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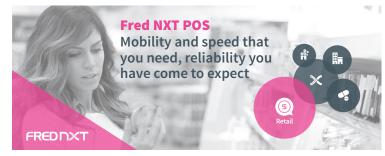
- The skin prior to insertion of IV catheters, blood sampling, vaccination, superficial surgical procedures, including split skin grafting.
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- Genital skin prior to superficial surgical procedures or infiltration anaesthesia.
- Skin prior to minor superficial cosmetic procedures

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### Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today has two pages of news plus a front cover page from **emla**<sup>®</sup>.

### Hall of Fame award

**GSK** technical lead Philip Leslie has been honoured with the 2017 Manufacturing Hall of Fame award at a ceremony Tues night hosted by Victorian Minister for Industry and Employment, Wade Noonan.

Leslie (pictured) has pioneered a new approach to collaboration within the pharmaceutical industry

and been instrumental in setting up partnerships with biotech and academic institutions helping



establish Victoria as a thriving biotech hub.

His efforts have helped to improve processes at the GSK plant in Boronia and introduce new product concepts while providing training opportunities for university students.

### **Asset write-off tick**

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed the federal budget's extension of the \$20,000 instant asset write-off for small businesses for a further 12 months, as well as the turnover threshold being lifted to \$10m, five times higher than was originally available.

With many community pharmacy turnovers up to \$5m, most will qualify for promised tax cuts.

# Qld Guild-Government vax pact

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland Branch has announced it has secured agreements with five state government departments to enable departmental staff to receive the 2017 flu vaccination from Guild member pharmacies.

The remunerated program creates a streamlined vaccination service for Qld government department employees by linking them with local Guild member pharmacies.

More than 360 pharmacies will be delivering flu vaccinations to the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries as well as the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and Commonwealth Games.

Guild Qld Branch president
Tim Logan said, "In addition to
supporting members' businesses,
this program also provides ongoing
benefits for department employees
in the areas of wellbeing and health
by building relationships with a
highly trusted and accessible health
professional".

The Queensland Branch has also partnered with GuildLink for members to utilise the GuildCare NG platform to book, record and report on vaccinations administered under the program.

GuildLink ceo Ross Gallagher said GuildCare NG reduced the manual paperwork involved when implementing a program like corporate vaccination, in pharmacy. "Being able to book, record and report on vaccinations through the one platform provides the pharmacy and other key stakeholders a seamless process and proof of service, without the hassle," Gallagher said.

"By creating the online booking system for the Queensland Guild Corporate Vaccination Program, as an extension of GuildCare NG, we look forward to expanding this tool to bring more vaccination programs and other professional services to a wider audience in the not too distant future," Gallagher added.

# Steroid dealer pinged

THE orchestrator of an online steroid operation has been imprisoned for two years for illegal supply of prescription medicines, in a case brought by the NZ Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority (Medsafe).

Joshua Francis Townshend was sentenced after being convicted of advertising, possessing and supplying prescription medicines.

He pleaded guilty to 129 breaches of the Medicines Act, including possession, advertising and sale of anabolic steroids, clenbuterol, and related medicines illegally used for sports performance and image enhancement.

Under observation for some time with his website clenbuterol.co.nz, Townshend was associated with false names and bank accounts, while the products he sold were not of a pharmaceutical standard, Medsafe explained.

### emla recommended

**ASPEN** Pharmacare's emla range was recommended by 98% of general practitioners recently polled about dermal anaesthesia.

The products, which include patch and cream presentations, are highlighted on the **cover page** of today's issue of **Pharmacy Daily**.

### Cannabis emesis trial

NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard has announced the expansion of the state's medicinal cannabis trial for chemotherapy patients to seven more hospitals, including Campbelltown, Concord, Royal North Shore, Calvary Mater Newcastle, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie Base and Wollongong.

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in Camperdown is leading the trial, comparing a cannabis product with standard anti-emetic treatments to manage chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.

"NSW is leading the country in developing much-needed evidence for the use of medicinal cannabis by investing \$21 million in ground-breaking clinical trials, research and reforms," Hazzard said - with \$1m going to cultivation research "which will ensure any future domestic industry is of a high quality and suited to local conditions."

Findings and recommendations of the *Review of the Medicinal Cannabis Compassionate Use Scheme* conducted by Professor Mary O'Kane AC, were released yesterday recommending access for the terminally ill and a safe legal pathway of access for others - **CLICK HERE** for the report.



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STRESSED? Here's a great way to maintain mental health.

Rather than becoming utterly frustrated, a Florida, USA woman caught in a traffic jam decided to make the most of the unanticipated down-time by getting out her yoga mat and doing some exercises on the road.

Kristin Bjornsen was stuck on the I-95 freeway after an accident closed down the northbound lanes for about two hours.

The quick thinker posted some of her yoga routine - possibly an Upward Facing Dog pose - on social media (below) along with the caption "Clearing the traffic in my mind #i95 #traffic #miami #zen #sendwater".



**GOOD** news for our Kiwi cousins - researchers at the University of Auckland are speculating that doing the traditional haka may help stave off dementia.

A NZ Ministry of Health study on factors that help people age well unexpectedly found that older Maoris suffered less from dementia than the wider population, despite having higher risk factors.

It may not just be the haka - the researchers also suggested it could have something to do with being bilingual and having strong involvement in cultural activities.

# Creso ramps up cannabis

**ASX-LISTED** pharmaceutical cannabis company Creso Pharma has signed a binding Letter of Intent with Australian medicinal cannabis producer LeafCann Group to accelerate the development and commercialisation of locally manufactured medicinal cannabis.

Creso marked a milestone earlier this month when it imported the first medicinal cannabis products into Australia (PD 03 May).

Through the new strategic agreement, LeafCann will supply Creso with cannabis and/or hemp-derived materials to Good Manufacturing Practice standards.

Creso said the materials will be used to develop, manufacture, sell and commercialise its pharmaceutical-grade therapeutic products for the human and animal health markets in Australia.

The company announcement says the new partnership strengthens its strategic leadership in the sector and the company is well placed to capitalise on the growth in the Australian market following federal and state legislative changes to support research, cultivation and

production of medicinal cannabis.

As acceptability of and demand for medicinal cannabis grows, Creso said its ability to access locally cultivated and manufactured products produced to the highest grade pharmaceutical quality would rise to meet this need.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with LeafCann, a pioneer of the Australian medicinal cannabis industry," said Creso chief operating officer David Russell, adding that the quality of supply that LeafCann would provide "will help us manufacture products that meet international pharmaceutical standards."

### Eczema awareness

MAY is Eczema Awareness Month, with the Eczema Association of Australasia saying this years' campaign focuses on young people with the condition.

According to ABS data over 1 million Australians suffer from eczema, with young people making up 17.4% of the total - for more info and support call 1300 300 182.

# **Events Calendar**

WELCOME to Pharmacy Daily's events calendar, opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

- 21 May: 2017 PSA WA Annual Seminar; Pan Pacific Perth; register here: www.psa.org.au
- 4-5 Jun: Naturally Good Expo; ICC Sydney; pre-register for free or \$30 at the door - details here: naturallygood.com.au
- 16-18 Jun: ConPharm 2017; Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart; find out more: www.aacp.com.au
- 28-30 Jul: PSA17; Hyatt Regency, Darling Harbour, Sydney; for details see: www.psa17.com
- 5-9 Aug: Medici Capital **Pharmacy Snow Business** Conference 2017; Mt. Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: www.medici.com.au
- **6-12 Aug:** Pharmeducation Pharmacotherapy Update; Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome; details here: www. pharmeducationbroome.com
- 1-3 Sep: Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel Sydney; register here: www.pharmacy-connect. com.au
- 10-14 Sep: 77th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017; Seoul, Republic of Korea; register here: www.fip.org
- 17-19 Oct: World Self Medication Industry General Assembly 2017; ICC Sydney; registrations opening soon: www.wsmiga2017.com

## WIN WITH **DESIGNER** BRANDS

This week Pharmacy Daily and Designer Brands are giving away a set each day of their Luminous Longwear Foundation and Rise & Prime Luminescent Primer.

The Rise & Prime Illuminating Primer enhances the skin's natural radiance by providing a luminous and hydrating base that's perfect for any foundation. Its light diffusing properties brighten fatigued or dull skin. The Longwear Luminous Foundation's hydrating and dewy formula leaves skin looking brighter and more radiant. It's enriched with Green Tea, Aloe Vera and Vitamins A, C & E to hydrate and keep skin looking fresh. CLICK HERE to see more.

To win, be the first from VIC or TAS to send the answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Melanie Hayat from Pharmacy4Less.

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