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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Adelaide Advertiser \(page 1\)](#) reports that a shortage in South Australia's hospital beds is due to the number of aged care patients in hospital waiting for care home placement. State Minister for Health Chris Picton said the patients were well enough to be placed in aged care facilities, saying there was a shortage of care placements after several private providers pulled themselves out of the federal government program that allowed the temporary placement of residents.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald \(page 1\)](#) reports that Sydney Local Health District chief executive Teresa Anderson has resisted calls for her resignation after more than half of the senior staff attending a medical staff council voted in favour of no-confidence for her leadership. Current and former staff of Concord Hospital reported that staffing shortages had led to a backlog of thousands of radiology scans. *Also reported by:* [Daily Telegraph](#)
- The [Weekend Australian \(page 2\)](#) reports that Minister for Health Mark Butler has backed a 7 per cent boost to pharmacy payments from July 1, ahead of new 60-day dispensing rules starting in September. Mr Butler said the government would be reinvesting the \$1.2 billion in savings from the change into community pharmacy, saying, "Every single dollar saved by the

government will go back into pharmacy services, so pharmacists play an even more central role in the healthcare of Australians.” Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

- The **Herald Sun (page 11)** reports that 11 of the intended 50 federal urgent care clinics have so far opened, with nine in Victoria and Western Australia. Expressions of interest in the other states have closed, with announcements on clinics expected to be announced soon. Minister for Health Mark Butler has indicated that all clinics will be operational in the 2023-2024 financial year. Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#)
- The **Courier Mail (page 13)** reports that an inquest has found multiple failings, including poor communication, rivalry between health services and failing to listen to a patient's family lead to the deaths of three women from rheumatic heart disease in the remote community of Doomadgee. Northern Coroner Nerida Wilson said in her findings that, “RHD is 100 per cent preventable and almost exclusively a disease of poverty and social disadvantage ... eradicated in white Australia many decades ago.” Also reported by: [Weekend Post](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [ABC News Sydney](#).
- The **Daily Telegraph (page 8)** reports that hospitals and health leaders are warning parents to vaccinate their children for influenza, saying that presentations for influenza-like symptoms are exceeding hospital attendance for COVID-19. Eight children have been admitted to intensive care units in Sydney since May.
- The **West Australian (page 11)** reports that the World Health Organisation has listed artificial sweetener aspartame as “possibly carcinogenic to humans” after a review. The rating is below other more serious categories “probably carcinogenic” and “carcinogenic”. Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).
- The **Adelaide Advertiser (page 30)** reports that alcohol-induced deaths have increased in Australia by 7 per cent in the last year. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that this was despite an overall downward trend in excessive drinking among Australians.
- **ABC Online** reports that the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (YNLHN) has raised concerns that a new federal mental health clinic announced for Port Pirie will cause staffing shortages for its own free service that opened in May. Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride said, “The staff build-up is made up of five to 10 people and it's designed to meet the needs of the local community.”

MINISTER BUTLER

Pharmacists to resist offensive

Weekend Australian, General News, 01/07/2023, Geoff Chambers, Page 2

Health Minister Mark Butler has launched a charm offensive to win over upset pharmacists, using indexation to spruik higher dispensing, administration and infrastructure payments for community pharmacists. Under pressure from Labor MPs targeted in a nationwide Pharmacy Guild campaign, Mr Butler is backing a 7 per cent boost to pharmacy payments from July 1 that is nearly double the indexation of Medicare rebates.

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

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Cheap medicine makes pharmacies crook

Border Mail, General News, 01/07/2023, Jamieson Murphy, Page 44

More than 150 regional pharmacies would be forced to close, with thousands laid off if the government pushes ahead with its plan to extend scripts from 30 days to 60, a report commissioned by Pharmacy Guild says. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler slammed the Pharmacy Guild for campaigning against a policy that would make medicine cheaper for more than six million people.

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A \$6.5b rural health shortfall

Border Mail, General News, 01/07/2023, Jamieson Murphy, Page 44

Regional Australians miss out on nearly \$850 a year in healthcare access, which equates to a total annual rural health spending deficit of \$6.5 billion, a new report has found. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the government's recent healthcare measures would benefit regional patients, pointing to a \$6.1b investment to strengthen Medicare and a \$3.5b bulk billing incentive.

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The crackdown on vaping

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 30/06/2023, Megan Haggan

Ahead of the May federal Budget, Health Minister Mark Butler announced a new crackdown on e-cigarettes. What does this mean for vapers, for smokers, and for pharmacists? Both vaping and smoking are on the rise among young people.

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'Valley of Death' still thwarting Aussie medtech

The Medical Republic, Other, 30/06/2023

Canberra needs to cut red tape to get medtech to consumers and keep innovation at home, the MTAA chief says. Australia is losing groundbreaking medical technologies to overseas markets due to "gaps and flaws" in the process to launch them at home, says a leading expert. Health Minister Mark Butler launched a Value of MedTech report last month as industry players converged on Canberra, but old parliamentary recommendations were still left hanging.

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5AA, Mornings, 30/06/2023, Matthew Pantelis

Interview with SA Health Minister Chris Picton. Pantelis says to reduce ED pressures, they are working with the federal government, and he thanks Mark Butler for his work in health funding in this area to try and help keep pressure off the emergency departments for people who could get help elsewhere. He adds they have a health direct service available to speak to somebody about a health condition they have.

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MINISTER WELLS

What the aged care pay rises could mean

AFR Weekend, Smart Money, 01/07/2023, Bina Brown, Page 32

The historic wage increase for most aged care workers and nurses that has just kicked in will give the drastically under staffed sector a much-needed...

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Charity begins at care homes

The Saturday Paper, General News, 01/07/2023, Rick Morton, Page 3

A private aged-care company with \$1.1 billion in assets, owned by one of the richest families in

Queensland, is spinning off its entire operation to a new non-profit entity it says will "benefit" employees by giving them a "charitable employer" at the same time charging this new charitable entity rent for operating in its facilities. [...] On June 13, Aged Care Minister Anika Wells wrote to providers advising them they are expected to pass on the full cost of \$11.3 billion in additional funding to workers.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Paper \(Online\)](#)

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'There is a risk': Barr says Qld is on a mission to poach the AIS campus

Canberra Times, Sport, 01/07/2023, Chris Dutton, Page 56

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr says investing in a new stadium at Bruce is a critical move in the fight to fend off Queensland's rumoured poaching raid on the AIS. [...] Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Sport Minister Anika Wells are from Queensland, but Wells' office reiterated Perkins' commitment to Canberra when contacted on Friday.

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

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22 years later and aged-care problems get worse

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 01/07/2023, Kimberley Caines, Page 28

Two decades ago, the agedcare industry was on the brink of crisis. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells, pictured left, said workforce shortages were the number one issue in the industry.

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Grey havens

Ballarat Courier, General News, 01/07/2023, Nieve Walton, Page 1

The number of centenarians in Ballarat is growing faster than ever with the population of over 85-year-olds doubling in the past 20 years. [...] The federal government has said it would "build on" commission recommendations via the new taskforce chaired by aged care minister Anika Wells.

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Taskforce must get it right

Port Macquarie News, General News, 30/06/2023, Page 15

The federal government taskforce will begin work on funding reforms to be included in a new Aged Care Act due mid-2024. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells has warned of both an ageing population and an ageing workforce. That's nothing new...

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Opinion: Funding, the key challenge to long-term reform

Aged Health, Other, 30/06/2023

With a new aged care act in development, it's critical the government gets funding right, otherwise we'll not get the quality services older people deserve. To address this issue, Minister for Aged care Anika Wells announced an Aged Care Taskforce in mid-June. We were pleased its members include former National Seniors Australia CEO Professor John McCallum.

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2SM, Breakfast, 30/06/2023, Richard King

King plays an excerpt of Aged Care Minister Anika Wells. Wells says getting vaccinated is still critical to manage the risk of COVID-19 and the flu in higher-risk settings like aged care hospitals and retirement villages. She says if one is an adult and it's been six months since the last COVID-19 vaccination or infection, one can get their latest booster.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Summit to tackle aged care crisis

The Horsham Times, General News, 30/06/2023, Page 6

Member for Mallee Anne Webster has called a Regional Aged Care Summit to address the aged care crisis in the Mallee electorate and across regional Australia. [...] Dr Webster has invited Labor Assistant Minister for Regional Health, Emma McBride, to attend the Regional Aged Care Summit in Mildura.

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Concerns federally funded Port Pirie mental health clinic will duplicate services offered by state facility

ABC Online, Other, 30/06/2023, Christian Cominos and Tom Mann

The federal government have announced a free walk-in mental health clinic in Port Pirie, but the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (YNLHN) fears it will now have to compete to find staff for its own free service that opened last month. [...] Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride said the Head to Health service would open in Port Pirie in mid-2024.

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ABC North and West SA, Breakfast, 30/06/2023, Tom Mann

Interview with Emma McBride, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. A new walk-in mental health clinic is set to be established at Port Pirie, funded by the federal government. The clinic, which was announced yesterday, will be fully operational by the middle of 2024 and will be a free wellbeing space needing no appointment to access. McBride says the Head to Health Service is one that removes the barriers for access for people to be able to receive mental health support.

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Disgruntled partners urge reform, purge of executives

An anonymous group of PwC Australia partners has stepped up calls for radical reforms at the firm and raised doubts about the independence of the internal investigations designed to identify those directly involved in the tax scandal. [...] This week, the Department of Health and Aged Care confirmed it had suspended a contract with PwC while it allays concerns about potential conflicts.

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

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Former poachers might be not so desirable after PWC scandal

The Mandarin, Other, 30/06/2023, Verona Burgess

As the PwC and wider conflict-of-interest scandals worsen and parliamentary scrutiny ramps up, it might be easy to assume the Australian Public Service has many secretaries and deputies who have spent a large part of their careers in the consultancy game. [...] At Health and Aged Care, Comley will inherit (from outgoing secretary and good doctor, Brendan Murphy) seven Band 3 officers (two women): five deputy secretaries (one a doctor), a chief operating officer and the chief medical officer (Paul Kelly). Two doctors, the rest career officers.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 19:00 News, 30/06/2023

Commentary The Federal Health Department has confirmed it's suspended a contract with. PwC to audit an aged care workforce grant programme The department has 12 current contracts with the consulting firm, which has been embroiled in controversy for sharing classified tax information.

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Murphy praises COVID response

Canberra Times, General News, 01/07/2023, Natalie Vikhrov, Page 18

Retiring health department secretary Brendan Murphy has praised the government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in his valedictory speech on Friday, stating they called it "much earlier than the [World Health Organisation]". At the same time, he acknowledged that certain measures put in place to contain the pandemic, including some state border closures, "were worthy of review".

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Ransomware gang AlphV suspected to have stolen WA government insurance claim data in law firm hack

ABC Online, Other, 30/06/2023, Keane Bourke

The WA government has been caught up in the hacking of a major law firm by a notorious Russian cybercriminal group with information from more than 300 insurance claims potentially stolen. [...] Other clients including the big four banks and multiple state and federal government departments, including the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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What GPs need to know about opioid dependency changes

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 30/06/2023

A number of opioid dependency treatment medications will be added to the PBS on 1 July. [...] GPs can find more information about this process via the PBS website and a Department of Health and Aged care fact sheet

Calvary Hospital takeover exposes Labor's religious hypocrisy

The Australian, Other, 01/07/2023, Angela Shanahan

If there is one area of possible conflict for the federal Labor government, it is within the realm of religious freedom. [...] It was interesting to note the language used by the Health Department and its spokespeople during the initial brouhaha.

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CORONAVIRUS

'No regrets' over quarantine camp

Weekend Australian, General News, 01/07/2023, Sarah Elks, Page 4

Annastacia Palaszczuk has defended spending \$223m of taxpayers' money on the controversial Wellcamp Covid quarantine centre as "the right decision at the right time", even though the facility was obsolete within weeks. In a report tabled in parliament on Friday, Auditor-General Brendan Worrall criticised the Queensland government for unnecessary secrecy over the project costs, declaring it wrongly relied on a "commercial-in-confidence" excuse for months.

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Quarantine fiasco confirmed

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 01/07/2023, Page 14

The Queensland government has got off lightly in an audit of its ill-advised decision to spend \$223m of taxpayers' money on the controversial Wellcamp quarantine facility near Toowoomba on the Darling Downs. State Auditor-General Brendan Worrall criticised the government for its secrecy over the project costs, saying it wrongly relied on a "commercial-in-confidence" excuse to keep voters in the dark.

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

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Well that's a big waste

Courier Mail, General News, 01/07/2023, James Hall and Stephanie Bennett, Page 11

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's \$223m white elephant Wellcamp quarantine facility was not needed and not the best value for money, according to a bombshell report criticising the government's failure to consider all other quarantine options. State Auditor-General Brendan Worrall's long-awaited report into the state-funded 1000-bed Wellcamp centre, tabled in parliament on Friday, found the government should have "fully considered" other options to better ensure value for money for taxpayers.

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Sutton, 'the face' of lockdowns, named Victorian of the Year

Weekend Australian, General News, 01/07/2023, Angelica Snowden, Page 5

Victoria's outgoing chief health officer Brett Sutton has been named Victorian of the Year. Dr Sutton, who recently announced he would leave the state's Department of Health after 10 years and resign as CHO after four, accepted the honour in a Victoria Day Council Awards ceremony at Melbourne Town Hall on Friday.

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Sutton: I'm profoundly sorry

Herald Sun, General News, 01/07/2023, John Masanauskas and Regan Hodge, Page 9

The state's top health official, who presided over the world's longest lockdown, says he is "profoundly sorry" for the impact that his decisions had on Victorians. Outgoing chief health officer Professor Brett Sutton made the comments after he was controversially named Victorian of the Year.

Sutton's tough calls recognised

Herald Sun, Editorials, 01/07/2023, Page 64

There is little doubt that Brett Sutton had one of the most challenging jobs imaginable. Managing the Victorian response to a once-in-a-century pandemic that washed into Australia with, at the outset, a largely unknown rate of lethality and infectivity, was an enormous task.

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Millions of Victorians now due for Covid vaccination boosters

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Mandy Squires

Less than 20 per cent of Victorians aged over 18 have had a 2023 Covid booster vaccination, meaning millions are now eligible. It comes as deaths across the state rise again. There have been 58 Covid deaths in Victoria over the last seven days, 23 more than the previous week dulling hopes the state may be over the worst of its latest deadly wave.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

HRT linked to dementia, but is that the full picture?

The Saturday Age, General News, 01/07/2023, Sarah Berry, Page 19

Two decades of conflicting research have made many women deeply confused about how to treat symptoms during perimenopause (the transition when periods become irregular) and menopause (when periods end and the ovaries stop making female hormones, including oestrogen). These include vasomotor symptoms, like hot flushes and night sweats, as well as low wellbeing, anxiety, depressive symptoms and disturbed sleep.

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

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Over to you Millennials: Fix our future

Canberra Times, General News, 01/07/2023, Garry Linnell, Page 15

The old man was gasping by the time we approached the final hole. Perhaps I shouldn't have pushed him so hard in the stifling humidity.

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Aged care wait clogs hospitals

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 01/07/2023, Miles Kemp, Page 1

A statewide hospital bed shortage is being exacerbated by a surge in healthy elderly patients unable to find a home in the aged care system. State parliament heard on Friday the number of healthy elderly patients clogging the hospital system had more than doubled in the past 12 months.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Aussie cricket great Border reveals Parkinson's battle

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Edition Changes, 01/07/2023, Page 5

Australian cricket great Allan Border has revealed he's been living with Parkinson's since 2016. The record-breaking Australian captain, commentator and batsman told The Australian only a small group of people about his Parkinson's diagnosis before revealing his years long battle yesterday.

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Fostering healthy ageing

Ballarat Courier, General News, 01/07/2023, Melanie Whelan, Page 4

A united approach in Clunes is vying to change attitudes and set a standard to ageing well in regional towns. The Living and Ageing Well in Hepburn project has foundations in existing social and community activities, but this is about forming a holistic approach and strengthening connections.

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OneCare 'sorry' after failing three standards

Burnie Advocate, General News, 01/07/2023, Rodney Woods, Page 3

Onecare's chief executive officer Peter Williams has apologised to residents of Burnie's Umina Park and their families after failing to meet certain standards during a recent audit by the Aged Care Commission. Mr Williams said the facility was working to improve services in the areas of food, lifestyle and leisure, feedback and complaints and governance to provide better services to its residents and their families.

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Hung out to dry

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 01/07/2023, Madeleine Mcneil, Page 1

A Terang service provider is yet to be formally notified of the May Noonan aged care closure as a final few residents remain. Terang Laundromat owner Adam Hill has been washing and ironing residents' clothing since April last year but hasn't been officially told he's no longer required.

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Move life shortening, doctor says

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 01/07/2023, Madeleine Mcneil, Page 10

A Terang doctor fears for the health of vulnerable elderly May Noonan residents whose home was "abruptly taken away", saying it would be "life shortening" for them. Terang Medical Clinic GP Timothy Fitzpatrick has been treating its residents since he started in the town in 1991 up until this week when most residents he'd gotten to know were moved out of the closing facility.

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'Fully compliant' and shut

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 01/07/2023, Ben Silvester, Page 10

Terang's May Noonan aged care home has achieved full national accreditation just days before shipping out the majority of its residents as Lyndoch Living announces July 12 as the centre's final closure date. An audit report from the national Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission delivered on June 23 found May Noonan compliant in the two remaining areas where it had failed the aged care standards previously.

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Channel 7, Sunrise , 30/06/2023, Matt Shirvington and Edwina Bartholomew

Cost of living relief is on the way tomorrow for millions of Australians as part of a number of changes kicking in from 1 July. A 15% pay rise will kick in for aged care workers from tomorrow, as well as the registered nurses who will be required to provide around the clock care at nursing homes.

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Sky News Live, First Edition, 30/06/2023, Peter Stefanovic

Australians will experience several changes from tomorrow as the new financial year starts. From 1 July, the minimum wage is rising to \$23.23 an hour, which adds up to \$882.80 a week. And there's also a 15% pay rise for one group, which is aged care workers.

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Rise in alcohol deaths

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 30

Alcohol-induced deaths in Australia in 2021 were up more than 7 per cent on the previous year. Analysis by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has revealed there were 1559 alcohol-induced deaths registered in 2021.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Blow up at vape store

Border Mail, General News, 01/07/2023, Anthony Bunn, Page 3

A father, assistant principal and Albury's mayor have condemned the opening of a tobacco and vapes retailer within 300m of three schools. The shop is near the Fallon and Mate streets intersection within sight of Albury North Public School and close to Xavier and James Fallon high schools.

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CODE Sports Investigations: Uncovering Australia's black market drugs abuse epidemic

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Julian Linden

Casualties are rising from Australia's supplements and steroid epidemic. The civilian casualties from Australian sport's spat with dodgy supplements are mounting. Every day, more and more elite and amateur athletes are conned by products that make grandiose promises to help them build the perfect body or deliver the perfect performance.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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CODE Sports Investigations: Australia's dangerous steroid culture is laid bare as manufacturers target youth

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Jamie Pandaram

Certain supplement manufacturers are essentially conducting science experiments on users in a bid to capture a young market obsessed with looks in order to boost profits, according to an expert insider. Hiding behind confusing labels and lax regulations, supplement companies have increased the dosage of popular workout powders from 80 grams of caffeine a scoop a decade ago, to 350 grams today, while marketing it to young people who have never had a sip of coffee.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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Australia's high school boys are addicted to protein powders and steroids to impress girls with research uncovering dangerous and banned additives being smuggled into over-the-counter muscle building products

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Andrew Prentice

A concerning number of high school boys in Australia are addicted to protein powders and steroids as they look for ways to impress girls and be accepted in their social circles. It comes as research has revealed dangerous and banned additives are being smuggled into over-the-counter muscle building products across the nation - and the end result for users can be deadly.

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Sweeteners' deadly taste

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 01/07/2023, Kate Pickles, Page 11

A common artificial sweetener used in Diet Coke, ice-cream and chewing gum is set to be declared a possible cancer risk to humans by the World Health Organisation. Aspartame will be listed as "possibly carcinogenic to humans" within weeks based on findings by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

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Bombshell discovery about Diet Coke ingredients

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 01/07/2023, Rebekah Scanlan, Page 3

A common sweetener used in low-calorie fizzy drinks such as Diet Coke is set to be labelled a potential cancer risk by the World Health Organisation. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), WHO's cancer research unit, is poised to label aspartame as a "possible carcinogen" from July for the first time, insiders have reportedly told Reuters.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Commonly used sweetener aspartame considered carcinogenic by WHO

Canberra Times, Other, 30/06/2023, Layton Holley

A common artificial sweetener found in diet soft drinks will be declared a potential carcinogen by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Aspartame can be found in about 6000 products including soft drinks and other low-calorie drinks, according to the Calorie Control Council.

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Don't ditch your Diet Coke just yet: Harvard doctor says added sugar is still worse than artificial sweeteners for health - despite WHO linking aspartame to cancer

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Caitlin Tilley

Reports emerged today that the World Health Organization is planning to declare aspartame the popular sugar substitute found in Diet Coke a possible carcinogen. The expected reclassification comes following a major safety review into the sweetener involving more than 1,300 studies.

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Can this Diet Coke ingredient cause cancer? Here's what experts say

SBS, Other, 30/06/2023

The WHO will list artificial sweetener aspartame as possibly carcinogenic to humans, but some scientists say it may not be that bad. Key Points Artificial sweetener aspartame will be listed as possibly carcinogenic to humans by the WHO.

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Aspartame could cause cancer – but don't panic just yet

The New Daily, Other, 30/06/2023, Sezen Bakan

A common artificial sweetener found in everything from soft drinks to yoghurt is expected to be labelled a possible carcinogen next month but experts say you don't need to throw away your Diet Coke just yet. The World Health Organisation's (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has assessed the potential carcinogenic effect of aspartame, and reports indicate the additive has been found to possibly cause cancer in humans.

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Urgent warning over 'poisonous' new tanning trend

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 30/06/2023

A "dangerous" new tanning craze is sweeping social media, prompting a number of skin and cancer experts to speak out. [...] "Overexposure to UV radiation causes 95 per cent of melanomas, making it almost entirely preventable," Chair of the Cancer Council National Skin Committee, Professor Anne Cust, told news.com.au.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Bowel cancer screening rate drops for first time in 10 years

Australian Doctor, Other, 30/06/2023, Sarah Simpkins

Bowel cancer screening participation has gone backwards for the first time since 2014, falling to 41% of eligible patients in the most recent reporting period. The screening rate among patients aged 50-74 fell by three percentage points between 2019/20 and 2020/21, according to data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

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PRIMARY CARE

Territory policies driven by warped ideological biases

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 01/07/2023, Page 14

ACT is setting a dangerous precedent on government intervention However coincidental (or otherwise) the timing of the ACT's forced takeover of Calvary Hospital and the territory's drive to introduce Australia's most extreme euthanasia laws, our national capital appears intent on indulging in radical social experimentation. Church-run healthcare has been part of our national life for 170 years.

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Calvary takeover exposes religious hypocrisy of ALP

Weekend Australian, General News, 01/07/2023, Angela Shanahan, Page 15

If there is one area of possible conflict for the federal Labor government, it is within the realm of religious freedom. Just when it thought the religious freedom bill was safely out of the way, its ACT colleagues have opened a can of worms with the takeover by the territory government of Calvary Hospital, and this is probably only the first intimation of more to come.

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Branding to be removed this weekend

Canberra Times, General News, 01/07/2023, Lucy Bladen, Page 3

Works to remove Calvary branding from the Bruce public hospital will take place this weekend ahead of the hospital being taken over by the ACT government on Monday. The final touches on the compulsory acquisition of the hospital, which will be rebranded as North Canberra Hospital, are being prepared by Canberra Health Services.

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Hospital staff in revolt

Sydney Morning Herald, Edition Changes - 2nd Edition, 01/07/2023, Angus Thomson and Carrie Fellner, Page 1

The head of five inner-Sydney hospitals has stared down calls to resign after staff at one claimed they had suffered a "death from a thousand cuts", leading to a large backlog of unreported scans. The Sydney Local Health District, a state government agency, defended chief executive Teresa Anderson yesterday, after a vote of no confidence in her leadership was carried at a meeting of the medical staff council at Concord Hospital.

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'Burnt-out, fatigued' doctors pan hospital

Daily Telegraph, General News, 01/07/2023, Natalie O'Brien, Page 7

Conditions are so bad at Concord Hospital, which is reportedly littered with broken phones and computers, that just one third of its doctors surveyed would recommend going there, according to a shocking new report. [...] The bleak scorecard for Concord was revealed in the Hospital Health Check annual survey by the peak medical body, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) NSW.

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Health boss to leave top post

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 01/07/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 6

Top SA Health bureaucrat Lesley Dwyer will leave the job later this year, after five years as chief executive of the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN). CALHN board chair Raymond Spencer says the board and Professor Dwyer decided "that Lesley will not continue in the role after the end of her contract in November."

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Case goes to heart of political integrity

Courier Mail, General News, 01/07/2023, Des Houghton, Page 62

Many questions remain unanswered about the resignation of Shaun Drummond this week. solicitor who raised "suspected corrupt conduct" allegations that Parliament was told involved Queensland Health Director-General Shaun Drummond said the CCC has not properly investigated his Public Interest Disclosure.

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Wait for ambos declines

Hobart Mercury, General News, 01/07/2023, Alex Treacy, Page 23

Tasmania's latest health system dashboard figures have shown a declining elective surgery waitlist, a reduced median wait time for ambulances and no change in the percentage of emergency department patients seen within four hours. The news comes as Premier and Health Minister Jeremy Rockliff feted the Community Paramedics program, introduced last August, saying the 12 paramedics across the state had made 2100 call-outs and diverted 1260 lower-acuity patients from the state's hospitals.

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Repairing our health system will start with regional services

Burnie Advocate, General News, 01/07/2023, Anita Dow, Page 57

As a mum, a former nurse and a North-West Coaster from birth, I know the importance of Tasmanians being able to receive timely health care close to home. Whether it's for a sick child in the middle of the night or rehabilitation from illness or injury, all Tasmanians deserve to be able to receive timely care no matter where they live.

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Hospital helipad fight

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 01/07/2023, Kate McIlwain, Page 6

Kiama MP Gareth Ward has taken aim at a government decision not to build a helipad at the new Shellharbour Hospital, saying patients transported by helicopter will instead need to be driven in from a nearby landing site. His worry - which is shared by nurses, paramedics and members of the community - is that "patients transported by air are usually in a critical state when minutes matter".

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Ambo initiative is keeping people out of hospital

Launceston Examiner, General News, 01/07/2023, Stephanie Dalton, Page 15

As part of a new initiative by Ambulance Tasmania, more than 1200 Tasmanian patients remained in the community, and out of hospital, freeing emergency services to attend life-threatening and critical

cases. The community paramedics plan has deployed 12 specially-trained community paramedics across the state in Hobart, Launceston, and Ulverstone to attend less urgent triple zero call-outs.

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Endoscopy update improves patient care

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 14

Endoscopy patients at Mildura Heath Private Hospital can now immediately receive doctors' notes and images from procedures, following the installation of a new recording system. The Endobase system gathers and links data from an endoscopy, storing it in a central database which is readily accessible to send to medical staff and patients.

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Turned away

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 01/07/2023, Natasha Emeck, Page 1

A heartbroken amputee says her worst fear is dying alone in a hospital bed, 840km away from family, as she waits for a room at a \$5.7m patient facility sitting empty in Townsville. Due to a lack of accommodation options in Townsville, Mornington Island mum Ruth Escott has been left with no other option than to live in Townsville University Hospital or be forced into homelessness.

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Fund it now

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 20

A Gulf of Carpentaria mum is today the very personal face of why the departments of Health and Housing must pull out all stops to secure operational funding for the \$5.7m YumbaMeta facility at Karingal. Amputee Ruth Escott from Mornington Island, 840k away in the Gulf, has been forced to live in Townsville University Hospital after she was told the motel she was residing in while she receives medical treatment could no longer house her as it had become fully booked.

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Expectant mothers in Whyalla caught off-guard by cancellation of birthing services

ABC Online, Other, 30/06/2023, Bernadette Clarke and Angela Coe

Expectant mothers from Whyalla have described the sudden cancellation of birthing services in their hometown as "scary", "overwhelming" and "concerning". [...] SA's Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Chris Picton, said the health department was working to re-establish birthing services in Whyalla as soon as possible.

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St Hilliers to build \$40m expansion at the Kirwan Health Campus

Adelaide Now, Other, 30/06/2023, Leighton Smith

A \$40m expansion of the Kirwan Health Campus is set to get underway with a builder named to deliver the highly anticipated project. The campus consists of four community health facilities offering a range of specialist services including midwifery, oral health, mental health care, a brain injury unit, aged care, women's and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health programs.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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It's back: Relief at the return of registrar accreditation for hospital

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 30/06/2023, Amy Rees and Matt Watson

Basic physician trainees will return to Bathurst Health Service after the surprise announcement that the hospital's accreditation has been reinstated just four months after it was lost. The announcement of the reinstatement, on Friday June 30, comes after medical registrar training accreditation was stripped from the hospital in February.

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Pharmacy predicts financial hit

Border Watch, Other, 30/06/2023, Charlotte Varcoe

A local not-for-profit pharmacy is expecting to lose about \$200,000 per year in profits after the Federal Government announced a 60-day medicine dispensary benefits scheme. The scheme which is expected to come into effect in September allows patients to receive two months worth of common pharmaceutical benefits scheme listed medicines for the price of a single prescription rather than the current one month's supply.

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Review into birthing halt at regional hospital

In Daily, Other, 30/06/2023, Belinda Willis

Midwives are urgently being recruited to restart Whyalla's birthing services as Health Minister Chris Picton today announces even more nurses will be needed in the state's health system this time to work in GP offices. News of the Whyalla birthing service being halted emerged on Monday with the government blaming a critical midwifery workforce shortage.

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ABC News, ABC News at Noon, 30/06/2023, Gemma Veness

The Federal Government is being urged to intervene in the life insurance sector to stop genetic discrimination. Concerns have been raised that some Australians are putting their lives at risk by not having tests so they can access life insurance.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 30/06/2023, Michael Rowland and Stephanie Ferrier

People living with dementia are largely excluded from laws that enable voluntary assisted dying. And as the Government prepares to legalise euthanasia, it's committed to considering how they might be included in the future.

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Channel 10, 10 News First: Midday, 30/06/2023, Kate Freebairn

Interview with Dr Jane Tiller, Project Leader, Monash University. There's a call for new laws to protect Australians against insurance discrimination based on genetic testing. A government funded report says people are often deterred from having genetic tests that could save their lives as they fear being denied life insurance. Tiller says there are some genetic conditions where genetic tests can really save people's lives.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

The kids ask 'What did I do wrong?'

Herald Sun, General News, 01/07/2023, Anton Rose, Page 61

For 10 years army veteran Ben Farinazzo went undiagnosed for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder F (PTSD) but in that decade even those close to him knew something was wrong. "The moment I got home my wife noticed things had changed she could tell something was different," he said.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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How tragic legacy of Dellilah may help kids who struggle

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 01/07/2023, Bethany Hiatt, Page 4

WA mental health advocates have backed a plea from the grieving father of a 13-year-old girl who took her own life for parents to listen to their children's concerns amid surging rates of self-harm. The suicide of skateboard-loving teen Dellilah Downey in late May prompted her father, Charles Downey, to write that raising children in 2023 was "the most complicated time in history".

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

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A feast for the senses

Weekend Post, General News, 01/07/2023, Sandhya Ram, Page 9

A Queensland-first multi-sensory experience is being developed as part of the \$70m mental health facility at Cairns Hospital and is expected to open in the coming months. Mental Health clinical director Mike Tervit said Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service had been developing a sensory modulation room for patients as a potential wellness tool.

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ABC News, ABC Evening News, 30/06/2023, Joe O'Brien

A specialised court program is helping people with mental health issues in Western Australia to get their lives back on track. The Start Court is designed to rehabilitate and stabilise adult offenders with mental illness so they're less likely to reoffend. Magistrate Elaine Campione says traditional sentencing outcomes don't always work.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

'Safe staffing and better pay': Major changes to rebuild aged care sector begin

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 30/06/2023, Anmj Staff

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) applauds two significant achievements to rebuild the aged care sector, which will come into effect tomorrow. Legislation to implement Registered Nurse (RN) 24/7 comes into operation, and historic wage increases following the Aged Care Work Value decision, will start to flow through to nurses and carers in the sector.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Tax cut bid

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 01/07/2023, Bernard Humphreys, Page 1

Health workers who moved to the regions would pay much less tax than their city counterparts under a plan being partly formulated by Mallee MP Anne Webster, who wants to take it to the next election as Coalition policy. The plan is designed to create incentives for health professionals to move to regional areas and fill the chronic gaps in service provision experienced across the sector outside capital cities.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Hospital failed to correctly diagnose a toddler's head injury - and eight-days later he died

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Ben Talintyre

A coroner's report has found a hospital failed to correctly diagnose a toddler's brain bleed and eight days later he lost his life. Deputy Coroner Derek Lee released the damning findings into the suspicious death of 21-month-old Baylen Pendergast on June 23.

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SPORT

Women kicked a goal for football in Australia

AFR Weekend, General News, 01/07/2023, Zoe Samios, Page 3

Former footballer James Johnson knew he'd inherited a basket case when he took charge of Football Federation Australia in January 2020, but things were about to get much worse: FFA, now known as...

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

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Ellie's hell is history, Matildas star ready for home tilt at Cup

Weekend Australian, General News, 01/07/2023, Cameron Stewart, Page 5

The Matildas are coming and it's not only Sam Kerr who will spearhead their biggest moment as they take on the world in the first FIFA Women's World Cup to be held in Australia. Ellie Carpenter, the former child prodigy of Australian soccer, is back, having overcome a crippling injury in the 2022 European Championship final in May that threatened to derail her World Cup.

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

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Gaming gets sporting chance with Olympic backing

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 01/07/2023, James Birt, Page 74

A Gold Coaster has just beaten the world's best in his chosen sport but unless you read this masthead or delve deep into social media, you probably haven't heard of Lucas "anon" Malissa. On Sunday, the local was crowned the inaugural Olympic Esports Series winner in shooting, played out in the computer game Fortnite.

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CODE Sports Investigations: How fight stars are using fake penises to

pass drug tests

The Australian, Other, 30/06/2023, Jamie Pandaram

Professional fighters are using prosthetic penises to fool drug testers, an underworld drug dealer has revealed. The black market dealer, using the pseudonym Gary, has revealed to Code Sport that he has helped two combat athletes beat the system by teaching them how to insert clean urine into the fake appendages that are stuck to their leg.

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

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CODE Sports Investigations: Drug dealer takes us inside Australia's underworld for sport cheats

The Australian, Other, 30/06/2023, Jamie Pandaram

A black market dealer who helps cheating athletes beat drug testers has revealed that peptides have surpassed steroids as the most sought after performance-enhancer. The underworld figure, who says he clears \$200,000 a year selling a range of illegal and prescription drugs, is supplying television personalities, budding sports stars and everyday mum and dads who want to look younger.

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Meet Charli Grant, the Matilda who could define Australia's World Cup charge

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Erin Smith

Charli Grant is no ordinary defender her instinct and drive to attack could be just what catapults the Matildas deep into the FIFA Women's World Cup. In one breathtaking play of pure attacking instinct Matildas' defender Charli Grant showed she has the potential to deliver a special moment and define Australia's World Cup performance.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Fifa confirms ban on OneLove armbands for Women's World Cup

The Guardian, Other, 30/06/2023, Suzanne Wrack

Fifa has confirmed that players at the Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand will not be able to wear the rainbow armband in support of LGBTQ+ rights or One Love armband, but will instead be able to choose from eight alternative options. There will be no change to the regulations that stopped teams from wearing the One Love armband at last year's men's World Cup in Qatar, with sanctions possible should a team choose to breach the rules. However, teams will be invited to choose from eight Fifa-sanctioned armbands highlighting a variety of social causes.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

5AA, Mornings, 30/06/2023, Matthew Pantelis

Interview with QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute Professor Rachel Neale. Neale says they had 21,000 Australians join the study and half of them had Vitamin D supplements and they found that the group who took vitamin D for five years did have a lower rate of heart attacks.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Systemic fail led to death

Mangled communications, rivalry or tension between health services and not listening to a mother's impassioned pleas to send her teenage daughter to Brisbane contributed to the deaths of three women in the remote north west community of Doomadgee, an inquest has found. Northern Coroner Nerida Wilson made 19 recommendations as she handed down her findings into an inquest into the deaths of Betty, 18, Ms Sandy, 37, and Kaya, 17, who all died as a consequence of rheumatic heart disease (RHD).

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Hoping tragedy ends in action

Weekend Post, General News, 01/07/2023, Bronwyn Farr, Page 7

The brother and uncle of two of three women whose deaths were subject to a coronial inquest said the community felt vindicated by Northern Coroner Nerida Wilson's findings handed down in Cairns on Friday. Coroner Wilson made 19 recommendations in her report into the deaths of Doomadgee women Betty, 18, Ms Sandy, 37, and Kaya, 17, who all died as a consequence of rheumatic heart disease (RHD).

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It's a disgrace

Weekend Post, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 42

Progress needed as coroner hands down damning findings into Doomadgee deaths anding down her findings into an inquest of the preventable deaths of Hthree Doomadgee women, Northern Coroner Nerida Wilson noted a leading cardiologist who gave evidence at the inquest labelled Queensland's track record on preventing rheumatic heartdisease (RHD) deaths a "national disgrace". After the findings were handed down, the Queensland Government's hitherto unheard of Chief First Nations Health Officer Haylene Grogan said Queensland Health was "committed to strengthening our relationship with First Nations communities and leaders through mutual respect, recognition, and cooperation".

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Health services failed in care for three Doomadgee women who died of rheumatic heart disease

ABC Online, Other, 30/06/2023, Holly Richardson and Julia André

A coroner has found a public hospital service and a community healthcare provider failed in their care for three women who died of complications from a preventable heart condition. The women, known as Kaya, Betty, and Ms Sandy, lived in the Aboriginal community of Doomadgee in north-west Queensland and died from complications with rheumatic heart disease (RHD) in 2019 and 2020.

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Alec lost his sister and daughter to a preventable disease. His 'long struggle' for justice has finally ended

SBS, Other, 30/06/2023, Dan Butler

Three women living in remote community Doomadgee were all suffering from rheumatic heart disease when they died over a 12-month period. The Old People in Doomadgee speak of a time in living memory when there was no sickness amongst their people.

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Institutional racism contributed to deaths of three Indigenous women, Queensland coroner finds

The Guardian, Other, 30/06/2023, Aaron Smith

A Queensland coroner has ruled institutional racism and a lack of cultural competency from health services contributed to the deaths of three Aboriginal women in the remote Indigenous community of Doomadgee, in northwest Queensland. On Friday in Cairns, coroner Nerida Wilson said the deaths of Doomadgee residents Adele Sandy in 2019, aged 18, Yvette Booth in 2020, aged 17, and Shakaya

George in 2020, aged 27, were caused by complications due to rheumatic heart disease (RHD), and with proper and adequate care could have been avoided.

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'Systems failed' in rheumatic heart disease deaths

West Australian, Other, 30/06/2023, Cheryl Goodenough

A coroner investigating the deaths of three Indigenous women with rheumatic heart disease has found health systems in a remote Queensland community failed. The deaths within 18 months of one another sparked an inquest into what would otherwise be considered natural cause deaths, coroner Nerida Wilson said in her findings handed down in Cairns on Friday.

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ABC News, ABC Evening News, 30/06/2023, Joe O'Brien

An inquest has identified failures in the care of three Indigenous women who died from rheumatic heart disease in Doomadgee in Queensland's northwest. Coroner Nerida Wilson today told the court both Queensland Health and Community Health Services failed the three women from Doomadgee in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 30/06/2023, Sandra Sully

A Qld coroner says the deaths of three Indigenous women were caused by failures from a public hospital service and an overwhelmed community healthcare provider. Rheumatic fever is still prevalent in remote communities in Cape York despite the illness being preventable. Coroner Nerida Wilson says Queensland Health must review its doctor coverage and roster practises at Doomadgee Hospital and work to restore trust in the Cape in every Indigenous community.

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SBS, World News Australia, 30/06/2023, Anton Enus

A Queensland coroner has found systemic failures by health services in Far North Qld contributed to the deaths of three women from rheumatic heart disease. The findings also included evidence of racism and culturally unsafe practises at the health services where the women went to seek help.

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Program that translates complex medical terms into Indigenous languages up for healthcare award

West Australian, Other, 30/06/2023, Xander Sapsworth-Collis Pilbara

A program that translates complex medical terms into traditional Indigenous languages is a finalist in a challenge to improve regional healthcare in WA. The Lyfe Language program has received \$200,000 after being named as one of 10 research finalists in the State Government's Challenge competition to improve regional healthcare.

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Bumma Bippera Media, National Talk Black, 30/06/2023, Trendy Trev

Interview with Associate Professor Andrew Redfern. Now breast cancer is the most common diagnosed cancer for women, including those of Maori descent, Pasifika and Indigenous Australian communities. Redfern says it is important for Indigenous Australian communities to be aware and be encouraged to check themselves with tests and mammograms when they're offered.

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Flu is worse than Covid

Daily Telegraph, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 8

Parents of young children are being urged to book them in for a free flu shot, after several youngsters were admitted to intensive care with life-threatening complications from the virus. Since May, eight children have been admitted to the ICUs at Sydney Children's Hospital and The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#)

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Man in 20s dies from flu

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 24

Two people have died from the flu in the past week, including one man in his 20s. The man, together with a man in his 80s, take the SA death toll for the virus to three.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Aussie man in his 20s dies from flu as horror season continues

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Nicole Iliagoueva

A man in his 20s from South Australia has died as flu cases continue to rise across Australia. South Australia's health minister Chris Picton told 7 News a man in his 20s and a man in his 80s have both died from the flu this week. He said both men had underlying health conditions.

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Measles alert after case visits gym, cafe

Canberra Times, Other, 30/06/2023, Cassandra Morgan

A returned overseas traveller has triggered a health alert in Victoria after they visited a gym, a cafe and a football match while infected with measles. The Department of Health raised the alarm about the case on Friday, declaring several premises exposure sites after the traveller visited them between June 23 and June 25.

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

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Trip therapies could cost \$30k

AFR Weekend, General News, 01/07/2023, Lucy Dean, Page 38

For 30 years, cognitive neuro psychologist Susan Rossell has worked with pat...

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Supplement minefield: How education wins over prohibition

Weekend Australian, Sport, 01/07/2023, Julian Linden, Page 42

The civilian casualties from Australian sport's spat with dodgy supplements are mounting. [...] SIA had another major breakthrough in 2020, when the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) reclassified sports supplements as medicines, rather than as foods, which meant they were bound by stricter regulations around product labelling.

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Saved by psychedelics

Daily Telegraph, General News, 01/07/2023, Jessica Mcsweeney, Page 65

John Lee took his first dose of MDMA while lying on a massage table in the home of an underground

therapist in the middle of the bush. [...] Soon people like John won't have to resort to clandestine operators and self-medicating to access these drugs as therapy, with the TGA rescheduling coming to effect July 1.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Medicine firm doses first patient with eye drug

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Business News, 01/07/2023, Cheyanne Enciso, Page 133

PYC Therapeutics says it is a step closer to providing a functional cure to sufferers of a degenerative eye disease after dosing its first patient with a new drug treating the condition. The precision medicine company on Friday said it had dosed its first patient with its VP-001 drug, which was developed in WA in conjunction with the Lions Eye Institute.

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

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Aussies can be prescribed magic mushrooms and MDMA for mental health conditions from tomorrow after landmark decision

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 30/06/2023, Ashley Nickel

MDMA and magic mushrooms will be made available for psychiatrists to prescribe to people suffering with some mental health conditions from this weekend. The Therapeutic Goods Administration approved the use of psychedelics in February with the change in the law coming into effect on July 1.

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Australian psychiatrists can now prescribe MDMA and psilocybin: who can access them and how do they work?

The Guardian, Other, 01/07/2023, Donna Lu

From July 1 psychiatrists in Australia will be able to prescribe MDMA and psilocybin for controlled clinical use. Australia's medicines regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, announced the change in February. MDMA 3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine, commonly known as ecstasy will be used for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. Psilocybin, a psychedelic that forms the active compound in magic mushrooms, will be able to be prescribed for treatment-resistant depression.

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5AA, Afternoons, 30/06/2023, Jade Robran

Interview with the University of SA Senior Research Fellow and mental health expert Dr Mike Musker. Psychedelic medicines will now be available and Australia is set to become the first country in the world to recognise psychedelics as medicine. Musker says there are two new drugs which will move from schedule nine to schedule eight by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the medicines will be legal for use under certain conditions.

Also reported by: [5AA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Cruise, 12:00 News, 30/06/2023

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Should dope be legal?

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Marijuana hit the headlines last week, with politicians in three states simultaneously moving to introduce legislation to legalise its personal use, modelled on drug laws in the nation's capital. In the ACT, since 2020 it has been legal to possess up to 50 grams of dried cannabis, up to 150 grams of fresh cannabis and up to four plants per household.

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