



Western Australian Pharmacy Students' Association

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

24th of September 2025 - Jamie Alivio

Introduction

Serving as WAPSA's vice president this year has been a very rewarding role and I am lucky to have stood by such an incredible executive and committee. As a team, we have achieved so much and we should all congratulate ourselves for how far we've come and the impact that we have made on our fellow pharmacy students at Curtin. This year, my role has allowed me to focus my energy on creating projects to build on the pillars outlined in our strategic plan, WAPSA 2028. Although some of these projects did not progress as far as I had hoped this year, I hope that what I have set up can be built upon in the years to come.

Projects and Achievements

WAPSA Couch Sessions

With the expanding nature of our profession as pharmacists, we developed the idea of a podcast/video series to explore the stories and different pathways our pharmacy staff at Curtin have taken. The purpose of this podcast/video series was to build on the pillars of People and Engagement from our strategic plan, WAPSA 2028. This year, we have created a youtube account for these episodes to be posted and have recorded 2 episodes interviewing Fei sim and Laurence Cheung. Unfortunately due to time constraints the 2 episodes were insufficient for an official launch and therefore did not take off.

Despite this, I believe that this project has great potential to empower incoming and current pharmacy students and I hope that this project can continue over the following years and expand to pharmacists outside of Curtin.

Yearbooks

Historically, WAPSA had been involved in creating yearbooks for their members, but as the cohort continued to expand, this project had become lost in the abyss. Last year, the idea of a yearbook came to light, and this year we decided to bring them back for the graduating class of 2025 to look back on as a memento of their time at Curtin.

We have set up a relationship with Academic Media, an Australian yearbook printing company on the east coast and they have been very easy to work with. In addition, because of how big the project was, I was able to get a couple helping hands from other 4th years in the cohort to make this idea come to life.



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These yearbooks were highly received by the graduating class, and I hope that this yearbook tradition can continue on for future years.

Sweaters

This year, we designed crew-neck sweaters for Curtin pharmacy students to purchase from WAPSA, which performed very well with a total of 96 sales and multiple enquiries for future purchases. We have set up a relationship with Colonial Brands, a uniform company based in Osborne Park, to create these sweaters.

As this was a new initiative, we decided to have a low-risk approach to sweater sales this year to avoid a high yield of dead-stock. This approach entailed students pre-ordering their sweaters before we made an order with Colonial Brands.

As we are still receiving enquiries about sweater sales from both students and alumni, I believe that this initiative will continue to be a good source of profit and community for future years.

Notion - WAPSA hub

At the beginning of the year, I introduced the WAPSA Hub, a home base to track our projects, events and team members on the software Notion. Through trialling Notion this year, I have found that its use has been limited by the committee as it was on a different platform than a majority of our communication.

Online Presence

Our online presence has been much stronger this year than previous years, with 71.8% more accounts reached on instagram in the last 90 days. Increases in posts, and more specifically reels, have been the driving force behind stronger engagement with our online community.

Relationship with UWA

Our relationship with UWA Master of Pharmacy Society (UWAMPS) has tightened over the course of this year which has led to a stronger sense of community amongst pharmacy students in Western Australia. We hosted some collaborative events with UWAMPS which were highly received by both cohorts of students.

An ongoing close relationship with UWAMPS in the future will allow Western Australian pharmacy students to stand as a united front and foster connection with people we will eventually work with after graduation.



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Recommendations for the Incoming Committee

- Continue to host collaborative events with UWAMPS
- Have a regular and strong social media presence to engage students online
- Launch and continue WAPSA Couch sessions to continue the vision and empower incoming and current pharmacy students about their future careers
- Run another round of sweater pre-orders and order extras to have on hand for immediate sales.
- Acquire sponsorships for projects early in the year
- If the Curtin Stadium is to be used for an event, it needs to be booked 6 months in advance; coincides with event calendar being completed early in the year

WAPSA has been a fun ride to be on in 2025, and I cannot wait to see all the amazing things ahead for our incoming committee for 2026!

Jamie Alivio
WAPSA Vice President 2025