



The National Return & Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Limited

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Guild's Victorian President elected Chair of Return Unwanted Medicines (RUM) Project

Dipak Sanghvi is the new Chair of the National Return and Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Limited (The RUM Project). The Board elected Mr Sanghvi to succeed Mr Warwick Plunkett at its recent Annual General Meeting.

Mr Sanghvi is Branch President of the Pharmacy Guild Victorian Branch, National Councillor of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the National Vice President. A proprietor pharmacist, Mr Sanghvi is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and of the Australian Institute of Pharmacy Management.

Mr Sanghvi paid tribute to outgoing Chair: "Warwick Plunkett served as Chair of the RUM Project Board from July 2001, a period of six-and-a-half years and guided the company following its reorganisation and renaming in 2001."

"Warwick has been a contributor to pharmacy in many areas for many years, and his overseeing of the success of the RUM Project is an example of his dedication.

"I hope to build on this base for the future expansion of 'consumer awareness' of the RUM Project, and to use the many established pharmacy networks to confirm the RUM Project's objectives."

Mr Sanghvi identified possible options for greater awareness of the project. "In this time of constant change in community pharmacy, we need to ensure governments are aware of the contributions pharmacists make to the well being of consumers."

"I believe the RUM Project demonstrates the commitment community pharmacists have to quality use of medicines, and to the final step in the life of a pharmaceutical - completing the cradle-to-the-grave cycle for medicines."

RUM Project Manager, Simon Appel, also praised the work of Warwick Plunkett and said it is "recognised as making an enormous contribution to the profession and the industry. Projects such as ours owe a great deal to the ability of pharmacists like Warwick to maximise the service's benefits to the community and to the pharmacist."

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