



Tasmania expands pharmacy vaccinations

TASMANIAN Health Minister, Sarah Courtney (pictured), has announced the rollout of pharmacy measles vaccinations, as part of a catch-up program for eligible Tasmanians.

Initially available through GPs from next week, pharmacists will also be able to administer the immunisations once they complete an approved training program.

Courtney said people born during or after 1966 who have not received two measles vaccinations, or had the measles infection, are eligible for the free jab.

Infants aged six to 12 months who are travelling overseas to places where measles is circulating are also eligible for the free vaccinations.

“Having pharmacists administer



vaccinations will help to improve access for Tasmanians, particularly in regional areas,” Courtney said.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) welcomed the move, saying it had “long championed a consistent approach in all states and territories for pharmacists to administer vaccines”.

According to PSA Tasmanian Branch President, Ella Van Tienen, the range of vaccinations now

available through pharmacist immunisers in the state included dTpa and state-funded MMR for people aged 16 years and older - along with influenza vaccines for individuals aged 10 and up.

“These vaccines targeting measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus are vital in saving lives and protecting the community from the spread of these potentially life-threatening diseases,” she said.

The PSA has worked with the Tasmanian Government to update its pharmacist training course to reflect the expanded scope.

“Trained pharmacists will start offering these additional vaccination services over the coming weeks,” Van Tienen said.

Walker set to go

PHARMACY Guild of Australia 2017 Pharmacy of the Year owner, Lucy Walker, is set to go on a seven-week round-the-world research mission starting next week.

The TerryWhite Chemmart Goondiwindi proprietor will start her Churchill Fellowship study tour at the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress in Abu Dhabi before going to Sweden, Germany, Scotland, England, Ireland, the US, Canada and New Zealand.

“It’s my aim to bring global innovative pharmacy practices to my rural practice... and try to add value,” she said.

Speaking at the Guild’s Annual Parliamentary Dinner on Tue, Federal Health Minister, Greg Hunt, singled out Walker for praise, noting her store’s success in the delivery of “comprehensive healthcare” through her pharmacy.

“She was saying to me there are 5,000 people in town, 1,500 of them had their flu vaccination through her pharmacy,” he said.

NRHA Board farewells Lindy Swain

SOUTH Australia Health Rural Support Services Organisational Development Manager, Tanya Lehmann, has been reappointed as Chair of the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA), at the organisation’s Annual General Meeting this week.

Lehmann thanked out-going

Board member and Broome-based pharmacist, Lindy Swain, for her contribution to the organisation, before welcoming West Australian rural generalist, Viney Joshi to the board.

Lehmann said NRHA would continue to strive to improve rural health services.

Priceline new GM

AUSTRALIAN Pharmaceutical Industries has appointed Andrew Vidler as the new General Manager of Priceline Pharmacy effective 01 Oct.

He joins API from EBOS where he held senior roles including as Executive Director of TerryWhite Chemists.

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Dispensary Corner

WE'RE all used to hearing the term 'turf war' when it comes to the healthcare rivalry between the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Well the rhetoric stepped up somewhat this week with AMA tweeted that doctors should be allowed to "own dispensing pharmacists", claiming that the enslaving of other healthcare professionals was "world's best practice" on Tue.

The horror social post sparked in-depth conversations among attendees at the Guild's Annual Parliamentary Dinner, as they congregated at Canberra Airport on Wed morning before returning to protect their pharmacies from the onslaught.

Guild Victorian Branch President - and would-be Aussie pharmacy's William Wallace - Anthony Tassone, pointed out "slavery is really not cool in the civilised world" in response to the tweet.

"They can try and take our dispensaries, they will never take our FREEDOM", he posted.

Hunt praises Guild, AMA

PHARMACY Guild of Australia leaders and their Australian Medical Association counterparts are being praised for their collaborative efforts to develop a new model of care for rural and regional Australia.

Speaking at the Guild's Annual Parliamentary Dinner in Canberra on Tue, Federal Health Minister, Greg Hunt, thanked Guild National President, George Tambassis and AMA President, Dr Tony Bartone, for their willingness to work together to improve the delivery of healthcare services outside Australia's metropolitan areas.

"My belief is we can establish a new partnership within our health sector between our pharmacists and our medical community," the Minister said.

"I want to praise both George and Tony Bartone for their work in getting together with their CEOs.

"That partnership is about a new model for rural and

indigenous Australia, where we have pharmacists and GPs and the allied health practitioners all working together as an integrated healthcare system that's a very exciting historic development, which is happening now."

MEANWHILE, the AMA has welcomed Government reforms of medical bonding programs, which are set to improve rural health services.

The Health Insurance Amendment (Bonded Medical Programs Reform) Bill 2019, passed Parliament on Wed, delivering an overhaul of the Bonded Medical Places (BMP) and Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) programs which had previously "failed to make meaningful progress towards addressing workforce shortages in rural areas and other underserved communities," Bartone said.

The new arrangements offer greater flexibility and certainty, along with less red tape, he added.

MedAdvisor expands into Malaysia

AS MANY as two million patients in Malaysia will be able to access MedAdvisor medication adherence programs, after the company's ZP MedAdvisor joint venture with Zuellig Pharma signed a deal with Klinify which provides the software used by most doctors in the country.

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