

# STILL STRONG

Reflecting the incredible efforts of our profession through the COVID-19 pandemic, SHPA is still strong as Australia's organisation uniquely representing specialised pharmacists and technicians, embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams at the leading edge of practice.



# RISING TO THE CHALLENGE



**2021 has been a very challenging year – the first full year under the mantle of COVID-19.**

For many SHPA members this has defined the way you have lived and the way you have worked throughout the year, and this has brought with it stress, strain and fatigue.

For others of us, not impacted to the same extent, we may have felt on the outside looking in, but with a watchful expectancy in the knowledge that it only takes one infraction to bring the full impact of the pandemic into our lives as well.

Whether it has been under lockdown, threat of lockdown or while providing care amid local outbreaks, hospital pharmacists and technicians have remained steadfast in ensuring that all patients receive the most appropriate and highest standard of care.

Added to this has been the incredible effort of hospital pharmacists and technicians stepping up as key to the national vaccine rollout, while still managing routine hospital roles.

On behalf of the SHPA Board, all who work across our profession and a grateful Australian community, thank you for staying strong as we look forward to brighter times ahead.

**PETER FOWLER  
SHPA PRESIDENT**

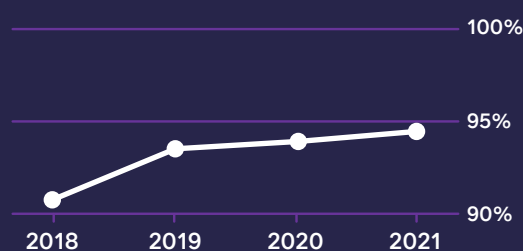
# 2021 SHPA ANNUAL REPORT

## A STRONG BASE AND A THRIVING, SPECIALISED COMMUNITY

### TOTAL SHPA MEMBERS

**5,100+**

### PAID MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



Amid ongoing challenges, SHPA continued to deliver our leading education program:

- **5,685 delegates (+30%)** at **62 national events**
- **4,341 delegates (+215%)** at **53 Branch events**

While our 31 Specialty Practice streams continued to thrive:

- **Interest Group** participation increased by **420** to **3,291**
- **Practice Group** participation edged up **9** to **589**.

## FORGING SPECIALTY PATHWAYS

SHPA's nation-leading Residency Program continued to grow, with 473 Foundation Residencies now active or complete nationwide (+31%), and four new Advanced Training Residency Framework and Knowledge Guides launched, in Cancer Services, Geriatric Medicine, Medicines Information and Critical Care.

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Residencies

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Residencies

## SETTING THE STANDARD

SHPA released five new Standards of Practice this year, in General Medicine, Clinical Trials, Oncology and Haematology, Intensive Care and Infectious Diseases.



SHPA partnered with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to launch Pharmacy Forecast Australia 2021, reporting emerging pharmacy trends and phenomena to affect pharmacy practice and patient care to 2026.

The Society's Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research set a new record of 117,000 full-text downloads (+33%).



PHARMACY  
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2021



## THE LEADING VOICE ON MEDICINES SAFETY

SHPA's established publications the *Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook (AIDH)* and *Don't Rush to Crush* remained essential to clinical governance and patient safety this year, with regular updates complemented by new or amended COVID-19 information as new treatments gained provisional approval.



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The Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook

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Access  
Public

Published

New COVID-19 treatment info in latest AIDH update

The image shows the cover of the Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook (AIDH) with a yellow background and a white syringe. A callout bubble with a plus sign and the word 'REMDESIVIR' points to the syringe. Below the cover, there is a small box with 'Access Public' and 'Published' labels, and a headline 'New COVID-19 treatment info in latest AIDH update'.

## POSITIONING FOR REFORM

SHPA continued to advocate for change, both in response and in parallel to COVID-19, harnessing members' expertise to address key issues around workforce sustainability, aged care, patient safety and medicines supply. Thirty-four submissions were made to Federal and state/territory governments, influential stakeholders and agencies, while the organisation significantly expanded its government relations activity and provided evidence at key enquiries on behalf of members.

Following a boom in pandemic news last year, positive good news of SHPA's 2020-21 activities still reached a cumulative potential media audience of 117 million, while the social media audience of 1.47 million was only slightly down on SHPA's five year average.

## Putting pharmacists where they're needed most

By Kristin Michaels, SHPA CEO  
Tuesday, 27 April, 2021



COVID-19 vaccine roll-out showcases hospital pharmacists' expert stewardship

NEWS

## 'THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW.'

Leading health groups join together to issue 10 recommendations for reducing harm caused by medicines

Too many medicine-related incidents are still occurring and more needs to be done to save lives, a group of leading organisations said in a new report released on Monday.

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## HONOURING LEADERS...

Although Medicines Management could not be held, 2020 SHPA Award winners were celebrated virtually for their outstanding leadership in Australian pharmacy.



**Professor Jeff Hughes** received the 2020 Fred J Boyd Award, recognising his commitment to excellence in teaching, learning and innovation, and extensive accomplishments as an outstanding pharmacy practitioner, educator and researcher.



**Vaughn Eaton** was awarded the 2020 SHPA Medal or Merit, in acknowledgment of his broad and sustained participation to improve patient outcomes through excellent pharmacy practice over 30 years.



**Dr Erica Tong** received the 2020 SHPA Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award recognising her professional leadership, broad re-search impact and Australia-first innovations, including the development and implementation of partnered pharmacist charting.

## CELEBRATING YOUR PEERS...



Members voted **Phil Tibbits** (Tas Branch) as 2020 SHPA Early Career Pharmacist of the Year, recognised for outstanding leadership demonstrated in managing a clinical service leading up to, and during the COVID-19 outbreak.



Fellow Tasmanian **Liza D'Ettorre** was voted 2020 SHPA Technician of the Year, with her work in the procurement, storage, distribution and reporting of medicines recognised as crucial in a year where medicine supply and distribution has been paramount.



The 2020 SHPA Hospital Team Innovation of the Year honour went to the **Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) Telechemotherapy Cancer Team**, recognised for overcoming barriers to delivering chemotherapy services to the Kimberley, Pilbara and Wheatbelt regions, exacerbated by COVID-related challenges.



## ... AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

Through a grueling 12 months, members were there for each other as cities went in and out of lockdown, particularly Melbourne and Sydney.

As hospital pharmacists and technicians faced immense pressure to care for Australians with severe COVID-19 symptoms, while keeping themselves and their families safe, video messages of support and hope criss-crossed the country, keeping spirits high.

