

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

Online medicine list

HEALTH minister Sussan Ley is encouraging consumers to "go online to check the savings they will make" under the 01 Oct cycle of PBS price disclosure reductions.

In a statement issued yesterday Ley confirmed more than 2,000 medications would be affected by the changes (**PD** 05 Sep).

"An online spreadsheet of savings will list the medicines and their price reductions, which are up to \$20 per medicine per script, in some cases," she enthused.

Ley said the price cuts would save taxpayers \$900m over four years and help subsidise new medicines.

New Sydney scholarship

A GROUP of prominent Australian pharmacy owners have generously donated \$140,000 to establish a new 'Scholarship in community pharmacy research' at the University of Sydney.

The gift will support a PhD student based in the University's Charles Perkins Centre, who will "critically examine how pharmacy policy is made and whether current and proposed laws are effective in supporting the role of pharmacists as public health professionals".

The initiative has been led by Peter Feros, who graduated BPharm from Sydney in 1966.

"I've been very impressed with the systematic approach to research that is being done by the Charles Perkins Centre, and how they ensure that all data collected

is analysed with integrity," he said.

"Such a methodological approach has not been taken over the past three decades in community pharmacy, which has produced inappropriate policy, to the detriment of the health and wellbeing of Australians," he added.

Feros said the program would "correct the balance of pharmacy research to ensure policy decisions are driven by analysis, not ideology, while restoring integrity and retaining talent within the pharmacy profession".

The study will also build on work by Professor Lisa Bero from the Faculty of Pharmacy, whose previous studies into public health regulations in the US have brought about widespread industry change - including her "ground breaking" discovery of selective reporting of data for drugs approved by the US FDA, and other work exposing how special interest groups have generated evidence to influence public health policy.

The new PhD scholarship recipient will "analyse media discourse and other professional publications and legal documents to assess the use of evidence used in the creation of pharmacy policy," Prof Bero said.

Other contributors to the gift included fellow senior pharmacists Phil Dibben, Derek Seefeld, Eddie Viatos, Paul Riley & Richard Walsh.

Aussie diet fail - CSIRO

THE 2016 CSIRO Healthy Diet Score report, released yesterday, canvassed the dietary habits of more than 86,500 adults across the country over a 12 month period.

An early snapshot of the survey results released in August 2015 awarded the nation's diet a score of 61 on a 100-point scale, but additional surveys subsequently rate us at 59 - **TAKE THE SURVEY**.

"If we can raise our collective score by just over 10 points, we help Australia mitigate against the growing rates of obesity and lifestyle diseases such as heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and a third of all cancers," CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet author Professor Manny Noakes said.

Pharmacist reproved

VICTORIAN pharmacist Kameel Anton has been reprimanded by the AHPRA and ordered to undertake mentoring after admitting to professional misconduct.

Anton admitted supplying S4 poisons (testosterone) to himself for his own personal use without a prescription, as well as other irregularities around testosterone supply, not appropriately notifying the Department of Health, and failing to maintain required records.

The tribunal chose not to interfere with Anton's right to practice given his full co-operation - **DETAILS HERE**.

Webster Pack race and more

THE University of Sydney Faculty of Pharmacy celebrated World Pharmacists Day with a staff versus students round of competitions, including a Webster Packing Race, which the students won.

The other two competitions were a little more physical: soccer and softball held in front of the University of Sydney Quadrangle building, with students putting on a barbecue at the end of the events.

The staff team won the sporting



fixtures, making them the overall winners for the second year in a row.

For photos from the day, visit facebook.com/pharmacydaily.



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Science curiosities

THE Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) has produced a new book, *Eclectic Science and Regulatory Compliance: Stories for the Curious* by Max Sherman.

Topics include ageing, facts about pythons, tarantulas and giraffes and much more - **CLICK HERE** for more.



Guild Update

CPD planner

THE Guild has announced the release of myLearning Plan, a free online tool to assist pharmacists to meet the Pharmacy Board of Australia's Continuing Professional Development requirements.

To ensure all pharmacists have access to a free CPD plan the Guild has developed myLearning Plan. This simple online tool will be available from next week on the myCPD site.

It will enable pharmacists to reflect on their role and the services they provide in pharmacies to identify relevant competencies from the National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia.

The myLearning Plan, together with the standard myCPD Activity report, will provide all the evidence needed to meet the Pharmacy Board Continuing Professional Development requirements.

Participating pharmacists will be sent a direct email this week informing them when the myLearning Plan goes live and can be used to complete a plan for the current CPD year.

To access myCPD, visit myCPD.org.au.

CMA honours Frank Caruso



FRANK Caruso, founder of Caruso's Natural Health, has been honoured by the complementary medicines sector, taking out the 2016 Lady Cilento Award at the recent Complementary Medicines Australia 17th Annual Industry Awards (**PD** 21 Sep).

The award recognises an individual's life-time achievements and outstanding contribution to the industry and community, and highlighted Caruso for his passion to make a difference.

Caruso opened his first health food store on his 28th birthday in Nov 1982, with the intention of educating people about bowel management and natural living.

Today the Caruso's range includes

more than 70 products, almost all of them manufactured in Australia.

Caruso is **pictured** above centre with his award along with the Caruso's Natural Health team.

PSWC 2017 in Sweden

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation will host the Sixth Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden from 21-24 May next year.

The congress, which only takes place every three to four years, is themed 'Future medicines for one world' based on a "systems approach to drug discovery, development and disease treatment" - see pswc17.fip.org.

Dispensary Corner

BRISTOL goes global!

Named after the international stool scale, an emoji poo toy called Bristol (**pictured** below) is the brainchild of a group of Ward 6E colorectal clinical nurses from the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane, reports *ABC News*.

Their aim is to raise awareness around bowel cancer, by posting photos on Instagram of Bristol in iconic places around the world.

So far the little chap has been photographed in Brazil, Mexico, Bail and Scotland and on numerous beaches around Australia.

"He's a very well-travelled poo, he gets around," nurse and creator Steph Young said, adding that getting through customs is sometimes "interesting".



NO MORE "brainstorming" please.

Tunbridge Wells Council manages a large affluent town in western Kent, England, about 60 km south-east of London, and out of respect for the sensitivities of patients with epilepsy, has banned the term.

The council has offered "thought showers" as an alternative.

"Brainstorming" was first coined in the 1890s by psychiatrists referring to nervous attacks.

However, since the 1940s it has meant a meeting to produce new ideas, but the council considered it may be offensive to some.

However Britain's National Society for Epilepsy said this was unlikely, based on a survey they had conducted.

Win with MOR

This week Pharmacy Daily and MOR are giving away each day the Essentials Wash and Lotions in Black Iris valued at \$39.90.

The Essentials collection presents five memorable fragrances in an assortment of quality products to embrace everyday self-indulgence. The prize contains a hydrating Hand & Body Wash to leave skin cleansed and refreshed, complemented by a nourishing Hand & Body Lotion to moisturise and hydrate. For more info visit morboutique.com.



To win be the first person from QLD to send the correct answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

What key ingredients can be found in MOR's Essentials Hand & Body Wash?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Cindy Hume from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

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