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- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 1) reports that members of the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs have raised concerns that Health Minister Mark Butler's announcement of a widespread ban on non-prescription vaping may increase the demand in the unregulated market, where more potent nicotine levels are normal place, and have unintended negative consequences. "I think we should make the point somewhere that we support [the] regulation of nicotine but historically the pseudo-regulation of just banning or severely restricting any substance has significant unintended consequences that need to be considered and monitored," said Dr Nicole Lee of the National Drug Research Institute.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 1) reports that the Therapeutic Goods Administration has reported that 409 medications, including antibiotics, are in short supply as of July 2. "We expect many of the shortages to resolve in the next few months, and many have already resolved. However, there are ongoing global constraints for some products, which will see their shortages extend until the end of 2023," the TGA said.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 2) reports that South Australian Health Minister Chris Picton has ordered a review of security procedures at the Royal Adelaide Hospital after a man was found to be impersonating a mental health nurse. SA Health has stated that it is conducting an

internal review and have warned staff to be "vigilant and to immediately report any suspicious activity or person to security."

- **The Australian** (page 3) reports that the AHPRA has delayed the requirements that cosmetic surgery take place at facilities accredited Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare. AHPRA Medical Board chair Anne Tonkin states that the rest of the reforms instituted as of July 1 will protect patients while changes to the roll out of the facility requirements are put into place.
- **Canberra Times** (page 4) reports that the ACT government will conduct a review into ageing community health facilities and build four new health centres in the next decade. "The government is committed to building and maintaining a public health system that provides the right care, in the right place, at the right time," stated Chief Minister Andrew Barr
- **Northern Territory News** (page 5) reports that advocates have criticised the federal governments requirements under the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022, claiming it will further stigmatise abortions. Under the new rules health practitioners will have to provide medical care and statistics on children born alive as a result of abortion.
- **Age** (page 6) reports that the Esports Integrity Commission and Victorian Police have joined forces to investigate suspicious betting activity suspected to be the work of organised crime syndicates at Esports events. Assistant Commissioner Chris Gilbert stated Esport athletes were more susceptible to corruption due to "minimal prize money and a lack of focus on integrity and education by game developers."
- **The Daily Telegraph** (page 11) reports that a survey of 1,300 aged and disability care workers from the University of Sydney and Curtin University has found that unmanageable demands and poor work relations are leading causes for worker burnout. Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said that a 15% increase in the wage award was set to improve the conditions of healthcare workers. "Aged care workers have been undervalued for far too long," Ms Wells said

MINISTER BUTLER

Emails reveal vaping black market jitters

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 04/07/2023, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 1

Australia's world-first blanket ban on vaping without a prescription will make the problem worse, according to experts who debated how to warn the health minister about their misgivings in emails published under freedom of information. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler announced in May he would double down on Australia's prescription-only model and rid the country of disposable vapes.

Also reported by: [Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#).

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Urgent care clinic opens in Sunbury

Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Star Weekly, General News, 04/07/2023, Zoe Moffatt, Page 12

Sunbury residents will receive extended medical care with the opening of the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) at the Goonawarra Medical Centre Sunbury on June 27. The medical centre will be open seven days a week with extended open hours, and all services will be fully bulk billed with no need for an appointment. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler said the Sunbury UCC will cut down medical wait times for locals.

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More uni places the cure for dearth of regional doctors

West Australian, Other, 04/07/2023, Andrew Brown

Universities will be offered more student places in a bid to boost the number of doctors in regional areas. The federal government will spend \$114 million over the next four years to increase the number of Commonwealth-supported university places for rural-trained medical students. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the funding would increase the supply of rurally trained doctors entering the medical workforce.

Also reported by: [Dunggg Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Lithgow Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Southern Cross \(Online\)](#).

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Geraldton smoke stores and tobacconists want vape legislation laid out as nicotine products are sold

West Australian, Other, 04/07/2023, Jessica Moroney

Despite hefty fines hanging in the air for the illegal sale of nicotine vapes, at least two Geraldton stores are still selling them, leaving other retailers following the rules frustrated and confused. Smoke and vaporiser stores opening their doors in Geraldton have raised concerns for other retailers who have been told by the Department of Health that selling e-cigarette devices, nicotine vaping products and their components is illegal. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said work was in progress at the Commonwealth level with discussions about how vaping reforms would be implemented.

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

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Massive fines levelled at vape importers

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 17

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued four Sydney-based firms with 38 infringement warnings with fines totalling \$588,840 for allegedly importing 22 consignments of almost 380,000 nicotine vaping goods. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler announced a massive crackdown on illegal vaping products to close the "biggest loophole" in the health sphere early in May ahead of the 2023 Federal Budget.

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The crackdown on vaping

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Megan Haggan, Page 28

Ahead of the federal Budget in May, Health Minister Mark Butler announced a new crackdown on e-cigarettes. What does this mean for vapers, for smokers and for pharmacists?

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New 01 Jul payments

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 03/07/2023, Page 2

The new 01 Jul rules have taken effect which means manufacturers of more than 2,900 brands of medicines are required to hold a minimum of four or six months' worth of stock onshore in Australia. Govt payments to community pharmacies have increased by 7%, meaning "significant increases in payments for services like dispensing, handling, administration and infrastructure," said Federal Health Minister Mark Butler (PD Breaking News today).

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Mark Butler announces 7% pharmacy indexation boost but fails to appease the Guild

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/07/2023, Rachel Carter

A 7% rise in pharmacy dispensing payments is a rehash of an existing promise and will not absolve the government over 60-day prescribing, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia says. Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler is continuing to battle a pharmacy backlash after deciding to let GPs write double-length scripts for hundreds of common medicines, despite promising "every single dollar" of savings would go back to pharmacists.

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Butler announces 7% dispensing fee hike

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/07/2023, David Rowley

Dispensing fees will increase 7% and from July 1, Health Minister Mark Butler has announced, with the new dispensing fee rate giving the average metropolitan pharmacy more than \$41,000 extra per year.

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Federal funding grant secured for sector-first in Indigenous health research

Hunter Headline, Other, 04/07/2023

The University of Newcastle in partnership with the Lowitja Institute has received just under \$3 million in federal funding to establish a new committee to help improve health outcomes for First Nations people. [...] Federal Minister for Health, Mark Butler said the work being done by the University of Newcastle is a step in the right direction.

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PD breaking news – Pharmacies to get ‘significant’ payment boost

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 03/07/2023

Community pharmacies will be paid more for dispensing medicines, pharmacies outside the big cities will have their location allowance doubled, patients needing opioid dependency treatment will save hundreds of dollars, and pharmacy medicine stocks will be assured, stated Federal Health Minister Mark Butler.

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New PBS drug listing welcomed by peak body for kidney health

Retail Pharmacy Assistants, Other, 03/07/2023

Kidney Health Australia is calling for a screening and management program for Australians most at risk of kidney disease. Kidney disease is one of Australia's biggest killers. [...] Mr Forbes, who attended the official announcement by the Minister for Health and Aged Care, The Hon Mark Butler MP, at St Vincent's Hospital late last week, noted that new medications added to the PBS over the last two years are changing the way kidney disease is treated and managed.

Also reported by: [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#), [Australian Seniors News \(Online\)](#).

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GPs able to initiate FP 50 prescriptions again

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 03/07/2023

The revised listing follows a concerted advocacy campaign and was confirmed on the same day as a number of other PBS changes. The paediatric preventive asthma medication FP 50 had restrictions imposed on its use earlier this year. [...] Federal Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler confirmed over the weekend that nirmatrelvir plus ritonavir (sold as Paxlovid) is now available to people aged 5059 with one additional risk factor following a Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee recommendation. He also promoted the addition of Finerenone (sold as Kerendia), which will be available for patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

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Happy new financial year: here's what's changing

The Medical Republic, Other, 03/07/2023

The government has now delivered on some of the budgetary gifts first announced in May. On the third day of EOFY, my true love brought to me Medicare indexation, an opioid dependence therapy overhaul and the down-scheduling of psychedelics. [...] Covid oral antivirals available for people aged 50+ Health Minister Mark Butler has rubber-stamped a PBAC recommendation to expand covid antiviral treatment Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir, Pfizer) eligibility to people aged 50 and over who have one risk factor for severe illness.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 03/07/2023, Gabriella Power

Interview with Anne Ruston, Shadow Aged Care Minister about pushback of pharmacies over 60-day dispensing rules, Ruston says the Federal Government and Health Minister Mark Butler should go back to the negotiating table. He states the government has done it without consultation, without any modelling, and without considering the secondary consequences.

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MINISTER WELLS

The toll of health workers' burnout

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/07/2023, Madeleine Bower, Page 11

Unmanageable demands on healthcare workers and poor work relationships are one of the leading causes of burnout, in the industry, with nearly 40 per cent of workers reporting they did not have enough time to do their work, according to exclusive new data. Researchers from the University of Sydney and Curtin University surveyed 1,300 health care workers across the aged care and disability care sectors over 18 months. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said she was not surprised by the findings.

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Wealthy Baby Boomers should pay more for aged care, major providers say

WA Today, Other, 03/07/2023, Natassia Chrysanthos

Older Australians with large superannuation balances or high-value properties should be paying more for aged care, several major providers say, while warning that any new tax to help fund the ailing sector must be fair to younger generations. [...] A taskforce established last month by Aged Care Minister Anika Wells has been charged with considering whether options such as taxpayer levies and consumer contributions could lift quality in a system already costing the government more than \$30 billion a year.

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2SM, Breakfast, 03/07/2023, Richard King

The Federal Government is probing how it can inject more money into aged care to raise standards. The task force, established last month by Aged Care Minister Anika Wells, has been charged with considering whether options such as taxpayer levies and consumer contributions could lift the quality of the system already costing the government more than \$30 billion a year. Uniting New South Wales Act Executive Director Tracey Burton said the task force would take up the unfinished business of the Aged Care Royal Commission which two years ago recommended a raft of ways to improve care but could not agree on how to fund them. Commissioner Tony Pagone backed a Medicare style levy that was spent solely on aged care, while Commissioner Lynelle Briggs recommended a general levy of 1% to go into federal coffers and support the sector as well.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

ABC North and West SA, Breakfast, 03/07/2023, Tom Mann

Interview with John Voumard, Chair, Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Governing Board about Mental Health Alternative Care Service in Port Pirie. Voumard says he's shocked to hear Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride speaking last week about the announcement. He notes about eight weeks ago State Minister Geoff Brock and local member opened the Yorke and Northern state-funded alternative mental health care facility at the Port Pirie Hospital in the Community Health Building, which is available now for people to walk in without appointments. He adds that having a federal announcement of a duplicate service just highlights the inefficiencies that plague the health system where the state system understands the needs of local communities. He states that what they need is the Federal Government to partner with us to provide the additional funding resources so that we can deliver efficient services.

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DEPARTMENT

Pharmacists conflate medicines shortages: Murphy

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 10

Pharmacists' claims that double dispensing will exacerbate medicines shortages are not accurate, Professor Brendan Murphy, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care, believes. Murphy told the Senate Estimates Community Affairs Legislation Committee, that shortages of paediatric medications highlighted by community pharmacists in discussions with politicians were likely to short-term medications, such as antibiotics, which would not be eligible for 60-day dispensing.

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Aged care's many faces

Australian Pharmacist, General News, 01/07/2023, Ruth Cooper, Page 18

The aged care on-site pharmacist initiative is set to build on pioneering efforts over at least 5 years and revolutionise the way pharmacists look after older Australians. The shocking medicine and abuse problems laid bare by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety¹ have yet to be rectified. [...] 'For those pharmacies that opt not to take advantage of this new investment, there will continue to be funding for aged care residents to receive pharmacist support under existing pharmacy programs funded through the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement, including residential medication management review services for individual residents,' David Laffan, Assistant Secretary, Pharmacy Branch at the Department of Health and Aged Care told attendees at the Consultant Pharmacists' Conference, CPC23 in May.

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11 Queensland nursing homes to fail federal standards

Cairns Post, Other, 03/07/2023, Judith Kerr

These are the 11 Queensland aged care homes being monitored for failing health and safety standards. [...] Along with naming non-compliant homes, the federal Department of Health and Aged Care also updated rankings for the country's 2500 aged care homes in May.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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2023 industry guidelines for aged care visitors during COVID-19

Aged Care Guide, Other, 03/07/2023, David McManus

The new Sector Code was published on June 26, offering industry providers and people seeking aged care a sense of clarity during Australia's flu season. Consumer and aged care advocacy collectives have established a Sector Code for Visiting Residential Aged Care Homes during COVID-19, based on the Department of Health and Aged Care's

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Wage rise leaves support staff in limbo

Aged Care Inside, Other, 03/07/2023, Elise Hartevelt

Over 50,000 supporting roles in aged care are left in a state of uncertainty due to the recent pay wage increase. The 15 per cent wage increase applies to direct care aged care workers in residential and home care settings and comes into effect from the first full pay period on or after June 30, 2023. [...] IHACPA, an agency within the federal health department, has incorporated wage and inflation adjustments into the new AN-ACC price for the upcoming financial year.

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Student nurses lead the way in aged care placements

Aged Care Insite, Other, 03/07/2023, Arshmah Jamal

The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) has stationed its first 76 student nurses in aged care homes to complete their clinical placements. The students are part of a new Commonwealth-funded aged care placement program, where eventually, the residential aged care sector will recruit the nurses. [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care predicted a nursing shortfall of about 8,100 in residential aged-care facilities between 2023-24.

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

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Leukaemia Foundation strives for equity and tailored support for First Nations Australians with blood cancer

News For Business, Other, 03/07/2023

Blood cancer on First Nations communities in order to improve health outcomes and ultimately prevent avoidable deaths. [...] With guidance from the Department of Health and Aged Care and in consultation with Cancer Australia, the research study will begin soon, led by Professor Gail Garvey , a distinguished Kamilaroi woman and Professor of Indigenous Health Research at the University of Queensland .

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Health secretary vs virus – revisiting the COVID-19 pandemic firestorm

The Mandarin, Other, 03/07/2023, Melissa Coade

Professor Brendan Murphy was a man with an appetite for health reform who got served a lot more than he bargained for after signing the dotted line and accepting the role as head of Australia's health department. There are countless quips and analogies you could choose to tell the story of Murphy's time in the hot seat.

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PwC's \$30m to build, tout a mental health turkey

The Medical Republic, Other, 03/07/2023

PwC Australia, in partnership with the University of Sydney, used \$30m in government funding to develop a private, commercially run, mental health software company in which it had a 45% shareholding (now 32%); was contracted by that company to provide it ongoing services; and subsequently was contracted by the Department of Health and Aged Care to develop a digital mental health framework for Australia and a digital mental health strategy for the Victorian government.

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New tech for 'aged care 2.0'

The Medical Republic, Other, 03/07/2023

Residential aged care facilities can now ditch the paper in favour of digital reports on more quality indicators mandated by the Royal Commission in to Aged Care Quality and Safety. [...] It replaces the QI reporting function within the My Aged Care portal and, according to a Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) website, means all quality indicator data for this quarter is to be submitted via GPMS from 21 July and onwards.

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Best Practice hints at a transformational plan

The Medical Republic, Other, 03/07/2023

Best Practice is returning to the idea of building a cloud version of its market-dominant GP practice management software in Australia, and it hasn't just got GPs in its sights. [...] But the current federal government and the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) are sending clear signals to the market that this situation won't be tolerated much longer across the broader health ecosystem.

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CORONAVIRUS

Revamped PBS rules for COVID-19 antiviral and MenB vax now in effect

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/07/2023, Antony Scholefield

A new hexavalent vaccine for infants has also been added to the NIP. Patients aged 50-59 with one chronic condition are now eligible for the COVID-19 antiviral nirmatrelvirritonavir (Paxlovid) under the PBS. The PBAC recommended the expanded criteria a week ago to ensure rapidly expiring stocks were used up , but until now, the timeline for the change was unclear.

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The COVID-19 habits we thought would stick, but didn't

PS News, Other, 03/07/2023

Not so many people are seen using their anti-COVIT masks these days says Mary Gearin who asks whether that's a good or bad sign. Go on, admit it you're not wearing your mask as much.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, 14:00 News, 03/07/2023

The number of Australians eligible for subsidised COVID 19 antiviral treatments has been expanded under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Australians in their 50s with one risk factor for severe disease are now able to get a prescription of the antiviral medicine Paxlovid. Risk factors include conditions such as cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes and asthma.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, 11:00 News, 03/07/2023

The number of Australians eligible for COVID antiviral treatments has been expanded under the PBS. Australians in their 50s with one risk factor for severe disease can now get a prescription for antiviral PAXLOVID.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Seniors prepared to pay more but want more 'transparency' with aged care funding

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2023

National Seniors Australia Chief Advocate Ian Henschke calls for more transparency in aged care to further understand where funding is going and how much is being spent. Mr Henschke's comments come after the government revealed it is open to an aged care levy.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#).

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Should Aussies use super to pay for aged care?

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023, Andrew Hansen

A federal Aged Care Taskforce is reviewing the sector's funding model. Aged and Community Care Providers Association chief executive Tom Symondson is part the group and says it's a long overdue conversation.

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New research trial targets link between social cognitive skills and dementia

Aged Care Insite, Other, 03/07/2023, Arshmah Jamal

A new clinical program will investigate a lack of direct treatment available to target social cognitive impairments in older people recently diagnosed with dementia. Aged care provider Silverchain teamed up with UNSW's Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing (CHeBA) and The University of Queensland to examine if improving the social cognitive skills of older adults could decelerate the progression of dementia.

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The aged care pay rise – what you need to know

HelloCare, Other, 03/07/2023, Alex Jacobs

The 15% aged care pay rise is here, but what does that mean for you? Will you receive more money in your next payslip, or are you likely to miss out?

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Residents abused by the sergeant majors of retirement villages

Newcastle Herald, Other, 03/07/2023, Eileen Wood

Harassment, intimidation, verbal abuse and patronisation are just some of the horrific experiences faced by more than 40 per cent of residents of NSW retirement villages, according to a damning new report. Some residents have been abused multiple times and the bullying is so intolerable they have become seriously depressed to the extent of considering suicide.

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Channel 10, 10 News First: Midday, 03/07/2023, Ursula Heger

Interview with Tracey Burton, Executive Director, Uniting NSW and ACT about wealthy Australians should pay more for aged care, according to several major providers. With an ageing population costing the government billions of dollars a year. Burton says people of means perhaps contribute more to the cost of their aged care. She adds it is possible that we will need more taxpayer funding for the system.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Territory-wide Drive, 03/07/2023, Paul Serratore

There's a hope a pay rise for aged care workers will help ease recruitment pressures, with providers now required to have nurses available 24 hours a day. An improvement to workforce conditions and capabilities was a key recommendation from the Royal Commission into Aged Care. The United Workers Union says the 15% pay rise will help bring registered nurses from hospitals back to aged care.

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NOVA 96.9, 06:00 News, 03/07/2023

Major aged care providers are calling for wealthy older Aussies with larger superannuation balances to pay more for aged care. Providers are also warning any new tax to help fund the struggling sector must be fair to younger generations.

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2GB, 17:00 News, 03/07/2023

Several major aged care providers say wealthier Australians may need to contribute more if the system is going to improve. They say changes are needed to ensure that there's enough money to maintain

and improve services as the population ages.

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2SM, 14:00 News, 03/07/2023

The sector code for visiting in aged care has been revised. It provides a clear mandate for the number of people able to visit older people in care. Cory Irwin from the Council on the Ageing says it's a welcome move. He states the revised code ensures that we're both protecting older residents living in aged care against the potential COVID infection, but also ensuring that they're not socially isolated to protect their mental health.

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4BC, 11:00 News, 03/07/2023

Major aged care providers want Australians with more money in their superannuation to pay more for aged care. New reforms are now in place, including mandates to have a nurse onsite for 24 hours per day. Federal Shadow Minister for Aged Care Anne Ruston says there have been no measures to deal with the workforce shortage so far.

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ABC News, Drive, 03/07/2023, Compere

Rules requiring aged care providers to have nurses available 24 hours a day are now in effect, following the Aged Care Royal Commission. While some homes have struggled to recruit, it's believed the vast majority have met the deadline. Craig Gear, chief executive, Older Person's Advocacy Network believes it's a critical point for Australia's aged care system. Carolyn Smith from the United Workers Union says the 15% pay rise for aged care workers, as well as the minimum wage increase will help ease recruitment pressures.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Less drink, more stress

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/07/2023, Page 11

There is a well-known link between youth drinking and psychological distress - but Aussie teens are reporting higher levels of distress despite a lower consumption of alcohol, according to new research. The study looked at survey data on drinking and self-reported psychological distress of 6543 teenagers over 12 years from 2007 to 2019.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#)

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This is the problem with weight-loss 'solutions'

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 03/07/2023, Sarah Berry

A couple of weeks ago, I received a box containing what appeared to be a saline-filled plastic breast implant. Except, as the writing on the box explained, it was not an implant, but "the future of weight-loss". [...] "The 2022 State of the Food Supply report showed little improvement in reducing salt and saturated fat in packaged foods to meet voluntary Healthy Food Partnership targets, and also found the Health Star Rating label was still only on 41 per cent of products," she says.

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COVID-19 in Ballarat: Rise in alcohol issues lingers

Ballarat Courier, Other, 03/07/2023, Melanie Whelan

Hangover effects from isolation and a rise in alcohol use in pandemic lockdowns are showing in support and health services across the city. Ballarat Community Health alcohol and other drug clinical lead Michael Cameron confirmed the health sector remained helping high numbers of people curb their

drinking as a new report revealed the number of Australians reaching out to alcohol treatment services was the highest in a decade. [...] Western Victoria' primary health region ranked fifth highest in the nation - and the top for a non-metropolitan area - with people seeking help for alcohol use in 2021/22 in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare findings.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

AstraZeneca falls on cancer trial doubts

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 04/07/2023, Thomas Mulier, Page 19

AstraZeneca shares fell as results from a high-level study of a new cancer medicine raised concern the drug might not work as well as anticipated. The drug helped patients with the most common form of lung cancer live longer without worsening compared with...

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Diabetes on rise in kids

Courier Mail, General News, 04/07/2023, Page 15

There's been an almost 40 per cent increase in the amount of children with diabetes globally in the past 30 years. By 2019, there were 227,580 kids with diabetes recorded across the world, which Chinese researchers say resulted in 5390 deaths.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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Make a move to cut cancer risk

Hobart Mercury, General News, 04/07/2023, Penny Egan, Page 17

Even without a Dark Mofo to get us out and about, winter is certainly not about losing your mojo when it comes to staying healthy. [...] Every day at Cancer Council we meet inspiring and courageous people.

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Probiotics for 'chemo brain'

Australian Pharmacist, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 56

Affordable and convenient, probiotics may help prevent cancer-related cognitive impairment. Chemotherapy-induced cognitive impairment or cancer-related C cognitive impairment is also commonly termed "chemo brain" or "chemo fog".

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Alarming rise in cancer in Australian Millennials

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2023

Obesity is being blamed for an alarming rise in the rate of five cancers in Millennials over the past 30 years. There has been an alarming rise in five different types of cancers in Millennials over the past three decades. [...] Professor Graham Giles, a distinguished research fellow at the Cancer Council of Victoria, told the publication that Australia had a burgeoning epidemic of obesity with dire consequences.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Women flock back to breast screens in record numbers

West Australian, Other, 04/07/2023, Luke Costin

After a record low, women are now lining up in droves for quick breast cancer screenings. More than

37,000 women had mammograms at BreastScreen NSW clinics throughout the month of May - the highest monthly figure in the state's history.

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Great Southerners urged to sacrifice the wine for their health; 'the more you drink, the greater the risk'

West Australian, Other, 03/07/2023, Georgia Campion

An Albany breast cancer survivor is urging the region to consider their health while raising awareness and funds by taking part in Dry July this month. Funds raised from Dry July will go towards the Cancer Council's Information and Support Line, a free service provided to all Australian's affected by cancer.

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'I thought the small bump on my hand was nothing, but now I've had two fingers amputated'

Cairns Post, Other, 03/07/2023, Chloe Whelan

The Gold Coast mum said she was annoyed by the bump, which was getting in the way of her work, before it started getting worse after giving birth to her son. A Gold Coast mum has spoken out after a tiny lump on her hand turned out to be a terrifying illness requiring amputation.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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GP prescribing rights for kids' asthma inhaler finally restored

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/07/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

GPs can once again prescribe subsidised Flixotide Junior and Axotide Junior to children under six after the PBAC's controversial restrictions were officially scrapped over the weekend. [...] Professor Nick Zwar, chair of the National Asthma Council Australia guidelines committee, said it was a welcome result for prescribers and patients, particularly families who relied on the PBS safety net.

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The deadly disease that has spiked 153 per cent amongst Aussie millennials - and the reasons why

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Peter Vincent

One particular form of cancer has skyrocketed among young Australians by 153 per cent in the last three decades, according to shocking new data. World-leading cancer research hub Daffodil Centre has revealed the rate of bowel cancer has drastically soared among Millennials between 1991 and 2021.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 03/07/2023, Susannah Carr and Rick Ardon

Perth researchers have discovered a common asthma treatment that can help respiratory problems in babies born pre-term. Researchers at Telethon Kids Institute say 200 WA pre-term babies between 6 and 12 years of age take part in a three-month trial.

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Channel 7, Sunrise , 03/07/2023, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

While chemotherapy does wonders to treat multiple forms of cancer, it's harder to get rid of aggressive, fast growing brain tumours. A group of Australian scientists is hoping to do just that through a breakthrough that uses cell modelling to treat the often life threatening disease.

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Audit to identify long-term plan for community health

Canberra Times, General News, 04/07/2023, Jasper Lindell, Page 4

Ageing community health facilities will be the subject of a review to inform a long term program of upgrades, a new infrastructure plan for Canberra's health system reveals. Four new health centres will also be built in the ACT over the next decade, with the plan revealing the preferred locations to be in Conder, Griffith, Ginninderry and Casey.

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Union's regional care warning

Newcastle Herald, General News, 04/07/2023, Page 2

The NSW government will introduce measures to help ease pressure on over-crowded emergency departments following recommendations from a parliamentary inquiry. A shortage of specialist paramedics in regional NSW and location limits that bar front line responders from retaining their qualifications if transferred regionally are bringing the hospital system to breaking point, their union says.

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Better late than never

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 04/07/2023, Natasha Emeck, Page 1

A centre designed to keep vulnerable people in need of medical help off the streets in Townsville will receive a much-needed funding boost to get the doors open. The state government will today announce a \$6.9m investment in the facility after the Townsville Bulletin campaigned for funding to be allocated after it was closed for two years.

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Last-minute agreement saves Maryborough patients from urgent care centre fees

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023, Rochelle Kirkham & Andy Burns

An 11th-hour backflip has saved patients in the central Victorian town of Maryborough from being charged up to \$300 in fees for urgent medical care. [...] 'Struggle to keep doors open' Anita Munoz, chair of Victoria faculty at the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, said the events at Maryborough last week highlighted the dire situation in general practice in regional and rural areas across the country.

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ACT government says it wasn't behind decision to remove crosses from formerly Catholic-run hospital on a Sunday

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023, Niki Burnside

The ACT government has said it was not behind the decision to remove religious iconography from the formerly Catholic-run North Canberra Hospital on a Sunday morning. What was known as Calvary Public Hospital officially changed hands from Calvary Health Care today and is now being run by the government.

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Patient distress caused by barriers to voluntary assisted dying in Victoria: research

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Sam Hunt

The barriers to accessing voluntary assisted dying (VAD) in Victoria cause considerable distress for patients, according to new research. Published in The Medical Journal of Australia, the research examined the barriers faced by patients and their families seeking to access VAD in Victoria as well as what supports were in place. [...] The statements or opinions that are expressed in the MJA reflect the views of the authors and do not represent the official policy of the AMA or the MJA unless that is so stated.

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Rural healthcare for LGBTQIA+ people

Shepparton News Online, Other, 03/07/2023

Dr Raymond Lewandowski says "we must promote and encourage excellent, accessible gender-affirming care". "Rural LGBTQIA+ patients shouldn't have to travel to the city to access good-quality care they should be able to access it close to where they live."

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Voluntary assisted dying is legal in Victoria, but you may not be able to access it

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 03/07/2023

Voluntary assisted dying is legal in five Australian states with the sixth, New South Wales, following in November 2023. The territories are now permitted to legalise voluntary assisted dying, with the Australian Capital Territory intending to do so by the end of 2023.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 03/07/2023, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

interview with Dr Stephen Parnis, Emergency Room Physician about warning of longer wait times for ambulances and for admission to hospital emergency departments after the state government axed funding for two critical programmes. Ambulance patient offload teams and hospital ambulance liaison officers had taken some pressure off the highly stressed system. Parnis says the removal of non-urgent transport will slow the flow of patients out of emergency and will make things more risky.

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6PR, 13:00 News, 03/07/2023

A Perth family says they don't know what caused their one year old's death hours after she was taken to Perth Children's Hospital with a mysterious illness. The Health Department is investigating after the child died on Wednesday evening.

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ABC Radio Canberra, 06:00 News, 03/07/2023

The ACT Government's controversial takeover of Calvary Hospital is now in place.

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2CC, Breakfast, 03/07/2023, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Patrick McArdle, Chancellor, Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn about ACT's proposed voluntary assisted dying law. McArdle cautions that by setting the access to voluntary assisted dying to age as young as 14 would see standards end up in the gutter with no protections at all.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

ACT Eating Disorders Clinical Hub offers early intervention for Canberra patients, coordinator Alex Cobb says

Canberra Times, Other, 03/07/2023, Lanie Tindale

Most eating disorder sufferers wait seven years before seeking help. But at Canberra's Eating Disorders Clinical Hub , an average patient is about two or three years into their disorder, service coordinator Alex Cobb estimates.

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The great Australian burnout: Why are we all so exhausted?

With so many of us running on empty, it's never been more important to put the brakes on excessive stress and restore some balance back into our lives. As she drove to work on Melbourne's Monash Freeway, Erin Quinane pulled into the left lane, tightened her grip on the steering wheel and prepared to crash her car into one of the green road signs.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 03/07/2023, David Bevan

Interview with Geoff Harris, Executive Director, Mental Health Coalition SA about data that South Australia pays 61% more per person per day for an inpatient bed for mental health compared to any other state. Harris discusses psychosocial service. He states according to Productivity Commission, an estimated 11,000 South Australians had unmet need for psychosocial support adding that number probably would have almost doubled.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

'Counterintuitive': Experts slam Bill to protect aborted children

Northern Territory News, General News, 04/07/2023, Sierra Haigh, Page 5

A federal government Bill that "requires" health practitioners to provide medical care and statistics on children born alive as a result of abortion has been labelled "simply unnecessary" by NT advocates. Family Planning and Welfare NT chief executive Robyn Wardle said the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022 would further stigmatise providers of abortion healthcare through overregulation.

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We've been treating mastitis wrong this entire time

The Courier Mail, Other, 03/07/2023, Laura Aubusson

Too many breastfeeding mothers know the excruciating pain and distress that comes with the common breast condition, mastitis. The ailment affects up to 20 per cent of breastfeeding mothers, with many battling for days and weeks to rid their bodies of discomfort and sometimes fevers.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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ABC Radio Sydney, Nightlife, 03/07/2023, Philip Clark

Interview with Dr Johnson from the Monash Bioethics Centre in Melbourne to discuss IVF treatments.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

NSW treasurer heckled over his pay packet at a health union conference

The Guardian, Other, 03/07/2023

The New South Wales Labor treasurer, Daniel Mookhey, has been heckled and asked pointed questions about his own pay packet as he defended a below-inflation pay offer to health workers.

Ambulance, aged care and hospital workers have been pushing for a wage increase beyond the 4% rise on offer for all public sector workers.

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NSW treasurer heckled over pay offer, health tax tweak

Canberra Times, Other, 03/07/2023, Sam Mckeith

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Union calls to end limits on paramedics in regional NSW

Canberra Times, Other, 03/07/2023, Samantha Lock

A shortage of specialist paramedics in regional NSW and location limits that bar front line responders from retaining their qualifications if transferred regionally are bringing the hospital system to breaking point, their union says. The Australian Paramedics Association of NSW said the government's rejection of a recommendation to expand specialist paramedics across the state would mean many communities were unable to receive critical care, increasing avoidable hospitalisations.

Also reported by: [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 7, Seven News, 03/07/2023, Mark Ferguson

NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey today told a room full of paramedics, hospital cleaners, admin and pathology staff their pay rise would be smaller than they'd hoped. The HSU wants 6% while the Government's offering for workers is open to strike action until the Government caves. Meanwhile, Health Minister Ryan Park has begun recruiting a team of experts to intervene at Concord Hospital after doctors lodged a vote of no confidence in the hospital's boss.

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Channel 9, Nine Afternoon News, 03/07/2023, Lizzie Pearl

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has intervened to head off a revolt from staff at Concord Hospital after a serious breakdown in relations between doctors and management. Doctors and other staff claim of toxic workplace culture, poor working conditions and a backlog of radiology scans. In a recent AMA survey, just a third of doctors said they'd be willing to recommend the hospital because they're so concerned about patient care. Dr Teresa Anderson, chief executive of the Sydney Local Health District, which oversees Concord, among others, faced a no confidence motion by staff 60% voting for her to resign after emergency meetings over the weekend.

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Radio National, RN Drive, 03/07/2023, Andy Park

The Health Services Union has hit back at the New South Wales Government over its 4.5% pay rise offer, insisting the increase isn't enough for frontline workers. Treasurer Daniel Mookhey was heckled by aged care workers and other health care staff as he fronted a conference held by the Health Services Union today. The New South Wales Government says it will abolish the 3% cap on pay increases for public sector staff in September, offering workers a 4.5% pay rise. But the union says the offer is not good enough, as frontline workers continue to feel the pinch of rising interest rates and cost of living.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, 16:00 News, 03/07/2023

South Australian allied health workers walked off the job for an hour today, protesting workforce shortages, which they say is impacting patient care and putting a strain on the hospital system. The state's Health Services Union says allied health workers, like radiation therapists, are leaving SA

Health and seeking work interstate or in the private sector for better wages. The union is saying workers in the sector are calling for urgent action around better pay ahead of their current bargaining agreement expiring at the end of next year.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Primary care and the way forward for pharmacists

Australian Pharmacist, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 6

60 day dispensing has dominated conversations within our profession since it was announced in April. This policy was described as a measure to reduce the cost of living for Australians by making medicines more affordable, but as the Office of Impact Analysis highlighted, it represents a \$3 billion cut for community pharmacies in the forward estimates.

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60-day dispensing means 20,000 jobs

Australian Pharmacist, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 8

The 60-day dispensing policy to begin on 1 September 2023 is predicted to have enormous impacts on community pharmacy and vulnerable Australian patients. The report, from economist Henry Ergas AO with Tulipwood Advisory and the Relational Insights Data Lab at Griffith University, found that: up to 20,818 community pharmacy jobs could be lost over 4 years more than 650 pharmacies may close, with a further 900 at risk of closure due to 60-day dispensing related financial pressures.

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'Reckless' pharmacist banned after netting \$42,000 in PBS fertility drug fraud

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/07/2023, Heather Saxena

The WA pharmacy owner submitted claims for IVF drugs for patients who were already pregnant or who had stopped treatment. A "reckless" pharmacist has been banned for five years, nearly a decade after he defrauded the PBS of \$42,000 by submitting fake claims for fertility drugs.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Wesfarmers buys InstantScripts

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 12

Telehealth business operation InstantScripts has been bought by the now Wesfarmersowned Australian Pharmaceutical Industries (API) for \$135 million. In a statement the company said the deal acquiring "one of Australia's leading telehealth businesses" would see InstantScripts become part of the Wesfarmers Health division.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

'Cosmetic cowboy' reform hits snag

The Australian, General News, 04/07/2023, Natasha Robinson, Page 3

The national medical regulator's flagship reform to prevent major cosmetic surgery taking place in

backyard facilities has hit a snag after plans that all cosmetic surgery must take place in an accredited centre were abruptly suspended. On the eve of the start of cosmetic surgery reforms sparked by revelations that cowboy operators were carrying out major surgery in unhygienic facilities without actually being surgeons trained to recognised standards, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency quietly delayed the requirement that operations must take place at a centre accredited by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare.

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Security review for RAH

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 04/07/2023, Michael McGuire, Page 2

A wider review of security procedures at the Royal Adelaide Hospital has been commissioned by Health Minister Chris Picton after a man was charged with accessing secure areas and impersonating a mental health nurse. Mr Picton said on Monday he had asked the Central Adelaide Local Health Network board, which controls the RAH, to examine whether any gaps in the system had been exposed by the alleged actions of the man.

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

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Crackdown on rogue cosmetic operators and influencers

West Australian, Today, 04/07/2023, Page 4

Tough rules for the cosmetic surgery industry aim to weed out rogue operators and improve safety. Cosmetic surgery practitioners will be banned from using testimonials from social media influencers or from publishing photoshopped images online under a raft of major reforms aimed at improving the safety of the \$1.4 billion industry. The tough new practice guidelines, issued by the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, are being enforced from July 1 after a string of incidents involving practitioners with no surgical training leaving patients disfigured.

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Unhealthy care

West Australian, General News, 04/07/2023, Emily Moulton, Page 10

A Mount Hawthorn doctor who runs a centre specialising in weight loss had an intimate relationship with a patient for years, then wrote a "derogatory" letter about her when she cut all ties with the clinic. Dr Henrik van Rensburg also misdiagnosed the woman with thyroid issues, prescribed her a range of medications she did not need and failed to keep adequate notes of her consultations.

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Death implicated in non-use of Safescript

Australian Pharmacist, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 8

Death implicated in non-use of Safescript In June 2021, 46-year-old Victorian man Bradley Liefvoort was found dead in his apartment from an overdose of tapentadol and oxycodone, and holding a pack of the prescription medicines that contributed to his death. Toxicological analysis of post-mortem samples identified the presence of the following in his blood: ethanol 0.05 g/100mL; oxycodone ~0.5 mg/L; tapentadol ~2.2 mg/L; diazepam ~0.1 mg/L and its metabolite nordiazepam; and mirtazapine ~0.02 mg/L prescribed medicines for the rare autoimmune disorder granulomatosis with polyangiitis. [...] Several doctors involved in the case are under investigation by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

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Qld physio working at eight clinics is suspended by watchdog

The Courier Mail, Other, 03/07/2023, Vanda Carson

A junior Queensland physiotherapist who was allowed to work at eight clinics across Brisbane has been immediately suspended from practice. On June 16, the state's health ombudsman announced that it was immediately suspending Arunjot Singh Sandhu's registration, meaning he is banned from practising as a physiotherapist for the duration of the suspension.

5AA, 22:00 News, 03/07/2023

A review of security procedures at the RAA has been commissioned by Health Minister Chris Picton. It follows the alleged actions of 22 year old Brandon Chesney. He was arrested last month, accused of impersonating a mental health nurse at the hospital for up to eight weeks.

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SPORT

Esports is booming. And that has the police's sports integrity unit worried

Age, General News, 04/07/2023, Carla Jaeger, Page 6

If not for the Olympic rings plastered throughout the auditorium, you might be surprised to learn this was an Olympic event. Two lanky teenagers in polo shirts sit tensely in ergonomic office chairs on either side of the stage while marshalling officials check their gaming equipment.

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

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Lord's Long Room gives display of game's ugly side

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 04/07/2023, Page 18

The untoward behaviour of Marylebone Cricket Club members towards Australian cricketers in the Long Room at Lord's suggests Test match spectators are not immune to the coarse behaviour that has infected football crowds. But the abuse may be indicative of English cricket's bigger problem.

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Suncorp's 2032 bid

Courier Mail, General News, 04/07/2023, Matthew Killoran, Page 1

The NRL is demanding Suncorp Stadium not be overlooked for funding ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, warning it will have passed its useful life by then. In a sign rugby league has woken up to the fact that the AFL and cricket will be the main beneficiaries of the \$7bn infrastructure spend, it has made a surprise bid for the state government and Olympics Organising Committee to get behind upgrading the stadium.

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Members out after MCC toffs turn ugly

West Australian, General News, 04/07/2023, Troy De Ruiter, Page 8

The MCC has suspended three members for allegedly abusing Australian players in the Lord's pavilion during the lunch break on day five of the second Test. The Aussies claimed they were verbally abused and received unwanted physical contact from MCC members in the wake of Australia's controversial decision to appeal for the stumping of Jonny Bairstow.

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Three Lord's members suspended after Australian abuse

Canberra Times, Other, 03/07/2023, Scott Bailey

Australia have demanded a please explain from the Marylebone Cricket Club after players were abused and two were allegedly tripped by some members inside the Lord's Pavilion. On a drama-charged final day at Lord's, Australia's players were continuously jeered by local fans after Alex Carey stumped Jonny Bairstow when he walked out of his crease.

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Football Australia: 'We hoped for more marquee matches to be played in Melbourne'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Peter Rolfe

The MCG and Marvel have been overlooked for FIFA Women's World Cup games and there are fears Melbourne will continue to miss out on marquee soccer events in the future. Melbourne's raw deal in this month's FIFA Women's World Cup has prompted calls for a bigger rectangular stadium to secure more major soccer, sporting and music blockbusters.

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'Pretty disrespectful': MCC suspends three members after Long Room incident

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Nic Savage

Threee mcc members were suspended after ugly scenes in the Long Room in which Australian players were abused and "physically contacted". There were ugly scenes in the prestigious Long Room on day five of the Lord's Ashes Test, with Australian players alleged to have been "verbally abused" and "physically contacted" by MCC members.

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Sport Australia claims spectators tried to trip players in the Lord's stands, as MCC suspends three members during heated Ashes Test

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023

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Ben Stokes questions Australia's 'spirit of the game' after Bairstow controversy

The Guardian, Other, 03/07/2023, Simon Burnton

A fresh chapter was written in an Ashes history already rippled with controversy and rancour as Australia won the second Test at Lord's, and took a 2-0 lead in the series, but the perception that they had trampled over the treasured spirit of the game to get there led to fury in the crowd and, more remarkably, among the usually mild-mannered MCC members.

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Annastacia Palaszczuk is called out for 'hypocrisy' by Sir Bob Geldof after declaring that Brisbane 2032 will be the first-ever 'climate-friendly' Olympics

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Jesse Hyland

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has been called out for hypocrisy by Sir Bob Geldof after claiming that the Brisbane 2032 will be the Olympic's first-ever 'climate positive games'. That's despite the state relying heavily on the mining industry for government royalties and jobs.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Vaccine disease 'bonus'

Adelaide Advertiser, Edition Changes, 04/07/2023, Page 14

South Australia's free meningococcal B immunisation program provides an unexpected bonus protection against gonorrhoea. A joint study by the Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) and University of Adelaide evaluated the program and found it was highly effective in protecting high-risk age groups.

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Study turns up surprise bonus in meningococcal B vaccine

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Brad Crouch

A world-first SA vaccination program against a dangerous virus has produced a surprise side bonus it's also highly effective against another disease. South Australia's free meningococcal B immunisation program provides an unexpected bonus - protection against gonorrhoea.

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Smart watches could spot Parkinson's seven years before key symptoms appear, study suggests

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 04/07/2023, Victoria Allen

A smart watch could identify Parkinson's disease up to seven years before key symptoms appear. People who are set to develop Parkinson's disease are slower for years before diagnosis, not only in their walking speed, but particularly when it comes to light physical activity, which could include cleaning, making the bed or getting up to make a cup of tea.

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Study linking HRT with dementia risk 'unhelpful'

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 03/07/2023

Experts point out that no causal relationship between menopausal hormone therapy and dementia has been established. New observational research has identified an association between menopausal hormone treatment and dementia.

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More antihypertensives can prevent migraines than previously thought: study

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/07/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

Blood pressure-lowering drugs could become a 'trusted treatment option', says Dr Faraidoon Haghdoot. A wider range of antihypertensives could be used for migraine prevention than currently recommended in treatment guidelines, according to Australian doctors.

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The lead in inclusive healthcare

Launceston Examiner, General News, 04/07/2023, Stephanie Dalton, Page 6

Across every generation, Tasmanian Aboriginal elders have played, and continue to play, an important role as cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, and leaders in the community. In recognition of the 2023 NAIDOC Week theme For Our Elders, the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) is hosting several events to celebrate Tasmanian elders and discuss the significant health issues that affect the Indigenous community and the barriers that can prevent care.

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Raising flag for healthcare

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 04/07/2023, Rachel Clark, Page 5

Amy Creighton has strong family ties to the Tamworth hospital. As NAIDOC Week celebrations kicked into full swing, she watched on in the grounds as the official flag raising took place on Monday, July 3, sharing her connections.

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Inquest into deaths of three Doomadgee women hears of critical record keeping failures

Northern Territory News, Other, 03/07/2023, Bronwyn Farr

An 18-year-old woman with severe rheumatic heart disease went to Doomadgee Hospital a day before she died and was handed Panadol through a Crim Safe mesh window, and sent home. An 18-year-old woman with severe rheumatic heart disease (RHD) who went to Doomadgee Hospital a day before she died was given paracetamol, not examined by a doctor, and told to go to the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Gidgee Healing the next day, an inquest has found.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Coroner findings spark call for Indigenous health fix

Ballarat Courier, Other, 03/07/2023, Laine Clark

Days after a coroner's damning findings, the Queensland opposition has demanded the state government explain how it will fix health care in Indigenous communities. Liberal Opposition leader David Crisafulli said the government had failed to deliver basic health care to some communities.

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Inquest to examine death of Indigenous man Ricky 'Dogie' Hampson Junior after Dubbo hospital release

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023, Zaarkacha Marlan

The father of an Aboriginal man who died hours after being released from a hospital in western New South Wales says he just wants his people to feel safe seeking medical help. A date for a coronial inquest into Kamilarroi-Dunghutti man Ricky "Dogie" Hampson's death has been set for February 26 next year before the Coroners Court of New South Wales.

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6PR, 07:30 News, 03/07/2023

The Australian Nursing Federation is calling on the State Government to further extend its free flu Jab programme. Influenza vaccine doses were funded by the Government over the past two months, with the programme coming to an end on Friday. But State Secretary Janet Rae says a massive increase in flu cases in children this year reflects the need for free jabs to continue to be offered.

THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Eucalyptus begins selling Ozempic

Australian Financial Review, General News, 04/07/2023, Nick Bonyhady, Page 22

Australia's biggest weight loss drug selling start-up, Eucalyptus, has begun selling Ozempic after previously insisting it only sold medications approved to help people shed kilograms.

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

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Antibiotics shortage

Herald Sun, General News, 04/07/2023, Amanda Sheppard, Page 1

More than 50 antibiotic drugs are on the shortage list in Australia, and some are expected to stay there until the end of the year. According to the Therapeutic Goods Administration, 409 medicines are in shortage, including the antibiotics.

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Antibiotic and medicine shortage Australia wide

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2023

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Medication shortages plague pharmacies

6PR, Other, 03/07/2023

Pharmacies across Australia are fighting supply shortages to acquire medication for their customers, often leaving customers with an empty prescription. Pharmacy Guild of Australia WA Branch President Andrew Ngeow told Jamie Burnett on 6PR Perth Live there is no solution in sight for medical supply shortage.

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Psychedelic medicine is not 'doing shrooms with your shrink' — here's what GPs need to know

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/07/2023, Steve Kisely, Colleen Loo & Nigel Strauss

Many people in Australia, including psychiatrists, were surprised when earlier this year the medicines regulator down-scheduled MDMA, known colloquially as ecstasy, and psilocybin, from magic mushrooms. [...] The Therapeutic Goods Administration decision has left a lot of questions unanswered about how the new scheme will be implemented and operated, both effectively and safely.

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Channel 9, National Nine News, 03/07/2023, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

Australia is experiencing a shortage in more than 400 medicines, including at least 50 antibiotics, according to records from the Therapeutic Goods Administration. Manufacturing issues and unexpected high demand impacting popular antibiotics like amoxicillin and the diabetes drug Ozempic, which is also used for weight loss. Some are expected to be in short supply until the end of the year.

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Triple M Brisbane, 06:00 News, 03/07/2023

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has confirmed there's still a shortage of more than 50 antibiotics across the country. The TGA has blamed manufacturing issues and a spike in demand driven in sport for tools.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Mornings, 03/07/2023, Sarah MacDonald

Interview with Colleen Loo, professor of psychiatry, UNSW and Black Dog Institute about psychiatrists will be able to prescribe medicines containing psilocybin and MDMA, for treatment of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Loo says psychiatrists will need a special training, but there are more requirements like a detailed clinical treatment protocol which needs to be reviewed and approved by a human research ethics committee and approval from TGA.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, Early Afternoons, 03/07/2023, Lisa Leong

Interview with Daniel Perkins, Executive Director, Melbourne based Psychae Institute. Perkins says in the case of psilocybin and MDMA, the psychiatrist will need pre-approval through what's called the authorised prescriber scheme from the TGA to be able to prescribe,. he notes they would start to see the first actual treatments with these substances happening. On cautions by RANZCP about the use of MDMA and psilocybin to treat mental health problems, Perkins states TGA has put quite a lot of restrictions on how the drugs can be used.

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We can reduce drug-related harm to those in prison — so why the inequity of health care?

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023, Lise Lafferty, Mary Ellen Harrod, Liz Barrett & Alison Ritter

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ABC News, Mornings, 03/07/2023, Chris Mitchell

The Victorian Government says it's working on combating increased drug and alcohol abuse, following criticism from the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association. Outgoing executive officer Sam Biondo says the state's failure to implement drug reform is costing lives and a state wide strategy to deal with overdoses is needed.

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Revealed: The reason diet foods ruin your health, writes the mind doctor Dr Max Pemberton

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/07/2023, Dr Max Pemberton

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