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## Three new AusPARs

THE TGA has released new Australian Public Assessment Reports on the approval processes for medroxyprogesterone acetate (Sayana), osetlamivir phosphate (Tamiflu) and clopidogrel/aspirin (CoPlavix/Duocover).

## WIN A GAIA BODYCARE PACK



Pharmacy Daily has teamed up with GAIA this week and is giving away Bodycare packs to five lucky readers.

Each pack is valued at \$59.80 and contains two body washes and two body moisturisers.

For your chance to win this fantastic GAIA Bodycare pack, go to the website: [www.gaiaskinnaturals.com](http://www.gaiaskinnaturals.com) then:

**In 25 words or less tell us why you stock GAIA Bodycare products – or why you should!**

Email your answer to the question above by COB on Friday to: [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

Five most creative entries will win this great prize and their names will be announced in PD on Monday 15th Aug.

## ACMS to consider kava use

THE use of the narcotic kava (*Piper methysticum*) may be exempted from scheduling controls when “used in accordance with the traditional patterns of the Pacific Island region,” under a proposal to be considered at the upcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling.

Public submissions are being sought on a number of items for the meeting, including a proposal to list adrenaline in Appendix H and the possible rescheduling of azelastine to Schedule 2 when supplied in topical eye preparations.

Topical preparations containing diclofenac may also be exempted from scheduling under another agenda item, while there’s a proposal to reschedule 1500mg or less of famciclovir from S4 to S3 when in oral preparations for the single dose treatment of cold sores.

## New Blooms chairman

JOHN Thorne has been elected as the new Chairman of the Board of Blooms The Chemist.

He succeeds founding chairman John Sidgreaves, who is retiring.

“The Board accepts John Sidgreaves’ decision to retire with understanding and enormous gratitude,” Thorne said.

“Through his leadership and vision, Blooms The Chemist is recognised as a leader in retail pharmacy in NSW”.

The Blooms board also re-elected Tim Sidgreaves, partner in Blooms The Chemist in Cronulla, as its Deputy Chairman.

Public comment is also being sought on the scheduling of follistatin and fingolimod, as well as a proposal to amend S8 labelling requirements which could allow some common packaging to be used for S8 products in Australia and NZ - see [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au).

## Board declines “practice” consultation

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia has opted out of an Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency consultation to develop a common definition of “practice”.

According to a communique following the Board’s most recent meeting late last month, seven of the ten National health profession boards are working on the paper.

However the Pharmacy Board was of the opinion that the professions are different and that the current definition of practice suits the pharmacy profession and thus there is no need for consultation.

At the meeting the Board’s working party on Compounding also reported on an early draft of a possible expansion to current guidelines on Extemporaneous Dispensing to take into account “complex” compounding.

Further work and wide ranging stakeholder consultation on the compounding guidelines are expected in the coming months.

MEANWHILE the Board also noted the outcome of the Senate enquiry into the dramas in renewing registration experienced by some health practitioners under the new

## Veteran health forum

AN EXPERT forum in Melbourne this Fri will look at the latest treatments for improving the mental health of Australian war veterans.

The *Many Paths, One Purpose* event is being convened by the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health - details online at [www.acpmh.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.acpmh.unimelb.edu.au).

national scheme earlier this year.

Recommendations include the reconstitution of the Professions Reference Group to consider improvements of AHPRA’s business processes.

The Senate committee also suggested that the National Law be changed to allow AHPRA to have discretion to grant a grace period where a practitioner faces deregistration due to an administrative error by the agency.



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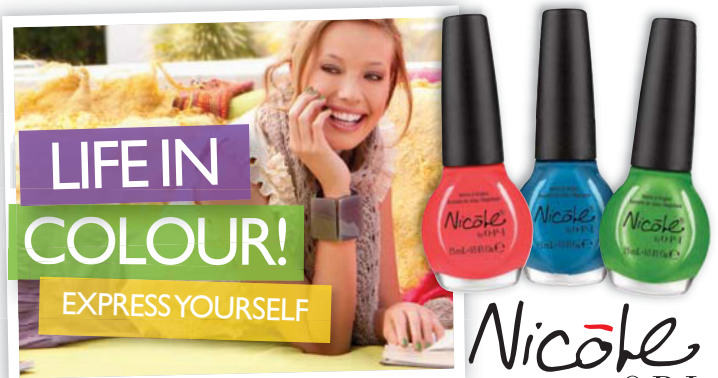


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## Health, Beauty and New Products

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### Get some real bounce back into your hair

Hair curling accessory MYCURL has been given a makeover, making it easy for users to get anything from a soft wave to a tight curl. The next generation wrap is made of PU leather, while the new vibrant red MYCURL straps are updated with new technology to make them ultra strong for "curl after curl all day, every day." Prices have also been reduced because MYCURL is now being made in export volumes, allowing the company to pass on savings to customers.

RRP: \$69.95

Stockist: 02 9380 2217 or [www.mycurl.me](http://www.mycurl.me).

### Keep those pearly whites pearly white

The new White Glo Coffee and Tea Drinkers Formula has been designed to be perfect for removing unsightly tea and coffee stains that discolour teeth. Micro Polishing Particles in the whitening toothpaste have been added to remove yellowing and discolouration while the Micro-Wax Protective Shield prevents new stains from forming. White Glo Coffee and Tea Drinkers Formula also comes with a bonus toothbrush and flosser. The anti-stain toothbrush is designed to massage stains off the teeth, leaving them whiter and brighter.

RRP: \$4.89

Stockist details: [whiteglo.com.au](http://whiteglo.com.au)



### Limited Edition Summer Bronzing Compact SPF 10

It's time to brush off the winter blues with Clarins new Limited Edition Summer Bronzing Compact. The bronzer melts into the skin, acting like a concentrated dose of sunshine to enhance and warm the complexion. Mineral pigments create a matte, natural bronze, enhanced by top notes of Clarins' Sunshine fragrance. The 'Soft Focus' complex optically minimises wrinkles and fine lines and is suitable for all skin types.

RRP: \$52.00

Stockist: 02 9663 4277

### Overcome arthritic and muscular pain

Pharmacists can now offer their customers a new management option that helps overcome arthritic and muscular pain. ThermoLIFE contains a peptide active ingredient that targets problem areas, with the peptide technology being recognised globally for its potential to treat a wide range of disease states and conditions. Peptides are chains of amino acids that act as signals or alter natural processes within the body and they are involved in the control of pain, inflammation and wound repair. ThermoLIFE does not contain heat-generating ingredients that may irritate the skin, or plant oils that can stain clothing, and it doesn't have a strong odour.

RRP: \$24.95

Stockist details: [thermalife.com.au](http://thermalife.com.au)



### Ardell really gets out the lash

Ardell's new Brush-On Lash Adhesive is perfect for faux eyelashes. Offering a convenient no mess application, the latex-free formula goes on clear and stays clear, and offers enduring grip. The product includes an applicator brush, making glue application precise, easy and fast for both strip and individual lashes.

RRP: \$9.95

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### PAC on homeless

THE PSA's upcoming Pharmacy Australia Congress will include a session on the need for a new paradigm to deliver health care to long term homeless people who suffer chronic mental illness.

Ian Webster, Emeritus Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of NSW, will examine the key elements in the management of chronic disease - self care, involvement with the health care team, anticipatory care and "chain of care" - all of which see major obstacles in the case of homeless people.



### DISPENSARY CORNER

FORGET zolpidem - a survey of British adults has found that many people are turning to soothing rainforest sounds to get to sleep.

Rather than the traditional practice of counting sheep, the sound of distant roaring lions and chattering monkeys are being used by one in five people polled.

"One thing these noises do is stop intrusive thoughts," said British Sleep Society President, John Shneerson.

The research was commissioned by a holiday resort called the Chessington World of Adventure, which pipes the wildlife noises into its safari-themed hotel rooms.

NEXT time he will check the safety catch - very carefully.

A US man has been hospitalised after he accidentally shot himself in the penis while putting a gun into the waistband of his pants.

27-year-old Joshua Seto probably has a long road to recovery after he volunteered to hang onto the weapon for his girlfriend while she went into a grocery store.

According to the *Arizona Republic* newspaper, an emergency operator urged the victim to apply direct pressure to the wound.

A police spokesman said it was a lot safer to use a holster rather than a waistband when carrying a handgun.