

## Barrister backs Guild in College fight

**MEMBERS** of the Australian Pharmacy College will not be asked to participate in a postal vote to approve a move to bring it under the management of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland Branch.

In a statement released yesterday, College President, Chris Owen, said the result of a vote on the matter at a meeting last month (*PD* 21 Jan) would stand, despite several requests from members that it be put to a postal ballot.

“The overwhelming result of the meeting of members held on 20 Jan, where a Special Resolution to change the company type was passed by a super majority of over 79% of votes, clearly demonstrates that members want the College to get on with the job of providing excellent pharmacy education,” he said.

“Surprisingly, the demand was made by some members who had previously strongly objected to the College holding a postal vote on the resolution.



“It saddens me greatly that a very small group of members and certain external organisations would so willingly and blatantly seek to undermine the College.

“The Board has been resolute in ensuring the College has a bright future, with solid financials and the opportunity to provide excellent pharmacy education.

“Given these circumstances, the College Board sought legal advice on the matter.

“The Board has received comprehensive legal advice from an

independent barrister concluding that the College is entitled to reject the demand for a postal poll as it would be inconsistent with requirements prescribed in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) which require passage of a resolution at a meeting on certain matters.”

Owen, who is also a member of the Queensland Guild branch committee, said the College would continue as a standalone entity, while providing an expanded range of services, under the Guild’s management.

Today’s issue of *PD*

*Pharmacy Daily* today has two pages of news.

### Bushfire focus

**DELEGATES** at next month’s Australian Pharmacy Profession Conference and Trade Exhibition (APP) will be given an insight into how pharmacists on the frontline of this year’s horrific bushfire crisis supported their communities.

Capital Chemists Group’s Andrew Topp and Danielle Campbell will share their experiences of how they managed to maintain pharmacy services and care for patients throughout the disaster.

### ACF liquidation threatens pharmacy

**THE** potential closure of a regional Victorian aged care facility (ACF) is putting the future of local health services, including a community pharmacy at risk, a state MP believes.

Speaking in the Victorian Legislative Council, Liberal Party MP, Wendy Lovell, raised concerns about the future of

pharmacy and medical services in Murchison, in the state’s north, after the Murchison Community Care facility went into liquidation late last year.


Lovell called on the State Government to “urgently intervene” to ensure “these vital community services continue long into the future”.

### Bus Plan Comp

**PHARMACY** students from New Zealand will attempt to take the Pharmacy Guild of Australia’s National Student Business Plan title across the ditch for a third year in a row, following the competition’s launch at the National Australian Pharmacy Students’ Association Congress in Jan.

The 2020 edition of the competition will continue to focus on innovation to ensure that future pharmacy owners are prepared to identify new services they can deliver in the community sector.

The competition is open to all students studying pharmacy in Australia and New Zealand and will provide \$15,000 in cash prizes to the finalists (top three teams) in addition to registration, flights and accommodation to attend the Guild’s 2020 Pharmacy Connect conference.



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