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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of news, plus a full page from Flo.

ScoMo steps in

PRIME Minister Scott Morrison is now also Australia's acting Health Minister, after Greg Hunt was yesterday hospitalised due to an infection on his leg.

According to a statement released today, Hunt's condition is improving and he expects to be discharged shortly and back at work next week.

Go with the Flo

FLO is today highlighting its gentle, preservative-free saline solution for blocked or runny noses, including the product's easy-to-use spray or dropper - details on the **last page**.

Guild Councillor pay reveal

PUBLIC disclosures to the Government's Registered Organisations Commission have revealed payments to Pharmacy Guild of Australia office bearers, including a total of more than \$1 million received by five members of the Guild's National Council.

The figures, which were initially highlighted in *The Australian*, include 2019/20 remuneration of \$394,720 for National President George Tambassis, along with a further \$11,716 in non-cash benefits including conference attendance costs for his spouse, vehicle tolls, car wash charges and in-room movies.

Trent Twomey was paid \$222,261 during the year for his role as Guild National Vice President, along with a further \$150,585 for his position as Queensland Branch President.

Other National Vice Presidents on the top five list included John Dowling who received \$218,009 from head office, plus a further \$32,428 from the Tasmanian

Branch; Nick Panayiaris with National Councillor income of \$174,498 along with \$79,733 for his role as SA Branch President; and NT Branch President Terry Battalis, with \$51,105 from his national role but nothing from the NT position.

Similar disclosures were made for each individual state and territory branch, including Vic Branch President Anthony Tassone, paid \$167,070 along with Committee colleagues Angelo Pricolo at \$50,330 and Paul Krassasris who was paid \$45,960.

Recently re-elected NSW Branch President David Heffernan was paid \$158,883 for the period 19 Oct 2019-30 Jun 2020, the returns reveal, while ACT Branch President Simon Blacker received remuneration of \$35,383 and WA Branch President Andrew Ngeow was paid \$115,463.

The documents also detail the Guild's finances, with total income of \$37.6 million and a \$1 million deficit for the 12 months to 30 Jun.

Vax on message

THE Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Pharmacy Board of Australia have reminded registered health practitioners and students of their expectations around giving, receiving and advising on and sharing information about COVID-19 vaccines.

In particular "there is no place for anti-vaccination messages in professional health practice, and any promotion of anti-vaccination claims including on social media, and advertising, may be subject to regulatory action," said Pharmacy Board Chair, Brett Simmonds.

"National Boards support the vaccine program and encourage all registered health practitioners to get vaccinated against medically contraindicated," he said.

The full vaccination statement is at ahpra.gov.au.

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PBS payment dates over Easter

SERVICES Australia has advised the pharmacy sector of revised payment dates for PBS Online claims over the upcoming Easter period.

Claims lodged from 25 Mar-31 Mar 2021 will be paid early, on Thu 01 Apr 2021, while claims lodged from 01-07 Apr 2021 will be paid as normal on Fri 09 Apr 2021.

Win an Evolt 360 package

This week Pharmacy Daily & Evolt are giving away an Evolt 360 Body Composition package valued at \$2500 - a high tech body composition platform that is proven to increase profitability, drive foot traffic, whilst engaging with the local community and establishing brand loyalty. To learn more click [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to enter & to see last weeks winner.

How would you use the Evolt 360 scanner in store to increase sales?



Sigma brands commit to COVAX

PHARMACEUTICAL wholesaler, Sigma Healthcare, is providing exclusive vaccination training to boost the number of pharmacist immunisers across its Amcal, Guardian and Discount Drug Store brands, ahead of the national COVID-19 vaccine (COVAX) rollout.

The company reported that the majority of Sigma-aligned pharmacies had participated in the formal expression of interest process ahead of Phase 2 of the Government's COVAX campaign.

Sigma's Chief Pharmacist, Brinley Hosking, said the wholesaler was focused on serving its pharmacy brands, so pharmacists on the frontline are prepared to meet the anticipated high demand for immunisation services.

"Right now, we know there is robust industry discussion playing out on how the rollout will be delivered and while we remain close and active in these conversations, planning and preparation is critical, so we are doing all that we can now to set up our teams for success," she said.

"Our intention remains the same - to enable our pharmacies to deliver the vaccine safely, efficiently and easily.



"To that end, our customer survey revealed most of our partners intend to offer the vaccine as part of the Phase 2 rollout, so we are bulk-sourcing a range of items that our pharmacies may require in preparation for the surging customer demand we expect to see throughout this year.

"These items include vaccine fridges, sharps disposal bins, defibrillators and PPE items.

"In addition, we're offering additional vaccination training opportunities for our pharmacy teams so we can support those on

the frontline.

"This includes the rollout of Sigma-exclusive vaccination training sessions for our pharmacies who want to train up more pharmacists.

"This will enable more pharmacists to administer a variety of vaccines, including influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, so our customers can ensure their teams are ready to administer vaccinations as soon as possible and we can increase accessibility of vaccines for patients across our strong national footprint."

Pharmacist fired

A PHARMACIST in the USA has lost her job after taking COVID-19 vaccines home and administering them to her family, according to a report in the *Chicago Tribune*.

The Illinois Dept of Health confirmed Pfizer vaccine was diverted from a local hospital in Dec, with the jabs pooled in vials to draw more vaccine than the mandated six doses.



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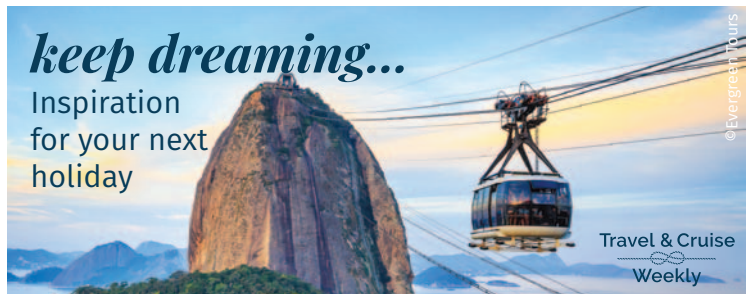


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Emergency Locum Service tender

HEALTH and human services consultancy Australian Healthcare Associates is conducting a tender process related to the operation of the Emergency Locum Service, on behalf of the Pharmacy Programs Administrator.

The program, funded under the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) signed last Jun (PD 12 Jun 2020), has been designed to provide support to pharmacy owners in rural and remote areas through direct access to locum services in emergency situations.

The service aims to place a locum in any location in Australia within 24 hours of being requested, for up to seven days.

The successful provider will receive an initial contract to run the service for two years, with two optional one-year extensions.

The existing Emergency Locum Service is currently run by Sue Muller's LocumCo, which has

managed it since the program was first launched in Feb 2002.

The service provides up to \$2,500 (GST exclusive) to fund the travel costs of pharmacist locums to attend a rural or remote pharmacy.

The Emergency Locum Service is only available to rural pharmacy owners in true emergencies including the death of a pharmacist, spouse or family member, or personal emergencies such as a sickness or accident.

Suitable suppliers are invited to submit responses to a Request for

Quotation (RFQ).

The successful provider will be required to provide an audited end-of-year financial report, administration budgets, a communications and promotions timetable, and a project plan detailing any updates to the operations of the selected supplier on an annual basis.

Suppliers will be required to submit tenders by 5pm AEDT on 31 Mar to ppa@ppaonline.com.au.

For more details see the tender documents at ppaonline.com.au.



HealthEngine vax booking

THE Federal Department of Health has confirmed the selection of HealthEngine to create a COVID-19 Vaccination Information and Booking Service, underpinning the national rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The fast-tracked platform will roll out in the coming weeks, allowing patients to locate and book appointments with designated vaccine clinics via the HealthDirect National Health Services Directory.

Approved health service providers participating in the inoculation program will be featured in the platform, including pharmacies, GP surgeries and state-run clinics.

The HealthEngine solution will help clinics "get online" quickly for COVID vaccinations where they don't already have an online booking system.

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Dispensary Corner

WHAT started out as a way to make running a little more amusing has transformed into a men's health fundraiser.

Having taken a journey from couch potato to regularly clocking 5km, Adam Linsell, was looking for a cheap chuckle creating "junk runs", mapping out routes that resembled a penis, and sharing them with his friends.

However, the "penis runs" took on a life of their own when one run was posted on Twitter and the Junk Run Movement was born, raising awareness and funds for five major British men's health organisations - Oddballs, Testicular Cancer UK, CALM, The Mankind Initiative and Future Men.

Looking to encourage other runners to take part, Linsell said, "make your friends laugh with amusing map routes that help others in need, supporting research or working with mental health", and posting them on social media with #JunkRun.

"The idea is to run your own personally mapped out route and challenge your friends to do one better whilst raising money for your chosen charity," he said.

Having witnessed **Pharmacy Daily** Editor, Nick O'Donoghue, embracing mo-growth last Nov to raise funds for the Pharmacists' Support Service, Dispensary Corner wonders if he'll now latch onto this idea, lace up his shoes and run Bowl of Hygieia-shaped routes this year?

CLICK HERE to find out more about the #JunkRun campaign.

NEW PRODUCTS

Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Introducing Regenova, hair regrowth treatment

Arrotex Pharmaceuticals have announced the addition of hair regrowth treatment, Regenova, to its growing consumer brands portfolio. Containing Minoxidil 5% w/v, Regenova is formulated for the treatment of hereditary hair loss in both men and women and will be sold exclusively through community pharmacies around Australia.

Regenova provides Australians with an affordable, Australian-made treatment that could address the common problem of hereditary hair loss.

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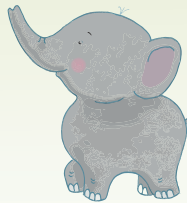


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