

Joint media release

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SHPA and PSS extend partnership in new era of pharmacy recognition and wellbeing

The link between wellbeing and professional recognition in pharmacy is stronger today after the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) and the Pharmacists' Support Service (PSS).

The signing of the MoU extends an existing agreement between SHPA and PSS by three years with funding to be provided through Australia's most comprehensive recognition program – the Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy (ANZCAP).

SHPA President Tom Simpson FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt) says the agreement acknowledges an intrinsic link between pharmacy recognition and professional wellbeing.

'Recognition of our unique skills and the care we can provide is important as pharmacists, and plays a key role in our satisfaction and wellbeing as health professionals.'

'Through ANZCAP, we are proud to support the incredible work Curtis, Kay and the team at PSS do to support pharmacists across all practice settings through the stressors and challenges of delivering care every day.'

PSS President Curtis Ruhnau thanked SHPA and ANZCAP for the ongoing partnership.

'SHPA and PSS are like-minded organisations, equally committed to fostering a workforce that feels valued.'

'Where we enhance the workforce through focus on professional wellbeing, SHPA fosters career pathways and promotes recognition through programs including the new College.'

'It's fundamentally about pharmacists understanding and supporting their fellow pharmacists.'

'It has never been more important to have widespread organisational support for our frontline workers – who are facing increasing demands to meet the evolving needs of Australians in need – and I thank Tom and his team for years of partnership, and look forward to many more.'

Pictured: SHPA President Tom Simpson with PSS President Curtis Ruhnau

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional organisation for the 6,100+ Hospital Pharmacists, and their Hospital Pharmacist Intern and Hospital Pharmacy Technician colleagues 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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About PSS

The Pharmacists' Support Service (PSS) is a not-for-profit charity which focuses on the mental health and well-being of the Australian pharmacy profession.

PSS is just a phone call away and can help if you are stressed, concerned about your mental health or need a listening ear. The PSS telephone is answered by volunteers, who are all experienced pharmacists or retired pharmacists, who have undertaken training in crisis support counselling. PSS is available to all pharmacists, interns, students, and overseas pharmacy graduates seeking registration in Australia. PSS provide anonymous and confidential support over the phone every day of the year between 8.00am and 11.00pm AEST by phoning 1300244910.

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