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## A/Associate Professor Debra Rowett presented with prestigious Fred J Boyd Award

Professor Michael Dooley, President of SHPA, Australia's fastest growing pharmacy organisation, today announced that Adjunct Associate Professor Debra Rowett has been presented with the Society's prestigious Fred J Boyd Award.

"Adjunct Associate Professor Debra Rowett has been a powerful leader in Australian Pharmacy for over 30 years," said Professor Dooley. "She is a hospital pharmacist who has interacted with an extremely wide range of health practitioners and services, across a wide range of domains, and has continuously shown leadership, including research excellence."

"Professor Rowett is currently Director, Drug and Therapeutics Information Service, Repatriation General Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia, and President of the Australian Pharmacy Council."

"She has previously held the position of Chair of the Australian Pharmacy Council's Accreditation Committee which is responsible for reviewing and maintaining standards for all of Australia's Pharmacy Schools," Professor Dooley said.

"Throughout her career, Professor Rowett has been a powerful champion for improving the Pharmacy Profession through both the development and improvement of practice standards and through improvements in the standards of education."

"Professor Rowett has had significant involvement across the entire health system and has been appointed to a large number of local, national and international committees.

Some of her appointments include:

- Chair of the Professional Practice Committee of the Pharmacy Board of South Australia for 9 years (and a member for 13 years)
- A member of the PBAC Drug Utilisation Committee
- Chair of the NPS National Prescribing Intervention Expert Advisory Group
- Chair of the NPS Prescribing Evaluation and Research Advisory Group
- Member of the National Lead Clinician Promoting Best Practice Working Group

In 1985, Professor Rowett was a member of the inaugural SHPA Committee of Specialty Practice in Clinical Pharmacy which developed the first Standards of Practice in Clinical Pharmacy. This led to the publication in 1987 of the SHPA policy guidelines for the standard of practice of selected clinical pharmacy activities.

In 2010 Professor Rowett served on the SHPA's advisory group for the clinical competency tool for general level pharmacists. In 2012, she was a member of the Pharmacy Standards Advisory Group for the new accreditation standards for Pharmacy Education under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme auspiced by the Pharmacy Board of Australia.

"Professor Rowett has been an active researcher for many years. She has almost 100 publications in peer reviewed journals and has been a contributing author to a number of national and international publications."

"Professor Rowett excels in all the selection criteria for the Fred J Boyd Award and has made ongoing, outstanding contributions to pharmacy and hospital practice," said Professor Dooley. "As the winner of this prestigious award she will deliver an oration at SHPA's Medicines Management conference."

In 1978 SHPA established an award in recognition of Fred J Boyd's contributions to pharmacy. It is presented to individuals who make outstanding contribution to hospital pharmacy in Australia, with the following citation: "Whereas it was Fred J Boyd, whose vision, perseverance and dedication embodied the fundamental principles of hospital pharmacy, and whereas, Fred J Boyd practised his profession and exhibited his leadership and inspirational abilities in the State of Victoria, as well as the whole of Australia as the foundation President of SHPA".

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The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 4,500 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with a core base of members practising in public and private hospitals and other health service facilities.

SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core responsibility of pharmacists, especially in hospitals. SHPA supports pharmacists to meet medication and related service needs, so that both optimal health outcomes and economic objectives are achieved for Australians, as individuals, for the community as a whole and for healthcare facilities within our systems of healthcare.