

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from Glucojel.

## Glucojel boost

GLUCOJEL, the original jelly bean from Gold Cross, has been around for 80 years and is a top-selling confectionery which increases sales in pharmacies.

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## At risk for years

WOMEN who are diagnosed with perinatal depression during pregnancy or after childbirth are at higher risk of suicidal behaviour, and this heightened risk continues for many years after the birth of their child, according to research published in *JAMA*.

The team looked at the rate of attempted and completed suicide among nearly 90,000 women diagnosed with perinatal depression, and compared this with more than 850,000 women of similar demographics without a diagnosis of perinatal depression, reported *JAMA*.

The researchers say those with a perinatal depression diagnosis had a three times higher risk of suicidal behaviour, with the risk most elevated during the first year after diagnosis, and still present 18 years later.

Read more [HERE](#).

# CAPS to hold next protest rally in Feb

THE Community and Pharmacy Support Group (CAPS) has organised another protest in Canberra on 06 Feb, to coincide with the first sitting day of Parliament, as it says negotiations for the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) still remain uncertain.

CAPS is urging the community to save the date, with the protest contingent upon the state of the 8CPA by the end of Jan.

As CAPS prepares for an “energetic year ahead”, it stated it is determined to continue the fight to “secure a constructive future” for community pharmacies.

This year, CAPS aims to bring viability, sustainability, and deserved recognition to the pharmacy profession, and will continue to work together with all stakeholders to ensure that community pharmacy remains accessible to the patients and communities that they serve.

The group added as the most accessible healthcare profession, community pharmacies have faced unprecedented challenges over the past year, most notably the introduction of the 60-day dispensing (60DD) policy by the Labor Govt in Mar 2023.

CAPS spokesperson Christine Kelly remarked that in “just a couple of years after keeping their doors open throughout the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic, community pharmacies found themselves the target of a govt looking to win points in its battle



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against the cost-of-living crisis”.

Following the 60DD policy announcement, CAPS united and began its grassroots campaign which soon gained momentum.

This culminated in a protest at Town Hall in Sydney (*PD* 18 Aug 2023), where pharmacists, pharmacy staff, students, families, friends, and patients from around Australia gathered to demand that the govt “pause and consult” on the 60DD policy with the pharmacy profession (*PD* 24 Aug 2023).

CAPS then took its fight to

Canberra in Sep last year, where nearly 3,000 people gathered at Parliament House, with an additional 3,000 participants joining online (*PD* 06 Sep 2023).

Supportive Liberal and National politicians joined the rallies, pledging their commitment alongside the pharmacy community.

“We wanted the govt to commit to its pre-election promise that no pharmacy or patient would be worse off; as far as I am concerned, this is a govt of broken promises,” Kelly concluded. *JG*

## FTF teams up with Vitura for NVPs

FROM the fields Pharmaceutical (FTF) has secured a strategic retail distribution partnership with Vitura Health for its vaping products.

FTF CEO Wilhelm David said its distribution partnership strategically positioned the company, with its Wild by Instinct product lines specifically aligned to current and future regulatory approved, GP or nurse-practitioner prescribed, pharmacy-distributed model for nicotine vaping products (NVPs) in Australia.

“The company has taken a major strategic step to better meet the fast-evolving market for medically prescribed vapes in Australia,” David said.

“We believe Vitura health’s medical supply, retail network and online platform is a mutually strong fit.”

Additionally, it aligns with

the direction of increasing demand by more Australians for therapeutic wellness solutions only through trusted providers as per global trends.

“We wanted to be deliberately ahead of the future wave of all Australian govt reforms that further entrench GP and nurse-practitioner prescribed, pharmacy-distributed NVPs, alongside a suite of in-parallel reforms to tackle the vaping black market, including youth consumption of illicit vapes,” David commented.

He also informed that the company’s product lines on Vitura Health’s CanView platform will commence immediately.

The company’s GP and nurse-practitioner prescribed, pharmacy-distributed NVP Wild by Instinct product lines will include disposable vapes, closed pods and free base liquids.

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## Dispensary Corner

**DUNKING** but not into donuts, happened to a customer who filed a negligence lawsuit against Dunkin', claiming he was injured by an exploding toilet at one of the coffee chain's US locations.

Paul Kerouac is seeking more than US\$100k (A\$148.7k) in a lawsuit filed last week in the state court in Orlando, claiming he suffered "severe and long-term injuries" following the explosion of a toilet in the men's room of a Dunkin' location in Winter Park, Florida, a year ago.

After the explosion left Kerouac covered in human faeces, urine and debris, he walked out of the men's room seeking help from workers and the store's manager, reported *ABC News*.

An employee told him that they were aware of the "problem with the toilet" since there had been previous incidents, the lawsuit stated, without diving into further details about the explosion.

The Canton, Massachusetts-based company did not immediately respond to an email seeking further comment.

The lawsuit stated Kerouac suffered "bodily injury," and he has required mental healthcare and counselling since the incident in Jan 2022.



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