

Media release

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SHPA welcomes new PSA CEO Steve Morris

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) today welcomed Adjunct Associate Professor Steve Morris as incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) at a time of great opportunity to improve medication safety through advancing the specialised skills of Australia's pharmacists and technicians.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Branches and members across the country, SHPA Acting Chief Executive Nick Sharp-Paul welcomed Adj. Assoc. Prof. Morris, who is a former SHPA Board Director and award winner.

'Steve has deep connections to SHPA as a former Director, recipient of our prestigious 2019 Fred J Boyd Award and time in his career working in the hospital setting, during which he was integral in establishing SA Pharmacy.

'Since stepping down from the SHPA Board, Steve was a visionary leader of NPS MedicineWise, dedicated to better clinician and consumer decision-making in health to improve both health and economic outcomes in Australia.

'This year we will welcome the pharmacy world to Brisbane for the 81st FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, a fantastic chance to showcase the interprofessional alignment between two of Australia's venerable pharmacy organisations.

'For decades SHPA and PSA have worked side-by-side to support and represent our pharmacists and pharmacy technicians and it is the interests of every practitioner – and the Australians in their care – that they are supported and empowered to refine their specialty skills to improve medication safety.'

Mr Sharp-Paul congratulated outgoing PSA CEO Mark Kinsela on his tenure.

'Mark's leadership over the past few years has spanned several important collaborations, including [Medicines Shortages in Pharmacy: A snapshot of shortages in Australia](#) in August last year, in the wake of significant COVID-19 related disruptions, as well as SHPA's representation to project advisory groups for key PSA initiatives, such as the *Guideline for Pharmacists Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with Medicines Management*.

'I thank Mr Kinsela both personally and on behalf of our members for his leadership and we look forward to working with Adj. Assoc. Prof. Morris to progress our mutual goals, as we equip SHPA and PSA members to improve the safe and quality use of medicines for all Australians.'

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional, for-purpose organisation for leading pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.

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