



TURNING POINTS

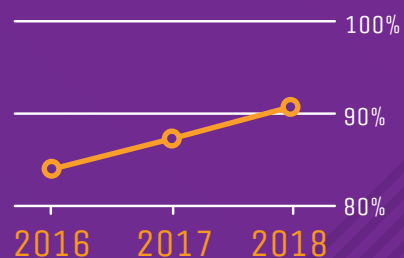
2018 was a year of turning points for SHPA.

Growing membership and revenue from publications, new Independent Directors and a stronger advocacy voice saw SHPA expand strategic investment in cornerstone programs and entrench its position as the indispensable professional partner of Australia's leading community of pharmacists, technicians and pharmacy assistants.

TOTAL SHPA MEMBERS

5,200+

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



2,000+
MEMBERS
ENROLLED

SPECIALTY PRACTICE THRIVING



Specialty Practice prospered as a key pillar for learning and skill share, now embedded as a crucial development tool for Australian pharmacists, supporting professional and career growth for over 2,000 SHPA members.

Over **40 per cent of SHPA members are enrolled across 26 Specialty Practice streams** and feedback shows pharmacists have embraced the peer-to-peer learning and development platform as a means to improve their practice, patient care and service design, and to access opportunities to be acknowledged nationally for their local innovations.

The volunteer expertise of Specialty Practice members has facilitated the revision and creation of SHPA **Standards of Practice** in 2018 and enabled work on materials supporting codeine up-scheduling amongst other vital topics; 2019 will see the delivery of Standards of Practice and guidance publications, knowledge guidance for Advanced Training Residencies and a library of evidence-based policy positions.

ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS



The SHPA **Residency Program** built on its strong start with a 59% increase in Foundation Resident numbers; 33 sites across the country now provide an evidence-based framework for experiential learning.

Next year, SHPA will implement two-year Advanced Training Residencies to further equip the next generation for the challenges and rewards of hospital pharmacy.

Now in its third year, SHPA's **Residency Symposium** gave the ever-expanding network of program leaders, preceptors, clinical educators and Directors of Pharmacy the practical support and guidance needed to deliver residency programs tailored to their setting, and a sneak peek into Advanced Training Residency – coming soon!

↑ 59%
FOUNDATION
RESIDENTS

ADVANCING THE PROFESSION



With the vision of building a more highly skilled, flexible and adaptable future pharmacy workforce, SHPA founded **Advancing Practice** in 2017-18.

The new centralised mechanism for assessing Australian pharmacists' career achievements and impact on patient care saw submissions from every Australian state and the ACT in Round 1 this year, and 33 SHPA members were among the 'first class' of pharmacists credentialed through the leading program.

33
CREDENTIALLED
MEMBERS

ADVOCACY HITS NEW HEIGHTS

Medicines shortages: From the coalface to Canberra

One year after SHPA's landmark point prevalence study thrust the issue of medicines shortages into the national health conversation, a nationwide mandated system for managing and communicating shortages through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) was enshrined in Commonwealth legislation and will now come into effect on 1 January 2019.

The escalation of this issue from observations and data at the coalface to Australian law marked a turning point in SHPA's advocacy, driven by the **Medicines Shortages Working Group** who partnered with the Department of Health and other health organisations to develop the national protocol.

High-level forum begins new opioid safety push

In July, key stakeholders from across Australian healthcare explored a diverse range of opioid harm reduction strategies at SHPA's inaugural **Medicines Leadership Forum: Reducing opioid harm**.

Informed by data from 135 public and private hospitals in the SHPA report: *Reducing opioid-related harm: An Australian hospital landscape paper*, stakeholders agreed significant gaps and variability in service provision currently exist and reiterated the need to work together to ensure patients are provided the best possible care. Final recommendations to collaboratively leverage the most promising initiatives on a state and national scale will be released in late 2018.



ESSENTIAL RESOURCE UPDATED



Mid-2018 saw the release of the third edition of ***Don't Rush to Crush*** (DRTC), Australia's essential guide to safely administering oral medicines to people who have swallowing difficulties or have enteral feeding tubes.

A Pharmacy Board of Australia required pharmacy text, the new edition of DRTC was completely revised with a new format enhancing focus on patient-centred care, a total of 570 oral medicines, including 50 additions, and new sections for selected medicines assisting health professionals when giving very small doses, including instructions for preparing aliquots.

RECORD CPD OFFERINGS

This year saw a **37% increase** in attendance at national events as SHPA delivered 26 seminars to members, including 6 brand new offerings.

As always, SHPA Branches were a lifeblood of national education and SHPA's Branches offered 71 member events including 8 Branch symposia.

↑ **37%**
CPD
ATTENDANCE

LEADING LIGHTS SHINE BRIGHT

At Medicines Management 2017, the 43rd SHPA National Conference in Sydney in November, SHPA President Professor Michael Dooley announced the winners of SHPA's prestigious annual awards.



Dr Danielle Stowasser received the 2017 Fred J Boyd Award for the 'ground-breaking impact of her PhD thesis in establishing pre-admission clinical pharmacists and developing a system of medication delivery liaisons.'

'Dr Stowasser has led a range of initiatives to enhance safe and effective medicine use, including systems for reducing adverse drug events through standardised prescription and administration services – this has been instrumental in improvements across Queensland,' acknowledged Professor Dooley.

Associate Professor Michael Barras received the 2017 SHPA Medal of Merit, a testament to his leadership and research focus over 25 years in the profession.

'Through this award, Associate Professor Barras has been recognised for his wonderful contribution to mentoring and developing younger hospital pharmacists, and he has had an exceptional influence in research surrounding hospital pharmacy,' said Professor Dooley.

Honouring her contributions to hospital pharmacy nationally and internationally, Professor Dooley commended **Dr Karen Whitfield** as the winner of the 2017 SHPA Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award.

'Dr Whitfield's work in Women's and Newborn's Health has had a lasting impact on the way infants and women are treated nationwide.'

COMMITMENT AND COMMUNITY

This year saw SHPA thrive not only as a growing family, but a buzzing community forging positive change. Media contact skyrocketed with a **cumulative audience of more than 16 million** seeing good news stories about SHPA and our members, and on social media our audience grew from 918,000 to 1.6 million.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says member commitment and passion are behind the year of growth and success.

'Our volunteer **members on the seven SHPA Branch Committees** continue to work tirelessly to ensure the diverse grassroots experiences of our members are understood, respected and reflected in SHPA's expanding initiatives and services. New **Specialty Practice Leadership Committees** were pivotal in defining professional leadership across pharmacy disciplines.

'To all our committee members, and to my colleagues at the SHPA Secretariat, thank you for playing your varied and essential roles in 2018, a turning point for the organisation, the pharmacy profession and our 5,000-strong membership.'