financial resources needed to sustain important services and initiatives that PSA Ltd delivers, helping to further its impact at both a national and state level.

One of the most important considerations for PSQ is ensuring that our legacy is protected. We heard you loud and clear during last year's AGM — this is a priority for you, and it is for us as well. Protecting and preserving PSQ's legacy is something we deeply value, and it will be a central focus as we move forward with the wind-up process.

To that end, we would love to engage with you on how we can work together to preserve this legacy. Councillors will be reaching out to seek your input and suggestions on how you would like to see PSQ's legacy maintained. Your feedback is invaluable, and we want to ensure that we honour the history and contributions of PSQ in a meaningful way.

Together, we can ensure that PSQ's legacy not only endures but continues to shape the future of pharmacy practice in Queensland and across Australia.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the discussions we will have as we take these next steps.

I would like to acknowledge Mr Peter Mayne FPS (Life) for his ongoing support and engagement with the Queensland Branch. Peter, a Trustee of the Hugh and Mary Darragh Trust, has prepared the following report on the history of this trust. This report was presented by Peter in November to the PSQ AGM.

Hugh Darragh was a well-known pharmacist in Brisbane and Mary had a father and grandfather who were both pharmacists.

Hugh registered as a pharmacist in February 1935, after being apprenticed to Mr R.C. Park at 45 Queen Street, Brisbane. (Mr Park was president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland from 1917 to 1918). He owned several pharmacies around Brisbane, including at Redcliffe, Ashgrove, Margate, Petrie, St. Lucia and finally in Queen Street, on the corner with George Street.

Mary's grandfather, Henry Miller, was a medical student when he left England and registered as a pharmacist in Queensland in 1890. He worked at the Brisbane General Hospital at Herston (now the Royal Brisbane Hospital) and subsequently owned a pharmacy in Fortitude Valley and a branch at Breakfast Creek. Mary's father, Herbert Miller, owned a pharmacy in Wilston and then in Clayfield from 1923 for several years.

Hugh and Mary had no children so, upon retirement, thought to set up a Trust to, in the words of their letter to the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland, 'to pay the required income for a qualified pharmacist to do, if desired, post-graduate work in pharmacy or alternatively a full medical course to graduation.' They approached the Pharmaceutical Society to see if they would be interested in administering this Trust. Consequently in 1986 or 1987 David Lloyd, the then President, Andrew Petrie (Immediate Past President) and Irene Wescombe the Branch Director visited with them to discuss the workings of this Trust.

Subsequently they both drew up their Wills in May 1992 with this provision in each of their Wills. Hugh died later in1992 and Mary died in September 2001.

The balance of Mary's estate was passed to the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland to form the Hugh and Mary Darragh Trust in 2003. Council at that time voted that the Executive (Peter Mayne – President, Debbie Rigby – Vice President, Cameron Foote – Treasurer, and Bill Hartjes – Branch Director) be appointed Trustees.

The sum was invested in Term Deposits which then received a good rate of interest. The other good source of income was donations from PSA members. Up to about 2009, each state used to administer its own annual fees so, as part of this, members would be asked annually to donate to our various Funds and Trusts. This ceased when PSA took over the administration of the annual subscriptions Australia-wide.

Recently PSA set up its Foundation to raise and administer its funds for educational and charitable purposes. We as Trustees were approached earlier this year to see if we wanted to transfer the balance of this Trust to the Foundation. Subsequently we found that Bill Hartjes had died in 2021, and that Cameron Foote resigned as a Trustee. The PSA Queensland committee appointed Karla Wright and Alexandra Bradshaw to join Debbie and myself as Trustees.

The mission statement of the PSA Foundation is to enhance, foster and promote excellence in pharmacy practice by providing opportunities for research, study and postgraduate education across all areas of pharmacy practice, and the Trustees considered that the Hugh and Mary Darragh Trust would fit these ideals. Several proposals from the Foundation were given to the Trustees and these were accepted. The Trust has now been signed across to the Foundation and the balance of the funds will be transferred upon maturity in December.



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