

Blackmores chief

BLACKMORES has today announced that Christine Holgate has been appointed as the company's new chief executive officer and managing director.

Holgate moves from a senior role with Telstra and has also held senior positions with companies including JP Morgan, Energis and Wireless PLC in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Australia.

Her commencement date hasn't yet been finalised but Blackmores said it would be before the end of the calendar year.

Gut site launched

BOEHRINGER Ingelheim has helped fund the development of a new website which aims to provide a useful and constantly updated resource in managing stomach aches and cramps.

www.mystomachache.com.au offers information on symptoms, treatment options, educational materials and other tips.

New Aussie skin product

AUSTRALIAN research and development could lead to a new global blockbuster treatment for skin cancer, according to Peplin which today held a roadshow to launch the Phase III trials of its PEP005 Gel.

Speaking at the event in Sydney, Peplin ceo Tom Wiggins said the product is based on work carried out at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research by

Retirement robbery

A PHARMACY in Victoria was robbed last week - on the same day as the part-owner retired.

About \$1500 worth of drugs, including codeine, were stolen from the Daylesford Chemmart Pharmacy around 2am on Sep 19.

Pharmacist Peter Anderson retired that day after 20 years at the pharmacy.

Vale Peter Leonard

THE Pharmacy Guild is today mourning the death of Canberra media identity Peter Leonard, who as well as being the local WIN newsreader also worked as the head of the Guild's national communications until 2003.

Many pharmacists from around Australia will remember Peter from his role as master of ceremonies for the APP conference, with Guild president Kos Sclavos saying "his contribution to community pharmacy in Australia will always be remembered."

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Minfos upgrade

MINFOS is set to shortly release the next generation of its fully integrated pharmacy management system, which has been under development for the past year.

The company claims it will deliver improved dispense functionality and a superior database, with an updated user interface and new functions.

The new software will be tested in twenty pharmacies around the country before being rolled out nationwide.

Existing Minfos customers will be upgraded to the new version free of charge, with the software set to be available to the rest of the industry early in 2009.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

THE ceo of biotech company Peplin, Thomas Wiggins, is a very proud pharmacist.

He told attendees at a Sydney function today (see story p1) that he originally graduated from the University of Kansas and now has more than 28 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

When one of the media present asked him about opportunities for pharmacists in relation to Peplin's potential new treatment for actinic keratosis, he said: "I think the opportunities for pharmacists at Peplin are excellent because they hired me."

He later clarified that the new product would also be great for retail pharmacists, creating a possible new prescription medication which will replace procedures more commonly undertaken by dermatologists.

THE Peplin event was held at Sydney's upmarket Aria restaurant, and Wiggins also quipped that "you're probably wondering why we skimmed on the table centrepieces."

In fact instead of a flower arrangement each table had a growing specimen of *Eurphorbia peplus*, commonly known as radium weed (below).

Peplin's new sunspot treatment is derived from the plant's sap.



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