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Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of the latest news, including our Beauty & Wellness feature.

Jenny Piper memorial service

A MEMORIAL service to celebrate the life of Jenny Piper will be held on Thu 18 Jun 2026 at 2pm at St Augustine's, 75 Shellcove Rd Neutral Bay NSW.

Piper was a pharmacist who established **Pharmacy Daily**, and was managing director of **Pharmacy Daily's** parent company, Business Publishing Group.

She died after a two-year battle with cancer (PD 09 Jun). All are welcome to attend.



Wesfarmers flags growth

WESFARMERS yesterday presented investors with a strategy briefing, providing an overview of performance and future initiatives.

'Strong fundamentals' are key to growing the market, according to Emily Amos, managing director of Wesfarmers Health, which includes Priceline Pharmacy, atomica, InstantScripts and API.

These include an ageing population, more health-conscious, digitally literate consumers and a growing demand for consumer-led health and beauty.

Growth was flagged to come from a growing share and scale in consumer products, investing in and leveraging loyalty, data and digital assets and improved performance and operating efficiency.

While operating as a full-service pharmacy, Amos noted that Priceline is differentiated by a strong offering in health and beauty, including its Anything Menopause initiative, expanded



scope of practice, and Australia's largest health and beauty loyalty program, Sister Club.

The pharmacy chain has opened 24 new sites and completed 23 refurbishments in FY26.

Chief executive Rob Scott noted that the Wesfarmers Health division makes a relatively small overall contribution to Wesfarmers today, when compared with that of Bunnings and Kmart, but suggested in the coming five years, it will become more significant.

Wesfarmers share prices rose by around 4% yesterday in the wake of the presentation. KB

TGA expands peptide focus

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has expanded its priority focus areas (PD 23 Jan) to include unapproved peptide products.

The move follows increased detection of unlawful importation, supply and advertising of the illegal products, posing potential risks to consumer safety (PD 14 Apr).

Unapproved peptides are often marketed for performance enhancement or anti-ageing, and may carry disclaimers such as "research use only" or "not for human consumption".

TGA head Professor Anthony Lawler said the decision reflects a "deliberate, risk-based response to an evolving market", highlighting that increased availability of unapproved peptide products resulted in increased evidence of potential risk to consumers.

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Stroke care Standard updated

THE Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has today released an expanded Stroke Clinical Care Standard, with new guidance to support people recovering from stroke after they leave hospital.

The Standard was initially published in 2015 to improve likelihood of survival and recovery, while reducing risk of another stroke, and the new update recognises care needs beyond hospital, with a stronger focus on rehabilitation, individualised care planning and follow-up.

Pharmacists play a key role in the rehabilitation team, starting with medications expertise when a patient's individualised care plan is developed, particularly in regards to secondary prevention.

Medical advisor for the Commission and general practitioner, Dr Lee Fong, described stroke as having a 'long tail', since the impacts of stroke can be long-lasting and affect a

person's ability to carry out usual activities like work, study or caring responsibilities.

Sometimes these changes become more obvious after the person leaves hospital, he said, highlighting that the transition out of hospital is critical to maximise a person's recovery.

"The 2026 Standard emphasises that stroke rehabilitation should start in hospital, with expert therapy and planning to continue care at home or in a rehabilitation hospital," Dr Fong said.

"People may need help with speech, memory, energy, mental health, eating and drinking, as well as movement.

"Access to timely rehabilitation, care planning and support makes a huge difference," he concluded.

The Standard was developed in collaboration with key stakeholders including the Australian Stroke Coalition and the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry.

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

AZ trials new GLP-1RA weight loss pill

ASTRAZENECA has joined weight loss pharma giants Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly in developing a GLP-1RA pill for type 2 diabetes and weight loss, with recently published phase 2 clinical trial results reporting clinically meaningful reductions in blood sugar and body weight compared to placebo.

The medication, called Alecoglipron, is a once-daily pill designed to be taken without food or fluid restrictions.

Benefits were dose-dependent, with higher doses producing greater weight loss and reduction in blood sugar levels.

Safety results in both studies were generally consistent with similar GLP-1 medications, with gastrointestinal side effects - such as nausea and changes in bowel habits - being the most common.

The researchers said these findings "contribute useful evidence for developing more accessible and practical oral



options for diabetes and weight management" and have stated that larger phase 3 trials are underway to confirm longer-term effectiveness and safety.

Many patients find a pill more convenient than an injection, and the pill also remains stable at room temperature, reducing the need for specialised cold storage facilities and potentially increasing global accessibility.

A semaglutide pill from Novo Nordisk and orforglipron pill from Eli Lilly have been approved for weight loss and type 2 diabetes by the Food and Drug Administration in the US, but are yet to be approved here.

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Editor's Choice: Get ready for winter with E45's targeted skincare range

In partnership with E45

BUILT on decades of expertise in caring for dry, sensitive and eczema-prone skin, E45 continues to evolve its treatment product range with a more personalised approach to everyday skin concerns.

Recognising that dry skin presents in different ways, E45 has moved beyond one-size-fits-all solutions to offer targeted formulations designed for specific skin needs.

For those experiencing rough, bumpy, scaly or keratosis pilaris-prone skin, E45 Lactic Acid Bumpy Skin Cream gently smooths and exfoliates while supporting ongoing moisturisation.



E45 Cica Soothe + Repair Cream is designed specifically for weakened or irritated skin,

helping to calm visible redness and support moisture barrier repair in a fast-absorbing, family-friendly formula.

Meanwhile, E45 Ceramide Barrier Repair Cream delivers intensive, long-lasting nourishment for very dry or compromised skin, using skin-identical lipids to help restore and protect the barrier for up to 72 hours.

Together, these powerful, targeted treatments from E45 empower consumers to tailor their skincare routines to their individual skin concerns with confidence.

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Beauty for everyone



STORM Menzies is an Australian beauty entrepreneur on a mission to make the industry more accessible for everyone.

As a woman living with mild cerebral palsy who also broke her dominant hand, Menzies taught herself 3D modelling so she could design larger products - and in 2023, she launched her business, ByStorm Beauty.

These accessories can be attached to existing makeup products to help improve precision and comfort.

The business was developed as a third party to help other mainstream brands become more accessible through redesigning packaging and products.

"I assumed solutions already existed," Menzies said.

"But nothing was made for hands like mine, or for tremors, pain, weakness or fatigue.

"So I did what I've always done - I figured it out."

In its first month on the market, ByStorm sold more than 1,000 units, through a partnership with comedian and beauty entrepreneur Celeste Barber.

ByStorm Beauty was also a finalist in the Australian Disability Service Awards last year.

The scent of Pride

GLASSHOUSE has launched the limited-edition Born to Be Extra candle to celebrate Pride.

The new product features notes of fresh pine, soft violet, warm amber and patchouli.

Five dollars from the sale of each candle will be donated to non-profit Qtopia Sydney to support their work celebrating queer history and culture.



Skin Control ready for retail footprint expansion



AUSTRALIAN brand Skin Control is focusing on expanding its retail footprint over the next two years.

Stocked in major retailers

including Chemist Warehouse, a pack of Skin Control's pimple patches sells every four seconds.

In an interview with *Retail Beauty*, co-founder Michael Porter (pictured) said the brand is focused on growing distribution and strengthening its position with key retail partners.

"Gen Z has completely reframed the conversation around skin," Porter said.

"Social media has played a huge role in normalising both acne and the solutions for it," he added.

Porter noted that while patches first started as a hydrocolloid solution, the next generation of products include active ingredients, micro-dart technology and targeted treatments for different acne types.

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Dispensary Corner

A NEW addition to the stable of Ozempic-related cosmetic side effects is Ozempic earlobes, joining Ozempic face, Ozempic breasts and Ozempic butt in the plastic surgery waiting room.

The sagging earlobes are associated with the use of GLP-1RAs, and result from rapid weight loss.

"A lot of people don't think about the long-term effects of Ozempic," plastic surgeon Dr Luis Macias told *The New York Post*.

"Following rapid weight loss, the ears tend to lose fullness and get longer at the lobes, basically speeding up the ageing process," he said.

"Just like when we get older, slimming down can cause the ears to become floppier and lose thickness, making them appear flatter and not as pliable."

To combat the issue, many doctors are using fillers for a temporary fix, which has also been found to help earrings stay in place.

"Women like to wear pretty jewellery around the earlobe, so it makes sense that they would want to bring attention to it, especially with the use of filler," Dr Macias said.

"Plump can be pretty in the right places," he added.

Growth as YDC teams up with Temu

REGIONAL pharmacy group Your Discount Chemist has shared insights into how online marketplaces are boosting retail reach and sales, after the surprise success of joining the Temu platform eight months ago.

The family-run pharmacy chain, which operates 13 stores across regional NSW, Queensland and the ACT, sells on most major online marketplaces, as well as offering online shopping through its own website.

However, since joining Temu through its local seller program, the group has logged more than 4,800 orders and its online business has grown by around 20% in revenue over the past year.

Temu now ranks among the business' top three online channels by sales volume.

The group's head of online sales, Hamdy Khodary, explained that while most shoppers on other channels went looking for a pharmacy, the customers on Temu chanced upon Your Discount Chemist in their recommendations feed - and it was this discovery-based model that brought the group a cohort of new customers.

Khodary (pictured) also highlighted Temu's affordable shipping and returns policy as part of its consumer appeal.

"They know there are good return policies and they'll get their money back if something's wrong," he said.



While Temu has had something of a mixed reputation among consumers with concerns about product quality and trustability, the retailer recently overhauled compliance, product safety and quality control systems, with a consequent improvement in consumer ratings.

The seller support structure was another surprise for Khodary, who explained that he works directly with a dedicated account manager on strategy and problem-solving, at no extra cost.

Your Discount Chemist effectively runs two businesses in parallel, where its physical stores handle prescriptions and local healthcare, while its online arm focuses on non-prescription lines like vitamins, skincare, fragrance and beauty.

"It's been a real eye-opening experience - you don't know your own potential until something like this happens," Khodary said.

With a store opening in WA later this year, Khodary said their base is still rural - "that's how we started".

"But now we're finding customers all over Australia." KB

Life sciences peak body rebrands

AUSTRALIA'S national peak body representing life sciences professionals, ARCS, has today announced it is now called LifeSciences Australia.

CEO Dr Tim Boyle said the transition is about recognition rather than reinvention, and responds to both the increasing breadth of the organisation's professional community and its expanded role supporting the people at the heart of the industry.

"LifeSciences Australia better reflects who we are today, providing our members and the broader community with greater clarity around our role and strengthening our ability to support the future growth, capability and leadership of Australia's life sciences sector."

LifeSciences Australia supports more than 38,000 professionals across 3,300 organisations spanning the full spectrum of the life sciences - from early research through to regulation, development, and commercialisation.

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