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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news.

### Wholesale mark-up changes ahead

FROM 01 Jul 2026, a new wholesale mark-up (WMU) structure will apply to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines supplied through community pharmacies under the First Pharmaceutical Wholesaler Agreement.

Changes include an updated WMU rate structure, and a change in the calculation method so that the WMU is based on the ex-manufacturer price for the pack quantity dispensed, rather than the current 'relevant quantity' method, which does not always align with dispensed pack size.

Changes apply to section 85 PBS medicines supplied by community pharmacies and public and private pharmacies, and eligible section 100 PBS medicines supplied by community pharmacies.

PBS patient co-payments, prescribing arrangements, the list of medicines available on the PBS, Community Service Obligation (CSO) arrangements, and hospital supply arrangements for certain medicines remain unaffected.

The Department of Health has released a fact sheet outlining the changes - learn more [HERE](#).

## Results are in for NSW women's health

**DATA** from two NSW Government-sponsored clinical trials have confirmed that pharmacists are delivering safe and effective care for women when diagnosing and treating uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs) and providing resupply of oral contraception.

Reports from the University of Newcastle - one evaluating pharmacist-led UTI treatment and one evaluating pharmacist resupply of oral contraception - have demonstrated improved access to timely treatment while easing pressure on the health system and saving emergency departments millions of dollars.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia NSW Branch has welcomed the reports, with president Mario Barone noting that the findings reinforce the vital role pharmacists play in modern healthcare.

"Whether it's treating a UTI or ensuring continued access to the pill, these reports show pharmacists are providing safe, convenient care and getting women the treatment



they need faster," Barone said.

The findings revealed that over 17,000 women accessed pharmacist-led UTI care in 10 months, with a median time to relief of three days.

Around 5% of participants experienced side effects, while 7.3% of participants were referred to a GP or emergency department.

In addition, more than 1,900 women accessed oral contraceptive resupply through community pharmacies, improving continuity of care and adherence, while 6.9% were referred to a GP.

Concerns from other health professionals around antimicrobial stewardship proved unfounded, with pharmacists demonstrating high levels of clinical compliance and prescribing at the same rate as

other healthcare providers.

The Guild is calling for continued expansion of pharmacist scope of practice, building on the success of UTI and OCP services to deliver more accessible healthcare services across the state.

Access the reports [HERE](#). *KB*

### Blooms recycles 25 million blister packs

**BLOOMS** The Chemist has reached a new milestone in its sustainability drive with 25 million blister packs collected and recycled through its partnership with Pharmcycle.

As the first pharmacy chain in Australia to join the program (*PD* 01 Nov 2022), Blooms has helped make blister pack recycling accessible to communities nationwide through their

pharmacy network.

Sustainability manager Annabel White said the milestone reflects the company's commitment to responsible business practices.

"We collaborate across industries to reduce waste and drive meaningful change," White said.

"Every blister pack recycled helps create a healthier planet and in turn supports healthier communities," she added.

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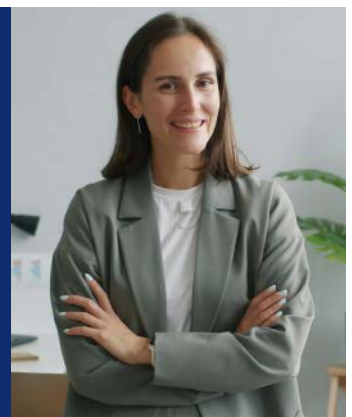


## Payday super is here

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### Dispensary Corner

**A 40-YEAR-OLD** UK wellness coach died recently after taking part in a kambo ceremony, which involves the poisonous skin of an Amazonian frog.

The traditional Amazonian cleansing ritual is practiced by indigenous tribes and uses kambo, a waxy substance secreted by a species of giant leaf frog, which is applied to small burns on skin to induce vomiting and diarrhoea.

There is no evidence of any benefits from the practice, and two Australians have died in the last few years while undergoing the same ritual.

Tragically, the UK man's death occurred only months after he had recovered from Burkitt lymphoma, an aggressive type of blood cancer.

The poisonous substance has been marketed as an alternative treatment, especially among cancer patients, and while illegal in Australia, Brazil and Chile, among other countries, it is not banned in the UK.

The man's mother told *The Telegraph* that she hopes action will be taken to prevent future deaths.

"I hope they ban it, but I'm not strong enough to fight for it," she said.

### Albury Priceline's Store of the Year

**INDIVIDUALS** and stores from the Priceline Pharmacy banner group were recognised for excellence at the group's national franchise conference held last week in Cairns.

Priceline Pharmacy Albury NSW was awarded Store of the Year for its "execution of the brand, outstanding customer service and consistent operational excellence".

Franchise partner Amanda Ward - who was also winner of 2025's Priceline Pharmacist of the Year - said the award was "an incredibly special achievement for her team".

"The work we do has always been about our community first - we do it because we genuinely care about the people who walk through our doors every day," Ward said.

"To win this award is a true team achievement, and I'm incredibly proud and grateful for what we've built together," she said.

The Pharmacist of the Year went to Julie Brehin of Priceline Pharmacy Goolwa SA, while Retail Manager of the Year was awarded to Kristy Paterson of Priceline Pharmacy Lismore Square NSW.

Other award winners included:

- Pharmacy Business Leader of the Year - Shona Marino
- Beauty Advisor of the Year - Amber Travers, Priceline Pharmacy Singleton
- Pink Diamond Award - Teresa Miceli, Priceline Cabramatta.

Over 560 Priceline Pharmacy



team members and suppliers gathered at the conference to hear key brand updates, including the announcement of Priceline Pharmacy's new loyalty program, Pulse Rewards, launching in Aug.

The evolution of the highly successful Sister Club, Pulse Rewards will offer a loyalty experience with broader reach and greater relevance to reflect customers' journeys across health, beauty and wellbeing.

Other announcements included the launch of a new 'Anything Baby and You' initiative to support mums and babies, continued investment in the 'Anything Menopause' program and new private label ranges.

Chief customer officer Richard Pearson said: "The initiatives announced at conference create a genuine point of difference for Priceline Pharmacy and provide a significant commercial advantage for our franchise partners." *KB*

**Pictured:** The Priceline Pharmacy Albury team with Amanda Ward holding the certificate.

### CBD good for nerve damage

**CANNABIDIOL** (CBD) can significantly reduce chronic neuropathic pain, according to a new study from the University of Sydney.

The trial results demonstrated that taking CBD over a six-week period reduced pain by approximately 14%, compared with 6.5% from the placebo, a significant finding for this notoriously hard-to-treat condition.

The research team recruited 40 adults aged 18 or over who experienced chronic neuropathic pain and gave them either CBD tablets or a placebo tablet.

Participants took the tablets every day, with the dose in the CBD tablet increasing over time from 200mg per day at the beginning of the trial to 800mg per day at the end.

Study co-investigator Professor Iain McGregor said that he hoped the trial will pave the way for further research into the use of CBD in managing pain.

"Further work is needed to understand why CBD worked better for some people than others, and also to understand how CBD might interact with other medications they were taking," he said.

Read the study [HERE](#).



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