

Medicines Australia 2005-2007 New Board & Executive

Medicines Australia has a new Chair, **John Young** of Pfizer Australia.

Mr Young is the Regional Director Australia and New Zealand, Chairman and Managing Director of Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd.

Born and educated in Scotland, Mr Young joined Pfizer in 1987 and has since worked for the company in a variety of key roles in the United Kingdom before being appointed to his position in June last year.

He has already had a prominent role in Board matters and led the cross-company team that developed the Medicines Australia response to the Government's 12.5 percent policy. This work led to changes being made to the policy during its implementation this year.

Mr Young paid tribute to the previous Chair, Mr Will Delaat, at the recently held Medicines Australia Industry Conference, saying his strategic leadership and collegiate style has enabled the pharmaceutical industry to move forward in a positive manner and be recognised as the Government's policy partner on medicines issues.



Chairman, Mr John Young

Mr Delaat, the Managing Director of **Merck Sharp and Dohme (Australia) Pty Ltd**, will remain highly involved with the Board, becoming a Vice-Chairman and Member of the Executive, along with the Managing Director of **Eli Lilly Pty Ltd**, **Steve Fry**, and Managing Director of **Sanofi Pasteur**, **Jenny Herz**. Steve Fry has also been appointed as Honorary Treasurer.

Medicines Australia Board and Executive

Chair

Mr John Young

Regional Director Aust/NZ
Chairman and Managing Director
Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd

Mr Russell Edwards

Regional Director
Amgen Australia Pty Ltd

Vice Chair and Honorary Treasurer

Mr Steve Fry

Managing Director
Eli Lilly Australia Pty Ltd

Mr Jeays Lilley

Managing Director
AstraZeneca Pty Ltd

Vice Chairs

Mr Will Delaat

Managing Director
Merck Sharp & Dohme (Australia) Pty Ltd

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Area Director, Australasia
General Manager, Australia
GlaxoSmithKline Australia

Ms Jenny Herz

Managing Director
Sanofi Pasteur

Ms Erica L Mann

Managing Director
Wyeth Australia Pty Ltd

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Dr Martin Cross

Managing Director
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Australia Pty Ltd

Mr Mark Wright

Managing Director
Australia / New Zealand
Bristol-Myers Squibb Australia Pty Ltd

Australian Science recognised in historic Nobel Prize win

Australia's research-based prescription medicines industry congratulate West Australian scientists, **Professor Barry Marshall** and **Professor Robin Warren**, on securing the coveted 2005 Nobel Prize for Medicine.

The pair has been acknowledged globally for their groundbreaking discovery on the cause of gastritis and stomach ulcers.

Their discovery that peptic ulcers are caused by bacteria has transformed the condition to one that can be cured by antibiotics, rather than drastic surgery.

Professor Marshall and Professor Warren are to be congratulated for their innovation and persistence in proving their theory. Their discovery will be a source of immense pride for Australians in years to come.

The pair's Nobel Prize win is also important in illustrating the potential of Australian research. With two Nobel Prize wins for Australia in a decade the promise of Australian research is evident.

It is imperative the Australian Government build on its investment in health and medical research as it will deliver immense benefits to the economy and improve the lives of Australians and people worldwide.

Research conducted this year by **Crosby Textor** for **Research Australia** shows Australians identify health and medical research as a top national priority and want an all-of-community effort to substantially increase funding and resources.

One in two Australians polled said they would prefer surplus Government funds to be directed at health and medical research compared to 23% who would rather receive a tax cut and 18% who want funding for other areas. Australians also want to see adequate investment in research so that our discoveries are not commercialised overseas.

"Thank You"
Day

Australia leads the world in many areas of health and medical research and has been responsible for a number of significant global discoveries – yet, because work is happening away from the public eye and often with very long lead-times, few people realise it.

"Thank You" Day (7 November) gives Australians the opportunity to send their personal messages of thanks to the health and medical researchers whose efforts are special to them.

Researchers, in turn, have the opportunity to thank the volunteers, supporters and partners that make their research possible.

The "Thank You" Day Awards honour six special individuals and organisations whose remarkable philanthropy and advocacy have helped pave the way for a strong Australian research environment.

Messages can be sent from 10 October to 10 November via www.thankyouday.org or SMS to 0428THANKS.

Upcoming Events

Thank You Day

7 November

www.researchaustralia.org

National Skin Cancer Awareness Week

13-19 November

www.infocancer.org.au

World Diabetes Day

14 November

www.diabetesaustralia.com.au

World AIDS Day

1 December

www.worldaidsday.org

www.medicinesaustralia.com.au

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