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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from TerryWhite Chemmart.

Armed pharmacy bandit arrested

QUEENSLAND Police have arrested a 25-year-old man suspected of robbing an Ipswich pharmacy on Sun night.

Staff at the Goodna Day and Night Pharmacy were threatened by a syringe wielding masked bandit.

The thief is alleged to have stolen a quantity of drugs before fleeing the scene.

The suspect was arrested a short time later and charged on two counts of armed robbery, and possessing dangerous drugs.

Staff were reportedly shaken by the incident.

Ex Senator warned over drug push

FORMER Federal Senator, David Leyonhjelm, has been warned he could face criminal and civil charges relating to claims made online about the use of ivermectin to prevent or treat COVID-19.

In a direction about advertisements issued by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) on Fri, the ex-Liberal Democratic Party Senator was ordered to "cease all advertising of therapeutic goods containing the active ingredient ivermectin, including but not limited to advertising on your profile on the Twitter website..." and to "cease making claims or representations in advertisements for any therapeutic goods that those goods have any effect on COVID-19 (including that said therapeutic goods are capable of preventing, treating or alleviating COVID-19)".

Leyonhjelm was ordered to comply with the direction by midday on Sat 06 Feb, and to email evidence to the TGA by that time.

The TGA direction noted that on 02 Feb, Leyonhjelm had posted, "in several countries, ivermectin is being used to treat COVID. For those who want some, this horse product is probably the most economical source. Enough to treat the street too", to his Twitter account accompanied by a picture of the veterinary medicine.

A subsequent investigation by the TGA found the post contravened the *Therapeutic Goods Act*.

A delegate of the Department of Health Secretary, sent a letter on 04 Feb to Leyonhjelm requesting that he remove the post, and warning the TGA could take enforcement action if he failed to comply.

The letter was followed up by a phone call from the Advertising Compliance and Investigations Assistant Director on 05 Feb requesting the immediate removal of the post.

Leyonhjelm requested to have the letter re-sent, which promoted him to post, "the TGA (following



a complaint from some snivelling toad) has written to say I'm promoting the human use of an animal product. Promoting? Which part of 'for those who want some' did they miss? Also, every horse owner in the country knows this", alongside the original post.

Leyonhjelm appears to have removed the posts from his Twitter account.

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Dispensary Corner

THE coronavirus pandemic has had widespread effects across the global economy - and a new survey conducted in Ireland has confirmed it's also having a major impact on personal hygiene.

The poll conducted on behalf of *RTE News* has found a significant decline in the sale of a range of products normally considered to be vital for the normal functioning of polite society, including soap, shampoo, razor blades and antiperspirants for men.

Also down are sales of cosmetics, hairspray and lipstick - but Irish women appear to still be pampering themselves, with luxury bathing products surging to record levels of demand.

A potential obesity crisis also looks to be in the offing, with the figures indicating a surge in junk food and snack consumption, including a major bump in demand for chips and a 40% increase in sales of ice cream - despite Ireland's current wintry weather conditions.

Home baking of comfort food is also popular, with sales of flour double the levels in 2019.

And understandably the pandemic has taken its toll on mental health, with a 30% increase in prescriptions for depression, anxiety and insomnia.

The news about the demand for some personal hygiene products has seen *Pharmacy Daily's* resident Irishman raise significant concerns about the availability of his favourite self-tanning lotion.

Plan for the future crisis

GOVERNING bodies and professional agencies should come together to provide a forum for community pharmacists to safely discuss the emotional and social challenges they faced during 2020's bushfire and COVID-19 crises, researchers believe.

The authors of a paper published in the *International Journal of Pharmacy Practice* reported that "despite a global pandemic following a season of extraordinary bushfires, it has barely been acknowledged that community pharmacy staff are one of the highest risk groups for long-term psychological impacts".

They noted that Australian pharmacists had to adjust to rapid

changes in their workload and workflow throughout the crises, which they reported "can result in increased anxiety and stress".

The authors said there was a need to implement change and train primary care staff to ensure that "regardless of their setting all frontline health workers will not be caught out again".

"Pharmacy staff are essential workers and it is important to ensure that they maintain their mental health and wellbeing so that they can continue their vital role as the medication experts and provide essential professional services to their communities," they said.

CLICK HERE to read the paper.

APP super early bird rego extended

PHARMACISTS planning to attend this year's Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP) will be able to access super early bird registration rates until 22 Feb.

APP Chair and former Pharmacy Guild of Australia National President, Kos Sclavos, announced a two-week

extension of the super early bird special offer.

The event is scheduled to take place from 20 to 23 May at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, with Sclavos confirming registration includes flexible terms and conditions which provide a 100% refund in the event of border closures.

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Pharmacy Guild Update

Business Plan Competition

THE 14th National Student Business Plan Competition is now underway – testing the flair and entrepreneurship of students preparing for a career in community pharmacy.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's 2021 competition was launched during the Annual NAPSA Congress; this year presented in a virtual format due to COVID-19.

The Guild hosted the "Where are they now?" panel session, which highlighted the career journeys of four previous winners of the competition.

Each of the panellists praised the competition for providing them with the networking opportunities, knowledge and insight to grow their business acumen and develop their pharmacy management skills.

Each of the past winners has enjoyed career opportunities across Australia. From the beaches of the Whitsundays to the paddocks of rural Victoria, the competition winners are driving local health outcomes and achieving their management and ownership goals.

The competition, which commenced in 2006, has been designed to encourage innovation among pharmacy students who will be the future owners of Australian and New Zealand community pharmacies.

The competition guidelines and [webpage](#) were also launched at the congress.

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