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TGA seeks new advisors

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a call for expressions of interest from experts on a number of its key advisory committees.

More than 50 advisors are being sought from a range of fields, with the appointments expected to commence in early 2014 for a period of up to three years.

Places are available on Advisory Committees in areas including Biologicals, Medical Devices, Complementary Medicines, Prescription Medicines, Non-Prescription Medicines, the Safety

of Medicines and the Safety of Medical Devices.

"If you have expertise in relevant clinical or scientific fields or appropriate consumer issues, and want to contribute to the regulation of therapeutic goods in Australia, we would like to hear from you," the TGA says on its website.

Applicants can indicate a preferred committee, but final membership will be in light of the experience required and ensuring an appropriate cross representation of expertise across all committees.

Expressions of interest will be valid for 12 months and also may be used, if suitable, to fill unexpected committee vacancies and may also be put forward for other TGA expert committees.

Remuneration and travel for all TGA statutory advisory committees is in accordance with the latest Remuneration Tribunal determinations, and members are bound by committee-in-confidence obligations, as well as obligations to declare all potential conflicts of interest.

Enquiries can be made by email to committee.vacancies@tga.gov.au or 02 6232 8172, with expressions of interest to be received by 04 Aug.

Youth headspace

FIFTEEN new *headspace* youth mental health services are set to open across the country to support young people dealing with depression, substance abuse and other mental health issues.

Former Minister for Mental Health Mark Butler, said that the 15 new sites target young people in rural, regional and metro areas with a welcoming and comfortable holistic health service.

"We know that 1 in 4 young people will experience a mental health issue this year," he said.

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National relay service

THE launch of the new National Relay Service will help enhance communication options for people in the community, with new services available including a video relay service which will enable deaf Australians to communicate using sign language.

There's also a new SMS relay service which enables deaf, hearing and speech impaired Australians to send an SMS from a standard mobile phone through the National Relay Service and to another party.

Additional new services will roll out later in the year, including a two-way internet relay; a web-based captioned telephony service; and an application for mobile devices to provide easy access to a range of NRS services.

See www.relayservice.gov.au.

New Rosehip studies

THE makers of Rose-Hip Vital have called on pharmacists to "acknowledge the mounting evidence supporting the anti-inflammatory action of standard Rosehip powder," in the light of two new studies presented in Europe recently which showed improved flexion and knee extension and reduced inflammation in patients taking Rosehip powder.

Guild Ins adds counselling

GUILD Insurance has announced changes to its Burglary Cover product, providing improved Trauma Counselling for pharmacists in the event of a traumatic incident.

Previously available for Business Interruption claims only, the trauma cover is also now accessible for burglary incidents.

Stuart Stubbs, Guild Insurance Head of Client Services, said the move was important "as it now means pharmacists have access to rapid response critical incident counselling for anyone affected by a traumatic event connected with

their business.

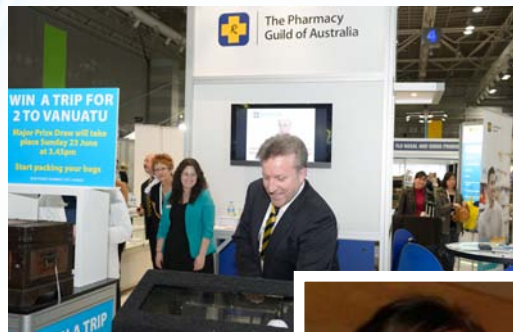
"It also covers counselling services for anyone not eligible for cover under Workers' Compensation," Stubbs said.

The change, which is effective immediately for existing policies, means that pharmacists now also receive cover for the cost of a replacement pharmacist if the pharmacy owner insured on the policy is affected by the incident; an increase in the limit of cover to \$2500 per claim per location; and all pharmacy staff including contractors will now be covered.

Digging deep at convention

NATALIE Herbert, a fourth year pharmacy student (inset), is off to Vanuatu courtesy of the Pharmacy Guild and Ozaccom+, after her lucky Key Card was pulled from the major competition barrel by PGA NSW vice president Paul Sinclair (right) at the recent NSW Pharmacy - National Convention & Exhibition.

Natalie won return economy flights for two, airport transfers



and two nights at the Lagoon Beach Resort Apartments, Port Vila.

During the three days of the event pharmacists attending received key cards from exhibitors, which they could also use to try their luck in opening the Treasure Chest full of over 150 instant prizes.

TGA application fee

EFFECTIVE 01 Jul 2013 the application fee waiver for TGA reclassification applications ceased to apply.

Class III application fees are now \$1,180, and Class IIb annual charges (\$920 at 2013-14 rate) continue to apply while there is a Class IIb entry in the ARTG even if a product has been successfully reclassified as a Class III medical device.

For further guidance on fees and charges please **CLICK HERE**.

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PAC13 Update

Sunday workshops at PAC13 are filling up quickly! The Sunday of PAC13 is dedicated entirely to practical workshops which delegates will be able to claim 3 Group 2 CPD credits for. The workshops are capped at 90 people per session.

Associate Professor Geoff Sussman returns to PAC to deliver his ever popular Wound Care management workshops. Assoc/Prof will deliver two of these workshops which will be interactive and teach you what you need to know about wound care management in your pharmacy.

Award-winning pharmacists Nick Logan and Angela Cattanach will run a Smoking Cessation workshop on Sunday afternoon. This workshop will give you the knowledge, expertise and experience on conducting a smoking cessation service in your pharmacy and address how to plan, design, implement and evaluate the service.

Each year PAC contains a section on Cardiovascular Disease and in 2013 it will take the form of a workshop. Come and find out the latest clinical information on cardiovascular disease and news ways of implementing cardiovascular patient care into your pharmacy work.

For more information regarding speakers, the program and workshops visit the PAC13 website www.psa.org.au/pac.

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BBC News reports from Beijing that a new law which came into effect this week compels children in China to visit their parents or potentially face fines or jail.

China's new "Elderly Rights Law" deals with the growing problem of lonely elderly people by mandating that adult children must visit their ageing parents.

The law says adults should care about their parents' "spiritual needs" and "never neglect or snub elderly people".

The regulation has been ridiculed by tens of thousands of Chinese web users.

Many across China are questioning how the law could be enforced, since it fails to spell out a detailed schedule dictating the frequency with which children should make parental house calls.

Like many countries China is facing a major ageing problem in its population, with the number of citizens aged 60 or older predicted to double to almost 400 million by 2030.

PHARMACY robbery is the pits.

A thief who used Telstra pit covers to smash his way into five NSW pharmacies has had his original sentence increased after an appeal.

Mark John Grover pleaded guilty to six counts of breaking into pharmacies (once using a block of bricks) and stealing quantities of pseudoephedrine-containing products, between 18 February 2010 and 23 November 2010, when he was sentenced at the District Court of NSW in September 2012.

He also admitted two charges of using a false driver's licence to obtain medicines from pharmacies that contained pseudoephedrine, and one count of attempted use of a false documentation.

He was originally given a "head sentence" of five years; this has now been increased to seven years and three months.

Prime time with Laura Mercier

Laura Mercier has added a new foundation-primer to its popular range, with the added benefit of a broad-spectrum SPF 30 sunscreen.

Laura Mercier Foundation Primer – Protect features a lightweight, oil-free gel-crème texture, which creates the perfect canvas for makeup application and keeps it fresh and colour-true for hours.

Laura Mercier has also released a new 30 ml deluxe travel size of its foundation-primer, perfect for packing away in a purse for flawless faces on the go. Available from 28 July.

Stockists: 02 9663 4277

RRP: Primer Protect \$45; Deluxe Travel Size Primer \$25 (30 ml)

Website: www.trimex.com.au



Roll-on Rosehip Oil - a beauty world first

The new **RosehipPLUS Skin Boost** roll-on is the first Australian Certified Organic cold-pressed Rosehip Oil roll-on, which offers a massaging roller ball applicator to target specific areas which require precise application, such as around the eye and lip area, on small dry patches and even on scarring. The unique no-mess solution is the perfect essential for travel and your daily makeup bag, for beauty treatment on the run. Because the Rosehip Oil is cold pressed it's extracted without using any heat, solvents or chemicals ensuring that the integrity of the product is preserved. It contains naturally occurring Bioflavonoids which are claimed to act as "potent anti-oxidants" to reduce free radical damage in skin.

Stockists: 1800 851 888

RRP \$14.95

Website: www.rosehipplus.com.au

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BioMagnetic Sport has just revamped one of its classic reflexology products, the **Reflex Soles**. The re-designed insoles are more durable and comfortable than ever with increased arch support and polymer gel technology that is embedded with six "100+ gauss neodymium unipole therapeutic magnets". The company says this allows the individual wearing the insoles to get the benefits of a reflexology treatment without even being aware of the magnets that are formed into the polymer gel. The design also includes an arch stabiliser for maximum support and optimum cushioning.

Stockists: Lightning Brokers 1300 884 456

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Website: www.biosports.com.au



Vivienne Westwood's flirty new fragrance

Coty has released the latest in the popular Vivienne Westwood 'Alice' fragrance line with **Flirty Alice**. Feminine, but feisty, and brimming with spirit, Flirty Alice depicts the quintessential Westwood heroine. The fragrance features a blend of bergamot, green tea, rose and vanilla and blond wood.

The familiar curvaceous bottle with its golden stopper comes in a luxurious mauve lacquering, with the Vivienne Westwood logo in gold. The box reprises the golden oval frame, the emblem of the Alice fragrance line.

Stockists: 1800 812 663

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