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Pharmacy Daily today features four pages of news, including our **Beauty & Wellness** feature, plus full pages from:

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Rethink dispensary

WILLACH Consis.C provides the latest in robotic automation for a more efficient dispensary set-up, freeing up space and time within your pharmacy.

Learn more on **page five**.

See the Light

OEXA, the creators behind Scripty and Managed Intermediary, have launched a brighter future for pharmacy care, and are running demos at APP2026.

Learn more on **page six**.

APC launches learning tool for interns

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has announced the official launch of its new Learning Management System today, designed to support its Workplace-Based Assessment (WBA) Program.

The platform marks a key milestone in strengthening assessment quality and workforce preparedness for intern pharmacists across Australia.

Developed after extensive evaluation and consultation with stakeholders, the new learning platform aims to improve usability for busy pharmacists, offering intuitive digital modules, real-world examples, and convenient access to supporting resources.

"We have listened closely to preceptors, training organisations, and health education partners," said APC chief executive officer Bronwyn Clark (**pictured**).

"We heard the need for tools that are simple, intuitive, and practical in busy pharmacy settings.

"This new interactive learning



platform directly responds to that feedback," she added.

WBAs are widely recognised across health professions as an essential way to evaluate real-world performance, strengthen feedback, and ensure practitioners develop the capabilities necessary for safe and effective care.

Moreover, WBAs enable assessment of clinical reasoning,

decision-making, communication, professional judgement, and other core skills.

Aligned with APC's Intern Year Blueprint, the WBA Program aims to enhance the consistency and quality of intern assessment by supporting structured case-based discussions, entrustable professional activities, and guided feedback - approaches that have been shown to improve workplace learning and performance in health training programs.

"We are proud to be leading this instrumental work in our profession - as a regulatory body, we create confidence and capability, not barriers," Clark commented.

"For more than 40 years, APC has set the benchmark for quality in pharmacy education and assessment, and this initiative strengthens that commitment."

Preceptors and supervising pharmacists can now enrol in the WBA Program within the new learning platform. *JM*

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Today's issue of PD is coming to you courtesy of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia from APP2026 on the Gold Coast.

AFTER yesterday's pre-conference workshops, today will see the main conference program begin with the opening plenary, featuring awards for pharmacy professionals and trainees, as well as National Pharmacy of the Year.

A packed program through the day will lead to tonight's welcome reception and opening of the trade exhibition.

AdPha partners on clinical guides

THERAPEUTIC Guidelines and Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) have announced a partnership to deliver evidence-based clinical resources that support decision making at the point of care to healthcare professionals.

The resources include *Don't Rush to Crush*, Australia's long-standing trusted guide to safely administering oral medicines to people with enteral feeding tubes or swallowing difficulties, and *ObesiD*, an industry-first resource providing dosage adjustment principles to support use of medicines in patients with obesity.

The new *Don't Rush to Crush* web app includes information on more than 600 oral medicines available in Australia, and will be available on Therapeutic Guidelines platforms from 23 Mar 2026.

Don't Rush to Crush is included in the Pharmacy Board of Australia's list of essential references for pharmacy practice.

ObesiD, which was developed last year (**PD** 04 Dec 2025), will be accessible through a dedicated web and mobile app, with features including an integrated body weight calculator, and will be available on Therapeutic Guidelines updates from 16 Mar 2026.

Additionally, Therapeutic Guidelines will produce guidelines for kidney and urinary medicine, as well as sleep disorders, while updates to the antibiotic guidelines will also be published.

AdPha chief executive Kristin Michaels emphasised the importance of safeguarding Australian expertise to uphold the



care of Australian patients.

"We are so pleased to be working with Therapeutic Guidelines, combining our expertise to develop resources that meet the unique needs of Australian healthcare professionals and their patients," Michaels said.

"As our population ages and more people take more medicines, there is only one *Don't Rush to Crush*, Australia's indispensable frontline resource when managing risk and ensuring quality care for patients with enteral feeding tubes or swallowing difficulties, in all healthcare settings." KB

Melatonin bust

THE Australian Border Force (ABF) intercepted 150,000 units of melatonin from 01 Sep to 31 Dec last year, according to reports in *ABC News*.

The seizure was part of a TGA crackdown on imported unregistered melatonin products, with testing on a range of products showing significant discrepancies in the actual melatonin content compared to the labelled amounts, raising serious safety concerns for consumers (**PD** 30 Jan).

Blooms Port Coogee joins B Corp

BLOOMS The Chemist Port Coogee has become a B Corp Certified company, following in the footsteps of Blooms the Chemist Management Services, which has been B Corp Certified since 2023.

The certification recognises that Blooms The Chemist Port Coogee has met the rigorous standards of B Corp Certification, demonstrating high social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency.

Blooms The Chemist Port Coogee pharmacist-owner Andria Aird said: "This is a testament to our pharmacists, staff and customers, who truly care about making a positive impact on our environment and community".

"We're honoured to be part of the B Corp community, who are leaders in driving meaningful and sustainable change.

"The certification helps signal to our partners and customers that we're passionate about making a real difference in our local community, as well as broader society."

Andrew Davies, CEO of B Lab AANZ, stated it was exciting to see one of the Blooms community brands attaining certification, and demonstrates how weaving purpose into everyday operations can create meaningful change.

"Certification sets a great example for other pharmacies to do the same," he added.

New form of Vyvgart for gMG

GLOBAL immunology company Argenx has announced that Vyvgart (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase) pre-filled syringe has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for the treatment of adult patients with generalised myasthenia gravis (gMG).

Already available as an intravenous infusion, the pre-filled syringe offers the convenience of self administration, or it can be administered by a caregiver or healthcare professional.

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Editor's Choice: Natio delivers a pocket-sized pop of colour

MAKE-UP brand Natio has unveiled its latest product - Hello Colour Pocket Palettes, which offer four colour-coordinated powders stacked into one compact vertical palette.

Easy to use and ideal for people on the go, each Pocket Palette features a base eyeshadow, a defining eyeshadow, a blush and a highlighter.

Designed to blend seamlessly with fingers or a brush, the mini make-up palettes feature a mix of mattes, satins, and soft shimmers, and include a built-in mirror.

The all-in-one product comes in five colour variations: nude (classic neutral shades), petal (rosy tones with soft



pearlescence), bronze (warm golden tones), peach (golden coral hues) and berry (rich berry-toned shades).

To elevate the experience, customers can also purchase Natio's Retractable Makeup Brush (RRP \$19.95), which helps to softly diffuse powder for a smooth, polished finish.

The brush is domed for defined application across eyes and cheeks, and features premium synthetic bristles and an aluminium casing and lid.

The Natio Hello Colour Pocket Palettes are available for RRP \$19.95 each.

Natio's product range can be found at pharmacies around Australia, including Priceline, Chemist Warehouse, Blooms the Chemist, Pharmacy 4 Less, and Chemist Outlet.

QV hosts Syd retreat



SKINCARE brand QV Face hosted a Galentine's retreat last week at the EVE Hotel in Redfern.

VIP guests were welcomed with a complete QV Face skincare routine and matching QV loungewear before attending a discussion panel with dermatologist Dr. Shreya Andric and content creator Jade Tunchy to explore all things skin.

The day ended with an exclusive luxury cinema experience with Hoyts for the screening of *Wuthering Heights*.

Attendees started the next day with a guided breathwork and stretch session (**pictured**) led by Daniela Pola from She's So Well - a lymphatic drainage specialist clinic located in Randwick.

The QV Face range is available to purchase at Chemist Warehouse outlets around the country.

Plump and shine

THE new Klorane Hydration and Shine Plumping Mask (RRP \$32.99) with Prickly Pear promises to bring back moisture to dehydrated and dull hair in less than five minutes.

Simply apply the mask from roots to ends and leave on for five minutes, before rinsing off.

The Prickly Pear range also includes a shampoo, conditioner and hair serum, and is available now in pharmacies nationwide.



Vaseline's new solution for a sunlit glow



VASELINE has released its Glazed and Glisten collection, a range of shimmering body gel oils in several shades: Nourishing Argan Oil, Vanilla Glow and Sunlit Glow (RRP \$16.99 each).

Each of the ultra-hydrating oils are designed to lock in moisture and help revitalise dry skin, without leaving greasiness or a white cast, while subtly illuminating.

Formulated with cocoa butter, Sunlit Glow creates a peachy, champagne shimmer on the skin, while Nourishing Argan Oil offers a golden bronze glow and Vanilla Glow leaves a glossy, dewy finish.

For best results, customers should use the gel oil while the skin is still damp from a shower or bath and repeat throughout the day whenever required.

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Dispensary Corner

A PHARMACY in Georgia, Atlanta got more publicity than it bargained for this week after a customer flew into a rage while waiting for her prescription.

It was a compelling enough scene that a young woman, also shopping in the pharmacy at the time, took out her phone and started filming.

The clip, which has since gone viral, shows an older lady storming toward the counter at a Sandy Springs CVS pharmacy, with her dog following close behind her.

She then attempted to cut in front of another customer by slamming her bag onto the counter where he was being served - in response, he tossed her bag onto the floor.

The irate woman then began lashing out at him and other customers who were waiting, and demanded her prescription from staff, even threatening to call the police when a man told her to stop yelling.

"Man the entitlement is insane," one comment said under the video.

"Going to CVS Pharmacy ready to fight everybody is wild...some people really wake up choosing chaos," another user wrote.

Gello jumps at footy collab



CHEMIST Warehouse-owned confectionery brand Gello Beans and Gello Snakes (*PD* 21 Oct 2022) has been named as the official partner of the Australian Football League (AFL).

Under a five-year licensing agreement, Gello Beans and Gello Snakes products will feature the AFL logo across packaging.

As part of the exclusive retail rollout, AFL-licensed Gello Beans and Gello Snakes products are available at all Chemist Warehouse stores across Australia as well as all other leading pharmacies including Amcal and Discount Drug Stores.

Additionally, the partnership will include the launch of a dedicated program to support AFL umpires, providing emerging officials with access to resources and

development opportunities.

"This collaboration positions Gello Beans and Gello Snakes as a leading confectionery brand in the market, and we're excited to see it grow, evolve and connect with consumers," said Chemist Warehouse deputy CEO of retail, Mario Tascone.

AFL executive GM customer, commercial and technology, Bec Haagsma, added: "Chemist Warehouse has been a valued AFL partner for years, and we are pleased to see the Gello Beans and Gello Snakes collaboration come to life as part of this partnership."

"Without umpires our game doesn't happen, so it's fantastic that this initiative will help support AFL Umpires at every level of the game."

Pictured: Tascone and AFL CEO Andrew Dillon. *JM*

Meitheal adds CPD

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consulting agency Meitheal Services has introduced a new independent continuing professional development (CPD) accreditation framework designed for pharmacy.

The CPD Home offers a digitally integrated accreditation model that allows CPD providers to manage, track and monitor their applications through a secure online dashboard.

Instead of relying on email and manual workflows, the framework gives providers real-time visibility and the ability to maintain a record of activities.

"Accreditation should be structured, transparent and efficient," said Krysti-Lee Patterson, managing director of Meitheal Services.

"We've built a system that allows CPD providers to see exactly where their applications sit and to manage their accreditation portfolio through their own secure dashboard."

Additionally, Meitheal Services CPD Home includes a CPD provider model, with organisations now able to apply to become an accredited CPD provider for an annual fee.

Applications for both CPD activity accreditation and CPD Provider status are now open - find out more [HERE](#).

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