

2020 SHPA WA Branch Chairpersons Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2020 Annual Branch Meeting (ABM) this year at the UWA club. It was a great chance to reflect on a challenging year but also celebrate the achievements of the Branch and its members who have continued to deliver exceptional care to WA patients given difficult circumstances.

Special thank you to Tom Simpson, Director of the Statewide Tasmania Pharmacy Service, who dialled in from Tasmania to share his professional journey and offer his advice and insights around leadership and success in hospital pharmacy.



Congratulations also to the deserving winners of the 2020 SHPA WA Branch Awards:

- Olivia Gianoncelli (RPH) – WA Intern Pharmacist Award
- Claire Kendrick (KEMH) – WA Jenny Benzie Early Career Pharmacist Award
- WACHS Telehealth Cancer Service – WA Hospital Team Innovation Award
- Patrick Bettridge (Geraldton Regional Hospital) – WA Achievement Award (Deirdre accepted on behalf of Patrick who could not attend)

WA Branch also celebrated the 2020 Fred J Boyd Award winner Prof Jeff Hughes.



On behalf of the SHPA WA Branch Committee we would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Kerry Fitzsimons WA SHPA Branch Chair

Your 2020 Branch Committee

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CPD Calendar

Date	Topic and venue
February 2021 (TBC)	Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) *Venue TBC*
TBC	Delirium CE *Venue TBC*
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Annual SHPA Technician Event – Creating Connections

Creating Connections was an event held to recognise National Technician Day on Thursday 22nd October at Perth Children’s Hospital. It attracted 25 attendees who participated in discussions about roles and responsibilities at various sites across the state.

Whilst separating “friends” from each of the sites may have been a little daunting for some – the enthusiasm and energy soon lead to some interesting and thought provoking discussions within the groups.

Many sites are expanding roles for technicians and it was exciting to hear some of the work that is occurring within our state.

SJOG Subiaco Head of Department Peter Smart delivered an interesting presentation on how to become involved and expand connections within SHPA.

Earlier this year – a Specialty Practice Group was formed for Hospital Pharmacy Technicians and Assistants. Please encourage technicians and assistants within your site to consider joining SHPA so we can provide more of these events in the future and continue to support our technicians and assistants!



2020 VCON SHPA Medicines Management

Thank you to all members who attended the first Virtual SHPA Medicines Management Congress. It was a slightly different take this year, but the local WA event at Perth Children’s Hospital was a great way to share the VCON experience and discuss ideas.



The 2020 VCON Panel Session taking a different format A massive and well-deserved congratulations to Professor Jeff Hughes who was awarded the prestigious Fred J Boyd Award in recognition of his distinguished career, self-less contribution to the profession of hospital pharmacy and mentoring and development of countless hospital pharmacists.

Prof Hughes delivered an inspiring oration reflecting on an extensive and successful career built on curiosity and a passion for evidence-based medicine which has enabled him to deliver great care and have a profound effect on many of his patients’ lives.



Prof Hughes delivering his oration virtually



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