

Register for PAC

THERE'S still a short time to register for this year's Pharmacy Australia Congress which kicks off at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre on Fri 24 Oct.

There's also a Pharmacists' Gold Day on Thu before special interest groups on Fri, and the finals of the PSA Alphapharm Pharmacy Student of the Year plus the Gala Dinner on Sat.

More info and registrations at www.pac2008.com.au.

Obesity campaign

THE Health Department has launched a new national *Measure Up* campaign aiming to tackle obesity in Australia.

The promotion includes TV ads encouraging Aussies to measure their waists, with the first on air last night.

For most Australians a waist measurement of over 94cm for men and 80cm for women means increased risk of chronic disease.

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Over 2300 sign up for PMP

THE PSA and the Pharmacy Guild have confirmed that more than 2300 pharmacies across Australia are currently registered for the Patient Medication Profile Program.

Acting Guild president Ian Todd said the Guild had received "overwhelmingly positive feedback about the patient benefits of the PMP from our key stakeholder groups."

The program gives eligible patients a comprehensive profile

Bowel prep tablet

PHARMATEL Fresenius Kabi has released Diacol, the first bowel preparation medication in tablet form for patients undergoing bowel screening.

The company said it's a more tolerable option than liquid cleansing options and is more effective, improving the accuracy of colonoscopy investigations.

This week is Australian Gastroenterology Week, with The Gut Foundation's Prof Terry Bolin saying screening can prevent up to 90% of bowel cancer cases.

Tim wins Slimmm

THANKS to everyone who entered last week's Slimmm comp. Congratulations to Tim Davis of Ron Roberts Chemist, The Junction, who was last Friday's lucky winner.

Tim will be sent a Slimmm Starter Pack, courtesy of Australian Pharmaceutical Industries.

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PORTABLE music players can cause permanent hearing damage within five years, according to a study published by the European Commission this week.

Researchers slammed the concept of "leisure noise" and said children and teenagers should be protected from high sound levels from MP3 players and loud mobile phones.

"There has been increasing concern about exposure from the new generation of personal music players which can reproduce sounds at very high volumes without loss of quality," said an official statement.

They calculated that up to 10 million people in the EU were in the high risk category of listening for more than five hours a week at over 89 decibels.

AND while we're on the subject of the health risks of modern living, the British Association of Dermatologists has warned that some mobile phone handsets can give users rashes on their faces and ears.

Most prevalent in people who spend long periods of time on the phone, the allergic reaction is due to nickel which is often part of the handset casing or buttons, "particularly in the most fashionable models."

The association said women were particularly prone to "mobile phone dermatitis" as they may have been previously sensitised to the metal due to previous reactions to nickel-plated jewellery.

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All natural ingredients and Maxi Lip formula build on to your natural collagen to give you a luscious pout.

For a chance to win, send your answer to the below question to:
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What are the five main ingredients in Collagen Booster?

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