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Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of news, plus a full page from **Wizard Pharmacy Services**.

Empower people

WIZARD Pharmacy's People and Culture division can help pharmacy owners to empower their teams to deliver a better experience for customers. See **page five** for more.

Queen's B'day

THE next edition of *Pharmacy Daily* will be published on Tue 14 Jun, as NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, the NT and the ACT mark the Queen's Birthday on Mon.

Tue's edition will include details of pharmacists named in the Queen's Birthday honours list.

ATAGI backs booster for some teens

COVID-19 booster shots should be offered to adolescents who are severely immunocompromised or have complex needs and have completed a primary course of vaccination three or more months ago, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) believes.

In a statement released yesterday, ATAGI stated it had "identified three groups of adolescents aged 12-15 years who may be at greater risk of severe disease from COVID-19 compared to their peers, those who are severely immunocompromised, those who have a disability with significant or complex health needs, and those who have complex and/or multiple health conditions".

"A first booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine may offer additional protection against severe disease, noting the overall risk of admission to an intensive care unit and death in this age group remains very low," ATAGI said.

However, the group added that it

does not recommend a booster for teenagers outside those categories.

"Early Australian and international data suggest that adolescents aged 12-15 years have a very low risk of severe disease or death from the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2, especially if they have completed a primary series of vaccination," ATAGI said.

"There is currently insufficient evidence that a first booster dose provides additional protection against severe disease for most children and adolescents in this age group."

ATAGI noted that Pfizer-BioNTech's Comirnaty vaccine could be given to eligible 12 to 15-year-olds, however "Spikevax (Moderna) and Nuvaxovid (Novavax) are not licensed for use as a first booster dose in this age group".

MEANWHILE, the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce has issued updated paediatric recommendations for the use of remdesivir in children



and adolescents 28 days and older.

Under the recommendations "in exceptional circumstances" the antiviral can be considered for the treatment of COVID-19 within seven days of the onset of symptoms in children weighing at least 3kg who do not require oxygen and are at high risk of deterioration.

The Taskforce noted the treatment should only be offered to paediatric patients who are not up to date with vaccination or are immunosuppressed.

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Wizard expands

PHARMACY Guild of Australia Pharmacy of the Year (PotY) 2022 finalist, Elise Wheadon, has doubled her footprint in Kalgoorlie, opening two new Wizard Pharmacy stores.

Wheadon said the addition of Wizard Pharmacy stores in the Kalgoorlie Central Shopping Centre and Hannan's Boulevard Shopping Centre will strengthen her team's offering.

"These locations will allow us to offer a wider and more specialised range of health services to the community while giving us the additional resources to continue our work in delivering positive health outcomes for the wider regional and Aboriginal communities," she said.

Both of the new Wizard stores have transferred from the Guardian Pharmacy banner.

PSA and APSA reaffirm partnership

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has renewed its partnership with the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA), signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU reaffirms the two organisations' commitment to ensuring the opportunity for research in pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences is more recognised amongst the pharmacy community and for research to be translated and implemented into the practice of pharmacy and health service delivery.

As part of the MoU, PSA National President, Associate Professor Chris Freeman, said the associations will co-host the research stream at the PSA22 conference, to enrich the level of research presented as the foundation for evidence-based pharmacists' roles into 2023.

"PSA remains committed to maintaining a strong research culture across the profession, to



ensure a robust evidence base for existing and future pharmacist programs.

"PSA looks forward to continuing to work with APSA to advance research in pharmacist-delivered care, and pharmaceutical sciences," he said.

"We have received an exciting range of research papers ahead of our conference, including on medicine safety, models of care, innovation and scholarship in education, pandemic priorities and more."

APSA President Associate Professor Joseph Nicolazzo also welcomed the MoU.

"APSA is very excited to continue this collaborative relationship with PSA," he said.

"This joint effort not only facilitates effective showcasing of pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical science research outcomes to PSA members but allows for APSA and PSA members to work symbiotically through PSA-sponsored workshops and a plenary lecture at the APSA Annual Conference."

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Pharmacy provides job opportunities

JOB seekers in Brisbane and the Gold Coast are being urged to submit an expression of interest to undertake a Queensland Government-funded program to become a qualified pharmacy assistant.

With unemployment rates in the regions higher than the state average, Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland Branch President, Chris Owen, said those interested in pursuing a career in the sector should apply as soon as possible.

"Successful graduates will receive a SIR20116 Certificate II in Community Pharmacy and have the skills and knowledge to work within Queensland's network of almost 1,200 community pharmacies and meet the needs of Queensland patients," he said.

"So far, we've had more than 100 Queenslanders complete the course in the last 12 months

"Many course graduates are now working in community pharmacies across Queensland with 85% of

the Gold Coast and 80% of the Brisbane previous course graduates successfully gaining employment.

"South-East and West Brisbane's unemployment rates are 6.3% and 6.6% respectively, which is far higher than the state average of 4.5%.

"Through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, we are excited to be able to give residents the opportunity for upskilling, prospective employment and potential to join the respected pharmacy profession.

"Course graduates report positive job satisfaction after commencing employment in community pharmacy, particularly around being able to support the local community and their healthcare needs."

Brisbane-based pharmacy assistant, Dianne Grayson, completed the program in Oct 2021 and has been working in the sector since graduating, having lost her previous job as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"One morning, I heard a radio



interview on ABC with Chris Owen, who spoke about a pharmacy assistant course," she said.

"I know that Queenslanders view pharmacies as a vital part of the community."

"I thought this would be a great career, helping people and working in the health industry, so I applied.

"If you're thinking of expressing interest – don't wait.

"I am so grateful that I took a chance by applying for the course to start my career in community pharmacy."

KAPS exam rego

THE Australian Pharmacy Council has announced that the registration process for the upcoming KAPS (Knowledge Assessment of Pharmaceutical Science) has been temporarily suspended until Tue 14 Jun.

Registration for the exam opened early this week, but has been put on hold since yesterday as a result of "technical issues", with the APC extending the registration period until 23 Jun.

Candidates currently in Australia will be able to sit the exam at centres in State and Territory capitals, while a list of overseas test centres is available [HERE](#).

MEANWHILE registration for pharmacists who have trained in Canada, Ireland, the UK or the US, can register to sit the Competency Assessment of Overseas Pharmacists (CAOP) from 12 to 25 Jul, with exam sitting on 22 and 23 Aug.



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FIP leaders to guide pharmacy in UK

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Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) CEO, Catherine Duggan, and Vice President, Ashok Soni, have been appointed to the UK's Commission on Pharmacy Professional Leadership.

The pair join the Chief Pharmaceutical Officers of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, to create recommendations for the purpose

and functions of future pharmacy professional leadership in the UK.

The move aims to ensure pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are "well equipped with a voice to help shape the future".

Among the issues facing British pharmacists is the expectation that graduates will be independent prescribers from day one of the registration from 2026.



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Dispensary Corner

UNIVERSITY life can be expensive, and getting a job that gives you valuable experience in your chosen field can be beneficial.

However, it is best not to follow the example of Welsh pharmacy student, Kevin John, who ended up on the wrong side of the law after setting up his own back-alley pharmacy.

The 22-year-old University of Leicester undergraduate was busted in Newport dealing heroin and crack cocaine.

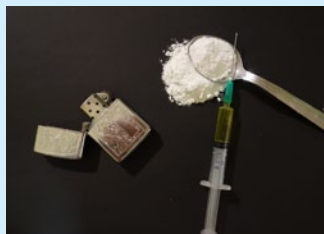
John attempted to flee the scene on a bicycle when police busted his illicit operation on 17 Sep 2021, but he was tackled to the ground.

Cardiff Crown Court heard the student was in possession of drugs with a street value of \$3,100 and about \$1,750 in cash at the time of the arrest.

The Court was told John had been studying for a pharmacy degree in Leicester prior to being caught dealing drugs.

The 22-year-old defendant pleaded guilty to charges of possession with intent to supply and possession of cannabis.

Sentencing John to 29 months behind bars the Judge noted that the student had been dealing to fund his efforts to become a pharmacist.



Mum-to-be busted with fake scripts

A PREGNANT woman from Nowra on the NSW South Coast is being held in custody after being arrested for allegedly using forged prescriptions to obtain restricted medicines.

Police allege Annita Faasavalu and another woman had attempted to use falsified prescriptions in at least five pharmacies across the South Coast and Northwestern NSW, the *Daily Telegraph* reported.

The 25-year-old's pharmacy-shopping campaign is believed to have started on 10 May, when she attempted to get 60 Tramadol tablets from the Priceline Pharmacy The Ponds in Western Sydney.

On 27 May, she allegedly went to the Ramsay Pharmacy in Nowra seeking 10 fentanyl patches.

The following day Faasavalu visited Good Price Pharmacy Nowra again looking to obtain 10 fentanyl patches, before going to the Blooms The Chemist store in the town, where she attempted to get 120 Endone tablets.

She was arrested on 02 Jun and charged with four counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a prohibited drug by false representation, and another four



counts of attempting to induce dispensation of a prescription.

Court documents revealed Faasavalu had a lengthy criminal history, and was remanded on an additional charge relating to the revocation of a parole warrant as a result of the fraud charges.

"The accused has no fixed address and is five months pregnant," the documents state.

"She shows a high level of deceit and the use of unlawfully obtained prescription medication in the community poses significant risk."

Faasavalu is set to face Nowra Local Court on 28 Jun, where her lawyer said she is likely to enter

pleas of not guilty.

Her co-accused, Chelsea Leyla Turner, is due to appear before the same court on 14 Jun on charges relating to two counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a prohibited drug by false representation, and two counts of attempting to induce dispensation of a prescription.

Turner allegedly went to pharmacies in Vincentia and Bomaderry on 24 May requesting an unspecified quantity of oxycodone.

Court documents noted that the 37-year-old Sydneysider was "well known for property, stealing and related offences".

Bowel cancer rising in U50s

PATIENTS under the age of 50 years are expected to account for one-in-four rectal cancers within the next decade, Bowel Cancer Australia warns.

Bowel cancer rates among younger Australians has increased significantly over the last 30 years with one-in-10 cases currently impacting people under 50.

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