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ResMed update

THE TGA has a product defect correction for ResMed. The company is updating its safety information for masks that have magnets, as if they come too close to certain implanted devices, the implants don't work as they should.

LPG Orana promotes regional careers



LIFE Pharmacy Group (LPG) in NSW's Orana region have been trying to bolster the future of the profession by talking to high school students about the benefits of the industry at the Orana 2023 Careers in Health Expo.

More than 500 students from schools across western NSW attended the event at St John's College in Dubbo on Tue. Owner and pharmacist-in-

charge of Orana Mall Pharmacy, Lisa Gibson said the expo was an opportunity for students to hear industry insights firsthand.

"We're really excited to try and encourage students to consider a career in health," said Gibson.

"Our region is crying out for people to come back and work in our community, to provide necessary healthcare services."

Born and raised in Dubbo, Gibson has spent almost two decades working in the local community and is a diabetes educator and founder of the in-store Sleep Apnoea clinic.

"Early in my career, we were quite limited in what services and advice we could provide, but now the likes of diabetes education and sleep apnoea are offered.

"Before most patients had to travel to Sydney for any diagnosis and treatment, so a real focus of our business has been the different areas we can benefit and support the region," Gibson explained.

"I think being a pharmacist is a very rewarding career, there's so

much we can do, and of late there's been an increase in the scope of practice such as re-training to become prescribing and vaccinating pharmacists which is of significant benefit in regional areas." JG

Pictured: Community engagement coordinator Alex Wood and Gibson.

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Groups meet up

THE Guild's Pharmacy Groups Symposium currently happening in Melbourne has 110 representatives attending, employing over 57,000 Australians across 5,000 primary healthcare locations.

The attendees intend to hold the Govt to its core promise of delivering the 8CPA by 01 Mar 2024 and showed support for the current location rules.

The groups agreed to work to their full scope of practice and welcomed recent state announcements (PD 20 Nov).

Attendees also urged all the Govts to consider funding support like the UK Govt provides to pharmacies moving to full scope of practice.

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, including our Beauty & Wellness feature.



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Editor's Choice: the season's ultra-light, sensitive skin sunscreens

SUNSENSE and Melanoma Institute Australia last week celebrated seven years in a partnership which has seen the Australian sunscreen brand donate more than \$1.3m towards MIA's melanoma research and treatments (PD 20 Nov).

This season SunSense has added two new products to its range, providing even more options for pharmacy customers.

SunSense Sensitive Protect SPF50 (RRP: \$14.49) is for people with sensitive skin, ages six months and up, and has four hours of water resistance.

SunSense Face Ultra Light SPF50+ (RRP: \$16.99) is a lightweight facial sunscreen



that's enriched with moisturising vitamin B3 and antioxidants and is non-comedogenic so it won't clog up skin pores.

It also comes in a tinted version.

With over 30 years of expertise, all SunSense products are made

in Australia and provide broad-spectrum protection that is suitable for all skin types.

As well as being fragrance-free and dermatologically-tested, the range has vitamin B to moisturise and improve skin's texture.

Glow at a low price



AUSTRALIA'S affordable beauty brand Designer Brands (DB) can help customers achieve the 'no make-up', look with its latest collection 'Skin You're In'.

The easy-to-build products are made with a natural-looking, lightweight glow, leaving skin feeling hydrated, soft and smooth for every occasion, said DB.

The collection features a new tinted moisturiser, liquid blush and contour wand, along with a limited-edition lip oil and eye brightener, all under a \$25 price point.

"We wanted to create a collection that our customers can use on a daily basis to achieve a natural, glowing look," said DB's Senior Brand Manager Jane Benko.

"That's where we developed the 'Skin You're In' collection infused with skin-loving ingredients allowing for a simple morning make-up routine that will make you look and feel good.

"Whether you're heading to work or spending the day running errands, this collection is versatile and has a variety of products that everyone can use and enjoy," commented Benko.

The launches were celebrated by a campaign with diverse models.

Make a manicure pop

SALLY Hansen Miracle Gel gos Limited Edition Collection is a top US gel hybrid polish in eight new neon shades to give pharmacy customers totally radiant manicures, just in time for summer.

No UV lamp is required and the polishes have two simple steps that combine colour and topcoat for a chip-resistant formula in bright and punchy colours.

Miracle Gel gos nail colours retail for \$16.95 each.



New dermatological anti-dandruff solution

EXCLUSIVE to Chemist Warehouse, Dercos by Vichy Laboratories has launched its dermatological anti-dandruff shampoo range in Australia.

Available for dry hair and normal-to-oily hair, the Dercos Anti-Dandruff DS Shampoo has been designed to provide a solution for dandruff by rebalancing the scalp microbiome after just four weeks of use, says its manufacturer.

These results are achieved through a formulation of highly concentrated dermatological actives - 1% selenium disulphide, to help maintain the scalp microbiome, and 1% salicylic acid known for its exfoliating properties to help remove dandruff flakes that are on the scalp.

The formula also contains an



antioxidant vitamin E as well as ceramide R to support the scalp's moisture barrier.

The Dercos Anti-Dandruff DS Shampoo range is gentle enough for daily use, free from sulphates, parabens and colourants, can be used by sensitive scalps, and retails from \$29.99 to \$31.99.

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Dispensary Corner

GWYNETH Paltrow's skiing accident trial, where she collided into a retired optometrist who said she caused him bodily harm, is set to become a London musical. 'Gwyneth Goes Skiing' will debut at Pleasance London Main House Cabaret, where it will run from 13 -23 Dec. The production company described it as "a story of love, betrayal, skiing, and Christmas - where you are the jury!" "She's the Goop-founding, door-sliding, Shakespeare-in-loving, consciously-uncoupling Hollywood superstar," the show's synopsis read. "He's a retired optometrist from Utah. "In 2016, they went skiing." "On the slopes of Deer Valley, their worlds collided, and so did they - literally, ouch. "Seven years later in 2023, they went to court. "Double ouch. "This is their story, kind of, not really, but also, it's at Christmas," the synopsis stated.

FIP's new AMR statement

WITH World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week on, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) today issued a new statement of policy on mitigating Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR).

FIP stated that govts and policymakers, in collaboration with national pharmacy organisations, must regulate and monitor the consumption of antimicrobials, routes of access to them, and data availability about them in humans and animals.

The statement lists several further recommendations to this group of stakeholders, including that they take action to facilitate the registration of new or existing antimicrobials, provide appropriate economic incentives to encourage their development and commercial availability, and to allow pharmacists to produce essential antibiotics in cases of shortage.

FIP Vice President Manjiri Gharat, who is also co-chair of the FIP Commission on AMR and who co-led the policy committee that developed the statement said, "this new policy replaces one published by FIP in 2017".

"It also makes a strong call on pharmacists to embrace



leadership roles in mitigating AMR and advancing antimicrobial stewardship," she added.

"In addition, the statement calls on pharmacists to encourage the use of point-of-care diagnostic tools to screen for early signs of infectious diseases, as well as to advocate for an environmentally conscious approach and the application of green pharmacy principles throughout the life cycle of antibiotics," Gharat remarked. JG

Cars carted away

THREE Ferraris and a BMW were carted away by Australian Federal Police from the sprawling Dural home of Ben Huynh, pharmacist owner of the Cabramatta East Day Night Pharmacy and a member of Supercars Club Australia.

The reason for the raid remains a mystery, reported *The Australian*, referred from the police to the Federal Dept of Health and Aged Care, who declined to shed any light on the matter.

"A warrant was executed.

"Further comments specifying details cannot be released at this time," a dept spokeswoman said.

Huynh faces Downing Centre Local Court on Tue in Sydney, charged with obtaining financial advantage by deception.

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