

Hurry, before it goes!

ACCOMMODATION for the APP conference (02-05 Apr) on the Gold Coast is selling out fast, with the two most popular venues almost completely booked.

Delegates are invited to take advantage of special conference accom. rates over the Easter break, after the conference ends.

See: www.appconference.com.

Pharmacist guilty

A NEW Zealand pharmacist has been found guilty of professional misconduct for dispensing 773 prescriptions for the pseudoephedrine-based drug Sudomyl - a total of 46,380 60mg tablets - prescribed over five months by a "rogue doctor" in Auckland.

According to reports, the pharmacist claims he thought he was co-operating in the probe as the authorities had not told him to stop dispensing the medicines.

The doctor was fined and had his doctor's registration cancelled.

The Health Practitioners' Disciplinary Tribunal will decide the pharmacist's penalty after further submissions are made next month.

Botox birth alert

THE Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australasia has issued a report urging members to comply with guidelines for the use of Botox, after reports of a 2005 case linking the use of Botox during pregnancy with birth defects.

"Botulinum toxin should not be prescribed to pregnant women," said the CPSA, which reaffirmed Botox's safety profile but warned there were "some circumstances, such as during pregnancy, breast feeding, glaucoma and neuromuscular disease where it is not an appropriate medication."

The birth defect was one of 46 adverse reactions to botulinum type A toxin reported to the TGA since 1994.

Climate change health link

THE effects of climate change on health will be examined as part of several new research projects funded by the Federal Government.

Research bodies will include the CSIRO, NCCARF, and NHMRC, examining areas such as greater incidences of infectious diseases, increases in bushfire-related injuries, and spikes in heat-related death and illnesses.

Earlier this week Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, released the govt's *Human Health and Climate Change - a National Adaptation Research Plan* which outlines the research priorities over the next five to seven years.

The plan suggests that the key

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research areas include heat, extreme weather, vector-borne disease, mental health, health care, food safety, and the factors that influence risk.

"By 2020 the number of heat-related deaths in our capital cities is projected to double, we are likely to see more food-safety related illness, and dengue fever is likely to spread southwards.

"We need to better understand the diversity of these health risks, who will be most vulnerable, and the action governments, individuals and communities can take," said Wong.

It's the first time the National Health and Medical Research Council has listed climate change in its funding guidelines.

New RACP CEO

DR JENNIFER Alexander has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

Dr Alexander previously served five years as CEO of the Australian Institute of Management (NSW & ACT).

Fragrance finder

FRAGRANCE guru, Michael Edwards, has partnered with US-based Hearst Magazines to launch an online tool and database for the exclusive use of the fragrance community, including pharmacy assistants.

The fragrance finder will provide recommendations and details on 6,500-plus scents.

Job security healthy

THE healthcare sector is the top choice for job security in today's financial climate, according to research from IbisWorld.

Robert Bryant, gm of independent research house IbisWorld, has picked biotechnology and cosmetic and toiletry retailing as among the most resilient industries.

Cosmetic sales are also expected to thrive as cheaper alternatives to other "feel good" items such as fashion, and men's grooming will boom, thanks to the growth of "manscaping".

Parkes Pharmacy's all shook up



PARKES Pharmacy lived like the King at the annual 'Parkes Elvis Festival' a few weeks ago.

The five day festival featured more than 120 events including the Elvis Gospel Church service and The Elvis Street Parade.

The theme for this years event was 'Jail House Rock', and Parkes

Pharmacy certainly stole the show, entering the street parade, and the window competition, with staff member Tamara winning the coveted 'best dressed' prize.

Pictured above is Alex Clarke, Lauren Lowe, Lauren Chislett, Kodie Keed, Heidi Krieg, Susie Kinsella and Tamra Bartholomaeus.



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Packaging pioneer

Physician's Formula has introduced its 100% certified Organic Wear make-up range, free from chemical nasties and synthetic fragrances. The powder compact uses 93% less plastic in its packaging than a traditional compact, according to the company. The super-fine powders, with moisturising ingredients, come in an array of soft shades.

RRP: \$27.95 - 34.95
Stockist: Frostbland
Tel: (02) 8709 8800



Mature solution

L'Oreal's Age Perfect Cleansing Milk is the first anti-fatigue product designed to de-crinkle, hydrate and nurture mature skin. Contained in the formula is magnesium, which cleanses skin while vitamin C re-energises. The Age Perfect Toning Lotion also helps to revive skin, leaving it fresh and bright.

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Satin softness

Clarins Satin-Smooth Body Lotion makes the grand claim that it infuses skin with the suppleness of satin, and it's true that the light texture melts into the skin and provides lasting hydration. Like all Clarins products, this lotion is based on botanical plant extracts which are selected according to strict criteria for effectiveness and safety.

RRP: \$55
Stockist: Trimex
Tel: (02) 9663 4277



Special edition of a pharmacy favourite

The best-selling fragrance in pharmacy for years, Tabu, has created an alternative choice for loyal customers. Tabu Sapphire has floral notes of Italian bergamot, sheer white spice accord, orange blossoms, lush peony and white jasmine, bound by a base of amber, tonka beans, vetiver and white oakmoss.

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Cherry blossom calm

Palmolive Naturals Cherry Blossom Calming Moisture Shower Milk is 100% soap-free. Enriched with the goodness of natural milk proteins and cherry blossom extract to help leave skin clean and soft, whilst the subtle scent calms the senses to help cleanse the mind and spirit. Suitable for all skin types and pH-balanced.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

WHAT else says 'I love you' more than a roll of toilet paper?

Justpaperroses.com, has come up with a rather interesting Valentines Day gift, a roll of toilet paper with 'I love you' from top to bottom' printed on it.

"Nobody is more surprised than us at the amount of TP we sell, and the biggest surprise is 80% of our toilet paper customers are women!" said company owner, Jeff Block.

Other justpaperroses.com offerings include 'Happy 1st paper Anniversary' toilet paper rolls, with their main focus being 'roses' themed for each of the wedding anniversary 'years', including paper, cotton and leather -right through to crystal for the 15th anniversary.

SICK of the kids screaming over the holidays?

Imagine being the mother of octuplets!

An unidentified woman has recently given birth to six girls and two boys in a hospital in Southern California.

The babies, weighing between 820g and 1.5kg, are, according to doctors "doing quite well".

Fortunately for the mother, the delivery took a mere 5 mins, with the babies "all screaming and kicking around very vigorously," according to obstetrician Dr Harold Henry.

Reports say a total of 46 hospital staff and four delivery rooms were used for the delivery which came with a surprise - initial scans had only shown seven infants in utero.

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