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A **PETITION** calling for the Rural Locum Assistance Program eligibility criteria to be amended to ensure communities retain access to health services has been made to the Federal Parliament.

AMA takes shot at pharmacists' scope

PATIENTS' safety will not be best served by introducing pharmacist prescribing models, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) claims.

Marking Medicines Safety Week, AMA President, Professor Stephen Robson, called for the preservation of the separation of prescribing and dispensing.

In a statement released this morning Robson once again criticised the Queensland State Government for giving the green light for the North Queensland Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot (NQPSPP), describing it as a "dangerous experiment".

"This is a model that promotes pharmacy profits at the cost of patient safety," he said.

"Pharmacists are experts in medications and medication management and the AMA wants to work with pharmacists to develop models where we can contribute more to the delivery of healthcare in this country in a safe and collaborative way.



"Unfortunately, we are seeing models being pushed that do the opposite.

"They fragment care and lead to negative health outcomes."

Citing the results of an AMA Queensland survey conducted in response to the Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Pilot - Queensland (UTIPP-Q), Robson reported that at least 240 patients suffered complications as a result of misdiagnosis during the trial.

The AMA claimed that

pharmacists sold antibiotics that were "not only inappropriate, but dangerous" during the pilot.

Robson called on other State and Territory governments not to follow Queensland's lead in expanding pharmacists' scope of practice, and to "reflect on the real harm this has caused the community".

However, NSW Health Minister, Brad Hazzard, has voiced support for a trial of pharmacist prescribing for uncomplicated UTIs similar to the UTIPP-Q (PD 05 Oct).

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FIP webinar

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) will host a webinar focused on antimicrobial stewardship tonight.

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TWC launches fundraising campaign

TERRYWHITE Chemmart (TWC) is partnering with Games4Good to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Australia, through a new dice game called *Herding Cats*.

TWC Executive General Manager, Nick Munroe, said the partnership aims to provide critical funds to support women fighting Australia's most fatal female cancer.

"TerryWhite Chemmart have been partnered with Ovarian Cancer Australia for over 15 years and we are extremely proud to be able to support the great work OCA is doing through this initiative with Games4Good to both raise awareness and much needed funds for women suffering from ovarian cancer," he said.

The objective of the game is for players to "push their luck" to collect and steal cats to build a winning herd.



Made4Good Managing Director, Andrew Bensley, said the game provided an avenue for families to play together while supporting an important cause.

"Games4Good is linking the purchase of the family friendly dice game *Herding Cats* to help raise vital funds for Ovarian Cancer

Australia," he said.

"Now parents have a great reason to encourage their kids to put down their devices, to have some fun and raise some funds."

Sales of the game through TWC stores across the country are expected to raise more than \$30,000 for Ovarian Cancer Australia.

Keep kids out of Vic hospitals

THE Heart Foundation is calling on both sides of Victorian politics to commit to measures to keep children out of hospital ahead of the State Election.

The organisation is urging candidates to back its calls for stricter regulation and enforcement around the sale of vaping devices and e-cigarettes, including tough penalties for non-pharmacy sales of the products.

The Heart Foundation is also seeking a commitment from the next Victorian Government to implement a ban on the advertising of unhealthy foods and beverages in public spaces and on public transport to reduce the risk of children developing chronic conditions.

Wizard's Giving Tree appeal underway

WIZARD Pharmacy will be continuing its Christmas tradition of supporting the Starlight Children's Foundation's Giving Tree appeal.

The campaign raises funds to support sick children and their families, giving them access to the Starlight Express Room at the Perth and Darwin Children's Hospitals.

Wizard Pharmacy Chief Operating Officer, Sally Parker, said that the group was pleased to support the Starlight Foundation.



"Our partnership with the Starlight Children's Foundation is one we all hold very close to our hearts, so it means a lot to the entire Wizard family across our network that we can rally together again and do something special for them," she said.

Legal medicinal cannabis growing

RESULTS from the University of Sydney's Lambert Initiative's third *Cannabis as Medicine Survey*, revealed prescriptions for medicinal cannabis is on the rise.

However, the survey found that the majority of Australians who use cannabis for medicinal purposes were still accessing it illicitly.

The survey conducted between Sep 2020 and Jan 2021, found 37% of respondents had received a legal prescription for medicinal cannabis - up from 34.5% in 2018.



Lead researcher, Professor Nicholas Lintzeris, said there were a number of benefits to people access cannabis legally, noting they were more likely to consume it safely, compared with those who accessed it illicitly.



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Dispensary Corner

SPLURGING hard-earned cash on a nice car and nights out may seem like fun when you start your career, but debt can mount up quickly.

Just ask Connecticut-based pharmacist, Ludwig Rosclair, who racked up US\$230,000 in debt after graduating.

Having landed a job in a community pharmacy, the University of Connecticut pharmacy graduate splashed his cash on a new Audi S4, adding more than US\$47,000 to his sizeable student debt, and monthly bills.

However, after realising his finances were getting out of hand Rosclair stepped back and made some hard choices to rein in his spending and tackle his debt.

The pharmacist decided to adjust his lifestyle, parting company with his beloved Audi in favour of a lower profile secondhand vehicle and leaving his bachelor pad for a shared house in a cheaper part of town to cut his rent.

Having trimmed the fat on his expenses Rosclair shifted his focus to what he was going to spend money on, and invested in his mental and physical health, including a nutrition coach, who helped him to improve his eating habits.

Rosclair's sacrifices have paid off with the 33-year-old able to pay off his six-figure debt in six years, which has given him the opportunity to quit his job to live the high-life as the owner of a medicinal marijuana dispensary.

Wholesaler director hit with ban

INVOLVEMENT in illegal phoenix activity will see Queensland-based pharmaceutical wholesaler director, Jenny Huang, barred from managing corporations for four years.

Business regulator, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), announced Huang's disqualification for her role in the failure of two companies - Tasman Pacific Holding Pty Ltd and Palicon Pty Ltd.

ASIC reported that Huang "acted improperly and failed to meet her obligations as a director" by failing to pay "debts and taxes owed to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)" and not maintaining "adequate books and records" for both companies.

The regulator said the Huang "failed to prevent Tasman Pacific from trading while insolvent, [and] engaged in illegal phoenix activity by selling the assets of Tasman Pacific prior to liquidation to a newly created related entity for less than

market value".

ASIC's investigation found Huang "improperly used her position by allowing Tasman Pacific to pay monies to her co-director, who is her husband, for purported reimbursement of credit card expenses and loan repayments in preference to other creditors and at a time when the company appeared to be insolvent".

"At the time of ASIC's decision, the two companies failed owing a combined total of \$4,366,335 to creditors, including \$401,531 owing to the ATO," ASIC said.

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NSW Govt backs suicide prevention hub

LGBTQ health organisation, ACON, is launching a new online suicide prevention hub, backed by the NSW State Government, to reduce suicide in sexuality and gender diverse communities.

ACON CEO, Nicolas Parkhill, said the [HERE.org.au](https://www.here.org.au) platform will provide information on suicide and situational distress, and connect LGBTQ people and their loved ones to care and support.

"Research shows that LGBTQ people are at a significant increased risk of a range of preventable health problems, including situational distress, suicidal ideation and suicide, much of which are attributed

to experiences or fears of discrimination, stigma, social exclusion, and abuse," he said.

"LGBTQ+ people in Australia are between three to 19 times more likely to attempt suicide or self-injury than the general Australian population, and experience suicidal ideation at even higher rates.

"With this in mind, [HERE.org.au](https://www.here.org.au) has been extensively and carefully designed to not only link our communities in with well-established and respected service providers, but also peer-led LGBTQ+ specific suicide prevention services and resources that elevate the power of lived experience."

"In disqualifying Huang, ASIC relied on supplementary reports lodged by Tasman Pacific's liquidator, Paul Weston of DW Advisory and Palicon's liquidator, Christopher Darin of Worrells.

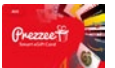
"ASIC assisted Weston and Darin to prepare their reports by providing funding from the Assetless Administration Fund.

"Huang is disqualified from managing corporations until 25 Oct 2026."

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