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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of news, plus a front cover from TerryWhite Chemmart.

TWC supports

PHARMACY owners are being invited to join the TerryWhite Chemmart network, with the group pledging to provide support to enable them to focus on being the best pharmacist.

See **cover page** for more.

TGA recruitment

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking to recruit a Senior Evaluator.

The successful candidate will be required to provide expert evaluations of scientific data to ensure submissions meet regulatory requirements.

Uniform COVAX rules needed: Guild

STATE and Territory Governments are being urged to implement uniform regulations to enable pharmacists to support the rollout of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine to infants, should the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommend its use.

Following the Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA's) decision to grant provisional approval for paediatric doses of the vaccine to be given to children aged six months to five years (PD 19 Jul), pharmacist immunisers in some jurisdictions will automatically be authorised to administer shots in-line with the regulator's guidelines, while their peers in other parts of the country will be unable to play a role in the vaccination campaign, without changes to regulations.

Welcoming the TGA's decision, Pharmacy Guild of Australia Acting National President, Nick Panayiaris, said a nationally consistent approach was needed, if ATAGI



issues advice that the vaccine should be given to infants.

"If that recommendation comes through it is critical that all the States and Territories look to amend their regulations to enable pharmacists to administer the vaccine to children within this age group," he said.

"We need to act cohesively and swiftly to protect the children in this age group, particularly as we are seeing a significant surge in COVID-19 cases across Australia.

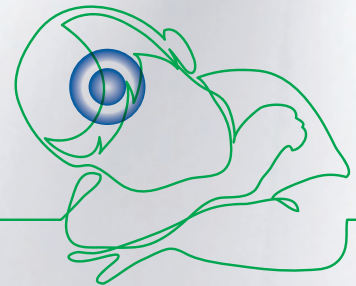
"The Guild urges all jurisdictions

to act uniformly as a matter of priority so that the approvals for pharmacists to administer the vaccine to children in this age group are consistent across Australia.

"States and Territories acting to enable pharmacists to administer the vaccine will ensure it reaches as many individuals in this cohort of patients as possible."

Under the TGA's provisional approval children aged six months to five years should receive two 25 microgram doses of the vaccine at least 28 days apart.

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Hiro Brands expands product range

FLEDGLING Australian consumer goods company Hiro Brands has announced plans to introduce a host of new personal care, cosmetics, and household care products to the local market.

The business, which was formed by BRC Capital when it acquired Heat Group and Aware, is on a trajectory towards an ASX listing, after recently raising \$10 million in capital from institutional investors.

Hiro already boasts an extensive range of leading consumer brands and a wide distribution network via the acquisitions, which include Organic Choice, Aware Sensitive, MUD (Make-Up Design), Billie Goat, ulta3, Medi Manager, Fleurique, Orange Power, Actizyme and Trix.

It also contract manufactures for brands such as Thankyou, Redwin and Redken, as well as products for Coles, Aldi and Kmart.

Hiro's products are currently sold in more than 7,000 retail outlets around Australia, including supermarket, department stores



and pharmacy groups such as, Chemist Warehouse, Priceline, Terry White, Guardian, Amcal, Pharmacy Alliance and Direct Chemist Outlets.

Hiro Brands CEO, Steven Chaur, believes the group's "better for you, better for the planet" products, which are sustainably made at its manufacturing facility in Dandenong South, will appeal to the Australian retail market.

Chaur, who has been at the helm of Hiro since Jan 2022, emphasised the importance of locally sourced natural ingredients and local manufacturing, in light of global

supply chain disruptions.

"It's a \$6.5 billion dollar market and Australian consumers want good Australian-made products".

"Hiro Brands has invested in over 800 unique product formulations together with our R&D lab and team of highly-qualified chemists.

"Together with our much-loved existing brands we'll be introducing new products from high-end cosmetics through to organic detergents."

Stockbroker MST Financial is currently pitching a potential listing to investors, according to the *Australia Financial Review*.

McBride set to Connect

FEDERAL Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, Emma McBride, will join the speaker line-up for this year's Pharmacy Connect.

The pharmacist-turned-politician, will deliver the Judy Liauw Address on 03 Sep.

Conference convenor, Kos Sclavos said that McBride was in an "ideal position to fight for better health services for all Australians" and "also understands the unique challenges facing rural and regional communities when it comes to accessing healthcare".

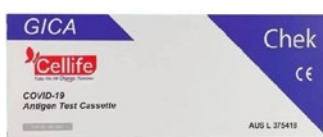
Pharmacy Connect will take place at the Hilton Sydney from 01 to 03 Sep, with earlybird tickets available up until 29 Jul.

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Screening update

HEALTHCARE providers are being invited to webinars in Jul and Aug to give them the “skills and knowledge to support patients participating in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program”.

Topics include the role of the GP and practice nurse, as well as patient eligibility and relevant clinical information.

The program is being conducted in partnership with GPEx and the Jodi Lee Foundation, and also details how to complete the bowel cancer screening home test, understanding the results and where to find further tools and resources.

Registrations for the free 30-minute update are open now by **CLICKING HERE**, with a total of 27 sessions taking place across the country.

MedCare approved for aged care

RESIDENTIAL aged care facilities which adopt Webstercare’s National Residential Medication Chart (eNRMC) MedCare platform will now be able to access a funding pool of up to \$30 million, after the Australian Digital Health Agency confirmed the eNRMC meets the transitional conformance guidelines.

The Government has introduced the funding as part of the ‘Supporting Medication Management in Residential Aged Care’ Initiative, in order to address widespread issues associated with medication management in residential aged care services.

According to Webstercare Managing Director, Gerard Stevens, the Government’s decision to incentivise widespread adoption of electronic medication management systems in aged care was prompted by a key finding that emerged from

the Royal Commission into Quality and Aged Care.

“Having one overarching fully paperless system - one source of truth - to manage the prescribing, dispensing, administration and ongoing management of medication in aged care settings can significantly reduce risk and minimise the need for unnecessary paperwork,” Stevens said.

“The MedCare system is an exciting development and manages the whole prescribing process.

“For facilities using RxMedChart, MedSig or interested in MedCare, the transition to the fully digital system is seamless.”

There will be three rounds of funding opportunities between \$7,000 and \$22,000, depending on eligibility, from Jul 2022 until Dec 2024, with grant amounts decreasing with each subsequent round.



The funding can be used for eNRMC software solutions and subscriptions; hardware purchases or upgrades; training and change management; and other expenditure related to the sourcing and implementation of eNRMC solutions.

For more information on how to adopt the MedCare eNRMC and access the funding, call 1800 244 358 or email info@webstercare.com.au.

Kleptomaniac pharmacist struck-off

VIDEO game-playing British pharmacist, Taimoor Nair, has been barred from the profession after being busted stealing PlayStation gift cards.

The locum pharmacist had been working at three Tesco pharmacies in Sep 2019, when he was caught swiping money from cards being sold in the store.

Nair subsequently confessed to pilfering more than \$1,600 in gift cards in an effort to strengthen his virtual team in the video game, FIFA.

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Council (GPhC) tribunal heard the pharmacist would activate the cards’ codes at the check-out, and claim the cash value for his PlayStation account, before voiding the transaction.

The light-fingered pharmacist also stole control pads for his game console, groceries, clothes and two bouquets of roses during his employment with the supermarket pharmacy.

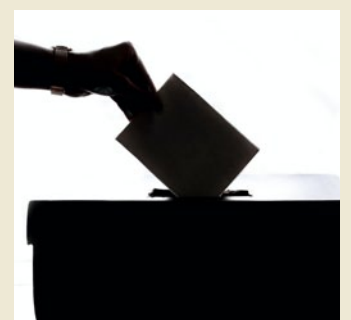
After being banned from Tesco stores, Nair got a job at a Boots pharmacy, where he was caught stealing cosmetics on his first day.

NAPSA opens nominations for Chairs

THE National Australian Pharmacy Students’ Association (NAPSA) has opened the two-step nomination process for candidates to chair the organisation’s sub-committees.

The organisation is seeking applications to lead its Publications, Alumni, Research, Australian Pharmacy Students’ Journal, Rural and Indigenous and Pharmacy Awareness sub-committees, and a Student Exchange Officer, for 2022/23.

Nominees will be required to submit an initial nomination to



NAPSA President, Flynn Swift (**PD 05 Jul**), by **EMAIL**, and also make a video application, by 11.59pm on 07 Aug (AEST).



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Dispensary Corner

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Redheads, who (somewhat like vampires) are believed to be more sensitive to the sun and high temperatures, were offered free entry to films at any of the chain's cinemas across the UK for two days earlier this week, when the mercury climbed as high as 40°C.

Showcase Cinemas UK General Manager, Mark Barlow, said, "While the UK enjoys some much-needed sunny weather, we know how hard some people find the heat".

"That's why, to tackle the heatwave, we're offering redheads free entry to our screens this Mon and Tue, so they'll be able to enjoy some of the amazing films on offer in the comfort of our air-conditioned cinema screens and ensure they stay protected from the sun."

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