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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 13) reports the government will invest \$30 million in world-leading medical research infrastructure for Melbourne, with eight projects due to receive a share of the funding through an infrastructure arm of the Medical Research Future Fund. Health Minister Mark Butler said "Melbourne is the epicentre of medical research in Australia and these grants will enable our world-class researchers to continue that proud work."
- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 13) reports the majority of Australians support a blanket ban on advertising for unhealthy food and drinks targeting children, new research by Cancer Council Victoria has found. The study found most Australians support a ban on websites, games and apps promoting unhealthy food and drink and the collection of children's personal information by companies that make and sell them. *Also reported by:* [Adelaide Advertiser](#)
- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 11) reports the high cost of living is prompting some Queenslanders to skip vital vaccinations against infectious diseases, including meningococcal and influenza, health professionals say. RACGP Rural Council chair Dr Michael Clements said "Governments are trying to save money where they can ... and you've now got an interesting situation where your health outcomes are directly linked to your financial ability to pay."

- The [Kalgoorlie Times](#) (page 6) reports reforms for West Australia's archaic abortion laws will not be debated till state parliament resumes in August, but MPs have been given a conscience vote and allowed "uncapped" debate over the issue. The state's Health Minister Amber Jade Sanderson said "Essentially, this will remove clinically unnecessary barriers for women who are seeking a safe legal and private abortion." *Also reported by: [The Australian](#), [West Australian](#)*
- The [Launceston Examiner](#) (page 1) reports Tasmanians will reap significant benefits from new medication dispensations rules, a leading consumer advocate says. Health Consumers Tasmania Bruce Levett said "We think it's a really good decision, we think it will save people who use regular medicines, and these are typically people in low socio-economic groups." *Also reported by: [Burnie Advocate](#)*
- The [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#) reports new legislation would require mandatory reporting of silicosis in Australian workers, but unions say a ban on engineered stone is the best way to eradicate the disease. Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney said the legislation represented important new support for the early detection of silicosis and would identify workplaces and industries needing greater scrutiny.
- The [Weekly Times Now](#) (Online) reports only thirteen regional Victorian councils will be left providing in-home aged care following a decision by 22 councils to exit the sector over the last two years. Pyrenees Shire mayor Cr David Clark said many councils, including his own, found it unviable to offer in-home aged care services following federal government changes to funding models following the royal commission into the sector.
- [ABC News](#) reports deaths in custody will be disclosed in real-time from today as part of government measures to decrease deaths in jail facilities and improve disproportionate fatalities amongst Indigenous inmates. Curtin Law school associate professor and Kurin Minang woman Hannah McGlade said "We know the harm that's caused by incarceration. It can be deaths in custody but often incarceration will lead to further incarceration. That is the reality. It doesn't make communities safer necessarily and it's simply not working." *Also reported by: [The Guardian](#)*
- [The Guardian](#) reports the use of hotels as immigration detention facilities has "devastating impacts on people's mental and physical health", a report from the Australian Human Rights Commission has found. The report found the negative mental health implications of hotel detention worsened the longer a person was detained and often exacerbated earlier traumas. *Also reported by: [Canberra Times](#), [SBS](#)*

MINISTER BUTLER

Funds boost medical research

Herald Sun, General News, 22/06/2023, Jade Gailberger, Page 13

Melbourne is set to become the home of new world-leading medical research infrastructure under a \$30m federal government investment. Health Minister Mark Butler will announce the funding on Thursday, saying researchers need state-of-the-art facilities, equipment and technology to pursue big ideas and find solutions to complex health problems.

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Approval, funding for future of paediatric palliative care

Cranbourne Star News, General News, 22/06/2023, Page 18

Paediatric palliative care and its important role within the health sector has been recognised with new funding from the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care. [...] "This investment by the Health Minister, Mark Butler, is timely because it means we can build on the hard work of the last three years in developing the Paediatric Palliative Care National Action Plan," says Camilla Rowland, chief executive officer, Palliative Care Australia (PCA).

Also reported by: [Pakenham News \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Drug pain

Pharmacists across the Hills are rallying to protest the Federal Government's decision to introduce 60-day dispensing from September, warning it could force some local pharmacies to close. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler has acknowledged the challenges 60-day dispensing will present for pharmacies, but has prioritised cutting the cost of medicine for patients.

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'Montville needs a doctor': Fisher MP tables petition

Sunshine Valley Gazette, General News, 21/06/2023, Page 5

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace has tabled a petition calling for the Federal Government to improve rural and regional incentives to address GP shortages in Montville. The petition of 775 signatures was presented in parliament. [...] "I'm calling on Health Minister Mark Butler, as are those 775 petitioners, to make an exemption and make it at least on par with Maleny to make it more financially rewarding for a doctor to work in Montville."

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Nightlife News Breakdown - Tory Shepherd - The Guardian

ABC Online, Other, 22/06/2023

Nightlife News Breakdown with Philip Clark, joined by Tory Shepherd Senior Reporter for Guardian Australia. The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is claiming the Federal government's changes to medicine dispensing will have 'catastrophic' effects. Health Minister, Mark Butler, has accused the guild of a "scare campaign" over the switch from 30-day to 60-day medicine dispensing.

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Calls for greater incentives to attract psychologists to outback communities

The North West Star, Other, 21/06/2023, Jeremy Cook

A federal funding boost for mental health services in Outback Queensland has been cautiously welcomed by Australia's peak psychology body who say stronger incentives are needed to grow locally-based regional workforces. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced \$1.5 million over three years in grant funding for Outback Futures, a not-for-profit mental health support organisation, to trial a program aiming to improve rural and remote access to mental health professionals in Cloncurry, Winton, Longreach, Blackall-Tambo and Barcaldine.

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Local council assembly road trip to Canberra

The Weekly Advertiser, Other, 21/06/2023

The importance of place-based solutions for shared challenges is among the key takeaways for Wimmera leaders attending a local government forum in Canberra. [...] She said councillors met Health Minister Mark Butler and shared the community's concerns about a proposed 60-day medication dispensing scheme, feared to have repercussions for residents and pharmacies.

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"The German Girl" author Armando Lucas Correa, Ian Verrender on the RBA's decision-making & are your organs older or younger than your actual age?

ABC Online, Other, 22/06/2023, Philip Clark

Armando Lucas Correa is one of the world's most popular novelists. His debut novel in 2016, The German Girl, became a worldwide best seller and at a recent literary lunch event he discussed his new novel "The Night Travellers" with Philip Clark for Nightlife. [...] Health Minister, Mark Butler, has accused the guild of a "scare campaign" over the switch from 30-day to 60-day medicine dispensing.

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Will hundreds of Australian pharmacies close over dispensing changes or is it just a scare campaign?

The Guardian, Other, 21/06/2023, Tory Shepherd

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has painted a "catastrophic" picture in which 20,000 jobs will be lost and 650 pharmacies will close as they suffer a multibillion-dollar hit from filling fewer scripts and having fewer people wander in to buy anti-snoring devices. [...] But the health minister, Mark Butler, has accused the guild of a "scare campaign" over the switch from 30-day to 60-day medicine dispensing.

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Mark Butler opens consultation opens on new National Hepatitis Strategies

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 21/06/2023

Health minister Mark Butler has opened the consultation for Australia's new national strategies against hepatitis B and C. ...

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Health minister refuses to fund AMCA compassionate access scheme

Cannabiz, Other, 21/06/2023, Steve Jones

Health minister Mark Butler has rejected calls to fund a national compassionate access scheme in a move criticised as "entirely misplaced" by the Australian Medicinal Cannabis Association (AMCA). AMCA launched the scheme, called Compass, in 2022 with the aim of subsidising patients unable to afford medicinal cannabis for serious conditions.

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Government tackles body image crisis, pledging \$6.2 to the Embrace Kids program

Glam Adelaide, Other, 21/06/2023, Abbie Tiller

The Australian Government has announced a \$6.2 million package to combat body image issues in children. Australia has reached a milestone in its mission to help young people embrace their bodies with the Government announcing a \$6.2 million funding package aimed at combating body image issues and eating disorders. [...] "The Australian Government is investing \$6.2 million in the Embrace Kids program so children, parents, carers, teachers and coaches have the tools to combat body image and body shaming issues before they arise" said Heath and Aged Care Minister, Mark Butler.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Nightlife, 21/06/2023, Philip Clark

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is claiming the Federal government's changes to medicine dispensing will have catastrophic effects, their words including 20,000 job losses and the closure of 650 pharmacies. Although Health Minister Mark Butler has accused the guild of a scare campaign over the switch from 30 day to 60 day medicine dispensing Labor claims, the change will deliver cheaper medications to millions of people.

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MINISTER WELLS

Aged Care Taskforce launched

Bungendore Weekly, General News, 21/06/2023, Page 3

A taskforce has been created to put forward options to fund aged care. Who Is on It and what does It mean for aged care? [...] During last week's Press Club address, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells declared there would be a stronger focus on dementia and acknowledged that workforce shortages was the number one issue facing providers.

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Police change statement on tasered 95-year-old woman

Mention of a Taser, a knife and a 95-year-old's movements were removed from the first public statement NSW Police drafted about the fatal stunning of the great-grandmother, new documents reveal. Clare Nowland was tasered during a confrontation with police while walking with a frame and holding a steak knife at the Yallambee Lodge in Cooma on May 17. [...] Federal Aged Care Minister Anika Wells mentioned Mrs Nowland to reinforce the need for a greater understanding of and support for people living with dementia.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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NSW Police accused of cover-up after 95-year-old was tasered at aged care home

7news.com.au, Other, 21/06/2023

Clare Nowland died a week after being tasered by police while using a walking frame and holding a steak knife. NSW Police is accused of a cover-up after documents revealed mentions of paramedics, a knife and a Taser were removed in their first statement about their fatal stunning of a 95-year-old great-grandmother. [...] Federal Aged Care Minister Anika Wells mentioned Nowland to reinforce the need for a greater understanding of and support for people living with dementia.

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Channel 9, Today, 21/06/2023, James Bracey, Sarah Abo, Alex Cullen and Brooke Boney

Federal Sports Minister Anika Wells addresses State of Origin fans about the spirit of the annual interstate sporting event.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

National registry for respiratory disease

Canberra Times, General News, 22/06/2023, Maeve Bannister, Page 17

A national registry will be established for deadly workplace respiratory diseases as the federal government seeks to tackle the prevalence of silicosis. If passed, the law will require mandatory reporting of the disease which affects nearly one-in-four engineered stone workers in the industry before 2018. [...] Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney said every case of silicosis was unacceptable.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Kalgoorlie\)](#).

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Channel 9, Nine Afternoon News, 21/06/2023, Alice Monfries

The Federal Government has introduced legislation to overhaul reporting of silicosis. Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney says it will make sure that everybody who contracts an occupational dust related disease will have that recorded on this register. The Government is also considering the feasibility of a ban on products with high levels of silica.

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The Federal Parliament has introduced legislation to establish a national respiratory disease registry which will make reporting of silicosis mandatory. One in four stone bench top workers were diagnosed with the disease but the figure could rise among young men. Federal Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney says the registry will help aid in detecting new and existing threats to workers.

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ABC Radio Perth, Statewide Mornings, 21/06/2023, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with WA Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson about decriminalising and increasing access abortion in WA. Sanderson says There are a number of hurdles that the former Coalition Government put in place where doctors have to register to be a prescriber. She states the work that Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney is doing federally will hopefully lift some of those barriers for GPs and doctors.

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DEPARTMENT

Residential care providers paying nurses more than 15% above the award may have to fund pay rise out of own pocket

The Weekly Source, Other, 21/06/2023, Shushmit Pandey

Residential aged care providers that have been paying nurses 15% or more above the award wage may have to cover part of the Fair Work Commission's (FWC) 1 July 15% pay rise out of their own pockets due to the way the Independent Hospital and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) has calculated the funding intended to cover the wage increase. [...] "IHACPA's role is to provide the Government with impartial advice on the national price of residential aged care using available evidence, while the Department of Health and Aged Care is responsible for operating and managing the residential aged care system".

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Consultation extended

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 21/06/2023, Ajp Staff

Further engagement about onsite pharmacists in residential aged care is on the way, as accreditation standards are delayed The Australian Pharmacy Council has said in a statement that the Department of Health and Aged Care has extended its engagement to develop accreditation standards and an accreditation system.

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COVID-19 healthcare leader moves into new role

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 21/06/2023, Chloe Hava

In an exclusive interview with Australian Pharmacist , Deputy Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Professor Michael Kidd AO reflects on steering the nation through the COVID-19 pandemic and his next career move. Just over 3 years ago, Prof Kidd returned to Australia from Canada where he was Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Family Medicine and Primary Care.

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Class action

Echo NetDaily, Other, 21/06/2023, Peter Olson

Australians who believe they were injured by covid jabs in April filed the first ever class action lawsuit

against those who promised safe and effective' vaccines. For those interested, see www.covidvaxclassaction.com.au. Respondents in the matter will be Commonwealth of Australia; Greg Hunt, the former Federal Health Minister of Australia; John Skerrett of the TGA; Paul Kelly, Australia's Chief Medical Officer; and Brendan Murphy, the secretary of the Department of Health.

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Public sector tops most appealing workplace list in latest survey

RiotACT, Other, 21/06/2023, Chris Johnson

The public service has come out on top in a survey asking Australians what they believe are the most appealing places to work. All up, 48 per cent of Australian workers surveyed ticked the public sector as the employer they believed offered the most attractive working conditions, according to the Employer Brand Research 2023 report from global recruitment and HR services firm Randstad. [...] Individually, the Department of Defence ranked the highest, the Federal Government generally fifth placed, and the federal Department of Health and Aged Care came in at number six.

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POWER FM Illawarra, 09:00 News, 21/06/2023

Australia's Deputy Chief Medical Officer Professor Michael Kidd says the Shoalhaven needs to keep up to date with vaccinations.

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2NM, 07:30 Local News, 21/06/2023

This week's cold snap is prompting a call by Australia's deputy chief medical officer Professor Michael Kidd, to get vaccinated against influenza and Covid immunity that you get from vaccination does reduce or wane over time. So the best way to protect yourself against becoming seriously unwell is to make sure you've had your annual flu vaccine and also make sure that you're up to date with your Covid 19 booster.

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CORONAVIRUS

Legalise Cannabis MP Brian Walker links Shane Warne's death to COVID-19 vaccinations

West Australian, Other, 21/06/2023, Caitlyn Rintoul

Legalise Cannabis MP Brian Walker has used a speech in the Upper House to present research linking the sudden death of Australian cricket legend Shane Warne to the COVID-19 vaccine. In Dr Walker's speech in WA Parliament late on Tuesday evening, he cited UK-based cardiologist Dr Aseem Malhotra, who claims Warne's Thailand death in March 2022 was precipitated by a COVID mRNA vaccine.

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What makes a COVID superspreader?

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023

We've all heard that COVID spreads in clusters and sometimes the cluster comes from a single person who can infect nearly everyone around them. They're superspreaders and it's been opaque how much virus a superspreader is actually responsible for spreading around.

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Covid kids: the teenage years

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023

From starting high school to your first big party to the early steps of a career, our teenage years are about finding our place in the world and beginning to make our mark. But what happens when the world as we know it shuts down?

Calls for PM to launch inquiry into Australia's COVID response

Sky News Australia, Other, 21/06/2023

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is being called on to launch an inquiry into federal and state government responses to the COVID pandemic by the end of the year. Policy experts have joined the Australian Medical Association in pushing for the review to avoid it becoming a blame game in the lead-up to the next federal election.

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Sky News Live, Newsday, 21/06/2023, Ashleigh Gillon

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2SM, 17:00 News, 21/06/2023

The Federal Government is facing mounting pressure to launch an inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese remained coy earlier this month on Labor's election promise to hold a Royal Commission or inquiry into the country's pandemic response as the Australian Medical Association is calling for action. AMA President Steve Robson has told the Herald now is the perfect time to take the politics out of it. T

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Taser cover-up undermines trust in police

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 22/06/2023, Page 24

In a ham-fisted attempt at media manipulation that undermines confidence in those we look to for protection, senior NSW Police have been caught covering up the use of a Taser in the fatal stunning of a 95-year-old aged care resident suffering from dementia. Under a freedom of information request by Herald reporter Olivia Ireland, an email exchange between the executive director of NSW Police public affairs Liz Deegan and duty officers at the media unit shows how a proposed media release about the confrontation was sanitised to remove all mention of a Taser, a knife and the victim's movements.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Taser censorship claims

Daily Telegraph, General News, 22/06/2023, Lachlan Leeming and James O'Doherty, Page 10

Claims key details regarding the tasering of grandmother Clare Nowland were covered up have been rejected by the police commissioner and minister, even though the facts of the incident were only exposed when they were reported by The Daily Telegraph. Freedom of information documents yesterday revealed details including the mention of a knife, a taser and Ms Nowland's movements were removed from the first police statement following the May 17 incident. Details of Ms Nowland being tasered weren't made public until The Telegraph revealed them on May 18.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Police change statement regarding tasered 95-year-old woman

Canberra Times, General News, 22/06/2023, Page 24

NSW Police is accused of a cover-up after documents revealed mention of paramedics, a knife and a

Taser were removed in their first statement about their fatal stunning of a 95-year-old great-grandmother. Clare Nowland was tasered during a confrontation with police while walking with a frame and holding a steak knife at the Yallambee Lodge in Cooma on May 17.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#).

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Apollo launch fail

Border Mail, General News, 22/06/2023, Anthony Bunn, Page 1

Yackandandah Health members rejected a takeover of the service by Apollo Care in a vote last night. The members opted not to have the aged care, childcare and medical clinic run by Yackandandah Health fall into the hands of a national company despite the service's board recommending the takeover.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Carers WA connects Kalgoorlie-Boulder with services

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 22/06/2023, Madeleine Clark, Page 3

Unpaid carers in KalgoorlieBoulder are being engaged with by Carers WA agents in a visit to increase connection and awareness across the community. The week-long visit comes after Carers WA CEO Richard Newman made a commitment to return to the region following the Ministerial Advisory Council for Carers regional meeting earlier in the year.

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NSW Opposition demand Police Minister Yasmin Catley resign

The Australian, Other, 21/06/2023, Eli Green

The NSW Opposition has called on the state's police Minister to step down over her handling of an incident where police tasered an elderly woman with dementia, who later died. Police spokesman Paul Toole is demanding Premier Chris Minns "consider the position" of Police Minister Yasmin Catley. Mr Toole took particular issue with how Ms Catley responded to the tasering of 95-year-old Clare Nowland at a Cooma nursing home in the early hours of May 17.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Ballarat, Loddon, Glenelg: 10 more regional Victorian councils exit aged care sector

Weekly Times Now, Other, 21/06/2023, Else Kennedy

A mass exodus of regional councils from in-home aged care services could lead to worse services for clients and workers, advocates warn. Ten regional Victorian councils will exit the in-home aged care sector by July 1, claiming new federal government rules make offering the services unviable for smaller operators. Corangamite, Ballarat, Glenelg, Bendigo, Hindmarsh, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Buloke, Pyrenees and Yarriambiack Shire councils will all stop offering in-home aged care this year.

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Spotlight forum: what is the future for aged care?

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023

It's a crucial time for the aged care sector, with a growing older population and more people wanting to stay in their own homes and have carers come to them. In this special Spotlight forum, Nadia Mitsopoulos hosted a live audience in the studios of ABC Perth to explore what the future of aged care looks like in WA.

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Opposition alleges police 'cover-up' over Tasering of 95-year-old Clare

Nowland

The Guardian, Other, 21/06/2023, Tamsin Rose

The New South Wales opposition says the premier, Chris Minns, should consider sacking his police minister after it alleged there was a "cover-up" of the Tasing of a 95-year-old grandmother. Documents have revealed that mentions of paramedics, a knife and a Taser were removed in the police's first statement about the incident, in which Clare Nowland was Tasered during a confrontation with police while walking with a frame and holding a steak knife at the Yallambee Lodge in Cooma on 17 May.

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NSW Police cut 100 key words from initial statement on 95-year-old nursing home taser death

NEWS.com.au, Other, 21/06/2023, Frank Chung

A 95-year-old great-grandmother who was tasered by police at a care home in Australia has died. NSW Police removed mention of a knife, a taser and Clare Nowland's movements in the first public statement about the incident that led to the death of the 95-year-old great-grandmother last month, according to a report.

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Senior police edited public statement on Tasing of Clare Nowland

9News, Other, 21/06/2023, Lucy Slade

The NSW police minister has been grilled in parliament after it was revealed top police officers removed key details from a public statement on the Tasing of elderly aged care resident Clare Nowland. Internal emails obtained by The Sydney Morning Herald uncovered the original draft media release sent for approval on the day Nowland, 95, was Tasered at Yallambee Lodge in Cooma on May 17. The draft release said Nowland was holding a knife when officers arrived and Tasered when officers moved towards her.

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Meaningful Ageing Australia welcomes Paul Sadler to board

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 21/06/2023

Not-for-profit organisation Meaningful Ageing Australia which promotes evidence-based spiritual care for the ageing population has appointed Paul Sadler as a new board director. A long-standing aged care advocate, Mr Sadler served as chief executive officer of former peak body Aged & Community Services Australia from September 2021 to October 2022.

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New alliance established to promote small household care settings

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 21/06/2023

A new global consortium has formed to advocate for the wider adoption of small household models of residential aged care. Australia's HammondCare, the United Kingdom's Belong group and The Green House Project in the United States of America have united as founding members of the Household Model International Consortium to promote the benefits for residents living in small-scale congregate settings.

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Establishing your service for change

Community Care Review, Other, 21/06/2023, Andrea Petriwskyj

There's one key thing you should be asking as you ready your organisation for the changing sector, writes, Andrea Petriwskyj. Service providers across Australia's aged care sector are looking at new ways to do business, provide services and meet the needs of people as we age.

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Reform delay stagnates sector, says report

Community Care Review, Other, 21/06/2023, Christopher Kelly

The second postponement of the Support at Home program is stalling the industry, according to a new report. Home care providers are "performing in a climate of operating issues," say the authors of StewartBrown's Aged Care Financial Performance Survey Report for the nine months ending 31 March 2023 .

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POPULATION HEALTH

Don't dump nuke site on premiers: Mali

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 22/06/2023, Michael McGuire, Page 9

The final resting place of the nuclear waste that will be generated by Australia's future submarine fleet should be decided by the Commonwealth, with state leaders kept away from the decision-making process, according to SA Premier Peter Malinauskas. "The country will need to have a high-level nuclear waste facility," Mr Malinauskas told a Business Council of Australia lunch in Adelaide on Wednesday.

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Abortion reform in line for 'uncapped' debate

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 22/06/2023, Caitlyn Rintoul, Page 6

Legislation aimed at reforming WA's archaic abortion laws has been introduced to Parliament, with MPs being given a conscience vote and allowed "uncapped" debate over the contentious issue. The potentially controversial reforms were read into Parliament by Health Minister AmberJade Sanderson on Wednesday afternoon but will not be debated until after winter recess ends on August 8.

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Dangers of mosquito bites

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 22/06/2023, Rachel Gray, Page 4

Tamworth local Michael Cullen has been out of work since he was bitten by a mosquito and caught Japanese Encephalitis (JEV) about six months ago. "I didn't know what was going on at the time," Mr Cullen said. It was a sunny December 5, and Mr Cullen was mowing lawns in the Hillvue area while covered up wearing tracksuit pants, and work boots with a common t-shirt.

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Thin is in but Ozempic has a big fat problem

Australian Financial Review, Other, 21/06/2023, Lauren Sams

When the diabetes drug that aids weight loss arrives in Australia, how does the fashion industry respond? With hustle.

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Major push to decriminalise formerly contentious issue in WA

The Australian, Other, 21/06/2023, Elena Couper

Sweeping abortion law reforms will be introduced to West Australian parliament this week in what has been touted as a "historic moment for women" in the state. The Cook government's proposed reforms of the outdated laws will bring it in line with most other Australian jurisdictions, fully decriminalising abortion.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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UK government 'shares lessons' on vaping with Australia

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023, Ella Pickover

Proposed Australian vaping restrictions will be examined by the British government as it considers measures to protect children from vaping in the UK. Health Secretary Steve Barclay said the

government was "open" to taking more steps to protect children from vaping.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Long-sought abortion laws to remove access barriers

West Australian, Other, 21/06/2023, Michael Ramsey

Abortion will be fully decriminalised in Western Australia under long-sought Labor government reforms intended to improve access to safe procedures. Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson on Wednesday introduced legislation to parliament removing abortion from the state's criminal code and placing it within the Public Health Act.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Nightlife Health - The Ageing of Our Organs

ABC Online, Other, 22/06/2023

Our organs are ageing, and in each of us there is a varying organ clock. Did you know the biological age of some organ systems can differ from a person's chronological age?

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Don Dale: the children with profound disability held behind bars in the NT

The Guardian, Other, 22/06/2023, (A)manda Parkinson in Darwin

Behind the rolls of razor wire in a defunct adult prison, known as Don Dale youth detention centre, sits a teenage boy with profound cognitive disability. The 17-year-old has served concurrent sentences in the Darwin detention centre while his complex behaviours have escalated into fights with other boys and guards.

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Three NDIS reforms to better support those in need, especially children with autism

The Mandarin, Other, 21/06/2023, Robert Breunig and Maathumai Ranjan

Addressing long-term cost blowouts in the National Disability Insurance Scheme means more than cracking down on rorts and inefficiencies. It means addressing the dissonance between the scheme's legislated objective to use insurance principles with early intervention and its ongoing devolution into an uncapped social welfare program.

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Australians putting off dentist trips due to the cost of living

9News, Other, 21/06/2023

Dentist appointments are being forgotten in the cost of living crisis and it's leading to thousands of hospitalisations each year. WA Greens Senator Jordon Steele-John is leading the inquiry into access to dental care, providing an interim report with about 17,000 Australians responding and 98 per cent supporting the expansion of free dental.

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'Alarmingly high' deadly silicosis numbers detected in stone bench workers

6PR, Other, 21/06/2023

A pioneering study into the effects of stone bench-top cutting on workers has been undertaken at Monash University and has produced some disturbing results. Monash University respiratory and sleep disorders physician Doctor Ryan Hoy told Gary Adshead on 6PR Mornings silica dust was not being safely handled or even recognised in the industry.

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Alcohol deliveries could be put on hold as addiction hits crisis levels

6PR, Other, 21/06/2023

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education is pushing for a two-hour delay on alcohol deliveries as alcohol abuse reaches new highs. FARE CEO Caterina Giogi told Millsy and Karl on 6PR Breakfast alcohol deliveries were having an increased adverse effect on people who may already be vulnerable to harmful use.

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SBS, World News Australia, 21/06/2023, Janice Petersen

Abortion laws described as outdated, which are the oldest in Australia, are a step closer to being overhauled. The Western Australian Government is pushing to remove abortion from its criminal code. The bill will increase the limit for surgical abortion from 20 weeks to 23 weeks.

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4BC, 05:30 News, 22/06/2023

There are renewed calls for the Queensland Government to subsidise the meningococcal B vaccine. There are reports people are choosing the to forgo the jab due to the rising cost of living, while vaccinations for other strains of meningococcal are free.

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ABC Radio Perth, 17:00 News, 21/06/2023

The WA Government has introduced a bill to decriminalise and increase access to abortion. The proposed changes will bring Western Australia in line with the rest of the country by moving abortion from the criminal code to health care legislation. The bill will also seek to increase the gestational limit from 20 weeks to 23 weeks and reduce requirements for late term abortions. Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson says the changes will improve access.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Students shine light on Fiona Elsey legacy

Ballarat Courier, General News, 22/06/2023, Melanie Whelan, Page 2

Many Ballarat High students knew there was a cancer research institute in town, but year 12's Chloe Hopkins says they did not realise this all started with one of their own. And so, they decided to bring a little of Fiona Elsey's legacy back in action. Fiona Elsey was a medical visionary who baked cakes a lot of cakes - to raise money for cancer research to be undertaken in her hometown. Fiona was in year eight at Ballarat High when she died, aged 14, from an aggressive tumour in 1991.

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Answering questions about cancer trials

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 22/06/2023, Page 3

Maureen Burkinshaw's cancer diagnosis came as a complete shock to her last year while on a holiday in NSW. After a bad reaction to chemotherapy, it was advised that a clinical trial was her best option to fight her rare cancer. Today, the proud grandmother is extremely pleased with how her cancer has responded to the trial. "I had an emergency hysterectomy, chemotherapy and radiation which left me feeling really unwell and weak," Ms Burkinshaw said.

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Channel 9, National Nine News, 21/06/2023, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

A Queensland man confronted with losing his eye due to melanoma has been offered relief after a new

trial drug shrank his tumour to a treatable size. Kinghorn Cancer Centre Chief of Oncology Anthony Joshua says the trial tablets called Darovasertib could help minimise the spread of cancer.

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4BC, 10:00 News, 21/06/2023

A blood test developed by an Australian biotech company that can detect breast cancer could be available for use by mid-2024. The latest study reveals it has a 90% sensitivity rate compared to the 40% and 70% provided by mammograms.

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PRIMARY CARE

Illawarra health hub plan

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 22/06/2023, Kate McIlwain, Page 5

Wollongong Hospital and the surrounding medical services will be transformed into a "nationally significant" health precinct under a state government plan to ensure it can cater to the Illawarra's growing population. In their new roles as planning and health ministers, Wollongong MP Paul Scully and Keira MP Ryan Park have heralded the first step in what they say will be a "considerable change" for the largest hospital in the region.

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RFDS offers lifeline in times of crisis

Launceston Examiner, General News, 22/06/2023, Molly Appleton, Page 17

People like Flinders Island's Guy Ireland wouldn't have access to essential health services without the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Now, the RFDS is asking for donations at tax time to continue its primary healthcare programs, such as those that helped Mr Ireland in a time of crisis.

Also reported by: [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#).

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Coalition interference in Calvary takeover unwarranted

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023

Why are the Liberal and National parties are so adamantly opposed to territorians having the same rights of self-determination as the residents of states? Attempts by Senator Matt Canavan, Opposition Leader Peter Dutton, former prime ministers Tony Abbott and Scott Morrison and other federal LNP politicians to derail the ACT government's forced acquisition of Calvary Hospital are the latest episode in a pattern of interference dating back decades.

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Flying doctor from Belgium to Broken Hill

Barrier Truth, Other, 21/06/2023, Melanie Gates

Meet Belgian doctor Christophe Duchatelet who touched down at the RFDS base in Broken Hill earlier this year where he's one of a team of 10 Retrieval Medical Officers working across the Broken Hill and Dubbo bases, saving the lives of our region's more remote residents and visitors.

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Wodonga City Council fights for new Albury hospital, invites 16 councils to join

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023, Mikaela Ortolan and Anna Chisholm

Wodonga City Council has invited 16 other regional councils to join in its fight for a new hospital on the Victorian and New South Wales border. Wodonga's Mayor Ron Mildren says it's not too late for a purpose-built healthcare facility, despite both state governments committing \$558 million last October for redeveloping Albury Wodonga Health's (AWH) Albury site.

Budget surplus buoys Queensland to spend big for future growth and infrastructure goals

The Mandarin, Other, 21/06/2023, Melissa Coade

The sunshine state has delivered a record \$12.3 billion surplus in its 2023 state Budget, with the government crediting a new way of taking royalties from mining companies that extract coal as bolstering Queensland's infrastructure fortunes into the future. [...] "This year we're embarking on Queensland's Big Build the biggest infrastructure program ever undertaken in Queensland; we're also undertaking the largest health infrastructure program in the commonwealth, but there's more," Dick said.

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Woman to die under voluntary assisted dying laws will miss 'everything' about her life

NEWS.com.au, Other, 21/06/2023, Brooke Rolfe

In the coming hours, 23-year-old Lily Thai will voluntarily take her final breaths after a long and painful battle with terminal illness. A 23-year-old woman will end her life on Wednesday under South Australia's voluntary assisted dying laws. Lily Thai's decision comes after suffering excruciating pain throughout most of her young life from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and an auto-immune disease.

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23-year-old woman to end life through euthanasia in South Australia

Sky News Australia, Other, 21/06/2023

A 23-year-old woman will end her life on Wednesday under South Australia's voluntary assisted dying laws. Lily Thai's decision comes after suffering excruciating pain throughout most of her young life from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and an autoimmune disease.

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'Time to die': 23-year-old Lily chooses voluntary euthanasia

2GB, Other, 21/06/2023

A young Adelaide woman, Lily Thai has chosen voluntary assisted suicide after years of battling multiple rare diseases, which have left her in "excruciating and extreme pain". Hear more highlights from Ben Fordham Live in the playlist below and give us a follow on

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Inside Lily Thai's final moments: How 23-year-old will take her own life today as she reveals what she will miss most about being alive

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 21/06/2023, Brett Lackey

Lily Thai will end her life on Wednesday New SA laws allow voluntary assisted dying She is will be surrounded by loved ones | Updated: Lily Thai is spending her final hours saying goodbye to family and close friends who have gathered by her bedside as she prepares to end her own life following a long and painful battle with illness and says she will miss 'everything' about being alive.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Veterans trek to health

Hobart Mercury, General News, 22/06/2023, Rob Inglis and Sue Bailey, Page 17

Standing atop Marions Lookout, with the sublime vista of Dove Lake and Cradle Mountain at their feet, a group of veterans held a unique Anzac Day service, sharing a moment of sombre reflection in the midst of a multi-day walk on the Overland Track. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and

Welfare annual suicide monitoring report, at least 1600 serving and ex-serving ADF members died by suicide between 1997 and 2020, with 79 deaths by suicide in 2020 alone.

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Boys tackle mental health

Ballarat Courier, General News, 22/06/2023, Michelle Smith, Page 4

There are a few sore arm muscles this month among students and staff at St Patrick's College, but the pain is all for a good cause. The school is taking part in The Push-Up Challenge where participants do 3144 push-ups between June 1 and June 23 to raise funds for - and awareness of - mental health. School vice-captain Matt O'Brien said there was plenty of friendly rivalry between classes as they came towards the end of the challenge.

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Fathers urged to share feelings

Border Mail, General News, 22/06/2023, Rachael Ward, Page 10

New dad Matt Carter knew something wasn't quite right when he suddenly became overwhelmed with sadness as soon as his two babies started crying. From there it just snowballed. He experienced several breakdowns before finally telling a maternal and child health nurse he was struggling. The now father of three was eventually diagnosed with postnatal depression, a condition he didn't even know could impact men.

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Advocate, 81, says gender diverse kids need support

Burnie Advocate, General News, 22/06/2023, Sandy Powell, Page 4

Francene Jacques knew she was different at just sixyears-old. Now 81, and having transitioned completely, she says she has "never been so happy" as she is now. But that happiness is tempered by surging anti-trans campaigns that have been sweeping across Tasmania and Australia in recent months. "The hate level is really escalating," Ms Jacques said.

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Costs a barrier to women getting mental health help

Canberra Times, Other, 22/06/2023, Melissa Meehan

Women in regional Australia are more likely to experience mental health issues than those in the city and many can't afford to seek help. The Liptember Foundation's women's mental health research study interviewed 7140 women aged 14 or over across Australia.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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More support for refugees desperate to find inner peace

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023, Abdul Hekmat

Abdullah Zahrouni thought he would find peace in Australia after fleeing religious persecution in Iran. Instead, he has experienced ongoing nightmares, anxiety and trauma since arriving with his family as refugees five years ago. Mr Zahrouni sought protection abroad after the Iranian guard detained him for weeks and pressured him to embrace Islam. "I was detained and tortured for weeks because I belonged to a different religious group," he told AAP.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Volunteer firefighters would be covered for post-traumatic stress disorder under proposed law changes

West Australian, Other, 21/06/2023, Josh Zimmerman

Volunteer firefighters would be covered for post-traumatic stress disorder and eight additional cancers would automatically attract workers compensation claims under law changes that will be proposed by the opposition on Wednesday. The additional protections would meet a longstanding request from the

union representing firefighters, which remains locked in slow-moving wages negotiations with the Cook Government.

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State government cuts Barwon Disability Resource Council mental health funding

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 21/06/2023, Tamara McDonald

The state government has pulled funding from a Geelong program that has supported thousands of people battling mental health issues, in a move labelled puzzling and devastating. The state government has pulled funding from a Geelong program supporting people battling mental health issues, in a move labelled puzzling and devastating.

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Taking workplace trauma seriously

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023

More people are claiming mental injury, such as depression, anxiety, and even PTSD because of toxic work cultures. Workplace-induced trauma can stem from several causes: bullying, discrimination, and poor work-life boundaries.

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Nature prescriptions: how reconnecting with the landscape healed a bushfire-ravaged community

The Guardian, Other, 22/06/2023, Michelle Haines Thomas

The Black Summer bushfires reached the south-west slopes of New South Wales in the last week of 2019. Within two weeks, three fires had merged to form a devastating 600,000 hectare megafire that claimed several lives and destroyed hundreds of homes. The emotional toll on the Snowy Valleys community, which fell at the junction of the fires, was immense. When mental health clinicians Jacinta Elphick and Jenni Wines were appointed by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in bushfire recovery roles in mid-2020, they encountered a community in crisis.

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Australia's use of hotels for immigration detention found to have 'devastating' health effects

The Guardian, Other, 21/06/2023, Ben Doherty

The Australian government's use of city hotels as ad hoc immigration detention centres including confining people for nearly two years has "devastating impacts on people's mental and physical health", the Australian Human Rights Commission has found. In a report published on Wednesday morning, the commission argued that the use of hotels to incarcerate people remained a "regularised" part of Australia's immigration infrastructure, rather than a measure of last resort, even though the number of people detained and the length of their detention has steadily decreased.

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Em Rusciano says taking autistic children to occupational therapy is as bad as 'conversion therapy' because it suppresses their true personality

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 21/06/2023, J. Peterson

Podcaster Em Rusciano has spoken out against using occupational therapy to treat autism in children, comparing it to 'conversion therapy'. The 44-year-old, who has an autistic son and was recently diagnosed with level one autism herself, made the comments on paediatrician Dr Golly's podcast this week.

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Novak Djokovic put a spotlight on this issue in Australia. Now there's renewed criticism

SBS, Other, 21/06/2023, Rashida Yosufzai

One person was detained for 634 days. Another described it as "torture". Australia's hotel detention system is facing renewed criticism over human rights concerns. Australia's peak human rights body has raised concerns about the hotel immigration detention system. In a new report, it notes the mental health impact on asylum seekers detained in the system.

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Channel 9, National Nine News, 21/06/2023, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

A group of clinicians visiting Canberra is pleading for a new medicine to be added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to help Australians suffering treatment resistant depression. Central Coast Father Matthew Craig is joining them to share his experiences with the nasal spray Spravato or esketamine. The medicine is set to be reviewed by the expert advisory body for the PBS next month.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Dozens of nurse jobs not funded

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 22/06/2023, Kate McIlwain, Page 7

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has revealed there are more than 60 nurses in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven whose jobs are not funded from the middle of next year. In April, the Labor government said 1112 nurse positions had been left unfunded by the previous government beyond the 2024-25 fiscal year.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 21/06/2023, Mark Ferguson

More than a thousand New South Wales nursing jobs could be axed if the money to fund them is not found Labor claims the previous government never came up with a cash. The Government is scrambling to find the money for more than 1100 nurses. The previous government made those jobs temporary. Almost half those nurses work in metro health districts.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Nurses, doctors in hospital attack

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 22/06/2023, Page 33

Two nurses and three doctors have been assaulted by a patient at South Australia's Port Pirie Hospital, the latest in a spate of violent attacks at regional hospitals, a union says. The incident occurred on Saturday night with the patient approaching a nurse in a corridor, stepping on her foot and then punching her in the head.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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ACT government to provide \$3 million in study support payments for healthcare students

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023, Lucy Bladen

Support payments for university students studying health in the ACT are crucial as the territory was at risk of losing students to other jurisdictions, one university has said. The ACT government will provide \$3 million over three years in study support payments for students undertaking health degrees.

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The Advertiser Five Port Pirie Hospital staff treated in their own ED after patient attack

Adelaide Now, Other, 21/06/2023, Brad Crouch

Three doctors and two nurses had to receive medical care in their own ED after a frenzied attacked by a patient they were trying to treat. An editorial in the Canadian Medical Association Journal argues that emergency rooms will continue to be in crisis for the foreseeable future unless a system-wide response to staff shortages is addressed in primary care to long-term care.

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Two nurses, three doctors attacked during patient rampage at Port Pirie Hospital

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023, Christian Cominos

Two nurses and three doctors have been injured at the Port Pirie Hospital after a patient went on a rampage. The patient approached a nurse in a corridor, stepped on her foot and then punched her in the head. The patient then chased staff around the ward, injuring another nurse and three doctors who all required treatment for bruising in the emergency department. Police say they were called to assist in restraining a patient after a 75-year-old man from Solomontown had a psychotic episode on Saturday night.

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I am an oncologist. Can ChatGPT help me deliver bad news to a patient?

The Guardian, Other, 21/06/2023, Ranjana Srivastava

The ai tool won't offer a healing touch or resolve existential grief but I will still be telling trainees to consult the chatbot in trying times. Are you getting nausea? No. How about your appetite? OK. Tired? I'm managing. Anyone could administer the checklist, but I know that what she really hopes is that with her as my passenger, I might be able to steer the ship of uncertainty to a safe harbour.

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Patient assaults nurses, doctors in SA hospital

In Daily, Other, 21/06/2023, David Eccles

Two nurses and three doctors have been assaulted by a patient at Port Pirie Hospital in the latest in a spate of violent attacks at regional hospitals, a union says. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation said the latest incident occurred on Saturday night with the patient approaching a nurse in a corridor, stepping on her foot and then punching her in the head.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

3AW, Drive, 21/06/2023, Tom Elliott

Interview with Bruce Willett, Vice President, The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Willett discusses the needle-free patch vaccination technology for COVID and other illness. He states each vaccine will then need to undergo full assessment and clinical trials when a whole new delivery method is proposed.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Good for us

Launceston Examiner, General News, 22/06/2023, Benjamin Seeder, Page 1

According to a leading consumer advocate, vulnerable Tasmanians will benefit enormously from new rules allowing pharmacists to dispense double the number of common medications at no additional cost. Bruce Levett, chief executive officer of Health Consumers Tasmania, said the federal decision allowing dispensing of 60 days' medications for the price of a single prescription would save non-pensioner Tasmanians taking treatments for chronic conditions an average of \$180 per year per medicine.

Also reported by: [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#)

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Push for 'life-saving' drug

Newcastle Herald, General News, 22/06/2023, Damon Cronshaw, Page 17

Matthew Craig says the drug esketamine helped him overcome severe depression after other treatments failed. "It's been a life-saving and life-changing experience," said Mr Craig, a University of Newcastle academic. [...] The event called for esketamine, sold in Australia under the brand name Spravato, to be made available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

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'Will my pharmacy lose money?'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 21/06/2023, Megan Haggan

Australian pharmacies have "many other sources of income" to make up for 60-day dispensing losses, says a new website on double dispensing, aimed at the general public The Consumers Health Forum has launched a website and fact sheets about 60-day dispensing, supporting the move which is largely opposed by pharmacy stakeholders.

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Are you thinking of leaving pharmacy due to 60-day dispensing?

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 21/06/2023, Megan Haggan

With the future of the community pharmacy sector looking increasingly uncertain due to 60-day dispensing, are you considering alternatives? There's no doubt that pharmacy owners and employees are worried about the impact of the controversial Labor policy on jobs...

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Expect staggering pharmacy job losses, says new report

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 21/06/2023, Chloe Hava

The 60-day dispensing policy, to be introduced from 1 September 2023, is predicted to have enormous impacts on community pharmacy and vulnerable Australians. The report, from economist Henry Ergas AO with Tulipwood Advisory and the Relational Insights Data Lab at Griffith University, found that:

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

'Significant patient risk'

Canberra Times, General News, 22/06/2023, Lucy Bladen, Page 1

Health directors warned of a "significant" risk to patient safety in the fetal medicine unit at Canberra's women's and children's hospital earlier this year, documents have revealed. Officials said there had been "sustained staff shortages" in the unit and there were concerns they would be unable to provide a sustainable service during the first three months of the year. "It is anticipated that a sustainable service will be unable to be provided in the first quarter of 2023, posing significant patient safety and reputational risk," executives said.

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Woman fined for offering therapy while unregistered

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023, Rex Martinich

A Queensland woman who offered occupational therapy to people affected by illness and injury without the required medical registration has been convicted and fined. Sharon Joy Stay, from the Mount Mee area, was found guilty in her absence at Caboolture Magistrates Court on Wednesday of one charge of describing herself as an occupational therapist.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Doctor in class action over unpaid wages faces 'astonishing' legal counterclaim from hospital

Australian Doctor, Other, 21/06/2023, Carmel Sparke

Calvary Public Hospital has threatened legal action against the junior doctor. A junior doctor leading a class action over unpaid wages and overtime is facing a counterclaim by Canberra's Calvary Public Hospital, according to her lawyer, who has called the move "unprecedented and intimidatory".

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Scientific fraud is rising, and automated systems won't stop it. We need research detectives

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 21/06/2023, Adrian Barnett

Fraud in science is alarmingly common. Sometimes researchers lie about results and invent data to win funding and prestige. Other times, researchers might pay to stage and publish entirely bogus studies to win an undeserved pay rise fuelling a "paper mill" industry worth an estimated 1 billion a year. Some of this rubbish can be easily spotted by peer reviewers, but the peer review system has become badly stretched by ever-rising paper numbers. And there's a new threat, as more sophisticated AI is able to generate plausible scientific data.

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League to tackle questions over head knocks study

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 22/06/2023, Jessica Halloran and Wendy Carlisle, Page 1

The Australian Rugby League Commission has announced an investigation into allegations the NRL's concussion study has failed to adhere to tough ethical standards for human research. The Weekend Australian exclusively reported the allegations of former Newcastle Knights great Robbie O'Davis, who alleged he was not told he had brain damage by the researchers in 2018.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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NRL rejects multi-purpose venue idea

Canberra Times, Sport, 22/06/2023, Chris Dutton, Page 50

The NRL has rejected the suggestion a new stadium in Canberra needs to be a multi-purpose venue capable of hosting rectangular and oval sports, adamant it would "diminish the viewer experience" after it was raised at a Senate inquiry. The ongoing Canberra stadium saga landed inside the walls of Parliament House this week, with NRL executive general manager Jaymes Boland-Rudder fronting an inquiry into ways to better promote the national capital.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

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We need a focused 2032 Games legacy

Courier Mail, Editorials, 22/06/2023, Page 52

As critical as the legacy process for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is, it is already treading a dangerous path towards failure. The reason? It is trying to do too much and to tick too many boxes. So far, the work has been distilled into a draft vision that underpins four "consistent themes" from the 14,000 ideas that have so far been raised by Queenslanders - wrapped by commitments to "celebrating the world's oldest living cultures" and "creating a barrier-free society for people with disability".

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Inaugural pride round celebrates inclusion

Newcastle Herald, General News, 22/06/2023, Renee Valentine, Page 61

Georgia Amess' coming out story is one of support and positivity. But it is not the case for everyone. That is why the Newcastle Olympic winger and gay woman is thrilled to be part of Northern NSW Football's inaugural Pride round this weekend. "It's so exciting and good to see," Amess told the Newcastle Herald.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Thousands prepare to pack stadium for e-sports showdown

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023, Kat Wong

Some of the world's best athletes will land in Australia to compete for hundreds of thousands of dollars. But these competitors won't face off in any Olympic sport, they will play first-person shooters. The global e-sports tour Intel Extreme Masters returns to Sydney in October, with hundreds of gamers competing for the \$US250,000 (\$A369,500) prize pool.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Townsville dad Mathew Jensen aims to get NQ reps to National School Futsal Championships

The Courier Mail, Other, 21/06/2023, Cameron Bates

A struggling single parent from Townsville is seeking financial help after three young athletes, including his son, were selected to represent North Queensland at a national futsal championship. Mathew Jensen said son Adam, partner's daughter Scarlett Egan and bestie Isobel Atkins, all 11-year-old students from Good Shepherd Catholic School and members of the Riverway JCU Football Club, had made the NQ side for the National School Futsal Championships in Brisbane in September.

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Fix Women's World Cup qualifying inequality: union

The Border Mail, Other, 21/06/2023, Jamie Gardner

FIFA must make sure equal conditions are in place for all players involved in qualification for the next Women's World Cup, world players' union FIFPRO has said. A FIFPRO report published on Tuesday found huge variance in conditions across the qualification events run by each of the six global confederations, with some found to be "not up to the standards of elite international football".

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2023 Women's World Cup qualifying tournaments criticised by global players' union

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023, Samantha Lewis

The global players' union FIFPro has called on FIFA and its six member confederations to drastically improve the conditions, compensation and medical care for all players competing in future Women's

World Cup qualifiers after a new report found myriad problems with the path towards the 2023 tournament.

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Footy legend Malcolm Blight makes astonishing call for the AFL to ditch tackling altogether as debate rages over big suspensions

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 21/06/2023, Andrew Prentice

AFL great Malcolm Blight has called for the code to ditch tackling completely as debate continues to rage over lengthy suspensions handed to players this season. Concussions - and potential future lawsuits stemming from brain injuries - are an obvious concern for the sport, with the dangerous sling tackle a clear focus.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

How fluxomics is changing the game in cardiovascular medicine

Canberra Times, Other, 21/06/2023, Layton Holley

A tingling in the arms, fleeting chest pain and a general malaise were symptoms Matt Shields brushed off. Was it ageing or just exertion? It was in fact a "widow-maker" heart attack that felled the outwardly fit and healthy 40-year-old who was on his daily 15km run to work. "It just stopped me straight in my tracks," he said. "It hit directly in the centre of my chest to the left. "The pain, well, it started off pretty bad but it got progressively worse.

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Air pollution 'aged' hospital Covid patients by 10 years, study shows

The Guardian, Other, 21/06/2023, Damian Carrington

People exposed to air pollution experienced Covid-19 as if they were 10 years older, according to research. It found people recently exposed to dirtier air before contracting the illness spent four days longer in hospital, the same impact as on those 10 years their senior. The Belgian study also showed that air pollution levels measured in patients' blood were linked to a 36% increase in the risk of needing intensive care treatment.

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How A.I. could change the game for Parkinson's disease

2GB, Other, 21/06/2023

An Australian researcher is set to present groundbreaking research to the world on Parkinson's disease after developing an artificial intelligence tool designed to detect warning signs. Currently, there is no cure for Parkinson's and the only way to diagnose the disease is through physical symptoms.

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Cost of blindness

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 21/06/2023

Researchers have for the first time calculated the lifetime cost of living with an inherited eye disease in

Australia as \$5.2 million per person. The above snippet is the first part of an article sent to subscribers in Pharmacy Daily's issue from 21 Jun 23

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UniSA seeks farmers for chronic pain study

The Senior, Other, 21/06/2023

Chronic pain is a condition farmers experience a lot, but rarely seek professional help for, say researchers at the University of South Australia. Experts from the university are seeking farmers who have experienced chronic pain to participate in a study looking at how to improve chronic pain management strategy delivery in rural communities.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Medical experts are calling for a BMI review due to its racist past

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 21/06/2023, Katy Hall

Having long been used as a key indicator of a person's health, the effectiveness of the BMI scoring system is coming under fire again. Medical experts are once again calling the accuracy and validity of the Body Mass Index (BMI) into question after the American Medical Association noted the tool's racist history and exclusion of non-white populations.

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Real-time deaths in custody reporting to address 'national shame' of Indigenous incarceration

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023, Nicole Hegarty

Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths in custody will be reported in real-time from today as part of a federal government attempt to address the number of people dying behind bars. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are among the most incarcerated groups in the world, with high levels of deaths in custody. There have been more than 540 First Nations deaths in custody in the 32 years since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody handed down its final report a number the Federal Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus described as a "national shame".

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Family Court judges visit remote Indigenous communities in Central Australia

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023, Charmayne Allison

More than 80 judges have travelled to the Central Australian desert to spend three days listening and learning from remote Aboriginal communities. Traditionally, the Federal Circuit and Family Court's annual conference has been held in major cities.

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Ballina health forum hears four-year-old Indigenous children are vaping, calls for more education

ABC Online, Other, 21/06/2023, Donna Harper, Bruce MacKenzie, and Bronwyn Herbert

A health forum on the state's north coast has heard Indigenous children as young as four years old are vaping. The event in Ballina was one of two hosted by the Northern NSW Local Health District with the aim of developing a regional action plan.

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Indigenous advocates and families say tallying Australian deaths in custody does not address fundamental causes

The Guardian, Other, 22/06/2023, Sarah Collard

Indigenous deaths in custody must stop rather than just be counted, families and advocates say as the government announced a real-time database to collect all custodial deaths as they happen. The federal government revealed the new deaths in custody reporting system on Wednesday, with states and territories agreeing to provide more up-to-date figures on people dying in state and territory watch-houses, police stations, prisons and detention centres.

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SA announces initiatives to tackle high indigenous incarceration rate

Sky News Australia, Other, 21/06/2023

The South Australian Government has announced a \$25 million plan to tackle the state's Indigenous incarceration rates. In SA, Aboriginal people are 12 times more likely to be imprisoned than the general population.

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Scholarships open

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 21/06/2023

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Symbion have announced that applications for scholarships under their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pharmacy students initiative are now open. The scholarships are designed to strengthen the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce through education and career support, with the concept following the Guild's and Symbion's own reconciliation initiatives,

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SA government commit close to \$25 million to reduce Aboriginal incarceration rates

National Indigenous Times, Other, 21/06/2023

The South Australian government has confirmed a commitment of almost \$25 million to address the over-representation of Indigenous people in the state's justice system. The four-year funding investment will support the delivery of a multi-pronged approach to support both agencies and Aboriginal communities in order to reduce incarceration rates.

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Symbion, Guild on joint scholarships

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 21/06/2023

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Symbion have teamed up for educating and training First Nations pharmacy students, by announcing that applications for four scholarships under this initiative are now open. The above snippet is the first part of an article sent to subscribers in Pharmacy Daily's issue from 21 Jun 23

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pharmacy student scholarship applications open

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 21/06/2023

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (PGA) and Symbion are proud to announce that applications for scholarships under their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pharmacy students initiative are now open. The scholarships are designed to strengthen the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce through education and career support, with the concept following the Guild's and Symbion's own reconciliation initiatives.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 09:00 News, 21/06/2023

A health forum on the New South Wales North Coast has heard Indigenous children as young as four-years-old are vaping. Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service Executive Officer Leanne Miles says young children are being exposed to vaping or smoking in the home.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

We can't afford to get this vital jab

Courier Mail, General News, 22/06/2023, Taylah Fellows, Page 11

The cost of living crisis is forcing Queenslanders to skip lifesaving jabs to protect against meningococcal and influenza, despite cases of the deadly diseases surging for a second consecutive year. While Queensland offers every child aged over 12 months and every Year 10 student free immunisation against meningococcal strains A, C, W and Y, those wanting to vaccinate against the deadly B strain must pay \$106.50 at their local doctor for the jab.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Push for legal cannabis

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 22/06/2023, Elena Couper and Jessica Wang, Page 20

Draft laws being introduced simultaneously to Victoria, NSW and Western Australia state parliaments will push for the legalisation of cannabis for personal use. Hailed as a "historic day for cannabis law reform", the Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis Bill 2023, put forward in a nationally co-ordinated move by Legalise Cannabis Party MPs, would allow adults to responsibly possess and grow small quantities of cannabis at home.

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FOOD STANDARDS

give kids a clean bill of health

Herald Sun, General News, 22/06/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 13

Most Australians want a blanket ban on targeting children online with the marketing of junk food and drink. New research shows the majority would also support government action to stop food and drink companies designing websites, games and mobile apps that promote unhealthy products. The Cancer Council Victoria study also found that more than 80 per cent of adults surveyed were opposed to food and drink companies being able to collect children's personal information for marketing purposes.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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The science of food isn't credible

Australian Financial Review, Other, 21/06/2023, Christopher Worsham

Academic studies of sweeteners, coffee, chocolate, wine and fad diets often have structural problems that make them unreliable. The World Health Organisation recently advised people to avoid using

artificial sweeteners for weight loss or to reduce their r...

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Turns out energy drinks might actually be good for you

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 21/06/2023, Katy Hall

Yes, really Against all odds, it turns out energy drinks could be good for your health, after new research reveals they contain the 'elixir of life'. Having long had a terrible reputation due to high levels of caffeine and processed sugar, it turns out energy drinks might actually support longer and healthier lives thanks to the inclusion of a superfood ingredient

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Councils, health officials fail food safety checks

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 20/06/2023, Mibenge Nsenduluka and Melissa Meehan

Victorians are at risk of developing foodborne illnesses as some local councils are failing to properly inspect food premises. A recent audit found the cities of Casey, Greater Geelong, Kingston, Manningham and the Hepburn Shire Council are not complying with their legislative responsibilities to enforce food safety and protect public health. A damning report by the Auditor-General's office released on Tuesday also shows public health officials are failing to keep track of which councils are meeting food sampling obligations.

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