

## First Ambassador for Ageing

Minister for Ageing Mrs Justine Elliot today announced that actor Noeline Brown has been appointed as the first Ambassador for Ageing.

The Federal Government has created the role to ensure that older Australians have a direct link into Government.

Ms Brown, 70, a media personality and an Australia Day Ambassador, will be involved in a range of activities that promote positive and active ageing.

Under her new role she will also promote healthy ageing messages within the community.

## Win a copy of Travelling Well!

TODAY *Pharmacy Daily* is giving away a copy of Dr Deborah Mills' amazing book *Travelling Well*.

The book is a must have guide to a safe and healthy journey, with detailed advice about pre-trip preparation, how to look after yourself while away, and what to do if you get sick.

The highly successful book is now in its 14th edition.

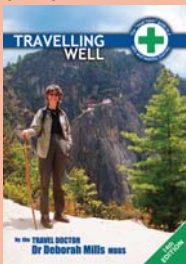
Dr Deborah Mills, widely known as "The Travel Doctor" is one of Australia's leading travel health care providers, and has over 20 years experience in the field.

To enter, pharmacists must correctly answer the following question:

*Which two continents should travellers get Yellow Fever vaccinations before travelling to?*

Email your answers to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au).

The fantastic prize will go to first reader who responds correctly, so for your chance to win, make sure you send in your entry NOW!



## Youth summit talks health

PHARMACEUTICAL companies should be rewarded for creating drugs aimed at improving global health, suggested delegates at the 2020 youth summit on the weekend.

In particular, the Government should reward drug manufacturers that help fight diseases in poor countries, with the aim to make drugs to poor nations cheaper and more accessible.

One hundred delegates aged 15 to 24 spent the weekend in Canberra describing their vision for Australia.

Yesterday they released a top-ten list of ideas to improve the nation, including setting up a federally-funded peak body to look at preventative health strategies.

## Another Stilnox exoneration

A LANDMARK court ruling in Sydney last week found a man not guilty of drink driving because he had also taken a Stilnox tablet.

Robert James Kingston was appealing against an earlier local court verdict where he was found guilty of driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.105.

The judge said he was satisfied the scientific evidence was strong enough to "at least raise a possibility, a real possibility, that the explanation for what happened on this occasion was a case of sleep-driving caused by the use of the drug."

## Generic conference

GENERIC Medicines Australia (PD Fri) is the title of an upcoming conference in Sydney.

Comments attributed in Fri's issue to Alexandra Berecny were made in her capacity as a staffer for the conference organiser, Terapinn, and not on behalf of the Generics Medicines Industry Association (GMiA).

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## DISPENSARY CORNER

**FORGET Xenical** - a man from Essex in the UK has lost 63kg in nine months by downing six cans of baked beans a day.

As the British tabloid *Daily Mirror* pointed out, that's over half a tonne of beans.

But despite people who know about his diet being afraid to light a match near him, Neil King, 40, says that chomping through over 1500 cans of baked beans hasn't given him wind.

"I think my body has just got used to it," he said.

According to wife Cheryl "he's like a new man" since going on the diet.

**IT'S the real life Garfield!**

This fat cat has become famous in Italy for his resemblance to the lasagne loving cartoon character.

And just like Garfield, Orazio has grown to such a size by guzzling everything he can get his paws on.

The three year old tabby now tips the scales at a staggering 16kg and is so large that his owner struggles to pick him up!

There's no doubt this flabby feline has taken Garfield's advice to heart - "Eat every meal as though it were your last".



"I love Lasagne!"

## NSW rent advocate

THE NSW govt has announced the creation of an Office of the Retail Advocate, which would have the power to investigate unscrupulous landlords.

The advocate would have the power to seize documents from shopping centre operators accused of predatory tactics and unconscionable conduct.

## Pharmacy e-bulletin

THIS week's edition of the RGH Hospital Pharmacy E-Bulletin gives an overview of lithium-induced hypercalcaemia, and the advisability of monitoring calcium levels with lithium therapy.

The bulletin is available free - [chris.alderman@rgh.sa.gov.au](mailto:chris.alderman@rgh.sa.gov.au).

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