

The future of integrated pharmacy management has arrived – Fred NXT

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PSA career-booster

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is highlighting the long term career-enhancing value of membership of the Society.

Successful pharmacists at different stages of their careers are expressing their views on the value of PSA membership as part of a campaign initiated by the PSA but driven by members themselves, the organisation has said.

The campaign includes statements from pharmacists such as regional-based Early Career Pharmacist Ella Jude in Townsville who emphasized the impact of the CPD and other educational elements which “helped her career flourish”.

She also stressed the networking value especially through the ECP Facebook group as well as face to face meetings.

Western Australian hospital and community pharmacist from Bunbury, Travis Bailey, also underlined the connections he makes through the PSA.

PSA’s ECP national director Taren Gill welcomed the new campaign saying she believed it was important to learn about the professional journeys of pharmacists from across Australia.

For more **CLICK HERE**.

New flu vax approved

ASTRAZENECA’S Flumist Quadrivalent influenza vaccine has now been registered as a new chemical entity.

It covers H1N1, H3N2, Yamagata lineage and Victoria lineage strains in a live attenuated vaccine.

CLICK HERE for details.

New pharmacy trial topics

HEALTH Minister Sussan Ley has announced the next round of grants for the Pharmacy Trial Program, with proposals sought for trials under four key priority areas:

- disease management of appropriate conditions - pharmacy models of shared collaborative primary health care;
- medicines management and reconciliation services for consumers at the point of transition between care sectors to reduce the potential for medicines misadventure;
- new and innovative community pharmacist outreach services to residential aged care facilities; &
- screening and referral by pharmacists for cardiovascular risk.

“I’m looking forward to seeing ideas for innovative trials in community pharmacies that have the consumer at the centre, and deliver better clinical outcomes for those in the community,” Ley said.

Funding for the trials is part of

Backup contraception

THE Guild Pharmacy Academy has partnered with MS Health in the launch of a new online course titled *EllaOne (ulipristal acetate 30mg) tablet. A new option for emergency contraception.*

“The supply of emergency contraception is a vital function which pharmacy provides for the community,” the Guild said, with the course detailing key differences in efficacy between EllaOne and levonorgestrel.

More info at www.mycpd.org.au.

the \$50 million allocated under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, with this latest round following the first tranche announced at the APP2016 conference in Mar.

The only tranche 1 program to so far progress to the stage of inviting participation from community pharmacies is the Pharmacy Diabetes Screening Trial (**PD 19** Oct), with Guild executive director David Quilty last week expressing concern about the slow rollout of the trial program.

Ley said the second tranche of grants announced this week would provide a further avenue for patients to monitor and keep on top of their own health.

“I encourage the sector to think about potential partners and collaborations as part of this program, with an emphasis on high quality, evidence-based ideas that can be integrated with the broader health system,” Ley said.

All of the trials will be assessed for their clinical and cost-effectiveness at the completion of the program, in order to inform a broader rollout of these services.

GSK shingles vaccine

WITH a claim of 90% efficacy in people over 70 years of age even four years post vaccination, GSK has filed its shingles vaccine Shingrix for US regulatory approval.

Zostavax from rival Merck was recently approved for the National Immunisation Program in Australia from 01 Nov (**PD 20** Oct).

MA welcomes funds

MEDICINES Australia is a partner in two tele-trial and training projects, which have been awarded a share of \$7.4m in funding under the govt’s MTP Connect research commercialisation initiative - medicinesaustralia.com.au.



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Scholarships open

APPLICATIONS under the Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme for 2017 have opened, with up to 30 four-year full time scholarships valued at \$40,000 each available. The program aims to encourage students from rural and remote communities to study undergraduate or graduate pharmacy, with applications accepted through to the closing date of 15 Jan 2017 - 6cpa.com.au.



Guild Update

Needle and syringe information exchange

AFTER a two-year break, the *Anex Bulletin* has been re-launched as a publication for workers in Australia's needle and syringe programs.

It is being published in an electronic format – with the aim of reaching more NSP workers across Australia.

The *Anex Bulletin* explores the NSP front-line to reinforce why this important work is so crucial to saving lives and supporting the community.

It is produced by Penington Institute and funded by the Federal Department of Health. The *Anex Bulletin* can be downloaded at www.penington.org.au/anex-bulletin/

Community pharmacies are a critical component of NSP service delivery, accounting for about 15 per cent of syringes used for injecting drugs.

They are ideally placed to assist in the distribution of sterile injecting equipment, supported by the professional services available from pharmacists.

Guild challenges Ramsay

THE Pharmacy Guild has fired a shot across the bow of Ramsay Health Care, after the hospital giant confirmed the development of a new pharmacy "hyper-store" in central Melbourne.

The company is leasing 300 square metres in Bourke Street, with *Fairfax* quoting a Ramsay spokesperson



Ramsay Pharmacy
Part of Ramsay Health Care

saying it would be a "full line Ramsay pharmacy providing a full service model" - including dispensing, consultation areas and space for ancillary health services.

The move is part of Ramsay's push to expand beyond the hospital walls, with the company recently revealing it wants to create a nationwide Ramsay Pharmacy network (*PD* 31 Aug).

In a statement issued yesterday Guild president George Tambassis said "State and Territory governments have legislated that community pharmacies must be owned by registered pharmacists - and it is imperative that these laws are upheld".

While Ramsay's broadening into retail pharmacy is part of the

ongoing competitive landscape, "there are certain regulatory requirements around pharmacy ownership...and the Guild believes these must be complied with and enforced," Tambassis added.

He highlighted statements made by all political parties in the lead-up to the recent Federal election,

which "all committed in writing to pharmacist-only ownership of community pharmacy".

"Australians have made it very clear that they want their health system to put patients before profits.

"That is why it is critical that community pharmacies continue to be owned and controlled by practising professional pharmacists rather than big corporates which, by law, must put their shareholders first," Tambassis added.

He said the Guild will work with governments and regulators across the country "to ensure that pharmacist-only, pharmacy ownership laws are maintained, enforced and, if necessary, strengthened so that their clear public intent is not undermined".

Win with DU'IT

This week Pharmacy Daily and DU'IT are giving away each day a prize pack of their products.

New DU'IT Baby is Australian-made and owned, enriched with natural botanicals and pure organic oils to pamper and protect babies' skin and eliminate any concerns for parents. The DU'IT range of extra gentle baby products are completely FREE of all known irritants with a Nasty Free Guarantee and are scientifically formulated to enrich, nourish, deeply hydrate and provide calming relief to Baby's entire body. The range consists of five products: Baby Liquid Powder, Baby Nappy Change Cream, Baby Body Moisturiser, Baby Facial Serum, and Baby 3-in-1 Wash. For more information, **CLICK HERE**.

To win, be the first from QLD to send the correct answer to the question below to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

Name all of the DU'IT Baby products in the range.

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Monica Saba from Pfizer.



Dispensary Corner

HUMANS aren't the only animals who can't control themselves around sugar.

When 180 kilogram gorilla, Kumbuka (pictured below), escaped from his enclosure in London Zoo this month the entire place was put on lock down.

Authorities feared what the giant creature was capable of doing - that was until they found him sculling five litres of undiluted black currant cordial.

Kumbuka, who got out via an unlocked gate, sourced the cordial in the zookeeper area next to his enclosure.

Aside from a sugar high, the gorilla was in good health and was escorted back to his area.



THE laws of human attraction are not always straightforward.

In fact, plenty of us find some pretty random things alluring.

Online social community OurChoicesMakeUs took to Reddit to ask the weirdest thing people are attracted to and received more than 1,600 responses.

Some of the quirkiest response included: stretch marks - particularly the ones on thighs or breasts", "my boyfriend's right ear is folded down ever so slightly and I think it's the cutest thing. I call it his ear floppy".

Others admitted to loving crooked teeth, unique cheek bones and lips.

Contrary to what the glossy magazines would have us think, sexy is not limited to perfectly proportioned airbrushed models.