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### Ogundipe's role

**AYOMIDE** Ogundipe has been appointed as the PSA's National Board's Early Career Pharmacist Board Director. Pharmacist, researcher and academic from Perth, Ogundipe is passionate about digital health transformation.

## Sale to Jonas by Corum

**CORUM** Group Ltd has agreed to sell its Pharmacy Software business to Jonas Software AUS Pty LTD for a total cash deal of \$6.25m subject to customary completion adjustments (**PD** Breaking News Fri).

Commenting on the transaction, Nick England, Executive Chairman said, "the sale of our Pharmacy Software business completes the streamlining of the Group following the disposal of the e-commerce real estate business in FY22".

"We are now fully focussed on our PharmX and PharmXchange businesses and providing value-enhancing services to both pharmacies and their suppliers.

"Furthermore, we firmly believe our relationship with both suppliers and POS vendors will be greatly enhanced by our independence as a service provider following the sale of the Pharmacy Software business.

"On completion of the sale and pending the settlement of the recently announced judgement in the Court proceeding against Fred IT, which is still subject to appeal,

the Board will be considering a range of potential capital management options."

The transaction will include the sale of two subsidiaries, Corum Health Pty Ltd and Amfac Pty Ltd.

The purchase price of \$6.25 million, on a cash free and debt free basis and subject to working capital adjustments, comprises:

- an initial purchase amount of \$4.75 million; and
- a deferred purchase amount of \$1.5 million (payable on the first anniversary of completion, subject to any price adjustment for working capital adjustments or warranty claims).

Corum said there is also opportunity for additional payments on the first and second anniversary of completion.

**Today's issue of PD**  
Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a full page from Nova Pharmaceuticals.

### Action Plan live

THE first Paediatric Palliative Care National Action Plan was launched today with four high-level priorities which include quality, access, information sharing and collaboration, and data and research. Learn more **HERE**.

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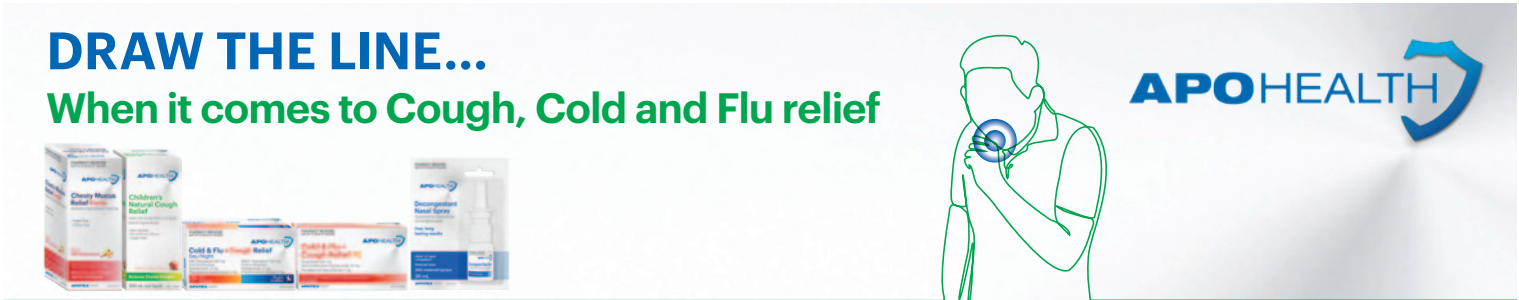
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## New Pharmacy Daily era

**PHARMACY Daily's** parent firm, the Business Publishing Group, has a new General Manager, with Davy Adams (pictured) today taking on the position under new private equity owners.

Cofounders Bruce and Jenny Piper remain significant stakeholders in the business, with the new structure paving the way for even more growth and success for **Pharmacy Daily** and its team.

"We are so happy to have taken this major step, and look forward to seeing Davy and the expanded ownership team work alongside us to continue our vision for the business," the Pipers said.

"We have loved building the Business Publishing Group, including establishing **Pharmacy Daily** more than 16 years ago now.

"Taking on new private equity partners will help take the company to the next level," they said.

Sister publications to **Pharmacy Daily** include some of Australia's leading travel industry newsletters



such as **Travel Daily**, which has been published every weekday for more than 29 years now.

Adams has over two decades of experience in media and marketing, and was formerly the Managing Director of technology media company IDG Communications.

He will lead the expanding team of expert journalists and industry marketers, saying he was "excited to be part of the next chapter of this industry-leading enterprise".

He can be contacted on [davy.adams@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:davy.adams@pharmacydaily.com.au).

## Modeus wins SA tender to roll out its HS8

**HEALTHCARE** software company Modeus has been selected as the preferred supplier for the Electronic Controlled Drug Register for SA Pharmacy Sites tender issued by South Australia Health.

Modeus will roll out its HS8 Controlled Medication Register application across the SA pharmacy sites.

HS8 is a controlled drug register platform used in over 60 hospitals that integrates with its systems including iPharmacy, Patient Administration Systems and Active Directory to help "remove duplication and to make workflows quicker and more accurate," shared CEO Carl Zufi.

"This allows hospitals to transition from paper-based controlled drug registers to an intelligent platform that decreases the time spent on controlled drug record keeping, and gives pharmacists more hours for patient care.

"HS8 has safety features to

prevent medication errors, closed-loop governance and security to ensure the movement of controlled medications are tracked and accounted for," Zufi explained.

Michael Bakker, SA Pharmacy's Digital Health Portfolio Lead, explained, "we are pleased to be partnering with Modeus to deliver HS8 to our network of South Australian Public Hospital Pharmacies due to HS8's broad functional capabilities, product maturity, ease of use and solid feedback from hospitals currently using HS8 in other states".

"SA Health is determined to lead the way in best practice medication management solutions, and by future-proofing controlled drug workflow management via implementing the HS8 platform, we are confident that this will result in improved efficiencies, and medication safety & compliance for the SA Health network."

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## Dispensary Corner

**FARMER** marries...a pharmacist!

For 30 years, Spring Ridge, NSW, has been without a pharmacy and a doctor, leaving those unwell in its population of 400 to face long drives to access healthcare.

Now, that has all changed thanks to the love story of farmer Andrew Mills and pharmacist Chloe Kay who settled in Spring Ridge.

Once settled Kay decided to buy the general store and add a pharmacy to it.

That was only a few months ago, but the little shop has made a big difference, she said.

After renovating the general store and getting the right approvals, Kay was able to bring medicine to her new town.

The establishment of the pharmacy has led to a doctor working part-time out of a room beside the shop front.

"There has never ever been a pharmacy in Spring Ridge, so for one to pop up, it's a lot for people to take in," Mills said.

"Everyone is very excited as it's groundbreaking," Mills said.

"People don't have to travel hundreds of kilometres to see a GP and have to wait potentially weeks to get an appointment.

"Then to go to the pharmacist and get what they need next door will be incredible."

Dr Owen Boyd, who arrived in town as part of a 12-month pilot jointly run with the Primary Network, said, "the opportunity here was great because Chloe is essentially an entrepreneur".

"She makes things happen."

## SHPA's growth strategy

**EMBARCKING** on a growth agenda for the next 12 months, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has released today its Transformation 2024 strategy, **HERE**.

Launched via a microsite, the Transformation 2024, President Tom Simpson explained, "takes our venerable organisation into a new era, outlining SHPA's new initiatives including expanding education, developing new digital platforms, driving deprescribing awareness and championing and credentialling partnered pharmacist prescribing".

"New practice recognition pathways are a centrepiece of Transformation 2024, designed to help practitioners of all levels navigate an increasingly mobile professional landscape.



"This national recognition is important as the walls between care settings fall and more pharmacy care is delivered through speciality practice in interdisciplinary teams, and younger pharmacists seek broader opportunities."

Vice President Dr Kate O'Hara says SHPA's identity is evolving to meet the moment to help "move between increasingly collaborative care settings".

## UK's LGAs call to ban single-use vapes

**COUNCILS** in England and Wales have called on the UK government to ban the sale of single-use vapes by 2024 on both environmental and health grounds.

The Local Government Association (LGA) said 1.3 million disposable vapes were thrown away every week.

They were a hazard for waste and litter collection and caused fires in bin lorries.

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## Weekly Comment

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### Traceability and Interoperability in Medicines

**GLOBALLY** an increased focus on traceability of medicines is driven by counterfeit products that have been prevalent in some markets.

With the release of the **National Healthcare Interoperability Plan** from the Australian Digital Health Agency the question is whether traceability is linked to this plan.

The plan focuses on helping to connect Australian healthcare - providers and consumers, the answer is yes. It also highlights the need to outline the standards that will enable the interoperability of systems and traceability of medicines.

The standards for identifying medicines are already defined by the TGA and adopted, as are the standards to automate supply chain processes by most pharmacy wholesalers. There is an opportunity to ensure that standards that enable event-based traceability are a part of the standards framework under the Agency.

Improving traceability makes better use of scarce resources and ensures that consumers have access to quality medicines, making the healthcare system more efficient and safer.

Learn more **HERE**.

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