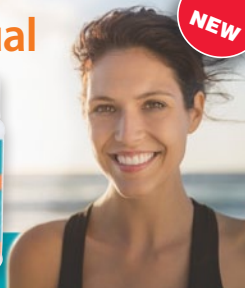


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Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of news, plus a full page from TerryWhite Chemmart.

Vigilance program

THE TGA is commencing a new Medical Devices Vigilance Program to support medical device sponsors in complying with regulation - view [HERE](#).



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Vapes as personal imports may close

THE Australian Government has moved closer to amending federal legislation to prohibit the "importation, manufacture and supply" of vapes that are not therapeutic, with pharmacists responsible for refilling the devices for those who need them for medical reasons, *The Australian* has reported.

The proposed changes outlined in a consultation paper shared with industry means all vapes that are being marketed for recreational use will be banned under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*.

Only refillable vapes intended for "therapeutic use" will be exclusively available through pharmacies.

"The government is proposing to prohibit the importation, manufacture and supply of any vapes that are not therapeutic vapes by relying on the federal cooperative scheme for therapeutic goods," the paper said.

"Under this approach, therapeutic vapes will need to be included in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods or subject to appropriate regulatory controls...to be lawfully imported, manufactured or supplied in Australia.

"Consistent with the government's policy announcement, therapeutic vapes should only be accessed by patients under medical supervision and supplied in pharmacies with a prescription."

The government has also proposed granting new powers, "relating to the forfeiture and destruction" of illegal vapes and making "enforceable directions relating to the importation, manufacture, supply, advertisement and possession of therapeutic goods".

Federal Health Minister Mark



Butler was quoted on *ABC Radio Perth* as saying, "I'm not naive enough to think that there's not going to be vapes that get through".

"They do not come in shipping containers with a big fat label on the side that says 'vapes'.

"There will be, I fear, organised crime that continues to try to get these things through the border, and as happens with illicit drugs, they will get through.

"But we have a responsibility to younger Australians to fight this thing and we are determined to fight them.

"Now, stopping at the border is only one part of the solution.

"What we then need is good policing on-the-ground, from our health authorities, from our law enforcement authorities, and that's why it's so important that I've got really strong, complete consensus of all of the state and territory governments here to do this.

"I'm proposing to close down the personal import scheme as well, because we think that has just become a bit of a rort for people to import a whole bunch of vapes and then on-sell them.

"The only way you're going to be able to legally import these things

is effectively with approval from the Therapeutic Goods Administration that you are importing a product that complies with the standards we've put in place.

"So, say goodbye to the pink unicorns, the bubble gum flavours, the highly variable nicotine content - we don't know what's in so many of these things.

"We don't know what chemicals are in them and they are causing very real harm today." JG

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TWC and Sanofi partner to lift up RUM

TERRYWHITE Chemmart (TWC) has joined global healthcare company Sanofi to promote the Return of Unwanted Medicines (RUM) program nationally.

Known as the RUM Project, the initiative has already disposed of 12.5 million kilograms of medicinal waste over the past 22 years, and aims to reduce the impact of unwanted or out-of-date medicines on the environment through safe and responsible disposal.

“Together with Sanofi, this campaign is about reminding all Australians to dispose of their unwanted medications safely by visiting their local TWC pharmacy,” said Nick Munroe, TWC Executive General Manager.

“Storage of expired and unwanted medicines in the home can be dangerous, and unsafe disposal of unwanted medicines can lead to environmental harm.

“These are risks we don’t want our communities to be worried about when disposing of these



medicines,” added Munroe.

Sanofi Australia Country Lead Karen Hood has been a partner of RUM since 2021.

“We know that people want to do the right thing by the planet and that includes disposing of their medicines correctly.

“They just don’t know how.

“Together with the passionate team at TWC we aim to boost further action, celebrate the program’s success, and reduce the impact of unwanted and out-of-date medicines across Australia.

“This partnership is another example of our accelerated efforts to address climate change and

minimise the environmental impact of our business and products, which also includes de-carbonising, eco design of product packaging, and waste reduction.”

Toni Riley, pharmacist and Program Director of RUM, said, “this is a first for RUM”.

“Partnering with Australia’s largest pharmacy network TWC and Sanofi, means we have the chance to reach and inform people at each stage of a medicine’s life cycle.

“The last piece of the puzzle is Australians who have out-of-date or unwanted medicines in their home.

“Our free service is available to everyone, and I am optimistic that this campaign will help even more people to take action.”

Pictured (L-R): Ben Elder, Chief Commercial Officer, TWC; Karen Hood, Country Lead, Sanofi Australia & New Zealand; Krystal Tresillian, pharmacist and Category Development Manager - Ethicals (Brands and Vaccines), TWC; and Nick Munroe. JG

Open letter sent

HEALTH professionals gathered outside NSW Parliament yesterday, to deliver an open letter signed by the Australian Medical Association NSW Branch, two medical colleges, the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association and 19 other health organisations calling for gas in homes and public buildings to be replaced with renewable electricity to protect health.

Collectively these organisations represent over 100,000 Australian health professionals.

Led by Healthy Futures and Doctors for the Environment Australia, the open letter warned that gas poses serious risks to human health, including worsening asthma, carbon monoxide poisoning and affects climate change.

Learn more and read the full letter, [HERE](#).

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WA taskforce

THE WA Gov't has announced a special taskforce to help guide the next phase of the state's efforts to address family and domestic violence, building on its ongoing work and more than \$200m of investment.

The taskforce was a key request from the recent family and domestic violence forum, and will consider and advise the Gov't on other priorities put forward at the forum, and is in addition to examining broader system reform, to improve victim-survivor safety and perpetrator accountability.

The taskforce will be time-limited, initially for six months, to focus on delivering results.

In addition to these measures, the Gov't has announced it will take guns out of the hands of family and domestic violence perpetrators with the amendment of the *Firearms Act 1973*, which is currently underway.

Voltaren moves to launch V-league

PAIN relief and management brand Voltaren's national survey, the *2023 Voltaren Pain In Movement Study*, has revealed that seven in 10 Australians enjoy movement or exercise as it makes them feel happier, stronger, healthier and physically better.

However, 64% have admitted to avoiding movement or exercise due to pain at some point.

The study showed this trend of limiting movement is also continuing to be exacerbated for older Australians, with well over half of people stating that they are moving less as they get older, a habit which has been shown to increase the risk of pain and immobility over time.

The research also uncovered that we are a nation of steady turtles (slow and persistent), with most respondents (31.3%) stating that a steady turtle best represented their current level of flexibility or movement.

To encourage Australians to



move, Voltaren is launching the V-League, endorsed by the National Basketball League (NBL).

The brand-new basketball league is reviving the skills of some of the game's most beloved players and putting them to the test alongside everyday Australians who want to get moving again without the fear of niggling pain or discomfort.

NBL legends Dave Andersen and Adam Gibson have been recruited to captain each of the teams and are calling on Aussies to join them

on court by entering a competition to take part in the V-League face off.

Joseph Mehdawi, Voltaren ANZ Senior Marketing Lead, said it's not just about movement, it's about providing Australians with a pain relief partner to rediscover the joy of movement.

"It is our passion for relieving pain that led us to undertake this new research, to really understand what is holding Australians back.

"We're so excited to be able to create the new V-League platform to celebrate the joy of movement and engage directly with Australians who are experiencing the discomfort of pain."

Adam Gibson, Captain of the Orange Team for the V-League match said, "I am excited and encouraging Aussies to get back to doing what they love, because I know first-hand the impact that pain can have".

To enter for the chance to take part in the V-League, **CLICK HERE**. Nominations close on 27 Sep. *JG*

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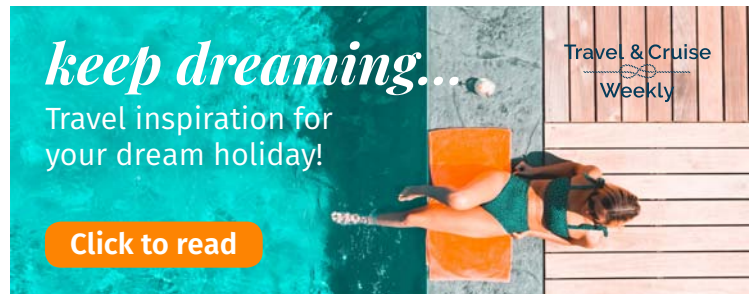


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Dispensary Corner

THE Australian Red Cross has announced a new CPR anthem to guide the next generation of first-aiders, and it's pinker than you might expect.

The organisation's *Instagram* followers voted for Dua Lipa's (pictured) 'Dance The Night' to replace 70s disco track 'Staying Alive' by the Bee Gees as the tune Aussies are urged to follow while doing chest compressions.

Both songs were chosen because performing CPR at their tempo mimics the 100-120 compressions per minute required by first-aiders to perform the procedure effectively.

The 'Barbie' soundtrack hit was offered along with three other options by the Red Cross, who said it was "keen to revive the CPR repertoire" with a song that better appealed to the youth of today.

While the other options included fan favourites from Harry Styles' 'Late Night Talking', Taylor Swift's 'The Man', and Kylie Minogue's 'Padam Padam' which, as the name suggests, is quite literally an onomatopoeia for the sound of a heart beating!



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