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## Intern exams slump 60%

THE disruption of COVID-19 this year saw just 640 pharmacy interns attempt examinations supervised by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) in 2019/20, a drop of almost 60% compared to the 1,490 exams over the previous 12 month period.

The decline was confirmed in the APC Annual report released yesterday, which also noted a 44% drop in the number of exam attempts for the Knowledge Assessment of Pharmaceutical Sciences (KAPS) to just 417.

The Council said it had been forced to cancel scheduled exams for Apr-Jun due to the pandemic, including the largest session, the Intern Written Exam in Jun.

That in turn led to a significant decline in exam fee income for the APC, with the organisation finishing the 2019/20 financial year with a \$160,000 surplus, largely due to the Government's stimulus packages.

However the decreased income was offset by lower expenses, including travel for the Board, Committees and staff, as well as several postponed activities including the APC Colloquium.

"Despite the uncertainty and challenges of 2020, APC remains in a strong financial position due to

careful financial management...our organisation remains committed to advancing and assuring pharmacy education through quality services and collaborations," the report said.

The APC, which works in close partnership with the Pharmacy Board of Australia, has also pivoted to deliver its examinations in ways that keep everyone safe, and has been able to fast-track overseas trained pharmacists to "get them on the front line," according to the Council's CEO Bronwyn Clark.

Key achievements of the year included working hand in hand with the Pharmacy Board to develop the Intern Year Blueprint, as well as to ensure that this year's Australian pharmacy interns are not disadvantaged during a year of disruption, Clark added.

The recent Oct Intern Written Exam was delivered in collaboration with Pearson VUE, while the next session will take place on 06 Dec both online and in test centres.

### Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages packed with news, plus a full page from TerryWhite Chemmart.

## CHP Australia Industry Update

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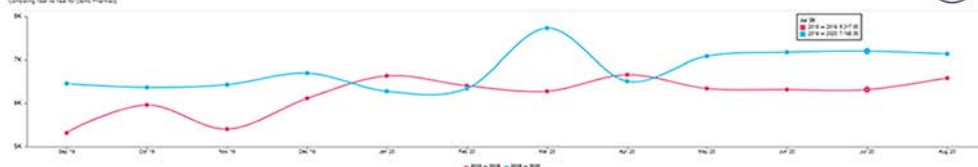


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## AFT seals cannabis deal

AFT Pharmaceuticals today announced a new agreement with New Zealand-based cannabis producer Setek, which will see the provision of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) quality pharmaceutical-grade medicinal cannabis ingredients to AFT.

The pact envisages AFT selling medicinal cannabis products into selected markets starting with Australia and New Zealand, and builds on a Memorandum of Understanding from Oct last year which has seen the companies work together on the research, development and commercialisation of medicinal cannabis products.

"We are delighted to further advance our working relationship with Setek to bring medicinal cannabis products to market," said AFT MD Hartley Atkinson.

"Setek's international relationships and its understanding of medicinal cannabis markets both in New Zealand and offshore make it an ideal partner for AFT."

Atkinson said his company had carefully studied the market in Australia and NZ and the required

strategies to commercialise a new set of medicinal cannabis products.

"This research has strengthened our view that these are a natural extension to the AFT product portfolio...they have the potential to benefit from our extensive distribution networks and to further strengthen AFT's proposition with healthcare providers," he said.

AFT did not reveal when it plans to begin marketing its new medicinal cannabis products.

**MEANWHILE** AFT yesterday also announced the signing of exclusive Maxigesic IV distribution and supply agreements for the UK and Hong Kong, with the company targeting sales of the medicine in both new territories in 2022.

The UK agreement is with a company called Kensington Pharma, while in Hong Kong the deal adds Maxigesic IV to the existing distribution agreement with DKSH which has also successfully launched Maxigesic tablets in the local market.

Maxigesic IV regulatory approval in the UK is expected late in 2021, while in Hong Kong approval is expected in the second half of 2022.

## Australia's PATY winner



**BENJAMIN** King from Alice Springs Pharmacy in the Northern Territory was yesterday named as Australia's outstanding pharmacy assistant of 2020, taking out the national gong in the Pharmacy Guild of Australia/Maxigesic Pharmacy Assistant of the Year (PATY) Award.

King was selected from more than 460 pharmacy assistants across the country, who were whittled down to eight state winners leading up to a virtual

national judging day on Fri.

The judges hailed his positive attitude and commitment to ongoing training and development, with King taking home more than \$10,000 in prizes including cash, a training package and educational opportunities.

Amber Greenwood from South Australia was also recognised for outstanding customer service, being named the National Glucojel Super Star Award winner.

## Target mask fine

**WESFARMERS-OWNED** department store Target Australia has been issued with a \$13,230 infringement notice for the alleged importation of surgical face masks not on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG).

The Therapeutic Goods Administration said the company had breached a condition of the legislation allowing supply of face masks by importing masks that were not, at the time of the importation, included in the ARTG and were not being imported for supply to the National Medical Stockpile.

Any mask for the prevention of disease transmission is classed as a medical device and must be listed on the ARTG.

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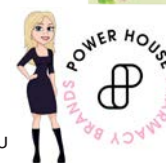
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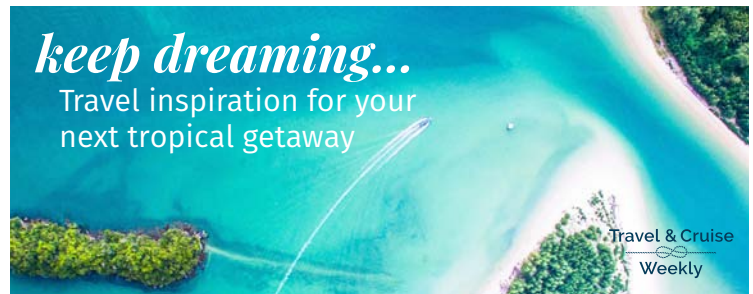
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## Guild blasts PSA

**THE** Pharmacy Guild has accused the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) of being “un-becoming and totally unprofessional,” over PSA claims to have influenced the Queensland Government to help design and implement a trial of pharmacists practising to their full scope in North Queensland.

Qld Guild Branch President Gerard Benedet noted that PSA Qld Branch President Shane MacDonald had been elected to his role in Jun 2020, by which stage the Guild had already spoken to senior Government ministers about the trial, as well as briefing regional health officials and the Head of the Premier’s Department.

“It’s simply not good enough to claim the work of others as your own...it falls well short of the professional standards that community pharmacists practice on a daily basis and the trust the public has in pharmacists,” Benedet fumed.

He said Guild members deeply value the advocacy work their membership fees pay for, and “don’t expect others to claim credit for something they had nothing to do with”.

## Corum secretary

**CORUM** Group Limited yesterday announced the appointment of Eryl Baron as its new Company Secretary.

Baron has taken up her new role effective immediately, replacing Julian Rockett who has been Corum’s Company Secretary since 31 Aug 2020.

## Blooms mental health move

**BLOOMS** The Chemist has partnered with Gidget Foundation Australia to help support people who are facing the challenges of new parenthood and may be experiencing perinatal depression and anxiety.

The charity group runs a range of programs for expectant and new parents, with the Blooms network undertaking initiatives such as Bun in the Oven fundraisers, hosting Perinatal Resource Hubs and exclusively offering Bunny Bounces Back, the latest in the Gidget Foundation’s Bunny Books series (pictured) for sale in store.

The partnership has been announced in the lead-up to Perinatal Depression and Anxiety Week which kicks off next Sun, with the Foundation saying almost 100,000 Australians experience perinatal depression each year - many of whom do not seek support.

“Blooms The Chemist’s purpose is to connect with our local communities, at the core of what matters to them most,” said Pamela Bishop, the group’s Chief Marketing



Officer, who said perinatal depression and anxiety affects not just the parent but the broader family and community.

“The work Gidget Foundation Australia does nationally to support tens of thousands of Australian families living with this condition, which is largely not spoken about, is life-changing and we are proud to support their efforts,” she said.

The Blooms The Chemist network currently comprises 102 pharmacies in NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

For more information see [gidgetfoundation.org.au](http://gidgetfoundation.org.au).



**MINOXIDIL** may be the answer for a 29-year-old man in India who has been summoned to court for not revealing to his new bride that he was bald.

Legal papers were formally registered in Mumbai this week, with the complaint confirming that the woman was “shocked to learn that her husband had been wearing a wig” in the lead-up to their arranged marriage last month.

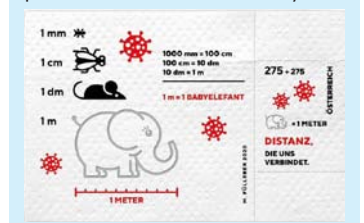
She claims that she would have rejected the proposal, had she known about the man’s desert-head.

The woman also confronted her new nude-nut’s in-laws, who have been charged with breach of trust and deceptive conduct.

**2020** has been quite a crappy year, and the Austrian postal service has decided to commemorate some of the most noteworthy elements of COVID-19 by printing new stamps on toilet paper.

The three-ply stamp (pictured) also features some instructional graphics, including an image of a baby elephant whose one-metre length has been used in Austria as a reminder of recommended social distancing.

A total of 300,000 of the Corona stamps were released last Fri, with some of the proceeds donated to charity.



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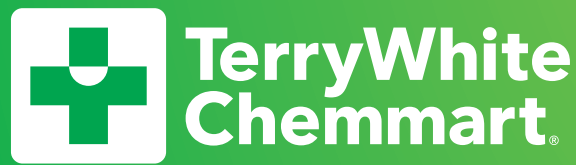


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