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Today's issue of *PD*

Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of news, including our Beauty & Wellness feature, plus a front cover from Pharmacy Careers Summit, and full pages from: • Wizard Pharmacy

• Glucojel

No guarantees!

THE Federal Govt has refused to guarantee that patients or pharmacies won't be worse off under the 60-day medicine policy, said Guild President Trent Twomey.

"This is a \$3.5b cut to patient care across every single community in Australia and that should worry patients.

"This cut means aged care services are reduced.

"Parents wanting access to late night medicines for their kids will miss out because pharmacies will be forced to scale back their opening hours."

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler on *6PR Mornings* today said, it's a "pretty offensive scare campaign being run by the pharmacy lobby".

Blackmores' bid to Kirin

BLACKMORES Limited will be sold to Tokyo-based food, beverage, pharmaceuticals, and health science company, Kirin Holdings Company Limited, through a Scheme Implementation Deed for the acquisition of 100% of the issued share capital of Blackmores.

Under the terms of the Scheme, valued at \$1.88b, Blackmores' shareholders will receive a cash consideration of \$95 per Blackmores share, less any special dividend declared or paid prior to implementation of the Scheme.

If the Scheme becomes effective, the Blackmores Board intends to declare a fully-franked special dividend of \$3.34 per Blackmores share payable on or immediately prior to implementation of the Scheme, which is expected to enable eligible shareholders to benefit from franking credits of \$1.43 per Blackmores share attached to any such Special Dividend.

The Blackmores Board has unanimously recommended the Scheme with the company's largest shareholder, Marcus Blackmore, who holds or controls approximately 18% of Blackmores' ordinary shares outstanding as of



today, has informed Blackmores that he has agreed with Kirin to vote his 3,516,834 shares held or controlled by him in favour of the Scheme.

Blackmores CEO Alastair Symington said "the Kirin proposal recognises the strong leadership position that Blackmores, through its brands and people, has established in the natural health sector across the Asia Pacific region over our long history".

Kirin's Board Director and head of its health business, Takeshi Minakata, said, "we believe Blackmores will accelerate the transformation of our Health Sciences Domain as both Kirin and Blackmores share a vision to improve people's lives...and we are excited about the growth potential for the Blackmores business and look forward to supporting its growth and development, and furthering its commitment to quality ingredients and product development".

Corum wins case

IN THE proceedings commenced by Corum Systems against Fred IT Group, the Victorian Supreme Court handed down a judgment today in favour of Corum to the sum of \$5,133,701.

Corum will be entitled to additional interest, and to recover some of its costs, in amounts still to be determined.

In the proceedings commenced by Fred against PharmX, the Court gave judgment for PharmX and dismissed Fred's claims.

PharmX will be entitled to recover some of its costs in an amount still to be determined. The parties have 28 days to

file any appeal. Corum Group Limited wholly owns the subsidiaries Corum Systems Pty Ltd (Corum

Systems Pty Ltd (Corum Systems), and PharmX Pty Ltd (PharmX).



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Swisse success

A COLLABORATION with comedic duo The Inspired Unemployed has seen sales for Swisse in Australia up more than 20% in the Mar quarter.

The pair have been promoting the new chewable Swisse Gummies range to their over three million social media followers, with the company's parent firm Health & Happiness International confirming "record-breaking reach and impact within the health-conscious Millennial demographic".

Hong Kong-listed Health & Happiness said Swisse's local market share had edged up to 12.4% for the year to 28 Feb, compared to 12.2% in the previous corresponding period.

SA Guild change

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has lodged confirmation with the Fair Work Commission that South Australian Branch Committee Member, Arn Doan, stepped down from his role on 21 Mar.

Earlier the same month, Simon Dawe became a new SA Branch Committee Member, the Guild confirmed.

BMS CEO to go

BRISTOL Myers Squibb (BMS) has announced the retirement of CEO Giovanni Caforio, who will step down from his role effective 01 Nov. Caforio is also the company's Chairman, and is expected to be replaced by Christopher Boerner who is now Chief Operating Officer.



McDonald tradition alive

FORTY years ago Bob Hawke became Prime Minister, the Australia II yacht ended a 135-year US domination of the America's Cup, and a small pharmacy in Sydney's Upper North Shore began a family tradition of serving its local community.

Last month, McDonald's Pharmacy St Ives - which has been open every day since 1983 - marked its milestone 40th anniversary with a celebration in-store.

Owner Jacinta McDonald has spent her life around pharmacies her father David owned pharmacies in Queensland and New South Wales, and she was 13 years old when David took over the St Ives store on 02 Mar 1983.

McDonald bought the business from her father in 2016 and has made sure the business remains a family affair, with her daughters Sophia and Charlotte, who are the third-generation helping to keep the McDonald tradition alive.

"One of the big things is we've been open every single day of the year since 1983.

"We've had floods, we've had electrical power outages and what have you - but there's still one of us in there helping our valued customers."

McDonald's Pharmacy is a Pharmacy Choice Gold Store and has been part of the program since 2014, which McDonald said has enabled the business to be more competitive in the market.

"As a small pharmacy we don't get the opportunity to get the discounts like the large warehouses," she said.

"With Pharmacy Choice it enables me to get discounts on core range lines and I can then pass on those savings to our patients through our catalogue each month."

Cameron Macklin, General Manager, Pharmacy Choice and Merchandise, congratulated McDonald's Pharmacy on its achievement.

"Their longevity in business is a testament to the team's understanding of their customers and their commitment to providing valued and trusted service 365 days a year," he said.

"We have been proud and privileged to be part of their journey for nearly a decade."

McDonald credited her staff for making McDonald's Pharmacy what it is today.

"We greet our clients by their name, we know the names of their children, and their grandchildren, which all adds that personal touch," she said.

Pictured: Jacinta McDonald and the pharmacy staff celebrate the 40th anniversary at an in-store event on 13 Mar.

EU's 1st RSV vax

AREXVY (recombinant, adjuvanted), the first vaccine to immunise and actively protect adults aged 60 years and older against lower respiratory tract disease caused by the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), has been recommended by the European Medicines Agency for marketing authorisation in the European Union (EU).

In Europe, RSV causes an estimated 250,000 hospitalisations and 17,000 inhospital deaths every year in people older than 65 years. Arexvy contains an

engineered version of the RSV fusion surface glycoprotein.

This protein is essential for RSV to infect the body and is also the main target of the antibodies generated to fight the infection.

The vaccine also contains an 'adjuvant', a substance to help strengthen the immune response to the vaccine.

When a person is given the vaccine, their immune system generates specific antibodies and T-cells that help prevent RSV infection.

Arexvy was evaluated under EMA's accelerated assessment mechanism because prevention of RSV infection in the elderly population is considered to be of major public health interest.

RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms.

Most people recover within one to two weeks, but RSV can be serious in vulnerable people, including older adults and those with lung or heart disease and diabetes.



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Editor's choice: Soothing intimate care to protect post birth

THE Multi-Mam Post-Birth Spray gives an immediate soothing effect to support the skin's natural recovery.

The product protects and mosturises, and can be used on stitches and directly after childbirth.

The fine mist spray can be angled 360°c for ease of use.

Its 97% plant derived and enriched natural ingredients include *albatrellus confluens* (mushroom) extract which helps provide an immediate soothing effect, *rosa centifolia* flower extract for skin repair, and aloe vera, known for its skin conditioning and antiinflammatory properties that

Boost neck firmness

BOOST Lab Neck Firming Serum which retails for \$29.95 is a skin care product that specifically targets wrinkles and ageing on the skin of the neck while visibly improving skin elasticity and firmness.

The company said edelweiss extract defends the breakdown of collagen and revitalises ageing skin, while the tef seed extract, which is rich in essential amino acids and minerals, enhances the



skin's elasticity for noticeably firm and toned skin. MEANWHILE.

the new face for Boost Lab is TV personality and podcast host Chezzi Denyer.



helps protect and moisturise the skin.

To use the product, shake well before use and spray directly on the intimate area whenever soothing is desired or on a pad that comes into contact with the external intimate area. Nicepak that distributes Multi-Mam warns to not use the

product on open wounds. Approximately 450 sprays are

available per bottle. The product has o%

perfume and alcohol and is dermatologically tested on sensitive skin.

There will be marketing support with wobblers, a flyer competition for in-store staff training, along with trials to generate reviews, and social media posts.

The handy and hygienic Multi-Mam Post-Birth Spray, 75ml, retails for \$29.95.

One bottle, so many uses - now in trade up size

ISOCOL Rubbing Alcohol comes in a new size as a 450ml Antispetic Lotion with a trigger spray.

The convenient spray nozzle, which also has a safety lock on the nozzle trigger, allows for easy application on the skin and the larger bulk size adds customer convenience, satisfying a key consumer demand.

Notably, the product's compact height means it's not too tall to accommodate shelf restrictions in first-aid aisles.

The Australian made and owned product retails for \$18.99.

Isocol also comes as a 75ml Travel Spray (RRP: \$6.95), and a 345ml bottle (RRP: \$12.99).



The multipurpose product has many everyday uses, one of them being that it cleans hands without water, is quick drying, and has a fresh linen fragrant signature scent.

The brand will be supported by advertising across several TV and social media platforms from now until end Jun.

Adore makes the cut



RECOGNISED as one of Australia's best employers, e-commerce site Adore Beauty was named runner-up in the 2023 *AFR* Best Places to Work awards in the retail, hospitality, tourism and entertainment category.

Last week, Adore Beauty was chosen from over 700 companies across 10 industry sectors.

The company, which provides its employees with a flexible work environment, has a number of initiatives to keep employee satisfaction at an all-time high.

Employees have a 'Fabulous Friday', where team members work slightly longer standard hours over a nine-day fortnight to accrue time off to enjoy every second Fri as a day off.

Other employee benefits include paid parental leave, generous team member discounts, access to heavily discounted salon treatments, paid learning and development opportunities and flexible public holidays.

In order to be recognised as one of the Best Places to Work, entrants are required to have their staff fill in a survey, which asks a series of questions about their experience working for their organisation.

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Dispensary Corner

WHAT a shock - people looking to social media for health inspiration are being misled, according to new University of South Australia research.

Scientists undertook an audit of the "leading Instagram fitspiration accounts," in which influencers claim to inspire better lifestyles, finding that almost two thirds of the top 100 influencers published "dubious fitness information" while around a quarter presented hyper-sexualised content, nudity or objectification.

Lead researcher Dr Rachel Curtis noted that popular fitness inspiration hashtags such as #fitspiration and #fitspo feature in over 100 million posts, adding that "the lack of reliable, credible health and fitness content on a platform with more than 1.3 billion users globally is concerning".

The UniSA scientists said if credible accounts can be identified, they might present an avenue for wide-reaching, public health campaigns to promote physical activity.



THE Australian-owned company PharmaCare Australia which has brands such as Bioglan, Sambucol, and Nature's Way has been named a Great Place To Work after

receiving certification this month. PharmaCare Australia employees recognised the company as one that supports innovation and its entrepreneurial culture, in the survey facilitated by the global authority on workplace culture, Great Place To Work.

Glenn Cochran, CEO of PharmaCare Laboratories, said the recognition from employees meant

more than any external award. "It's easy when you're in the thick of day-to-day business to believe you're doing the right thing by your employees and providing them with a workplace they can grow

and be themselves.

"However, whether or not we're doing that correctly as leaders is often immeasurable.

"This recognition that PharmaCare employees believe in our culture demonstrates that, as a team, we are living to our values - to be performance led, to take ownership, to encourage entrepreneurship, and to do it all with integrity."

Core cultural benefits of PharmaCare highlighted by some of its almost 500 employees include:

- Employees feel a sense of pride when they look at everything PharmaCare accomplishes.
- Employees agree people are treated fairly regardless of their sexual orientation.
- Employees agree people are treated fairly regardless of their race.

BP med & cancer

A MONASH University study has identified that betablockers could significantly enhance the therapeutic effect of anthracycline chemotherapy in triple-negative breast cancer by reducing metastasis.

Researchers from the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MIPS) have previously shown that beta-blockers are linked with less cancer spread.

However, until now, it was unclear how beta-blockers would interact with common cancer treatments.

In this new study, published in *Science Translational Medicine*, the MIPS team used mouse models of cancer and analysed large-scale patient clinical data, in collaboration with the Cancer Registry of Norway, to discover that anthracycline chemotherapy on its own, in the absence of a beta-blocker, induces nerve growth in tumours.

However, adding a betablocker to chemotherapy inhibited nerve fibre activity in tumours and stopped the cancer from coming back after treatment.

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