



New CSL coo

PETER Turner has been named as the Chief Operating Officer of Australian biopharmaceutical manufacturer CSL Limited.

Other changes at the company will see chief financial officer Tony Cipa retire towards the end of 2010, while current ceo Brian McNamee will continue to lead the company for at least 3-4 years.

British outrage

THE Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has strongly criticised a new draft set of regulatory standards for pharmacy in the UK, saying they're "neither evidence-based nor proportionate to risk".

Pharmacy in the UK is undergoing major changes, and the three National Pharmacy Boards say the proposed draft standards created by the Department of Health haven't involved sufficient consultation with the industry, and "are neither flexible nor broad enough."

Community pharmacy vital

OVER the past year some ten million Australians have turned to their local pharmacist for health care and medicinal information, according to the latest research by Galaxy Research.

The study was reported today by the Pharmacy Guild, and found that pharmacists are second only to GPs when it comes to seeking information on medicines or the treatment of minor illnesses.

76% of respondents said they believe pharmacies provide "excellent advice" about medicines and ways to treat minor ailments, while other acknowledged benefits of pharmacy from the survey include being convenient and reliable (87%) and offering free advice (81%).

More than 88% of people said they would seek advice from their doctor if there was no pharmacist to consult, showing that the

absence of a community pharmacy in a local area would put further strain on the health system.

"This research confirms the high value that Australians place on their local community pharmacy for advice about medicines and on the treatment of minor illnesses," said Guild President, Kos Sclavos.

"We thank the Australian public for the confidence they show in Australia's unique community pharmacy model, where they know a pharmacist is always available to give them reliable advice on medicines and health," he added.

"Community pharmacies are a great and valued national health asset, and they deserve to be supported and sustained – they're an important part of what continues to make Australia's health system the envy of the Western world."

Mental illness stigma

THE most stigmatised mental illness is schizophrenia, according to the latest research by Sane Australia.

Around 1 in 4 complaints made to Sane's media watchdog were found to relate to the sensationalism and misunderstanding of the disease in the media, as opposed to the 1 in 50 that related to depression.

Workforce appointee

MARK Cormack has been named as the first Chief Executive of Health Workforce Australia.

The new agency will be established in Adelaide, with Cormack relocating from his current role as ceo of the ACT Health Department.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon said Health Workforce Australia has been established to "produce more effective, streamlined and integrated clinical training arrangements and to support workforce reform initiatives."

Fourth TGA bill

THE Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No 3) Bill 2009 has been formally introduced into the House of Representatives, with key amendments in the legislation including the new framework for the regulation of biologicals, and more flexible arrangements for the recall of batches of goods.

UK warfarin review

THE UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has ordered amendments to the safety sections in the product information for warfarin "to give clearer, up-to-date advice" after a review of adverse drug reaction reports, published literature and current practice guidelines.

Vaccination survey

THE Influenza Specialist Group is asking pharmacists and pharmacy workers to participate in an online survey aiming to measure the success of the swine flu vaccination program for healthcare staff.

The ISG said anecdotal feedback on the scheme has been variable, ranging from disappointing uptake in some areas to almost 100% compliance in others.

The survey asks health workers for their suggestions as to how influenza vaccination programs could be improved, with participants who complete the questionnaire in the running for a \$250 shopping voucher - isg.org.au.

TGA colour guide

THE TGA has published a list of permitted colourings for use in complementary, over the counter and prescription oral medications.

The listed colouring agents may be used in medicines without the requirement for sponsors to submit an application for evaluation, and equivalents to the compounds such as aluminium and calcium salts are also considered acceptable.

The document also outlines the TGA's evaluation requirements for new colourings designed for use in all oral medications.

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EMERGENCY services in the US were yesterday called to what's become a regular occurrence in this week as an Arctic cold snap sweeps the country.

Firefighters in Boise, Idaho had to administer a glass of warm water to free the tongue of a 10-year-old boy from an icy metal pole, after he became stuck when he licked it for a dare.

The rescue workers said the boy's tongue was bleeding slightly, but he was OK and was allowed to continue walking to school.

THE search for Australia's best backside kicks off tonight with a special event in Longreach in the centre of Queensland.

It's the first heat of the annual Australia's Best Butt Competition which culminates at the Julia Creek Dirt and Dust Festival in April next year.

Organiser Margie Ryder said there are strict rules for the event: "You have to be over 18, you have to be wearing jeans, they can't have any holes in them and you can't be intoxicated".

She said the key to winning was to "get the crowd going."

"It's not about the looks; it's about how you can move it, wriggle it - it can be any size...it's just a lot of fun," Ryder added.

AN AFRICAN king has proposed the reintroduction of the ancient practice of circumcision, as a way to help his community fight HIV.

King Goodwill Zwelithini, who's the head of South Africa's Zulu tribe, is in talks with the country's health officials about bringing back circumcision, which was banned by King Shaka more than 100 years ago because he said it "robbed him of young warriors for months at a time."

More than five million South Africans are estimated to be infected with HIV, and some studies have suggested that circumcising men can reduce their chances of contracting the virus by up to 50%.

Relive the 80's.

The new **Neons range** from **BYS Cosmetic** has bright colours and flouros for a great summer look. Make a statement with bold colours such as Yellow, Blue, Pink, Coral, Green, Orange and Purple. Eyeliners available in liquid and pencil.

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