

## Tim Perry named Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Fellow

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) recently announced seven new Fellows in recognition of their outstanding contribution to PSA and the pharmacy profession. The PHN is thrilled that Western Sydney's own General Practice Pharmacist (GPP), Tim Perry, was one of the recipients.

Mr Perry has owned and managed community pharmacies in Sydney for 25 years. In recent times, he has worked as a non-dispensing GPP in various medical practices across Western Sydney in the General Practice Pharmacist Program. He also established his own Medicines Review Company, playing a key role in medicine safety through the provision of Home Medicines Reviews and Residential Medication Management Reviews in collaboration with community pharmacies, GPs and other health care teams.

WSPHN in partnership with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) launched the GPP Program to implement a collaborative, patient-centred primary care model in March 2016. The program supports the integration of pharmacists into general practices across Western Sydney, working collaboratively as part of the patient care team. A GPP is a non-dispensing pharmacist who delivers clinical and education services to patients within the general practice setting. There are now six pharmacists working as part of health care teams in 21 practices across Western Sydney, who have conducted over 2,700 consultations between July 2018 and June 2019.

On winning the award, Tim said "Receiving a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society has already helped me have discussions with industry leaders and academics about how to further expand the connection between pharmacists and general practice. It's also assisted with raising awareness of the potential for other Primary Health Networks to emulate the fantastic leadership Western Sydney Primary Health Network has shown."

Earlier this year, PSA released the Medicine Safety: Take Care Report revealing that 250,000 Australians are hospitalised each year, with another 400,000 presenting to emergency departments, as a result of medication errors, inappropriate use, misadventure and interactions, highlighting the need for medicine harm to become a national health priority.

On hearing of Tim's award, Jane Assange, A/Director, Primary Care Development and Integration at the Western Sydney Primary Health Network said, "We are delighted and congratulate Tim on this wonderful achievement."

"Tim has been instrumental to the success of the General Practice Pharmacy Program in Western Sydney. The GPP is an integral member of a patient's care team and we applaud Tim's dedication to the program and

improving the health outcomes of the people of Western Sydney.”



## Events

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### Hospital Week 2019

Wednesday 28th August 2019

9:00am - 5:00pm

### Infection Control and Sterilisation Workshop

Saturday 7th September 2019

12:30pm - 5:15pm

### Medico-Legal Workshop: Privacy, Confidentiality and Data Breaches

Thursday 12th September 2019

6:30pm - 9:30pm

### Diabetes Update Day Conference

Saturday 28th September 2019

8:00am - 4:00pm

## Other News

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### Blacktown Hospital Emergency

Blacktown Hospital Emergency has relocated to their new Building A. For patients who need access to Emergency, there is a new dedicated entry via Marcel Crescent, and patient drop-off at the door. Entry, drop-off and parking is clearly signposted. For more information about Blacktown Hospital Emergency and map, visit their website. Blacktown Hospital has not changed their number and can still be contacted on (02) 8670 8000.

### Embark Resources

Project Embark received funding from the National Disability Insurance Agency through the NSW Ministry of Health under an Information, Linkages and Capacity Building grant, enabling people experiencing homelessness and psychosocial disability to access the NDIS. Project Embark developed a suite of resources to address some of the gaps and barriers that were identified and increase understanding of the NDIS for both people experiencing homelessness and psychosocial disability, and the people supporting them. These resources can be found on the Embark website.

### My Health Record Toolkit

The Australian Digital Health Agency has launched a new My Health Record Mental Health toolkit. The toolkit was developed to ensure mental health care providers are equipped to assist their patients with clear and specific information to make an informed decision about the benefits of using My Health Record. The toolkit addresses how to reap the benefits of the system, and how to manage patient information securely, sensitively

and privately.

The full media release is available online.

## GP Association Meeting

The following GP Association Meeting is coming up in Western Sydney:

Westmead: Headache Symposium, Wednesday 28th August.

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