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## PSA joins celebration

THE Pharmaceutical Society (PSA) is marking World Pharmacists day today with a campaign letting the community know of the great work to which Members of the PSA (MPS) are committed.

PSA national president Joe Demarte said the theme of the day: *Pharmacist: Your Partner in Health* aligned with the principles of being a member of the PSA.

"MPS is the mark of recognition that gives consumers the confidence that their pharmacist is committed to better health for them and their families," he said.

## J&J challenge

JOHNSON & Johnson Innovation has launched a collaboration with the Queensland Government, with the Advance Queensland Quick Fire Challenge awarding \$100,000 to three winners across the pharmaceutical, medical device and consumer health sectors.

Applications are open to any individual, academic, entrepreneur or company from around the world with a "novel and disruptive human healthcare innovation," with the challenge requiring entrants be willing to do the R&D relating to their creation within Queensland.

## Cincottas endow pharmacy scholarship

THE University of Sydney has hailed the generosity of the Cincotta family, which has established a new perpetual scholarship to benefit future pharmacy students.

Three generations of the Cincotta family studied pharmacy at the University of Sydney (pictured), with Albert (Umberto) attaining a *Materia Medica* (Pharmacol) in 1951; his son Joseph graduating with a Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1980; and Joseph's daughter Alexa completing a BPharm last year.

All three now work together at the Campsie branch of Cincotta Chemist, which was originally established in Merrylands in 1952



and had a firm focus on service, pioneering after-hours opening, despite resistance at the time.

The new Umberto Cincotta Scholarship in Pharmacy aims to help a student who has a passion for the profession but doesn't have the funding, and will provide the possibility of studying pharmacy for promising students for generations to come.

## Evotaz HIV approval

BRISTOL-MYERS Squibb Australia has announced the TGA approval of its Evotaz for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults.

Evotaz is a fixed dose combination of Reyataz (atazanavir) and cobicistat and is taken as a single pill once-daily treatment.

## Colloquium recording

THE Australian Pharmacy Council has released a recording of its recent Colloquium 2015 (PD 27 Aug) which took place in Canberra last month - view the event online at [www.pharmacycouncil.org.au](http://www.pharmacycouncil.org.au).

## AusPAR additions

AUSTRALIAN Public Assessment Reports (AusPARs) are now posted for propranolol hydrochloride, rituximab, botulinum toxin type A, triptorelin acetate, inactivated influenza virus vaccine and ulipristal acetate - see [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au).

## EBOS annual report

EBOS yesterday released its annual report, detailing the company's 15.1% increase in net profit to NZ\$105.9 million last year on turnover which for the first time exceeded \$6 billion (PD 26 Aug).

The report also provides more information on last year's acquisition of Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse (GPPW) (PD 27 Aug 2014), with EBOS now holding 25% of the business after paying just under \$8 million for the stake.

CEO Patrick Davies said the deal had paved the way for the supply of Symbion pharmaceuticals to all GPPW stores and added opportunity for development of the brand's franchise network.

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.



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**7 Oct:** Understanding the NES and Your Award; Brisbane; info and registration:

[www.guild.org.au/qldcpd](http://www.guild.org.au/qldcpd)

**14 Oct:** Pharmacy Business Insight (PBI) Workshop: Building a more sustainable healthcare business for your community; Melbourne; info and rego: [pbiworkshop.com.au](http://pbiworkshop.com.au)

**15-17 Oct:** The Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; QT Gold Coast; details at: [www.pharmacyassistants.com](http://www.pharmacyassistants.com)

**23-24 Oct:** Blackmores Institute Symposium 2015; Pullman Melbourne Albert Park; visit: [www.ivvy.com/event/BIS15](http://www.ivvy.com/event/BIS15)

**27 Oct:** QCPP Refresher Training, Sunshine Coast; info and registration: [www.guild.org.au/qldcpd](http://www.guild.org.au/qldcpd)

**29 Oct:** Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) 2015 Annual Conference; Doltone House - Jones Bay Wharf; Sydney; more details at: [www.cmaustralia.org.au](http://www.cmaustralia.org.au)

## Slow \$ growth in health

**AUSTRALIAN** health expenditure growth in 2013-14 was relatively slow according to most measures, states the latest report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Total expenditure on health was estimated at \$154.6 billion in 2013-14, up by 3.1% on 2012-13 in real terms (after adjusting for inflation), the report said.

### Inter-profession study

**PHARMACY** and exercise physiology students have been sharing a classroom in a trial interprofessional learning program at the University of Sydney intended to mimic real-life cases of Australians struggling with heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

With a broad range of health disciplines in the university, the opportunity to cross-pollinate between professions is made possible, said Professor Pip Pattison, Education Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Over three days students from nursing, medicine, pharmacy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, physiotherapy, diagnostic radiography and exercise physiology took part in team building activities and competed in teams of six to devise a management plan for a patient with complex health needs.

This was higher than the 1.1% growth experienced in 2012-13 but 1.9% lower than the 5% average annual growth over the past decade.

On a per person basis, growth was also relatively slow, with an estimated \$6,639 spent per person on health in 2013-14, \$94 more in real terms than in the previous year and representing an increase of 1.4%, which was less than half the average annual growth over the previous ten year period (3.3%).

In spite of the lower growth rate of health expenditure, the health proportion of GDP crept up from 9.7% in 2012-13 to 9.8% in 2013-14.

Government health spending represented the same proportion of taxation revenue (24.7%) as in the previous year.

See [aihw.gov.au](http://aihw.gov.au) for the full report.

### Walgreens crash

**PHARMACISTS** have been manually processing prescriptions at more than 8,200 Walgreens pharmacies across the USA this week due to a problem with the company's database which arose after maintenance on Tue night.

It may take some time to catch up once systems are restored, with Walgreens processing more than 856 million prescriptions last year.



### DISPENSARY CORNER

**THERE'S** grim news today from the World Health Organization, which has published a report confirming that 59% of European citizens are overweight or obese.

The European Health Report also confirms that people living in Europe have the highest levels of alcohol and tobacco use in the world, warning that young people in the region "may not live as long as their grandparents".

Although there has been some progress in cutting deaths from diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease, Europe's average pure alcohol consumption was a global record, while 30% of those in the region still smoke.

**A PUBLIC** health campaign has just launched in the noisily colourful US city of New Orleans, urging people to turn it down.

City officials announced the new 'Sound Check' system which will monitor noise levels in the French Quarter and Faubourg Marigny neighbourhood, where music venues operate close to homes.

Rather than fining musicians and club owners, the initiative will focus on education about the negative health effects of noise.

## Win with Bosisto's!

This week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving readers each day the chance to win a Bosisto's prize pack including Natural Saline, Eucalyptus, Calming, and Moisturising nasal sprays.

Flush away pollen and irritants and enjoy Spring sneeze-free with Bosisto's range of PH-balanced saline nasal sprays. Choose four varieties including fragrance-free Saline, Eucalyptus, Calming and Moisturising formulas – all including naturally-derived ingredients such as Essential Oils, Aloe Vera, Pro Vitamin B5 and Vitamin E. Visit [bosistos.com.au](http://bosistos.com.au).

To win, be the first person from **TAS** or **VIC** to send the correct answer to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)



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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Muthi Ahmmed from Tennant Creek Pharmacy.



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**Sydney** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
**Newcastle** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
**Canberra** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
**Western Australia** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
**Queensland** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

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