A NEW ERA FOR PYMANS PHARMACY

With mixed emotions I am proud to announce that Pymans Pharmacy will continue to be a place for the communities of East Melbourne and beyond, to fill scripts, ask advice, and be taken care of ;following my planned retirement this month.

Pharmacists Nadir Samy and Daniel Eskander have bought the business, and Nadir will work with Sabine Giuliano. Nadir and Daniel have a number of businesses servicing local communities in country Victoria and interstate.

As many of you know, Pymans Pharmacy has been part of East Melbourne for over 100 years. I was a young school boy when I started coming to help my father, Jim, at his pharmacy. I was regularly lowered into the violet powder bin to retrieve the last of the scented talc for the ladies. Granted a leave pass, I had many happy cricket games in the lane behind, with the local boys, one of whom I befriended again, meeting at pharmacy college, years later.

I became the pharmacist after Jim's sudden death in 1988, and was comforted to carry on his legacy. The pharmacy continued to be filled with East Melbournites of all walks of life, visiting stars of music and theatre, and the international cricket teams. Most importantly, the pharmacy was filled with many staff over the years who were keen to work as a team and assist the community, no more so than over the covid years. I am so grateful for their commitment, humour and resilience.

For me, there was great fulfilment in sharing my knowledge and skills with everyone who arrived at the door. However the greatest reward for me was always people; expanding my life experience and offering new points of view. I have so enjoyed the personal relationships with so many, often over decades, and I thank you all for that.

I am looking forward to time without jammed printers and health dept escripts that don't work!

With best wishes to everyone

Andrew Pyman