

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Peeps by CarbonKlean.

## Asthma drug funded

**THE** first biologic medicine to treat severe allergic asthma in certain patients will become available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from today for children aged six years and over. Xolair (omalizumab) from Novartis is to be initiated by a specialist. **CLICK HERE** to access the PI.

## Wallace resigns EBOS

**BARRY** Wallace, a non-executive EBOS Group director, is resigning after 15 years on the board. EBOS chairman Mark Waller hailed Wallace for his contribution to the Group during a period of significant growth and extended his thanks for his commitment to the company.

## "Little" range site

**CARE** Pharmaceuticals has launched a new website featuring all of its brands specially formulated for children. The Little Range site is an online guide allowing parents to search by common condition such as allergy, cold, cough, constipation, eye care, vomiting and diarrhoea, outlining information on relevant products such as Little Allergies, Little Coughs, Little Eyes, Fess Little Noses, Children's Fess, Hydralyte, Children's Paedamin and Children's Parachoc - [littlerange.com.au](http://littlerange.com.au).

## Guild seeks \$82m risk share

**THE** Pharmacy Guild has quantified the amount it is seeking from the government under the 'risk share' provisions of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, with the 2.14% shortfall in prescription volumes in 2015/16 equating to a total \$82 million

## House of Wellness

**CHEMIST** Warehouse has announced a summer series of its *The House of Wellness* national health program will air in partnership with Macquarie Media and the Quattro Group. The weekly program will be heard on Sundays across Australia via 2GB radio Sydney, 3AW Melbourne, 4BC Brisbane, FIVEaa Adelaide and 6PR in Perth.

It will also be streamed online and be available on demand as a weekly podcast, hosted by Ed Phillips along with regular co-hosts Kelly Landry and pharmacist Gerald Quigley.

The regular show will also return in 2017 with host Larry Emdur plus Michelle Bridges and Giaan Rooney.

In 2016 *The House of Wellness* attracted over 250,000 weekly listeners, winning its time slot in Sydney and Melbourne.

## Cancer drug listed

**EISAI'S** Lenvima (lenvatinib), an Australian researched therapy for people living with progressive, locally advanced or metastatic differentiated thyroid cancer, is PBS listed from today.

Visit [eisai.com.au](http://eisai.com.au) to source the PI.

reimbursement for pharmacies.

The figures were revealed by Guild executive director David Quilty in his regular *Forefront* update yesterday, following last week's confirmation of the discrepancy (*PD* 23 Nov).

Quilty said the prescription volume shortfall is good news for the government, estimating it is delivering savings of over \$400m.

However "the shortfall equates to a \$15,000 reduction in remuneration for the average pharmacy dispensing 55,000 scripts a year, at a time when the annualised adverse impact of the government's PBS reforms is an estimated \$42,000 per pharmacy".

Quilty said it was urgent that pharmacies be reimbursed, with many struggling to maintain their profitability.

"As a signatory to the Agreement, the risk share is fundamental to the Guild and we will continue to rigorously prosecute our case so that an outcome is achieved for implementation from 1 January," he concluded.

## TGA business plan

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has announced the release of its Business Plan for 2016-17.

The plan provides an overview of strategic considerations covering priorities, guiding principles, regulatory reform activities and deliverables and measures of success.

Access the plan at [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).

## Clean those glasses!

**A NEW** product has launched to clean eyewear and sunglasses, with pharmacies being offered a 10% discount and a free sample.

Peeps by CarbonKlean is now available through all three major wholesalers - for more details see **page three** of today's *PD*.

## Diabetes injection technique module

**DIABETES** supplier Becton Dickinson (BD) has partnered with the Australian College of Pharmacy to create a new Continuing Professional Development (CPD) module for pharmacists focused on helping people with diabetes



understand the importance of sound injection technique.

The course covers the different requirements for people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, including the commencement of insulin therapy and some of the common adverse events.

It reviews needle length in line with clinical research and highlights the importance of correct injection technique for a comfortable and effective injection experience.

Michelle Robins, Credentialed Diabetes Educator and nurse practitioner at Northern Health in Victoria said, "Pharmacists are in a unique position to be able to provide ongoing, quality advice to customers who inject their diabetes medication."

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## Dispensary Corner

**SPACE** is truly the final frontier, for bodily functions at least.

NASA has launched a - wait for it - "Space Poop Challenge" in which the American space agency is seeking submissions from the public on the vital problem of number 2s while in orbit.

It's apparently not a joke, with a prize of US\$30,000 up for grabs via crowd-funding platform HeroX for the best solution to manage waste for "a continuous duration of up to 144 hours".

"As humans push beyond low Earth orbit, travel to the Moon and Mars, we will have many problems to solve," says veteran NASA astronaut Richard Mastracchio in a video accompanying the project.

"I can tell you that spaceflight is not always glamorous...people need to go to the bathroom, even in a spacecraft. When you gotta go, you gotta go, and sometimes you gotta go in a total vacuum."

The current go-to for long spacewalks is adult nappies, but they're not suitable for astronauts spending long periods in space.

"Waste management systems should address fecal, urine, and/or menstrual waste management in a pressurised survival suit environment for six days while protecting the safety and health of crew members," the brief says.

Got a suggestion? There are three weeks left to enter so go for it at [herox.com/SpacePoop](http://herox.com/SpacePoop).



## Guild PotY finalists named

**SIX** finalist pharmacies from across Australia have been announced in the Pharmacy Guild of Australia Pharmacy of the Year (PotY) Awards.

The awards recognise excellence in pharmacy across three categories: Business Management, Community Engagement and Professional Services Innovation.

A different community pharmacy will be selected as the winner in each category, with the Guild Pharmacy of the Year for 2017 being selected from these three individual category winners.

Spokesperson for the judging group, Nick Panayiaris, Pharmacy Guild of Australia national councillor and president of the South Australian Branch of the Guild, said a feature of nominations in this year's Pharmacy of the Year awards was the commitment to high-quality service delivery.

"All of the nominations had a strong focus on professional service delivery and many had backed this commitment by



investing in refurbishments to offer a better experience for customers and outcomes for patients accessing these services," Panayiaris said.

"They have included private consultation areas and redesigns to bring the pharmacists closer to customers so that engagement is easier and more relaxed.

"They have all recognised the need for their pharmacies to be health hubs and have moved to achieve this objective," he said.

While investment in the future of their pharmacy was a highlight of each finalist, so also was commitment to staff welfare and development to ensure customers had the most up-to-date treatments and information available to them, Panayiaris said.

The six finalists are: **Lucy Walker Chemmart Goondiwindi**, Qld; **Capital Chemist Southlands**, ACT; **Capital Chemist Wanniasa**, ACT; **Waikerie Chemplus**, SA, **Terry White Chemmart Hawthorn**, Vic; and **Beaufort St 24 hour Pharmacy**, Perth, WA.

## Win with australis

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and australis are giving readers each day the chance to win both shades of Australis Match maker Shade Adjusting Drops.

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To win, be the first from WA, SA or NT to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

How are the lightening and darkening drops delivered?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Catherine Buzaki from Auscare Pharmacy Glass House Mountains.



## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Pharmacy Daily's* travel feature. Each week we highlight a couple of great travel deals for the pharmacy industry, brought to you by *Cruise Weekly*.

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For example, get 25% off published rates and return domestic flights between Yangon and point of embarkation/disembarkation of The Strand Cruise.

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### Ahoy Buccaneers Kimberley Special Deal

**AHOY** Buccaneers Kimberley motor yacht expeditions at one quarter of the cost of more luxurious cruises in the region, is offering two free nights' accommodation in a Broome resort before or after three Kimberley coast cruises next March.

Bookings for the three 13-day cruises must be made before 20 Dec, 2016 - call 08 9193 7650 or visit [ahoybuccaneers.com.au](http://ahoybuccaneers.com.au).

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