

NDPSC recruiting

THE TGA's National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee is seeking a new member to represent practising pharmacists, with expressions of interest due by 12 Sep.



The Pharmacy
Guild of Australia

This week's update from the Guild Guild's Gala Dinner

In 1928 the Guild first came into being as the Federated Pharmaceutical Service Guild of Australia – changing the face of community pharmacy forever.

To celebrate 80 years of the Guild, pharmacists from around Australia are invited to attend the Guild's 80th Anniversary gala dinner, to be held on Saturday 4 October in Melbourne.

Melbourne was been selected as the venue for this historic event, as it was also the location of first national office of the Guild.

The dinner will celebrate the milestone in style at the Grand Hyatt, with special guests and world-class entertainment.

It is the "not to be missed" event on the pharmacy calendar.

Join Guild National President, Kos Sclavos; the Guild National Council; your fellow members; officials past and present; and industry representatives to celebrate community pharmacy's achievements over the past 80 years, as well as look forward the next 80.

The Guild acknowledges the support of event sponsors, who have also facilitated copies of 'Ready Prepared - The History of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia from 1928 to 2008' and a copy of Australian Journal of Pharmacy Guild 80th Anniversary Special Edition to be delivered to every Guild member later this year.

For further information contact Megan Spielvogel, Events Manager, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, on 03 9810 9999 or events@vic.guild.org.au.

Date: Saturday 4 October

Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Mel

Cost: \$140 per person

Woolworths looks to grow

PHARMACY is sure to be still on the radar for supermarket giant Woolworths, which today said it's hoping to "leverage its scale and store distribution to introduce new products, services, categories and formats."

The company today reported strong profit growth of 25.7% to \$1.627b, and signalled ongoing expansion in a number of areas incl more liquor outlets, expanding existing stores and adding 15-25 supermarkets a year.

However unlike earlier years

PSA director Rigby resigns

DEBBIE Rigby has quit her role as a director of the Board of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

The move comes only three weeks after Rigby, formerly PSA's vice president, missed out on election as the Society's president in favour of Warwick Plunkett.

Rigby, who has spent six years working with the PSA on a national level, will remain involved with the PSA (Queensland) Branch Committee.

She also retains her position as director of the National Prescribing Service, which she commenced one month ago.

Correct TGA site

THE website for the Therapeutic Goods Administration (PD Fri) is www.tga.gov.au.



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Cruise winners!

SYMBION Pharmacy has announced the winners of its Pharmacy Choice 5 Star Cruise incentive program.

The incentive ran Jan-Jun and measured performance in key areas such as generic substitution, planogram compliance and marketing participation.

The winners will set off on the luxury *Orion* cruise ship on a ten day Broome-Darwin cruise later this month.

The winning pharmacies were:

- Valley Road Pharmacy, Tas
- Rundle Mall Pharmacy, SA
- Channel Pharmacy, Tas
- Sindairs Pharmacy, NSW
- Broadford Pharmacy, Vic
- Potger & Richardson Pharmacy, South Australia
- Griffith Pharmacy, ACT
- Huntingdale Village Pharmacy, Western Australia
- Trott Park Pharmacy, SA
- Thornlands Pharmacy, Qld

The 2009 Pharmacy Choice incentive will kick off in Oct.

Gong for Guild Risk

THE Guild Risk Services team has been named 'Risk Team of the Year' at the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance Awards.

It's the third time that Guild has won the award, which recognises excellence in the insurance industry.

Two Guild Insurance team members were also honoured for their individual achievements: Tracey Martin received the 2008 Aon Re Global Scholarship, and David Chan received the Peter Corrigan International Exchange Award and a \$5000 study grant.

Roaccutane fears

DERMATOLOGISTS have warned there will be a rise in abortions if GPs are allowed to prescribe Roaccutane (PD Tue).

Dr Stephen Shumack, secretary of the Australasian College of Dermatologists, told AAP that the acne drug may be given to "inappropriate people" and doctors may not properly screen for pregnancies.

The NDPSC is considering a proposal to extend prescribing rights to include 18,000 GPs.

Win Designer Cosmetics!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kunjan Ganatra of JR Pharmacy Services who was the first subscriber yesterday to name three fruity lip colours in the Designer Brands range - *Mulberry, Peach and Watermelon*.

Each day this week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving you the chance to win cosmetics from Designer Brands, courtesy of Total Beauty Network.

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HINT: Go to www.tbn.com.au each day and click on the Designer Brands logo at the top of the page.



DISPENSARY CORNER

THE latest medical treatment fad being undertaken by wealthy people in Mexico is to have micro-transmitters implanted under their skin.

The procedure aims to battle an epidemic of kidnapping in Mexico, which has jumped almost 40% over the last 3 years.

The system developed by local security firm Xega puts a little chip about the size of a grain of rice under the skin, which can link to another transmitter to signal the location of the person via GPS satellites.



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