

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a full page from **Pharmacy Connect 2026**.

One week to go

PHARMACY Connect 2026 starts on 09 Sep and runs through to 11 Sep.

Learn more about registering on **page four**.

PSA welcomes new AMA leaders

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has welcomed incoming Australian Medical Association (AMA) leaders Dr Michael Bonning and Dr Sarah Whitelaw as president and vice president respectively.

Congratulating the medical professionals on their election, PSA national president, Professor Mark Naunton, said the organisation looked forward to continuing its strong partnership with the AMA to advance patient care and strengthen Australia's health system.

"As healthcare evolves, strengthening the collaboration between doctors and pharmacists will be critical to ensuring the health and well-being of Australians," Professor Naunton said.

"The PSA looks forward to working with the AMA under the new leadership of Dr Bonning and Dr Whitelaw."

Their terms commence on 02 Nov 2026.

Prof Naunton also wished outgoing AMA president Dr Danielle McMullen well, and thanked her for her leadership and contribution to healthcare advocacy - particularly her acknowledgement of the important role pharmacists play in improving medicines management and patient outcomes and support.

WA approves PSA grad cert

THE Western Australian Government has formally recognised the PSA's Graduate Certificate in Pharmacist Prescribing under the Enhanced Access Community Pharmacy Pilot, while also offering subsidised places for those looking to enrol in it.

Under the pilot, appropriately trained pharmacists will be able to diagnose and treat 17 conditions, providing the state's residents with greater access to care.

PSA WA Branch President, Kristian Ray, welcomed the official recognition of PSA's prescribing course and the training subsidy, saying it marked an important step towards improving access to care.

"We are delighted that Health Minister Meredith Hammat and the Western Australian Government have approved PSA's Graduate Certificate in Pharmacist Prescribing and are supporting 30 subsidised placements for pharmacists," Ray said.

"Many Western Australians, particularly those living in rural

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and remote communities, rely on pharmacists for timely access to care to manage uncomplicated urinary tract infections, resupply the oral contraceptive pill, and address skin conditions, among others," he continued.

"This change will enable more pharmacists to access prescribing training, allowing them to practise to their full scope and provide greater care for patients and communities across the state."

Learn more about the qualification **HERE**. **KB**

Pictured: Ayomide Ogundipe, PSA WA vice president; Mayli Foong, PSA WA state manager; Health Minister Meredith Hammat; and Kristian Ray, PSA WA president.

FIP calls for meds safety leadership recognition

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has called for greater recognition of pharmacists' leadership in patient and medication safety through the release of a new statement of policy today.

Medication-related harm continues to affect millions of people worldwide despite being largely preventable, with one in 20 patients globally experiencing preventable medication-related side effects, rising to 7% in developing countries, costing an estimated US\$40 billion per year.

The new policy goes beyond preventing dispensing errors, recognising pharmacists' essential role in preventing medication errors, reducing avoidable harm and improving the safe use of medicines across every stage of the patient's healthcare journey.

It highlights pharmacists' contribution to supporting high-risk medicines



management, reducing polypharmacy, strengthening pharmacovigilance, improving transitions of care and educating patients to use medicines safely.

"Pharmacists are uniquely trained to identify risks, optimise medicines use and intervene before harm occurs," Dr Marianne Ivey, co-chair of the policy committee, said.

"Yet too often their expertise is underused within national patient safety strategies.

"This policy calls for pharmacists to be recognised as leaders in creating safer healthcare systems."

The policy statement is **HERE**.

Stoboclo retail pharmacy deal

PHARMACOR and Celltrion Healthcare have announced an expanded partnership that will see Pharmacor provide commercial support for Celltrion's denosumab biosimilar Stoboclo within the Australian retail pharmacy market.

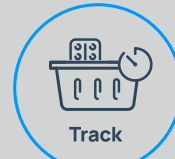
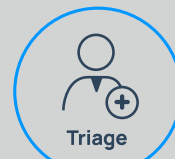
Stoboclo is indicated for the treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women.

The two companies have combined previously across other molecules and commercial initiatives, utilising Celltrion's hospital and specialist healthcare sector expertise with Pharmacor's relationships across Australian retail pharmacy.

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Maternal RSV vax Aussie success

A NEW Australian study has provided real-world evidence that maternal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination during pregnancy has been associated with a reduced risk of RSV-related hospitalisation in young infants.

The study conducted across nine Australian hospitals found the bivalent RSV prefusion F protein vaccine (Abrysvo, Pfizer) administered to pregnant women was 77.8% effective against hospitalisation for RSV lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in infants from birth to six months of age.

Protection was greatest when babies were youngest, reaching 86.3% during the first two months of life.

Dr Krishan Thiru, Pfizer ANZ medical director, said the findings provided important Australian evidence on protecting infants during a particularly vulnerable stage of life.

"The first few months of life represent the period of highest risk for severe RSV disease," Dr Thiru explained.

"These Australian real-world findings add to growing evidence that maternal RSV immunisation can play an important role in helping reduce RSV-related hospitalisation in young infants," he said.

The study was published in *JAMA Pediatrics* [HERE](#).

Chemsave celebrates its first 20 years

PHARMACY banner group Chemsave is celebrating its 20th birthday this year, having launched in 2006 with eight founding members.

Founder Michael Dixon (**pictured**) started the Chemsave brand at his Wentworthville pharmacy in Sydney a few years prior to launching the brand more widely.

"I saw how effective the branding and marketing were and believed it would work in other pharmacies across Australia," Dixon told **Pharmacy Daily**.

"My other pharmacy was under a different brand, and from that, I learnt everything that I did and didn't like about being in a brand and used that to create Chemsave," he explained.

Starting with branding and a catalogue as the only offering, Chemsave has expanded to every state in Australia years, and now has close to 100 members.

It has also greatly increased its offering, adding prescription and

OTC deals, merchandising and pricing assistance, POS support, health services, digital marketing, a loyalty program and more, with low monthly fees.

"My aim initially was to try to get to around 20 members, and once we got to 50 members I thought our growth would end," Dixon said.

"Fortunately we haven't stopped growing since, which shows that the Chemsave model works.

"Of course, we'll never stop trying every day to do better," he added.

Chemsave has recently launched Dispense Assist, Wealth 100 Club and Pointrs, providing new and innovative ways to benefit pharmacists.

"We wanted to create points of difference with initiatives that no other banner group has," Dixon said.

"Dispense Assist has proven very successful in assisting pharmacies in their dispensaries while reducing costs, and the Wealth 100 Club is a new initiative that helps with



pharmacy ownership.

"Meanwhile, Pointrs ensures all pharmacists make the most of their hard-earned loyalty points and miles," he explained.

Dixon is still the owner of Chemsave today, making it "one of the few pharmacy banner groups solely pharmacist-owned for the sole benefit of pharmacists".

"I'm very proud with what we've achieved over the first 20 years, thanks to the hard work and dedication of my team, and of course, the loyalty of our members," Dixon concluded, adding: "Here's to the next 20!"

CWH supports women's mental health through Liptember

CHEMIST Warehouse is supporting the 2026 Liptember campaign this month to help raise awareness and funds for women's mental health through the sale of Liptember boxes, lipsticks and lip glosses online and in-store nationwide.

CWH has partnered with Women's Mental Health Australia, formerly known as the Liptember Foundation, since 2010.

With one in two women experiencing mental health

issues, Australians are encouraged throughout Sep to get involved by purchasing a Liptember product, wearing their brightest lipstick and using the campaign as a prompt to start conversations about women's mental health.

Chemist Warehouse deputy CEO Mario Tascone said the retailer was proud to support the cause.

"Every Liptember Box, Lipstick and Lip-gloss purchased will help raise funds for women's mental health, but Liptember is about

so much more than fundraising," Tascone said,

"It's about encouraging women and girls to speak up, check in with one another and know that it's okay to ask for support."

Women's Mental Health Australia founder Luke Morris said the charity was grateful for CWH's continued support, which helps fund the organisation's annual research study, alongside national programs, advocacy and education.

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Dispensary Corner

YET another 'maxxing' trend has taken hold of young men, who are now skipping showers and doing away with deodorant in the hopes of attracting the opposite sex - nothing reels in the ladies like a bit of BO, right?

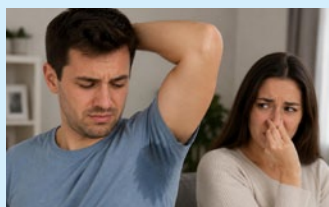
The logic of this new trend, dubbed 'pheromone-maxxing', is that conventional hygiene habits mask one's "natural musk", aka pheromones, which are thought to play a key role in attracting a compatible partner.

Pheromones are chemical signals that an organism secretes to communicate with other members of the same species, usually to signal a readiness to reproduce, and are well-documented in animals and insects.

The evidence is much shakier when it comes to humans though, and certainly does not seem to be worth the risk of social rejection from smelling bad or appearing unwashed.

When asked about the dating hack by *nine.com.au*, psychologist Carley Dober's sage advice was: "Men should not do this."

"Not only do you run the risk of smelling awful...but research into pheromones is not something that we have robust enough data on to make any broad and definitive conclusions," she explained.



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