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Debbie Rigby receives Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award at Medicines Management 2016, the 42nd SHPA National Conference

SHPA President Professor Michael Dooley today announced that Debbie Rigby has been presented with the SHPA Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award 2016.

"Debbie Rigby has been presented with the Award for her ongoing contribution to clinical pharmacy practice, the pharmacy profession and the well-being of Australians," said Professor Dooley. "Her contribution to the pharmacy profession has extended across all areas of pharmacy practice, including hospital pharmacy, aged care and primary care."

"Debbie is a consultant clinical pharmacist and has been a director on the NPS MedicineWise Board since 2008 and is Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee," he said. "She has also had ministerial appointments to the Australian Therapeutic Goods Advisory Council (ATGAC) and the Natural Therapies Advisory Review Committee (NTRAC)."

"She has been a Clinical Governance Advisor to NEHTA and currently is a Clinical Reference Lead for the Australian Digital Health Agency and sits on the Practitioner Reference Group for the Veterans' MATES program."

"Debbie's academic appointments include Adjunct Senior Lecturer at University of Queensland and Visiting fellow at Queensland University of Technology (QUT)," said Professor Dooley.

"Debbie Rigby is an outstanding, accomplished clinical practitioner, educator and researcher who has received a number of national pharmacy awards. She was one of the first pharmacists in Australia to be recognised as an Advanced Practitioner at Level 3," he said.

"Colleagues and associates recognise Debbie Rigby as an amazing person to work with because she is generous with her time and shares her knowledge with many university programs across Australia and supports CPD/CPE activities within Australia and overseas."

"Debbie is recognised for her ongoing quest to bring her experience and knowledge to everything that she does and for never tiring in her quest to present and utilise the most recent best evidence."

"Debbie Rigby epitomises what it is to be a clinical practitioner focused on ensuring patients get the best possible outcomes," said Professor Dooley.

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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.