



## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Corum Health Services.

## Rural scholarships

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has announced the recipients of the Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme 2018.



Thirty seven students from across the country have been awarded the prestigious scholarship.

The Rural Pharmacy Scholarships provide financial support to rural and remote students to help them undertake studies in pharmacy.

Scholarship holders receive \$10,000 each year, for up to four years of university study, to help cover the costs associated with study away from home.

They also participate in a mentor program aimed at reinforcing the students' ties to rural and regional Australia.

The Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme is an initiative of the Rural Support Programs and is funded by the Department of Health as part of the 6CPA - [CLICK HERE](#) for the list.

## Medicinal cannabis facility

LISTED medicinal cannabis company Cann Group has announced it has signed a heads of agreement with Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne (APAM), securing the site of Cann's proposed Stage 3 medicinal cannabis cultivation and GMP manufacturing facility.



Under the lease arrangement, it is proposed that APAM will fund and undertake the primary build of the 37,000m<sup>2</sup> facility, representing a multi-million dollar contribution to the project.

The facility construction is being designed by Aurora Larssen Projects (ALPS), a specialist greenhouse engineering consultancy providing technical consulting to the greenhouse industry worldwide.

The company says this is to be "Australia's largest state-of-the-art medicinal cannabis operation".

Cann, with the support of ALPS, will complete the fit-out and technology deployment, an estimated investment by Cann of approximately \$100 million, and will employ 170 staff.

The company successfully completed a capital raising late

last year and will use a combination of debt and equity to fund the new expansion project.

Cann Group ceo Peter Crock (pictured) said the support of APAM put Cann in a strong position as it embarked upon its Stage 3 expansion.

"This site is ideally suited to our needs and the heads of agreement represents an important step that allows us to proceed with final design," Crock said.

"APAM's contribution to the construction of these facilities will enable Cann to invest additional capital in increased cultivation capacity; expanded development and production capabilities, while also allowing for further future expansion."

## THC appointment



ASX-LISTED The Hydroponics Company (THC) has appointed Katy Williams Day as Product and Regulatory Affairs manager in THC Pharma, a wholly owned subsidiary of THC.

Katy Williams Day, who holds a Master of Pharmacy, brings more than 20 years of pharmaceutical industry experience with major pharmaceutical groups to the role.

She will oversee compliance and regulatory matters across THC Pharma operations and use her experience regulatory body submissions to advance THC Pharma's new product range when its recently acquired pharmaceutical manufacturing facility comes on line.

THC secured management for Australian manufactured medicinal cannabis products.

The appointment follows the arrival of Endoca's medicinal cannabis products in Australia which will be available to patients and healthcare professionals in Australia through the MCMP in Jul.

See more at [mcmp.com.au](http://mcmp.com.au).

## Rare cancer research

THE Federal Government will provide \$33 million to Australian researchers to continue the fight against rare cancers and rare diseases, giving hope to thousands of patients.

Although there have been increased survival rates for some cancers such as breast and bowel cancer, survival rates for rare cancers such as brain and ovarian cancer have remained relatively unchanged for some time, the Health Minister Greg Hunt said.

"It is a tragedy that rare cancers are estimated to cause nearly 40% of total cancer deaths in 2017.

"This funding will create opportunities to address these devastating survival rates associated with some of our cruellest cancers and diseases."

Applications are now open for the third grant round under the Medical Research Future Fund's (MRFF) 'Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need Clinical Trials Program'.

Grant applications remain open until 15 Aug 2018 - [nhmrc.gov.au](http://nhmrc.gov.au).

## Botanix acne trial tick



LISTED medical dermatology company Botanix Pharmaceuticals has announced the recruitment of first patients for its BTX 1503 Phase 2 acne clinical trial, following recent regulatory approvals and the earlier successful Phase 1b results.

Approximately 360 patients will be enrolled for a 12-week period in leading dermatology clinics across the US and Australia.

The Phase 2 acne clinical trial is fully funded and expected to take 12 months to complete.

Botanix executive director Matt Callahan said, "Based on the recent comments from FDA Commissioner around the approval of cannabidiol drug Epidiolex (PD yesterday), we are rapidly following the FDA's preferred development pathway and conducting well controlled clinical studies to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of BTX 1503 compared to vehicle (placebo)".

## TBN celebrates 38% growth

TBN'S Jun pharmacy and health conference heard ceo Tony Rechtman (pictured with guest speaker *Married At First Sight's* Sarah Roza), announce that the company had recorded growth of 38% over last year, more than 17 times the industry average growth for cosmetics in Australia alone.

The DB Cosmetics, Colour by TBN and Raww Superfood Infused Beauty pharmacy and health teams viewed the entire second half launch schedule and Christmas offerings from all brands, with promotions structured to drive consumers into stores.

Rechtman reflected on the success of the week, "I'm



constantly reminded by my peers in the industry about how unique TBN really is.

"Despite intense competition in our categories, we remain an Australian-owned and independent company that has risen to the top with growth figures that are unheard of in other businesses."

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## Dispensary Corner

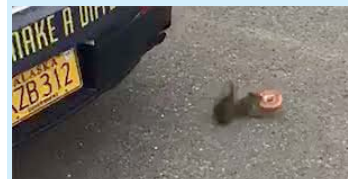
**SOME** things are sacred to a profession. To an American policeman, there is something that above all else that is held dear - the glazed doughnut.

So what sort of an individual would risk all and brazenly dart off with a US policeman's treasured feast?

A squirrel no less!

In a video posted on the department's Facebook page on Sunday, the squirrel is seen with what appears to be a glazed doughnut clenched in its teeth as it runs through the parking lot.

The department called it "a straight-up felony" and added "it's rude." **CLICK HERE.**



**ARE** you seeking the secret to perfect skin, a natural glow and blemish free?

Then stop reading now - this is not how to get all that.

But American Lynn Lew has her own - and we'd suggest, exclusively her own, not to be tried at home - solution to achieving epidermal excellence.

Lew says she simply drinks her dog's urine. Obvious, right?

Believe it or not, she affirms that the freshly frothy yellow liquid explains "how my makeup always looks so perfect, or how I always have this natural glow".

"Dog pee also has vitamin A in it, vitamin E in it, and it has 10 grams of calcium, and it's also proven to help cure cancer."

Echoes of a snake-oil sales pitch.

## Cyber security alert

**SMALL** business owners are being warned of the need to know how to detect and avoid potential cyber attacks, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia says, quoting the Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia (COSBOA).

According to COSBOA, 20% of small businesses were affected by a cyber attack in 2016.

Some 11% of those surveyed were hit by ransom-ware with the average ransom paid being \$4,500, but 8% of those who paid a ransom did not get their files back.

In addition, 33% of those surveyed said they would not last a week without access to their critical information, and 48% said they had no back-up data.

COSBOA has suggested a three-pillar approach to protecting small business - first is education and training, the second is protection and inoculation, and the third is cyber protection insurance.

COSBOA has a Cyber Security Awareness Test which is free to Guild members.

Members can visit [guild.org.au](http://guild.org.au).

## Re-entering pharmacy

**PHARMACISTS** seeking to re-enter the profession after a period of extended leave will now be better equipped thanks to the latest course offered by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

When returning from an extended break from practice, pharmacists can earn up to 74 Group 2 CPD points in PSA's Pharmacy Re-entry course, which provides clinical, legislative and practice updates to support their return to the profession.

PSA national president Dr Shane Jackson said the course includes online learning and a two-day workshop offered nationally, along with tailored support from a PSA pharmacist.

"The course structure is very flexible so pharmacists can fit it around work and family commitments," Jackson said.

The course is open to non-Australian pharmacists, but some overseas pharmacists will need to complete an accredited intern training program - [psa.org.au](http://psa.org.au).

## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Pharmacy Daily's* travel feature. Each week we highlight a couple of great travel deals for the pharmacy industry, brought to you by *Cruise Weekly*.

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### CruiseCo 18-night 'Heart of Europe' deal

**CRUISECO** has announced a special deal in the form of Riviera Travel's *MS Emily Bronte* departing Budapest on 29 Oct.

The 18-night 'Heart of Europe' fly/stay/cruise package includes return flights from Australia, a two-night pre-cruise stay in Budapest, a 14-night Danube cruise to Cologne and a two-night post-cruise stay in Cologne.

Trips are priced from \$7,395 per person twin share, until sold out.

See more at [cruising.com.au](http://cruising.com.au).

### Anchorage, Alaska to Adelaide - 51 nights

**THIS** outstanding offer from Holidays of Australia & the World is a world first, offering 51 nights of unparalleled luxury on board the *Golden Princess*.

Fly Adelaide to Anchorage to begin the cruise of a lifetime in a guaranteed same cabin for the whole journey.

Stunning scenery greets you every day with guided tours and more.

Consult your travel agent and see [holidaysofaustralia.com.au](http://holidaysofaustralia.com.au).

## WIN WITH LITTLE BODIES

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Little Bodies are giving away a Little Bodies soft toy and a \$30 Coles/Myer gift card.

From the makers of Dermal Therapy, comes Little Bodies, a clinically tested, steroid free children's eczema management range. From personal experience, we understand the challenges that children with eczema face on a day to day basis. We know that keeping a child's skin healthy and managing flare-ups requires more than just an eczema cream, it requires a regimen of care. Visit [www.littlebodies.com.au](http://www.littlebodies.com.au) to find out more.

To win, be the first from SA or NT to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

What was the finding of the clinical trial that has been performed on the Little Bodies Eczema Relief Cream?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Nijal Shah.



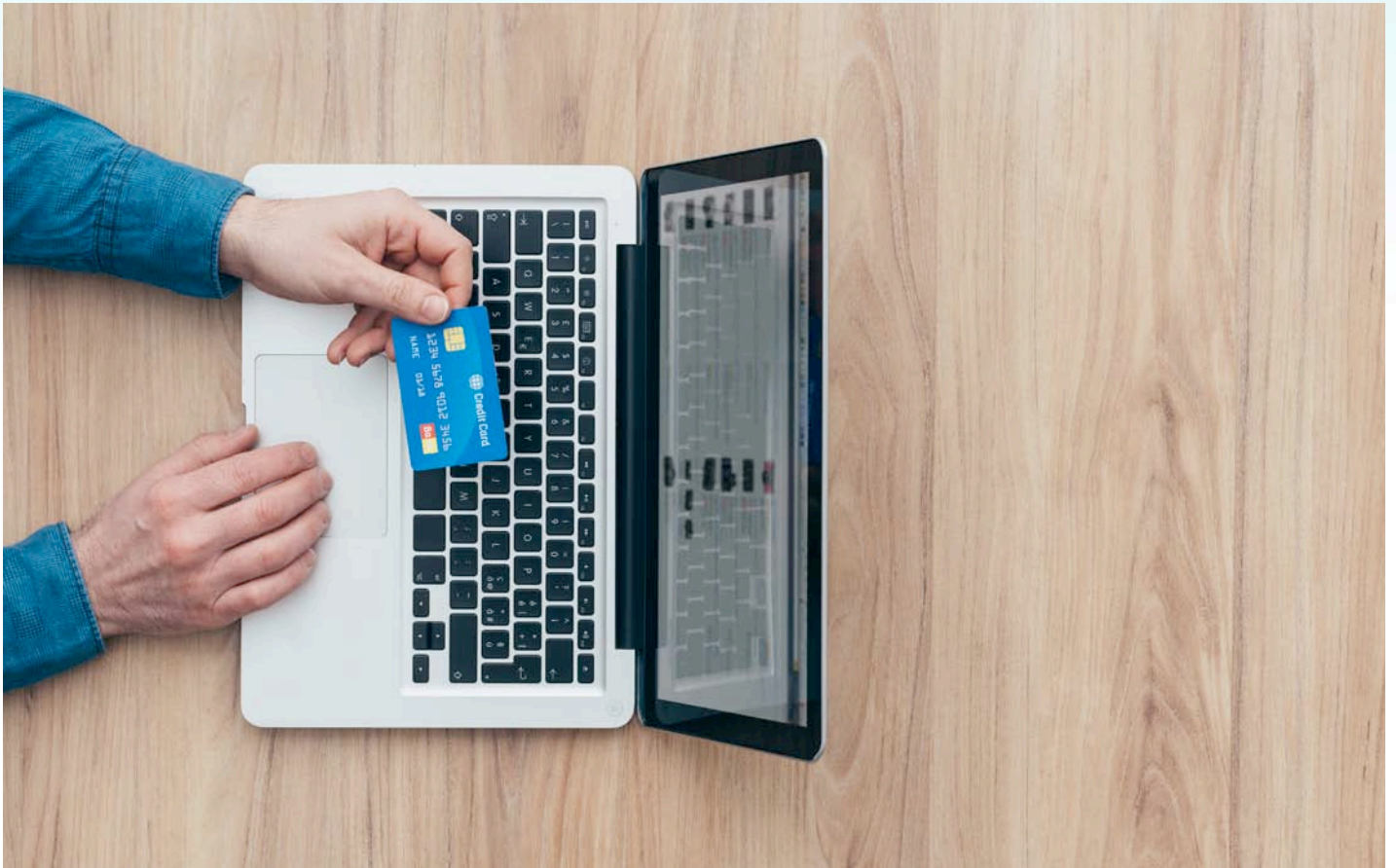




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