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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.

## Pharmacist honoured

CANBERRA community pharmacist Elise Apolloni (pictured) from Capital Chemist Wanniasa



has been named the National Telstra Young Business Woman of the Year. Apolloni's national recognition follows her

earlier success when she won the 2017 Telstra ACT Business Woman of the Year, the Entrepreneur Award and the Young Business Women's Award (PD 04 Oct).

President of the ACT Branch of the Guild, Simon Blacker, congratulated vice president Apolloni on her award.

“Elise is a great example of a community pharmacist embracing the new model of pharmacy which places a greater emphasis on the delivery of professional services,” he said.

Blacker also highlighted the pharmacy-integrated mental health services at Apolloni's pharmacy, adding that she extended this interest further than within her business by also volunteering as a telephone crisis support worker at Lifeline Canberra and as a phone counsellor for the National Pharmacists' Support Service while also being a Mental Health First Aid instructor.

## Banana Boat sure of SPF

EDGEWELL Personal Care, the manufacturer of Banana Boat aerosol sunscreens, has strongly refuted claims by Bannister Law that the products do not meet SPF50+ claims (PD yesterday).

The law firm is investigating a class action over the issue, saying it had commissioned Eurofins Dermatest to evaluate Banana Boat sunscreens, with seven items claimed to have failed the test.

Edgewell said “we disagree and question the anomalous SPF results provided by Dermatest...these results are entirely inconsistent with the testing we have conducted at Edgewell's reputable labs in accordance with the Australian mandatory standard as regulated by the TGA.

“All Banana Boat products meet the SPF claim as labelled on pack,” the company added.

Edgewell also noted recent testing

undertaken by the TGA which included Banana Boat Ultra Very High Protection Clear Spray SPF50+ Sunscreen.

“All products tested contained the correct levels of active ingredients as specified on their labelling and complied with the Australian regulatory guidelines for sunscreens,” the company added, pointing to the TGA's findings which are online at [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au).

Interestingly, the TGA noted the importance of following labelling instructions to “apply liberally”.

“At Banana Boat our number one priority is providing effective sun protection for Australian consumers...we stand behind the efficacy of our products,” said a spokesperson for Edgewell Personal Care Australia.

## Webstercare updated

WEBSTERCARE has announced that its Medication Management Software (MMS), designed specifically to support medication packing for pharmacies that use Webstercare systems such as Webster-pak and Unit Dose 7, has now “reached new heights in capability” following a recent significant upgrade.

Version 52 of MMS includes a new 6CPA claim report, integrated dispense interface, cytotoxic and warfarin alerts and many other alerts, a new Drug Burden Index Report and Anti-Coagulant Usage Report.

Contact Software Services Team on 1300 132 466 with queries.

## PBS mandatories

INCLUDING a pharmacy's Chemotherapy Compounder ID will be mandatory within PBS claims from 01 Dec 2017, according to a Health Department update.

All approved pharmacists, approved medical practitioners and approved public and private hospital authorities will need to comply with the change.

Compounder IDs are available from the Chemotherapy Compounding Payment Scheme (CCPS) Administration Agency, Australian Healthcare Associates - see [pbs.gov.au](http://pbs.gov.au) for more.

## Guardian's warm woollies to Vinnies

SIGMA'S Guardian Pharmacy chain has donated over 40,000 knitted garments to the St Vincent de Paul Society, giving back to the tens of thousands of Australians who faced hardship this winter.

Beanies, scarves, jumpers and gloves (pictured below), were generously donated by members of the Guardian Angels Knitting Program and delivered to Vinnies Shops across the country by transport companies Kings, Victoria Freight Specialists and Followmont Transport at no cost.



## Guild red tape input

THE Pharmacy Guild has made a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the effect of red tape on pharmacy rules, highlighting issues such as leasing, workplace relations compliance, payroll tax, GST, medicine recalls, retention of PBS and RPBs records, inability to pass on surcharges, overnight stock devaluation & more - see [aph.gov.au](http://aph.gov.au).

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## Dispensary Corner

**THOSE** inventive people at KFC have done it again.

Just after wowing Japan with fried chicken-flavoured bath bombs (**PD** 10 Nov) they have come up with a \$10,000 indoor tent designed to block internet and mobile phone signals.

The 'Internet Escape Pod' (**pictured**) enables chicken-lovers to "find sanctuary for yourself and your loved ones under Colonel Sanders" - and of course at the same time enjoy a bucket or even a barrel of the Colonel's finest.



**SCIENTISTS** have come up with more evidence in favour of red wine - drinking it apparently makes you feel sexy.

However there's also an unfortunate side-effect, in that it also puts you to sleep.

A study published in the *BMJ Open* journal this month has looked at anonymised responses from thousands of people across the globe who took part in an online poll about legal and illicit drug use.

The researchers from Public Health Wales and King's College London found drinking spirits such as vodka, gin or rum was more commonly associated with aggression, while 40% of spirit drinkers claiming the beverages boosted their libido.

Red wine and beer made drinkers feel most relaxed - and 60% of red wine drinkers said they just wanted to lie down.

## Supply chain 'stress & strain'

**AUSTRALIA'S** medicines supply chain is showing signs of "stress and strain", says Pharmacy Guild executive director David Quilty, who has confirmed that Health Minister Greg Hunt has tasked his departmental officials to come up with a Medicines Shortage Strategy.

Writing in *Forefront*, Quilty said the increasing rate of medicine shortages and recalls were "symptomatic of a system that is faltering", particularly with some manufacturers choosing to bypass wholesalers committed to the Community Service Obligation.

He cited the recent move by AstraZeneca to go direct with a number of higher priced medicines (**PD** 31 Oct 2017), while Pfizer has also had a direct distribution model for some years.

And the situation looks set to worsen, with *PharmaDispatch* today reporting that Amgen has also decided to direct supply its Prolia (denosumab) biologic osteoporosis treatment via DHL.

Quilty highlighted that the main objective of the National Medicines

Policy was to provide "timely access to the medicines that Australians need, at a cost individuals and the community can afford".

He said the proposed Medicines Shortage Strategy should include the early provision of necessary information for pharmacists and prescribers about shortages, as well as communications about the availability of alternative therapies.

### CW supply contract

**CHEMIST** Warehouse has issued a formal tender for its huge supply contract, according to the *Financial Review*, after the pharmacy retail giant recently settled a court case with its current major supplier, Sigma Healthcare (**PD** 17 Oct).

When the Sigma settlement was announced the company said Chemist Warehouse/MyChemist had agreed "not to pursue the procurement of products from another CSO wholesaler for the remaining term of the agreement".

The current Sigma-Chemist Warehouse deal runs to Jun 2019.

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