



Prepare for live review webcast

THE live online webcast which will wrap up the public consultation sessions for the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation will take place next week, with the online link to the webinar site now live.

The event takes place at 7pm AEST on Wed 07 Sep from Canberra's Marcus Clarke theatre, and will be hosted by journalist Ellen Fanning with presenters including review panel members, industrial economist Professor Stephen King, pharmacist member Bill Scott and consumer representative Jo Watson.

A test page allows prospective online participants to check whether they can receive the live stream, with online viewers able to contribute to the conversation by submitting questions and comments for the panellists via the hashtag #pharmacyreview or via the site's Livechat facility.

CLICK HERE for the webinar site.

ACT pharmacies quit help

THE ACT Branch of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia will oversee an innovative program to help pregnant women quit smoking, in partnership with community pharmacies in Canberra.

The branch has been awarded two years of funding for the project under the ACT Government's Health Promotion Grants program.

The 'Quit for 2 through Community Pharmacy' program will urge the target audience of pregnant women who smoke, and women who continue to smoke after recently giving birth, to seek face-to-face quit advice and counselling in community pharmacies across the Territory.

Other groups will also collaborate in the scheme, with various ACT organisations providing women's health services assisting in disseminating the message.

The proposed outcomes include awareness of the benefits to mother and baby in quitting, accessibility of the service across

the ACT and increased uptake by pregnant women who smoke.

The program follows on the 2014-16 ACT Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Counselling program which was also funded by the ACT government.

ACT Guild branch president, Amanda Galbraith, thanked the government, for "continuing to support the vital work that community pharmacies do in the field of smoking cessation.

"The accessibility of community pharmacies to all patients makes them the right place to try to improve the numbers of people who successfully quit smoking, and pharmacies are delighted to be playing a role," Galbraith added.

A to Z of Skin online

THE Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) has announced the launch of the *A to Z of Skin*, the country's first comprehensive online directory of skin conditions, created and peer-reviewed by more than 100 Australian dermatologists.

The free resource aims to help anyone searching for reliable information on skin conditions and associated symptoms.

A to Z of Skin is a "trusted source of accurate information and images regarding more than 200 conditions, from common skin complaints, such as acne, psoriasis and skin cancer, to less frequent conditions, including vitiligo and lichen planus," the College said.

Visit www.dermcoll.edu.au.

CPD webinar full

THE upcoming Pharmacy Board of Australia webinar on continuing professional development (CPD) has reached the maximum number of registered participants.

The session will take place on 15 Sep, covering topics such as the concept of lifelong learning; the CPD cycle: planning, doing, recording, reflecting and practising learnings; how reflective practice can accelerate professional development as well as PBA's new requirements.

A recording of the webinar and answers to frequently asked questions will be published on the Pharmacy Board website about two weeks after the broadcast.

Viewing of the recording may also count as CPD and contribute towards meeting the Board's CPD requirements.

Visit www.pharmacyboard.gov.au.

FIP 'Green Pharmacy'

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation has issued an official policy statement on the role of pharmacists in reducing the effect of medicines on the environment.

"Pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists must take responsibility for mitigating the environmental consequences of medicines," the statement reads, with the policy encompassing the entire course of medicines use from manufacture and distribution through to prescribing and dispensing.

Disposal and reduction of the discharge of metabolites into the environment is also a key issue - to view the policy see www.fip.org.

SA's Assistant of the Year

ANDREW Morgan from McLaren Vale Pharmacy has been chosen to represent South Australia at the national finals of the 2016 Pharmacy Assistant of the Year (PATY) awards.

Morgan was chosen from among ten other state finalists during a workshop where each participant demonstrated their pharmacy knowledge and showcased their skills in customer service and leadership.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia training manager and national PATY judge, Deborah Scholz, said all candidates showed a strong commitment to their work and the industry.

"It was a hard task to pick just one, but Andrew really shone," Scholz said.



The national finals of the PATY will be held during the Pharmacy Assistant National Conference on 28 Oct at the Gold Coast, with the overall winner set to take home more than \$10,000 in cash prizes and rewards.





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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Le Boat's Horizon now open for Europe

DELPHIA yachts has designed Le Boat's Horizon, perfect for couples or families to go scooting about on European waterways.

It boasts the largest top deck of any boat its size - an excellent perch for bbqs, sunbathing or watching the world go by.

Yachts are now available in France (Canal Du Midi, Burgundy, Nivernais & Loire, Brittany, Alsace, Aquitaine, Charente, River Lot, Camargue), England, Ireland, Germany, Holland & Italy.

No boat handling experience is necessary and prices start from \$1,480 p/week - see your travel agent or **CLICK HERE**.

Holland America Line flights included deal

BACK again for 2017, Holland America Line is offering its guests \$999 return airfares to Europe when booking a Verandah cabin or above in conjunction with a range of voyages in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Baltic.

The offer is valid for selected 2017 sailings booked between 01 Sep and 18 Nov 2016.

Prices start from \$3,999 for a 12 day cruise - **CLICK HERE**.

Blackmores expands SEA

BLACKMORES is set to spread its reach into Indonesia, with the launch of a new joint venture with Kalbe Farma, one of the largest health care companies in South East Asia.

CEO Christine Holgate announced the pact about twelve months ago, and has now confirmed the rollout of Blackmores products across Kalbe's extensive distribution network in Indonesia.

She said the launch would initially involve eight products, with 25 in market by the end of the year, according to the *Australian*.

"It is quite a complex registration process in Indonesia compared with Australia," she added.

"But we are used to the different Asian markets where it can take six months to a year to get registered."

Holgate said Blackmores chose Kalbe as business partner because it was a major supplier of nutritional supplements in Indonesia.

"It's a market worth around \$2 billion in Indonesia and it's growing really fast," she said.

"The country has one of the fastest growing middle classes in the world and it's predicted to be the third biggest economy in the

world by 2030."

Kalbe's training processes and its strong representation in shopping centres throughout Indonesia add significant weight to the partnership with Indonesians increasingly interested in more Western versions of natural health products.

Holgate said only 2% of Australia's international trade was done with Indonesia and added there were business opportunities in areas such as health, education and financial services.

Metformin availability

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has advised of further shortages of metformin extended release tablets (**PD 11 Aug**), with limited availability of items from Alphapharm, Apotex and Arrow Pharma under the Diabex, Diaformin, Chemmart, APO-Metofrmin, Metex and Terry White Chemists brands.

Pharmacists and wholesalers are requested to order minimum quantities of stock from suppliers to try and minimise the chance of further shortages as supplies become available - tga.gov.au.



Dispensary Corner

IF YOU want to generate new customers in today's competitive marketplace, you need to make an impact.

Canadian plumber Nick Huckson (**pictured below**) sure figured out how to make a splash.

His truck, painted to give the impression he's driving around whilst pooping on the toilet has gone viral online.

Huckson told media his phone has been ringing off the hook since a picture of his cheeky van art went viral online.

"I wanted a design for my truck that would be memorable, something that would make me stand out from the other plumbing businesses," he explained.



RUN out of antibiotics? Why not just use your pet's supply instead.

This seems to be the attitude of a surprisingly high number of Americans, according to statistics revealed by Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine.

The study uncovered that 4% of people freely admit to using veterinary antibiotics instead of their own.

Lead author Dr Larisa Grigoryan said snatching animal antibiotics wasn't the only trend seen people trying to bypass the doctor.

Other respondents used random leftover drugs from previous prescriptions or sourced antibiotics from their friends and family.

Win with Blistex

This week to celebrate the launch of NEW Blistex Happy Lips Melon lip balm on 1st September in pharmacy, *Pharmacy Daily* and Blistex are giving you the chance to WIN a Blistex prize pack valued at \$36.05. Blistex is a leading lip care brand delivering superb moisture and protection to lips to keep them beautifully healthy all year round.

Each prize pack contains Happy Lips Melon, Strawberry & Mango, Lip Conditioner, Ultra, Intensive Repair and Deep Renewal.

To win, be the first person from SA or NT to send the right answer to the question to **comp@pharmacydaily.com.au**

What lip balm in the prize pack contains SPF30+ ?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Jeanie Misko from Fiona Stanley Hospital.

