

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news including our weekly Health & Beauty feature.

Greg Hunt confirmed to open APP 2019

APP 2019 GOLD COAST CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE 7-10 MARCH

HEALTH Minister Greg Hunt will deliver the opening keynote address at the upcoming Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference.

APP2019 will take place on the Gold Coast from 07-10 Mar 2019, with Conference Chairman Kos Sclavos saying it was an honour to have the Minister once again participating in the event.

"With 2019 being an election year and the Federal Budget being handed down within a month of APP, this may be his most important presentation ever held," he said.

Hunt will also announce the 2019 Pharmacy of the Year winners, with the opening session starting at 8.30am on Thu 07 Mar.

Sclavos reminded delegates that daylight saving is not observed in Queensland, urging them to lock in travel plans early to ensure they do not miss this important session.

Pharmacy graduates most employable

STUDENTS graduating from pharmacy degrees have once again topped the table in terms of employment outcomes, with the latest Graduate Outcomes Survey indicating 95.5% in full-time work shortly after completing their study.

The government-funded survey also compared figures between 2015 and 2018 and found the largest increase in salaries over the period, up 78% (\$32,800) but from a relatively low base of \$42,300.

Results found a large gender gap among pharmacy graduates, with female pharmacists earning 12% less (\$10,300) on average than their male counterparts three years after graduation.

See the study at qilt.edu.au.

6CPA program transition

AUSTRALIAN Healthcare Associates (AHA) has released details of the transition of management of 23 Community Pharmacy Programs which are being taken over from the Pharmacy Guild effective from the start of next month.

AHA was last year awarded the contract to administer the programs currently funded under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (PD 29 Oct 2018) following a competitive tender process undertaken by the Department of Health.

An update yesterday confirmed the Guild would continue to run the programs up to and including 31 Jan 2019, meaning it will receive and process claims until then and also make payments and resolve issues in relation to these claims.

Effective 01 Feb 2019 AHA, which will be operating under the name "Pharmacy Programs Administrator" (PPA) will take over.

The Guild will continue to maintain its existing Support

Centre, its enquiries phone number and its email address to respond to enquiries or issues, with information about the final date of operation to be provided in due course.

A new Support Centre run by PPA will be operational from 01 Feb, and in the lead-up to that date existing users will be contacted to provide information and support in setting up user accounts via a new online portal at ppaonline.com.au.

An in-house team of IT developers will work to resolve any emerging issues with the new portal.

The Guild's current 6CPA Registration and Claiming Portal will be unavailable for the submission of claims once the Guild winds up activities relating to the programs.

"Pharmacies and other portal users should be aware that data, including historical claims and payment information, will not be accessible after this date.

"Users that require a record of this information for business, taxation or other purposes should ensure that they record any required information prior to the portal being disabled," PPA said.

Full details of the transition arrangements, including claiming information for each of the 23 individual programs, can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Garlic extract shows hypertension impact

A NEW Australian study has been hailed as showing that Kyolic Aged Garlic Extract is comparable to traditional blood pressure drugs.

The research, published last month in *Frontiers of Nutrition*, found the product reduced blood pressure in hypertensive patients to a similar degree to first-line standard antihypertensives.

However the study also warned that increasing dietary garlic did not have the same benefits.

Researchers said the patient group who took the Kyolic product also experienced positive changes in pulse wave velocity, arterial stiffness, inflammatory markers and gut microbiota.

A total of 49 participants with uncontrolled hypertension completed a double-blind randomised placebo-controlled 12 week trial, investigating the effect of daily intake of aged garlic extract or placebo on a range of measures.

See frontiersin.org for the study.

Microsoft seals major pharmacy deal



TECHNOLOGY giant Microsoft has announced a new strategic partnership with Walgreens Boots Alliance, which operates pharmacy brands across the US and Europe with a presence in 25 countries.

The companies will work together to "develop new health care delivery models, technology and retail innovations to advance and improve the future of health care".

As well as a joint multi-year R&D investment, Walgreens Boots Alliance will pilot up to 12 in-store "digital health corners" to merchandise a range of health-related hardware and devices.

Microsoft also becomes Walgreens Boots "strategic cloud provider" with plans to migrate the majority of its IT infrastructure onto the Microsoft Azure platform and roll out Microsoft 365 to over 380,000 employees worldwide.

Walgreens Boots CEO Stefano Pessina is **pictured** above with Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella.

TGA issues e-cigarette warning

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a formal alert for consumers about the potential risks of purchasing electronic cigarette liquid.

The advice stems from a study which found "undisclosed and potentially harmful ingredients" in e-cigarette liquid being sold in Australia, including nicotine and other chemicals in liquid that claimed to be "nicotine-free".

The *Medical Journal of Australia* published research yesterday detailing how scientists purchased 10 "nicotine-free" e-cigarette liquids both online and over the counter in Australia.

Testing found 60% of the products actually contained nicotine, which is classified as a Schedule 7

Dangerous Poison.

All liquids tested also contained traces of 2-chlorophenol, a common breakdown product of some insecticides, herbicides and disinfectants and is a known irritant to human airways and skin.

Contaminants included 2-amino-octanoic acid, routinely found in the blood, urine and faeces of mammals, the researchers found.

The TGA noted that at this time no electronic cigarettes have been approved in Australia as a therapeutic good for smoking cessation, and noted concerns from Europe and the USA that significant use of nicotine-containing electronic cigarettes by adolescents can lead to longer-term cigarette smoking.

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Dispensary Corner

SO YOU'VE had a party and there are empty Pringles tins in abundance and some half empty, (or are they half full) bottles of wine - what to do?

One lady thought it seemed obvious - she hopped on a Walmart electric shopping cart, normally used for those with a disability, and drove around the car park for a few hours drinking wine from her Pringles can.

It seemed like a good idea at the time, but the Wichita Falls Police Department Officer Jeff Hughes was less than amused.

She was not fined or named, but was banned from the precinct.



MORE police officer challenges: a 27 year-old woman smashed her way through glass doors into the West Wyoming police building around 12:45am Mon in an attempt to reach a police officer who had arrested her some weeks earlier.

No, she wasn't after revenge; she wanted to date him.

Ashley Keister, of Nanticoke, had allegedly fallen in love with her arresting officer and had reportedly invested quite an effort on social media sexually harassing him - she was even reported as having rung 911 just to reach him.

Multiple charges will see her at least have a date with a judge, just after Valentines Day.

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

Back to School with MOOV by Ego

With all the other stresses of heading back to school, don't let head lice add to your list. MOOV Head Lice Solution is the easy to use and a quick and effective solution, with clinical studies proving that MOOV Head Lice Solution is twice as effective as common pesticide-based alternatives. Head lice are transferred by direct head-to-head contact, so kids swapping hats, sharing hairbrushes, as well as the closeness of kids at school or at play can all lead to quick spreading of head lice. Effective treatment, which MOOV products provide, will break the life-cycle, whether you choose solution or shampoo.



Stockist: 03 8766 4100
RRP: \$28.49 500mL
Website: www.egoshop.com.au

Anthelios XL Ultra Light Spray SPF 50+

La Roche-Posay Anthelios Ultra-Light Spray SPF 50+ provides a very high level of protection without a thick, greasy finish. Being ultra-light, this sun protection spray leaves the skin feeling smooth and silky dry, so that clothes can be replaced comfortably. This spray provides very high protection against the harmful effects of both UVB rays, those responsible for burning, and UVA, those that accelerate the signs of skin ageing, all with a light, ultra-absorbent texture and virtually invisible finish. Tested under dermatological control, the formula is paraben-free, non-comedogenic and suitable for normal to combination and sensitive skin types.



Stockist: 1300 101 411
RRP: \$39.95
Website: www.laroche-posay.com.au

Night Calming Make-up Remover

Neutrogena Makeup Remover Cleansing Towelettes - Night Calming with their creamy formula, cushion the skin with a luxurious foam to gently wipe away dirt, oil and make-up. Neutrogena Night Calming Makeup Remover Cleansing Towelettes purify down to pores, while the unique calming fragrance helps to calm the mind and body to ensure a good night's sleep. The formula is oil-free and non-comedogenic meaning it won't clog pores, and has also been dermatologist-tested.



Stockist: 1800 678 380
RRP: \$7.99 for 25 wipes
Website: www.neutrogena.com.au

Feel the Heat Mix Tape - new from DB



Designer Brands (DB) Cosmetics brings you a new Feel the Heat Mix Tape to take anywhere and enhance your eyes. Match any occasion, day or night, casual or formal, wild or conservative with these new 12 warm-tone shades to add some sizzle to your eyeshadow

look. The beautifully presented pack has 10 matte shades together with two shimmering accent shades, perfect for creating a half cut crease or multi-faceted look. With the magnetic closure integrated mirror, this kit suits home use and on-the-go travellers.

Stockist: 03 8544 8000
RRP: \$14.99
Website: www.dbcosmetics.com.au