

NEWSLETTER – December 2023

Ms Allyson Warrington appointed as Chair of the Tasmanian Pharmacy Authority (TPA).

Allyson has been a member of the TPA for almost two years.

She is an experienced senior executive and non-executive director with a diverse skill set in leadership and management, corporate governance, service delivery, marketing and communications, strategy, risk, compliance, and policy development.

Allyson's non-executive director roles span over 25 years, most recently as a Director of Primary Health Tasmania (Chairing the Governance Advisory Committee), and Chair of the Board of Cancer Council Tasmania. Her experience in regulation and compliance includes nine years on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, at which time she Chaired the Finance Governance and Communications Committee of the Board, as well as being nominated as a member of the AHPRA Finance Audit and Risk Committee.

Allyson also holds a compliance role as a Member of the Independent Communications Committee for the Commonwealth Government Department of Finance.

She holds a Bachelor of Business and Company Directors Course Diploma, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD) and is former President of the Australian Marketing Institute (Tas) and Public Relations Institute of Australia (Tas).

And in other TPA movementsfarewell Lynn Ayers

We farewell Lynn Ayers as Registrar of TPA towards the end of this month. Lynn held the position for a little over two years and during her tenure made significant improvements to the Registrar functions.

With an increased focus on stakeholder engagement Lynn also developed much needed relationships with other authorities and Government.

Transition role for Christine Timms

We farewell, but are not saying goodbye, to Christine Timms as TPA Chair. Christine's term on the TPA has ended and having not sought re-appointment Christine will be assisting the TPA by undertaking a short-term contract as Transition Consultant, allowing the Authority time to organise a Registrar replacement, along with other projects and support for the incoming Chair. Christine will be acting Registrar during this time.

The Authority acknowledges the enormous contribution Christine has made as a member and as Chair.

Authority Activities September – November 2023.

The Tasmanian Pharmacy Authority has conducted 21 inspections, evaluated 17 applications for either alterations, assessment of a vaccination area or new/relocating pharmacy premises.





Maintenance of your dispensary refrigerator:

Please be reminded dispensary refrigerators used to store medicines and/or vaccines must comply with the “Strive for Five” of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines OR equivalent minimum standards.

- proof of purchase within the last 12 months OR
- proof of annual preventive maintenance in accordance with manufacturer’s specification; and
- evidence of QC2020 cold chain certification or equivalent within the last 24 months

Records of the annual service and any other maintenance or electrical checks should be maintained.

Offsite storage:

Please be reminded if your pharmacy utilizes off-site storage for the storage of personal and health information you should:

- a) have robust quality assurance and security procedures for the collection and the storage of the personal and health information being held at the site.
- b) adequate security measures in place to prevent unauthorised access to the site.
- c) ensure only pharmacists have capacity to access the site and a record of those who have access is maintained.
- d) have processes and procedures in place if unauthorized access to the storage site occurs.
- e) be compliant with the relevant sections of the *Privacy Act 1988* and *Privacy Regulations 2013* relating to the storage of personal and health information.
- f) **NOT** store scheduled medicines at the site.

Christmas Closure.

The Tasmanian Pharmacy Authority will be closed from 22 December 2023 to 08 January 2024.

Please be aware it is a legislative requirement that the owner of a pharmacy business must give the Authority appropriate notice of the occurrence of a disruptive event and/or notice of important events. **Should you require assistance during the Christmas closure please email registrar@pharmacyauthority.tas.gov.au or call on 0417 752 348 and the matter will be progressed.**

The Members of the Tasmanian Pharmacy Authority would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and New Year and look forward to working together in 2024.

