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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today includes our regular health & beauty feature plus a full page from Pharmacy Solutions.

457 visas welcomed

MEDICINES Australia (MA) has welcomed the Federal Government's modifications to Australia's skilled migration occupation lists announced on Friday 30 June.

"These changes will prevent workforce and skill shortages within the critical innovative pharmaceutical sector." Medicines Australia ceo Milton Catelin said.

"As an industry that is so reliant on research and development and a workforce with very specific abilities, it's important that we have a skilled migration policy that can support the ongoing work of this vital sector to Australia."

Australian biotech company AusBiotech has been lobbying for a reinstatement of 457 visas across a range of highly skilled roles including industrial pharmacists, and has also welcomed the reinstatement as a means of addressing the skills gap in the life science industry.

RCPA pharmacy policy

THE Royal College of Pathologists Australia (RCPA) has clarified its formal policy on non-medical requesting of pathology, in the light of the controversy around the new Amcal service which launched last week (PD 26 Jun).

The RCPA said it did not endorse or have any partnership alliance with any programs in relation to the non-medical requesting of pathology tests.

"However tests may be requested by a wide range of people who are not registered medical practitioners ... in these circumstances the RCPA Policy requires the laboratory and the requestor understand the importance of oversight by a medical practitioner," the RCPA said.

More details at www.rcpa.edu.au.

PHARMACY of the Year 2017 owner Lucy Walker (pictured) from Goondiwindi has been elected to the **Oueensland** branch committee of the Pharmacy Guild of

Australia.

Walker is one of several women on the committee, alongside Fiona Watson, Amanda Seeto and Cate Whalan, with Acting Guild national president John Dowling saying the results are in line with the ongoing Guild push for wider representation.

"The [Guild election] results so far show we have made very good progress in terms of gender diversity in a number of branches, and have had a strong result in terms of ethnic diversity," he said.

The Queensland election also saw Kos Sclavos AM re-elected, along with long-serving branch

1ST Group flying high

AUSTRALIAN-LISTED health. veterinary and government portal developer 1ST Group Limited has provided a market update advising a record increase in sales during the quarter ending 30 Jun.

New contracts sold in the June quarter of FY17 (Q4) increased 1ST Group's MRR by \$43k, a quarterly record for the company and an increase of 169% from \$16k in the previous quarter. The numbers include an

increase in \$516k in annual recurring subscription revenue. 1ST Group md Klaus Bartosch

said, "We are very pleased that the strategic marketing investments made in Q3 and Q4 have accelerated new subscription sales and the uptake of our other new products.

"We have experienced significant growth through the roll out of new services particularly in the optometry, pharmacy and pet markets."

Details of usage fees earned and growth during the quarter will be provided in the company's Q4 FY17 quarterly update later in Jul.



president Tim Logan, who will step down from his executive role because he has served the maximum number of terms as president.

Others on the committee include Vikesh Kumar, Paul Jaffar, Allan Milostic, Chris Owen, Trent Twomey and Rick Xynias, while departing members are Mike Farrell, David Holmes,

Digital Hospitals book

Mario Calanna and George Fotinos.

STANDARDS Australia has this week published a world first Digital Hospitals Handbook which focuses on delivering more efficient hospital services through the use of technology.

The result of a long-running project, the handbook aims to improve the outcomes of digital health projects which often face challenges across the globe.

It clearly articulates the underlying principles for a 'digital hospital' and an ICT systems architecture that enables innovative healthcare services both now and into the future.

Chair of the technical committee which developed the handbook. Dr Andrew Howard. said it presented "pragmatic solutions for stakeholders of all backgrounds".

It can be purchased via SAI Global at infostore.saiglobal.com.

PPI higher risk link

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A NEW study published in BMJ Open this week has suggested an increased risk of death among users of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), based on records from more than six million patients that compared the use of PPIs. H2 blockers or neither treatment.

The researchers found those taking PPIs had a 25% increased likelihood of death in a six year period compared to those taking the H2 blockers, and that the longer someone took PPIs, the more that risk increased.

Authors were quick to point out that the relationship could only be described as associative, not causative, but still urged caution in the use of PPIs.

CLICK HERE for the study.

TGA EOFY survey

AT THE end of every financial year the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) seeks feedback on its communications and consultation activities as well as its performance during the period of the financial year 2016/17.

The survey is aimed at consumers, patients, healthcare professionals and anyone connected to the medical products industry and is open from 03-21 Jul.

The survey was designed by the Department of Health and can be accessed by CLICKING HERE.

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Dispensary Corner

INCREASING numbers of fish are becoming "transgender" according to a University of Exeter study, with researchers suggesting it's because of chemicals from the contraceptive pill being flushed down household drains.

Male river fish are "displaying feminised traits and even producing eggs," the scientists said, leading to characteristics such as reduced sperm quality and less aggressive and competitive behaviour.

It's not just the pill that's the problem - plastics and compounds in other household chemicals have also been shown to affect heart valves and other organs in the fish, while antidepressants are believed to lead to reduce the natural shyness of some species

 meaning they are more likely to be eaten by predators.



THE healthcare debate in the US is certainly hotting up, and a new website has launched offering to help mail your ashes to a politician if you lose your health insurance and die due to the removal of Obamacare.

The Affordable Care Act was repealed this week, with the site at mailmetothegop.com saying millions of Americans rely on its coverage, and the replacement bill set to "gut these protections meaning many may die".

The site's operators don't actually physically post your ashes to members of Congress, but instead assist people to get their papers in order so if they die their wishes will be fulfilled.

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