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Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news.

Fred IT to host ASL webinar

PHARMACY software provider, Fred IT Group, will host a webinar focused on the Active Script List (ASL) model for electronic prescriptions.

The webinar will be hosted by Fred IT Product Manager and Anglesea Pharmacy Owner, Jason Bratuskins, on Thu 25 Feb at 7pm AEDT, and will feature demonstration of ASL dispensing using Fred Dispense and Fred NXT Dispense.

The session will also provide tips for getting your pharmacy ready for Fred's MySQL system, and a question and answers session with an expert panel.

CLICK HERE for more.



NSW Guild backs Heffernan in vote

PHARMACY Guild of Australia NSW Branch President, David Heffernan, has seen off challenges from former Branch Vice President, Paul Jones, and committee member, Tim Hewitt, the Australian Electoral Commission revealed.

With Heffernan topping the poll for the branch presidency, he will serve as one of three Guild National Councillors for NSW alongside Judith Plunkett and Adele Tahan, while Robert King and Luke Van der Rijt were elected unopposed as alternate national councillors.

In the Northern Territory, Peter Hatswell saw off Travis Lindsay, to take the Branch Presidency.

Victoria's Paul Krassar claimed the State's second national councillor position alongside Branch President, Anthony Tassone, ahead of Grace Li Na Chong, who secured her place as an alternate national councillor, with Marilyn Tsitonakis.

South Australian, Greg Scarlett, fought off challenges from Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy Chair, Marc Apolloni, and Irfan Hashmi, to represent the State on the National Council with Branch President, Nick Panayiaris.

Rabia Kajani and Matthew Gillespie were elected as SA's alternate national councillors, ahead of Hashmi and Paul Simmons.

With incumbent National President, George Tambassis, stepping down, the election (PD 29 Sep 2020) for National President is set to commence on Thu 25 Feb, whereby 'councillors elect' will nominate and vote on this national role.

Depending on the number of nominations received for National



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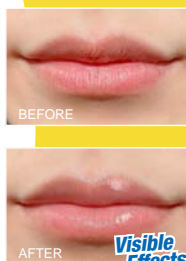
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Priceline raise \$600k for Sisterhood

PRICELINE Pharmacies have raised more than \$600,000 for the Priceline Sisterhood Foundation during a recent two-month-long campaign.

The fundraising efforts saw Priceline customers round up their in-store purchases across the groups network, while stores also held events to support the Foundation's charity partners, Dementia Australia, Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia (PANDA), the Raise Foundation and Look Good Feel Better.

Priceline Pharmacy General Manager, Andrew Vidler, praised the efforts of teams across the network, with Priceline Pharmacy Riverlink in Ipswich, Queensland, being singled out after raising \$18,000.

"The Priceline Sisterhood Foundation has two goals: to raise funds and awareness for women and their families by supporting a range of charities close to people's hearts," he said.



"I'm extremely proud of the work done by team members and customers around the country to raise so much money for such worthy Australian causes.

"I am also pleased to announce that the Priceline Sisterhood Foundation is also welcoming a fifth charity partner into its stable: Motherless Daughters Australia. "This organisation helps girls

and women who have lost their mothers.

"The Sisterhood Foundation Board believes Motherless Daughters is not only the perfect fit for the Sisterhood Foundation, but also for the wider API and Priceline communities".

Pictured, the Priceline Pharmacy Riverlink team during their fundraising campaign.

Virtual ClinCat

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia is set to host its ClinCat seminars online in Apr and May.

The events are designed for professionals with significant clinical experience and proven teaching and mentoring, to give insights into national drivers for competency based evaluations, & an understanding of ClinCat.

CLICK HERE to see the program and to register.

Pharmacy tours

COVID-19 appears to have delivered a windfall for volunteers at the Old Pharmacy Museum in Childers, Queensland, *Bundaberg Now* reports.

With holidaymakers restricted to domestic destinations as a result of the global pandemic, the museum has seen a 400% increase in numbers paying for a tour of the former apothecary in Dec 2020 and Jan 2021, compared with the same period a year earlier.

The Old Pharmacy boasts one of Australia's best collections of early pharmacy equipment.

North Korea accused of hacking Pfizer

SOUTH Korea's spy agency has told legislators that North Korean hackers have targeted COVID-19 vaccine manufacturer, Pfizer, despite the isolated nation claiming to be free of the pandemic virus.

The report follows claims made last Nov by Microsoft that hackers from the rogue state had attacked seven companies that have been working on COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

Bloomberg News reported that Pfizer and its development partner, BioNTech, subsequently said that documents related to their vaccine had been the focus



of a cyberattack on the European Medicines Agency.

However, they reported that their own systems had not been breached at that time.



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COVID-19-related stress sickening

BRITISH pharmacists are reporting that they are being stretched to breaking point as they endeavour to meet the needs of their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, *Chemist and Druggist* reports.

The trade publication's annual salary survey found the increased workload pharmacists have taken on in recent months were adversely impacting their physical and mental wellbeing.

A third of the 514 pharmacy managers and employee pharmacists who took part in the survey said that they were dealing with "very high" levels of stress, while 257 (50%) described their stress levels as "high".

One pharmacist reported having been off work for four weeks "with stress", while another said that their blood pressure was at a point where their GP wanted them to take antihypertensive medication.

Other pharmacists said they were experiencing migraines, chest pain and nausea, with 57% of respondents reporting that they were struggling to sleep because of work-related stress.

While some pharmacists were being prescribed medications to



cope with the increased workplace pressure, close to one-in-five said they had increased their alcohol intake to deal with their rising stress levels, with 1% saying they had turned to illegal drugs to escape the anxiety.

The survey found that 51% of respondents had experienced intimidation from customers, while 22% reported instances of intimidation by management and 15% said colleagues had been aggressive towards them.

More than one-in-10 pharmacists said they had experienced

discrimination from customers, due to their age, racial or religious background or sexual orientation, while 5% reported that managers or colleagues had discriminated against them on those grounds.

Close to a third of respondents said they were suffering with depression, with 8% reporting they had suicidal thoughts as a result of the increased workplace stress.

If you are experiencing symptoms of stress, anxiety or depression, contact the Pharmacists' Support Service on 1300 244 910 or **CLICK HERE** for more information.



Dispensary Corner

OVER the years Dispensary Corner has come across plenty of interesting allergies, but the one which promoted Florida woman, Joanna Zielinski, to give her inebriated sister a shot of adrenaline was a new one.

Having quaffed a few nightcaps together last weekend, the 62-year-old decided it was time for bed.

However, unable to find sleep as her sibling kept the party going, Zielinski realised she was "allergic to drunks" and stabbed her unsuspecting sister multiple times with an EpiPen, *ClickOrlando.com* reported.

"I'm allergic to drunks so I injected her with the EpiPen so she wouldn't be drunk anymore," Zielinski told police. "What's the big deal?"

Emergency services reported that Zielinski had failed to inject any medication during the incident because of the way she was holding the EpiPen.

However, her sister suffered some minor injuries, including a welt on her left thigh as a result of the attack.

The publication reported that records had shown that Zielinski had a history of being violent towards her sister, and she was arrested on a domestic violence charge.



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Product recalls

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued product recalls for four medications containing high levels of *Artemisia annua* or *Artemisia absinthium*, which it says pose "an unacceptable risk if used during pregnancy".

Full details of the affected brands and batch numbers are available on the TGA's website. **CLICK HERE** for more.