

Today's issue of PD

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

Glucojel partners with Netball Aus

AUSTRALIA'S original pharmacy jelly bean, Glucojel, has announced a strategic partnership with Netball Australia, supporting its goal to secure the sport's inclusion in the Brisbane 2032 Games.

To celebrate the collaboration, Glucojel will launch the 'Back the Bid' campaign and national competition, which will run all throughout Nov.

The initiative encourages Australians to purchase any pack of Glucojel Beans or Bears, scan the QR code on the pack, and pledge support for netball at the Olympics.

Customers can then enter the draw to win a year's supply of Glucojel Beans and Bears, along with an Original Diamonds merchandise pack, featuring a signed team jersey.

"Together we're promoting strong, healthy women and girls in every town and suburb across Australia," said Kristen Cusack, Executive General Manager, Corporate Affairs & Brand at Netball Australia.

"The iconic Glucojel jellybeans are part of the netball experience in so many competitions, and we've loved bringing the Australian Diamonds and the jellybeans together to help us promote our campaign for netball's inclusion in the 2032 Brisbane Games," she enthused.

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NSW excellence celebrated

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia, NSW Branch, celebrated the outstanding contributions of community pharmacists across the state at a landmark parliamentary reception on Wed evening.

Capital Chemist Bathurst was named Community Pharmacy of the Year, acknowledged for having "redefined community pharmacy through innovation and collaboration".

The team has pioneered a Homecare and NDIS support model that is now being adopted nationwide, developed digital tools for care coordination, and built strong partnerships with GPs, hospitals, aged care providers and veterans' groups.

Community Pharmacist of the Year was awarded to Timothy Mizzi, Board Chair of the Capital Chemist group and a leader in pharmacist prescribing trials and extended-scope services.

"His 'pharmacist on the floor' model fosters meaningful clinical interactions, while his community work - including chairing the Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Centre and collaborating with Aboriginal health services - reflects his deep commitment to equity and care," the Guild noted in a statement.

And finally, Jesyca Pearson, a pharmacy student at Charles Sturt University and proud Wiradjuri woman, received the gong for Pharmacy Student of the Year.

An emerging leader in cultural safety and advocacy, Pearson is helping to shape a more inclusive and culturally aware pharmacy profession through her work with the CSU First Nations Club and Orange Pharmacy Students Association.

The event at NSW Parliament

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House brought together over 50 parliamentarians from both major parties, with NSW Branch President Mario Barone hailing the bipartisan support as a "powerful recognition of the work our members do every day".

"It speaks volumes about the trust and respect community pharmacy has earned across the political spectrum," Barone said.

"Our profession is evolving, with full scope training empowering pharmacists to deliver even greater care and services.

"We look forward to partnering with the NSW Government further to expand access to vital health services, strengthen preventative care, and ensure every community across NSW receives the support it deserves," he concluded. KB

Henry Blooms infant vitamin recall

PHYTOLOGIC Holdings Pty Ltd is recalling one batch of Henry Blooms Infant Liquid D3 & K2 with Probiotic (9.75ml pack size) following reports that the supplied dosing syringe does not match the paediatric dosage instructions provided on the label.

The syringe graduations begin at 0.05ml and increase by 0.05ml, which do not match the labelled paediatric dosages for infants six to 12 months (0.038ml) and children between one and three years (0.075ml), potentially resulting in a higher delivered dose, and potential excessive intake of vitamin D3, K2, and probiotics.

While the health risk is low for healthy individuals, there may be an increased risk of hypercalcaemia from vitamin D toxicity if significantly higher than recommended doses are taken daily over a long period, and/or for individuals with serious underlying conditions.

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Complete Care's new Hunter branch

COMPLETE Care Pharmacy Group has welcomed the addition of Complete Care Pharmacy Kurri Kurri NSW to its network of community pharmacies.

The pharmacy is owned by father and daughter team Ken and Lauren Wilson, who bring a strong commitment to innovative community pharmacy practice and patient-centred care to the Hunter region.

"We're delighted to welcome Lauren and Ken Wilson to Complete Care," said Shannon Kerr, General Manager, Complete Care Pharmacies.

"We are excited to support their vision for comprehensive healthcare delivery in Kurri Kurri," Kerr added.

The pharmacy, on the former site of a large hardware store, has an onsite nurse practitioner, dedicated compounding facilities and three consultation pods with two clinic rooms.



"The support from Complete Care Pharmacy Group has been invaluable as we've established our pharmacy," said Lauren Wilson, who also serves as a NSW Branch Committee Member of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

"Having access to Excipient [organisational workflow software] and the collective expertise of the group has allowed us to focus on delivering exceptional patient care from day one, whilst the space we've secured ensures we can continue to grow our professional services well into the future."

Next steps for Aussie pharmacist's innovation

MELBOURNE pharmacist and developer of the CueDose electronic pill pack Julie Williams has now launched a wholesale platform to help get the device into pharmacies.

CueDose is a pill organiser with a built-in alarm, providing users with a reminder when they need to take their tablets.

Also featuring bluetooth connectivity, the device can be integrated with smartphone app Pill Calendar, which enables the user or their carer to upload information about the different medicines, including photos, which is handy for people taking more than one medicine.

When the alarm sounds, the user consults their phone, which will show them which pill/s they need to take.

Williams told *Pharmacy Daily* the device is a first for the Australian market, and a marked step up from travellers' pill boxes, Webster packs and the like.

"There's an app for everything these days and there are devices for everything, but there was nothing linking pill boxes with technology," she said.

"I thought, 'what if you could have one that actually had a built-in alarm - so it was an electronic pillbox'."

"So I did my research and ended up collaborating with a manufacturer in China."

After launching an e-commerce store in Jul this year, Williams' move into wholesaling, with an online portal, allows pharmacies and other retailers to order direct.

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NT families "left behind"



THE Northern Territory Government is being urged to follow other parts of the country and commit to rolling out needle-free influenza vaccinations for young children next year.

The call comes following announcements that free childhood intranasal vaccinations will be provided ahead of the 2026 flu season in Queensland, NSW, South Australia and Western Australia.

The Royal Australian College of GPs Northern Territory Chair Dr Sam Heard called on the Northern Territory Government to act.

"The Government must commit to rolling out free, intranasal flu vaccinations for young kids next year," Dr Heard said.

"I can't think of a more sensible and necessary public health investment," he continued.

"This is a cost-effective and necessary step to keep young children, who are among the most at risk [of] a severe flu infection

including hospitalisation, as safe as possible."

In the face of record flu numbers for the 2025 season, alongside declining vaccination rates (**PD** 20 Oct), Dr Heard encouraged all patients to get vaccinated against the flu every year, pointing out that "we are all in this together".

"This year, in the NT, we've already had 4,000 lab-confirmed influenza cases, compared to 3,299 cases in all of last year, and the true number of flu cases Territory-wide is no doubt far higher," said Dr Heard.

"The most concerning thing is that not enough people are getting vaccinated against the flu, and we must reverse that trend.

"All Territorians should be asking themselves a simple question - why have other states and territories already announced free intranasal flu vaccinations for young children?"

"Northern Territory families are being left behind, and it's time for us to catch up," he concluded. *KB*

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Dispensary Corner

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New research out of China has shed light on why the peculiar-looking animal can live for up to 40 years - about 10 times longer than similarly sized rodents.

Naked mole rats are resistant to cancer, deterioration of the brain and spinal cord, and arthritis, so naturally, they have been the subject of much scientific research.

According to the findings published in the journal *Science*, naked mole rats produce a DNA repair mechanism that could explain their longevity.

Normally, a DNA repair process called homologous recombination can be disrupted by an enzyme called cGAS, causing DNA damage and shorter lifespans, but naked mole rats have evolved a way to avoid this problem.

Researchers found that their version of cGAS has four special amino acid changes, which make the enzyme more stable and stop it from breaking down too quickly after DNA damage.

This allows it to work better with other repair proteins (like FANCI and RAD50), helping the mole rats fix their DNA more effectively and maintain their long lifespan.

By understanding how these creatures maintain their genetic integrity over decades, researchers may uncover new strategies for improving longevity in humans, reshaping our approach to aging-related diseases and therapies.

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