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## Raven's swoops to secure ELS tender

**MANAGEMENT** of the community pharmacy Emergency Locum Service (ELS) will transition to Raven's Recruitment from 01 Jul.

The move follows a competitive tender process conducted by health and human services consultancy Australian Healthcare Associations on behalf of the Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA) earlier this year (**PD** 10 Mar), and will see the ELS move from LocumCo for the first time since it was launched in Feb 2002.

Under the services agreement between the PPA and Raven's, the recruitment firm will be responsible for receiving and assessing applications, making locum placements and reimbursing travel expenses following the transition of these services from LocumCo.

The service aims to place a locum



in any location in Australia within 24 hours of being requested, for up to seven days.

"The PPA and Raven's Recruitment are committed to a seamless transition and excellent service delivery," the agency said.

"Applications for locums via the ELS should continue to be submitted to LocumCo up to and including 30 Jun, with applications submitted from 01 Jul submitted to Raven's Recruitment.

"Raven's Recruitment is currently in the process of developing a program website and other supporting materials, and information about where these can be found will be provided prior to 01 Jul.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outgoing service provider, LocumCo, for their outstanding efforts over the years and we thank them for their services."

### Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today features two pages of news, a front **cover page** from **EzyMed**, plus full pages from:

- **Quick-Eze**
- **Power House Pharmacy Brands**

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### Cool it with Eze

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## Dispensary Corner

**HIT** British TV show, *Embarrassing Bodies*, appears to have failed to reassure patients that their unusual ailments are nothing to be ashamed of, research conducted by Well Pharmacy reveals.

The study found that 15 million adults across the UK have allowed a health issue to get worse because they were too embarrassed to speak to a pharmacist.

More than a third of those surveyed reported leaving a pharmacy empty-handed as they were too uncomfortable to discuss their condition with a member of staff.

Close to one-in-five patients confessed to sending their partner to the pharmacy to spare their blushes, while one-in-12 said they had sent their child.

Well Pharmacy pharmacist, Tanpreet Kaur, told *The Mercury* that "no one should be embarrassed by their health", noting that products that survey respondents reported being shameful to buy, such as condoms, lubricant and pregnancy tests, were commonly used.

"There is nothing you can say to a pharmacist that we've not already heard before, and it is important to remember we're here to help," he said.

"Health conditions left untreated can cause further complications and in some cases anxiety and stress.

"Absolutely no one should suffer in silence."

## PSA election delivers fresh faces

**RESULTS** from the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's (PSA's) State and Territory Branch Committee elections will see a number of new faces take on leadership positions.

Former National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) Executive Director, Alicia Martin (ACT), was among 21 new faces to be elected to the State and Territory Branch Committees, alongside former Pharmacy Guild of Australia NSW Branch Vice President, Caroline Diamantis (NSW).

The election saw the return of all seven incumbent Branch Presidents, however, a number of senior figures including former NSW Branch President, SI "Charlie"



Benrimoj, NSW Branch Vice President, Kristi-Lee Rigby, and Victorian Branch Vice President, Amanda Cross, were among 17 committee members who either stood down or were not re-elected.

The SA/NT Branch saw the largest injection of new blood, with five fresh faces being elected.

PSA CEO, Mark Kinsela, welcomed the new Branch Committees, saying

the newly elected members would bring further passion and diversity to the organisation.

"The PSA is thrilled to announce the newly elected members of the Branch Committees and we believe that these appointees will drive the organisation and profession forward," he said.

"The enthusiasm, passion, and talent of all nominees signifies a very promising future for the pharmacy profession."

## Get ready for an appy APP on the Goldie

**DELEGATES** attending the Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP) next week are being urged to download the Check in Qld app, as well as the event's own smartphone application.

APP Convenor, Kos Sclavos, said the event "will be run a little differently" this year to ensure

attendees are COVID-Safe.

"We've all adjusted to COVID when doing things like travelling through an airport and APP is no different – take a moment to download the apps you need, check out the program, book your name badge collection window, and familiarise yourself with the conference entry points," he said.



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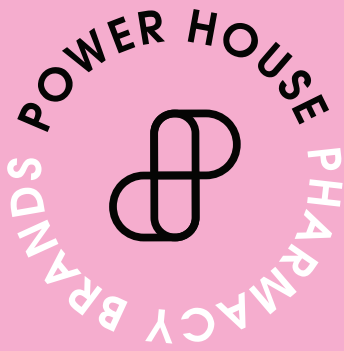
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