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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a front cover from United in Compassion Medicinal Cannabis Symposium.

Gain CPD points

THE Australian Medicinal Cannabis Symposium will be held from 11-13 Aug at the Brisbane Convention Centre and will provide accredited training for pharmacists for 5.75 Group 1 CPD points, or Group 2 11.5 CPD credits upon successful completion of the assessment activity.

The theme is 'Harnessing Knowledge, Building Momentum', and the full program and speakers list can be seen, [HERE](#).

The Lambert Initiative from Sydney University is also involved in the program.

Don't miss out on the Early Bird rate which finishes today. See more on the [cover page](#).

NSW trial set to expand

THE NSW pharmacist prescribing trial for uncomplicated UTIs will be expanded to over 1,000 pharmacists soon, confirmed the state's Health Minister Ryan Park in Parliament yesterday.

"We'll be announcing and committing that this trial will go to over 1,000 pharmacies right across New South Wales.

"This is particularly important for those in rural and regional New South Wales because their ability to access healthcare is not as easy as those of us in large metropolitan cities, and that is why this trial is very important.

"But later on, we're expanding it yet again.

"And we will be making sure that women between the ages of 18 and 39 years will be able to access the contraceptive pill straight from their pharmacy," Park said.

He added that "over 500 women have utilised the prescribing service for UTIs in the past month".

"We will continue to look at opportunities every single step of



the way, both in this trial and in other professions to ensure that as we expand the scope, improve access to healthcare, and continue to focus on making sure that it is safe and delivered in the highest possible way in terms of quality assurance and safety.

"We won't be putting patient safety at risk - we will never ever do that," he asserted.

Park explained that the trial was "researched, undertaken by a number of universities and evaluated".

"Further, we're working with the RACGP to get its support to make sure that the link between pharmacy and doctors remains very strong and is at the core in the way in which healthcare needs to be delivered."

Vapes seized

A CRACKDOWN on illegal vapes has led to a record seizure worth \$1 million in Western Australia.

WA's chief pharmacist Meeghan Clay (pictured with the haul) said, "the potential cash windfall from vape sales meant people were willing to risk getting caught".

"There appears to be so much profit people are making from the addiction that everyone's wanting to get their slice," she explained.



On COSBOA Board

THE West Australian branch President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Andrew Ngeow, has been appointed to the board of the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA) following the resignation from the board of Colm Maguire, Chief Operating Officer of the Guild.

Ngeow said, "this is a challenging time and one we must prepare for and face with the confidence that comes from having an organisation like COSBOA supporting all the businesses in the sector".

BrainTrack wins!

BRAINTRACK, a free app that helps to privately monitor and understand changes in cognition over time, has won a top award at the recent ACT iAwards ceremony.

BrainTrack, developed by Dementia Australia and Deakin University's Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute (A²i²) and released late last year, has been downloaded by over 50,000 people.

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Dispensary Corner

IN THE not-to-far-flung future, driverless vehicles could deliver junk food 24/7, and Aussie researchers are concerned about the potential health impacts.

The ice-cream truck of the future could be driverless and operate 24/7 spruiking junk food and alcohol, while delivery bots could clog up footpaths, unless governments step in, according to new research published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*.

Interviews conducted with 40 experts, across the technology, transport, government and health sectors, suggest that automated and driverless vehicles are expected to be the dominant form of road transport by 2050, and will be used as an extension of current on-demand food and grocery delivery services.

The team says food delivery apps are already increasing obesity rates as they offer a wide range of junk food, and reduce the amount of activity customers have to engage in to feed themselves.

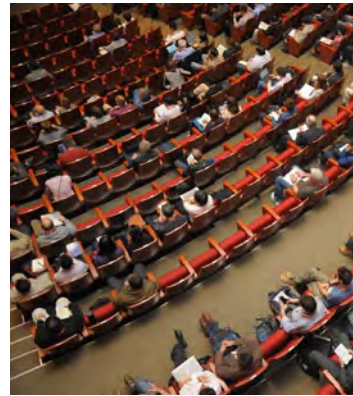
PAG Summit plans to inspire members

THE Platform Alliance Group (PAG) has announced its expert speaker line-up at their Inspiring Success Summit in Adelaide from 27-30 Aug, to support pharmacy owners in taking on industry challenges and opportunities.

Pharmacy owners from PAG's member pharmacies Chemist Discount Centre, Pharmacy Alliance, Advantage Pharmacy and Pharmacy Catalyst will hear about plans to face industry challenges, such as 60-Day Dispensing and other post-COVID-19 impacts, as well as opportunities in technology and digital.

CEO Dave Fenlon said, "following our recent 60-Day Dispensing webinars and roadshow events in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth where we spoke to 1,000 member and non-member pharmacy owners, it's clear that they need immediate and long-term support to take on what will be the next biggest challenge for them since price disclosure".

"With the govt officially releasing the first 92 medicines of the 60-Day Dispensing policy, at our PAG Member Summit, we will encourage more than 200 pharmacy owners to think past challenges and turn them



into opportunities to continue delivering exceptional care for their communities like they did throughout the COVID-19 pandemic measures."

The PAG Member Summit will try to inspire members with sessions from thought leaders, including futurist David Wild, international retail expert Gal Shvitiel, Arrotex CEO and entrepreneur Dennis Bastas and founder of Daily Dispatch Paul Cross.

The PAG Leadership team will aim to also outline plans for its discount brand Chemist Discount Centre, its community-focused brand Alliance Pharmacy, and its patient-pharmacist relationship-focused brand Advantage Pharmacy, as well as support independent

pharmacies part of Pharmacy Catalyst, Pharmacy Alliance and Advantage members.

Chief Innovation Officer Andrew Pattinson added, "we are combining our previously held events, the Pharmacy Alliance Members Forum, Pharmacy Catalyst Conference, and the Chemist Discount Centre Annual Dinner into one event for all our members for the first time".

"Not only do we want our member delegates at the Summit to feel supported by our 160+ expert team in operations, commercial, technology and marketing, but we also want them to feel supported by their pharmacy owner peers.

"We also want to showcase the enhancements we've made in our loyalty and reporting platform, KnowITAll and our buying automation platform, Buy It Right, to give our pharmacies more time to focus on helping their patients with their health.

"We also have 40 sponsors keen to show our members their new initiatives to help them take on the future."

Register for the PAG Summit by 07 Jul to take advantage of the early bird rate, [HERE](#).

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