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Tassie vape blitz

A **BLITZ** on the sale of illegal vaping goods in Tasmania, led by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the Tasmanian Department of Health, has reinforced the Federal Government's "zero-tolerance" policy on illegal vape sales.

The raids, carried out over two days with the help of police, resulted in seizures across five retail businesses for the alleged unlawful possession of commercial quantities of vaping goods and illegal tobacco.

Vaping products can only be supplied through a pharmacy for the purpose of helping people to quit smoking and manage nicotine dependence.

\$1m for women's health

THE Sisterhood Foundation has announced an additional \$1 million funding commitment to support neglected areas in women's health, following the release of a new report produced in partnership with Monash University, *Women Deserve Better*.

The pledge from Wesfarmers Health's official charity will focus on Australia's most underfunded and misunderstood women's health issues, including mental health conditions, chronic pain conditions, cardiovascular disease and endometriosis.

The report found that just 3.3% of government health research funding in 2023-24 was allocated to women's health, and that was mostly focused on reproductive or sexual health.

Many among the 2,200 women, girls and health experts who contributed to the research reported feeling unheard or dismissed when raising health concerns, and called for more affordable, accessible and gender-responsive care.

"Australia's women and girls are calling for greater attention and support for issues that only, differently or disproportionately affect them," said lead researcher and Senior Research Fellow at Monash University, Dr Sara Holton.

Since launching in 2011, the Sisterhood Foundation has raised more than \$13.5 million, largely through the fundraising efforts of Priceline Pharmacy teams and the support of customers.

The additional \$1 million for women's health will be distributed



over the next 12 months to new charity partners whose work aligns with the priority areas identified in the report.

"This research gives us a clear roadmap for targeted, evidence-informed giving to deliver on our purpose to hear, acknowledge, and address the unique health issues impacting Australian women and girls, and provides powerful motivation for the Priceline Pharmacy network's ongoing fundraising efforts," said Katie McLeish, Executive Officer, Sisterhood Foundation.

"We know where our support can have the greatest impact for women and girls in Australia and create positive health outcomes."

Read the report **HERE**. KB

Your views about biosimilars

Researchers are looking for pharmacists to complete a short survey on their views and experience with biosimilar substitution.

You will have the chance to receive a summary of the results and go into the draw for one of four \$100 gift vouchers.

CLICK HERE to find out more about the survey



New Pharmacy Board appointments

IN ANNOUNCING re-appointed and new members of Ahpra and National Boards, Health Ministers have confirmed the appointment of Dr Miranda Batten as ACT practitioner member to the Pharmacy Board of Australia, with Gail Mulcair joining her as community member.

Seven other board members were newly appointed across five National Boards to serve terms of three years.

Current Ahpra Board Chair Gill Callister was re-appointed as Chair, while Honorary Associate Professor Carmen Parter has been re-appointed as a Board member.

Ahpra CEO Justin Untersteiner welcomed the Ministerial re-appointments to the Ahpra Board, and said the decision reflected confidence in the Board and in Ahpra's reform agenda.

"I thank Ministers for their decision which provides the organisation with the leadership and stability it needs as we work through our significant reform agenda," he said.

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APC releases five-year vision

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has released its five-year strategy for pharmacy education and assessment in Australia, setting out four key themes that will guide its work through to 2030.

The vision places a strong emphasis on demonstrating the APC's value to the profession, supporting workforce development, embedding cultural safety for First Nations people, and promoting organisational resilience.

"[The strategy] reflects our deep focus on supporting pharmacists in achieving general registration and strengthening workforce capability, recognising the increasing complexity of healthcare, and the need for a future-ready pharmacy workforce," a spokesperson for APC said.

The four pillars of the 2025-2030 strategy are:

- empowering pharmacy within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, upholding excellence to ensure the profession remains safe, capable and responsive to community needs;
- advancing the pharmacy workforce by supporting the growth and evolution of the profession;
- ensuring a culturally safe environment for First Nations pharmacists and patients; and
- building an ethical, resilient and sustainable organisation.

"This strategy is about shaping a safe future for pharmacy in Australia through education and assessment," said APC Chair, Professor Sarah Roberts-Thomson.

"It reflects our values, our responsibilities, and our ambition to lead with purpose and deliver meaningful outcomes for the profession and the people we serve," she added.

The strategy is available [HERE](#).

TWC launches prescriber CPD



TERRYWHITE Chemmart has announced the expansion of its flagship Masterclass education program with the launch of Masterclass Prescriber, a dedicated professional development stream designed to support the network's pharmacists practicing under the full scope of practice model.

Developed and facilitated by the internal education team from TerryWhite Chemmart and led by rural GP Dr Peta-Ann Teague, the new stream aims to position the brand at the forefront of continuing professional development (CPD) for pharmacist prescribers.

With pharmacist prescriber education being offered through a growing number of universities, the professional development stream has been purpose-built to help prescribing pharmacists consolidate their skills, maintain recency of practice, and strengthen their clinical confidence and competence.

"Pharmacist prescribing is one of the most important developments in the evolution of our profession," said Brenton Hart, Chief Pharmacist at TerryWhite Chemmart.

"Through Masterclass Prescriber, we are investing in the success of our pharmacists so they can deliver safe, effective, and timely care to the communities they serve."

Masterclass Prescriber includes a mix of educational formats, from small group online workshops and large-scale virtual seminars to immersive face-to-face events and personalised coaching.

"The curriculum is designed to foster critical clinical thinking and

ensure prescribing pharmacists are supported at every stage of their practice journey," a spokesperson for TerryWhite Chemmart said.

This expansion builds on the commitment TerryWhite Chemmart has to leading pharmacy education and empowering pharmacists to embrace their expanding role in Australia's healthcare system, they added.

Dr Teague has over 35 years of clinical experience and is one of the clinical leaders of James Cook University's pharmacist prescribing program, bringing a wealth of expertise in collaborative primary care and prescriber education.

"It's not just about clinical knowledge, it's about capability, confidence, and connection to peers and mentors," said Dr Teague.

"Masterclass Prescriber is built on the principle that great prescribers never stop learning." *KB*

Pictured: Dr Peta-Ann Teague; and Kate Gunthorpe, Pharmacist Change & Implementation Manager, TWC.

Pall care services under pressure

A NEW report from Palliative Care Australia is "a wake-up call for funders and policymakers", said CEO Camilla Rowland.

According to the 2024 *National Palliative Care Workforce Survey*, 90% of respondents in specialist palliative care settings reported increased demand for specialist palliative care in the previous year, but only 28% said funding met that demand.

Difficulties with recruiting and retaining staff were also raised.

Meanwhile in aged care settings, where palliative care is considered 'core business', half of those surveyed reported no improvements to the quality of care provided.

"The survey revealed a clear workforce perception that the need for palliative care is increasing, but the additional investment needed to meet that demand has not," Rowland said.

"The underlying theme in the survey report is that increasing demand for care, funding constraints and workforce shortages has placed strain on services, professionals and volunteers," she continued.

"That means increasing limitations on access to palliative and end-of-life care, and increasing stress on the palliative care workforce."

Read the full report [HERE](#).



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Dispensary Corner

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Scientists from London start-up CrossTech have developed a pair of 'extended reality' glasses that have the ability to identify objects and guide users through basic tasks.

The concept is simple - the user looks at an object, such as a kettle, and its name will appear in the lenses, before their eyes.

The glasses can speak to the user via speakers built into the arms, warning dementia sufferers that the water is hot, before guiding them through how to make a cup of tea.

"Our goal is to help people become more capable, more functional," CrossTech CEO Szczepan Orłins said.

"Ultimately the aim is to enhance independence.

"We believe it can empower you to be more yourself."

The glasses could also be useful for people who suffer from severe anxiety, for example by offering real-time reassurance to people who struggle to keep social commitments and attend appointments.

The promising new technology will be built and tested over the next year-and-a-half.



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