

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news including our weekly travel specials.

TGA recruits advisors

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking expressions of interest from professionals with expertise in relevant scientific and medical fields or appropriate consumer health issues to support their functions as a best practice regulator.

Committee members contribute significantly towards the TGA's regulatory functions by providing independent expert advice on specific technical matters relating to the regulation of medicines, devices, cell and tissue products and other substances.

Advice covers the therapeutic product life cycle, from premarket approval and access to post market product safety.

See healthjobs.nga.net.au for info.

Heffernan slams RACGP

NSW Pharmacy Guild President David Heffernan has accused the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners of an "extraordinary attack on community pharmacy," claiming the doctors' group appears to be attacking other professions.

In his monthly member update Heffernan blasted recent assertions by the RACGP that Australians who use pharmacy-run health checks present long-term dangers to their health as "an absurd, unfounded and somewhat desperate claim".

Heffernan noted that the RACGP only represents a small proportion

of GPs, adding that "there exists a financially beneficial gravitas for GPs to fill their books with appointments for minor ailments" while marginalising sicker patients to the public hospital system.

He said allowing pharmacists to broaden their scope of practice would lower the burden on the hospital system and Medicare.

"Increased collaboration by the RACGP with not only pharmacists but other allied health would be a more pragmatic approach rather than puerile claims on pharmacy medical checks," he concluded.

SciGen clicks Energast

SINGAPORE-BASED ASX-listed biotech SciGen has partnered with the Pharmacy Click and Collect platform to launch Energast, a new dietary supplement to support irritable bowel - for info see pharmacyclickandcollect.com.au.

Another gong for Tong

MONASH Pharmacy PhD student Erica Tong has received another prestigious award, this time from the Australian Medical Association, following her award for the same study from the Medical Journal of Australia (MJA) (*PD* 28 May).

Tong's acclaimed research paper was based on a study conducted at Alfred Health on reducing medication errors in hospital discharge summaries, with the AMA awarding her the 2017 Sir Richard Stawell Memorial Prize.

Tong's research demonstrated that pharmacists completing medication management plans can decrease the rate of medication errors from 61.5% to 15%.

1st contracts increase

ONLINE health, media and technology company 1st Group Limited has reported unaudited FY18 revenue of \$3.4 million, up 51% on the prior year.

Co-founder Klaus Bartosch said customer acquisition continues to grow steadily, with net new Annualised Contract Value of \$1.33m added during the 12 mths.

He said the company was entering FY19 with "confidence and momentum," its ASX announcement also confirming quarterly cash receipts of \$971k, a closing cash balance of \$280k and the drawdown of \$1.5 million of a \$2m standby facility provided by the 1st Group's biggest shareholder.

Chemsave success

CHEMIST Warehouse chief operating officer Mario Tascone (pictured above centre) presented Gotcha4Life founders Gus Worland and Gareth Pike with this \$450,000 gigantic novelty cheque at an event earlier this week.

The money was raised as part of the pharmacy group's fundraising efforts across multiple initiatives (*PD* Mon), with the men's mental health charity to use the proceeds for training of Lifeline counsellors, "Tomorrow Man" school workshops and more.

THE new partnership between Chemsave and AuMake (*PD* 12 Apr) has seen new product display units introduced to 32 Chemsave pharmacies in NSW and the ACT. The daigou-focused company has reported "positive sales momentum" from the Chemsave initiative, with the rollout to Vic and Qld ongoing and a dedicated marketing program promoting AuMake products in Chemsave catalogues scheduled for Sep.

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Cochrane on omega-3

NEW evidence published yesterday for Cochrane Library Database of Systematic Reviews shows there is little or no effect of omega-3 fatty acid supplements on our risk of experiencing heart disease, stroke or death.

In what authors described as the most extensive systematic assessment of the effects of omega-3 fats on cardiovascular health to date, they concluded that while taking long-chain omega 3 (fish oil, EPA or DHA) supplements does not benefit heart health or reduce risk of stroke or death from any cause, there was "moderate evidence" that algalinolenic acid (ALA), found in plant oils (such as rapeseed or canola oil) and nuts (particularly walnuts), may be slightly protective of some diseases of the heart and circulation.

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Dispensary Corner

WHO'D have thought it?

The latest generation of UK teenagers appears to be rebelling by doing the exact opposite of what their parents did.

A new survey by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service has found those aged 16-18 are becoming less likely to have sex, instead preferring to spend time with their families.

The study also found a quarter of those polled had never drunk alcohol, with researchers saying the current generation is "more sensible [and] more focused on their education and future careers," according to the BBC.

But they're also busy on the interwebs, with activity diaries completed by the participants indicating they spent an average of almost five hours online daily.

The findings could explain a sharp fall in teen pregnancies in the UK since 2007, the researchers said.

THERE'S a major scandal brewing in Brazil, where a celebrated cosmetic surgeon known as Dr Bumbum is on the run after the death of a patient.

Dr Denis Furtado allegedly injected an acrylic glass filler to enlarge the buttocks of his female client, but she became ill during the procedure in Rio de Janeiro and died some hours later after being admitted to hospital.

Investigators say Furtado has now gone missing, with a judge issuing a warrant for his arrest.

The 45-year-old plastic surgeon appears regularly on TV and has more than 600,000 Instagram followers who are intrigued by his backside enhancement activities.

Competency standards tools

THE Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee (PPDC) has announced the release of new tools to support the implementation of the *National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia 2016*.

The tools were developed with the help of funding from the Pharmacy Board of Australia, with the aim of helping pharmacists meet the requirements outlined in the Board's registration standards and guidelines on continuing professional development.

PPDC chair Shane Jackson, who is also national president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, noted that the next CPD period would commence on 01

Oct, and "access to these tools or tools made available by PPDC member organisations will assist pharmacists to meet their annual CPD obligations".

The tools are freely available to pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy students.

They include a Summary Guide, an Implementation Guide, a Self-assessment tool and a Learning plan tool, with case examples of completed self-assessment as well as video guidance showing how different pharmacists have used the tools to meet the CPD registration standard.

For more details click on the tool titles above or see psa.org.au.

TGA portal outages

SOME Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) websites and Business Portals will experience intermittent outages due to scheduled maintenance between 5pm AEST on Fri 27 Jul and 5pm AEST on Sun 29 Jul.

See tga.gov.au for details.

Food consultation

THE government-funded Healthy Food Partnership has kicked off a national consultation process on the proposed Healthy Food Partnership Reformulation Program, which aims to help change food products to reduce sodium, sugars and saturated fat content.

Submissions at health.gov.au.

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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2020 Europe on Seven Seas Splendor

THE brand new *Seven Seas Splendor* will bring her special brand of perfection to the glamorous ports of Europe in 2020.

Choose from 21 different itineraries - for example, New York city to Barcelona in Apr 2020 for 14 nights from \$8,440.

Consult your travel agent or visit rsc.com for more.

Vanuatu special

SUNSET Bungalows Resort in Vanuatu has launched a deal offering 40% off the normal room rate for bookings by 30 Sep and travel before 31 Mar 2019.

The resort offers ten Superior Waterfront Bungalows with verandahs that hover over the Port Vila lagoon's edge, along with Lagoon View rooms and a Honeymoon Spa Bungalow.

The deal includes daily cooked breakfast, complimentary use of kayaks and free wi-fi.

There's also a "stay 5 pay 4" and "stay 7 pay 5" offer with a range of other bonuses such as dinners, fruit platters and more - visit sunset-bungalows.com.

Win with Blessed by Nature

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Blessed by Nature are giving away a skincare prize pack valued at more than \$25 that includes:

Blessed by Nature Antioxidant Night Restoring Cream:

This antioxidant rich formula contains nature's best natural anti-ageing ingredients that work together to fight free radicals and promote healthy, glowing, younger looking skin. Apply at night and allow the formula to work with your skin while it rests and recovers as you sleep.

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What does Blessed by Nature Antioxidant Night Restoring Cream fight?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Tamara Guthrie from ANZ.

