



# The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia Annual Report 2001

Promoting the quality use of medicines through ongoing development, application and implementation of leading edge pharmacy practice in hospitals and related areas.

*The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the professional body which represents over 1,500 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians practising in hospitals and similar institutions throughout Australia.*

*Established in 1941, the Society has a long-standing commitment to the profession of hospital pharmacy and to the profession's role in ensuring optimal health outcomes for Australians. Fundamental to its success in this regard is the SHPA's culture of cooperation and contribution that is reflected in the high level of membership involvement.*

*The Society is proud to present its Annual Report for the year ending 30th June 2001.*

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## SHPA Federal Council



### Members of Federal Council as at 30th June 2001

#### Executive

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Helen Dowling	Federal President
Naomi Burgess	Federal Vice President
Helen Matthews	Federal Treasurer
Sue Kirsa	

#### Councillors

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Neil Keen  
Christine Maclean  
Andrew Matthews  
Paul Muir  
George Taylor  
Penny Thornton

#### Federal Secretariat

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The Secretariat plays a critical role in serving the needs of members and supporting the many activities of the Society. The Society welcomed Yvonne Allinson to the newly created position of Executive Director in July 2000.

#### Members of the Federal Secretariat Staff as at 30th June 2001:

Yvonne Allinson Executive Director  
Paula Forbes Administrative Co-ordinator  
Virginie Hoareau Finance Officer  
Irene Georganakis Administrative Assistant  
Nicole Toon Clerical Assistant (part-time)  
Jennifer M Johnstone Managing Editor Australian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy  
Christina Tierney Administrative Assistant Australian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy (part-time)

#### Councillors as at 30th June 2001

From top: Helen Dowling, Andrew Matthews, George Taylor, Naomi Burgess, Penny Thornton, Neil Keen, Paul Muir, Helen Matthews, Christine Maclean, Sue Kirsa.

## From the President

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In 2000/2001 the Society has continued to promote leading edge pharmacy practice in hospitals and related areas. Through its representation, SHPA has been working for its membership by advocating for the recognition and advancement of the profession. At the same time it has continued to play a pivotal role in setting standards of professional practice. The Society's activities throughout the year show the significant contribution made by hospital pharmacy services to the health of the Australian community.

The past 12 months have been challenging for the Society, as it continues to press for and progress many issues that are critical for hospital pharmacy.

This Annual Report represents a summary of the many activities of the Society, demonstrating the depth and diversity of professional practice involvement as well as the substantial contribution and commitment of the organisation's membership. These have included:

- The employment of the new Executive Director in July 2000.
- Recognition of SHPA as an accrediting body for pharmacists undertaking medication reviews.
- The review of the SHPA Strategic Plan which has lead us to prioritise our focus on *advocacy* topics, *workforce* issues, and *membership*, whilst recognising the importance of integration of our ongoing activities in *education*, *practice standards*, *publications*, *grants & awards* and *research*. (see diagram page 5)
- Strengthening the benefits that the Society can offer its members, whilst streamlining its activities.
- The upgrade of the SHPA website.

In October 2001, the national office of the SHPA Federal Secretariat will relocate, following the purchase of a strata title office space in Melbourne during 2000/2001. This is a major step for the Society, and will provide low risk growth potential for the SHPA asset base and strengthen our ability to continue to provide nationwide quality member services into the future.

Special congratulations to the following members who have been recognised for their achievements and long-standing contributions to hospital pharmacy by receiving prestigious Society awards in 2001:

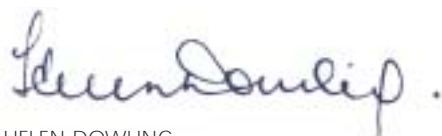
*Fred J Boyd Award recipient: Mr John Low*

*GlaxoSmithKline Medal of Merit recipient: Mr Graeme Vernon*

*SHPA Clinical Pharmacy Award: Mr Jeff Hughes*

Whilst it is not possible to acknowledge all members who contribute outside the formal committee structure, by naming many members throughout this Annual Report, the Society aims to recognise the work of all members and to provide reference points for contact. The contribution of members is essential to a range of member services and activities, especially in the provision of quality education products. On behalf of Federal Council I gratefully acknowledge their enthusiasm, generosity and commitment to the maintenance of a healthy and vibrant professional organisation.

I would also like to express my appreciation to my fellow Councillors, the Executive Director and Federal Secretariat staff whose commitment, support, advice and assistance have been invaluable throughout the year.



HELEN DOWLING  
Federal President



## Advocacy

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### *Increasing the status, influence and profile of the profession of hospital pharmacy.*

During 2000/2001 SHPA has continued to pursue an active agenda of advocacy as we work to increase the status, influence and profile of the profession of hospital pharmacy. In particular, the aim has been to increase the understanding of the value of hospital pharmacy services by governments, health providers and consumers. Advocacy to governments, cooperation with kindred pharmaceutical organisations, interdisciplinary cooperation and wider promotion of the role of hospital pharmacists in the broader community have all been on the Society's agenda, and have been progressed through the work of the Federal Council, Executive Director and many members.

A wide range of activities have been undertaken, aimed ultimately at demonstrating the valuable contribution made by hospital pharmacy in achieving positive health outcomes within hospitals and the community and to contribute to the development of pharmacy practice in Australia.

Contribution to public policy development is a crucial role in this regard and the past 12 months have seen the membership represented in a number of review processes, including the ongoing activities in the COAG Review of the Regulation of Pharmacy, the Senate Inquiry into the Funding of Public Hospitals in Australia, the Better Medication Management System and the Commonwealth proposal under the Australian Health Care Agreements to use the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to fund some pharmaceuticals used in public hospitals.

The many levels of involvement of the Society is reflected in its representation at the national level. Special thanks go to all these members for their work on behalf of the Society and the profession.

### **Representatives of SHPA at the National Level**

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Australian Pharmaceutical Advisory Council (APAC): Helen Dowling  
Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary (APF) 16 Editorial Committee: Naomi Burgess  
Australian Prescriber Advisory Editorial Panel: Assoc Prof Chris Alderman  
Australian Contamination Control Society: Dr Bernard Williams  
APAC Working Party on 3rd edition Integrated best practice model for medication management in residential aged care facilities: Assoc Prof Chris Doecke  
Better Medication Management System Development Group: Penny Thornton  
Better Medication Management System Hospital Working Group: Penny Thornton, Yvonne Allinson  
Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care Consumer Focus Collaboration: Pam Nieman  
Health Professions Council of Australia: Paul Muir, Yvonne Allinson  
Medicines Coding Council of Australia: Penny Thornton  
National Health Supply Chain Reform Taskforce: Yvonne Allinson  
National Pharmacy Workforce Reference Group: John Jackson, Yvonne Allinson  
National Allied Health Casemix Committee: Naomi Burgess  
Standards Australia Committee IT/14 - Health Informatics: John Barned  
Standards Australia Electronic Medical Prescriptions Working Group IT/14/6/4: John Barned  
Standards Australia Committee ME/60: Jill Davis  
Standards Australia Product Identification IT/14/10/4: Yvonne Allinson

The Society is also supported by other members who, from time to time, provide key liaison or advice on topics in which they have special expertise and they are acknowledged below.

Coding Maintenance Committee: Ron Harper, Peter Stuchbery, John Barned  
Finance Committee: Helen Matthews (Chair), Helen Dowling, John Jackson, Peter Stuchbery, Andrew Roscoe  
Information Systems Reference Group: Gwen Higgins (Chair), Yvonne Allinson, John Barned, Sue Bayly, Helen Dowling, Ron Harper, Dean Martin, Michael Ryan, Alan Saunders, Bill Thomson, Penny Thornton

# Workforce

## *Highlighting recruitment and retention problems for hospital pharmacists and the impact on patient care.*

Hospital pharmacy workforce issues remain a priority for SHPA with staff shortages continuing to be a concern across most States. At a national level, work continues to bring this issue to the attention of all State, Territory and Commonwealth Ministers for Health and others and on raising awareness of the impact of shortages through the media and government bodies. A hospital pharmacy workload supply and demand model is being developed in order to better inform the next stage of the National Pharmacy Workforce Reference Group.

State Branches of SHPA have also continued to be very active in addressing workforce issues impacting on their local membership and are involved in many workforce related inquiries at State and Territory level.

# Membership

## *Providing valued services for all SHPA membership categories.*

Membership opinion provides an important stimulus for SHPA activity and direction. The membership survey undertaken in 2000 was made available on the website and was used to inform the SHPA Strategic Plan.

Several new non-professional member benefits were also negotiated in 2001 so that members now have access to reduced interest rate housing loans with the Bendigo Bank and receive the Australian Journal of Pharmacy, as a free member benefit. A new membership benefits brochure was developed and used in a successful recruitment drive for new members in 2001.

The upgrade of the SHPA website commenced as a major improvement in providing timely information for all members. This includes a new membership section with membership benefits details as well as a password protected members-only section where members may view submissions, documents, letters and reference to other SHPA activities.

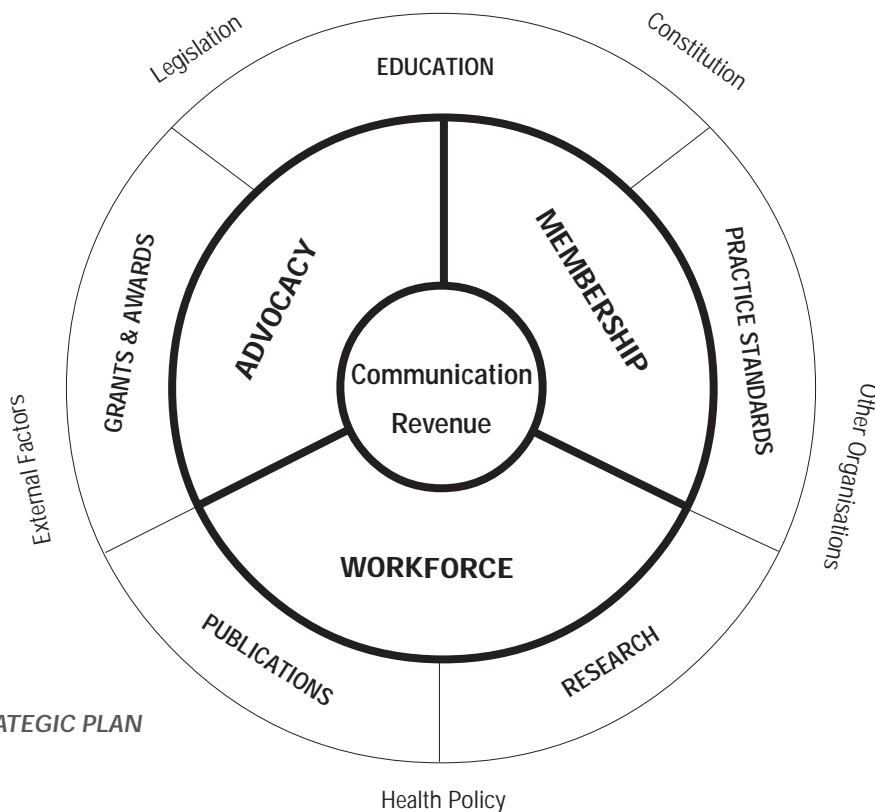


Diagram of STRATEGIC PLAN



# Education and Professional Development

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## *Developing and maintaining the skills and competencies of hospital pharmacists.*

It is through the provision of quality education and professional development opportunities that SHPA makes a major contribution to the maintenance of the skills and competencies of its members. Ongoing development and promotion of educational services therefore remain a cornerstone of Society activities.

The past year has again been a busy and successful one for the **Division of Education** which comprises George Taylor (Chair), Dave Cosh, Greg Peterson, Diane Aldous and Chris Alderman. The Division has continued to oversee the development and delivery of a high quality continuing education program for members.

Participation in the 2000/2001 program reflected the enthusiasm of members, the dedication of organisers and the value of the delivery. Features included:

### **Fellowship Course**

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During 2000/2001 the Division of Education worked with Monash University on the feasibility of continuing the Fellowship program as a postgraduate web based course for SHPA members. After careful consideration, the Federal Council decided not to proceed with this initiative. Current Fellowship and Diploma students will be able to complete their courses, but there will not be any new students. The next stage for the Division will be to publicise the other professional development opportunities available, especially the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist Credential. They have also developed a recommendation on a new method to achieve the status of Fellow within the Society.

Special acknowledgment must go to the many members who contributed to the Fellowship and Diploma Courses over nearly 30 years. Thanks to the current members of the **Board of Censors** whose duties will soon be concluded. They are: Greg Peterson (Chair), Helen Dowling, Dave Cosh, Lou Gaetani, Russell Lawrence, Gwynneth Petrie and Peter Stuchbery.

### **Continuing Professional Development program**

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The Board of Education and Federal Council remain committed to developing a valuable and workable system of CPD as a means of demonstrating the Society's commitment and professionalism. This year CPD has been encouraged through bulletin articles and preferential conference registration rates for members who formally complete the annual CPD requirements.

Thanks go to the members of the **Board of Education** Diane Aldous (Chair), Greg Peterson, Dave Cosh, Cameron Randall and John Elkerton.

### **Education Co-ordinator**

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Dave Cosh is the SHPA Education Co-ordinator and he has continued to develop projects during 2000/2001. The nursing seminar program has been a major focus for the Education co-ordinator in recent months, with its successful launch in Adelaide in February 2001. Nursing seminars are now scheduled for all States for the remainder of 2001. Dave's efforts at identifying and progressing educational issues for the Society are greatly appreciated.

### **The Biennial Clinical Conference in Queensland**

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Attended by 381 delegates, the conference was a great success, providing a forum for professional exchange on a wide variety of levels. Several clinical topics were chosen as themes, as well as a number of contributed papers and posters being presented.

Special thanks and congratulations go to the Organising Committee that was chaired by Christine Maclean. Other hardworking members were: Karen Allen, Ian Coombes, Neil Cottrell, Michele Cree, Christine Culverhouse, Janice Iwaniak, Carlo Novello, John Parke, Sonya Stacey and Danielle Stowasser.

## Clinical Pharmacy Seminars

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The Society was again active in delivering clinical pharmacy seminars, which generally attracted healthy attendances. These seminars were all extremely valuable educational events that were highly valued by registrants. In addition, the suite of seminars provided varying amounts of profits that were ploughed back into member services.

Special thanks go to the various teams who conducted these seminars in 2000/2001.

- Jeff Hughes, Andrew James, Ian Coombes, Amanda Sanburg, Michelle Sweidan, Neil Cottrell and Peter Tenni conducted Basic Clinical Pharmacy Seminars (August 2000 and February 2001), Clinical Pharmacy for Community Pharmacists seminars (July 2000, September 2000 and June 2001), Advanced Clinical Pharmacy seminar (March 2001) and a Geriatric Medicine seminar (December 2000).
- Chris Alderman, Jan Jones, Stefan Kowalski and colleagues conducted Neuropsychiatric Pharmacy seminars (October 2000 and May 2001).
- Jill Davis, Jim Siderov, Julie MacDonald, Peter Gilbar, Maree Kane, Robert McLauchlan, Sheue-Ching Ooi, Penny Webster, Stuart Harsley and Jude Lees conducted an Oncology Pharmacy seminar (May 2001).

The long standing and ongoing support of Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (PDL) is acknowledged as being a crucial factor in being able to underwrite the financial base of these educational events which are designed to improve the professional skills of pharmacists.

## The 25th Federal Conference in Tasmania

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The past year saw this conference committee in full swing as organisation advanced for the 25th Federal Conference to be held in November 2001. The Organising Committee is chaired by Peter Fowler, with other members being Di Aldous, Camille Boland, John Elkerton, Jim Galloway, Yvonne Hablutzel, Greg Peterson, Cameron Randall, George Taylor, Michael Wiese and Sue Wright.

## Practice Standards

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### *Encouraging the development and promulgation of professional standards and guidelines in relevant areas of pharmacy practice.*

During 2000/2001 the *Division of Specialty Practice* has undertaken a review of the Guidelines for SHPA Committees of Specialty Practice with an aim of improving communication and liaison between the Committees of Specialty Practice (COSPs) and all other areas of the Society. Activity across a wide range of specialty areas contributes to the professional development of Society members, the maintenance of standards of hospital pharmacy practice and to the achievement of the Society's Strategic Plan.

The Committees meet periodically or as required to progress a range of projects, mainly in the areas of standards development and education. With the availability of email, COSPs have been encouraged to have corresponding members from other States, with some new COSPs being formed right from the start as "email groups". COSPs have also been encouraged to consider the inclusion of technician members where relevant.

Due to changes in interest and need, some COSPs have wound up during 2000/2001. They are Acute Home Healthcare, which will now be covered within Clinical Pharmacy topics, Radiopharmacy and Drug Distribution. The Drug Use Evaluation COSP will form as an "email group" and the Academic Detailing/Educational Outreach Visiting COSP is still under development.



The Society sincerely acknowledges the contribution of the following members to these important activities.

## DIVISION OF SPECIALTY PRACTICE

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Paul Muir (Chair)  
Michael Dooley  
Kay Hynes  
Sue Kirsa

### Committees of Specialty Practice

#### Clinical Pharmacy COSP

Michael Dooley (Chair)  
Antun Bogovic  
Margaret Carroll  
Sylvia Cuell  
Kirstie Galbraith  
Georgia Martinac  
Helen Matthews (Convenor)

#### Drug Information COSP

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Cheng Choo  
Shin Choo  
Sue Foran  
Alan Saunders  
Graeme Vernon  
Rodney Whyte  
Paul Muir (Convenor)

#### Health Promotion COSP

Helen Lourens (Chair)  
Debbie Leibbrandt  
Amanda Sanburg  
Sandy Smith  
Fran Vaughan  
Helen Dowling (Convenor)

#### Investigational Drugs COSP

Kay Hynes (Chair)  
Judy Bingham  
Shin Choo  
Jill Davis  
Sue Ewart  
Helen Kopp  
Angela Morris  
Jacqui Streater  
Lucy Nigro (SLM)  
Lesley Ross-Lee (SLM)  
Karen Luetsch (SLM)

Peter Slobodian (SLM)  
Lee McLean (SLM)  
Kate McCormack (SLM)  
Anna Gelavis (SLM)  
Helen Matthews (Convenor)

#### Oncology COSP

Jill Davis (Chair)  
Stuart Harsley  
Robert McLauchlan  
Li-Ling Ng  
Sheue-Ching Ooi  
Jim Siderov  
Angela Stefanou  
Pat Gilchrist (SLM)  
Debbie Paul (SLM)  
Peter Gilbar (SLM)  
Jude Lees (SLM)  
Michael Wiese (SLM)  
Michael Cain (SLM)  
Sue Kirsa (Convenor)

#### Parenteral Services COSP

Cathie Richards (Chair)  
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Grace Alberto  
Lisa Hayes  
Margaret Roberts (CM)  
Virginia Sharley (CM)  
Carlo Novello (CM)  
Penny Thornton (CM)  
Alan Shilson (CM)  
John Horne (CM)  
Andrew Matthews (Convenor)

#### Pharmacy Management COSP

Peter Stuchbery (Chair)  
Julie Andrews  
Bill Suen (CM)  
Bill Thomson  
Giovanna DeSantis  
Helen Dimitriou  
Barry Parsons  
Heather Parsons  
Patricia Downes  
Sue Kirsa (Convenor)

#### Poisons Information COSP

Elizabeth Hender (Chair)  
Di Milne  
Di Aldous  
Gladys Heedes  
Hugh Miller  
Simon Gilmore  
Robyn McKeown  
Penny Thornton (Convenor)

#### Private Hospital Pharmacy COSP

John Jackson (Chair)  
Patricia Downes  
David Jeffery  
Melinda Unmack  
Helen Matthews (Convenor)

#### Psychiatric Pharmacy COSP

Chris Alderman (Chair)  
David Ellis  
Jan Jones  
Karin Nyfort-Hansen  
Jenny Blennerhasset (CM)  
Natasha Corbett (CM)  
Linda Fellows (CM)  
Saira Ginary (CM)  
Judith Longworth (CM)  
John Parke (CM)  
Felicity Te Hira (CM)  
Naomi Burgess (Convenor)

#### Rehabilitation and Aged Care COSP

Annette Davis (Chair)  
Janet Groves  
Maryanne Molenaar  
Gil Robson  
Karen Clark  
Jo-Anne Allardice  
Paul Muir (Convenor)

*CM-denotes corresponding member  
SLM-denotes State liaison member*

## Publications

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### *Facilitating professional development through quality publications.*

In addition to its vital communication role, the Publications Division supports the Society's professional development function through the publication of the *Australian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy* and by facilitating members' access to a range of professional texts and resources.

Sale of such texts also provides a healthy income stream for SHPA. The 2nd Edition of the popular *Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook* continues to make a strong contribution. The rapidly expanding area of electronic publishing has, and will continue to influence the Society's activities in this regard. This is reflected in the resources devoted to the organisation's web site.

During 2000/2001 the Publications Division has been chaired variously by Penny Thornton, Andrew Matthews and Christine Maclean. Moves were commenced to streamline the activities of the Division. This is to be progressed in collaboration with all members of the current **Publications Division** John Jackson, Jenny Johnstone, John Low and Graeme Vernon as well as the members of the **Publications Committee** John Jackson, Fiona Landgren, Bill Thomson, Graeme Vernon, Michelle Vienet and Rodney Whyte. The Society gratefully acknowledges the notable contributions in time and valuable expertise from these members over many years.

### **Australian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**

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As the official journal of SHPA, *The Australian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy* supports the development of hospital pharmacy practice by providing a forum for the exchange of knowledge, ideas and professional opinion. Published quarterly, the *Journal* features editorials, articles, letters, book reviews and general reports, contributed in the main by hospital pharmacists. It also publishes practice standards and other practice-related documents of SHPA.

The *Journal* provides an important avenue for publication, not only for experienced practitioners, but also for less experienced pharmacists. The *Journal* actively seeks papers from contributors to SHPA national conferences. Australasian Medical Index, BIOSIS, Chemical Abstracts, EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, International Pharmaceutical Abstracts and Iowa Drug Information Service currently abstract the *Journal*. The cumulative index from 1994 may be downloaded from the Journal section of the SHPA web site at [www.shpa.org.au](http://www.shpa.org.au)

Thanks are due to John Low, Jenny Johnstone, Suzanne Beulke, Peter Stuchbery, Graeme Vernon, Chris Alderman, Reg Arulappu and Christina Tierney who give generously of their time and expertise to ensure the continual development of the *Journal*.



## Research and Development

### *Improving the techniques and practice with respect to the administration, planning, delivery and evaluation of hospital pharmacy services.*

Promoting original research and related activities is a key mechanism by which SHPA promotes leading edge pharmacy practice and supports the career development of its members. In 2000/2001 a strategic plan has been developed to guide the future of research support offered through the Society's Research and Development Grants Program, with associated improvements in three key areas.

Special thanks to members of the *Research and Development Grants Advisory Committee* (RDGAC) Margaret Duguid (Chair), Peter Barclay, Jo-anne Brien, Helen Dowling, Cerwidwen Jones, Karen Kaye, Maria Kelly and Gillian Shenfield.

1. **Funding** - The generous support of the Pharmaceutical Industry is acknowledged. The Program was expanded with a new Pain Management Travel Grant sponsored by Mundipharma, an international preceptorship and the first technician fellowship by Amgen Australia, and a significant increase in the DBL Development Fund. Merck Sharpe and Dohme confirmed their commitment to supporting the Specialisation Grants formerly funded by Amrad Pharmaceuticals. Funds available to members in 2000/2001 totalled \$154,500.
2. **Number and Quality of Applications** - Increasing awareness of the Grants Program has been achieved through a regular section in the *Australian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy* and expanding the Grants section on the SHPA web site. Members may now download grant flyers from the web site in advance of their distribution via the Bulletin or the Journal. "How to make a successful grant application" was published in the June 2001 *Journal* to assist members to improve the quality of their applications. One hundred and eighteen members applied for grants throughout the year with fifty-three of those being successful.
3. **Fostering Research and Development** - Encouraging research and development amongst a broad section of the membership has been achieved via the publication of activities undertaken by grant recipients in the *Journal*, a workshop at the NSW Branch Conference and an editorial in the October *Journal* on Pharmacy Practice Research. In 2000/2001 SHPA grant recipients contributed 15 articles to the *Journal*.

GRANTS AWARDED DURING 2000/2001	\$ Value	No. of Grants
Abbott Australasia Hospital Pharmacy Research grant To: Jim Siderov, Megan Kane	\$20,000	2
Amgen Australia International Preceptorship Pharmacy Grant 2001 To: Julie Wilkes	\$10,000	1
Amgen Australia Pharmacy Technician Grant 2001 To: Maria Janczak	\$3,000	1
AMRAD Specialisation grants To: Helen Jabbour, Margaret Jordan, Noeline Karlson, Stefan Kowalski, Karin Nyfort-Hansen, Julie Pope	\$7,500	6
Baxter NW Naismith Management Grant To: Rosemary Burke	\$10,000	1
Bristol Myers Squibb Clinical Research Grant To: Rhonda Clifford	\$8,000	1
DBL Development Fund To: Sean Turner, Anne Leversha, Fabian Kong, Nicholas Sharley, Genevieve Daly, Jude Lees, Karen Hirth and 29 grants for members to attend the SHPA Clinical Conference	\$20,157	36
Janssen-Cilag Psychiatry Pharmacy Fellowship To: Chris Alderman	\$6,000	1
Janssen-Cilag Renal Pharmacists Grant To: Vaughn Eaton, Francine Tanner	\$10,000	2
Mundipharma Pain Management Travel Grant 2001 To: Jennifer Schneider	\$5,000	1
Novartis Hospital Pharmacy Research Grant 2000 To: Paola Parkins	\$10,000	1
Pharmacia and Upjohn Contemporary Therapeutics grant Not awarded in 2001		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$109,657</b>	<b>53</b>

## Branches

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### *Providing support and opportunities for professional involvement at a local level.*

The SHPA Branches play a vital role in supporting and promoting the Society's activities and in working for members on local issues. Branches also liaise locally with other kindred organisations such as the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, other Councils and Boards. During the past year, Branch newsletters, which usually show the contact details of committee members and observers, have been posted on the Branches section of the SHPA web site.

### **Representation to and liaison with State Governments and other bodies**

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The Branches have represented their members on local issues including legislative changes, the potential implementation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for outpatients and discharge patients, and developments in undergraduate education. The Queensland Branch has been very active in working locally to ensure that PBS issues for hospitals are well understood by government.

The shortage of hospital pharmacists and hospital pharmacy positions remains a serious issue which is being addressed through direct advocacy to State Governments and hospitals as well as through promotion of hospital-based careers to graduates and undergraduates. The Victorian Branch achieved success in gaining funding for a Government Liaison Officer to assist these activities.

### **Provision of local educational and professional development activities**

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Most Branches conducted highly successful Branch Conferences in 2000/2001. The Tasmanian Branch opted to run a joint conference with colleagues from the Tasmanian Haematology, Immunology and Neoplasms Interest Group. In addition, quality continuing education is offered to members who respond enthusiastically with high participation. The ACT Branch has run an interesting CE series with topics such as diabetes, IVF, hypertension, autoimmune disorders and oral chemotherapy treatments. State-based Special Interest Groups provide further forums for professional development as well as valuable mentoring and networking opportunities.

### **Education and support for technicians**

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With pharmacy technicians now taking an active role within SHPA, most Branches now report technician members or observers on Branch Committees. The South Australian Branch was at the forefront of this and innovative continuing education lectures and conference programs are now being featured around the country. In New South Wales the Branch is liaising with Charles Sturt University to improve their course to better meet the needs of hospital pharmacy technicians.

### **Communication to members**

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State Branches play an important role in maintaining local communication links with members. The WA Branch has moved to sending newsletters by email with better artwork and significant cost savings.

### **SHPA representation at Branch Level**

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Federal Council and Branches are grateful for the enthusiastic contribution of their members in progressing various projects and ongoing professional activities.

#### **South Australia**

Pharmacy Board of South Australia: Debra Rowett

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (SA Branch) Education Committee: Domenic Pipicella

Australian Patient Safety Foundation, Australian Incident Monitoring System (SA Branch): Sharon Goldsworthy

South Australian Health Commission Drugs and Poisons Section (Environmental Health Branch): Chris Doecke

#### **Queensland**

Pharmacy Board of Queensland: John Parke

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Qld) Pre-registration Training Committee: Judith Coombes

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Qld) Pre-registration Sub-Committee: James Radford

The University of Queensland Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical and Hospital Pharmacy Management Committee:  
Danielle Stowasser

The University of Queensland School of Pharmacy Board of Studies: John Parke

Queensland Health Pharmacy Advisory Committee: John Parke

Queensland Health Support Personnel Review Working Party: Christine Maclean

Queensland Health Steering Committee for the Development and Implementation of Drug Therapy Protocols: Hugh Miller



## BRANCHES *continued*

### Victoria

Pharmacy Board of Victoria: Pam Nieman  
Victorian Drug Usage Advisory Committee: Neil Naismith

### New South Wales

Sydney University Pharmacy Practice Foundation Council: Rosemary Burke  
New South Wales Health Contracts Committee: Penny Wills  
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (NSW Branch) Education Committee: Johneen Tierney  
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Dispensary Assistants' Course Committee: Peter Barclay  
Pharmacy Graduate Training: Peter Murney, Rebekah Moles

### Tasmania

University of Tasmania Board of Studies - Pharmacy: Peter Fowler  
Pharmacy Board of Tasmania Graduate Accreditation Program: George Taylor

## BRANCH COMMITTEES as at 30th June 2001

### Australian Capital Territory

Andrew Matthews (Chair)  
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Susan Alexander (Secretary)  
Christopher Walpole (Treasurer)  
Grace Alberto  
Meredith Freeman  
John Fuary  
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Peter Barclay  
Despina Moustakas  
Thomas Fung  
Helen Dowling  
Penny Thornton

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Joan Roush (Treasurer)  
Michael Barras  
Rosalyn Dodds (Technician)  
Melissa O'Neill (Technician)  
Saira Girnary  
Trudy McGovern  
Lisa Nissen  
James Radford  
Christine Maclean

### South Australia

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Louise Quinn (Secretary)  
Lynda Balkwill  
Naomi Burgess  
Barbara Chamberlain (Technician)  
Vy Dao (trainee)  
Joy Gailer  
Wanda Haines (Technician)  
Lisa Paradiso (Trainee)  
Daniel Scandrett-Smith  
Katherine Tuck  
Ruth Wilton  
Sharon Yap (Trainee)

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Camille Boland (Secretary)  
Michael Wiese (Treasurer)  
Peter Fowler  
Sarah Herd  
Cameron Randall  
Jan Taylor  
Sue Wright

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## From the Treasurer

*Reproduced from the SHPA Annual Financial Report 2000/2001 which is available as a supplementary report.*

The financial year, 2000/2001, showed a significant trading result which will place the Society in a sound position for future planning. The outcome was a net surplus of \$85,869 for the consolidated Federal and Branch accounts. Being a non Federal Conference year, this is an outstanding result, which was very favourable when compared with the budget forecast. Total income of \$1,655,197, represented an increase of 16.6% over the previous non Federal Conference year.

### *Summary and Comparison of Financial Results*

Financial Year	Income	Net Result
1993/94*	\$1,467,380	\$120,035
1994/95	\$1,339,753	(\$27,990)
1995/96*	\$1,891,163	\$946
1996/97	\$1,468,248	\$85,865
1997/98*	\$2,135,227	\$65,561
1998/99	\$1,420,028	(\$160,595)
1999/00*	\$1,705,718	\$46,263
2000/01	\$1,655,197	\$85,869

\* Federal Conference years

Membership subscriptions contributed 19.8% of income and were insufficient to cover the costs of running the Society from the Federal Operating Account. However, careful planning, following the issues identified in the Society's Strategic Plan, has minimised expenditure and maximised revenue.

The Division of Education produced a positive net result with a surplus of \$52,870 that was a result of the excellent clinical seminar program. The biennial clinical conference held by the Queensland organising committee generated a surplus of \$41,466 and the financial position of Branches reflected a successful Branch conference year with a positive contribution of \$62,887.

With the growth in revenue, the Society has been able to resource advocacy for the profession, engage in the provision of member services and benefits through the Grants and Awards program, further develop the web site and ongoing support for the network of Committees of Specialty Practice across the country.

The net assets of the Society increased to \$787,183 which is an increase of 12.2% over 1999/2000. Stabilisation of the assets was achieved with the purchase of a strata title office in Melbourne to accommodate the Secretariat. It will be occupied in October 2001.

Administration and compliance with the new tax system in the first year of operation, has been a challenge for the Society's staff and volunteers. Our Finance Officer, Virginia Hoareau, successfully administered our accounts and offered guidance to many member volunteers.

I thank all of you for your continuing assistance.



HELEN MATTHEWS  
Federal Treasurer



## Summary of Contributions

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2001

### Member Services

	Federal Operating Account	Publications Division	SHPA Web Site	State Branches	Total
Income	389,685	250,638	0	54,194	694,518
Expenditure	414,558	260,397	965	39,425	715,345
Net Profit/(Loss)	(24,872)	(9,759)	(965)	14,769	(20,827)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

	Division of Education	Division of Specialty Practice	Other Professional Activities	Liaison and Promotions Unit	Biennial Clinical Conference	State Branches	Total
Income	269,206	109	270	-	264,565	426,529	960,679
Expenditure	216,336	1,886	13,419	20,830	223,100	378,411	853,982
Net Profit/(Loss)	52,870	(1,777)	(13,149)	(20,830)	41,466	48,118	106,697

### Branch Contributions

	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
<b>MEMBER SERVICES</b>								
Income	1,488	10,781	12,358	4,467	2,618	17,441	5,041	54,194
Expenditure	775	7,859	4,565	2,390	3,038	13,529	7,269	39,425
Net Profit/(Loss)	713	2,922	7,793	2,077	(420)	3,912	(2,228)	14,769

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Income	6,176	101,300	-	32,925	18,422	217,281	50,425	426,529
Expenditure	4,517	78,937	1,092	25,852	15,252	215,366	37,395	378,411
Net Profit/(Loss)	1,659	22,363	(1,092)	7,073	3,170	1,915	13,030	48,118

### TOTAL

CONTRIBUTION/(LOSS)	2,372	25,285	6,701	9,150	2,750	5,827	10,802	62,887
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### Membership Report to 30th June 2001

	STUDENT	MEMBER	HONORARY	LIFE	TECHNICIAN	OVERSEAS	INACTIVE	TOTAL	%
ACT	0	33	1	2	0	0	0	36	2.37
NSW	5	308	2	19	12	1	9	356	23.47
VIC	16	385	3	34	23	5	13	479	31.58
QLD	10	230	0	10	19	1	2	272	17.93
SA	9	105	1	7	8	0	1	131	8.64
WA	11	110	1	6	11	2	2	143	9.43
TAS	3	48	1	0	0	1	2	55	3.63
NT	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.46
O/SEAS	0	2	2	0	0	34	0	38	2.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Federal Operating Account

For the year ended 30th June 2001

INCOME	2000/01	1999/00
Administration Costs Recovered	38,603.76	30,699.45
Interest Received	22,539.82	14,391.26
Membership Fees	328,123.89	332,569.07
Subscriptions	47.72	352.28
Miscellaneous Income	370.29	929.30
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>389,685.48</b>	<b>378,941.36</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
Accountancy Fees	-	9,200.00
Credit Account Charges/Admin	1,015.89	1,012.20
Advertising	326.40	475.00
Auditors Remuneration	10,000.00	8,168.00
Awards	1,310.00	1,585.00
Bank Charges	15,048.83	11,096.43
Bad Debts	1,399.00	-
Catering	958.65	601.88
Depreciation	9,339.00	19,364.00
Election Expenses	-	2,445.67
Electricity	1,509.79	1,916.91
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	5,198.50	5,428.45
Fringe Benefits Tax	265.78	495.18
Insurance	8,059.99	7,756.28
Interest Paid	749.80	1,259.65
Legal Costs	-	13,329.91
Postage & Freight	11,807.47	13,446.13
Registration Fees	593.60	830.48
References	541.01	371.38
Rental & Outgoings	29,352.38	28,407.24
Salaries/Consultants/Fees	214,238.02	171,783.32
Secretarial/Support Staff	7,333.20	2,396.25
Computer Expenses	5,793.44	9,410.80
Staff Training	1,658.18	889.00
Staff Recruitment	3,000.00	12,073.97
Printing & Stationery	16,530.75	23,428.34
Subscriptions	2,568.58	3,103.65
Sundries	2,091.96	7,192.13
Superannuation	16,604.14	16,362.28
Telephone & Fax	10,094.77	14,521.17
Federal Council - Travel	14,599.41	14,055.10
Federal Council - Accom/Meals	13,341.32	18,044.85
Other - Travel	2,990.24	13,784.20
Other - Accom/Meals	2,577.51	13,589.45
Venue Hire	760.00	1,113.30
Workcover	2,899.98	3,294.33
Income Tax Expense	-	979.20
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>414,557.59</b>	<b>453,211.13</b>
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(24,872.11)</b>	<b>(74,269.77)</b>



