

Today's issue of PD

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

Internet feeds anti-vax

BECAUSE people online can "shout out opinions that unfortunately are sometimes ill-informed," the internet is proving to be a powerful broadcaster for the anti-vaccination movement, according to, Australian Medical Association VP, Dr Chris Zappala. Referencing the sad history of polio prior to vaccine availability, Zappala suggested that those doing their research online, Google polio to see wards of people in iron lungs suffering from the disease. Championing successes he mentioned meningitis, smallpox and others, regretting the resurgence of the totally preventable measles outbreaks in the USA, UK and now in Australia.

CWH Federal Court win

DISCOUNT pharmacy group, Chemist Warehouse (CWH), is set to add a strategically located pharmacy to its portfolio of stores, when the Federal Court issues its ruling on a case involving a Tasmanian store. Court papers revealed that Warren Lucas, CWH's Tasmanian State Manager, had entered an agreement to buy the Priceline Pharmacy Eastlands, the only pharmacy in the state's largest shopping centre, from Jeremy Lewis Hampton and his Zomay Holdings Pty Ltd company. The court heard Hampton signed an Offer of Purchase on 01 Nov 2018, agreeing to sell the store for a net total of \$2.2 million, with settlement due to occur on 04 Feb, which was later pushed back to 12 Feb to allow stock to run down. Hampton confirmed by email that he was happy for a formal contract to be prepared.

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GMP webinar

THE Department of Health is hosting an online webinar introducing the Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) Clearance process, why it exists and future directions, next Wed 12 Jun, 11.00 am - visit tga.gov.au.

On 19 Nov Lucas paid a 10% deposit, as agreed, however, on 22 Nov a lawyer acting on Hampton's behalf put for a number of reasons claiming the Offer of Purchase was not binding. Federal Court Justice David O'Callaghan ruled the agreement was binding, on 29 May he was informed an administrator had been appointed to Zomay, and he would not issue a declaration and orders until a later date. However, he indicated that he would have ordered Hampton to "perform the agreement", adding that Lucas should pay Hampton \$1.7 million for the store's fixtures and fittings, plus an additional payment of up to \$500,000 representing the value of the stock held by Priceline Pharmacy Eastlands. Justice O'Callaghan has granted liberty to apply to relist the case.



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USyd Scholarship

A BELOVED husband, brother, son and friend, Andrew Tu excelled in community pharmacy. His passing on 04 Apr 2017 left a deep hole in the hearts of many. In loving memory of his legacy, Andrew's family and friends are establishing a scholarship in his name at the University of Sydney's School of Pharmacy. Funds raised will go towards eligible pharmacy students to pursue research into mental health. The target of \$135,000 will establish a fully-endowed annual scholarship in perpetuity.

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Dispensary Corner

LOVE Island UK's pharmacist in residence, Anna Vakili (28), has made a big splash with the show's audience.

While the highly regarded locum's academic achievements in completing a Masters of Pharmacy caught headlines before the show kicked-off on Mon, Vakili's height is now one of the show's biggest talking points, British daily, *Metro*, reported.

Thankfully the London-based red-top was able to kill the suspense, revealing Vakili is 5' 9", a towering 15cm taller than the average British woman.

The tabloid said "Anna seemed a bit fussy on who she would go with in the show, and along with Yewande (a scientist from Dublin) she refused to step forward for each of the first five men".

By the end of the first episode fans of the show had discovered the young pharmacist was looking for "a tall man" who is "good looking, dark hair[ed] and [has] dark eyes", adding her ideal bloke would be "fit".

Prior to joining the show's cast of love seekers, Vakili revealed her career choice had limited her opportunities to meet the man of her dreams.

"I don't ever meet guys at work," she said.

"I work in a pharmacy, so they're either really old or sick."

During the first night's show, Vakili showed her preference for younger men, pairing up with 20-year-old chef and semi-professional rugby player, Sherif Lanre.

Before they paired up, Lanre told Vakili that he followed her on Instagram.

RMMRs insufficient: SHPA

RESIDENTIAL medication management reviews (RMMRs) are not sufficient to address the "disproportionate number of medication complications" in aged care facilities, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) believes.

In its submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, the SHPA recommended that aged care facilities should adopt clinical pharmacy services similar to those used in hospitals, instead of relying on contracted community pharmacy services.

The SHPA said the RMMR and home medication review (HMR) programs, funded under the 6th Community Pharmacy Agreement were "limited programs" conducted on an "ad-hoc basis", for aged care facilities.

"In contrast to clinical pharmacy service for patients in hospital settings, current clinical pharmacy service provision to aged care residents and home care clients – in the form of federally funded

programs such as the RMMR and HMR – is contractual and provided on an ad-hoc basis at the demand of the aged care service and/or on referral from a GP," the association said.

"The contractual model means it is difficult for pharmacist service providers to detect and address medication-related issues and collaborate with medical practitioners to implement recommendations.

"Its inadequacy in addressing the complex needs of this patient group, who require regular and timely monitoring and review of medicines, is further compounded by arbitrary service limits imposed through the CPA, which means most aged care residents can only access one RMMR every two years rather than being re-assessed whenever medical treatment is revised or their health status changes."

The SHPA also recommended that aged care facilities provide a "medication reconciliation" within 48 hours of admission.

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Amcal & ScriptWise raising awareness on medication dependence

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