



Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news.

Vale Alistair Lloyd

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia is saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Alistair Lloyd AO FRD ED FPS.

Lloyd has had a significant impact on pharmacy education and practice in Australia, through his leadership roles within the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria, the Victorian College of Pharmacy, and Monash University.

In 1996, Lloyd was awarded the inaugural Pharmacist of the Year by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia for his contributions to the pharmacy profession.

He was the first to receive what is now an annual award.

Lloyd was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2021.

Senator Ruston to speak at APP2023

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia's National President Trent Twomey has announced that Senator the Hon Anne Ruston Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care (pictured), will present at the Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference and Trade Exhibition (APP2023) on the morning of Thu 23 Mar.

"The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has had a strong and robust working relationship with Senator Ruston over the past year in her role as Shadow Minister.

"We are looking forward to Senator Ruston attending and presenting at APP2023 for the first time and hearing her views on community pharmacists practicing to their full scope and the vital role community pharmacy plays within Australia's primary healthcare system," Twomey said.

Conference Convenor, Kos Sclavos AM welcomed the announcement of Senator Ruston presenting at APP2023 and encourages pharmacists to register now to hear

the pharmacy industry's evolution towards full scope of practice.

"I am delighted Senator Ruston has taken the time during the busy Parliamentary sitting week to address around 6,000 delegates on the Gold Coast and speak to the hard-working community pharmacy professionals.

"She speaks at APP's official opening on 23 Mar," Sclavos said. For full details [CLICK HERE](#).



Latest Raven's Recruitment podcast

RAVEN'S Recruitment has published its Season six, Episode three podcast - with pharmacist Natasha Jovanoska who works in ACT and in rural NSW - on their website, and soon on all the usual podcast platforms.

Jovanoska is known as one half of the 'singing pharmacist', and is always willing to give anything a go with a smile.

She's done postgraduate study in wound care and dermatology,

is a Heart Foundation Health Professional Ambassador, an AHPRA Oral Examiner, PSA ACT Early Career Pharmacist Working Group member and an intern preceptor.

She is also on the University of Canberra's Course Advisory Group and most recently was responsible for the involvement of the Capital Chemist Group at the 2023 NAPSA Congress.

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Dispensary Corner

IN A horrific story of terrible healthcare, a German care worker has confessed to giving elderly patients drugs to keep them quiet so that he could sleep off his hangovers.

The man, who also allegedly falsely purported to have nursing qualifications, is facing charges of murder and attempted murder, after two of those in his care died, while six others survived after being successfully resuscitated.

Prosecutors allege that the 26-year-old secretly gave blood thinners, adrenalin or sedatives to elderly patients after they came out of surgery.

At a hearing this week he confessed to often drinking alcohol before shifts at Munich's Rechts der Isar teaching hospital.

"As I was inebriated, there was only one option for me: to sedate them.

"I am deeply sorry," he said, adding that he had not intended to kill anyone.

The alleged offender admitted to doing as little as possible during his shifts, only sitting patients up before doctors made their rounds, while turning those in wheelchairs towards the wall so they were calmer and didn't try to engage him in conversation.

No patient fee increases

QUEENSLAND patients should not see fee increases at GP visits, says the Pharmacy Guild, following the end of the payroll tax stoush (PD 27 Jan).

The Guild's Queensland branch President, Chris Owen (pictured), said: "We welcome the decision made on 08 Feb by the Treasurer, Cameron Dick, ending the GPs ongoing threat of increasing patient fees due to Queensland's payroll tax law.

"The government's decision to implement a payroll tax holiday will mean most of the tax savings will go to large corporate medical practices, not your smaller, local general practitioners.

"The Guild has long supported a model of care where practitioners own practices not large corporate



interests," Owen added.

"We are pleased the government has not wavered and changed the payroll tax laws but allowed time for GPs to comply.

"We look forward to seeing no patient fee increases until mid-2025.

"This solution maintains a level playing field for the many hard-working professionals, like dentists, physios, chiropractors and community pharmacies who are complying with the legislation and paying their fair share," Owen said.

Agilex's new CEO

AGILEX Biolabs, an Australian bioanalytical and toxicology laboratory, continues its global and corporate evolution as part of the Healius network, with Stephen McIntyre now its Chief Executive Officer, reported *BioSpectrum*.

Agilex said McIntyre has a proven record of success in executive leadership, producing transformational expansions and enabling Australian companies to establish and refine their global reach in the pathology and healthcare sectors.

His background working in complex and highly regulated markets, both in Australia and globally, paired with a strong track record for facilitating successful mergers and acquisitions, makes him uniquely qualified to lead Agilex operations, a company spokesperson said.

Jason Valentine will remain in an executive leadership role as the Chief Operating Officer.

Valentine is an original founding member of the company (est. 1996) and is the driving force behind its ethos of excellence in customer service and dedication to stay focused on the leading edge of bioanalytical research in Australia, said a spokesperson from Agilex Biolabs.

Women's brekkie

JOIN the Guild for its annual International Women's Day Women in Pharmacy Breakfast.

The Guild says breakfast will be an excellent opportunity to network and socialise with colleagues and peers, and to celebrate the wonderful contribution of women to community pharmacy.

The event will be held at 7:30am on Wed 08 Mar at Crowne Plaza Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Get your ticket **HERE**.

Blooms BP check

THIS Heart Health Awareness Month, Blooms The Chemist Pharmacist, Claire Robertson, is encouraging more Australians to visit their Blooms The Chemist pharmacy for a free blood pressure (BP) check-up.

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