

Media release

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Vaughn Eaton recognised with SHPA Medal of Merit

Recognising his outstanding recent contributions and exemplary efforts in hospital pharmacy practice in South Australia and beyond, Mr Vaughn Eaton FSHP was announced today as the recipient of the 2020 Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) Medal of Merit.

Mr Eaton, who is the Director, SA Pharmacy of the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, maintains academic positions at the University of South Australia, Flinders University and Monash University, and is a former President of SHPA (2005-07), was awarded for his 'selfless sharing of expert pharmacy knowledge' over 30 years.

SHPA President Peter Fowler commended Mr Eaton's broad and sustained participation to improve patient outcomes through excellent pharmacy practice.

'Vaughn is well-known to many in Australian hospital pharmacy and he is a truly deserving recipient of the Medal of Merit. His list of accomplishments is extensive, and includes leadership and editorial positions at SHPA, the Pharmacy Board of Australia, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the *International Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* and the *Journal of Drug Metabolism and Toxicology*, as well as leading staff and services at Adelaide's Flinders Medical Centre, Noarlunga Health Service and the Repat Health Precinct (former Repatriation General Hospital).

'More recently, Vaughn developed a single state-wide pharmaceutical contract model and medicines formulary in South Australia. The first of its kind in Australia, this procurement model has led to unprecedented efficiencies and savings for SA Health and will continue to be a key benefit of the SA Pharmacy model of service delivery.'

In his recommendation, NPS MedicineWise CEO Steve Morris noted Mr Eaton's ability to stimulate and motivate staff to be their best.

'The future evolution of the pharmacy profession and the practice of pharmacy in our hospitals is dependent on the sort of leadership which Vaughn provides.'

'We should recognise those leaders who inspire the future generation of pharmacists.'

Peter Halstead, General Manager of the Pharmacy Regulation Authority SA noted Mr Eaton's willingness to give 'countless hours' to hospital pharmacy, well beyond personal reward.

'Mr Eaton has been generous and supportive to the profession and its members while making a significant contribution to better health outcomes for the community.'

Mr Eaton will formally accept the 2020 SHPA Medal of Merit and deliver his oration to open [Session 2 on Day 1](#) of the [2020 SHPA Virtual Congress](#) on Saturday 21 November.

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