

Media release

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SHPA committed to partnerships in times of change

The Society of Hospital Pharmacist of Australia (SHPA) has recommitted to strategic partnerships with Australia's other pharmacy organisations, in a week of leadership changes.

Graham Catt resigned as CEO of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) today and David Quilty stepped down as Executive Director of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild) on Friday.

Today, SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels acknowledged their leadership and contributions.

'SHPA has enjoyed working with Mr Catt and Mr Quilty across a range of projects and, on behalf of our members, we will continue to closely cooperate with PSA and the Guild to strengthen Australian pharmacy, an essential pillar of the Australian health system.'

Ms Michaels says SHPA also looks forward to advancing Australian pharmacy collaboratively with other key stakeholders, including medical and nursing stakeholders, consumers and federal and state governments and agencies.

'Harnessing the expertise of our members, SHPA is committed to working across the spectrum to address Australia's significant healthcare challenges, in line with our vision of advancing pharmacy and advancing patient care.'

'With the appointment of [Peter Fowler as President](#) in November and release of our [Strategic Plan 2019-23](#) last month, SHPA is focused and ready to strengthen the impact of the profession and advance the impact of individual pharmacists and technicians, both within and beyond the hospital setting.'

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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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