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Jesmond attack

THE man who verbally abused a 17-year-old pharmacy assistant before violently assaulting staff and customers at Pharmacy4Less Jesmond, has pleaded guilty (*PD* 26 Aug).

Craig Thompson, 54, initially claimed he was the victim before seeing CCTV footage of the attack, *Nine News* reported.

McGowan commits to full scope push

PHARMACISTS working to their full scope of practice is not a concept, but should be something patients expect, Western Australian Premier, Mark McGowan, believes.

Speaking at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia WA Branch's Pharmacy WA Forum in Perth yesterday, the Premier recommitted to recent election pledges to expand the role of pharmacists in the State.

McGowan told more than 400 delegates that the State Government needed to embrace the skills of community pharmacists to reduce pressure on the hospital system, which he said was being stretched by a decline in private healthcare coverage and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guild WA Branch President, Andrew Ngeow, said the community pharmacies were well placed to take on a greater role in the primary healthcare sector.

Ngeow noted that WA pharmacies had led the nation



in delivering influenza vaccines, and had demonstrated their ability to adapt and take on new responsibilities, including the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

"We have an extensive track record of safe and cost-efficient service delivery, which can be replicated across a greater range of services," he said.

"This success of vaccine preventable diseases can and must be repeated to include the treatment of acute and chronic conditions where adequate and timely care can be accessed through a community pharmacy.

"Each year there are over 200,000 attendances at WA hospital emergency departments which can be dealt with in a primary care setting.

"In looking to reduce the direct financial impact on hospitals, these would present an immediate and very worthwhile opportunity."







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Guild confirms PATY21 finalists

THE finalists for the 2021 Pharmacy Guild of Australia/ **Maxigesic Pharmacy Assistant** of the Year (PATY21) award have been announced.

State and Territory titles were finalised this week. with the Northern Territory crown going to Bardens Amcal Pharmacy's Ashleigh Hutson, Melbourne Street Pharmacy's Mignonne Hill, scooping the South Australian award, Pharmacy 194's Sarah Fawcett taking the Western Australian title, while Morgan Goninon of TerryWhite Chemmart Windsor in Tasmania and Priceline Pharmacy Warragul's Robyn Peters, winning in their respective State competitions.

They will join Meryl Banerjie of Erindale Pharmacy ACT, Lauren Marks Coopers Pharmacy Taree NSW and Emma Tewes of Good Price **Pharmacy Warehouse** Kingaroy Queensland in the national final.

The PATY21 National Finals will be held online on 21 Oct due to COVID-19 restrictions, with the overall winner taking home more than \$10,000-worth of prizes, including \$5,000 in cash, a training package, educational opportunities and other rewards.

COVAX boom in Bowen

PHARMACISTS from two pharmacies in Bowen, Queensland, are highlighting the profession's potential, administering COVID-19 vaccines (COVAX) to almost one-infour of the town's residents.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland Branch Acting President, Chris Owen, congratulated staff at the LiveLife Pharmacy Bowen Healthcare and Bowen Plaza stores on delivering close to 2,500 shots in the town of 10,377 people.

"It's hard to imagine anywhere else where two community pharmacies have delivered this large of a proportion of vaccines to their community," Owen said.

He added that more than 45.000 doses of COVAX had been administered through pharmacies in Queensland as of last night, up from 31,737 a week ago.



"Community pharmacies across Queensland are now working around the clock to meet the demand," he said.

"We've been amazed at the response from Queenslanders across the state wanting to come in and access COVID-19 vaccinations.

"The message we're sending Queenslanders when it comes to vaccines is clear - if you're over 18, get the vaccine."



Dispensary Corner

SUPPLY chain issues have long been an issue for pharmacists seeking to source medications, but worryingly for the chronically unhealthy, suppliers are struggling to meet orders for fast food giants.

Global icon of the dine-anddash sector, McDonald's has been forced to temporarily discontinue its milkshakes in the UK, as pressure mounts on its supply chain, PYMNTS.com reported.

A shortage of chicken has hit British KFC and Nando's stores, with "The Colonel" noting that "there's been some disruption over the last few weeks... you might find some items aren't available or our packaging might look a little different".

While a spokesperson for Nando's said, "the UK supply chain is having a bit of a 'mare right now".









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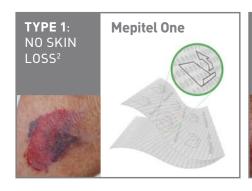


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