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### **Maxine Goodman acknowledged for support of rural pharmacy**

Former NSW Branch Director of Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Maxine Goodman, was recognised for her long and distinguished involvement in the profession and for her strong support of the Charles Sturt University (CSU) Pharmacy Programme at the Annual Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation Dinner held in July this year.

Ms Goodman was a pioneer of clinical pharmacy in Australia and has always identified the need for pharmacy support staff to be appropriately trained to assist in the variety of situations the position encounters.

“With the support of Maxine and others, the Pharmacy Programme has grown to be one of the most competitive to enter, with the Bachelor Degree being offered at the University’s Orange and Wagga Wagga Campuses” said Foundation Professor of Rural Pharmacy at CSU, Patrick Ball.

“Maxine has been a strong supporter of CSU within the profession,” said Chair of the Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation Peter Gissing. “During her 23 years as Branch Director of the NSW Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia she has been involved in the development of pharmacy education, practice support and advocacy. CSU is extremely fortunate to have her support.”

The Annual Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation Dinner aims to increase knowledge of the shortage of rural pharmacists in Australia and raise awareness of the difference CSU has made in the continuation of quality pharmacy services in inland and rural areas.

Ms Goodman’s previous positions include; President, Secretary and Treasurer, NSW Branch of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Chairman of the NSW Drug Information Review Panel, Director of Hospital Pharmacy at a Western Sydney hospital and Councillor of the NSW Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

The presentation was made to Ms. Goodman by Wagga Pharmacist and Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation Governor, John Mueller.

The Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation was developed to support the CSU pharmacy programme which was established in 1997 with the primary aim of addressing the shortage of pharmacists in rural areas. The Pharmacy Foundation has supported the development of the programme by contributing to the establishment of suitable faculties at the Wagga Wagga and Orange campuses and providing scholarships to students.

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