

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Crampeze.

## 2018 scholarships

**APPLICATIONS** under the Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme for 2018 will open next Mon 23 Oct 2017, with up to 30 full time places available annually valued at \$10,000 per annum over a four year period.

Prospective pharmacists wishing to apply under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme can lodge their submissions at any time throughout the year, with this program offering three full time scholarships annually each valued at \$15,000 per year over four years.

For more information and guidelines on both scholarship schemes see [www.6cpa.com.au](http://www.6cpa.com.au).

## Ailments scheme urged

**IMPLEMENTING** self-care policies such as pharmacy-based minor ailments services is a cost-effective way to reduce the load on hospital emergency departments, according to a presentation yesterday at the World Self Medication Industry General Assembly in Sydney.

Well known Australian pharmacist Charlie Benrimoj, head of the UTS Graduate School of Health, gave an overview of minor ailment schemes from across the globe and how they could work here.

Under the programs the pharmacist is the first port of call for common minor ailments, and acts in accordance with structured local and national guidelines.

The schemes, which have launched in the United Kingdom and Canada, see pharmacists supply certain non-prescription medicines

from a defined formulary and offer advice or treatment as required.

In the UK there are 36 conditions covered by the program, with 98% of minor ailment scheme users requiring no onward referral.

There are systems in place to notify local GP practices about consultations which have taken place in the pharmacy, with the pharmacy remunerated either through a one-off annual fee or a fee per capitation, Benrimoj said.

He described how such a service could be implemented in Australia, with a range of defined treatment pathways providing a definitive course of management and referral based on evidence-based practice.

A generic non-prescription medicine formulary would cover each ailment, with the scheme also featuring collaboration with other health professionals and formal training for pharmacists and GPs including strategies to support and improve consumer self-care.

**MEANWHILE** Australian Self-Medication Industry ceo Deon Schoombie also addressed the congress, challenging regulators and industry on the need for change in an environment where "we still experience a tendency towards over-emphasis on risk and risk-aversion management".

## Crampeze promo

**TODAY'S Pharmacy Daily** includes a feature on Crampeze as a treatment for night cramps - for details see **page three**.

## MIMS boarding call

**MEDICINES** information provider MIMS Australia has issued a call to health professionals for expressions of interest to join the new MIMS Honorary Advisory Board.

The company says the role of the Board is to offer timely and appropriate advice and consultation on MIMS products and solutions.

It represents the MIMS user community and is "uniquely positioned to reflect the voice of external stakeholders".

The Board consists of an elected chair and up to nine members from any of the following disciplines: medicine, pharmacy, nursing, dentistry, allied health, health informatics, sports health, education, research or academia.

The invitation closes 5:00 pm on Friday, 03 Nov 2017 (AEDT).

Questions can be addressed to Leilani Au: [lani.au@mims.com.au](mailto:lani.au@mims.com.au).

## Therapeutic Goods Evaluation tender

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has called for tenders from individuals and organisations with expertise in various scientific and medical fields to establish a Therapeutic Goods Evaluation Panel.

Areas of expertise include clinical medicines and technologies, non-clinical sciences and quality of pharmaceutical therapeutic goods.

The TGA is holding information sessions across the country for those with an interest.

Visit [tenders.gov.au](http://tenders.gov.au) to apply.

## Tassie pharmacists honoured



**THE** Tasmanian Pharmacist Dinner was celebrated last Friday night at the Josef Chromy estate in Launceston, with a number of eminent professionals honoured during the event.

The joint PSA, SHPA and Guild dinner recognised Angus Thompson as Pharmacist of the Year 2017 (pictured above), with the award presented by PSA national president Shane Jackson.

Well known pharmacist Harvey Cuthill OAM was presented with the Tasmanian Pharmacist Lifetime Achievement Award by acting Pharmacy Guild of Australia president John Dowling, while the Early Career Pharmacist Award went to Loren Shirley.

SHPA chair for Tasmania Duncan McKenzie presented this award to Loren's father, as she is currently in Afghanistan.



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## Dispensary Corner

**A MAN** running for mayor in a township near Philadelphia, USA has possibly taken the war on drugs a step too far after vowing to investigate the use of “drug-sniffing bunnies” if he is elected.

Republican candidate Dave Gautreau brought the idea up at a mayoral forum in Phoenixville last week, according to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Unfortunately for the hapless politician there’s no such thing, with the idea going viral earlier in the year after appearing in an April Fool’s Day post by police in Amherst, New York.

After being told of the hoax Gautreau pressed on, saying he was serious about becoming mayor and would continue to look for “creative ways” to battle the region’s drug problem.

**MOVIE** star Helen Mirren probably won’t lose a key endorsement contract, after claiming that L’Oreal moisturiser “probably does f\*\*\* all” during a South of France appearance as the brand’s global ambassador.

Mirren, who is well known for her frank opinions, was part of a panel discussing L’Oreal products.

She is the face of the ‘Age Perfect’ range, and said “I’ve always loved make-up,” adding “I’m an eternal optimist.”

“I know that when I put my moisturiser on it probably does f\*\*\* all, but it just makes me feel better,” she added.

The 72-year-old British celebrity is the oldest of the French brand’s ambassadors, and has insisted that advertisements in which she features are not digitally retouched to remove wrinkles.

## Codeine letter revealed

**A JOINT** letter to Australia’s health ministers penned by doctors’ groups, Pain Australia and the Consumers Health Forum has been made public, with the organisations reiterating the Therapeutic Goods Administration’s key findings from the review of codeine use.

The letter expresses concerns about the Guild’s alternative approach, and was referred to by RACGP president Bastian Seidel (*PD* yesterday) when he aggressively accused the Guild of “chequebook lobbying” on the issue.

Key factors noted include the ineffectiveness of codeine for the treatment of long-term pain; serious risks associated with codeine such as death, toxicity and dependence; and the availability of combination ibuprofen and paracetamol OTC medications that have been found to be more effective than codeine analgesics.

The letter warns that a decision by any state or territory not to

implement nationally consistent scheduling controls “would have serious and far reaching implications that could affect public confidence in the ability of that government to protect public health and safety”.

The letter can be viewed on the Royal Australian College of Physicians website at [racp.edu.au](http://racp.edu.au).

## 2018 flu vaccinations

**THE** Australian Influenza Vaccination Committee has recommended the 2018 trivalent influenza vaccine for Australia should contain a combination of A (H1N1), A (H3N2) and B/Phuket like viruses, while the quadrivalent version should also add the B/ Brisbane like virus.

The recommendations introduce a new A (H3N2) virus strain when compared to this year’s version.

The TGA has accepted the committee’s recommendations.

## Win with Cancer Council Australia

Every day this week, Pharmacy Daily and Cancer Council Australia are giving away a sun protection prize pack! Prize packs include the new Sensitive Invisible Sunscreen (75mL) and Sensitive Sunscreen (200mL), valued at over \$30! The new Sensitive Invisible contains 22% zinc oxide that reflects UV rays whilst also being easy to rub-in, leaving an invisible finish on the skin. Both formulas are dermatologically tested, fragrance and paraben free.

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*Congratulations to yesterday’s winner, Stephen Purdie from Rajan Group, VIC.*



## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Pharmacy Daily’s* travel feature. Each week we highlight a couple of great travel deals for the pharmacy industry, brought to you by *Cruise Weekly*.

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