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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, a full front page from **Bioceuticals** plus a full page from **Sigma Healthcare**.

Immune support

BIOCEUTICALS ArmaForce immune system support range now includes products that help protect, relieve and recover from illness.

See **cover page** for more.

Tackling anaemia

SIGMA Healthcare's Ferrosig + C Modified Release supplements can help prevent and treat iron deficiency and relieve fatigue.

See **page four** for more.

Guild Director to run for Eden-Monaro

NEWLY appointed Pharmacy Guild of Australia Director of Government and Public Relations, Dr Jerry Nockles, is to contest the Bellwether seat of Eden-Monaro in the upcoming Federal Election.

Nockles was confirmed as the Liberal Party's candidate for the "ultra marginal seat" on Sat, after a court ruled that a committee led by Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, NSW Premier, Dominic Perrottet, and party President, Christine



McDiven, could select candidates.

Nockles previously served as chief-of-staff for former Eden-Monaro MP, Peter Hendy, and as head of office for Senator Jim Molan between Jan 2018 and Jul 2019.

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More pharmacists than ever before

PHARMACIST registration numbers are continuing to climb, despite concerns about a workforce shortage, the latest Pharmacy Board of Australia data reveals.

A total of 35,940 pharmacists were registered with the Board as of 31 Dec 2021, up by 228 on the Sep 2021 figures, while the number of pharmacists with general registration increased by 297 to 33,322 in the same period.

The Board's data showed a marginal decline in the number of pharmacists aged 25 to 34 years holding general registration, however, the latest figures revealed general registrants aged 35 to 39 (5,999) and 40 to 44 (4,080) are at record levels.

The number of pharmacists holding non-practising registration has reached its highest level since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, at 1,223 up from 967 in the previous

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quarter, however, just short of the 1,274 recorded in Mar 2020.

Registration numbers among pharmacists aged over 80 years has hit a high of 301, with 242 of that cohort holding general registration, and 59 having non-practising registration.

The number of pharmacists on the pandemic sub-register has fallen from a high of 2,228 in Sep 2021 to 1,950, with practitioners in this category having until tomorrow 05 Apr to opt in to extend their registration until 21 Sep, or apply to transition to the main register.

Practitioners on the sub-register who do not contact the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency to extend their registration will no longer be registered from 06 Apr.

Speaking at last month's Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference, Pharmacy Guild of



Australia National President, Trent Twomey, noted that while "there might be more head count than ever before, there's not more full-time equivalents" in the pharmacy sector (**PD 28 Mar**).

He added that there were a variety of factors influencing current workforce shortages, but noted that pharmacy was not alone in experiencing these issues.

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References: 1. Resolve Plus Product Information. Date of Most Recent Amendment 26 October 2018. 2. Van Cutsum JM, Thijsport D. Miconazole, a broad-spectrum antimycotic agent with antibacterial activity. Chemotherapy 1972;17:392-404.

Resolve Plus



Qld cabinet to green-light NQPSPP

PHARMACISTS are reportedly winning the battle to gain the endorsement of the Queensland Government to authorise the North Queensland Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot (NQPSPP), *News Corp* columnist, Peter Gleeson, says.

Writing in *The Courier-Mail*, Gleeson said reports from the State Parliament suggested the Palaszczuk Government will endorse the trial giving pharmacists in the state's north the power to prescribe medications for a number of minor ailments.

"Pharmacists argue they should be able to prescribe medication over the counter for non-life threatening conditions such as urinary tract infections and flu-type symptoms," Gleeson said.

"They argue it takes pressure off the hospital system and GPs, who are run off their feet with more serious medical presentations.

"The doctors don't want a bar



of it, saying pharmacists are not qualified to be offering medical advice, other than rudimentary information."

Under the pilot's protocols pharmacists will be required to undertake 12 to 16 months of additional education to qualify to prescribe treatments for minor ailments.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland Branch President, Chris Owen, said there was strong

support within the community in North Queensland for the trial (*PD* 23 Mar).

"The need for community pharmacists to work towards their full scope of practice is well understood in the community," Owen said.

"This is reflected by commitments made by both of the major political parties at the 2020 state election to support community pharmacy's scope of practice."

MS treatment

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved Vumerity (diroximel fumarate) for patients with relapsing multiple sclerosis, to reduce the frequency of relapses.

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Bronze gong for Glucoboost

NOVA Pharmaceuticals' Glucoboost has claimed a bronze gong at the 2021 Shop! ANZ Retail Marketing Awards.

The jellybean brand was entered in the Health and Beauty - Temporary display, sales promotion and environmental stewardship award category.

Accepting the award the firm thanked pharmacies for their support of Glucoboost.

Blooms scoops Kind Leader Awards

FORMER Blooms The Chemist CEO, Phil Smith, and the group's new Chief Operating Officer, Pamela Bishop, have taken home Bambuddha Corporate Kindness Awards.

Smith was named as the 2021 Kind CEO of the Year, while Bishop was named as the Game Changer of the Year.

Bishop said that kindness was at the core of the brand's values and purpose.

"Blooms The Chemist supports equitable access to good health

and this sits at the heart of our brand purpose," she said.

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Dispensary Corner

UKRAINIAN pharmacy groups, representing more than 1,200 stores, are launching an appeal to overseas colleagues and European companies to acquire specialist ambulances from around Europe for the war-torn nation's armed forces.

In a statement issued to Interfax-Ukraine, Plantain Pharmacy Network Head of External Communications, Olha Hrechko, said ambulances and medical infrastructure had been "deliberately destroyed" by the Russian military, making "the salvation of the injured impossible".

Pharmacy Network, Podorozhnik, Financial Director, Andriy Matkivskyi, added that the group of pharmacies was "ready to buy" or receive donations of armoured ambulances and resuscitation cars, to support the Ukrainian army as the war continues.

"There is a huge need for medical special vehicles in Ukraine," the group said.

"It is necessary to provide more than 200 cars to the military."



Pharmacist out of coma

SYDNEY-BASED pharmacist, Hans Morkos, who unwittingly drank liquid methylamphetamine disguised as wine (*PD* 18 Feb), remains in a serious condition after emerging out of a coma, the *Daily Telegraph* reports.

The 43-year-old pharmacy owner was placed into a coma upon being taken to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on 31 Jan, after being found on the floor in his HealthSave Pharmacy in Annandale by a female employee.

Having initially opened an investigation into the incident, an NSW Police source told the *Daily Telegraph*, that the case was closed, ruling that "misadventure" caused Morkos to have a "medical episode" when he drank the dangerous substance, taken from a parcel that had been left at the store's collection point.

"We've closed the case, it's a case of misadventure, the man in question drank meth oil believing it was wine," the source said.



"The family are very upset by what has happened, understandably.

"The parcel wasn't meant for him, the drug was an import from abroad and was meth oil."

Morkos's pharmacy has been closed since the incident and placed in administration as the result of a court order due to his medical condition, and not because of any business performance issues.

ACP Japanese Encephalitis webinar

THE Australasian College of Pharmacy (ACP) will host a free webinar focused on mosquito-borne Japanese Encephalitis virus (JEV) tomorrow night.

ACP President, Michelle Bou-Samra, noted that media coverage of the virus has prompted concern amongst the public, with 34 cases being reported in Australia in Mar, with three patients dying from it.

"Pharmacists, particularly in Victoria, NSW, South Australia and Queensland may continue to see concerned patients presenting at their pharmacy

with questions," she said.

"I invite the pharmacy industry to attend the College's JEV webinar to hear from Associate Professor Philip Britton, a RACP Cottrell Research Establishment Fellow and Associate Professor, Child and Adolescent Health at Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney.

"Associate Professor Britton will bring pharmacists up-to-date on JEV symptoms, patient risk, and vaccinations."

CLICK HERE to register, using the complimentary code **ACPCOMP**.



Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Elise Wheadon, Wizard Pharmacy Franchisee and 2022 Pharmacy of the Year Finalist.**



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