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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news plus two full pages from **candidates of the 2017 Guild Election**.

Vote in NSW election

PHARMACY owners in NSW are being urged to lodge their vote for the "Members Action Team" in phase 2 of the Pharmacy Guild Branch Committee elections, which will select NSW Guild officebearers for the forthcoming term.

Candidates seeking votes include David Heffernan as president; Judy Plunkett and Adele Tahan as national councillors; Richard Walsh, John Black and Feras Kareem as vice presidents; and Sally Sheehan & Karen Carter as alternate national councillors.

Voting closes this Fri 08 Sep - see pages **four** and **five** for details.

Intern training open

ENROLMENTS in the Pharmacy Guild of Australia 2018 National Intern Training Program (ITP) are now open across all states and territories in Australia.

Preceptors who currently employ a graduating pharmacy student are encouraged to recommend the program - internpharmacist.org.au.

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Guild, PSA codeine collaboration

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and the Pharmacy Guild will jointly produce a range of training materials to support pharmacists around the up-scheduling of codeine medicines on 01 Feb 2018 and beyond, with the support of a new funding package approved by Health Minister Greg Hunt (**PD** breaking news Sat).

The initiative will cover education, information and communications for community pharmacies, staff & patients nationally, including CPD accredited online modules and videos using subject-matter experts.

Hunt said the up-scheduling of codeine would be a significant change impacting consumers.

The communication challenges required a "concerted effort by all stakeholders, with a clear need for focus on timely and consistent messages," he said.

Five training modules will cover protocols and procedures for pharmacists and pharmacy staff, while communication activities are proposed to support pharmacies transition from codeine to a broader 'pain management' approach, to enable them to inform and support their patients.

It is estimated that one million consumers will be impacted by

the change, with a proportion of patients also likely to have broader issues requiring individual support and possible referral to GPs or pain management specialists.

Guild president George Tambassis said it was vitally important that community pharmacies had the resources to communicate directly with patients, while PSA president Shane Jackson also welcomed the government's contribution.

Both organisations said they looked forward to working closely with the health department and the Nationally Coordinated Codeine Implementation Working Group on the development of clinical protocols, standards and guidelines as well as education and support materials "to ensure a smooth and consistent approach to the up-scheduling of codeine containing medicines by 01 Feb 2018".

Global lessons at Pharmacy Connect

LAST weekend's Pharmacy Connect conference (see page 2) included a panel of international presenters discussing the "must-have" remunerated professional pharmacy services that all national health systems should have.

Conference convenor Kos Scavos said it was fantastic to have so many world community pharmacy leaders at the event, with participants including DeAnn Mullins from the US National Community Pharmacists Association; Darrah O'Loughlin from the Irish Pharmacy Union; Jan Du Toit of the South African Association of Community Pharmacists; Ian Strachan of the UK's National Pharmacy Association; Canadian Pharmacists Association chair Alistair Bursey; & Guild president George Tambassis.

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Tassie team tops student comp



THE team of students behind Tasmania's fictitious "Isle Pharmacy" has taken out the 2017 Pharmacy Guild of Australia National Student Business Plan competition.

Alison Hay, Caitlin O'Keefe, Madeline Spencer and Monique Scott, pictured above with Guild

Tasmanian branch president John Dowling, took out the prize after presenting at last weekend's 2017 Pharmacy Connect conference at the Hilton, Sydney.

They were up against a team from La Trobe University and a joint entry from James Cook University, the University of Queensland and the University of South Australia.

"Isle Pharmacy" focuses on the implementation of a program to assist the visually impaired through medication management, facilitating patient independence.

Major sponsors of the competition included Sanofi Consumer Healthcare along with EBOS, Gold Cross and PDL.

The sponsorship provides \$15,000 in cash prizes for the finalists as well as the opportunity for the students to attend Pharmacy Connect.

Hunt mandates flu vax

HEALTH Minister Greg Hunt has announced his intention to require all workers within aged care facilities in Australia to be immunised against influenza.

Hunt said compulsory vaccinations would be introduced before next year's flu season, with the measure following an unprecedented series of influenza deaths in nursing homes in Vic and Tas this winter.

He said chief medical officer Brendan Murphy had been tasked with working with the aged care sector to implement the initiative.

WIN WITH DESIGNER BRANDS

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and Designer Brands are giving away each day their DB Sheer Radiance Tinted Gel Moisturiser in Light/Medium and Medium/Dark.

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To win, be the first person from NSW or ACT to send the correct answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

What Vitamin types does the Sheer Radiance Tinted Gel Moisturiser contain?

Check here tomorrow for today's winner.



Multilingual pills from Corum

CORUM Health has announced a partnership with 'Our Pills Talk' (www.ourpillstalk.com.au) to integrate its mobile app with

Corum LOTS Dispense, aiming to improve medication adherence within the community.

The Our Pills Talk app allows consumers who are visually impaired, illiterate or whose first language is not English to have the information from the label on their medications read to them, ensuring they are able to safely and correctly take them.

'Our Pills Talk' scans the medication label and converts it into an audio file in the patient's chosen language, with dozens of languages available.

Information on the app is also displayed in English in smaller font so that locum doctors, emergency medical or hospital staff can read the information.

They can also use the app on the patient's phone to obtain a medication history, all of which is aimed at helping reduce medication mistakes and preventing adverse drug events.

In addition, the app also stores patient details, allergies and emergency contact details.

The app is available for both android and Apple devices.

The role of the pharmacist includes printing the personalised QR barcode onto a label which is placed on the medication alongside the normal dispense label.

The patient uses the app to scan the barcode and the software verbalises the medication name, strength and dose administration details to them.

Every time the app is used to scan the prescription, the information is stored in the app's history so doctors, pharmacists, family and the patient have accurate confirmation of the medications prescribed.

Corum says the service is available at no cost

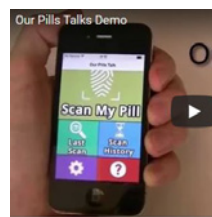
to all Corum LOTS Dispense pharmacies.

See the video demonstration by **CLICKING HERE** or for more information contact Vickie Edwards at Corum Health on 02 9289 4699.

MEANWHILE Corum last week announced its financial results for the year to 30 Jun, with a "normalised net profit" of \$0.4 million and \$8.1 million cash at bank after announcing a \$6.3m goodwill write-off (**PD** 28 Aug).

As well as confirming the new Corum Clear product range is on track for release in 2018, the company also reinforced its commitment to the LOTS, RPM and Amfac products which have seen a range of improvements in recent months along with further enhancements about to launch.

The company's new ceo David Clarke said Corum's new leadership team was applying its "vision, energy and expertise to a transformation of this business".



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Dispensary Corner

POLICE in Argentina have managed to shoot down a so-called "narco-pigeon" which was delivering drugs to one of the country's prisons.

According to the *BBC*, the bird was spotted flying into the grounds of the jail in Santa Rosa, and was shot because of suspicion it was involved in smuggling.

The police officers found it was carrying a birdy backpack containing marijuana, sedatives and a USB drive.

Earlier this year customs officials in Kuwait managed to apprehend a pigeon carrying 178 ketamine pills (pictured below) across the border with Iraq.



TEXAN pharmacies concerned about armed robberies now have a further worry, after citizens in the state were this week given the right to carry swords in public.

The new legislation allows the carriage of blades longer than 14cm in the streets - including Bowie knives, daggers, dirks, throwing knives, stilettos, poniards, machetes and spears.

However anti-knife groups are welcoming the good news that some places are still restricted, with the weaponry banned from bars and restaurants, schools, universities, airports, racetracks, sporting events, hospitals, nursing homes, amusement parks and places of worship.

TGA submissions

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has published submissions from across the industry in relation to two of the consultations it is currently undertaking.

Thirty submissions were provided in relation to the "Provisional Approval Pathway for Prescription Medicines" consultation, while 46 submissions related to "Strengthening Monitoring of Medicines in Australia".

All of the public submissions can now be viewed at www.tga.gov.au.

Congrats, Karlie!



KARLIE Read from TerryWhite Chemmart Rockingham (pictured) will represent Western Australia in the national finals of the 2017 Pharmacy Guild of Australia/Maxigesic Pharmacy Assistant of the Year award.

She was chosen from 18 state finalists at a workshop last Thu, where Cassandra Lishman was also named the WA winner of the Glucogel Super Star Award for outstanding customer service skills in community pharmacy.

Arrow hits Amneal target

ARROW Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd has announced the completion of its acquisition of the Australian retail pharmacy business of US generics firm Amneal Pharmaceuticals, with the deal said to cement Arrow as "Australia's fastest growing generic pharmaceutical company" (*PD* breaking news Fri).

Arrow chairman Dennis Bastas said the acquisition expanded the company's footprint and added some "leading products and services" to Arrow's portfolio.

"We have been fortunate to have experienced strong organic growth across our primary customer base within both our generic prescription medicines and Chemists' Own portfolio.

"Bringing Amneal's customer base into our network of supporting pharmacies further accelerates this current growth and strengthens the offering we bring to all our customers," Bastas said.

Amneal Pharmaceuticals Australia ceo Gavin Uptier said the Arrow acquisition would bring a broader

range of products to the company's existing customers and allow Arrow to deliver new services to its current extensive user base.

Amneal Pharmaceuticals commenced operations in Australia in 2014 and established a comprehensive product offering before acquiring the Australian Actavis

business in 2015.

Its assets include generic prescription medicines and branded OTC products.

"Amneal has a loyal customer base supported by our diverse generic pharmaceutical range and our innovative value solutions," Uptier said.

"The Arrow acquisition will bring a broader range of products to our existing customers and allow Arrow to deliver new services to its current extensive customer base."

He said current Amneal customers would not see any disruption, with both groups of customers to be offered a more comprehensive product and service offering.



Weekly Comment

Welcome to *PD's* weekly comment feature.

This week's contributor is **Michelle**



Vogrinec, mum of three, creator of *GAIA Natural Baby*, MD of *GAIA Skin Natural Australia*.

Taking the sting out of nappy rash!

NAPPY rash is caused by germs on the baby's skin together with the high level of ammonia often found in urine. Nappies can rub irritated skin and further exacerbate. Teething, sickness and general sensitivity can all lead to nappy rash. As always prevention is better than a cure. To minimise nappy rash, here are some suggestions:

- Change nappy often to encourage fresh, clean skin.
- Promote "nappy free" time.
- When washing baby, check the skin folds and don't rub inflamed areas. Use a soap and sulphate free cleanser.
- Gently pat skin dry and apply a cornstarch based baby powder to aid in keeping the area dry and clean.
- Use alcohol-free baby wipes when cleaning bub at nappy change. Also opt for those with added moisturising ingredients.
- Choose a soothing barrier cream with zinc to help keep dampness away and apply by gently patting onto bottom area.
- If using cloth nappies, ensure these are washed in laundry liquids suitable for sensitive skin. Add a cup of white vinegar to the final rinse cycle of your wash to break down any leftover soap residue (also keeps nappies soft).

Your Members **ACTION** Team

VOTING CLOSSES 8TH SEPTEMBER!

Please Vote for Your President

DAVID HEFFERNAN - David heads up the new team representing committed and collegial leadership. A National Councillor, pharmacy owner for 14 years and a Guild Zone Leader for 11 David's track record shows he gets the job done. His political contacts run deep in all the major parties. Over the years David has undertaken a Masters in Politics and Public Policy, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors course to nourish his appetite for policy. He is the current Chair of the Charles Sturt University Pharmacy Foundation and has represented the Guild on various subcommittees' including a TGA working group.

Please Vote for Your National Councillors (2 to be elected)

JUDY PLUNKETT - Judy achieved the highest personal vote in phase 1 of the election. She owns 3 community pharmacies and is a proven advocate for our profession having been involved in women's delegations to federal parliament and a wide range of Guild political activities. She is passionate about maintaining the current ownership model and will be a breath of fresh air on National Council. She is committed to strongly represent all NSW members in Canberra. She has been a trail blazer in flu vaccination.

ADELE TAHAN - Adele has been a pharmacy owner for 17 years and is determined to make community pharmacy an integral part of the national health agenda. She speaks her mind and is encouraging our profession to fight to thrive not just survive.

Adele displayed her ability as a skilled political organiser when in 2008 the proposed Sydney Metro Project was going to acquire her pharmacy. She organised a huge protest movement and the project was cancelled. Pharmacy needs such determination and ability.

Please Vote for Your Vice - Presidents (3 to be elected)

RICHARD WALSH - Richard has operated Walsh's Pharmacy in South Maroubra for 30 years. Walsh's won a POTY award for Community Engagement. Richard has extensive experience as a Branch Committee member, Guild Zone leader, chamber of commerce president, Medicare Local board member, in local government and his leading of successful community campaigns. He was awarded an OAM for his contribution to Maroubra and to pharmacy. He has played a major role in raising the profile of the critical codeine issue.

JOHN BLACK - John has been a pharmacy owner for 31 years. He has a wealth of Guild experience with 21 years of Guild advocacy as a Zone Leader, current Vice- President and a Committee member since 2008. John has wide corporate experience with 30 years as a director of the Casino Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club. He is passionate about the future of pharmacy, engaging members and facing the challenges of rural practice.

FERAS KAREM - Feras has been a pharmacist for 25 years. He has a large vested interest in community pharmacy and so is firmly committed to its long term viability. He is a proven innovator, entrepreneur, negotiator and manager with experience in running the full spectrum of pharmacy models. Feras is determined to put the fight back into community pharmacy..

Please Vote for Your Alternate National Councillors (3 to be elected)

KAREN CARTER - Karen owns community pharmacies in Gunnedah and Narrabri and has been in business for 25 years. She has also worked in metro and hospital. Karen travels rural areas to deliver HMR & RMMR services and is accredited to administer flu vaccinations. She will bring an experienced regional focus as well as new energy and enthusiasm to our branch.

SALLY SHEEHAN - Sally is a partner in 3 pharmacies in the central west of NSW and has been involved in a pharmacy in Sydney. She has extensive experience in both large banner group pharmacies as well as smaller independents.

Sally is passionate about her profession and her community. She stresses the importance of communication with members, attracting younger pharmacists and appropriate remuneration for professional services.

ADELE TAHAN

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM FOR STRENGTH and UNITY

Phase 2 Election of Officers

Please Vote for your entire
MEMBERS ACTION TEAM

Branch President

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HEFFERNAN, David

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SAMIMI, Rick

Branch Vice-President
(3 to be elected)

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KAREM, Feras

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BLACK, John Zachary

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DIAMANTIS, Caroline

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WALSH, Richard

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JONES, Paul

Branch National
Councillors
(2 to be elected)

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TAHAN, Adele

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BRONGER, Catherine

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JONES, Paul

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PLUNKETT, Judy

Alternate Branch
National Councillors
(3 to be elected)

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JONES, Paul

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SHEEHAN, Sally

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CARTER, Karen

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