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Pharmacy Guild of Australia Tas branch President Helen O'Bryne said, "this move will help with easier access to the pill given the state's high rate of unplanned pregnancies".

Symbion presents at PCS24

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NATIONAL wholesaler and major sponsor, Symbion, will join TerryWhite Chemmart and HealthSave at the Pharmacy Careers Summit 2024 (PCS24) to showcase career opportunities across its networks.

Symbion General Manager - Pharmacy, Andrew Crawley, told *Pharmacy Daily*, "pharmacy is a dynamic and invaluable industry providing long and fulfilling careers and the careers summit is an important event to showcase the pathways available".

"With pharmacist-delivered services increasing via scope of practice, we are optimistic about the future of pharmacy, and stand ready to support pharmacists at every stage of their careers.

"Whether you're part of TerryWhite Chemmart or HealthSave, our scale and experience means we have the

capacity to invest in business solutions which sets us apart," Crawley commented.

Next year marks Symbion's milestone 180th anniversary, and throughout that time, investing in people through training and career development has been central to its vision of connecting communities to care, added Crawley.

"From our industry-leading point-of-sale software, medication management, dispensing solutions to our customisable data insights, rewards programs and experienced team, we have you covered."

Symbion also offers an ongoing scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, in partnership with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Presented by Raven's Recruitment and *Pharmacy Daily*, the second PCS24 will be held on 05 Jul.

A free, virtual event with 3.5 CPD points on offer, [CLICK HERE](#) to register for PCS24. JG

Leaders' insights

THE Pharmacy Careers Summit 2024 is bringing together leaders from all fields of the profession to share insights into the ever-changing career opportunities for established and new community pharmacists.

See the **cover page** for the 40-plus keynote speakers who will provide more information on career pathways and business ownership.

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Position for growth

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It is a growing brand with 10-plus stores added in the past 12 months - see **page four**.

Supporting you

GLUCOJEL is reinvesting any profits it makes back into supporting community pharmacists in their businesses.

The original jelly bean's popularity increases sales as customers come in stores searching for it - see **back page**.

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of the latest news, a **cover wrap** from **Pharmacy Careers Summit 2024**, plus full pages from:

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Dispensary Corner

POPPING multivitamins is as common as downing morning coffee, with a third of people in the US believing it holds the secret to eternal youth.

The US Preventive Services Task Force decided to dig into the effectiveness of these magical pills by analysing data from clinical trials.

They observed 390,124 middle-aged people in three towns, who had never battled cancer or chronic diseases.

The study, published in *JAMA Network Open*, spanned from the 90s to the 2000s, with follow-ups lasting up to 27 years.

The results are in now - daily multivitamin munchers did not enjoy a lower risk of meeting the Grim Reaper than their non-munching counterparts.

In conclusion, while many still swear by their daily dose of multivitamins to keep the doctor away, this study suggests they might be chasing rainbows.

But hey, at least they're getting their daily dose of hope.

Butler 'marched out' of store

THE Federal Health Minister Mark Butler (pictured) was "marched out" of his local pharmacy one Sunday morning as he was refused sale of pseudoephedrine.

He recalled his experience in Parliament last week, and explained why Project STOP, the system which restricts the sale of pseudoephedrine S3 products, will not be used for vapes.

From 01 Oct, vapes will be scheduled to be in the same medication category.

"I did not meet all of the conditions for access to cold and flu tablets that contain pseudoephedrine," he said.

"You are not always successful in getting pseudoephedrine through Project STOP, even after a discussion with the pharmacist.

"It was rather humiliating, I must say, as the country's health



minister," Butler remarked.

However, he did acknowledge concerns about people visiting multiple pharmacies, buying more than one vape in a month, and then on-selling it.

"The data entry requirements of Project STOP for pseudoephedrine were put in place because of law enforcement concerns."

Butler added for Project STOP to be effective for vapes, it would need to be linked to other pharmacies, and have a different monitoring regime, which he was "not convinced is going to be the proper regulation".

"Pharmacists should also focus their time on the therapeutic discussion rather than on data entry," Butler commented.

Adding, if that "judgement is not proven out over time" more discussions will take place. JG

APC awards open

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has announced the return of the Dr Erica Sainsbury Awards.

The award is named after Sainsbury, who taught for over 30 years at the University of Sydney School of Pharmacy, and passed away in Dec 2021.

The awards recognise and reward leaders in pharmacy education and practice (**PD** 17 Nov 2023) - see more **HERE**.

PATY finalists

EIGHT state finalists for the Pharmacy Assistant of the Year (PATY) awards were announced on Fri (**PD** breaking news).

The national 2024 PATY award winner will be declared during the PA2024 cocktail party on 06 Sep in Sydney.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$5,000, complimentary registration, return flights and accommodation for APP2025 and PA2025, and an invitation to participate in the 2025 national judging workshop.

Increase in super

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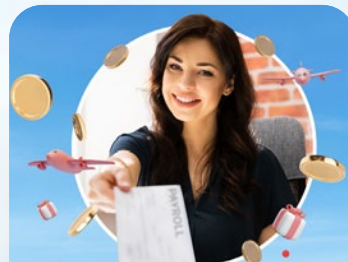
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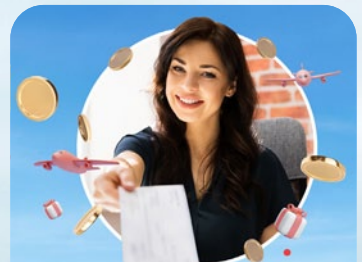
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