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## Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today has two pages of news, our regular health & beauty feature plus a full page from **Pharmacy Solutions**.

## **Pharmacy Solutions**

**PHARMACY** Solutions Australia is today showcasing its listings of around 30 pharmacies for sale across the country.

The group operates as fully independent pharmacy brokers, with advice not influenced by conflicts of interest such as financing the purchaser.

For details see page four.

# Amphetamine and cannabis use rises

MORE Australians are undergoing treatment for drug use, with a rising number seeking help due to amphetamines and cannabis, according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

While alcohol continues to dominate the drug abuse scene, its percentage is decreasing and "a growing proportion of clients sought help due to amphetamine use," said AIHW spokesperson Matthew James.

In the same five-year period, amphetamine use increased from 11% to 23%, while the proportion due to cannabis remained relatively unchanged, from 22% to 23%, but the number of treatment episodes for cannabis rose by 40%, he said.

Visit aihw.gov.au for the report.

## Location rule fraud exposed

THE Federal Court of Australia has ordered that a company trust called Slopen Main belonging to pharmacist Ross Darnell must have its application to set up a pharmacy "set aside" with opposition from two pharmacies in Cove Hill Shopping Centre in Bridgewater near Hobart, namely Elizabeth Hope Priceline Pharmacy and Brighton Pharmacy.

The argument revolved around a "fraudulent" attempt to mislead the Australian Community Pharmacy Authority (ACPA) into granting a license to the trust enabling the establishment of a pharmacy in a temporary demountable building in the carpark of the shopping centre.

## NZ funds varicella vax

**NEW** Zealand's PHARMAC has confirmed the funding of the varicella vaccine for chicken pox effective 01 Jul 2017.

One dose of the vaccine will be free for children aged 15 months, and also for those turning 11 years of age who have never been infected with or previously immunised against chickenpox.

The announcement cited benefits to children and their families, a reduction in GP and emergency department visits as well as hospitalisations.

After the introduction of a universal varicella vaccine in Australia, the hospitalisation rate for children with chickenpoxrelated complications fell by 75%.

The position would have placed the new 'pharmacy' within 500 metres of one of the complainants and also flouted the shopping centre size ruling, claiming it was a large shopping centre with more tenants than are really there.

There was an attempt to suggest that the shopping centre had 15 shops when in fact it had fewer, along with a declaration that certain single shops had two separate market functions and that the centre also included a nearby strip set of shops.

Once approval had been granted for the demountable site, Darnell could have sought to relocate within the shopping centre and the ACPA would then have approved the small move.

Darnell's company was ordered by Justice Kerr in the Court to pay the costs of the two pharmacies that exposed the "misleading information" in his plan saying: "as its sole director and shareholder I am satisfied that for all purposes Mr Darnell was and is the controlling mind of Slopen Main."

**CLICK HERE** for the full ruling.

## **US** generic plan

THE US Food and Drug Administration has implemented a new policy to expedite the review of generic drug applications where competition is limited, along with a list of off-patent, off-exclusivity branded drugs without approved generics as part of its Drug Competition Action Plan.

## Nicotine vapes bill

THE Senate has referred the Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017 to its Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry. Submissions are due 04 Aug and the reporting date is 13 Sep 2017. Visit aph.gov.au for links.



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## **SHPA hosts Future Summit**

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia yesterday opened registrations for its annual two-day incubator of ideas titled Future Summit 2017.

Places are limited, and SHPA members can apply to participate effective immediately.

Those whose applications are accepted will pay a registration fee but have their travel and accommodation costs covered by the Society.

SHPA ceo Kristin Michaels said "concepts born at previous summits have led to the development and implementation of a number of Australia-first SHPA initiatives across hospital residency, pharmacy research and role design.

"Ideas arising this year will help map the future direction, not just of SHPA but of the broader clinical

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pharmacy profession," she said. Applications for SHPA's Future Summit 2017 close at 8pm AEST on Thu 13 Jul.

The event takes place 31 Jul-01 Aug at Sydney's Hyatt Regency Hotel - see shpa.org.au.

MEANWHILE registrations have also opened for SHPA's national conference, Medicines Management 2017 (MM2017), which will take place over four days in Nov at Sydney's new International Convention Centre.

The 43rd SHPA conference will feature an "outstanding plenary line-up," Michaels said, with speakers including Emeritus Professor Kim Oates from the University of Sydney; Professor Zubin Austin from the University of Toronto; and futurist Michael McQueen.

Submission of MM2017 abstracts closes on Wed 12 Jul, with earlybird registration for the conference open until early Sep.

## **Nplate new orphan**

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has added Nplate (romiplostim) to its list of designated orphan drugs.

Amgen's Nplate is indicated for the treatment of chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura.

## Frazer urges NZ vax

VACCINE inventor, expert and Australian of the Year 2006 Professor Ian Frazer has encouraged New Zealand health authorities to follow Australia's lead and make vaccination compulsory for children "for the general good of the public".

Frazer drew a comparison of the policy with that of mandatory wearing of seatbelts, referencing the personal and societal cost of failing to wear them.

Also president of the Cancer Council Australia, and advisor to the World Health Organisation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Frazer was speaking at an event following a recent tour of the antivax film *Vaxxed*, promoting the discredited link between the MMR vaccine and autism.





## Samimi unites Branch

PHARMACY Guild of Australia NSW Branch president Rick Samimi has called for a united front by all members, following the appointment of a new state Branch Committee from "a strong voter turnout" delivering a diverse group of appointees.

Samimi thanked all the candidates for their participation in the election, congratulated successful appointees and thanked the outgoing members for their service to the Guild.

"I urge all Members to remain united behind the Guild and to convey ideas and feedback through the new Branch Committee members," he said.

"I also note and warmly welcome the election of six female Branch Committee members, up from four in the current 15-member committee."

The Australian Electoral
Commission confirmed the election
of the following candidates: Mario
Barone, John Black, Catherine
Bronger, Karen Carter, Caroline
Diamantis, Greg Everett, David
Heffernan, Paul Jones, Feras Karem,
Binh Luu, Judy Plunkett, Rick
Samimi, Sally Sheehan, Adele Tahan
and Richard Walsh.

This marks the conclusion of Stage 1 of the NSW Branch election process, with the next stage, electing office bearers, commencing 14 Jul 2017.

# Blackmores changing of the guard

ASX-LISTED natural health company Blackmores has announced a company leadership change with ceo Christine Holgate resigning after nine years at the helm (*PD* breaking news yesterday).

Chairman Stephen Chapman said Holgate has accepted the position of ceo of Australia Post and would leave the company on 29 Sep.

"It is with regret that we announce Christine's departure from Blackmores as ceo and managing director," Chapman said.

"On behalf of our Board, our staff and our shareholders, I would like to thank Christine for her outstanding leadership and excellent contribution to Blackmores' success."

"Christine's legacy is a program of transformation which has enabled our group to adapt to some significant market changes in recent years. She is a very dear friend to Blackmores and to me personally."

Holgate said she was "so appreciative of the opportunity Marcus gave me to lead Blackmores nine years ago".

Director Marcus Blackmore has been asked to return from sabbatical to step in as interim ceo prior to appointment of a new ceo.

He will also continue as a director of the company with the added responsibility as brand president.

## Win with dreambaby

This week Pharmacy Daily and Dreambaby® are giving readers the chance to win each day a Multi-Stage Potty Seat, 2-Up Step Stool and Watch-Your-Step® Anti-Slip Bath Mat.

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## **Dispensary** Corner

BELIEVE it or not, you can have your breast milk made into a permanent keepsake, in the form of jewellery.

However somewhat of a sticky situation has developed, with US



company called MommyMilk Creations, which produces the precious mementos (pictured), ordered to refund customers and return the breast milk they sent.

The court directive follows complaints by clients from as far afield as Singapore who say they've been waiting as long as two years to receive their promised creations.

YOU should always apply sunscreen liberally - but that didn't work out too well for a man who was sunbathing in the nude in Townsville last week.

The male tourist is now recovering from serious injuries after a sea eagle mistook his sunscreen-lathered testicles for some tasty eggs.

The unfortunate chap was sunbathing at Saunders Beach, with a source at the clinic that treated him quoted by Foreign Journal as saying he completely lost one testicle in the attack. while the other remains "hanging by a thread".

A witness said "while we definitely recommend nudists to use plenty of sunscreen, it appears in this case he slathered on a bit too much.

"Combine that with the fact he'd done some manscaping down there, and his balls looked like two perfect little turtle eggs".

# Health, Beauty and New Products

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