

Media release

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Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference heading to Cairns in 2023 and Adelaide in 2024

Providing long-term certainty for Australia's pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has announced Medicines Management 2023 will be held in Cairns, 2-4 November 2023, and MM2024 will be held in Adelaide, 14-16 November 2024.

SHPA President Tom Simpson says announcing the host cities of next two iterations of Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference together will support forward planning as the event continues to grow in scope and influence in an evolving pharmacy landscape.

'As a peak health body with a unique perspective on optimising medicines use, SHPA looks forward to presenting another exceptional program that excites and inspires our pharmacists, technicians and their peers.'

'The boundaries of Australian pharmacy are changing, and practitioners who specialise as part of team-based care represent the future of pharmacy care across all settings: in our hospitals, in the community, in residential aged care, and at home.'

'Amid these growing opportunities for pharmacists and technicians, we are also mindful of the lingering impacts of a turbulent few years. Following a three year hiatus, MM2022 delivered a truly spectacular return of Australia's premier scientific pharmacy conference.'

'Members have told us how much they value the space to truly flourish and connect, and we look forward to taking MM back to the tropics.'

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says the return to Queensland will close an exceptional chapter in the history of the SHPA National Conference.

'Medicines Management has hit new heights in the Sunshine State in recent years, seeing our biggest attendance figures and an incredibly successful return last December.'

'We've listened to members and look forward to again delivering our full-scale conference, but with an intimate and individualised feel, which will be reflected in our MM2023 theme to be revealed soon.'

'We're also excited to finally return to Adelaide next year after our MM2020 postponement, where boutique eateries, calm beaches and beautiful spring weather will provide the perfect backdrop for MM2024.'

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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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