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MEDIA RELEASE

Queenslander wins Australia's Community Pharmacist of the Year

Queensland pharmacist Molly McGuire, from TerryWhite Chemmart Wilsonton, has been named 2026 National Community Pharmacist of the Year at the National Pharmacy Awards, announced today at the Australasian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP).

Molly was celebrated for her advanced clinical practice, leadership in regional healthcare, and deep community engagement — redefining what patient-centred pharmacy care looks like in Queensland.

Ms McGuire's focus on improving the lives of her patients was clear.

"This award is incredibly humbling, and I accept it on behalf of our entire pharmacy team and the communities we serve," Ms McGuire said.

"Every day we see how powerful it is when patients can walk into their local pharmacy and get timely care – whether that's treatment for a UTI, support with a new medicine, or help managing a chronic condition."

"I'm passionate about showing patients, especially in regional Queensland, that their pharmacist provide advice, care and a health professional who knows their story."

Her achievements include:

- Becoming one of Queensland's inaugural Full Scope Pharmacist Prescribers, delivering assessment, diagnosis and treatment for everyday and chronic conditions
- Advanced training via the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Pharmacy Practice and Prescribing
- Introducing innovations that support patients with disabilities, including Cerge
- Co-founding the Darling Downs Pharmacist Network, strengthening clinical collaboration
- Leading community health initiatives, including support for the Toowoomba Hospice
- Serving on multiple health boards, advocating for regional health equity

"Molly is a standout example of how Queensland pharmacists are leading the way in modern primary healthcare," Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland President Chris Owen said.

"She has embraced the new services available to pharmacists – from prescribing for everyday health conditions to supporting chronic disease and opioid dependence – and has done it with compassion, clinical rigour and a deep sense of responsibility to her community."

"Her leadership in regional Queensland shows what's possible when pharmacists are supported to use all their training. Molly is helping to deliver for patients every single day, creating healthier communities."

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