

## Extended hours call

CEO of Bendigo Health in Victoria, John Mulder, has urged extended hours for retail pharmacies as a means of helping take the pressure off hospital emergency departments.

Mulder was quoted in the *Bendigo Advertiser* saying the city's new hospital would benefit from 24-hour and late-night retail pharmacy services.

## Two consultations

THE Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs has two open consultations relevant to pharmacists.

The Community Affairs References Committee seeks input around the complaints mechanism as administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (closing 24 Feb) and also seeks feedback on the delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities - visit [www.aph.gov](http://www.aph.gov).

## FDA warns on Hylands

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has heightened its warning level about homeopathic teething products (PD 04 Oct), formally advising that tablets containing belladonna pose an unnecessary risk to infants.

FDA laboratory analysis has found "inconsistent amounts of belladonna, a toxic substance, in certain homeopathic teething tablets, sometimes far exceeding the amount claimed on the label," according to an urgent update issued over the weekend.

In light of the findings the FDA has contacted the manufacturer of Hyland's homeopathic teething products, Los Angeles-based Standard Homeopathic Company, regarding a recall of the items.

"At this time, the company has not agreed to conduct a recall," the FDA said, with the agency instead now formally recommending consumers stop using the Hyland's products and dispose of any tablets in their possession.

Three months ago the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration also advised it was conducting urgent laboratory testing of homeopathic teething products currently marketed in Australia (TD 21 Oct), to ascertain whether any action is required here.

## Availability updates

GLAXOSMITHKLINE Australia has advised the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) that its impetigo treatment Bactroban 20mg/g which has been in short supply (PD 01 Jun 16) will become available from Feb this year.

Similarly, Sanofi-Aventis has advised that its ovulatory failure treatment Clomid (clomiphene) is expected to be available again after 30 June 2017.

The TGA also advises that Neo-Mercazole (carbimazole) 5 mg tabs now has limited availability, via a section 19A approval of a UK product, Carbimazole tablets 5mg.

## US pharmacists for underserved areas

THE US National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) has endorsed the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act, legislation recognising

pharmacists as health care providers, enabling them in medically underserved areas to offer and be compensated for an expanded scope of patient-care services. NCPA ceo Douglas Hoey said, "Pharmacists are highly-accessible, clinically-trained medication experts who can improve health outcomes and reduce overall costs."

"The bill follows on the heels of the Senate's introduction of an identical bill. We hope the common-sense, bicameral, bipartisan legislation, which also generated a lot of support in the previous Congress, can pass both chambers and make it to President Trump's desk for his signature."



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## Dispensary Corner

**AMERICAN** corn chip brand Tostitos has released a limited edition packaging which warns if you've had too much to drink.

Developed in partnership with Uber and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the special promotional packs include a sensor which detects traces of alcohol on someone's breath.

The chip bags (**pictured below**) are also equipped with lights below the logo which flash the results, in the form of a red steering wheel plus the message "don't drink and drive" if the user has been drinking.

The promotional products have been specially created for a marketing campaign in conjunction with next weekend's Superbowl game.



**POLICE** in New York are seeking public assistance to help identify a burglar who stole the contents of a safe from a home while wearing a white biohazard suit in order to conceal his or her identity.

CCTV footage shows the thief pulling up in the driveway in a Mercedes-Benz station wagon, before entering the house via an unlocked back door and then making off with the safe which apparently contained US\$200,000 in cash plus some valuable jewellery - but presumably no biohazards.

## CW marks CNY

**CHEMIST** Warehouse yesterday marked its support for Melbourne's Chinese New Year 2017 Festival, kicking off daily Tai Chi classes at Queensbridge Square on the Yarra's Southbank.

The public are being invited to "find their inner zen" during the classes, which also see the National House of Wellness radio team including Larry Emdur, Kelly Landry and Gerald Quigley broadcasting live from the square.

The Chemist Warehouse 'activation space' will also see a range of special offers and product giveaways.

## Ezetimibe consult

**THE** Health Department has opened public consultation on the draft report to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee on the Post-market Review of ezetimibe.

The report looks at the cost-effectiveness of PBS-listed ezetimibe, with submissions set to close at 5pm on Fri 10 Feb.

The draft report and forms for responses are now available for download at [www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au).

## New NSW health minister

**THE** NSW branch of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed the appointment of Brad Hazzard as the state's new health minister, with the appointment announced following the resignation of long-time incumbent Jillian Skinner.

NSW Guild branch president Rick Samimi said Skinner had been a strong advocate for community pharmacy, recognising the scope for pharmacists to do more - such as the 2015 introduction of pharmacist vaccination.

More recently Skinner faced hostile media attention over a chemotherapy under-dosing scandal, a deadly baby gassing tragedy and cremation mix-ups.

Samimi said "This is a challenging time for the state government that offers great opportunities to improve health outcomes for the NSW community.

"We look forward to being an important partner in that process," he added, saying the 1,700 community pharmacies in NSW "stand ready to make an even greater contribution to the health system".



## Weekly Comment

Welcome to *PD's* weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is

**Natasha McKay,**  
**SOUTHERNATURE**  
**Naturopath & Herbalist.**



## Get back on track with Milk Thistle - a powerful liver detoxifier

**AFTER** the skin, the liver is the second largest organ in the body. The liver has a number of roles and functions relating to metabolism (carbohydrates, proteins and lipids), processing chemical compounds and hormones, synthesising and excreting bile, breaking down old red blood cells and other cellular components, and the storage of glycogen, vitamins, and minerals; all functions which are vital and important to wellbeing.

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## Win with wotnot

This week Pharmacy Daily and Wotnot are giving readers the chance to win a prize pack each day including Wotnot SPF30 Family Sunscreen- 150gm, Wotnot biodegradable travel wipes and a Wotnot tote bag - perfect for a beach day.

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