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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from Silverline Medical.

## e-Cig decision deferred: TGA

**MOVES** to restrict access to vaporised nicotine products have been put on hold, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) announced yesterday.

In a statement the TGA said the proposal had been designed to prevent people taking up smoking and to support those trying to quit.

However, it said "pending the final outcome [of the decision to amend the current Poisons Standard in relation to nicotine] it has been decided to defer the proposed restriction".

"To proceed, at the present time, with such an amendment, would unnecessarily pre-empt any further deliberations the Delegate is required by the therapeutic goods regulatory scheme to take in reaching a final decision."

## PSA backs RC recommendations

**RECOMMENDATIONS** made by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Royal Commission, that include embedding pharmacists in all facilities across the country, are being welcomed by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

Responding to the recommendations, PSA National President, Associate Professor Chris Freeman, said pharmacists were critical to ensuring the safe and effective use of medicines in aged care settings.

"PSA is pleased counsel assisting has adopted our recommendation for pharmacists to have a greater role in aged care and be embedded in these environments," he said.

"We maintain pharmacists need to be able to spend more time on the ground in aged care, to be able to protect residents when it comes to the safe and effective use of medicines.

"The Aged Care Quality and Safety Royal Commission in its interim report has already recognised the urgent need to address the critical medicine safety failures in aged care.

"If adopted, these recommendations would provide



real hope that our older and vulnerable Australians will receive safer care."

Freeman said proposed benchmarking and public reporting of quality indicators should include data on medicines safety - noting such measures do not currently exist.

"The public reporting and measurement of this data is necessary to improve medicine safety," he said.

"We know that when pharmacists spend more time on the ground in aged care they can make a meaningful difference to how medicines are prescribed and administered to improve safety for all residents over time."

Freeman urged the Commission to adopt the recommendation to establish an aged care workforce planning division and an aged care workforce fund.

"PSA supports a staffing ratio of at least 0.5 full-time equivalent pharmacists per 100 residents," he said.

"This will ensure that pharmacists have the time to properly address medication management issues within the aged care environment."

The PSA also welcomed the proposed establishment of a dedicated research council to conduct research into effective programs to improve the use of medicines in aged care.


## Time to regulate recreational drugs

**THE** war on drugs has failed and it's time to regulate the sale of recreational stimulants through "pharmacy-like" outlets, run by pharmacists, a British think tank believes.

Under a proposal made by policy reform group, Transform, specially-trained pharmacists would be able to dispense narcotics including cocaine, amphetamines and MDMA.

"Regulated pharmacy sales would allow retail to be governed by strict regulatory legislation and a clearly defined quality assurance infrastructure," the group said.

"In this model suppliers could take into account restrictions according to buyer age, level of intoxication, quantity requested, or case-specific concerns relating to potential misuse."



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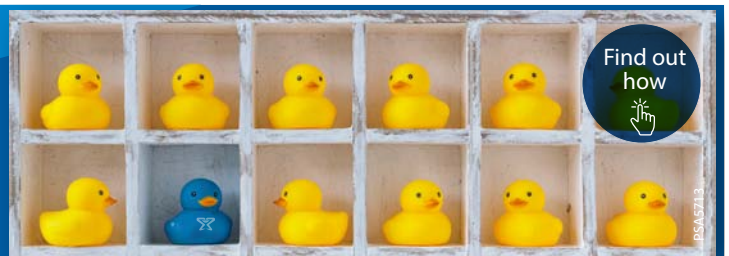


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## Dispensary Corner

**CARTIER** watches may be the latest faux pas by Australia Post CEO, Christine Holgate, but it certainly isn't the first.

Holgate is in the headlines this week over alleged management largesse at Australia Post during a Parliamentary hearing which found \$3,000 timepieces had been given as staff rewards.

Way back in 2011 when she was CEO of Blackmores, off the cuff comments by Holgate sank a promising partnership between the company and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia on a range of "companion" supplements for patients.

At the launch of the range, Holgate told reporters that pharmacists could provide "the coke and fries" with prescription medications, creating "a new and important revenue stream".

Within days plans to roll out the supplements were scrapped, while Holgate claimed the comment had been taken out of context.

She later conceded that the "coke and fries" reference was "highly unfortunate".

However it certainly didn't damage her sense for the finer things, with Holgate sporting her own \$48,000 Bulgari watch on her wrist during the hearings.

## Authorities must stand by pharmacy

**PHARMACY** group, Pharmacy4Less is calling on State authorities to provide greater support and protection to frontline health workers after a violent incident at one of its late night stores on Mon night (**PD** 21 Oct).

In a post on LinkedIn Pharmacy4Less CEO, Feras Karem, said it was "not acceptable" for patients to lash out at pharmacy staff, following the attack at the group's Auburn, NSW, store.

"Late night pharmacy is a healthcare point of call and our dedicated team (pharmacists and assistants) must be supported and protected," he said.

"These pharmacies support

general practice and hospitals reducing visits to accident and emergency wards across the country.

"The incident that happened in Auburn this week is not acceptable albeit the minority as most Australians appreciate the work and dedication of community pharmacy."

In another post on the social media platform the group's management urged authorities to take action to stop such behaviour.

"The team at Pharmacy4Less Auburn have committed to serving their local community until midnight, 365 days per year," the post said.



"Authorities must stand up and provide their support for the invaluable service delivered by pharmacists and healthcare professionals working in the frontline, ensuring all Australian's have access to healthcare services when they are needed most."

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**PHARMACISTS** have been pushed to their limits in 2020, with the Pharmacy Support Services (PSS) seeing a rise in calls throughout the year.

To support the service, **Pharmacy Daily** Editor, Nick O'Donoghue, and **Australian Journal of Pharmacy** Editor, Chris Brooker, will be going head-to-head in a Mo Foe Movember challenge to raise funds for PSS.

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