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Love rural pharmacy?

RURAL and remote pharmacies across Australia are being invited to tell the world about their experiences and why they are so passionate about working in rural and remote areas.

With the #iloveruralpharmacy theme pervading the Rural Pharmacy Forum at APP2017, a competition is being run in which pharmacists are invited to submit a 30-45 second video about work and experiences in their unique pharmacies.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia national president George Tambassis said the aim was to give rural pharmacies and their staff the opportunity to share their passion.

"Rural and remote pharmacies have some great stories to tell and the passion and commitment of these pharmacists to rural health is inspiring to the rest of the profession," Tambassis said.

Prizes will be awarded in the categories of best video and people's choice - entries close 26 Feb - **CLICK HERE** for details.

Baby formula course

ESPECIALLY designed to support pharmacy assistants, a new course provided by the Guild Pharmacy Academy and sponsored by the maker of Oli6 dairy goat formulas focuses on the extensive range of options currently available.

The course is titled *Goat's milk formula course for pharmacy assistants*, and also stresses that where possible breastfeeding is best for health full-term infants.

See www.guild.org.au for details.

AHPRA notifications up 20%

NOTIFICATIONS (complaints or concerns) to the Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA) increased 19.7% in 2016 to 10,082 nationally, representing 1.5% of the registration base, the Board announced yesterday.

The figures are based on individual annual report summaries for each state and territory which aim to provide insights into how the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is operating.

The significant hike in notifications is largely due to a 105% increase in matters referred to the Australian Health Practitioners Regulatory Authority from the Office of the Health Ombudsman in Queensland.

The AHPRA reports list the notifications received by profession, types of complaint, matters for immediate action, monitoring and compliance, panels and tribunals, as well as statutory offences.

They also summarise overall

registration figures, with 657,621 health practitioners registered in Australia in 2015/16.

Queensland saw the greatest growth in registrations, at 4.6%, while WA had the highest percentage of women in the health workforce, totalling 78% of all practitioners in the state.

Nationally, women comprised over three-quarters of the total registered health workforce.

The AHPRA highlighted that National Law requires that a registered health practitioner must notify the Board if, in the course of practising their profession, they form a reasonable belief that another registered health practitioner has behaved in a way that constitutes 'notifiable conduct'.
See pharmacyboard.gov.au.

Union issues warning

PROFESSIONAL Pharmacists Australia has warned pharmacy owners that it will take swift action if it's found that employee pharmacists are not being paid their correct entitlements.

Matt Harris, the union group's national campaign director, said there had been a "spike in the number of cases of underpayment of wages, and even a failure to pay wages at all".

He confirmed in one case the union has filed proceedings to recover up to \$20,000 in unpaid entitlements on behalf of a pharmacist who had worked at a Melbourne CBD pharmacy for more than four years.

Location rule case

A REJECTED application for a section 90 pharmacy in a Western Australia medical centre will be reconsidered by the Australian Community Pharmacy Authority, under a decision by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

The case centred on whether the pharmacy was in a "Large Medical Centre" and under "Single Management," with the original application opposed by parties including Noel Fosbery, the 2016 PSA Pharmacist of the Year.

CLICK HERE for the judgement.

New GSK APAC head

GLAXOSMITHKLINE has appointed Herve Gisserot to the newly created Singapore-based role of senior vice president and head of pharmaceuticals Asia Pacific.

He was previously GSK general manager for China/Hong Kong.

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Dispensary Corner

"LABRADORS will eat anything," so the saying goes.

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Vets decided there was no way the puppy could poop out the spoon naturally, so a gastroscoposcopy was passed down his throat to remove the cutlery in his tummy.

"Quite how Theodore managed to swallow the spoon is beyond belief," surgeon David Martin told Britain's *The Mirror* newspaper.

Theodore was up running around 30 minutes after his procedure - probably scoping out his next culinary adventure.



EVER thought a meal was so spicy that it was going to end your life? Well, instead it was probably prolonging it.

According to a new study released by medical researchers at the University of Vermont this month, there is a correlation between eating chilli and longevity.

Their study of 16,179 people found the total mortality for participants who consumed hot red chilli peppers sat at 22%, compared to 34% for those who didn't include them in their diet.

Maybe chillis will be the next hot super food.

Health, Beauty and New Products

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