

NSW PSA election

THE results of the NSW Branch Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia have been declared by the Returning Officer, Mr Russell Noud.

The successful candidates are Peter Carroll, John Bell, Charlie Benrimoj, Alison Roberts, Stephen Carter, Peter Gissing, Claire O'Reilly, Warwick Plunkett, Kati Nicholson and Simone Diamandis.

PSA NSW ceo Steven Drew said the first meeting of the new committee would be on Tue 01 Jul at which a President and two Vice-Presidents will be elected, along with two National Board Members.

Win a Facial Rejuvenation Kit!

CONGRATULATIONS to April Pearce, pharmacy assistant at Ayr District Hospital in Qld, who was the first subscriber yesterday to tell us that two antioxidant ingredients in DermaNew are green tea and grape seed.



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Another Clexane recall

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration yesterday announced it was recalling one additional batch of Clexane (enoxaparin), following previous recalls of six batches earlier this year (*PD* 23 Apr, 28 May).

HRT response

THE Australian Menopause Society (AMS) has responded to an article in this month's Medical Journal of Australia which suggested a link between HRT and breast cancer.

The 02 Jun *MJA* article found that the prescribing of Hormone Replacement Therapy dropped by 40% between 2001 and 2003, with the authors suggesting this is linked to a 6.7% drop in incidence rates of breast cancer over the same period.

However the AMS response cites the 2002 Women's Health Initiative study, which reported no increase in risk of breast cancer in 76% of participants who were first-time users of HRT, and an actual decrease in risk for hysterectomised women treated with oestrogen alone.

AMS said the "reported association over a brief time period" in this month's article "cannot establish a causal link between HRT use and breast cancer rates and should not be used to advocate changes in HRT prescribing."

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The new recall applies to Clexane 120mg, batch no. 12155.

Although there have been no reports of adverse events in Australia associated with the drug, the TGA has been testing batches after reports of contaminants in the USA.

The TGA said that "in the event of difficulties obtaining uncontaminated batches of Clexane, alternative anticoagulants such as Fragmin (dalteparin sodium), unfractionated heparin or oral anticoagulants should be prescribed as clinically appropriate."

NAPSA out there

THE National Association of Pharmacy Students is hailing the success of last month's Pharmacy Week activities in which members were encouraged to go out into their communities to promote the pharmacy profession.

The nationwide pharmacy awareness campaign saw students set up stalls at local shopping centres, giving out information on various health conditions, Self Care Cards and of course, Glucogel jellybeans!

Pharmacy Awareness Chair for NAPSA, Katherine Hancy, said: "Pharmacy Week was a great way for students to become involved with their community and promote themselves as the pharmacists of the future."

RGH Pharmacy

Due to popular demand the **RGH Pharmacy Anticoagulation Handbook** is now available to the pharmacy industry across Australia.

The handbook gives patients important information about warfarin treatment and has a chart to record INR results.

Repatriation General Hospital is making it available for purchase for \$2.80 per booklet, reduced to \$2.40 for PSA and SHPA members.

More information chris.alderman@rgh.sa.gov.au



New assistant training course

THE Pharmacy Guild (NSW Branch) is offering a 'Pharmacy Essentials' accredited course for new and inexperienced pharmacy assistants.

It's a two week face-to-face course which starts on 28 Jul, and Guild member pharmacies receive a special price for the training.

As well as information on interacting with pharmacy customers, service and selling, the course includes details of OTC and prescription medicines, wound care, medical conditions, cosmetics and supplements.

There's also job search readiness and career pathways info - see www.guild.org.au/nsw.

\$163m for aged care

THE Health Dept has officially approved the annual indexation of aged care funding.

Ageing minister Justine Elliot said "We want to ensure that older Australians can live independent lives and age in their own homes, but also have the option to enter aged care homes if they need to."

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Lupin8 is a combination of lupin kernel flour, oat bran, rice meal, corn maize and psyllium husks ground into a powder to help those who need to manage their weight. It influences satiety, thus helping to control hunger pangs between meals. Lupin8 is tasteless so can be added to any normal food; and is wheat-free, with no added gluten, preservatives or colours.

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Stockist: Innixa , Tel: 1800 025 607

Bouquet fit for a princess

Vera Wang Flower Princess is a light and feminine, floral fragrance. Top notes of lush green ivy, tangerine and water lily blend with a heart of orange flower petals, Moroccan roses, jasmine sambac, Riviera mimosa, apricot skin, amber, precious woods and musk.

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Stockist: Coty , Tel: 1800 812 663



Star secrets revealed



Doutzen Kroes and Linda Evangelista have inspired new launches into two of the existing L'Oréal Paris Star Secrets ranges. The Colour Riche Star Secrets has two new lip colours in the models' signature lip shades (blush 717 and mauve 716), while the Colour Appeal Star Secrets Trios includes two new shades (beige 303 and smoky chestnut 323).

RRP: \$20.50 (lips) \$23.50 (trio)

Stockist: L'Oréal Paris , Tel: 1300 659 259

Moroccan harvest

Discover the olfactory richness of a splendid Moroccan flower with Givenchy's latest Very Irresistible. Rosa damascene weaves with freshness into top notes of star anise and verbena which is in smooth middle accord with sophisticated tea rose and mingles with patchouli for an intense base.

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Australis has released their new Lash Me Mousse Mascara. The mousse formulation coats every lash individually for maximum thickness, curl and extension. Available in five different shades, it is also fragrance free and suitable for sensitive eyes and contact lens wearers.

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AUTHORITIES in Romania have put a seven-year-old boy who weighs more than 100kg into the care of the state so that doctors can help him lose weight.

"We've taken charge of him for an unlimited period. He'll be put on a regime of strict diet and physical exercise in a special care centre," said a spokesperson for the Romanian child protection agency.

His impoverished parents admitted mainly feeding the boy bread and lard.

ONLY in America.

A New York man has launched a range of condoms branded for the US Presidential elections which take place in Nov.

The condoms carrying the image of Republican candidate, Vietnam veteran John McCain, are said to be "battle tested, strong and durable, for those occasions when you just need to switch your position!"

And for those featuring Democrat Barack Obama a promotional website warns that "without wearing one, there's likely to be an Obama-Mama in your future."



LEFT: The John McCain version of the condom.



AND right, the Barack Obama version.

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