



Dry salt therapy deals

OPENING order specials on the dry salt therapy system Salin Plus are now available.

See **page three** for details.

Criminal history check

AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand graduates registering in the intern pharmacist scope of practice or applying for reinstatement will need to provide a copy of their record of criminal convictions as of 01 Dec, the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand and the Pharmacy Board of Australia has said.

More details can be found by **CLICKING HERE** and **HERE**.

\$854m mental health medications funded

PHARMACEUTICAL Benefits Scheme/Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme-subsidised mental health medications to the tune of \$854m were provided by GPs or psychiatrists in 2011-2012, a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has said.

A further \$333m was spent on private hospital mental health-related services in the same period, with \$299m coming from private health insurance funds.

Subsidised medications have grown an average 0.8% pa over the five years to 2013, the report said.

The most frequently managed mental health problems were depression, anxiety and sleep disturbance, it said.

CLICK HERE for more.

Community backs pharmacy

THE Moore Park Beach community has backed its local pharmacy after a series of break ins by launching a fundraiser to raise money for additional security.

First reported by *News Mail*, Moore Park Lions Club president Liz Coker told **PD** that pharmacist Adam Harradine had had two break ins in the last four months, and the community was worried he would leave the area.

Harradine went out of his way to help the community, opening the Moore Park Beach Pharmacy in Bundaberg, QLD, on weekends to deliver medication to people who had run out, Coker said.

He had been active in trying to get a GP stationed in the town.

"The whole community just wants to give back to him."

Without the pharmacy, residents would have to travel about 20 km for their medications, and the area had an older population, without much public transport, Coker said.

Funds raised could be used for security shutters for the pharmacy, and any left over money could go towards further security measures,

Serono gender gong

THE Workplace Gender Equality Agency this week named pharmaceutical company Merck Serono Australia an 'Employer of Choice for Gender Equality'.

The award is given to organisations that take a strategic and systematic approach to achieving a gender diverse workforce.

she said.

Harradine said he had no plans to leave but that the community response had been humbling, and people had stepped up to help after an exhausting period.

He had not asked for charity but the response showed how important pharmacy was to a community, he said, and hoped that the funds raised would be used for all businesses in the Moore Park Beach Community Centre in which the pharmacy is located.

The fundraiser includes a sausage sizzle and entertainment and will be held from 12pm tomorrow at the Moore Park Beach Community Centre.

A spokesperson for Primo Property, the landlord for the shopping centre, said no one was available to respond to requests for comment, which included why further security measures have not been implemented in the Centre.

MiniMed advisory

MEDTRONIC Australasia has issued a safety alert regarding the MiniMed Silhouette and MiniMed Sure-T infusion sets - **CLICK HERE**.

CSL raises €350m

CSL has announced the successful sale of securities to private investors to the value of €350m (AUD\$500m) with three maturity periods.

The maturities would fill gaps in the Group's current debt maturity profile, the company said.

CLICK HERE for more detail.

Underpaid by \$62,000

AN EGYPTIAN migrant who delivered medicines to customers in Sydney was underpaid more than \$62,000 over almost four years it will be alleged in court, the Fair Work Ombudsman has said.

As a migrant with limited English, it was alleged he was a vulnerable employee and was paid \$12-\$14 per hour when he should have been paid \$16-\$20 per hour.

The Fair Work Ombudsman announced that it would take legal action against three Sydney men, Nader Bastawrose, Amgad Samaan and Ashraf Youssef, who operated pharmacies trading as 'Save and Deliver'.

A second case against the company related to an employee working mainly in customer service at Shellharbour.

A directions hearing is set for 13 Feb 2015 - **CLICK HERE** for more.

Three Ebola trials

MÉDECINS Sans Frontières (MSF) has announced that it will host clinical trials in three Ebola treatment centres in West Africa aimed at finding an effective therapy for the disease.

The French National Institute of Health and Medical Research would lead a trial using antiviral favipiravir in Guinea, the University of Oxford would lead a trial of antiviral brincidofovir in an as yet undetermined site and the Antwerp Institute of Tropical Medicine would trial a whole blood and plasma therapy, also in Guinea, MSF said.

The World Health Organisation was also taking part, it said.



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15 Nov: Annual Medicine Update; PSA WA Branch; details visit: www.psa.org.au

16 Nov: Managing the side effects of chemotherapy and cancer treatments in the community; Cairns; see: www.psa.org.au

16 Nov: Victorian Pharmacy Pharmacotherapy Training Program; University of Melbourne; see: www.psa.org.au

17 Nov: International Lung Cancer Awareness Day; for enquiries email: enquiries@lungfoundation.com.au

18 Nov: Victorian Pharmacy Pharmacotherapy Training Program: Part 2; online webinar; go to: www.guild.org.au

18 Nov: Keeping It Going QCPP Maintenance; Sydney; for more details see: www.guild.org.au

19 Nov: World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day; visit www.lungfoundation.com.au

19 Nov: Evening Lecture and Live Webinar - The Pharmacist's Guide to Travel Medicine; PSA WA Seminar room; details visit: www.psa.org.au

20 Nov: Mental Health First Aid (Short Course); Parkville; see: www.psa.org.au

22-23 Nov: Mental Health First Aid; Orange; for more details see: www.psa.org.au

PPA and Guild meet

PROFESSIONAL Pharmacists Australia (PPA) and the Pharmacy Guild met this week to ensure the organisations have good lines of communication.

PPA presented a petition of 1,235 pharmacists who wanted to see an increase in the base rates of pay for pharmacists, while both groups stayed firm on their stances regarding the reduction of penalty rates, the organisation said.

PPA president Dr Geoff March said it was important to meet given the Fair Work Commission was about to review the Pharmacy Industry Award, and given the upcoming Sixth Community Pharmacy Award negotiations, to represent the views of community pharmacists.

March said the PPA invited the Guild to join its advocacy efforts to increase the Pharmacy Industry Award.

The organisations had worked together to bring about the award in 2008 and 2009, he said.

Guild executive director David Quilty said the organisation would continue to work constructively with all its stakeholders.

CLICK HERE to read more.

Toddler poisoning

HOSPITALISATION of Australian children aged one to four years from accidental poisoning with pharmaceuticals and other substances in the 12 months from 2011 to 2012 was the highest of any age group, according to a report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Adolescents (aged 15 to 17 years old) had the highest rate of intentional self-harm at 320 cases per 100,000 people, with females at four times the rate of males.

The most common means for both was intentional self-poisoning, the report said.

CLICK HERE to access the report.

APOLearn online now

APOTEX has launched an online training portal aimed at giving pharmacists and pharmacy staff comprehensive online training covering varied modules across health awareness topics and generic substitution.

The two main areas covered are APO-wellness and iGenerics.

CLICK HERE to access.

WIN with KEY SUN

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and Key Sun are giving five readers the chance to win a two pack of Clear Zinke.

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner,
Michael Byrne from Corum Health Services.

DISPENSARY CORNER

ROBBER leaves calling card.

Not many robbers are kind enough to leave a calling card when they menace you and your staff while wearing a balaclava, but one Alabama robber did the next best thing - he left behind his wallet with full identification details.

The chemist-focused culprit has subsequently been apprehended and charged with five counts of pharmacy robbery, six counts of first-degree robbery, four counts of menacing and other matters according to a report by Alabama's *al.com*.

WORDY whiskers.

Have you been seeing a number of moustached men through your pharmacy this month?

It is, of course, Movember, the movement to raise money for men's health including prostate and testicular cancer, which involves growing facial hair for the month of November to show support.

In honour of the occasion, Dictionary.com has released 11 terms for moustaches, beards and sideburns, which you could always try out on customers.

Entries include 'Fu Manchu', 'chinstrap' and 'handlebar moustache' but the site really missed the favourite facial hair phrases, produced by one Ned Flanders, whose names for his moustache include 'Dr Fuzzinstein', 'Soup Strainer', 'Cookie Duster', 'Pushbroom' and 'Nose Neighbour'.



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