



PSS call for support

THE Pharmacists' Support Service (PSS) seeks help from the pharmacy profession to support the wellbeing of colleagues, with an appeal reminding them "It may be you who needs help this year," through a tax deductible donation.

It can be a single gift or an ongoing commitment, said PSS vice president Gilly Swinnerton.

She said calls to the service had risen by 33% this year.

"More calls and training more volunteers bring extra overheads." See supportforpharmacists.org.au.

Gummies blasted

BIOGLAN'S popular children's vitamin product Vita Gummies has been found to have mislabelled the sugar and carbohydrate content of their product, putting children's teeth (and gums) at risk, according to an article in the online public health watchdog *The Conversation*.

"In our opinion, these products are unhealthy and exploitative," said the article from the University (Monash and UNSW) and Victorian Government sponsored site.

"Their high sugar content may appeal to young children, but they're not a good introduction to a healthy diet," the authors claimed.

The Bioglan website apparently states that an average serving is two gummies (5.6g), which the formulation states have 3g sugar (54% by weight).

"They also stated there was 3mg of sugar per 100g of product which is clearly mislabelled; 100g of product must contain 54g of sugar, not 3mg," the article stated.

"Sugars provide food for the bacteria that dissolve tooth enamel...as sugar consumption increases, so do cavities," the report continued.

Visit theconversation.com.



First cannabis crop planting

MELBOURNE-BASED Cann Group has announced it will receive its first plant material and start cultivation of medicinal cannabis in the coming days after securing the necessary permits from the government's Office of Drug Control (ODC).

The company has been issued with one medicinal cannabis permit and two cannabis research permits.

These permits will facilitate the establishment of breeding plants for propagation purposes, a research program being undertaken with the CSIRO to develop unique cannabis extracts and the supply of plant material for manufacturing into medicinal cannabis products for patient use.

The first plants being cultivated by Cann are expected to be harvested by early Aug this year.

Harvested material from the plants cultivated under the medicinal cannabis permit are being supplied under a commercial

PPI claiming 01 Jun

PHARMACY owners are reminded that claiming for PPI Clinical Interventions and Dose Administration Aids for the 01 Apr-31 May 2017 claiming period is available for two weeks from tomorrow, 01 Jun 2017.

Claims can be made via the 6CPA Registration and Claiming Portal, with pharmacists reminded to ensure they have a process in place to submit the claim if they plan to be away during the period.

See 6cpa.com.au.

Compounding GMP

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has published a new guide to the interpretation of the PIC/S Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice for compounded medicinal products.

The document is only applicable to licensable manufacturers but may also be used as guidance for pharmacists performing compounding - see tga.gov.au.



agreement, the terms of which, including manufacturer details, volume, and price will be kept confidential, the company said.

The company added that it was working toward specific scale-up milestones throughout this year.

Cann ceo Peter Crock said, "We will start cultivation at our southern facility, while work continues on preparing our northern facility, also in Melbourne, which will have a larger cultivation and production capacity."

Unhealthy advertising

QUEENSLAND'S long-time domination of the annual rugby league State of Origin series also extends to unhealthy gambling and alcohol messages, according to an analysis by Dr Melissa Stoneham, Director of the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA, at



Curtin University. During tonight's 2017 series opener in Qld, Stoneham highlights that the XXXX Queensland Maroons will have twice as many examples of unhealthy advertising on their uniforms as the VB NSW Blues.



New eczema course

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia's Guild Learning and Development has released a new Pharmacy Health Solutions online course titled *Itchy, red skin*.

Eczema (atopic dermatitis) is a common, pruritic and inflammatory skin condition that affects many patients who visit community pharmacies.

The recurrence and flare-ups that patients often experience provide an excellent opportunity for pharmacists to engage with patients and monitor this troublesome skin condition, the Guild says.

Community pharmacist and Guild Victoria Branch president Anthony Tassone says he believes that this online course will provide an important refresher to pharmacists around the appropriate use of topical corticosteroids.

"Patients often require ongoing support with their eczema to deal with recurrence or flare-ups," he said adding, "Pharmacists can provide advice on the appropriate use of corticosteroids and other treatments that may also include over-the-counter products to help manage their skin condition."

The MSD-sponsored CPD course covers pathophysiology of the disease states as well as indications, mode of action, dosage and the role for non-prescription medicines in the management of eczema.

Visit myCPD.org.au for details.

Win with Burnaid®

This week Pharmacy Daily and Burnaid® are giving away each day a prize pack including Gel Spray, Burn Kit, Burn Gel, 10x10 Dressing and magnet.

Burnaid® gel is a water based gel (hydrogel) that cools and soothes to help relieve the pain of minor burns. Made with Australian purified

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National Burns Awareness Month, an initiative of Julian Burton Burns Trust in partnership with Burnaid®. Started last year and continuing this year, it aims to provide awareness around the correct first aid treatment for minor burns. **CLICK HERE** to learn more.

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What does the Burnaid® Burn Kit contain?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Hung Tran from Queensland University of Technology.



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Dispensary Corner

A NIGERIAN couple who suffered 17 years of miscarriage have been blessed in abundance... with sextuplets.

Adeboye and Ajibola Taiwo were overjoyed last Nov when they found out they were expecting quadruplets - with their cup overflowing in Jan when it was discovered there were yet another two buns in the oven.

The three boys and three girls were delivered at VCU Medical Centre in Virginia, USA on 11 May at 30 weeks with the lightest weighing 737 grams and the heaviest at 1.33kg.

The babies (**below**) are currently in hospital under special care.



ENGINEERS have come up with a not-so-healthy solution to beer supply for the upcoming Wacken Open Air festival in northern Germany this coming August.

A 7km network of underground "beer pipelines" has been laid across the event venue - to ensure everyone there can definitely drink a skinful.

The 35cm pipeline promises to deliver one stein-full every second as the 75,000-odd participants bliss out to the music of as many as 150 heavy metal bands.

Organisers said the "strictly hygienic" pipes will mean beer trucks no longer churn up the fields to quench the thirst of fans.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Toy Chain by Dreambaby

Toys can be a tripping hazard, but every mother knows how hard it is to keep all those toys in order. The Dreambaby **Toy Chain** is the perfect solution, keeping the toys visible, accessible and even looking exciting and decorative. Over 1.92m long, the chain can be installed either horizontally or vertically. It comes with 20 movable hooks and a ceiling attachment. Tidy rooms are less hazardous to newborns and carers alike.



Stockist: 02 9386 4000
RRP: \$14.95
Website: www.dreambaby.com.au

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Achieve naturally radiant skin in one simple step with the **DB Rise & Prime Luminescent Primer**. Housed in sleek matte gold packaging and formulated with light diffusing particles, the DB Rise & Prime Luminescent Primer preps the skin for flawless foundation application, adding instant luminosity and giving the skin a subtle lit-from-within radiance. The gel like formula blends easily, hydrating the skin and giving the skin a naturally luminous glow. Packed with skin loving ingredients like green tea, aloe vera and vitamins A, C & E, this primer evens the skin tone encouraging skin cell renewal.



Stockist: 1300 765 332
RRP: \$19.99
Website: www.dbcosmetics.com.au

Kind to Skin Moisturising Facial Wash

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au



\$9.99 RRP
150mls

This amazing new cleanser leaves skin thoroughly cleansed and nourished as well as being the perfect blend of the purest possible skin-loving ingredients along with added vitamins. With no perfume or colour, **Kind to Skin Moisturising Facial Wash** by Simple has no unnecessary ingredients to upset sensitive skin, and Simple says it is dermatologically tested and

approved. Only a small squeeze of the Simple tube will be enough to massage over the wet skin.

Stockist: 1800 061 027
RRP: \$9.99
Website: www.simpleskincare.com.au

pjurmed VEGAN glide

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