Pharmacists recognised in Australia Day Honours

Respected pharmacists and PSA members Grant Kardachi FPS, Dr Geraldine Moses FPS, Emil Dan FPS, Dr Carol Armour FPS and Dr Ross Holland MPS have been congratulated by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) for being awarded the status of Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

PSA also applauds PSA members Geoffrey Pritchard FPS and Leonard Levy MPS for receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Pharmacists Jim Siderov and Paul Sinclair were also honoured with the Member of the Order of Australia during the Australia Day celebrations last night.

PSA National President Dr Chris Freeman congratulated all of the pharmacists who were recognised.

"I applaud all of the exceptional pharmacists for their tireless dedication to their profession, to their community's health and to their peak national body, PSA," Dr Freeman said.

“The pharmacy profession has been well represented in this year’s awards. It’s inspiring to see so many pharmacists honoured for their pioneering work to improve Australia’s health.

“These respected leaders and role models have set an inspiring example for our profession.”

Mr Kardachi from Unley Park in South Australia is a past National President and current National Board Director of PSA. Mr Kardachi has owned several community pharmacies while supporting research projects in medication management. He has served the state of South Australia through various foundations, boards and committees.

From Corinda in Queensland, Dr Moses is a hospital-based drug information consultant and clinical pharmacist. She provides the Australian Dental Association's national drug information advisory service Pharma-Advice. Dr Moses is an adjunct associate professor at the University of Queensland and co-founder of medicines education service Pharmeducation. She has served as a member of the PSA Queensland Branch Committee and received PSA’s prestigious Bowl of Hygeia Award in 1993.

Mr Dan from Maroubra in NSW received a PSA Lifetime Award of Excellence in 2009 and has since become a PSA Life Fellow. He was an early pioneer of asthma research in Australia, founding the anti-allergy and asthma treatment initiative Allersearch. His groundbreaking work in this area also includes research for smoking cessation services in pharmacy at the Woolcock Institute of Respiratory Medicine, and lecturing for PSA and the Asthma Foundation.
Dr Armour is a Professor of Pharmacy and Associate Dean of Career Development, Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney. She was recognised for significant service to medical education and asthma management.

Dr Holland was recognised for significant service to pharmacy practice, medical education and professional organisations. Hailing from NSW, he is a PSA Life Fellow and has served as the Dean of Academic Studies at the Australian College of Pharmacy Practice. He is a Past Faculty Member of the World Health Organisation Regional Teacher Training Centre, South Korean Clinical Pharmacy Association.

Recognised for his service to the pharmacy profession, Mr Pritchard from Milsons Point in NSW is a PSA Life Fellow and served as a Liaison Officer for the PSA NSW Branch. His contributions include Director of Pharmacy Services at the Sydney Olympic Games and a number of roles at the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales.

Mr Levy from North Caulfield in Victoria has made longstanding contributions to the Victorian Branch of PSA, including as a Councillor and Chair of various committees. He has contributed many years of service to the Pharmacy Board of Victoria.

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