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Telepharmacy to be made permanent

LEGISLATION that will give the Pharmacy Regulation Authority of South Australia (PRASA) the power to authorise telepharmacy services on a permanent basis is before the State's Legislative Council.

South Australian Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Stephen Wade, said the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) (Telepharmacy) Amendment Bill* would boost access to pharmacy services.

"The purpose of this bill is to make permanent the legal provisions for the authorising of telepharmacy in South Australia," he said.

"Similar temporary provisions were supported by members as part of the *COVID-19 Emergency Response (Further Measures) (No.2) Amendment Bill*.

"These provisions were extended with the passage of the *COVID-19 Emergency Response (Expiry and Rent) Amendment Bill 2020* and are set to expire on 06 Feb 2021.

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of the latest news, plus a full page from *Essity*.



"Telepharmacy is the provision of pharmaceutical care and products to a patient through the use of video and audio telecommunication, where the pharmacist is not physically present in a pharmacy."

Under the proposed legislation PRASA may only allow the provision of telepharmacy services where the authorisation is necessary to ensure that pharmacy services are available to people who would not have direct and timely access to those services, while pharmacy service providers must ensure that a relevant code of conduct is complied with when providing telepharmacy services.


Wade noted that technology was enabling the enhancement of safety and quality of care for the community through access to pharmacy services where they would otherwise be unavailable.

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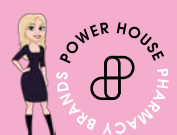
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No going back on online pharmacy

SURGING online sales seen during COVID-19-related restrictions are likely to “come back a bit” but “won’t go back to pre-COVID” levels, Chemist Warehouse co-founder, Jack Gance, believes.

Speaking to *The Australian*, Gance said the discount giant had seen significant growth in its online sales since the pandemic hit in Mar.

Gance estimated that online purchases accounted for close to 9% of Chemist Warehouse’s total

turnover for the last seven months.

However, he noted that, “people think that online sales are very profitable, and they can be, but it can be a difficult market because the margins are pretty slim”.

“You have to provide it, because otherwise, if you don’t, someone will eat your lunch,” he said.

“You have to be there.”

Gance said Chemist Warehouse’s established online structure had allowed it to meet the current demand, through its facility in Preston, Victoria, which operates using ‘pick to voice’ system to fill orders.

“Luckily, we had that warehouse system in place, and we were able to double our turnover without a lot of extra labour,” he said.



“The system we have at the moment is not the most automated.

“We still have a way to go.

“But if we did fully automate, we would need to spend about \$40m-\$50m, which would make it much more efficient.”

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Vic quarantine infection concerns

SAFER Care Victoria is contacting 243 people who had a blood glucose test while in hotel quarantine due to the potential risk of cross-contamination and infection.

In a statement released yesterday, the agency revealed that “blood glucose testing devices intended for use by one person were used across multiple residents”, between 29 Mar and 20 Aug.

Safer Care Victoria Acting CEO, Adjunct Associate Professor Ann Maree Keenan, said screening of patients was an “absolute priority”.

“The clinical risk is low,” she said.

“If you are at all worried you had this test, and we have not contacted you yet, please call us.

“Be assured that Safer Care Victoria is conducting a full



review into how and why this device came to be in use.

“I hope that we will be able to bring peace of mind through getting people in for testing, and through the findings of our review.”

Safer Care Victoria stressed there was no ongoing risk to patients currently in quarantine, or to people who did not have a blood glucose test.

Guild Update

Thinking skin cancer and sun protection

RESEARCH shows two in three Australians are diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70, and National Skin Cancer Awareness Week aims to be a reminder of the risks of exposure to UV radiation, the need for sun protection and early skin cancer detection.

The Cancer Council says most skin cancers can be prevented by using good sun protection.

During National Skin Cancer Action Week (Nov 15-21) and throughout summer the Cancer Council is encouraging everyone to #OwnYourTone and embrace your natural skin tone.

The council urges everyone to protect themselves from UV radiation and stop tanning.

During the Action Week and throughout summer, all Australians are reminded of the five forms of sun protection and the need to #OwnYourTone by:

- slip on sun-protective clothing
- slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- seek shade
- slide on sunglasses

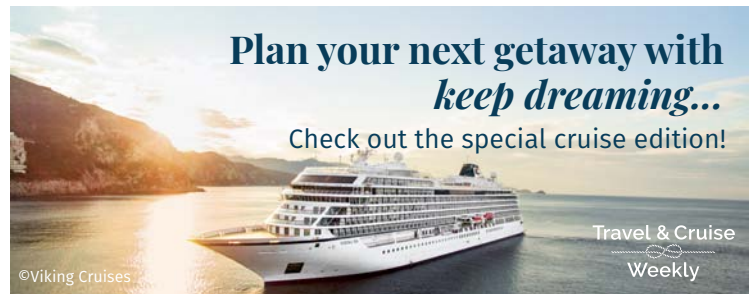
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Dispensary Corner

IT'S good to educate children about healthy eating, but a Japanese judo teacher has taken things a little too far after assaulting two of his students because they ate ice blocks. 50-year-old Takahiro Ueno was arrested by police in Takarazuka, Hyogo, over claims he had used judo to physically punish the pair, aged 12 and 13.

According to a statement from the Takarazuka Municipal Board of Education, Ueno became enraged after the children ate popsicles from a refrigerator in the dojo without permission.

Despite their apologies, he allegedly screamed "this is judo training" and proceeded to exercise his martial arts mastery by undertaking a series of manoeuvres including a choke hold which left one student unconscious.

The incident led to a formal police complaint from the students' families, with Ueno reportedly having acknowledged most of the allegations against him.

Local reports note a previous incident where Ueno broke a child's nose, as well as confirming he had undertaken some clearly ineffective anger management training.

Arronis named DDS PotY 2020

ILLAWONG Discount Drug Store (DDS) Pharmacy Manager, Connie Arronis, has been named as the group's National Pharmacist of the Year (PotY), during its national conference this week.

Arronis has previously picked up the 2020 Community Pharmacy Hero award, and a nomination as part of the *News Corp* Thanks A Million campaign for her efforts in supporting her community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

DDS Head, Patrick Stoll, said he was blown away by the efforts of the group's pharmacy teams.

"This year has been tougher than most for everyone," he said.

"Our franchise partners, pharmacists and pharmacy teams have all been going the extra mile, even before the pandemic, to

ensure their local communities get the best care and this is why it is so important to acknowledge all their hard work.

"We are proud of all our award winners and congratulate them on their achievements and deserving wins.

"We look forward to seeing all recipients continue to embody DDS's values and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow with the brand."

Mandurah DDS's Jacinda Crompton was named National Retail Manager of the Year, while Innaloo DDS's Ellen Ryan took home the National Pharmacy Assistant of the Year title.



Bundaberg DDS was awarded the National Pharmacy of the Year crown, with Scenic Rim DDS recognised for community engagement, Highfields DDS taking the National Marketing Excellence Award, and Menai DDS scooping the Professional Services title.

API FY20 results

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Pharmaceutical Industries (API) will unveil its Financial Year 2020 (FY20) results on Thu 22 Oct, following a market update heralding the closure of 14 non-pharmacy Priceline stores.

A spokesperson for API told *Pharmacy Daily* that an estimated statutory loss of \$22 million reported yesterday (*PD* 19 Oct) was "incorrect".

Win With Plunkett's

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