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MY CHEMIST and Chemist Warehouse remained at the top of the table in the monthly Roy Morgan Consumer Satisfaction Awards for Dec 2016.

The latest figures, based on a sample of 8583 customers, saw Priceline Pharmacy and Terry White Chemists maintain their third and fourth positions respectively, while Soul Pattinson was in fifth spot.

China health expo

AUSTRALIAN products are expected to be in demand from buyers attending the upcoming Qingdao International Health Products Expo, with 60,000 visitors forecast to be at the event.

Sunny Sun, president of the Complementary Health Product Association, said Chinese pharmacy executives anticipated the Expo, set for 16-19 Mar, would develop lasting supplier trade links.

For more info on attending the event call 03 9640 0566 or email info@chpai.com.au.

NSW compounding probe

THE Pharmacy Council of NSW is seeking expressions of interest to undertake a Commissioned Research Project into pharmacy compounding of medicines.

The move follows an increasing number of notifications that involve compounding within community pharmacies.

"The Council wishes to increase its understanding of the extent of current compounding practice in NSW, and to assist it in this aim, is seeking expressions of interest from persons willing to undertake research in this area," according to a statement issued yesterday.

The commissioned project seeks to investigate compounding services performed and provided by Australian community pharmacies.

The Council is seeking a detailed analysis that explores the scope of current compounding services, incentives, compliance with legislation and practice standards, and a comparison of the services provided and trends between

various states and territories.

A comparison of models of compounding services offered in Australia and overseas is also sought, as well as a review of training available for compounding.

Applications to undertake the research must be submitted by 28 Feb, with the Council envisaging the contract will commence on 03 Apr and be completed by 30 Nov.

The project grant is worth a maximum of \$10,000 - for more information see hpca.nsw.gov.au.

NZ cannabis loosened

MINISTERIAL approval will no longer be required for New Zealand patients requiring medicinal cannabis with more authority in the hands of specialists.

The New Zealand Ministry of Health already had the power to sign-off on a specialist's application to prescribe pharmaceutical-grade drug Sativex, and more relaxations are planned.

Insulin injection CPD

THE Australian College of Pharmacy has announced the release of its latest Continuing Professional Development (CPD) e-learning module on 'Improving the injection experience for patients using insulin'.

Covering pharmacist competencies 2.3, 4.2, 4.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 7.2, the College said this module was designed to build on pharmacists' existing knowledge of insulin therapy for diabetes and help them advise patients on the optimal insulin injection technique.

Learning objectives include an understanding of the different modes of action of available insulins, varying regimens of therapy, how to commence treatment for both type 1 and 2 diabetes patients, common adverse events, difference in needles and their supportive data and more.

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Guild demands ABC satisfaction

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has called on the ABC to apologise and retract a story in which it suggested the Guild had paid a donation to the Australian Labor

Party to achieve a specific policy outcome on the PBS co-payment measures proposed in the 2014 Budget.

The ABC report incorrectly inferred a donation by the Guild to the ALP had been linked to the scrapping of the proposal, said Guild exec director David Quilty.

"The ABC story mistakenly mixes up the 2014 Budget co-payment increases with an entirely separate Government measure in May 2015 and then uses this inaccuracy to draw a baseless inference about the Guild's political behaviour."

Quilty said the Guild had called on ABC News to "immediately acknowledge this error, correct the story and retract its baseless inference".

UK counterfeits

TWO British men have been sentenced after pleading guilty to supplying unlicensed, and potentially dangerous medicinal products following an extensive investigation by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

The pair were charged with offences under Trade Mark, Misuse of Drugs and medicines regulatory legislation after the MHRA received information that suspected illegal medicines were being delivered to their home addresses.

Enforcement officers conducted a raid and found almost 470,000 tablets of unlicensed erectile dysfunction medication, counterfeit medicines and the controlled drug Tramadol, along with records of medicines trading and client details.

WIN WITH DESIGNER BRANDS

This week Pharmacy Daily and Designer Brands are giving away the entire Flawless range each day - a prize valued at \$135.

The Flawless All In 1 Foundation is a concealer, foundation & skin loving ingredients in one product.



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To win, be the first person from VIC or TAS to send the correct answer to the question to

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CW kicks off AFL alliance

CHEMIST Warehouse Group (CW) has announced a new partnership with the AFL Women's (AFLW) league as the official chemist retail partner, launching a new TV campaign for the occasion.

As part of the agreement, CW became the NAB AFLW Match Ball Partner, with the group's logo included on-ground at all AFLW matches, including activations at selected games.

The TVC first aired 03 Feb featuring AFLW stars from around the country (**pictured below**).

CW chief operating officer Mario Tascone said the TVC campaign was aimed at reinforcing the positive and inspiring values of the AFL, in particular for young aspiring footballers in Australia, both men and women.

"We have great expectations of the game in the years to come, and will continue to support women across Australia to live their dreams and participate in sports across the board, all of which is reflected in our inspirational creative campaign" - **CLICK HERE** for access.



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Dispensary Corner

MALE circumcision has been demonstrated to confer as much benefit as vaccination, according to a systematic review published in the *World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics*.

The benefits of the procedure were found to exceed the associated risks by 200 to one, authors said.

Researchers at the University Sydney, the University of New South Wales and several teaching hospitals report that uncircumcised males face an 80% risk of developing a foreskin-related condition requiring medical attention.

PROBABLY not the healthiest way to start your married life.

The latest quirky marketing initiative by pizza chain Domino's is the launch of a wedding registry, where couples can list their pizza preferences rather than fine china or linen.

Said to be "the first registry for couples who prefer delicious melty cheese to crystal gravy boats," the special website at dominosweddingregistry.com offers a range of packages such as 'The Wedding Night' (in case your guests don't eat any of the wedding food - or get hungry later) and the 'Thank You Card-a-thon' (to provide sustenance when your hands start to cramp up).

Pharmacy Cricket scores

WELL-LIKED cricket legend and commentator Bill Lawry celebrated with pharmacists of Australia in the MCG Long Room on the occasion of the 10th National Pharmacy Cricket Carnival last month.

Lawry was the guest speaker in front of a record 150 diners in the iconic venue after four days of cricket played by pharmacists from all over Australia, vying for the coveted Chemists Interstate Challenge Cricket Shield.

Pharmacy Cricket began in 1908 as a competition between NSW and Victorian cricket-loving pharmacists and has evolved over the 109 years to become an important date in many pharmacists' calendar, involving every state and territory except Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

Pictured below are: NSW captain Christian Hernandez (centre) with longstanding senior member Brian Booth & guest speaker Bill Lawry.



Deutsch med cannabis

GERMANY'S Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices is creating an agency to oversee the cultivation of marijuana and the subsequent production of cannabis to be used medicinally, in line with a new law approved by the Bundestag, Germany's lower house of parliament, according to the *British Medical Journal*.

TGA testing coming

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has confirmed that from mid-2017 it will begin publishing the outcomes of laboratory testing on its website.

The TGA tests about 2,000 samples annually, with the release of the results part of its response to the Expert Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation.



Events Calendar

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If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

17 Feb: Foundation Seminar in Clinical Medication Management; Pullman Melbourne Albert Park; for details and to register: www.shpa.org.au

3-5 Mar: Annual Therapeutic Update 2017; Crowne Plaza Terrigal; register here: www.psa.org.au

8 Mar: AACP Accredited Pharmacists' Forum: Quality Use of Medicines in the Management of Chronic Medical Conditions; Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre; more info at: www.aacp.com.au

9-12 Mar: APP 2017; Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre; for details visit: www.appconference.com

31 Mar: Foundation Seminar in Clinical Pharmacy Practice; Sydney, NSW; registrations opening soon: www.shpa.org.au

29-30 Apr: Victorian Pharmacy Conference 2017; Monash University, Parkville; register here: www.psa.org.au

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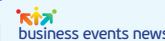
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