



Today's issue of PD

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

GP pharmacist risks

THE Small Pharmacies Group (SPG) has raised some challenges in a letter addressed to the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia around the issues of general practice pharmacists interloping between the community pharmacist and GPs and between pharmacists and their patients with whom they consult.

The model is described as a duplication, especially in areas of community pharmacy rapport-building and funded clinical services such as medicine reviews.

The SPG represents owners of around 300 small pharmacies with less than \$1.5 million turnover and under 35,000 scripts annually.

Pregabalin overuse

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration is conducting further investigation into high-risk schedule 4 drugs such as pregabalin, which has been associated with 88 deaths in NSW.

CLICK HERE to access the NHMRC sponsored paper in *Addiction*.

Sigma's new \$20m SA centre

SIGMA Healthcare yesterday marked the beginning of construction of a significant new infrastructure project for South Australia, a new \$20 million state-of-the-art pharmacy distribution centre in north Adelaide.

In a sod-turning ceremony at Pooraka with local Mayor Gillian Aldridge, Sigma ceo Mark Hooper described the investment as a further illustration of the company's commitment to improving efficiency and customer outcomes, especially in South Australia.

"Sigma services the biggest network of pharmacies in Australia and our distribution centres are critical to ensuring a smooth and speedy wholesale distribution chain, especially for those time sensitive medicines critical for community health," Hooper said.

"As a company, we've made an overall commitment of over \$220 million to improve our distribution



centre network in Brisbane, Perth, Sydney and now Adelaide".

The new 10,000 square metre facility in Pooraka will create hundreds of jobs during construction

and employ 50 staff once fully operational in late 2019.

Pictured from left digging in are Chris Chapple, ceo 151 Property; Sigma ceo Mark Hooper; & John Harry, City of Salisbury ceo.

Drug misuse issues

THE misuse of pharmaceutical drugs in Australia has been addressed in a detailed Flinders University National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction report for the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

The report came out of a nationwide exploration of the problem and has been aptly subtitled "Complex issues, balanced responses".

Access the paper at tga.gov.au.



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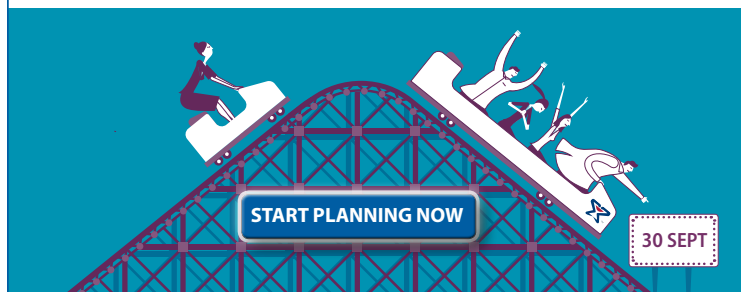
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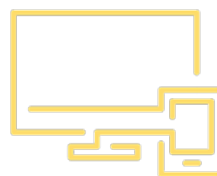
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Dispensary Corner

MAYO, Florida, is holding the mayo, at least for a few days.

The mayor of this tiny town of less than 1,500 residents, located where Florida's Panhandle morphs into a peninsula, is set to this weekend confirm that the city is switching its name to "Miracle Whip" - but only for a few days and for a considerable sum of money to improve the town.

The story is out now that it's a marketing prank but not before a few signs were changed and some valuable "shocked residents" footage was caught on video.

The sponsor?

Kraft Heinz has a mayonnaise-alternative and they are coughing up around \$20,000 for the joke.



GOATS want you to be happy and to see you smile ... really?

Goats can tell when you're smiling or frowning and prefer you to be happy, according to international researchers.

Humans easily communicate with dogs and horses, but it is less well-known whether farm animals can read our expressions.

A Queen Mary University of London study exploring the social intelligence of goats presented images of happy and angry humans to 35 goats.

The researchers found not only can goats distinguish between happy and angry human faces, they prefer the happy expressions and spent more time interacting with the happy pictures.

Now there's a reason to smile.

TWC transformation success

TERRYWHITE Chemmart (TWC) says its retail transformation program is delivering significantly improved financial and operational results to its members, saying the offering outperforms the market and sees members experience sales growth and gross profit margin increases along with cost of goods savings.

"Our key focus is to increase the efficiency and profitability in our pharmacies through simplified operations and reduced cost of goods by delivering a more productive product range and by promoting a differentiated customer proposition," TWC ceo Anthony White said during this week's annual group conference.

"Our strengthened marketplace position has provided a range of benefits for our members, including better supply chain efficiencies, a larger investment in marketing



and operational improvements through a new enterprise resource management system," he said.

Pictured above at the TWC conference gala awards night are the winner of the most prestigious TerryWhite Chemmart Rhonda White Leadership Award, Judy Plunkett (centre) - an owner pharmacist for 36 years and a member of the TerryWhite Chemmart group for 25 years - together with TWC co-founder Rhonda White and chief operating officer Duncan Phillips.

Win with Bellé Botanique

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and BelleBotanique are giving readers the chance to win a 'BRIGHT STAR' cleansing balm valued at \$55 each.

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Bright Star cleansing balm is free from preservatives and Parabens. What are the Parabens?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Deborah Caldera



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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CAPTAIN Cook Cruises Fiji has released new 2019 and 2020 departure dates for its 11-night Lau and Kadavu Discovery Cruise on board small ship *MV Reef Endeavour*.

The new dates listed include 05 Mar 2019 and 05 Nov 2019 and 03 Mar 2020 from \$4,700pp.

See your travel agent or visit captaincookcruisesfiji.com.



Top Performing Amcal & Guardian Pharmacies Named for NSW & WA

The state winners of the best performing Amcal and Guardian pharmacies in NSW and Western Australia have been named at their respective annual Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy Assistant Annual Conference Awards.

The award winners will now represent their states at the National Amcal and Guardian Retail Conference and Gala Awards to be held on the Gold Coast in March 2019.

Brian Tomlin, Sigma's General Manager Amcal and Guardian congratulated all the award winners.

"Amcal and Guardian would like to acknowledge and thank all our award nominees, finalist and award winners. Our pharmacies play a pivotal role in providing complete healthcare solutions, to improve customer and patient health outcomes in our communities. We are very pleased to be able to recognise their achievements and celebrate the award winners," he said.

Other state winners will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Award Winners

Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy of the Year 2018

Guardian Award Winner: Warners Bay Guardian Pharmacy NSW

Amcal Award Winner: Amcal+ Kempsey NSW

Guardian Award Winner: Narrogin Guardian Pharmacy WA

Amcal Award Winner: Amcal+ Community Pharmacy WA

Guardian and Amcal Community Engagement Pharmacy of the Year 2018

Guardian Winner: Gorokan Community Pharmacy NSW

Amcal Winner: Noraville Amcal Pharmacy NSW

Guardian Winner: Dongara Guardian Pharmacy WA

Amcal Winner: Narrogin Amcal Chemist WA

Amcal Professional Services Pharmacy of the Year 2018

Award Winner: Amcal+ Kempsey NSW

Award Winner: Amcal+ Donnybrook WA

Amcal and Guardian Retail Manager of the Year 2018

Amcal Award Winner: Mary Perry – Moorebank Amcal Pharmacy NSW

Guardian Award Winner: Jenny Graham – Old Bar Guardian NSW

Amcal Winner: Myra Atturo – Amcal Max Tuart Hill WA

Guardian Winner: Tania Malachowski – Rangeway Guardian Pharmacy WA

Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy Assistant of the Year 2018

Amcal Award Winner: Sam West – Amcal+ Rutherford NSW

Guardian Award Winner: Jess Horneman – Old Bar Guardian NSW

Amcal Winner: Kyarna Trigwell – Amcal+ Donnybrook Pharmacy WA

Guardian Winner: Sarah Oats – Narrogin Guardian Pharmacy WA