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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a cover page from **SFI Health** and a full page from **TerryWhite Chemmart**.

Five-action relief

SFI Health, home of **Flordis**, has cough medication **Prospan** which clears a cough two times faster than if left untreated.

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See more on the **cover page**.

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TERRYWHITE Chemmart brings 60 years of business experience to back its **myTWC** app that aims to grow script numbers, expand the customer base and increase average transaction value.

See more on the **back page**.

Rural pharmacy in focus

THERE are huge benefits to working in rural pharmacy, according to David Paulmert, a pharmacist on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait north of Queensland.

Paulmert is one of several rural and regional practitioners who are taking part in the upcoming Pharmacy Careers Summit and told **Pharmacy Daily** he and his partner, who is in the police force, moved to the island two years ago.

"We were more focused on the lifestyle than the work itself," he said, but quickly realised that practising in a rural setting also offers many opportunities - as well as short commutes, making new friends in a network of like-minded people, and fishing!

Rural pharmacists have strong potential for career progression and networking, because "you are financially incentivised to travel for your CPD," Paulmert believes, noting he had been fortunate enough to attend **APP** for the last nine years in a row.

The work is different too, with rural pharmacists often working closely alongside colleagues in multidisciplinary teams.

"Doctors, nurses and pharmacists seem to have more opportunities to work to the top of their scope," he said, also highlighting a variety of interesting cases, particularly in his previous location in Port Douglas where many patients were backpackers without Medicare, meaning they were more likely to present with complex health issues for triage at a community pharmacy.

"It's awesome to get that clinical experience," Paulmert added, urging anyone thinking about their pharmacy career to consider working in rural locations.

"While it's not for everyone, it's for a lot more people than they realise," he said.

The free Pharmacy Careers Summit 2023 will take place on 07 Jul as a virtual conference and trade show - **REGISTER HERE** now.

Comley to lead

BLAIR Comley has been appointed as the incoming Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care (**PD** breaking news yesterday).

Guild National President, Trent Twomey, noted Comley's "strong qualifications in economics are impressive".

"On behalf of the Pharmacy Guild and all the pharmacists and staff we represent, we look forward to a constructive and professional relationship with Comley in meeting the challenges ahead and maintaining a viable pharmacy network," added Twomey.

Comley was the Secretary of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism and the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency between 2011 and 2013.

He then led the New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet as Secretary between 2014 and 2017.

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Media leader CEO

APPOINTMENT booking portal Healthengine has announced that Dan Stinton will become the company's next Chief Executive Officer.

Stinton will join the company in Aug after a five-year tenure with *Guardian Australia*.

He will take over from Healthengine Founder, Dr Marcus Tan, who will step down as CEO on 30 Jun.

Healthengine shared that Stinton as Managing Director of *Guardian Australia* was responsible for steering the digital news organisation from a "successful start-up to a major independent player in the Australian media landscape".

"He brings over 20 years of significant experience with SaaS, online marketplace businesses and growing consumer brands to Healthengine."

Prior to his *Guardian* role, Stinton was the Head of Digital at Seven West Media and Director of Corporate Development at *Yahoo7*.

He previously co-founded and was CEO of the online marketplace eBev, and continues to support the innovation ecosystem as an investor and advisor to several tech startups.

Healthengine Chief Financial Officer Dan Rohr will step in as interim CEO until Stinton starts, while Dr Tan will support the transition and serve as the interim Medical Director.

Store of the Year winner Kippa-Ring

PRICELINE Pharmacy Kippa-Ring has been crowned the group's Pharmacy's Store of the Year for 2022, out of more than 470 stores around Australia.

The award recognises the Queensland store's commercial results, "exceptional customer service," and participation in brand programs and initiatives, including its support for Priceline's Sisterhood Foundation.

The team at Priceline Pharmacy Kippa-Ring says it is passionate about health services, vaccinations, and its community.

Owner Jane Wilson opened her small pharmacy over 50 years ago, with her daughter Jane Twist joining as Business Manager, followed by her grandchildren Matilda and Andrew Twist as Franchise Partners in 2017, rounding out three generations of Priceline Pharmacy owners.

Priceline Pharmacy General Manager Andrew Vidler shared that, "Jane, Andrew, Matilda, and their team create an environment that feels like family for their team



members and customers.

"When customers walk into Priceline Pharmacy Kippa-Ring, they know they'll receive a level of personalised care and service they simply can't find anywhere else".

Retail Manager of the Year went to Teneal Morgan from Priceline Pharmacy Dapto, NSW, whose leadership skills drive a culture of high performance, said the group.

Amy Gall from Priceline Pharmacy Woonona, NSW, was awarded Pharmacist of the Year out of over 1,400 Priceline pharmacists around the country, with the pharmacy taking out Store of the Year last year.

"Her calm, personal and

professional care has fostered a true sense of community with her customers," stated Priceline.

Xanthe Panella from Priceline Pharmacy Shellharbour, NSW, was awarded Beauty Advisor of the Year.

Panella's product knowledge is "outstanding", said Priceline, and she "shares this with both customers and her wider team at every opportunity".

The other notable winners include Online Store of the Year - Priceline Pharmacy Morisset, NSW, Sales Achievement - Priceline Pharmacy North Lakes, Qld, Real, Classic Care Award - Priceline Pharmacy Bungendore, Qld, Sister Club Award - Priceline Pharmacy Yass, NSW, Pink Diamond Award - Kristy Paterson, Priceline Pharmacy Lismore, NSW, Pharmacy Business Leader of the Year - Lina Hannawe, NSW, and Sisterhood Vitality Award - Priceline Pharmacy Riverlink, Qld.

Pictured (L-R): Andrew Vidler, Priceline Pharmacy Kippa-Ring's Lead Dispensary Technician Kim Liebke, Assistant Store Manager Helen Demetri, Jane Twist, Andrew Twist, and Priceline Pharmacy General Manager Customer Operations, Cathi Scarce.

TWC 2023 Masterclass is a must-attend

THE TerryWhite Chemmart 2023 Masterclass is a three-day program being held from 19-21 Jun to provide clinical education for community pharmacists.

The full scope of practice and 60-day dispensing will be part of the keynote presentations from Prof Lisa Nissen, Director Research Program - Health Workforce Optimization at QUT

and Chris Campbell, General Manager Policy and Program Delivery at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

Chief Pharmacist Brenton Hart will lead the proceedings with his dedicated health and education team.

See a full outline of the must-attend 2023 TerryWhite Chemmart Masterclass [HERE](#).

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Dispensary Corner

TAIWANESE researchers say that their unmanned mosquito-hunting sewer bots can scour the underground network of pipes for the dengue-carrying vampires and kill them off before they make it to the surface.

According to a new study published this week in *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases* the research team from Taiwan National Mosquito-Borne Diseases Control Research Center tested a crawling robot attached to a controllable cable car and a real-time monitoring system and sent it into the sewers on a mozzie hunt.

They found that 20.7% of the sewers the researchers inspected had traces of *Aedes* mosquito - the ones known to carry dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever and zika.

The robots were then able to swiftly cause a "mozpocalypse" using insecticides or high-temperature water jets, which the team say caused a significant drop in the buzzy-buggers in the area.

"The widespread use of UGVs can potentially eliminate some of the breeding sources of vector mosquitoes, thereby reducing the annual prevalence of dengue fever in Kaohsiung city," the authors said.



Support in marginal seats against 60DD

DEPUTY Federal Opposition leader Sussan Ley escalated her involvement in the pharmacy lobby's campaign against changes to dispensing rules last week by visiting community pharmacies in marginal electorates.

Ley plans to travel further afield to drum up opposition to Labor's reforms after visiting four pharmacies in the former metropolitan Liberal strongholds of Reid, Bennelong and North Sydney, reported *news.com.au*.

The senior Liberal MP claimed to have heard first-hand that the gov't's changes were already forcing closures and the sacking of staff, most of whom were women.

She shared she had witnessed "widespread anger" in the pharmacies she visited in Sydney.

"I was really struck by the customers who were coming up to



me worried their local pharmacy could close," Ley said.

The MP has shared a video of herself with three staff pharmacists at Pharmacy 4 Less in Sydney's Ryde, in the seat of Bennelong.

In the clip, the three pharmacists outline their concerns about the reform after Ley asked them to share their message.

"Mr Prime Minister, we call on you to review the policy.

"We think the policy's flawed and you are absolutely cutting the guts

out of community pharmacy," one pharmacist said.

"Revisit the policy and stop this madness before Sep.

"Let's sit at the table with the Pharmacy Guild to work out a solution to go forward."

Another pharmacist warns of additional costs for patients.

"My name's Kamal, I've owned this pharmacy for 12 years.

"I can tell you my patients aren't happy," he said.

"This 60-day policy will have to be passed on to our patients and, ultimately, they will be paying a cost for this."

Ley called on the independent and Labor MPs who now represent those three metropolitan electorates to "listen to these community pharmacies, stand up to the Prime Minister and take action".

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