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New schedule to be uniform

STATES and territories have agreed in principle that scheduling decisions will be adopted uniformly across Australia, according to a report published by the TGA today.

The document summarises feedback from a working group from the National Coordinating Committee on Therapeutic Goods (NCCTG), which took submissions on the proposed new Scheduling Policy Framework (PD 20 Apr).

A range of organisations gave feedback including the Guild, PSA, ASMI and several manufacturers, with today's release giving the committee's responses.

A PSA request that notifications of decisions to "external, peak professional organisations prior to publication" has been knocked back, with all notifications to be made electronically to all affected parties simultaneously.

Not such a clear view

THE UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has issued a medical device alert relating to the Clearview HCG pregnancy testing kit - which is also available in Australia.

The move follows an investigation which showed a risk of false positive results when the test results are read beyond 3 minutes.

ASMI also warned that proposals to publish full public submissions "departs from current practice" but the group said this was in line with freedom of information initiatives.

The committee also responded to concerns about the removal of Appendix H and advertising of S3 substances, saying this was a key recommendation of the Galbally Review, with details of changes to the advertising of therapeutic goods to be the subject of a public consultation paper later this year.

The Guild proposal for an S3 recordable Appendix N and PSA's Appendix L (substances allowed to be sold by licensed poisons sellers) "will be considered by the NCCTG in the future".

US pharmacy Bad?

THE Nevada pharmacy which allegedly supplied propofol to Michael Jackson's personal physician has been raided by the US Drug Enforcement Agency.

Officers served a search warrant on Applied Pharmacy Services of Las Vegas, amid claims that Conrad Murray obtained the drug there and transported it to the neighbouring state of California - where Dr Murray is not registered to prescribe or administer controlled substances.

It's claimed that Murray administered propofol to Jackson shortly before his 25 Jun death.

Irish surrender

THE Irish Pharmacy Union (IPU) has urged pharmacists to resume normal services immediately "in the interests of patient safety."

The pharmacy industry in Ireland has been in turmoil since 01 Aug, when hundreds of pharmacists withdrew from the government drug subsidy schemes in protest against cuts which the IPU claimed would reduce pharmacy remuneration by as much as 34%.

The government says the figure is more like 24%, but argues that pharmacists will continue to earn high margins on prescriptions.

Yesterday's capitulation was "in order to prevent a recurrence of the chaotic scenes of yesterday and last week, and in light of commitments made by the Minister in recent statements," according to the IPU.

It also followed formal requests to the government from more than 50 pharmacies to recommence providing services under the state drug schemes.

IPU President, Liz Hocter, said that issues had still not been resolved and warned that further disruptions were inevitable if no basis for agreement with the government was found.

"In this dispute I hope it was made clear to people that our ability to continue to provide high levels of service is threatened by the Minister's actions. That is a key point for people to remember long into the future," she insisted.

WIN LASH ME MOUSSE MASCARA



CONGRATULATIONS to Luisa Cardamone Brown from The Pharmacy Guild of Australia, VIC, who was yesterday's lucky winner of an Australis Lash Me Mousse Mascara.

Australis has teamed up with *Pharmacy Daily* this week, giving readers the chance to win an Australis Lash Me Mousse Mascara in Blueberry.

Valued at \$17.95, the revolutionary new mascara defines and separates lashes like never before!

The difference lies in the patented German designed brush which separates and targets hard-to-reach lashes.

The superior 3-in-1 mousse formulation also coats every lash for maximum thickness, curl and extension while the bamboo extract and vitamin E nourishes the hair cuticle and prevents breakage. This mascara is also great for sensitive eyes.

For your chance to win your very own Lash Me Mousse Mascara, simply send through the correct answer to the following question :

**Why should you not pump mascara
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The first correct entry received each day will win!

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There's still time to register for the Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference, at Mount Buller in Victoria from 30 August - 3rd September.

The conference combines the ultimate alpine experience with interactive, pharmacy focused conference sessions. Engage with industry experts and pharmacists from across Australia, while appreciating the magnificent surroundings of the High Country.

With good snow cover and snowfall forecast to continue, we are looking forward to a fabulous week in the snow!

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"BOOZE never made you look so good".

That's the tag line from a new 'Vinotherapy Spa' which recently opened at the Vine Hotel in the Portuguese island of Madeira.

The spa offers a range of (external!) treatments using Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet grapes, which it said were known for their anti-ageing properties.

The most popular treatment is the 'Red Wine Divine Bath' which involves a full body peel, followed by a bath of grape oils, a full body massage - and a glass of red wine.

BLAME the Stilnox.

A US man has been jailed after "yawning boisterously" during a court case.

33-year-old Clifton Williams is in court to watch his cousin, Jason Mayfield, plead guilty to a drug charge, when he stretched and let out a yawn, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

The judge sentenced Mayfield to two years' probation for the drugs charge - then sentenced Clifton to six months for the yawn.

A spokesman for the State's Attorney office insisted that "It was not a simple yawn - it was a loud and boisterous attempt to disrupt the proceedings."

A UK THEME park is considering introducing compulsory bikini waxing for its male guests.

The Alton Park attraction in Staffordshire has a number of water-themed activities, and has already banned skimpy swimmers.

"To prevent embarrassment among fellow members of the public and to maintain the family friendly atmosphere of the resort, bosses have taken the extreme measure of banning these tight trunks," an official statement said.

"While women may hail the return of the skimpy bathers, the style itself is not deemed public or family friendly.

"The resort is also considering introducing mandatory bikini waxing for men, in a bid to prevent unsightly hair from being on display," the company added.

Double Twist for a double take!

REVLON have announced the release of their latest cosmetic innovation - Revlon Double Twist Mascara. Available in waterproof and non-waterproof formulas, the new and improved product features a revolutionary 2-in-1 brush uniquely designed to both thicken and define your lashes in a single stroke. In addition, the breakthrough formula is specially enhanced with polymers, not only providing rich colour and increased lash volume and lustre, but also guaranteeing a sleeker texture for better application.

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Modern make-over for traditional tonics



Clements has released a new PET packaging makeover for its two traditional liquid supplements - Clements Iron and Tonic - making these popular products even safer and easier to use. The renowned and reliable formulas packed with essential nutrients and minerals that have been keeping Australians healthy for more than 120 years remain unchanged - just more accessible courtesy of the fully-recyclable plastic bottles which are

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Stylish Sun Protection...

We all know how important it is to 'slip,slop,slap' in order to protect our skin from the harsh Australian sun, but it can be easy to get caught out. Now, thanks to Sunpouch 30+ Sunscreen Lotion, staying protected from the sun is quick and convenient. This new Australian-made, environmentally-friendly, fragrance-free cream provides 4 hours water-resistant broad spectrum protection from UVA/UVB rays and is specially packed in a funky resealable 75ml foil pouch so you can store it and take it with you anywhere.

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