

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly **Health & Beauty** feature plus a full page from **Razor Group**.

Time for a Razor

BUSINESS solutions company, Razor Group, says it's time for business owners to work on their business, not in it, by using their innovative analytical and financial systems - see **Page 4** for details.

Advancing Practice applications open

APPLICATIONS have opened for Round 3 2019 of the Advancing Practice initiative, giving Australian pharmacists the opportunity to "assess their influence on pharmacy practice and patient care".

Applications in this round close on Fri 14 Jun, after which applicants will have four months to prepare a comprehensive practice portfolio for evaluation, leading to credentialing as either AdvPP(I), AdvPP(II) or AdvPracPharm.

Advancing Practice Advisory Board member, Associate Professor Kirstie Galbraith AdvPracPharm, said being evaluated against the robust Advancing Practice framework provides a clear reflection of participants' current practice, as well as "providing a template for improvement to ensure practitioners are providing an exceptional patient experience in everything they do".

More information online at advancingpractice.com.au.

Pharmacists adopt MHR

THE Australian community pharmacy sector has been hailed for its support of the Government's My Health Record System, after the release of new data from the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) indicating record sign-ups over the past 12 months.

ADHA analysis found that in Apr 2018, prior to the beginning of the "opt-out" period, only a third of pharmacies were registered with the platform.

A year on the story is different, with more than four out of five (83%) pharmacies signed up as at

New twist in Pharmacy Depot case

THE long-running Australian Federal Police case against the owners of the collapsed Pharmacy Depot (**PD** 18 Jan 2016) has been in court again this week, with the sister of alleged fraudster, pharmacist Yaakop Youssef, set to lose her house.

The NSW Supreme Court heard that Youssef gave his sister and her husband \$558,000 to purchase the home, with the pair seeking to have the property excluded from action to seize assets over \$18 million allegedly defrauded from the PBS.

The court refused the request, saying while it was sympathetic to their plight, they took ownership of the property on a "completely wrong basis" despite not being involved in the alleged rort.

Proceedings continue against Youssef and his co-accused, pharmacist Hamza Zoghbi.

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"Pharmacists are also uploading and viewing My Health Record more often, with a 667% increase in the number of dispense records uploaded...and a 942% increase in the number of record views," according to the Agency.

Currently the jurisdictions with the largest proportion of participating pharmacies are Tas and the NT, both with 97% signed up, followed by South Australia with 93%, Queensland at 89%, NSW with 84% and Vic with 82%.

The ACT has 76% of pharmacies participating in My Health Record at this stage, followed by Western Australia at 74%.

The Australian Digital Health Agency has a large program to work with healthcare providers across the country to connect them to the My Health Record platform - see www.myhealthrecord.gov.au.

Recruiters shun academics

PHARMACISTS seeking to hire entry level colleagues have made it clear across multiple settings that academic qualifications are way down the list of priorities, according to a US study published in *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*.

The most attractive qualities in a new pharmacist were identified unequivocally as "character traits" in the study while the least attractive to a pharmacist recruiter was academic success.

An electronic questionnaire was developed and sent to 36,817 pharmacists; 3,723 (11%) responded, representing a broad cross-section of practice settings and job roles.

Character traits were consistently ranked higher than academic traits, both in importance and as more likely to effect the hiring decision.

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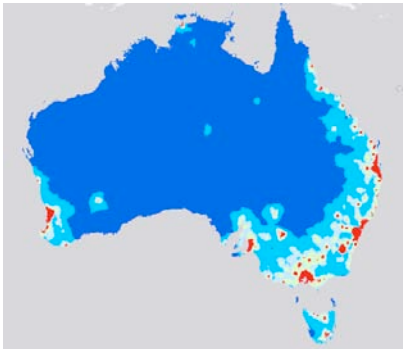
Pharmacy remoteness measure

THE Pharmacy Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (PhARIA) values for the 2019/20 financial year have been updated and posted as a series of spreadsheets on the University of Adelaide website - **CLICK HERE**.

The numbers were crunched by the Hugo Centre for Migration and Population Research, within the university.

The 6th Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) Pharmacy Programs Administrator describes the PhARIA as a composite index, which quantifies the degree of remoteness (both geographic and professional) of pharmacies for the purposes of administering the Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance and other rural workforce programs funded under the 6CPA.

Explanations around the



classification system for the concept of remoteness are given on the website.

The PhARIA project was undertaken by GISCA, the (then) Commonwealth Department

of Health and Aged Care, and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

PhARIA continues to be maintained by the Hugo Centre on behalf of the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The Hugo Centre provides public access to the PhARIA map service which contains data for the current and most recent financial year.

The map service is interactive, allowing users to zoom in and out, find localities of interest and view various map layers containing other information of interest, such as main roads, post codes and PhARIA categories.

CLICK HERE to access the interactive map (pictured above).

Aspen completes deal

SOUTH Africa-listed generic medicines company Aspen Holdings has announced it has completed its divestment of its nutritional business to dairy product specialist foods company Lactalis for a gross consideration of €740 million on 31 May 2019.

The company said the estimated net cash inflows from the transaction, after payment of transaction-related taxes, the buy-out of minority shareholders and the payment of transaction costs, will be around €635 million and "the financial effects remain in line with Aspen's expectations".

Medsurge steps in

MEDSURGE Healthcare has been granted Section 19A approval for Aciclovir 3% (30mg/g) eye ointment (pack of 1x4.5g) by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

The approval was given to cover the discontinuation of Zovirax ophthalmic ointment.

The TGA has also approved the company for Levodopa 250mg / Carbidopa 25mg and Levodopa 200mg / Carbidopa 50mg controlled release, to cover the long-term unavailability of MSD's Sinemet 250mg/25mg tablets and Sinemet CR 200mg/50mg tablets.

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Pharmacists get gonged



NSW Governor, Margaret Beasley, has honoured two pharmacists for their services to the profession and the broader community at an event in Sydney last month.

Former Pharmacy Guild of Australia NSW Branch President, Paul Sinclair, and respiratory disease advocate, Emil Dan, were inducted as Members of the Order of Australia at an event in Sydney, after being named on the Australia Day Honours List (**PD** 29 Jan).

Sinclair, who has served in a number of roles with professional groups and was also a member

of the Campbelltown City Council from 1995 until 2004, received his award for his "significant service to pharmacy, to the community and local government".

Dan, the 2009 Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, was awarded the honour for his, "significant service to community health, to people with asthma and respiratory disease and to pharmacy".

Pictured, Emil Dan AM, with previous inductee Margaret Bickle AO, and Paul Sinclair AM.

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Dispensary Corner

CHANGING population trends have led US toilet paper maker Charmin, part of Procter & Gamble, to introduce new gigantic dunny rolls.

The "Forever Roll" (pictured) comes in two sizes - a 22cm version for one-person households, and a huge 30cm roll for "multi-user" living situations.

Charmin said the innovation reflected the fact that more Americans, particularly millennials, are living alone in homes with limited storage space.

The *Wall Street Journal* quoted P&G estimates that one Forever Roll could last up to three months - of course depending on the user's dietary habits.

A Forever Roll starter kit, with a free stand, starts at US\$30 online.



MANY people love the colour pink, but things probably went a bit too far in the Ohio, USA village of Coal Grove last week when the water coming out of the local taps changed colour.

Officials first warned residents not to drink the pink liquid, but later revised their advice after it turned out to be due to a harmless sodium permanganate dosing error at a water treatment centre.

Despite the pink water not posing a hazard to human health, they did warn that it could have a colourful affect on the washing.

Health, Beauty and New Products

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Shampoo with Centaury by Klorane

New Klorane **Shampoo with Centaury** is a toning shampoo with natural centaury extract. Designed to reduce yellowing and brassiness in white, grey and platinum hair, the shampoo restores radiance, nourishes the hair fibre and leaves a silvery shine. Klorane's dermatologically-tested formula is infused with a fresh and feminine fragrance containing gentle floral notes, and is gentle enough to be used as often as required. Klorane's Shampoo with Centaury is also silicone-free and contains no animal-based ingredients.



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Precision Brow Duo by Manicare

Glam by Manicare **Precision Brow Duo** is an eyebrow kit that includes: the GD4 Slanted End Brush and GD5 Spoolie Brush. The GD4 Slanted End Brush has tight bristles to fill in and shape brows for a more defined look. Simply dip it into brow powder or gel and apply to brows in a sketching motion to achieve hair-like strokes, filling sparse areas with a focus on the arch. The GD5 Spoolie Brush has a tapered head and firm bristles that are perfect for grooming and diffusing brows by wiggling the spoolie at the root of brow hairs to blur products and create a softer look, as well as to groom brows and separate lashes.



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