

E-cigs not so safe

SMOKELESS tobacco products that “heat not burn” aren’t quite as healthy as they’re made out to be, as new US research finds that the devices heat up much more than claimed, releasing toxic chemicals and increasing the amount of nicotine inhaled.



Manufacturers of the iQOS heat stick (from Philip Morris

and pictured) recommend cleaning the device after every 20 heat sticks but the researchers found that charred tobacco debris builds up after every stick, which shouldn’t happen if the device only heated to the temperature claimed.

Researchers found that the plastic filter that melted released toxic chemicals like formaldehyde cyanohydrin.

CLICK HERE for the *BMJ* paper.

GP/pharmacist barred

A NSW health care professional who was qualified as both a pharmacist and a general practitioner has been barred from practising as a medical practitioner for a period of three years for multiple offences.

The rulings related to Dr David Kingston’s prescribing excessive amounts of pharmaceuticals for a patient with whom he had a personal and sexual relationship as well as prescribing inappropriate quantities of certain drugs for himself along with other matters.

The Tribunal also ordered that Kingston pay the applicant’s costs.

See details at caselaw.nsw.gov.au.

Qld pharmacist banned

REGISTERED pharmacist Adam Christie has been reprimanded and disqualified from reapplying for registration for what constitutes professional misconduct, associated with drug stealing and possessing.

The Pharmacy Board of Australia referred Christie to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal on 26 Oct 2015, following a complaint about the pharmacist’s behaviour from his employer in mid-2013.

The alleged professional misconduct related to the acquisition of various controlled, restricted and addictive drugs on a number of occasions.

Christie’s employer found drugs in his vehicle and notified the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

It was also alleged he obtained

medications through deceit from the pharmacy where he was employed, and covered this up in a number of ways, including the creation of fictitious transactions to explain their disappearance.

As soon as he was found out, Christie ‘self-reported’ to AHPRA.

Mitigating factors included his prompt self-notification and cooperation with the Board, voluntarily undertaking a treatment program, the fact the conduct did not directly affect any patient of the pharmacy, and his retraining for a new profession “so as to remove himself from situations which give rise to a relapse”.

However the tribunal disqualified him from registration for three years from the date of the order, and he was also ordered to pay the Board’s costs of \$12,000.

A non-publication order was sought by Christie in respect to the proceedings on the basis this might jeopardise his new career, but this was declined by the tribunal.

Although the case was heard in late 2016, details were only published on the Pharmacy Board of Australia website yesterday, with the full judgement at sclqld.org.au.

New EBOS CFO

EBOS Group has announced the appointment of Shaun Hughs as chief financial officer to take effect 01 Jun 2018 replacing outgoing John Cullity who assumes the role of ceo at that time.

Cullity said he was delighted to be appointing “such a high calibre and experienced executive.

“Shaun has a wide variety of experience in finance, M&A and operations and his skills will be a very valuable addition to the Groups Executive Team.”

Hughs most recently was Telstra’s chief procurement officer and executive director Supply Chain and previously of Finance, Global Enterprise and Services.

Click & Collect adds Dia-Balm

THE Pharmacy Guild’s “Pharmacy Click and Collect” online offering has been expanded with the addition of Dia-Balm from IBD Medical to its range.

Dia-Balm is formulated to create a protective barrier on dry and cracked feet associated with diabetic anhydrosis.

“Having provided relief and satisfaction to thousands of diabetics Australia wide, IBD Medical is excited to drive customers and revenue into Guild pharmacies through Pharmacy Click and Collect and their online platforms that interact with thousands of people every day,” the company said.

Pharmacy Click and Collect, free and exclusive to Guild member pharmacies, automatically finds the nearest pharmacy to the customer and allows them to pay online for in-store pick-up.

IBD Medical md Elad Guberman said “we want to do everything we can to support Guild member pharmacies and this great Aussie product,” with a 10% discount on offer for turnover orders for 6x units or more of Dia-Balm.

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Dispensary Corner

FAST food giant Burger King has firmly cemented its place in artery-clogging history with the launch of the new "Bacon King" sandwich in the UK, which contains a massive eight slices of bacon - or an entire packet.

To balance things the rashers are complemented by the equivalent of two quarter-pounder burgers which of course include cheese, ketchup and mayonnaise.

Unfortunately for all those "health freaks" there is no room for any salad or vegetables - unless of course you count a side of salty, oily potato fries.

Burger King UK ceo Alasdair Murdoch proudly touted the porcine product, saying "we hear how much our guests in the UK love bacon, and we hope that by introducing the Bacon King sandwich we help to satisfy that craving".



AN AGEING kangaroo in New York's Bronx Zoo is currently receiving special cryotherapy treatment for his arthritis.

According to the *Daily News*, the 15-year-old marsupial, named Dave, is aching as he suffers from "stiff joints".

The medical intervention is being documented by pay TV channel Animal Planet, and involves immersing the roo's limbs in a cooling device to reduce blood flow and swelling.

Pharmacy Catalyst confers

MORE than 100 people attended the Pharmacy Catalyst Retail & Buying Group annual Pharmacy Catalyst Conference held recently in Hobart, Tasmania.

Summarised as "a great success", the event was attended by delegates, suppliers and guest speakers including former Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett.

Topics covered during the three days focussed on "the

need for exceptional pharmacy implementation and the need for customer-centricity to compete as a community pharmacy".

Pharmacy Catalyst gm Andrew Pattinson said, "It was a fantastic opportunity for independent Pharmacies to come together and share ideas and initiatives they have implemented to collectively grow in the coming year.

"Our focus as a group is to

provide the services that Pharmacies can access to position themselves as the health solution provider at the core of their community and engage both their staff and customers".

The 2018 Pharmacy Catalyst awards presentations went to Lanyon Pharmacy (Pharmacy of the Year - **pictured** are Mark Leighton and Nicole Hooley), Southcity Pharmacy (Professional Services), Life Pharmacy, Forbes (Community Engagement) and Forestville Pharmacy (Pharmacist of the Year).



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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Donna Delgado from Terrywhite Chemmart Woodlake Pharmacy, Ellenbrook.



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