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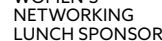
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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news plus a front cover page from APP 2020.

ACCC on masks

THE price surging of surgical masks amid the coronavirus outbreak has been referred to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), according to the President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Victoria, Anthony Tassone.

Tassone told his Twitter followers he'd seen "multiple examples" of particular suppliers "increasing the costs of masks items by over 1,500%", between the first week of Jan and the first week of Feb - [CLICK HERE](#) to follow.

SG amnesty needs urgent legislation

FEDERAL Parliament must pass urgent legislation to encourage small business owners, including pharmacists, who may have underpaid staff superannuation guarantee (SG) contributions to come forward, the Government believes.


Voicing support for the Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019, Liberal Party Senator, David Van, said the legislation would provide an opportunity for business owners to "make good on their obligations to their employees, without beating them over the head with a stick and surrounding them in bureaucratic paperwork".

Van told the Senate that the Treasury estimated 7,000 more employers could come forward to rectify underpayments, if the current amnesty is legislated.

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employers off the hook and does not leave employees worse off," he said.

"The amnesty is designed exclusively to benefit employees.

"Employers will only get the benefit of the amnesty if they pay their employees superannuation entitlements in full with significant interest.

"This simply provides an opportunity for employers to review their compliance history, to

come forward in good faith and to pay anything that is owed before the ATO begins using its new enforcement tools.

"Employers with historical superannuation underpayments who fail to voluntarily disclose those underpayments during the amnesty period and are found to be non-compliant by the ATO will be subjected to a minimum penalty equal to 100% of the superannuation guarantee charge."

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- Contact dermatitis on the face²
- Psoriasis of the face in children²

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New Aussie ED regenerative therapy

ERECTILE dysfunction (ED) is being targeted as a potential objective for Exopharm's regenerative therapy exosomes through stimulating the regenerative and healing capacities of the body.

Exopharm Limited has been testing its exosomes, which are natural cellular particles secreted by stem cells, and purified, to test their ability to reverse post-operative tissue damage, and hopefully reversing erectile

dysfunction.

"Animal studies show that exosomes have great potential for reversing a variety of conditions that affect the human 'health span,' which is defined as the number of healthy, functional years that a person lives," said Exopharm Chief Executive Officer, Dr Ian Dixon, who added that while Viagra and a variety of drugs used to address ED were effective to treat symptoms, they rarely impact damaged tissue.

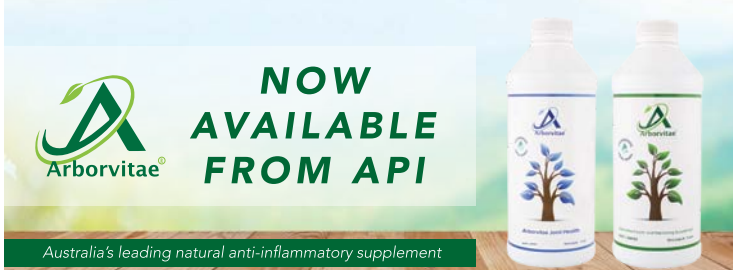
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Location rules pitfall for Fern Bay

SINCE the recent opening of an Amcal pharmacy in Fern Bay, NSW, around a quarter of the town's population have signed a petition asking the Federal Health Minister, Greg Hunt, to solve the area's pharmacy density crisis.

Over 800 signatories are pleading with Hunt to fix the problem, which is seeing 3,300 people served by the one location, due to an unintended consequence of the pharmacy location rules.

Member for Paterson NSW, Meryl Swanson, addressed Federal Parliament Thu, lamenting the situation, and calling on Hunt to help solve it.

"This pharmacy...will serve over 3,300 people...that number is growing rapidly, with nearby housing developments mushrooming and under construction," Swanson told Parliament.

"[The pharmacy] has immediately become an enormous asset for our area, however, the community is still without reasonable access



to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits.

"Most of the customers at Fern Bay Amcal are pensioners, single parents or retirees without the option of driving themselves to another location."

The situation has forced owner Alecia Hennessy to acquire an extra car in order for a team member to make a minimum of three trips a day to a pharmacy in Stockton to fill the scripts.

Of the situation, a spokesperson for the Pharmacy Guild of Australia said, "the location rules underpin the national network of viable pharmacies serving local communities wherever they are needed.

"Where an unintended consequence of the location rules arises, there is provision for the Minister for Health to make a Ministerial discretion in the public interest."

InSkin breach

INSKIN Cosmetics Group has paid \$37,800 in penalties for alleged supply and advertising an unapproved dermapen device.

The Dermapen 4, which at the time in question was not included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, was supplied on the occasions of 22 Feb and 17 May 2019, and was also advertised.

Mylan's EpiPens

A TWEET from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia has informed that Mylan Australia is advising there is now sufficient supply with the company and with wholesalers to meet current patient needs for the EpiPen Jr 150 mcg Adrenaline (epinephrine) Auto-Injector, after a pre-Christmas shortage.

Those in need of more information are urged to call Mylan Australia on 1800 931.

Cameron ASIC charges for Bellamy's

AUSTRALIAN businesswoman Jan Cameron has been charged by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) over her stake in organic infant formula and baby food producer Bellamy's.

Formerly one of Australia's five richest women, Cameron could now face five years prison after ASIC brought charges against her for alleged nondisclosure of investments in Bellamy's.

The independent government body claims the venture was hidden from the public through a shelf corporation called Black

Prince, located in the Caribbean island of Curacao.

Bellamy's was last year acquired by Chinese dairy company Mengniu, which netted as much as \$300 million for Cameron, who sold her stake.

She will soon appear before Hobart Magistrate's Court.



Glucosamine pills update from ARA

THE Australian Rheumatology Association (ARA) last week issued a warning regarding glucosamine pills, urging patients to stop taking them.

New evidence from the Therapeutic Goods (TGA) Administration has shown the pills fail to help symptoms, with one study revealing patients may be harmed by it.

The TGA's research found 366 "adverse reactions" linked to glucosamine between 2001 and 2011, with the University of Sydney's Institute of Bone and Joint Research David Hunter

telling the *Sydney Morning Herald* the substance was in no way helpful.

"Allergic-type reactions are not uncommon," he said.

"If someone is wondering if they should be on this or if it's helpful for their arthritis, the best clinical evidence would be no."



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Dispensary Corner

A FAMILY-OWNED and operated pharmacy in Glen Innes, NSW has won best window display in the lead up to the annual Glen Innes Show, which occurred over the weekend.

Timbs Pharmacy (pictured below) took out some fierce competition from Smeaton's Bakery, deemed runner-up, with the Premier Store and Home Living following closely behind.

Rhubarb and Rosie, The Shop in Glen, Glen Innes Severn council's library, St Vincent de Paul, Home Living, Regional Australia Bank, and Sage and Clover were also entrants.

"This 2020 competition has provided us with some very interesting, eye-catching and wonderful examples of what is on offer at our show," organiser Michelle Hancock told *Glen Innes Examiner*.

The Glen Innes Show is considered to be one of the best agricultural events in NSW, and this year entry will be free thanks to the Glen Innes Severn Council's decision to front up the \$65,900 cash to pay for everyone's tickets, "to get them along to the show, to have a good time".



TGA's Palexia correction



SEQIRUS is undertaking a product defect correction after one batch of Palexia 100mg sustained-released (SR) tapentadol tablets, which are used to manage moderate to severe chronic pain, was found to have a labelling error.

The defect, which is not apparent until the carton is opened, affects the blister strips in some packages from batch 985P01, which contain either faded or missing printed product details (pictured).

The absence of product and batch/expiry details "compromises the identity of the product",

creating the risk of product mix-up and overdose.

The affected batch, which was distributed to medical wholesalers and distributors between 12 Nov 2019 and 15 Jan 2020, has been recalled from wholesalers by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) as a "precautionary measure".

Pharmacists are advised to check the individual blister strips from batch 985P01 before dispensing, and to ensure relevant staff and clients are aware of the issue.

For more info, call Seqirus Customer Service on 1800 008 275.

Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Gerard Stevens**, Managing Director at Webstercare.



THE SAFETY OF FACIAL RECOGNITION

COMPUTERS may have surpassed the human brain at various tasks, but not yet with facial recognition, which is a highly evolved human capability. This is why photos remain a crucial element of most systems that support activities involving high-risk security and safety for people.

Within busy, pressured environments a simple glance can confirm with confidence that the person in front of you matches the identity on your list.

Residential aged care homes (RACHs) can often appear chaotic: there are enormous demands on staff who are often run off their feet and not always optimally trained. In such environments, often with high staff turnover, we need to employ the best systems that maximise RACH staff compliance with duties and responsibilities while minimising the risk of a harmful error impacting on a resident.

The systems need to be intuitive – staff should find that they support an efficient rhythm to their tasks and that adherence offers comfort that errors aren't being made.

Facial recognition also requires no training. It's why the resident photo is a core element of all systems I have developed for RACHs.

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