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## Media Release

### Where does pharmacy education need to be? Insights about the future for pharmacy education from LLLP 2018 conference.

Where to from here for pharmacy education was a clear theme throughout the successful 12<sup>th</sup> International Life Long Learning in Pharmacy (LLLP) conference which drew over 240 delegates from across the globe to explore *Shaping tomorrow's practitioners for today*.

This three-day event enabled delegates to examine the trends in pharmacy overseas as well as the future expectations and standards that will be required for education in pharmacy.

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC), which hosted the event in Brisbane, said the granular examination of how pharmacy is set to evolve in the health sector was fascinating.

APC CEO, and Host Committee Chair, Bronwyn Clark said more than 120 speakers shared their knowledge and expertise from their various countries and jurisdictions about the direction in which pharmacy education is heading, the opportunities with continuing professional development, the types and styles of leadership that make a difference to pharmacy in other parts of the globe and the important elements needed to achieve interprofessional collaboration and practice.

"What triggered a lot of discussion was the 'prophetic' in which pharmacy students and staff explored hypothetical issues with a prophecy about where pharmacy and pharmacy education needs to be," Ms Clark said.

"The next generation is the cohort we need to take notice of and work so closely with as they are the generation that will take our profession forward in bold ways as new technologies, online systems and opportunities not seen before will become their pharmacy 'bread and butter'," she said.

"Our conference also explored the personality traits pharmacists need to work in a new emerging areas of practice. Prof Zubin Austin reminded delegates that collaboration is not just about leadership, experience and resilience but also about being pragmatic, adaptable, holistic and outward looking."

Other topics explored included:

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- Dr Gloria Dall’Alba, Becoming Pharmacy Professionals: Curriculum Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Dr Catriona Bradley, Coaching a Profession: The evolution of CPD in Pharmacy
- Dr Gabrielle Brand, The Physiology of Teaching: Getting the balance right
- Professor Debra Rowett, Through the looking glass: interprofessional communication in practice – nothing is quite what it seems

“Following this successful 12<sup>th</sup> event, APC now hands over the LLLPharm baton to Dublin, scheduled for July 2020.

*“A very hearty congratulations and a big thank you for hosting such a terrific meeting.....one of the best conference programs I've attended in years.”*

*‘I made new professional friends and gained new frameworks to guide my practice. I came away with a few new tools to apply. I leave wishing there were more time to do and see it all!’*

*Wish I had known about this in previous years.’*

*‘Thanks and commendations to you Bronwyn, the host committee and your staff for the fantastic job that you have all done in hosting the LLLP18 conference.’*

*‘Fantastic conference. Not only was it inspiring, I went away with very practical tools that I can implement.’*

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