

### Bowel cancer backlash

THE Government has got it wrong on bowel cancer, according to The Gut Foundation, which lashed out at last night's budget.

Although four more years of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program is welcome, the Foundation was disappointed the Govt did not move on its position to withhold two new bowel cancer drugs from PBS listing.

### Budget is 'tough but fair'

THE Federal Budget announced by Treasurer Wayne Swan last night is tough but fair and focuses on saving without cutting too deeply into the hip pocket of vital health programs and services, according to The Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

### PBS logic questioned

THE \$2.2b budgetary windfall for mental health has been praised by Medicines Australia, however the Govt's decision to block patient access to the latest mental health drugs has been called into question.

"Mental health problems are a major cause of disability in Australia today, affecting many consumers and carers," said Medicines Australia chief executive Dr Brendan Shaw.

"It is encouraging to see mental health receive the kind of funding it deserves.

"But it simply doesn't make sense to make an investment of that magnitude on one hand, and on the other make a political decision to block access to the latest schizophrenia treatment," he added.

Shaw called the Government's PBS delays a "false economy", saying that listing the latest schizophrenia drug would save the national coffers as much as \$52m.

"It makes no sense to make such an enormous investment in mental health without investing in the latest treatments, particularly when those treatments have been recommended by the Governments' own independent expert committee," he said.

### Mental health welcome

A BUDGET allocation of \$2.2 billion over five years to improve the mental health of Australians has been welcomed by The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

Focused on prevention, early intervention and better integrated systems, the funding includes around \$201m as a carrot to get the States and Territories to increase investment into their areas of responsibility.

The funding will also target gaps in the admission and discharge of patients from hospital, as well as supported residential services.

Substantial funds will also be funnelled into better co-ordination and meeting primary care service gaps through Medicare Locals.

"This is very welcome funding and the PSA looks forward to working with the States and Territories, and Medicare Locals, in addressing these priority areas and using the skills of pharmacists to ensure the most cost-effective outcomes for patients from these funds," said Acting President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Grant Kardachi.

MEANWHILE the PSA is hoping to get a bite of the budget funding pie, saying its liaison pharmacist proposal could protect Aussies living with mental illness who are transferring between health-care settings and health-care providers from adverse medication events, whilst also ensuring medication compliance.

"We look forward to working with States and Territories to further develop the liaison pharmacist role," Kardachi said.

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### DISPENSARY CORNER

#### THE fall of Rome?

Italian citizens are fleeing the eternal city in droves in response to rumours that "self-taught seismologist" Raffaele Bendandi, predicted a massive earthquake would devastate the city today.

Bendandi died in 1979 but his writings have been very popular, leading to a cult following.

The rumour began after fans believed they detected the prediction in his writings; however the president of the Bendandi Foundation has responded saying: "I can say with complete certainty that in Bendandi's documents there is no trace of a prophecy about an earthquake in Rome on May 11".

This reassurance has however failed to convince thousands of Romans who have shut up their shops, and travelled to the outskirts of the city, whilst police have reportedly been flooded with calls about the prediction.

#### BEEES buzz off.

Scientists working at a medical school in the Scottish city of Dundee have been stung by the theft of four hives containing thousands of rare British black bees.

The bees are part of a \$3m neuroscience research project into the effect of pesticides in bee learning and health.

"This theft will undoubtedly hamper our research," said Dr Chris Connolly, the lead bee researcher.

Connolly also said the bees were most probably stolen for sale or breeding, but that they were "very unique" and would be easy to identify if they were sold.

**ONE** card game you wouldn't want to enter!

A Chinese man, Bai Dengchun, has made headlines after translating his Kung Fu training into throwing playing cards like knives.

Dengchun's card skills are so great that he has been found to be able to throw a card with such force and accuracy as to slice a cucumber from 16-feet away.



#### Try gentle cleansing with Trilogly

Trilogly's **Very Gentle Cleansing Cream** is a welcome washing option for sensitive, irritated and dry skin types which are prone to flaring up with other cleansers. Being a cream formula, it's soothing, rather than stripping, and utilises plant oils rather than detergents to cleanse skin and remove make-up. Key ingredients in the formula include water, sweet almond oil, camellia oil, avocado fruit oil, chamomile flower oil, olive oil, evening primrose oil, rosemary leaf and green tea extract.

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#### Caroline can help with your itchy scalp

People who have issues with dry, sensitive, itchy and flaky skin and scalps, may find some relief with **Caroline's All Purpose Wash**. Created as an all in one shampoo, conditioner, face and body wash, shaving agent and make-up remover, the wash is a natural-based alternative to soap products. The formula is created using golden seal herbal extract, borage seed, rosehip oil, wheat germ, jojoba oil, tocopheryl acetate – (natural Vitamin E), calendula herbal extract, aloe vera, benzoin tincture simple, evening primrose oil and avocado oil. The wash also contains no added fragrance.

RRP: \$31.95

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#### Caring for hair post-waxing

Designed for men and women who want to slow down hair regrowth following waxing, **Guinot's 'Epil Confort Visage' (After Hair Face Care)** cream targets and breaks down hair from its root. Lemon and papaya extract also act to lighten regrowth, whilst aloe vera and chamomile calm waxed areas, and bulbaïne, skin tree and extracts of corn and arnica also help to retard hair growth. For best results users are advised to apply twice daily.

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#### Passionately pink and plump pout that detects drink spiking

**2 Love My Lips** has released a range of vibrant glosses infused with mint to plump the lip area, leaving lips full but without being sticky. In addition the product features breath freshening ingredients. Lip glosses in the range come in Passionate Pink, Beautiful Pink, Charismatic Cherry, Posh Gloss and Sophisticated Coffee. Perhaps the most interesting and useful element of this range is the fact that each gloss comes with its own drink spike detector kit. The drink test detects gamma hydroxy butyrate (GHB) and ketamine (but not rohypnol). To use the test users simply need to place a drop of their drink onto both control dots at the end of the strip and smear each drop over the circle with a finger. If either spot turns blue it means the drink has been spiked either GHB or ketamine.

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#### Bio Nourishing Jojoba Oil

AOM's **Bio Nourishing Jojoba Oil** harnesses the skin mimicking properties of natural jojoba, to naturally moisturise and protect the skin without blocking pores. Jojoba is famed for its unique chemical composition which closely resembles the skin's own natural oils, and is good for protecting skin against water and lipid loss. In addition jojoba is rich in phytosterols and Vitamin E, which help soften the skin.

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