

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from G&M Cosmetics.

Sigma supplier gongs

SIGMA has announced its 2016 supplier awards in a ceremony at the 2016 Sigma Supplier Gala Dinner and Awards night held in Melbourne last night.

The awards are designed to recognise and reward the critical role which business partners play in the effective running of the pharmacy supply chain, the company said in its announcement.

In front of a crowd of industry leaders and special guests, the overall winner GSK Consumer picked up two key awards, Supplier of the Year and FMCG Supplier of the Year, repeating their success from last year.

Other notable winners included Blackmores (winner of the Health & Wellbeing Supplier of the Year) and Natio (winner of the Beauty/Gifting Supplier of the Year).

In addition, other sector awards were taken out by Azoya, AIW, Mundipharma, Novartis Pharma Australia, Tamex, BRL Shopfitting and Bayer.

Oz research upgrade

THE Federal Government has announced it has accepted all findings in the 10-month Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA) review and has committed \$28.2m to support all of its recommendations.

CLICK HERE for the review.

Embrace innovation - PSA

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) national president Joe Demarte has issued a warning to his colleagues to embrace new opportunities for the profession or risk missing openings for professional growth, in an "evidence-based" document facing issues around integration of pharmacists into GP practices.

With some disquiet among some sectors about the concept, the PSA has come out strongly with its position plainly stated.

The *Fact Check* document, as it is called, which is supported by local and international evidence, the PSA states, "outlines the wide-ranging benefits of integrating pharmacists in a GP environment as part of an interprofessional team."

PSA national president Joe Demarte said: "Pharmacists working in General Practice is one of several innovative strategies PSA is pursuing to support pharmacists to practice to their full scope, ensuring their skills can be optimised in consumer-focused, cost-effective, collaborative models of care."

Demarte said PSA had led the GP-pharmacist model in Australia following many years of advocacy and positive stakeholder relationships culminating in a collaborative model of care that had widespread support across Australia's healthcare community.

Referencing the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) *Pharmacy Barometer* released this week (**PD** 09 Nov), Demarte added that pharmacists working in a medical

practice were widely supported by the pharmacy community.

While the PSA is very clear about its support for the community pharmacy, it is also clarifying that it supports "the role of pharmacists working in general practices and see the two roles as complementary, not in opposition to one another."

Demarte summarised, "As a profession, if we put up barriers to innovation, we may miss opportunities for pharmacists to play a role in the broader health reform being progressed by government – opportunities that are critical to pharmacists being utilised to their full potential."

Visit www.psa.org.au for more.

Soul Pattinson Morisset robbery

AN ATTEMPTED robbery at a Soul Pattinson pharmacy in Morisset, New South Wales yesterday, led to an exclusion zone being set up around the area as a suspicious item left behind was investigated.

According to reports from *Fairfax Media*, the police were called to the chemist yesterday morning following reports of a robbery.

Police subdued the man with a taser before he was taken to the local police station for questioning.

A short time later an "item of concern" was found in the pharmacy and customers in neighbouring businesses were evacuated.

Investigations are continuing.



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Dispensary Corner

TOBLERONE shrinkage - a cost-saving move by Swiss chocolate manufacturer Toblerone has backfired as the trimming has gone viral on social media.

By shaving about 10 per cent off its product, creating wider valleys and thinner mountains (comparison is **pictured** below), but still charging the same price, Toblerone fans have been outraged at the insult.

As British consumer Tony Matthews put it, "The shape of the bar may have looked like the Swiss Alps before, now it's a bit more Holland".



A MASSIVE shaving cream fight was the welcome of choice for students at St Andrews University in Scotland last month.

The messy battle is part of the 600-year-old institution's annual 'Raisin Weekend'.

The tradition sees new students to the college inaugurated by the older undergraduates by being chased and sprayed with bottles of the foamy cream.

"The foam feels pretty weird," one student commented.

"Some people are using top-quality stuff like Gillette, which isn't quite as sore on the eyes, but the Sainsbury's stuff is a bit sore," he continued.

CLICK HERE to see a video clip of the messy fight in action.

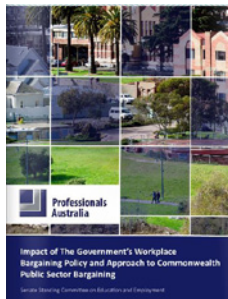
Enterprise bargaining test

PROFESSIONALS

Australia, the union group advocating for professionals in fields such as engineering, science, IT, pharmacy, management and others, has challenged the enterprise bargaining system in Australia.

In a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment, on the Impact of The Government's Workplace Bargaining Policy and Approach to Commonwealth Public Sector Bargaining, the organisation said there "has been a missed opportunity in the current agreement negotiations to embed initiatives that facilitate mentoring, succession planning and recognition of technical expertise and management across Australian Government employment".

Emphasising the central role of the health and science engineering workforce, the submission said this



"missed opportunity is paired with significant transaction costs across Australian Government employment.

"It is difficult to be certain whether this is just a failure of stewardship, imagination or a workplace relations

approach not suited to Government.

"There has to be a better way," the submission said, and argues for a range of options that addresses the power imbalance between employer and employee, whether in the private or public sector, as well as moves to a more co-operative model.

Four approaches are proposed: the ACT Public Sector approach, a one agreement for all approach, a default pay arrangement and a tribunal-managed pay and conditions option.

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Abbey Butler from SA Health.



Wash your hands

NPS MedicineWise is highlighting Antibiotic Awareness Week 14-20 Nov with an emphasis on hand-washing with simple soap and water to "halt the bugs".

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16-19 Nov: Medicines Management 2016; Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

20 Nov: Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccine; Glebe; enrol here www.guild.org.au

21 Nov: QCPP Quality Assessment Webinar; register here: www.guild.org.au

23 Nov: QCPP Refresher Training; Level 2, 40 Burwood Road, Hawthorn; details and to register: www.pharmacyguild.edu.au

2-5 Dec: Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) Scientific Meeting; The University of Sydney; more info at: expertevents.eventsairst.com

9-12 Mar: APP 2017; Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre; for details visit: www.appconference.com

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