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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has four pages of news and photos including our weekly Health & Beauty feature.

## PSA peak funding

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has been recognised as the country's national pharmacy peak body, with the Government yesterday confirming three years of funding under the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme.

PSA National President Shane Jackson thanked the Government for its support, saying “we are exceptionally proud to represent pharmacists in all locations and sectors, including community, hospital and academia.

“PSA believes the expertise of pharmacists can be better utilised to address the healthcare needs of all Australians,” Jackson said, adding there was no doubt healthcare could be improved by “optimising the role of pharmacists as health professionals and as leaders in Quality Use of Medicines”.

## Federal MPs back Guild

POLITICIANS of all persuasions last night pledged their support for Australian community pharmacy at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's annual Parliamentary Dinner.

Attendees included pharmacy stakeholders from across the spectrum, who were addressed in the Great Hall after a busy day in Parliament by Prime Minister Scott Morrison who expressed his admiration for pharmacists.

“You don't just fill scripts - you look out for people...you fill a gap that no supermarket or mega-mart can ever fill,” he said.

With next May's Federal Election clearly in view, Morrison reminded attendees of the Government's achievements on behalf of the sector including eliminating the sunset clause on Location Rules, changing payment arrangements for high cost drugs and the ongoing commitment to the PBS listing of all new items recommended by the independent Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

The PM also highlighted changes

to small business taxation and other initiatives that will benefit pharmacy family businesses, noting that all of the measures were only possible because of Australia's strong economy.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten also spoke at the event, noting Labor support for many of the Government's actions such as tax treatment of small businesses and streamlining the GST.

“You really do help bring us together...there is such a high degree of bipartisanship when it comes to community pharmacy.”

More from the Guild Dinner on pages two and three of today's PD.

## Blackmore \$10m gift

MARCUS Blackmore AM and his wife Caroline have made a record \$10 million personal donation to Southern Cross University.

It's the biggest single donation ever given to the University, with the gift to be used to establish a National Centre for Naturopathic Medicine to engage in higher education, research and engagement with the profession.

Blackmore will sign over the donation in a ceremony today, saying it fulfils a final wish of his father, the late Maurice Blackmore, that naturopathy be properly recognised and respected.

The new Centre is expected to open during 2019.

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## PBS key for health - Tambassis

**PHARMACY** Guild National President George Tambassis last night highlighted the key role of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, noting that the dispensing of PBS medicines in Australia was a “very effective public-private partnership”.

Speaking at the Guild’s Annual Parliamentary Dinner in Canberra, Tambassis noted that the scheme was underpinned by the 5,700 “highly accessible community pharmacies” across the country.

He welcomed attendees from across the political spectrum to the dinner, saying “we appreciate the opportunity we are given by everyone here to put the case for community pharmacy”.

The Guild President highlighted the significant contribution made by pharmacist vaccinators to

herd immunity through influenza vaccinations across the country.

Tambassis particularly welcomed comments by PM Scott Morrison, who noted such interventions as immunisations, work in aged care, mental health and minor ailments.

“I’m a firm believer in expanding this community health care role as part of the spectrum of primary care across this country,” the Prime Minister said, adding “I think there’s a great opportunity to create even stronger linkages between pharmacists and GPs”.

Tambassis followed up by noting that pharmacists were keen to work to the full extent of their scope of practice.

## Pharmacist-GP communication boost

**A NEW** data standard outlining the information that should be recorded about vaccines and emergency medicines supplied by community pharmacists has been published by England’s NHS Digital, aiming to improve communications between pharmacists and GPs.

The standard will allow community pharmacists to share information gathered from patients while providing services such as vaccinations, medicines and guidance with their GP in a digital format.

The digital system will allow pharmacists to send and receive structured messages with clinical information to be added to the patient’s GP record, reducing medication errors and more.

## Union targets Chemist Warehouse

**THE** National Union of Workers yesterday slammed what it described as a “widespread culture of sexual harassment, bullying, and exploitation of labour hire casuals” at Chemist Warehouse distribution centres in Preston and Somerton in

Victoria.

The union group noted that former and current employees of the pharmacy juggernaut would testify this week before the Australian Human Rights Commission *National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces* to make formal statements over the issue.

“This will assist the National Union of Workers’ ongoing investigation concerning Chemist Warehouse,” the union said in a formal statement, quoting one of its officials, Jenna Christie, saying the situation was “one of the worst cases I’ve seen as an organiser”.

After entering one of the Chemist Warehouse sites last Fri to conduct interviews with workers, the union has also issued calls on social media seeking more information.

## More Mylan woes

**MYLAN** Pharmaceuticals in the USA is facing further issues after receiving a warning letter from the Food and Drug Administration in relation to inadequate measures to prevent cross-contamination at one of its manufacturing facilities in West Virginia.

The company, which is currently recalling all Alphapharm Dilart products in Australia over a manufacturing issue in India (**PD** 26 Nov), received a warning letter from the FDA noting failures to sanitise or sterilise equipment as well as improper investigations of discrepancies in medicines that did not meet specifications.

The company said it was addressing the issues, resulting in a temporary disruption in the supply of certain unspecified products.

## Sleep hearing deferral

**A PLANNED** public hearing this Fri 30 Nov for the *Inquiry into Sleep Health Awareness in Australia* currently being conducted by the Federal House of Representatives Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee (**PD** 14 Sep) has been postponed until early 2019.

The inquiry is ongoing; for more info see [aph.gov.au/health](http://aph.gov.au/health).

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# Guild Parliamentary Dinner

SEVERAL hundred Australian pharmacy leaders gathered in the Great Hall of Australian Parliament House last night for the 2018 Pharmacy Guild of Australia annual Parliamentary Dinner.

It's been two years since a similar gathering was held, with last year's event abruptly cancelled due to then Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull suspending parliament over the citizenship fiasco.

Last night's event saw presentations from Greens Leader Richard di Natale who outlined a policy position which would see dispensing fees for marginalised patients such as those on methadone programs funded.

He was followed by Nationals leader Michael McCormack, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, with each highlighting their support for the pharmacy sector.

**Pharmacy Daily** took these photos during the evening, with lots more at [facebook.com/pharmacydaily](https://facebook.com/pharmacydaily).



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## Dispensary Corner

**LAST** night's Pharmacy Guild of Australia Annual Parliamentary Dinner was a jovial affair, with some of the speakers clearly attempting to outdo each other when it came to jocularly.

Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack started things off when he noted that he was wearing a Guild tie, having ransacked his wardrobe to find the item - and he was also sporting a Guild pin (**pictured**).

"What a suck-up," he quipped, adding that he had also intended to wear Guild cufflinks but unfortunately had worn the wrong type of shirt.



**PRIME** Minister Scott Morrison joined in the jesting, making particular reference to a bristly Movember effort proudly sported by Pharmacy of the Year winner Luke van der Rijt from Southcity Pharmacy in Wagga (**below**), who was sitting on the top table.

"Luke I'm not sure what supplements were used to grow that moustache mate, but I'm willing to bet they're not on the PBS," the PM said.



## Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email [newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au)

### Ice Dive Eau de Toilette by Adidas

Adidas Ice Dive Eau de Toilette is your go-anywhere confidence fragrance. The unique blend brings a mix of tart citrus, smooth greens and musty masculine amber.

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