

Fraser coast pharmacists wanted

TERRY White Chemists in Maryborough, Qld is offering positions for pharmacists on the spectacular Fraser Coast, near Hervey Bay north of Noosa Heads.

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HIP to patent counselling

LISTED pharmacy franchisor Health Information Pharmacy has today announced that it's lodged a worldwide patent application for its 'Chemconsult' Patient Medication Counselling system.

CEO Ken Lee said the process uses a database to match patient and medication data, providing "considerable, unique statistical data relating to medication usage."

He claimed that the system allowed HIP to "supply, for the first time, accurate, prompt feedback on medication use,

ADRAC bulletin

THE TGA has released the Jun edition of the Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin.

Articles include reports of severe skin reactions and venous thromboembolism associated with Protos (stontium ranelate), muscle disorders and statins, and hepatic toxicity with nitrofurantoin - see www.tga.gov.au.

Weight loss surgery

A NEW group called the Australian Institute of Weight Control (AIWC) claims that 4200 premature deaths are likely to be saved over the next decade due to weight loss surgery for very obese Australians.

The AIWC comprises a national network of "purpose-built clinics that incorporate surgical interventions into multi-disciplinary weight loss programs."

A report released yesterday estimates that obesity is costing the Australian community \$21b a year, with the AIWC establishing a 'Circle of Care' program to set minimum standards for surgeons, clinical quality assurance, long term patient support and a strong base of public health research.

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compliance, sensitivities and possible interactions, as well as comparable commercial data.

"Negotiations are already under way with some manufacturers and distributors of prescription pharmaceuticals for access to this valuable data," he said.

HIP said the move meant that pharmacists would now have the potential to be "recognised and paid for the valuable work they do in advising on medication issues to help reduce medication problems and provide health outcomes."

Advantage to girls

RESEARCHERS in Argentina have found that breastfed girls were far less likely than breastfed boys to develop serious respiratory infections requiring a stay in hospital.

The benefits included fewer ear, stomach or intestinal infections, digestive problems, skin diseases and allergies, and less risk of developing high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity.

Pramipexole PBS

PRAMIPEXOLE (Sifrol) has been added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

Pramipexole is one of a number of drugs for Parkinson's known to cause compulsive behaviour in about 20% of patients.

Some overseas patients have sued over the drug, claiming it has turned them into sex addicts or problem gamblers.

Doctors have welcomed the decision to subsidise pramipexole, saying all the alternative drugs have their own potentially serious side effects.

DISPENSARY CORNER

GOLFERS now have a legitimate excuse to swing their clubs around 18 holes.

A study published by the Karolinska Institutet of Sweden has revealed that playing golf can add up to five years to a person's life.

And the lower your handicap, the better your health, according to the report.

Golf players had a lower death rate regardless of gender, age and social group.

THE man who designed the iconic Pringles potato chip packaging system has had his cremated remains interred in a Pringles container.

Fredric J. Baur of Cincinnati, USA died last month aged 89, with one of his greatest achievements being the development of the tubular container, for which he was granted a patent in 1970.

His son Lawrence said Fredric had requested the burial arrangement because he was "so proud of his design."

UNITED Nations scientists are urging people to eat insects to help save the planet.

Some insects in their dried form have twice the protein of raw meat and fish, while others are rich in unsaturated fat and contain important vitamins and minerals, according to a report in the London *Daily Mail*.

Patrick Durst of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation said he believed insects could be one day be marketed as a "healthy alternative to fatty snacks".

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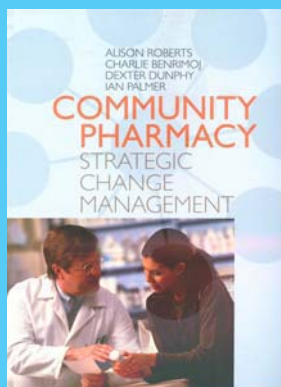
Community Pharmacy: Strategic Change Management has hit the book shelves!

The book, which covers the essential trends and issues in successful pharmacy management for today and the future has been written by S.I. (Charlie) Benrimoj, Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Sydney; Alison Roberts, a research fellow in the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney; Dexter Dunphy, Distinguished Professor and Ian Palmer, Associate Dean (Research) and Professor of Management at the Faculty of Business, University of Technology, Sydney.

The book will help community pharmacists and pharmacy owners adapt to an increasingly competitive retail environment by providing industry-specific tools for change.

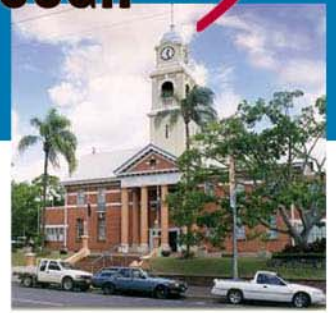
Key features include authentic pharmacy case studies, development by world leading authorities utilising the latest research and balanced coverage with theoretical insights and practical focus.

The book is highly suitable for pharmacy students, providing the knowledge and skills for best practice in community pharmacy - [click here to view a list of bookstores stocking the publication.](#)



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there's so much to do!

whale watching

Each year from late July through to early November, the mighty humpback whales take time out from their annual migration for a bit of R&R in the protected waters of Hervey Bay.

heritage & culture

The Fraser Coast is rapidly expanding as a vibrant, cosmopolitan region, but it hasn't forgotten it is heritage. In fact, the region embraces its colourful, bustling past with reminders spread throughout the area.

arts & crafts

The Fraser Coast has a number of Art Galleries showing local and travelling exhibitions. There are also many Arts and Crafts outlets throughout the Fraser Coast, offering a wide range of local ready-made crafts, artwork and craft supplies.

adventure activities

The Fraser Coast is renowned for its range of adventure activities, from aerial adventures to water adventures and everything else in between. Whether it is an adrenalin rush you are after, or a just physical challenge, then the Fraser Coast region can satisfy your needs.

dining out

Alfresco dining is very popular, and Hervey Bay's Esplanade and marina areas are home to a wide range of quality dining experiences, using the backdrop of the water to full effect. There are casual cafes, bustling restaurants, hotels, Irish pubs and takeaway outlets serving international cuisine, from Asian to Italian, and English to Indian. Maryborough also boasts some exceptional dining outlets. Restaurants overlook the picturesque Mary River, coffee shops are popping up all over the city, and the historic Wharf Street precinct is now brimming with cafes and other dining options.

retail therapy

Shopping...around the Fraser Coast, you'll find plenty of retail therapy. From national brand name stores to family-owned boutiques, you'll find contemporary and traditional shops right around the region. The area is bustling with air-conditioned shopping malls, fascinating arcades and corner stores and country villages that will take you back to your childhood memories. Discover the latest fashions and the latest technology, but also the treasures of yesteryear. Trawl through lively markets that brighten the weekends, or visit the weekly Maryborough Heritage City Markets in the heart of the city every Thursday.



CLIMATE:

Season		Avg. Max Temp.	Avg. Min Temp.
SUMMER	(Dec, Jan, Feb)	30	20
AUTUMN	(Mar, Apr, May)	27	15
WINTER	(Jun, Jul, Aug)	22	9
SPRING	(Sep, Oct, Nov)	25	15

