



The National Return & Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Limited

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VINTAGE “RUM”!

In July 2008 the Return Unwanted Medicines (**RUM**) Project celebrates 10 years service to Australia’s consumers.

Funded by the Commonwealth Department Health & Ageing, the RUM Project commenced in July 1998 with headquarters in Adelaide and relocated to Melbourne in 2001.

A “celebration” of this event is planned in July.

Community Pharmacy is at the centre.

Pharmacies across Australia are the collection focus for the return of unwanted and out of date medicines from consumers. Over 10 years the collections have grown to now exceed an average of 36 tonnes per month across Australia.

Many community pharmacies actively promote the RUM collection process to their customers.

Consumers can return their unwanted and out-of-date medicines to
ANY COMMUNITY PHARMACY

Cooperation is the key.

Through this free service, community pharmacists make a major contribution to the Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) strategy.

Pharmacy wholesalers facilitate the delivery and collection of RUM Project materials to and from pharmacies across Australia.

The RUM Project represents an example of the benefits to the community from the cooperation of the pharmacist and wholesaler working together for the benefit of the community in medication management.

A World First!

The RUM Project is a world first for Australian pharmacy. Compliments come from many overseas countries envious of the cooperation and contribution made by community pharmacy and pharmacy wholesalers in the RUM Project.

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