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THE World Health Organization has declared that the mosquito-borne Zika Virus is no longer a global public health emergency. However in a statement issued on the weekend, the WHO said Zika remains a significant enduring challenge requiring intense action, with pregnant women still warned to avoid areas of transmission.

New Curtin pharmacy campus

WESTERN Australia's Curtin University is proceeding with the development of a new Midland Campus east of Perth, which will be a clinical base for medical students as well as for Curtin Allied Health Schools including nursing, physiotherapy and pharmacy. University officials yesterday

and other dignitaries to sign off on stakeholder arrangements for the project which will commence construction next year and is expected to be operational in 2019.

Curtin is significantly boosting its focus on health with a new five year full-time undergraduate Bachelor of Medicines/Bachelor of Surgery which kicks off next year.

The university's School of Pharmacy currently offers the only undergraduate entry course in WA leading to registration

As well as a four year B.Pharm, Curtin offers a two year Graduate Entry Master of Pharmacy degree, with both courses accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council in 2013.

Today's issue of PD

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

Summer promotion

SUPPLIERS are being reminded of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Summer Spotlight feature in *Pharmacy Daily*.

Four items will be featured on each page (see below) with insertions including an image of each product, a brief description and a call to action for phone, email or website ordering.



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Renew registration

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia is reminding pharmacists they only have until 30 Nov to renew their registration on time.

Renewal applications received in Dec will face a late payment fee on top of the usual registration cost.

Practitioners who do not apply to renew their registration by the end of the year will be removed from the Register of Pharmacists and will not be able to practise their profession in Australia.

The Board says so far 60% of those due to renew have applied online via www.ahpra.gov.au.

Priceline shows big heart



THE Priceline Sisterhood Foundation has announced that it has reached a \$3 million milestone in fundraising since it was established five years ago.

The target was reached during the recent 2016 annual Priceline Sisterhood Foundation event where Priceline collected more than \$850,000 for the foundation in just two weeks.

The funds will continue to support five charity partners: Alzheimer's Australia, Children First Foundation, Look Good Feel Better, Perinatal

Anxiety and Depression Australia & Hear To Listen.

More than 422 stores across Australia participated with customers supporting the foundation through generous donations, catalogue purchases and engaging in hundreds of store events.

Visits from celebrity Priceline Sisters Ita Buttrose, Samantha Harris and Ada Nicodemou (pictured above) also drew crowds of customers to stores around the country.

Novartis acquisition

NOVARTIS has confirmed the US\$665 million purchase of Selexys Pharmaceuticals, an Oklahoma City USA based company which specialises in inflammatory disorders.

Location rules update

THE Australian Community Pharmacy Authority has noted some incomplete information contained in the recent *Pharmacy Location Rules News* published in Sep, in reference to the description of a Medical Practitioner.

The description has now been updated to include calculations details of 'prescribing medical practitioners' - see the updated version at health.gov.au.



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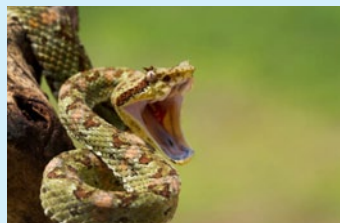
Dispensary Corner

THE once bitten, twice shy theory didn't work so well for one unlucky Aussie who was bitten by a snake twice in the space of just three days.

The 18-year-old contractor was first bitten on the lower leg while clearing scrub on a Queensland property last week and was transferred to Mackay Base Hospital in a stable condition.

After being released he went back to work in the same paddock only to be nipped twice on the forearm by another snake.

While he has recovered from both attacks something tells us he might not be in such a rush to return to the paddock this time around.



IT TURNS out Apple Watches may do a fair bit more than just look on trend, with one UK man claiming the gadget saved his life by alerting him to an undiagnosed heart condition.

Via his Apple Watch the 51-year-old noticed his heart rate was abnormally low, sitting at around 42 beats per minute.

He continued to monitor his pulse and following a visit to his GP and Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital he was diagnosed with cardiac sarcoidosis, a condition blocking signals to the heart.

He has since undergone surgery to have a defibrillator fitted.

Nice one Apple!

SHPA workforce paper

AUSTRALIAN hospital pharmacy professionals are under-utilised compared to their OECD peers and have limited opportunity for career advancement, according to a white paper released by the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia.

The document presents the findings of the Pharmacy Technician and Assistant Role Redesign within Australian Hospitals project and was presented at the SHPA's Medicines Management 2016 Conference in Perth on Saturday.

The society's ceo Kristin Michaels said the white paper was part of a commitment to the transformation of pharmacy workforce.

"Pharmacy technicians and assistants play critically important roles in medicines management in hospitals and it is essential that we understand changes in the dynamics of medicines supply in hospitals and how this will impact on these important roles in the future," Michaels said.

The paper highlights the progressive move by pharmacists

away from dispensary based supply functions and towards team-based patient-centric roles.

"Therefore, the need to effectively harness the technician and assistant workforce to support advancing hospital pharmacy services is crucial," Michaels said.

"Australian hospital pharmacy technicians and assistants are under-utilised compared to their OECD peers, and there are limited opportunities for pharmacy technicians and assistants seeking career advancement in Australia.

"Our five recommendations arising from the report provide opportunities to address current issues around enhanced roles, improved education and training, and better professional development pathways," she said.

SHPA's Federal Council has commissioned further work based on the white paper recommendations that would see active change to the workforce.

For the full white paper and a summary document **CLICK HERE**.

Chinese med recall

KAISER Pharmaceutical is recalling batches of Chinese medical products after TGA testing found low levels of aristolochic acid.

The recall relates to the company's Tuhuo and Loranthus Combination (batch 46455621), Ligusticum and Tea Formula (batch 444159) and Tangkuei and Jujube Combination (batch 46425717).

For further details and the full TGA alert see www.tga.gov.au.



Guild Update

Guild member model referendum – don't forget to vote

GUILD members should by now have received referendum ballot papers for the Guild National Council's plan to move to a new membership model based on premises alone.

At present, the membership system applies a fee to premises as well as proprietors.

The new premises-based model aligns the Guild with the fact that pharmacies are increasingly owned by multiple proprietors. The proprietor fee will cease.

It is simpler, fairer and more equitable, and would apply from the 2017/18 financial year. More than three-quarters of all Members will be financially better off in terms of the fees they pay.

Full details of the proposal are included in the voting paper pack which was posed last week. The voting period runs until 12 December 2016 – but the Guild is urging members to post their ballot paper as early as possible.

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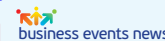
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