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Pharmacy Connect program released

THE upcoming Pharmacy Connect conference in Sydney this Sep will feature sessions on pharmacists practising at full scope, e-health and pharmacy IT enablement and plans for real-time prescription monitoring in NSW, according to the event's program which has now been released.

The conference is scheduled for the Sydney Hilton from 02-04 Sep, including two pre-conference workshops on implementing professional pharmacy programs and getting community pharmacy involved in harm minimisation.

Pharmacy students are also invited to participate at no charge in a special "Student Summit" taking place on Thu 02 Sep, showcasing real life examples of community pharmacists, with attendees also able to attend the conference Welcome Reception which is free for all students and Guild interns.

Guild National President Trent Twomey has confirmed he will be in attendance, along with the rest of the Guild National Council.

"We look forward to catching up with you to discuss a range of things that are relevant to you, your businesses, your pharmacies and your staff," he told prospective attendees in a promotional video.

The event will also showcase the latest updates on the COVID-19 vaccination program, as well as details of the redesigned pharmacy professional programs under the 7th Community Pharmacy Agreement.

"You'll be able to not just question us, but also give us some frank and fearless advice on industrial relations issues and a whole raft of other things that are relevant to you and your business," Twomey added, also highlighting the Guild Member Only breakfast which will take place behind closed

doors during the conference to discuss issues not able to be aired in other more public forums.

Other sessions will feature the outcomes of a recent clinical trial of cannabis-based medicine for cancer pain treatment, as well as a presentation from the Australian Digital Health Agency on electronic prescriptions.

PDL will also speak on the thorny issue of complaints and notifications being at an "all time high" while other sessions will cover buying and selling of pharmacies in the current environment.

Further details of keynote speakers will be added to the program shortly, it's understood.

Earlybird registration for the conference is available until 30 Jul, with a full guarantee of refunds in the event of COVID-19 disruptions.

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Last call on tools

THE Australian Pharmacy Council is reminding the industry that its consultation on intern assessment and feedback tools closes on Fri 16 Jul, with feedback sought on proposed guidance based on the Intern Year Assessment Blueprint.

There are also guides on Entrustable Professional Activities, with the paper and submission options now online at pharmacycouncil.org.au.

UK test kits

PHARMACIES across the UK are being used as part of a network to supply free COVID test kits, which allow consumers to undertake a recommended rapid test every three to four days even if asymptomatic to stop the pandemic's spread.

The "rapid lateral flow tests" give a result in 30 minutes and do not need to be sent to a lab, with results said to be 99.9% accurate.

Granville on list

CHEMIST Warehouse Granville in NSW from 11.15-11.30am on 30 Jun has been added to NSW Health's list of "casual contact" COVID-19 exposure sites.

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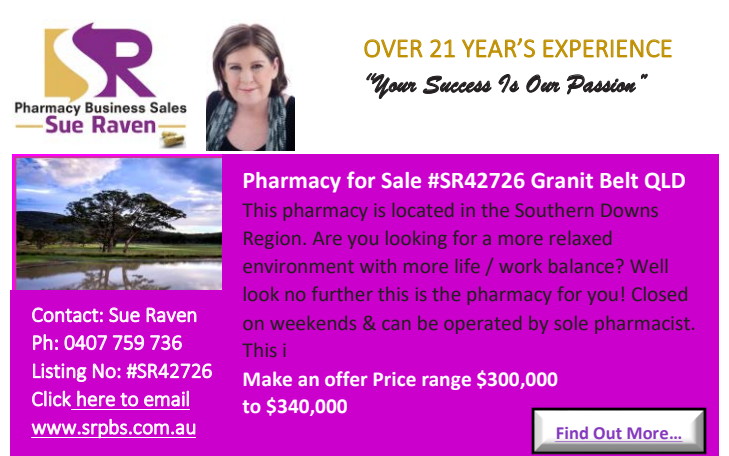
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CW digital shift

THE National Australia Bank has announced that Chemist Warehouse will now be offering customers the option of itemised digital receipts.

Developed in partnership with Slyp, the new option is now live at the pharmacy giant's more than 460 stores across Australia, with itemised receipts being delivered directly to customers via SMS messages and/or the NAB mobile banking app.

Chemist Warehouse Chairman Jack Gance said "as Australia's leading pharmacy retailer, we strive to provide our customers with the latest in technological innovation to enhance their in-store experience and we're proud to be setting the standard when it comes to digitisation within the industry".

He said the launch of Slyp Smart Receipts would improve the group's environmental footprint while simplifying the checkout process for both customers and retailers.

More than 120,000 NAB customers have already opted in to receive digital receipts through a variety of participating retailers, with the bank and Slyp saying they are now on track to have the platform used by half of all Australians by mid-2022.

SHPA confirms RAP process

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has "reinforced its ongoing commitment to reconciliation as an integral part of sustainable pharmacy practice," with the organisation's Board sponsoring a new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) process during NAIDOC Week.

SHPA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Leadership Committee Chair Aleena Williams, who is also a Yugambah woman, says the "Heal Country!" theme of NAIDOC this year highlights that "the wounds of our country and peoples are visible in the lands and waters around us".

"This year's theme calls for us all to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration and destruction.

"For SHPA members this carries additional layers of meaning as we are medicine specialists... Indigenous Australians were our first pharmacists," she said.

Williams said Country had provided medicines and healing throughout history and still does.

"As medicine specialists we need to acknowledge our connection to Country," she added.

"Many of us in pharmacy practice are proud of our environment and seek opportunities to reduce environmental impacts as we deliver and improve patient care...I



encourage everyone to get out and Heal Country, participate in NAIDOC activities near them, and most importantly *ngari* (celebrate)."

SHPA CEO Kristin Michaels said the organisation was committed to a RAP which turns good intentions into measurable outcomes.

"Our 200-strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Specialty Practice stream is a strong example of this commitment, and we look forward to building our organisational respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by continuing to embed observance of cultural protocols, celebration of annual Reconciliation events and advocacy to improve professional opportunities.

"A RAP provides a framework for SHPA to consolidate and enhance these foundation activities while better supporting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members as we, together, support all hospital pharmacists and technicians to address systemic racism in their professional settings," she added.

Dispensary Corner

EVER seen a hyperactive fish? It could be displaying drug-affected behaviour, according to a new study from researchers in the Czech Republic.

A behavioural ecologist from Prague's University of Life Sciences has found that brown trout may become addicted to methamphetamine when it accumulates in waterways.

A study published in the *Experimental Biology* journal reported on an experiment where 40 trout were placed in a tank contaminated with the illicit drug for eight weeks, and then transferred to a clean tank.

Then every second day they were given a choice between clean water or methamphetamine-laced water, to see if they were suffering from withdrawal.

The researchers found they sought out the drug when it was available, and also found addicted fish were actually less active than those which had never been exposed to methamphetamine.

Lead scientist Pavel Horky raised concerns the fish might be more likely to hang around discharge points from water treatment plants in order to get another hit.

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