

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news.

APC Board director awarded Fellowship

THE Australia Pharmacy Council (APC) Board director Amanda Galbraith was among the cohort of pharmacists recently awarded a Fellowship of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, with APC chair Professor Sarah Roberts-Thomson congratulating her on behalf of the Board.

"This Fellowship reflects the calibre of Amanda's leadership, her commitment to the profession, and the breadth of expertise she brings to every role she undertakes," Professor Roberts-Thomson said.

"We are so delighted to see that her dedication to strengthening the profession and supporting future generations of pharmacists has been recognised," she added.

The full list of Fellows is [HERE](#).

Court backs ASIC over McPherson's

THE Federal Court of Australia has ruled in favour of the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) after the regulator sued McPherson's and its former CEO back in 2022.

ASIC alleged McPherson's breached its continuous disclosure obligations and engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct during capital raising in 2020, when the company delayed disclosure of events that would be expected to negatively affect the company's

Guild welcomes safety boost

THE Victorian Government has announced it will expand and extend operations designed to reduce crime and improve community safety in shopping areas, a move welcomed by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia Victoria Branch.

"The extension of Operation Pulse is a welcome announcement for community pharmacies and the staff who serve Victorians every day," said Guild Victoria Branch president George Tambassis.

"Our members in shopping centres and shopping strips have reported an increase in retail crime and anti-social behaviour, and it is having a real impact on pharmacy businesses and their teams," Tambassis said.

"The expansion of Operation Pulse will provide reassurance to members who have had to invest in additional security measures to protect their staff, patients and premises," he added.

High-profile incidents this year include a ram-raid on Advantage



Pharmacy pharmacy in Lalor, where the shop was destroyed and thieves fled with medication (**PD** 23 Apr).

In Mar, thieves smashed their way into an Amcal pharmacy in Wantirna South and stole \$8 meds, while in Apr, a pharmacist in St Kilda was punched in an unprovoked attack after trying to remove a thief.

Tambassis noted that the Guild has also been working closely with the Shopping Centre Council of Australia to address the growing crime and safety issue in shopping centres.

"We welcome these practical measures that help improve safety for businesses, workers and the communities they support," he stated.

Operation Pulse is a Victoria Police operation started in Dec 2025 that deploys police and Protective Services Officers (PSOs) at major shopping centres, and has seen more than 1,700 people arrested and more than 3,500 charges laid.

The Victorian Government has committed to the recruitment of an additional 150 more PSOs while extending the operation to the end of next year.

It will also change the regulations to enable PSOs to patrol in more places where there is crime and anti-social behaviour, such as local shopping strips. *KB*

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More charges for PIEDs pair

TWO people arrested for alleged importation of illicit performance and image enhancing drugs (PIEDs) earlier this year (**PD** 20 Apr) have been charged with additional offences following the interception of 400 vials of suspected PIEDs by Australian Border Force (ABF) in May and Jun.

A 47-year-old Victorian man and a 42-year-old Victorian woman appeared before the Melbourne Magistrates' Court last week and were granted bail to next face court on 26 Oct.

The operation led by ABF in collaboration with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and Victoria Police has resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of PIEDs, illicit steroids and peptide products with an estimated street value in excess of \$2 million.

TGA head Professor Anthony Lawler said, "Performance and image-enhancing drugs, including illicit steroids and peptide products, can pose serious risks to people's health, particularly when they are manufactured overseas, imported illegally and supplied outside Australia's regulated therapeutic goods framework."

"The TGA will continue to work closely with the ABF, law enforcement partners and digital platforms to disrupt the unlawful advertising, importation and supply of these products, and help protect the Australian community."

The TGA urged people with information about suspicious activity to report it to ABF.



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Dispensary Corner

AS IT becomes apparent that Ozempic and similar drugs reduce not only food cravings, but also alcohol and drug abuse and 'addictive' behaviours such as gambling, scientists have traced the effect to a region of the brain that helps connect memories and surroundings.

The lateral septum, which is densely packed with GLP-1 receptors, appears to act as a crucial control point between thinking about a reward and feeling compelled to act on it.

Writing in *The Conversation*, neurobiologist Dr Robert Munn from the University of Otago in New Zealand, explained that the link between 'thinking' and 'doing' motivates us to obtain the necessities of life.

However, this process can malfunction in some people, leading to a preoccupation with these rewarding stimuli and resulting in disorders of substance overuse, including overeating to the point of obesity and alcohol abuse.

When GLP-1 drugs bind to receptors in the lateral septum, it alters local electrical rhythms and dampens downstream dopamine release in reward pathways, reducing the reward's value and the drive to pursue it.

While it's not as simple as just giving everyone with an unwanted addiction GLP-1 receptor agonists, the discovery may open new treatment options for obesity, alcohol dependence, and the consumption of other addictive substances.

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