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New orphan Oncaspar

ONCASPAR (pegaspargase) solution for injection, from Link Medical Products, has been added to the list of designated orphan drugs.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration orphan listing is for the treatment of patients with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

Budget mum on pharmacy

LAST night's Federal Budget contained little information on the proposed changes to the PBS or the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, with no details of either funding or savings measures.

The 6CPA continues to be negotiated separately from the Budget, according to the Pharmacy Guild, which summarised previously flagged measures such as the increase to the PBS co-

payment and safety net thresholds announced last year.

Tax concessions for small businesses were welcomed, while the budget also confirmed \$485m in funding for a "rebooted" e-health record system (**PD Mon**).

The Guild said the 2015 Budget papers confirm that PBS growth is being driven by "drugs and prescriptions that largely bypass the community pharmacy network".

The figures also detail the long term impact of PBS reforms on the community pharmacy sector, with medicines spending in 2018-19 set to be 12% lower than it was in 2011-12 in real terms.

Savings generated by PBS price disclosure will increase from \$2.1 billion in 2014-15 to \$3.1 billion in 2018-19, indicating that savings "will now exceed \$14 billion over the period of the 6CPA".

Pharmacy legal issues

ZOE Bojanac, outgoing Australian Lawyer member on the Pharmacy Council of NSW, is presenting at an upcoming seminar series to be held in Sydney on 19 Jun.

Topics covered will include the role and functions of the Pharmacy Council, AHPRA and HCCC; Section 150 hearings, professional misconduct; and ownership issues including pop-up kiosks and online sellings.

Earlybird registration has been extended to 15 May - see **page three** of today's **PD** for more info.

PHARMAC listings

IV NICARDIPINE and tobramycin powder have been listed by the New Zealand Pharmaceutical Management Agency (PHARMAC).

PHARMAC is also seeking feedback on a proposal for the listing of lidocaine 4% cream.

MA urges clarity

MEDICINES Australia has urged the government to "clarify the extent of Budget cuts likely to affect essential and life-saving pharmaceuticals" - particularly given the lack of detail of savings measures in last night's Budget.

MA ceo Tim James told **Pharmacy Daily** that the organisation remains concerned that billions of dollars will be stripped from the PBS.

"All Australians deserve access to the world's best medicines and we must avoid policy measures that will damage the PBS," he said.

Medicines Australia is keen to work with the government to deliver savings while also creating certainty for the manufacturing sector.

"A stable PBS helps patients, supports thousands of medical researchers and jobs, and encourages investment in medical research in Australia," he said.

James said the medicines industry had previously helped create "enduring PBS savings" worth over \$20b, and is ready to work with Health Minister Sussan Ley to "deliver access to the best medicines for Australian patients".

WIN WITH DESIGNER BRANDS

This week **Pharmacy Daily** and **Designer Brands** are giving readers the chance to win DB's new Blur Primer (RRP \$14.99), new DB BB Lips (\$6.99) and CC Concealer Pen (RRP \$12.99).



Blur products or 'photoshop finish' products are the hottest trend right now, with women looking to get the airbrushed finish we see on red carpets and glamorous events. Designer Brands has all the hottest Blur products at the lowest prices. As well as the Blur Primer, Designer Brands is also

giving away the new BB Lip Balm and the simple to use, multi-functional CC Concealer Pen (RRP \$12.99).

To win, be the first person from **WA** to send the correct answer to the following question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

How many shades does the DB Longwear Foundation come in?

For more info **CLICK HERE**

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Anna Michael from Epic Pharmacy Greenslopes.

Advanced training workshop

AUSTRALIA'S first ever advanced pharmacy practice credentialing evaluator training workshop took place in Brisbane last week.

A total of 17 evaluators (twelve pharmacists, two GPs, an intensivist, a nurse academic and physiotherapist) met with the Australian Pharmacy Council's Advanced Practice Credentialing Committee, along with representatives of the PSA, Guild, SHPA and AACP.

APC ceo Bronwyn Clark said the workshop was "an important milestone for the advanced pharmacy practice pilot project. "APC has developed a rigorous

and robust evaluation and scoring methodology that will ensure confidence in the evaluation process of advanced practice pharmacists," Clark said.

So far 43 pharmacists have submitted portfolios, with an initial review reinforcing the "amazing and diverse achievements of pharmacists in a range of expert practice areas and pharmacy environments," said APCC inaugural chair, Dr Ian Coombes.

There's still some work to do in the process, with the first credentials of Advanced Practice Pharmacist expected to be awarded in Sep this year.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

POLICE in Berlin, Germany are investigating a mysterious drug haul - namely a cannabis crop which had been planted on a traffic island in the city's suburbs.

Officers were called to the Kottbusser Tor subway station in the Kreuzberg district after being alerted to "numerous small suspicious plants" by a street cleaner.

About 700 marijuana seedlings were pulled up as a result, with police now trying to dig up some clues as to the perpetrator.

GOOD news for makers of blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol medications - it's National Hamburger Month in the USA.

The celebrations are capped off with National Hamburger Day on 28 May, and eateries across the country will make the most of the event with a range of special creations and burger deals.

One of the most exciting options is the Beer Barrel Belly Buster (pictured below) from Denny's Beer Barrel Pub in Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

It includes a 7.5kg meat patty topped with plenty of cheese, tomatoes, onions, capsicum, lettuce, mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise.

Don't worry if it looks too big to eat - it's actually normally served as a meal for two people.

Denny's also has other monster burgers, including the 12.5kg "all meat and cheese" Burgernator.



Nourish Naturals Dry Skin range

The **Nourish Naturals Dry Skin range** contains naturally derived ingredients and is formulated with the latest innovations in natural cleansers and emollients to provide skin with deep nourishment. Nourish Naturals **Soap Free Wash** is mild and effective, thoroughly cleansing your skin without stripping it of any essential oils. An intensive moisturising lotion, Nourish Naturals **Dry Skin Lotion** has been designed to deeply nourish and hydrate the skin for up to 24 hours, protecting you from moisture loss.

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Website: www.nourishnaturals.com.au



Clairol Nice 'n Easy Root Touch-Up

Clairol **Nice'n Easy Root Touch Up** is designed to cover root regrowth and greys that show through around the parting, forehead and temples, midway through the haircolour cycle. The no-drip formula gives permanent coverage in just ten minutes. Root Touch-Up comes in 11 shades which correspond to all 37 shades in the Colour Blend range by using colour-matching technology.

Stockist: 1800 028 280

RRP: \$12.49

Website: www.clairol.com.au

Eyelash Enhancing Serum by 1000 Hour

1000 Hour **Eyelash Enhancing Serum** is a serum for lashes that comes with a quick and convenient applicator wand to replenish and rejuvenate the lashes or browns with proteins and vitamins. The serum has been formulated with potent polypeptides to increase thickness and volume, proteins and vitamins to help replenish and fortify, and moisturising and rejuvenating agents to hydrate lashes, locking in moisture and improving flexibility and elasticity.

Stockist: 02 9526 0777

RRP: \$39.95

Website: www.1000hour.com.au



Age Proof Botanical Lightening Treatment

Trilogy **Age Proof Botanical Lightening Treatment** is a dual-action treatment that targets areas of pigmentation and helps to reduce age spots, dark spots and blemish marks. It has been formulated to brighten the complexion and even the skin tone as well as visibly reduce the colour intensity of age spots, the company says. The delicately scented lotion brings together natural active ingredients to brighten and illuminate the complexion, reducing the colour intensity of pigmentation.

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Legal issues in small business.

- The role and functions of the Health Professional Councils of NSW, AHPRA and HCCC.
- Section 150 hearings (suspension or conditions of registration to protect the public);
- Unsatisfactory Professional Conduct and Professional Misconduct;
- NCAT and Appeals;
- Impairment;
- Ownership issues, including pop-up kiosks and online selling.

Zoe Bojanac is the outgoing Australian Lawyer Member on the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales. As part of her role on the Pharmacy Council, Zoe sits on the Policy, Practice and Legal Issues Committee. Zoe is Special Counsel with Somerset Ryckmans, a boutique commercial litigation firm with offices in Sydney.



JOHN KAPOS

Marketing with social media.

- How can digital and social media marketing help your small business?
- What is digital and social media marketing? What works, what doesn't.
- Understanding Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- What costs are involved in implementing social media for a small business?

For the last five years John has focused on expanding his own business through social media, finding great success with Instagram. On a recent trip to San Francisco he told his story to nearly 10,000 people online.

When:	Friday 19th June 2015, 9am to 4.30pm.
Where:	Adina Apartment Hotel, 511 Kent Street. Sydney
Inclusions:	Morning tea and lunch
Cost:	Early bird – book by 30th April, \$575.00 per person (Including GST) Thereafter - \$775.00 per person (Including GST)

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