

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from **Silverline Medical**.

Location change

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has announced the Intern Written Exam (IWE) centre in Melbourne has been changed.

In a tweet posted yesterday afternoon the APC revealed the IWE will take place at Clifton's Melbourne - Freshwater place, Level 18, 2 Southbank Blvd, Southbank, on 17 and 18 Oct.

TGA issues fines

PHARMACARE Laboratories have been fined \$164,520 by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in relation to misleading advertising of two listed complementary medicines.

The TGA reported the products contained undeclared milk products, which led to reports of allergic reactions.

Childcare costs hit pharmacy workers

RISING costs of childcare are impacting pharmacists' ability to maintain full-time working hours, an Australian Labor Party (ALP) MP is warning.

Speaking in the House of Representatives yesterday, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training, Lisa Chester, raised concerns over the impact childcare costs are having on the Australian workforce.

Chester noted that under the Coalition Government's three terms in office, childcare fees have increased by 34%.

"Once you're trying to pay for two children in early childhood education it's just not worth it," she said.

"This system is rigged against mums and dads who want to work full-time.

"Once you have two parents on dual incomes working full time, the fees become so unaffordable that one parent ends up staying home or dropping back to part-time work.

"I've had pharmacists speak to me about this.

"I've had public servants speak to me about this.

"One mental health nurse said

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that, once her youngest finished early childhood education, she actually received more money and was better off financially with both her children enrolled in school."

ALP MP, Dr Mike Freeland, accused the Government of having "a complete and utter lack of understanding of the needs of working parents and young and new families", when it came to providing support for childcare and early childhood education.

Responding to criticism of the Government's support of the childcare sector, Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, said changes implemented under the Coalition "have enabled Australia's workforce participation to rise to record levels".

"In particular they have enabled Australia's workforce to reach levels of female participation that this country has never seen before," he said.



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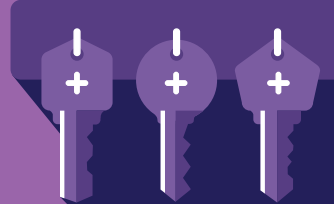
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Webstercare ranks high for innovation

MEDICATION management company, Webstercare, has been ranked as one of Australian and New Zealand's most innovative companies in the annual list published by the *Australian Financial Review* and *Boss Magazine*.

Webstercare was listed as the region's fourth most innovative healthcare company for the second successive year, for its role in launching the Pharmacist Shared Medicines List (PSML) as part of the My Health Record, with the Australian Digital Health Agency.

Webstercare Managing Director, Gerard Stevens AM, said the company was honoured to be recognised for its innovative work, noting the PSML will deliver

significant benefits for patients using its Webster-pak dose administration aids.

"Our Webster-pak medication pack provides assistance to ensure they are taking their medicines safely and at the right time each day, which may help them stay in their own home, instead of needing additional care," he said.

"But the pack itself only contains those medicines taken orally and packed in the Webster-pak.

"The addition of the PSML in My Health Record will allow pharmacists using Webstercare systems to better communicate the complete list of a consumer's medicines in a single clinical document.

"This will make a big impact – for



that person's GP, specialist, clinician at the local hospital – by giving them a better understanding of the medicines that person is taking."

After two years of planning and development, Webstercare became the first company to use the PSML in Dec 2019.



Dispensary Corner

ANY good entrepreneur knows it is important to weigh-up the risk versus the reward before committing to a venture.

Unfortunately for aspiring gangster, David Anthony Battle, 50, his recent decision to rob six pharmacies in Moreno Valley, Colton and San Bernardino, California, netted him just US\$5,453, before he was arrested.

Battle was arrested on 10 Aug after a failed attempted hold-up at a Walgreens Pharmacy, and was handed over to Federal prosecutors days later, *CBS Los Angeles* reported.

In each robbery, Battle allegedly wore dark clothes and a surgical mask - reports have yet to confirm if this was a COVID-19 precaution or a cunning disguise - and pulled out a handgun before demanding cash.

If convicted on all charges Battle is facing 160 years behind bars, which suggests the risks far outweighed the reward of his criminal ventures.



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ECP apology

BRITISH chain, Lloyds Pharmacy, has been forced to apologise after a pharmacist refused to dispense the emergency contraceptive pill (ECP) for religious reasons.

The Guardian reported that the pharmacist told the patient that she could have ordered it online and had it delivered, but failed to provide other options or advice in line with guidelines.

A similar incident was reported at another Lloyds store last year (*PD* 25 Jun 2019).

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