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## Media release

### WA finalist wins Pharmacy Assistant of the Year award

Briohny O'Malley from Bunbury Drive-In Chemist in Western Australia has been named the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and GSK's *2010 National Pharmacy Assistant of the Year*.

Briohny was absolutely thrilled to be chosen as the National Pharmacy Assistant of the Year (PATY) and said that although the judging day was nerve wracking it was a great experience to be able to learn from so many fantastic people.

"All the finalists were such inspiring women and I greatly appreciated the opportunity to have met so many likeminded people," she said.

"I have certainly formed long lasting relationships and I will be able to use the skills that I have learned in this competition throughout my career."

Kos Sclavos, National President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia said that the National Pharmacy Assistant of the Year competition was the most prestigious competition in Australia for pharmacy assistants. "To be named the Pharmacy Assistant of the Year is to be recognised for your skills and knowledge in your chosen career and this competition brings together outstanding assistants from across Australia," Mr Sclavos said.

Andrew Prott, GSK National Training Manager, said that the quality and standard of this year's finalists have been extremely high and that they have certainly set the bar for next year's competitors.

"This competition is a reflection of the dedication and passion that the finalists have for their jobs and the industry. The finalists have all demonstrated that they are leaders who aspire to develop not only themselves but all those around them," he said.

The judges said that all the finalists were of such a high calibre that it was very hard to choose a winner. They said Briohny showed that she can perform well under pressure and that she has an extensive knowledge of the pharmacy industry, which is why she was the ideal candidate to represent all pharmacy assistants across Australia.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia congratulates Briohny on her outstanding achievement. As the national winner, Briohny will take home some terrific prizes, including \$5000 cash and professional development with Guild Training to the value of \$4000.

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