

# Media release

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## ‘Making waves’ as leading conference strengthens national pharmacy voice

Australia’s largest scientific pharmacy conference is set to make a splash again this November, as the [call for abstracts](#) for [Medicines Management 2019 \(MM2019\)](#), the 45<sup>th</sup> SHPA National Conference opened today.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says the conference theme – [which was launched today via video](#) – encapsulates the move to a truly national conference, at a time when hospital pharmacy is finding a new voice.

‘While the retro colour scheme radiates Gold Coast cool, “Making waves” is about much more than beautiful beaches – it represents SHPA’s mission to transform healthcare by elevating hospital pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and their peers.

‘This is most effective when ideas from all hospital settings and jurisdictions are shared, and we are thrilled to have a scientific program committee featuring representation from all SHPA Branches.

‘This year’s conference is the first since the release of the [SHPA Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#), and will be held against a backdrop of innovative programs poised for ongoing growth, commitment to continue shaping pharmacy policy and, above all, collaboration in the name of quality care.’

Natalie Tasker, Chair of the MM2019 Scientific Program Committee says different aspects of waves capture the multifaceted nature of innovation in healthcare.

‘Waves of disruption ripple outward when new evidence challenges the status quo, waves of impact are created when we share practice innovations with colleagues and peers, and sound waves are amplified when we raise our collective advocacy voice to improve pharmacy practice and patient care.

‘MM2019 will showcase the very best in hospital pharmacy, providing professional motivation, unparalleled networking... and plenty of celebration.’

Visit [mm2019shpa.com](http://mm2019shpa.com) for more information on [completing and submitting a conference abstract](#).

The call for abstracts closes **11.59pm AEST Thursday 20 June 2019**.

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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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