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# Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today has two pages of news, our regular Health & Beauty feature plus a full page from Amcal.

#### Join us at APP2018!

APP delegates can win a Google Home device, which is up for grabs for those who visit **Pharmacy Daily** in the trade show Pamper Lounge.

We'll have a special APP2018 'InstaFrame' with the most creative selfie tagging #pharmacydaily #APP2018 to win the gadget - see the cover page for comp details.

APP kicks off tomorrow morning at the Gold Coast Convention and **Exhibition Centre with an address** from Health Minister Greg Hunt.

**MEANWHILE** the conference organisers have advised that online registration for the event closes at noon today AEST.

After this time registrations can be made on site, but will incur a \$50 late fee.

For those seeking last minute accommodation, organisers said Crowne Plaza and select Gold Coast apartments still have vacancies, with rates starting at \$170 nightly.

**CLICK HERE** to check accommodation options.

# Amcal phases out plastic

AMCAL has announced it will be the first major pharmacy



retail chain in Australia to phase out plastic bags in its stores.

The announcement was made at the Sigma Healthcare 2018 Retail Conference currently being held on the Gold Coast and clarified that the company will stop supplying Amcal-branded plastic carry bags, instead introducing recycled paper bags for those customers who need assistance.

Sigma executive gm Retail Pharmacy Jeff Sells said the decision to remove plastic bags for the company's flagship retail brand sent a strong message about the company's environmental credentials.

"The move away from plastic carry bags in Amcal stores sets an important new standard for the retail pharmacy sector, which we will look to replicate across our other brands.

"Other major retailers like supermarkets are dealing with this important issue which can have serious environmental consequences and now it's time for

# Winter spotlight

**PHARMACY** suppliers wanting to highlight their products for the upcoming cooler season can take advantage of a special Winter Spotlight feature in **Pharmacy** Daily next week - for details email advertising@pharmacydaily.com.au.

would embrace the change in light of general social trends around ecological enlightenment. "We all need to play our part in

the pharmacy

Sells said

stand."

sector to take a

helping protect the environment and the replacement recycled paper bags have been designed to offer an easy alternative," Sells concluded.

he was confident that customers

### **GSK** reveals results

**GLAXOSMITHKLINE** has detailed the financial performance of its operations in Australia, including \$406 million in 2017 revenue for GSK Consumer Healthcare.

The company said this division's profit before tax was \$20 million. with the Panadol franchise continuing to be the leading pain relief brand, complemented by Voltaren for topical pain.

Acting gm ANZ of GSK Consumer Healthcare, Theresa Agnew, said despite a challenging year for the sector there were trends such as the ageing population and movement towards self-care which created opportunities for growth.

"Category and product innovation can help recognise these opportunities and improve health outcomes for consumers," she said.

GSK's pharmaceuticals and vaccines business reported \$892m in revenue and profit of \$22m, while ViiV Healthcare revenue was \$90m, with a \$1.4 million profit.



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### MS under the radar

THE latest MS Report Card published by MS Research Australia reveals multiple sclerosis (MS) is on the rise with new estimations



showing 25,600 Australians now live with the condition. However

a large percentage of Australians neither know about MS, nor what causes it, and only 40% rank it as a community health problem.

The release of the report coincided with the launch of 'Kiss Goodbye to MS' month in May.

The prevalence of the condition represents an increase of 4,400 over the past eight years, with on average about 10 Australians being diagnosed with MS every week.

The cost of MS to the community is estimated at \$1.9 billion, covering direct costs as well as indirect costs due to lost productivity - more information at msra.org.au.

# Win with SkinB5

This week **Pharmacy Daily** & SkinB5 are giving

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# **Eating disorders focus**

**MINISTER** for Mental Health Tanya Davies (pictured) yesterday

launched the InsideOut Institute for Eating Disorders and announced it would be home for the first national research hub dedicated to eating disorders.



The NSW Government has committed over \$400,000 annually to the Institute for the continued implementation of the NSW Service Plan for Eating Disorders, including specialist training for frontline staff and workforce development, while an additional \$1.2 million has also funded ongoing projects.

Pharmacists counselling people with concerns can refer them to the NSW Mental Health Line which is available at 1800 011 511.

# Neuropathic guideline

THE UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published new guidelines for the pharmacological management of neuropathic pain in a nonspecialist setting.

It aims to improve quality of life for people with neuralgia, shingles and diabetic neuropathy by reducing pain and promoting increased participation in all aspects of daily living.

The guidelines include an interactive flow chart - nice.org.uk.

#### Medisca TGA nod

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compounding company Medisca Australia has been granted an A1 compliant rating of its facility following a successful cGMP inspection by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

See more at medisca.com.au.

# Opdivo approval

**BRISTOL-MYERS** Squibb has announced the TGA registration of its Opdivo (nivolumab) as an adjuvant treatment for patients with completely resected melanoma with lymph node involvement or metastatic disease its ninth cancer indication.



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# Pharmacotherapy **Update #2**

**PHARMEDUCATION** is inviting pharmacists, dentists, nurse practitioners, medical practitioners, nurses and allied health professionals to take part in its second Pharmacotherapy Update, which will take place in Byron Bay, NSW from 28 Oct-03 Nov 2018.

Speakers include Prof Jeff Hughes, Dr Geraldine Moses and Debbie Rigby with a focus on Controversies Risks And Benefits (CRABs) for commonly prescribed medicines including proton pump inhibitors, antidepressants and respiratory medicines for asthma and COPD.

Clinical controversies will be further explored through case studies, a guiz session and sessions on risks associated with some therapies, risk assessment, a microbiome update and complementary medicines.

**CLICK HERE** for details.

#### New AusBiotech ceo

**BIOTECHNOLOGY** advocacy group AusBiotech has announced the retirement of ceo Glenn Cross, who is stepping down after 13 years with the organisation.

Following his departure in early Jul he will be replaced by Lorraine Chiroiu, who is currently the group's deputy ceo.

During his time with AusBiotech Cross has made "numerous and significant" contributions according to chairman Julie Phillips, including building AusBiotech's Global Investment Program and establishing the annual conference.

## Pharmacist sentence

A NEWCASTLE pharmacist has been convicted of supplying a prohibited drug, fined \$800 and given an 18-month good behaviour bond, over his involvement in the provision of steroids without prescription.

The sentencing hearing in Maitland Local Court last week finalised the case initiated in 2016 when Phillip Slater was investigated for the supply of restricted substances and illicit drugs.

At the time he was a part owner of six pharmacies including Amcal Max Rutherford, Telarah Pharmacy, McKeachies Run Pharmacy, The Morpeth Pharmacy, Amcal Waratah and Old Bar Pharmacy, according to a Newcastle Herald report.

Police stopped his car in East Maitland in Apr 2016 and found boxes of testosterone, phentermine and other drugs, with police alleging he was supplying them for an unlawful purpose, outside of work hours and without a prescription.

According to a statement of facts, Slater told the police he was "just transporting some stock between my shops...I'm a pharmacist".

Subsequent raids of his home and pharmacies found other illicit drugs, with the magistrate saying last week that Slater was "helping himself to discarded drugs for recreational use".

Although the prosecutor urged a custodial sentence, the judge instead imposed the good behaviour bond and \$800 fine, recognising Slater's career as a pharmacist had been ruined.

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# **Dispensary** Corner

WHEN somebody as successful as entrepreneur Bill Gates makes a bold prediction about the future, it might pay dividends to sit up and take notice.

Unfortunately on this occasion the Microsoft founder recently told the Massachusetts Medical Society there is a "significant probability" more that 3 million people could die from a flu pandemic unless preventative measures are undertaken.

"The next epidemic could originate on the computer screen of a terrorist intent on using genetic engineering to create a synthetic version of the smallpox virus or deadly strain of the flu," Gates warned.

Despite his dire health forecast, Gates asserts he is "typically an optimist", geeze, we'd hate to hear what Billy has to say when he feels a bit down in the dumps!



**BUZZFEED** recently posted a humorous list of the top 20 traits exhibited by nurses.

Some of the characteristics posited included: Having no problem talking about any kind of bodily fluid while eating, the reliability of nurses to possess medical items such as syringes and medical tape, the only person you can trust to text a photo to when you get a weird rash, and, naturally, an abundance of "banana stories" that have happened to them at work.

# Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health,

#### Anti-Ageing Hand Balm

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Stockist: 02 8398 7520 or sales@ibdmedical.com.au

RRP: \$12.95

Website: www. ibdmedical.com.au

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Stockist: 1300 765 332

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Website: www.dbcosmetics.com.au

### John Frieda Radiant Red Boosting



John Frieda launches its new, first-to-market Radiant Red Red Boosting range, the colour depositing range that fights colour fade and is perfect for all shades of red. With added pomegranate extract and vitamin E, the new formula actively boosts the natural tones in red hair, enhancing both vibrancy and shine. Radiant Red Red Boosting Shampoo offers

colour preserving ingredients that penetrate the hair shaft to slow colour fading. Radiant Red Red **Boosting Conditioner** sees red tones infused into the hair cuticle, targeting damaged and faded areas ensuring a luxurious even colour, from root to tip.

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