

CW Kiwi rollout

CHEMIST Warehouse continues to expand its presence across the Tasman, this week opening a third store in Auckland and reporting plans to eventually have a 120-strong New Zealand network.

Two more outlets are already in the works, at the Albany Mega Centre on Auckland's north shore, and Westgate Shopping Centre in the city's west.

According to NZ publication *The Register*, Azman Haroon, who is director of Chemist Warehouse New Zealand, personally owns and operates the first store to open in the suburb of St Lukes, and licenses the Chemist Warehouse brand from Australia.

"Future Chemist Warehouse branches in New Zealand will also be owned and operated by franchisees," the report states.

New podiatry, physio ASX listing

HEALTHIA Limited is seeking to raise almost \$27 million through an Initial Public Offering, with the aim of establishing an ASX-listed physiotherapy and podiatry business.

The aim is to "consolidate two highly fragmented health sectors... to meet growing demand for these services from an ageing and increasingly health-conscious population," the company said.

The proceeds will be largely used to fund acquisitions of existing podiatry and physiotherapy businesses, with shares to be also offered to clinicians to retain staff.

Revised ad consultation

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking further feedback on major changes to advertising for therapeutic goods, after stakeholders

making submissions to an earlier consultation (**PD** 22 Jan) called for further opportunities to provide more input on the initiative.

Yesterday the TGA released a revised version of the guidance to support the new Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code 2018, with interested parties asked to respond by Thu 04 Oct 2018.

Comments are particularly sought on proposed guidance around the use of "natural" claims in the advertising of therapeutic goods; the concept of a "reasonable consumer" as referenced in the code; a proposal to make definitions in Appendix 1 of the proposed Code guidance available via hyperlinks to the TGA website glossary rather than enshrining them in the actual document;

SHPA blasts vial claim

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists (SHPA) has rejected "false and misleading" statements in a *PharmaDispatch* article earlier this week which claimed that "vial sharing" in oncology could risk patient safety.



and the use of a cross-reference to the World Health Organization Framework for Ethical Criteria for Medicinal Drug Promotion. Key differences from the previous 2015

Code include changes to the mandatory statement required in advertising for Schedule 3 (pharmacist-only) medicines, along with a stipulation that advertising must not undermine public health campaigns.

There's also a revised definition for deciding whether the use of the word "serious" when referring to a disease, condition, ailment or defect is a restricted representation, and special requirements that apply to the advertising of sunscreens.

View the revised consultation document at www.tga.gov.au.

EMA Esyma update

THE European Medicines Agency has launched new measures to minimise the risk of "rare but serious liver injury" in connection with Esyma (ulipristal acetate) which is used to treat symptoms of uterine fibroids.

Under the new measures patients must have a liver test before, during and after treatment with Esyma, with the drug to be ceased if any abnormalities are found.

Meet POTY winners



PHARMACY Connect delegates this year will have the opportunity to meet 2018 Guild Pharmacy of the Year (POTY) winner, Luke van der Rijt (**pictured**) from Southcity



Pharmacy, who will share how his pharmacy was able to innovate and implement change to grow.

Luke will be presenting at the 'Celebrating Innovation' Breakfast on Fri 07 Sep and will be joined by previous winners Lucy Walker (Lucy Walker Pharmacy Goondiwindi) and Swarup Asfar (Pharmacy 777 Nollamara).

See pharmacy-connect.com.au.

Tiger runs City2Surf

KEY Pharmaceuticals has announced its Tiger Balm as an Event Partner of this weekend's City2Surf event in Sydney.

City2Surf is the world's largest fun run, an



annual event attracting more than 80,000 participants and in excess of 100,000 spectators.

Departing from Sydney's Hyde Park, the gruelling course weaves through Sydney suburbs to the finish line at iconic Bondi Beach.

Free massages will be on offer at the Tiger Balm Marquee.

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Dispensary Corner

ANOTHER egregious use of the emergency line has been highlighted in the UK, where a man recently dialled 999 because his wife was snoring too loudly.

Police in Birmingham have released an audio recording of the "stupid timewaster" to highlight the importance of leaving the line clear for real emergencies.

The offender, who admittedly does sound pretty exhausted, is heard complaining to the operator that his wife "sounds like a motorbike...I don't know what to do".

The call handler patiently explains that "this isn't a police matter" and told him to seek medical advice when his wife awakened in the morning.



A PRESUMABLY smelly shoplifter has been caught on CCTV in Canada stealing more than \$300 worth of deodorant.

Police in Burlington, Ontario, said the alleged incident took place in a grocery store at about 8pm on Mon, with the video showing a man sweeping two shelves of Axe antiperspirant into his shoulder bag before making a getaway as a passenger in a Hyundai Sonata which was waiting for him just outside the shop.

Authorities have issued a description of the on-the-nose offender and the vehicle's driver, in the hope that a tip from the public will enable police detectives to follow the scent.

Pfizer \$10k pharmacist grant

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists (SHPA) and Pfizer yesterday jointly announced the return of the \$10,000 Pfizer Young Pharmacist Grant for 2018.

The initiative, supported by the National Translational Research Collaborative (NTRC) will help hospital pharmacy's future leaders to gain experience and accelerate their clinical knowledge through either a national or international preceptorship.

The grant is open to SHPA members with under 10 years of experience in hospital pharmacy.

"Being able to learn from some of the best and most innovative minds in pharmacy not only gives emerging pharmacists a launching pad for their own career, but results in service improvement in Australian hospital pharmacies through the sharing of ideas and knowledge," said SHPA chief executive Kristin Michaels.

She said the grant had an expanded scope emphasising research elements including mentoring, team placement or dissemination, with the aim of strengthening the individual and collective research expertise of hospital pharmacists now and into the future.

Applications are now open until 5pm AEST on Fri 07 Sep, giving emerging hospital pharmacists time to submit an outline including a detailed budget, rationale for wanting to undertake the preceptorship, a publication plan and letter of support.

A full timeline, application criteria and other information is now online at the NTRC virtual hub - see www.shpa.org.au/ntrc.

Compounder accused of creating opioids

A US compounding pharmacist has been accused of ordering bulk hydrocodone and oxycodone powder and compounding them into tablets for sale.

Karl O'Dell, owner of Pure Compounding in Ashland, Kentucky allegedly supplied so-called "pill mill" pain clinics whose patients were having difficulty getting prescriptions filled.

Police claim he told doctors to write scripts for amounts not typically commercially available, with the pharmacist charged with federal conspiracy and "misrepresenting medications".



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ASMI on social media

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry (ASMI) has announced an upcoming breakfast seminar titled "Social Media Myths Debunked: How to effectively use social media in a highly regulated industry".

The event is scheduled for 7.30am on Fri 14 Sep 2018 at Christie Conference Centre, 100 Walker Street North Sydney and costs \$35+GST for ASMI members and \$95+GST for non-members.

For more information and to register **CLICK HERE**.



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7 - 8 Sep: Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel Sydney; register at: pharmacy-connect.com.au

16 - 19 Oct: Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Hamilton Island; register now: pamembersforum.com.au

25 - 27 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sea World Resort, Gold Coast; for details see: pharmacyassistants.com

22 - 25 Nov: SHPA Medicines Management Conference, Brisbane. Early bird regos close 21 Sep 2018 - details on www.mm2018shpa.com.