

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news plus a full page from Sigma and the latest MIMS update.

Sigma honours

AMCAL and Guardian's top pharmacies and pharmacy staff were honoured in a gala awards dinner wrapping up the Sigma Retail conference on Wed - see page four for the winner details.

Hunt responds to Review

HEALTH Minister Greg Hunt has released the government's response to the controversial King Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation (**PD** breaking news), with the majority of the recommendations from the report being rejected.

Speaking to delegates at APP, Hunt said his basic principle had been to ensure the ongoing sustainability of pharmacies, with

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the government already having legislated to remove the five-year "sunset clause" around Location Rules - in contradiction to one of the review's key recommendations.

Machine dispensing was rejected out of hand (**see page 3**) along with a proposed "tender" system for sourcing of generic pharmaceuticals with Hunt making the point that he didn't want to put in place "new threats or challenges" to pharmacies which make an "immense contribution to community health in Australia".

The government did accept "in principle" a recommendation that funding arrangements for high cost medicines be changed, with the Therapeutic Goods Administration late yesterday confirming the new system would increase consumer access to high cost medicines via community pharmacy, as well as "address the financial risks associated with the payment of large rebates from medicines companies to government".

Consultations will continue to develop technical details of the new payment administration arrangements, with a planned implementation from 01 Jul 2019.

Hunt said no decision had been made about the \$1 PBS script discount issue.

During his APP presentation the Minister also made reference to pleasing progress in recent weeks on the national real-time prescription monitoring system concept, and announced a new \$3m Pharmacy Trial in South Australian aged care homes.

UniSA appointment

THE University of South Australia has appointed Professor Alan Boddy as Head of the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences.

Boddy will join in Jul from his current role as Professor of Cancer Therapeutics at Sydney University.

Southcity Wagga named POTY



THE team from Southcity Pharmacy in Wagga Wagga, NSW, were thrilled to take out the 2018 Guild Pharmacy of the Year Award, which was announced at APP2018 on the Gold Coast yesterday (**PD** breaking news).

Southcity also won the Community Engagement category, with the other POTY 2018 winners being Gerald Burns Pharmacy of Bicton WA which took out the Innovation in

Professional Services category, and Friendlies Pharmacy from Busselton WA which won for Business Management.

The awards were presented by Health Minister Greg Hunt, while Nick Panayiaris, a spokesman for the judging group, said "All the pharmacies showed a clear process of workplace transformation which supported dedicated services with a focus on health outcomes for patients".

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Guild 90th takes the cake!

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LAST night's APP2018 opening reception was a festive night of frivolity and friendship, as delegates renewed old acquaintances and made new contacts on the conference's enormous trade show floor.

Champagne flowed on many stands along with some more elaborate concoctions, and the evening also included a formal cake-cutting to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Pictured below cutting the gigantic celebratory cake are former Guild presidents John Bronger and Kos Sclavos, current National President George Tambassis, current executive director David Quilty and his predecessor Steven Greenwood.



PHARMACY Daily is running a social media competition during APP, encouraging delegates to post a selfie and use the hashtag #pharmacydaily. The most creative upload will win a Google Home device. The team from Webstercare was caught in the frame during last night's event.



THIS group took some time out for a chat around the **Pharmacy Daily**-branded furniture near the Pamper Zone.



KELLIE Simkin and Michelle Gillespie from Sundaise Group with Alex Simak of Edgewell Personal Care.



FERAS Karem and the enthusiastic team from Pharmacy 4 Less.



APP2018 conference convenor Kos Sclavos with Marnie Peterson, recently appointed as ceo of the Generic and Biosimilars Medicines Association.



IS THAT Blue Steel or Magnum? Some of the Corum Health team looking like male models.

LOTS more APP pics at facebook.com/pharmacydaily.

Dispensary Corner

HEALTH Minister Greg Hunt yesterday revealed that the key rationale for the government's acceptance or rejection of recommendations from the King Review (see page 1) was ensuring the ongoing sustainability of the community pharmacy sector.

However when it came to recommendation 3-4 which relate to machine dispensing, Hunt said he had another reason for not moving forward with the proposal to trial remote vending machines for medicines - potentially leading to the replacement of pharmacists.

"We know there is a very important role for new technologies...but it just wouldn't be the same coming to APP2019 and just looking out at a bank of servers," he quipped.

WE'VE all heard the stories of people whose diets are so bad they would eat ice cream for dinner, well now those unhealthy souls have added incentive to keep chowing their lives away.

The good people at Windy Brow Farms in New Jersey have finally perfected the fusion of dinner and dessert by creating pork roll flavoured ice cream.

For added authenticity, the company has blended French toast with actual pieces of pork roll into the secret recipe.

However, the company is quick to defend the sweet Frankenstein concoction as unpalatable unless there's something extra in it.

A pork roll ice cream would be "gross," claimed Windy Brow managing partner Jake Hunt - which is why he added maple syrup to the mix. Phew!

Guild MHR training

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has announced the development of three training modules which will provide pharmacists with education on using the new My Health Record (MHR) platform.

The modules have been created in partnership with the Australian Digital Health Agency.

With the MHR system moving to "opt out" participation toward the end of the year, the Health Department estimates 98% of Australians will be on board at that time, creating an important source of patients' key health information.

The modules revolve around accessing information about prescribed and dispensed medicines, clinical information contained in Discharge Summaries and Event Summaries as well as clinical information contained in a Shared Health Summary.

The first module is already available, with the others to be launched later this month.

Guild president George Tambassis urged pharmacies to register their participation with MHR and to undertake the CPD-accredited training - visit myCPD.org.au.

MedAdvisor to create TWC branded app

MEDADVISOR yesterday announced a three year agreement with TerryWhite Chemmart (**PD** breaking news), which includes the roll-out of a white-labelled TWC version of the MedAdvisor app.

Customisation of the app has already commenced, with the TWC branding expected to be available on the various smartphone app stores later this month.

MedAdvisor's PlusOne platform is already in place in a number of TerryWhite Chemmart stores, supporting the group's "ambition to drive healthier communities by helping stores identify, recruit, book and record and claim services delivered to patients".

MedAdvisor ceo Robert Read said the customised version was a result of the value that the existing stores using the platform were receiving.

He said the rollout across TWC would see additional stores sign up to MedAdvisor, "extending our pharmacy network and patient acquisition opportunity".

EBOS is a major investor in MedAdvisor as well as TWC.

Bioceticals meeting

THE 6th BioCeuticals Research Symposium wrapped up on Sunday 29 Apr with nearly 500 delegates learning the latest developments around naturopathy from an international line-up of autoimmune experts.

Topics ranged from thyroid health through paediatric immunotherapy, dietary issues, the role of supplements and practical approaches to ketogenesis.

Events Calendar

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's* events calendar, opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

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27 May-8 Jun: 43rd PSA Offshore Refresher Conference; San Francisco; travel information and registrations at: www.psa.org.au

30 May - 1 Jun: National Medicines Symposium (NMS) 2018; National Convention Centre, Canberra; registrations now open: www.nps.org.au

15 - 17 Jun: ConPharm 2018; Sofitel Brisbane Central Hotel; for details and to register see: www.aacp.com.au

27 - 29 Jul: PSA18; The Hyatt Regency Sydney; early bird registrations now open: go to www.psa18.com

12 - 15 Aug: Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference 2018; Mt Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: www.medici.com.au

Win with SkinB5

This week *Pharmacy Daily* & SkinB5 are giving away each day the Acne Control Caplets.

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Do SkinB5 Caplets contain Vitamin B5?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Anna Phan from Pooraka Compounding Pharmacy.





AMCAL & GUARDIAN AWARDS GALA

Honouring Top Australian Pharmacies

Some of the country's top pharmacies were honoured on Wednesday night at the annual Amcal and Guardian Retail Conference Gala Awards Dinner on the Gold Coast. The big winners of the night include **Lauderdale Pharmacy – TAS** taking home 'Amcal Pharmacy of the Year' and **Corrimal Court Pharmacy – NSW** named as 'Guardian Pharmacy of the Year'. 'Our pharmacies play a pivotal role in providing health solutions to our community. That is why we recognise their contributions to the brands and communities they serve. We are pleased to be able to celebrate their achievements at this year's Retail Conference awards night' said Brian Tomlin, General Manager Retail (Amcal and Guardian)

Other award winners on the night included:

Guardian Community Engagement Pharmacy of the Year
Warners Bay Guardian Pharmacy - NSW

Amcal Community Engagement Pharmacy of the Year
Narrogin Amcal Chemist - WA

Professional Services of the Year
Amcal Max Salamander Bay - NSW

Amcal Retail Manager of the Year
Teagan Crawford - Lauderdale Pharmacy - TAS

Guardian Retail Manager of the Year
Janelle Maw - New Norfolk Guardian Pharmacy - TAS

Amcal Pharmacy Assistant of the Year
Nicola Jenkins - Waratah Village Amcal - NSW

Guardian Pharmacy Assistant of the Year
Sheena Izadi - Beaconsfield Pharmacy - VIC

The awards were part of the 3-day Amcal and Guardian Retail Conference which included a mix of professional and industry speakers, retail workshops, plenary sessions and supplier exhibits.

For more photos visit sigmahealthcare.com.au



New Products

- **Dupixent (dupilumab (rch))** is a fully human recombinant monoclonal antibody that inhibits interleukin (IL)-4 and IL-13 signaling by specifically binding to the IL-4R α subunit shared by the IL-4 and IL-13 receptor complexes. Dupixent inhibits IL-4 signaling via the type I receptor (IL-4R α /yc), and both IL-4 and IL-13 signaling through the type II receptor (IL-4R α /IL-13R α). IL-4 and IL-13 are key type 2 (including Th2) cytokines involved in atopic disease. Dupixent is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis in adults who are candidates for chronic systemic therapy. Dupixent is not intended for episodic use. Dupixent prefilled syringe (300 mg/2 mL) is available in packs of 2.
- **Odomzo (sonidegib)** is a selective Smoothened (Smo) antagonist. Smo is a G-protein coupled receptor-like molecule that positively regulates the Hedgehog (Hh) signal transduction pathway, which is linked to the pathogenesis of several types of cancer including basal cell carcinoma (BCC). Odomzo is indicated for the treatment of adults with: locally advanced BCC who are not amenable to curative surgery or radiation therapy; metastatic BCC. Odomzo is contraindicated in women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, and women of childbearing potential (unless two reliable methods of contraception are used during treatment and for 20 months after the last dose). Odomzo 200 mg tablets are available in packs of 30.
- **Vosevi (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir)** is a fixed dose combination tablet containing the active substances sofosbuvir, velpatasvir and voxilaprevir. Sofosbuvir is a pan-genotypic inhibitor of the hepatitis C virus (HCV) NS5B RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, which is essential for viral replication. Velpatasvir is a pan-genotypic HCV inhibitor targeting the HCV NS5A protein, which is essential for both RNA replication and the assembly of HCV virions. Voxilaprevir is a pan-genotypic inhibitor of the NS3/4A protease. Vosevi is indicated for the treatment of chronic HCV infection in adults, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis, who have: genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor; genotype 1a or 3 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor. Vosevi is contraindicated with rifampicin and rosuvastatin. Vosevi (sofosbuvir 400 mg/velpatasvir 100 mg/voxilaprevir 100 mg) tablets are available in packs of 28.

New Contraindications

- **Duratocin (carbetocin)** should not be used in patients with cardiovascular disease, especially coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathy and heart failure.
- **Ubistesin and Ubistesin Forte (articaine hydrochloride/adrenaline (epinephrine) (as hydrochloride))** is now contraindicated with pheochromocytoma, uncontrolled hyperthyroidism, and complete heart block not compensated by a pacemaker.

*This list is a summary of only some of the changes that have occurred over the last month.
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