

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from Direct Chemist Outlet.

UQ scholarship

APPLICATIONS are open for the University of Queensland School of Pharmacy's Alan Grant-Taylor Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship assists Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates to conduct high quality research that has the potential to advance community pharmacy practice.

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Applications close on 28 Sep.

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Pharmacists seek Board support

DATA from the second survey of stakeholder understanding and perceptions of the role and work of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and National Boards, shows pharmacists feel the Pharmacy Board of Australia should play a greater role in advocating for the profession.

The latest findings revealed 9% of pharmacists perceived the Board advocated on their behalf, while 50% saw the body's primary role as being a regulator.

"I wish the Board was a bigger voice in lobbying for the profession," one respondent said.

"There is a lot of apathy and discontent in the profession, and it feels like the head of pharmacy doesn't care.

"Particularly in areas such as pharmacists prescribing, a statement was released, but no action appears to be occurring from the Board.

"The Board should be more actively involved in [promoting] pharmacists having more access to the Medicare Benefits Scheme and also pharmacists practising in areas such as GP clinics and nursing homes."

While pharmacists felt the Board was not playing a sufficiently active role in advocating to increase the profession's scope of practice, 64% reported that they trusted it.

"They ensure that the public have reputable pharmacists working in Australia," one pharmacist said.

"They don't seem to have a bias."

While another praised their role in protecting the public and the profession's reputation.

"They have a good balance to disciplining idiot dumb pharmacists to protect the public and the profession and do not make life hell for those professionals that are doing the right thing to the best of their abilities," the respondent said.

The survey noted pharmacists had



greater confidence that the Board was "doing everything it can to keep the public safe" (53%), than they did in AHPRA (41%).

When compared with other health professions, pharmacists were more likely to report reading communications of their National Board immediately (49%), compared with 40% among all AHPRA regulated professions.

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Dispensary Corner

EVERYONE dreams of a loo with a view - but usually we prefer to sit on the throne and look out.

That's not the case for an innovation in Tokyo, where authorities have installed a new see-through toilet block.

The public bathroom (pictured) looks like it could be an exhibitionist's dream, but in fact the glass becomes opaque when the lock is closed to give some privacy.

The facility was designed by famous Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, who said "there are two things we worry about when entering a public restroom, especially those located at a park".

"The first is cleanliness, and the second is whether anyone is inside. Transparent walls can address both of those worries."

The glass-walled dunnies are part of the Tokyo Toilet project, which has enlisted the expertise of some of the country's leading designers to create "public toilets like you've never seen".

The impressive facilities are being supported by "professional toilet inspectors", with the live hygiene status of each stall posted on a website "to encourage users to help maintain cleanliness for the next person".



Priceline NSW PotY win

PRICELINE Pharmacy The Ponds has landed the group's NSW Pharmacy of the Year (PotY) Award, putting the Hawkesbury store in the running for the network's national title.

Co-owner and manager, Jenna Cormack (pictured), said she couldn't believe it when she got wind that the pharmacy had won the award.

"I was grocery shopping when I got a surprise phone call that we had won," she said.

Cormack noted that selection criteria took into account the store's financial growth, KPIs, team culture, involvement in health and beauty promotions, Sisterhood Foundation charity support, and events.

"It's quite a complex and thorough assessment of the store, so it's such a lovely reward to see everyone's hard work recognised," she said.

"The whole team was so proud.

"The store would not be what it is today without our wonderful team, and our customers are truly like family.

"I am very fortunate to have a supportive and passionate team, as well as knowledgeable and experienced business partners.

"Surrounding yourself with the



right people is so important."

Sharing news of her store's win with her alma mater, Charles Sturt University, Cormack praised the institution's pharmacy program.

"I truly believe that Charles Sturt University has one of the most relevant and dynamic Bachelor of Pharmacy courses," she said.

"For example, my cohort was the first to be trained to give vaccinations back in 2010.

"The course is always evolving to meet the current changes in our industry."

The winner of the 2020 National Priceline Pharmacy Store of the Year Award is set to be announced in Oct.

Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 7pm (AEST)

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Pope's vax plea

INEQUALITIES in society must not extend to access to any successful COVID-19 vaccine that is developed, Pope Francis has warned.

"It would be sad if this vaccine were to become the property of this nation or another, rather than universal," he said.

"The pandemic is a crisis... you don't come out of it the same ... we must come out better."

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