

Ice action teams call for applications

A PROGRAM to help local communities tackle the impact of ice through 220 community-based local action teams across Australia over the next four years has been announced by the Minister for Health Sussan Ley as part of the National Ice Action Strategy.

Local councils, schools, police, youth services, primary health and treatment services, community groups and non-government organisations would be eligible to be members of a Local Drug Action Team, she said.

Funding of \$19.2 million has been provided to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to administer the teams, with applications closing 08 Feb - [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Spinraza approval

THE US Food and Drug Administration has approved Spinraza (nusinersen), the first drug approved to treat children and adults with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) - a rare and often fatal genetic disease.

Spinraza is administered as a lumbar injection - see [fda.gov](#).

Repatriation list correction

THE Health Department has announced a correction to one of its listings in the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule 01 Jan 2017.

The listing for "clotrimazole 1% vaginal cream, 20g" is incorrectly described in the schedule.

The correct description omits the word "vaginal" as the cream descriptor, as in the previous listing for this item in the 01 Dec 2016 schedule which reads "clotrimazole 1% cream, 20g".

The PBS said the error will be amended as soon as possible.

MEANWHILE the PBS has updated its website with a long list of changes including pricing disclosure details, fees, patient contributions, Safety Net thresholds and PBS listings for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as an updated FAQ section and details from earlier in Dec 16 - [CLICK HERE](#).

APP2018 to be held in May

THE timing of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games will see the Pharmacy Guild's Australian Pharmacy Professional (APP) conference rescheduled to May next year, because the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre will be used as the Media Centre for the Games which take place 04-18 Apr 2018.

Traditionally APP is held in Mar, but the Games is forcing a one-off switch to May, with the Guild given first access to the facility once it is handed back by the Games Organising Committee.

APP2018 will therefore take place 03-06 May 2018, with conference chairman Kos Sclavos urging the industry to save the date now.



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This year's APP conference takes place 09-12 Mar 2017 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre - for more details or to register see [appconference.com](#).

New QUM standard

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has flagged upcoming consultations on a proposed accreditation standard for quality use of medicines and prescribing which would cover all 14 health professions regulated in Australia.

The project aims to ensure that graduates from any health degree in Australia "have understanding and competence in the quality use of medicines, for the best health outcomes in our communities".

Outlined in a new year's communication from the APC, the initiative will be undertaken in conjunction with other members of the Health Professions Accreditation Councils' Forum.

Other APC activities flagged for 2017 include ongoing collaboration with the Accreditation Systems Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, and relocation of APC operations to a new purpose-built ACT Majura Park office adjacent to the Australian Medical Council and Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council.

St Ives lawsuit

TWO US women are suing Unilever, the manufacturer behind St Ives Apricot Scrub, for US\$5m.

The ladies from New York and California are claiming the product has not passed tests by dermatologists, despite proclaiming so on the tube.

They also claim the product, which they say has caused them serious skin irritation, would never be endorsed by any skin care professionals.

In their legal papers the women quote dermatologists who have criticised the facial scrub project, referring to an article in *New York Magazine* which purported it created 'micro-tears' in the skin, making the skin more vulnerable to environmental damages, pollution, and sun damage.

Unilever has put out an official statement saying that "for over 30 years, consumers have loved and trusted the St. Ives brand to refresh and revitalise their skin."

The company said it was "proud to be America's top facial scrub brand and stand by our dermatologist tested formula".

St Ives products are widely stocked in Australia, with Priceline and Chemist Warehouse among major groups which carry the brand.

NDSS indexation

THE co-payments for products available under the National Diabetes Services Scheme were increased in line with the Consumer Price Index on 01 Jan 2017, with the changes impacting blood glucose test strips, urine test strips and insulin pump consumables.

The NDSS website contains the updated costings - [ndss.com.au](#).

UK pharmacy cuts court hearings

BRITAIN'S High Court has given permission for a judicial review of the UK government's wide-ranging cuts to pharmacy funding.

The case will be brought by the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, which announced last month it was planning legal action on the basis that the Secretary of State had "failed to carry out a lawful consultation" on the proposals, which have been strongly opposed by pharmacy stakeholders (**PD 16 Mar 2016**, **PD 07 Sep 2016**).

The hearing is planned for the second week of Feb.

Another legal battle over the cuts is also under way, with Ian Strachan, chair of the UK National Pharmacy Association also confirming the "formal launch of High Court proceedings" over claims the 12% funding reductions will disproportionately affect the elderly, disabled and minorities.

Win with Aveeno

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and Aveeno are giving away each day Daily Moisturising Lotion and Dermexxa Moisturising Cream.

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

How long does Aveeno Dermexxa moisturise for?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Amanda Ferguson from the Complementary Healthcare Council of Australia.



Dispensary Corner

A MELBOURNE tenant has become seriously disgruntled after his stingy landlord installed a coin-operated flush on the toilet in his apartment.

The ticked off renter took to Reddit to ask if what his landlord had done was even legal.

"I understand in our laundry having to pay for the communal washing machine. But I pay the water bill that goes into my apartment," he wrote.

He vented his frustration at having to sacrifice \$1 per flush.

He went on to comment on the how awkward it was when he had guests over who didn't have a coin handy to pay for the privilege of pushing the flush button.

The tenant said he would be seeking legal advice.



JUMPING for joy isn't always a good idea.

A prime example of that fact is an inmate at the Douglas County Correction Centre in Nebraska who knocked herself out on the top of her cell while leaping in celebration of news that she was to be released from prison.

According to 911 dispatch reports she was taken by ambulance to Creighton University Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

We expect her next jump for joy will be in a more spacious room.

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