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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of the latest pharmacy news, plus full pages from:

- Dispense Assist
- Glucojel

## 24/7 assistance

**DISPENSE** Assist is a low-cost staffing solution that can help with dispensing for dose administration aids, compounding, medicinal cannabis, e-scripts, and more.

Dispensary technicians are also available 24/7 at rates as low as \$6.37 per hour.

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Learn more on **page three**.

## Increase profits

A **NATIONAL** brand for over 80 years, Glucojel jelly beans is a top-selling product in pharmacy and is a great way to grow your bottom line.

With the average 47% profit margin made across the range (based on current RRP), Glucojel is sure to bring a smile to the face of any pharmacist.

Further, all the money raised by Glucojel assists the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in its advocacy work for community pharmacy.

Learn more on the **back page** about how stocking the jelly beans can increase sales.

## Vapes surrender starts

**TO ALIGN** with the new vaping regulations under the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Act 2024*, the Federal Government has introduced transitional arrangements in Australia.

The measures allow businesses such as pharmacies to divest themselves of vaping products, which became unlawful from 01 Jul (**PD 28 Jun**), without facing supply or possession charges.

The Business Surrender Scheme permits businesses to give in specified quantities of vaping goods that were previously lawful.

The scheme applies to businesses with more than 280 vaping devices, 1,800 vaping accessories, or 12,000ml of vaping substances.

Eligible businesses, including pharmacy and non-pharmacy retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, importers, exporters, and transport or storage providers, must notify the



Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) by 01 Sep, via email at [vapereturn@health.gov.au](mailto:vapereturn@health.gov.au).

The TGA will coordinate with businesses to arrange the surrender of these goods.

Until further instructions are provided, businesses are required to store the vaping products in a secure location. *JG*

## New PBS listing for cystic fibrosis in kids

**VERTEX** Pharmaceuticals Trikafta (elexacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor and ivacaftor) will be on the PBS from 01 Aug.

The drug listing is for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in children ages two through to five years old, who have at least one F508del mutation in the CFTR gene.

Trikafta is currently listed on the PBS for the treatment of CF in people aged six years and older who have at least one F508del mutation in the CFTR gene.



The drug was approved by the TGA for those aged two to five years in Jan.

The PBS listing will result in more than 90% of the 3,700 people living with CF to qualify for reimbursed access to a medicine that treats the underlying cause of their disease.

## Leadership race

**THE** Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) will open elections for the role of President on Mon 05 Aug.

Two candidates, Dr Emily Harrison and Dr Rod Martin, both serving on the ACRRM College Council, have been nominated to lead.

Current President Dr Dan Halliday, whose term ends at the College's Annual General Meeting in Oct, has backed both candidates and praised them for their commitment to ACRRM and the Rural Generalist profession.

He emphasised the significant impact the presidency has on rural healthcare and encouraged all members to vote.

The election, managed by the independent Australian Election Company, will close on Mon 26 Aug.

Eligible members will receive voting instructions soon.

Dr Halliday noted that the new President will guide initiatives and policies to advance healthcare for rural, remote, and First Nations communities.

"With ACRRM-led training now embedded across the nation, and a new strategic plan, the College is entering a new era," said Dr Halliday.

"I encourage all members to exercise their right to vote and have a say in who they think will best lead the College over the next two years."



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## Dispensary Corner

AS THE Olympic Games kick off in Paris, the real action might just be happening off the field.

Turns out, athletes have their own post-competition events in the Olympic Village, requiring organisers to stock up on tens of thousands of condoms, reported *Uniland*.

This year, the village boasts a record 300,000 condoms, far surpassing the 70,000 used in Tokyo 2020, which still necessitated an emergency order of 20,000 more.

Paris is the city of love, after all. Former Olympian Susen Tiedtke explained that sex at the Olympics is "inevitable", as world class athletes, at their physical peak, need to release energy post-competition.

With parties, alcohol, and considerate roommates, it's no wonder athletes like Matthew Syed fondly remember the village as a "sex-fest".

Syed recalls getting laid more during the Barcelona Games than in the rest of his life combined.

Who knew the Olympic spirit included so much, well, spirit?

## CDC announces winners for \$20k promo

**CHEMIST** Discount Centre (CDC) has announced the four winners of its Save & Win promotion for Club Card loyalty customers for May and Jun, each of whom will receive a prize of \$5,000.

The CDC winners were Oriol Doherty from Kilmore, Shirley Hodge from Seymour, and John and Virginia Harris and Krystal Mizzi from Patterson Lakes.

Theo Gakelos, General Manager of CDC, part of the Independent Pharmacies of Australia Group, expressed satisfaction with the promotion's success.

"At CDC, we strive to alleviate the burden of buying health essentials every day with lower prices, particularly with the cost-of-living pressures being experienced by many households," Gakelos said.

"I am pleased that we have been able to run our Save & Win promotion again and even more pleased to have been able to provide significant relief to four lucky CDC customers with a \$5,000 prize for each of them," he added.

The promotion gained a lot of popularity when it started offering customers a chance to win when they purchased featured products from the CDC catalogue and scanning their Club Card in-store.

The initiative rewarded loyal customers and supported CDC's health commitment with the group, now set to launch a new national marketing campaign in Aug. JG



## Tool to refine risk

**SCIENTISTS** at the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute and La Trobe University have developed a new blood-based risk score for heart disease.

Published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, the lipid-based tool improves heart disease risk prediction, for those in the intermediate category.

The new tool overcomes the limitations of traditional methods - see more [HERE](#).

## Check out the latest in Beauty & Wellness

Every Thursday in *Pharmacy Daily*

Do you have a beauty or wellness product? Send it [HERE](#) for consideration.

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