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Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Crampeze**.

Samford expo success

TERRYWHITE Chemmart 2018 Pharmacist of the Year, Karen Brown has reported her initiative, the annual Samford Health Expo, has again proved to be an outstanding success this year.

The Samford Health Expo has grown to include more than 100 stands and exhibits from its humble beginnings four years ago with just 15 stalls in the local school hall.

"It is a fantastic event that brings the local businesses and sports and support groups of Samford together to promote the health & wellbeing of the community," Brown said.

"Hundreds of people attended throughout the day and experienced the selection of stands and healthy food trucks along with amazing demonstrations including those from local fitness groups."



TerryWhite Chemmart national operations manager Nick Munroe and state operations manager Lisa Brown are **pictured** with the Samford TWC team including Jaqui Hagaidimitriou, Karen Brown, Chantelle Day, Olivia Lal, Emily Hutchinson and Madison Lowe.

Compounding fact sheet

THE Pharmacy Council of NSW has released a fact sheet about raw materials used in compounding, in response to a number of complaints received in relation to the authenticity of raw materials used in compounded medicines.

Council president Stuart Ludington said complex compounding was an area of growing concern, with the body working to provide practical guidance to pharmacists to support improved compounding practices.

"Pharmacists have an obligation to ensure that compounded preparations are safe, efficacious and of consistently high quality.

Quit workshops

QUIT Victoria and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) are launching a new free training session for pharmacists in Victoria to help their patients quit smoking.

The workshops will be held across metro and regional Victoria between Jun and Sep and will equip pharmacists with the latest evidence-based approach to smoking cessation care.

The courses will train pharmacists to provide a 3-stage brief intervention (Ask, Advise, Help) for smoking cessation, to advise on pharmacotherapy use and to refer to, and work with, Quitline for intensive behavioural support.

See more at quit.org.au.



"Part of this is ensuring all raw materials used comply with pharmacopoeial standards and are produced by acceptable manufacturers," Ludington said.

The fact sheet includes a manufacturer assessment flowchart providing practical support for pharmacists in their decision making process - download it at pharmacycouncil.nsw.gov.au.

UQ chronic pain study

UNIVERSITY of Queensland researchers are seeking feedback from people living with chronic pain as part of a project designed to improve approaches to pain management treatments.

Adults with chronic pain are being invited to complete a short online questionnaire as a way of helping understand their beliefs and attitudes - for more information see uqpsych.qualtrics.com.

Merv's mo enlisted for Misterhood



AUSTRALIAN cricket legend Merv Hughes is lending his iconic moustache to help support a major new fundraiser for Priceline Pharmacy.

The new 'Misterhood for the Sisterhood' campaign aims to raise \$1 million for the Priceline Sisterhood Foundation during Jun, with Hughes even promising to wear a Priceline Beauty Advisor uniform as he visits stores across the country to complete

challenges which will drive gifts.

Hughes is the first ever 'Mister' to join the Foundation, with Priceline Pharmacy stores also set to nominate their own male heroes to help raise funds.

Until 07 Jul customers can get involved by heading into their local Priceline Pharmacy to buy a \$2 "scratchie" for a one in five chance of winning a prize, with all contributions going to the Priceline Sisterhood Foundation.



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Dispensary Corner

THE owner of a gymnasium in the USA has caused a social media sensation by erecting a billboard that some people found offensive - but many were highly amused.

The advertisement outside Pell City Fitness (**pictured**) says "Tired of being fat and ugly? Just be ugly!" and was initially the subject of a removal order by city officials.

However after much online banter enforcement officers relented and said the only issue was he had put up the sign without a necessary permit.

He has now filed the correct paperwork but warned "if you were offended by the sign, you would not fit in at the gym".



SALES of sticking plasters are likely to plummet if a British judge has his way.

Retiring magistrate Nic Madge has proposed making kitchen knives more blunt, as a way of curbing Britain's "soaring knife crime epidemic".

Knife crime rose 22% in the UK last year, while stabbing deaths among teenagers and young adults reached an all time high.

Laws aiming to curb availability of weapons had had little effect because offenders had simply taken knives from a cutlery drawer.

He urged authorities to consider preventing the sale of long pointed knives, also suggesting police could organise a program to grind down the points of lawfully obtained sharp kitchen utensils.

CW chiefs in AFR rich list

CHEMIST Warehouse founders Jack Gance and Mario Verrocchi have been highlighted in the annual *Australian Financial Review (AFR)* 2018 Rich List, with the pair coming in at 93rd and 94th in the list.

The report estimates that Gance's fortune is worth \$813 million, fractionally ahead of his colleague at \$803 million, with the *AFR* saying their combined business makes more than \$100 million in profit annually.

Key achievements cited included establishing the Le Tan, Le Specs and Australis brands, as well as the rapid growth of Chemist Warehouse which now boasts more than 300 outlets across Australia.

The pair are also part of the \$725 million Home Consortium which is developing sites purchased from Woolworths following the demise of its ill-fated Masters Hardware.

Other pharmacy sector millionaires in the list include Marcus Blackmore at 137th spot with an estimated \$594 million in assets - including about 25% of the listed complementary medicines manufacturer founded by his father.

Also just scraping into the list at

number 200 is Radek Sali, who made about \$400 million from the sale of Swisse Vitamins in 2016.

Although no longer closely involved with pharmacy, Robert Millner and his family are listed as 69th on the list with assets estimated at \$1.16 billion.

Millner is chair of listed investment firm Washington H. Soul Pattinson, which had its genesis in a single Sydney pharmacy in the 1880s and now has investments in resources, food & beverage, tech, media and funds management.

COPD meds on PBS

GSK Australia has announced that its TrelegyElipta (fluticasone furoate, umeclidinium and vilanterol) has been PBS approved for the long term, once-daily maintenance treatment of appropriate adult patients with moderate to severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The product is a combination of three molecules in an Elipta dry powder inhaler that only needs to be taken in a single inhalation, once a day - visit au.gsk.com for full PI.

Guild Update

Supporting rural pharmacies

THE Intern Incentive Allowance for Rural Pharmacies - Extension Program (IIARP-EP) supports the rural pharmacy workforce by enabling community pharmacies in rural areas to retain a newly registered pharmacist beyond the initial intern period.

A maximum allowance of \$20,000 per pharmacy may be made to eligible community pharmacies that have retained their pharmacy intern for a continuous 12-month period.

There are a maximum of 10 allowances available each year.

For the purpose of the Intern Incentive Allowance for Rural Pharmacies - Extension Program, the Community Pharmacy must be located in PhARIA categories 4 to 6 and applications must be received no later than 90 days after the commencement of employment of the pharmacist.

To find out more about the Allowances, visit the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement website at 6cpa.com.au or contact the Rural Pharmacy Workforce team on 02 6270 1888 or via email ruralpharmacy@6cpa.com.au.

This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health as part of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

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