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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [**Sydney Morning Herald**](#) (page 1) reports a nurse at the centre of a criminal case against New South Wales Health claimed she was the victim of sexual harassment, bullying and a "toxic and damaging" workplace culture at Parramatta's Cumberland Hospital. The nurse and her partner died within months of each other in late 2020 having been suspended by the hospital as an unspecified investigation took place.
- [**The Age**](#) (page 1) reports the Commonwealth Games Federation says it will pursue "hundreds of millions" in compensation following Victoria's decision to step down as host of the 2026 event. Ratings agency Moody's analyst John Manning said it was unclear whether state government spending plans for regional housing, sports facilities and tourism in lieu of the Games would have the same economic benefits. *Also reported by:* [The Australian](#), [Canberra Times](#), [Herald Sun](#), [West Australian](#), [ABC News](#)
- [**The Australian**](#) (page 3) reports people with a type of protective gene have a better immune response to COVID and are less likely to display symptoms, researchers from La Trobe University and the University of California have found. Carriers of the HLA-B15 gene are between two and eight times more likely to be asymptomatic if infected with COVID, while their

T Cells recognise the presence of the virus faster and provide a more active early response.
Also reported by: [Herald Sun](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Hobart Mercury](#), [The Guardian](#)

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 3) reports COVID mortality rates were almost 10 per cent higher than expected across the first three months of 2023, but remained lower than the same time last year when the Omicron variant was prevalent, new data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics has shown. ABS head of health statistics Lauren Moran said "We've seen this year that from February, there has been a slowdown of Covid mortality, but as the data for the winter months becomes available we would expect that to go up, as it did last year."
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 5) reports a government university review has missed a "historic moment" by failing to recommend increased research investment, Science and Technology Australia chief executive Misha Schubert says. Mr Schubert said Australian universities risked being "out-muscled by ... economic rivals in the global race to seize new jobs, industries and national income."
- The **[Courier Mail](#)** (page 5) reports people with bipolar are six times more likely to die young due to external causes like accidents, violence and suicide, new international research has found. Compared to people without bipolar, people with the disorder were found to be twice as likely to die from physical illnesses including heart disease, stroke and cancer, while alcohol-related deaths accounted for almost half of those deaths.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 7) reports people with diabetes and Indigenous Australians will be urged to have their risk of heart disease assessed from a younger age under updates to the Australian Guidelines for Assessing and Managing Disease Risk. The review includes an update to Australia's cardiovascular disease risk calculator based on new postcode datasets and guidelines for doctors around reclassifying heart disease risk estimates.
- **[The Guardian](#)** reports the Department of Health and Aged Care should explain the reasoning behind a multi-million dollar grant awarded to a PwC-backed startup through a closed, non-competitive process, policy experts and transparency watchdogs say. The grant for a digital platform aimed at improving mental health outcomes was awarded to Innowell Pty Ltd in 2017. A department spokesperson said "The decision to directly fund Innowell, and not go to open tender, was a decision of the government at the time."

MINISTER BUTLER

Vaping: Pharmacy Update

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Margaret Mielczarek, Page 46

The federal government is cracking down on vaping, particularly the importing of nicotine vaping products (NVPs) and the rise in the illicit NVP market with its impact on children and adolescents. Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler, speaking with journalist David Speers in an interview for the ABC's 7.301 current affairs program in early May, described vaping as "a public health menace particularly impacting younger Australians", referring to the strong action his government has taken to reduce smoking and stamp out vaping.

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Black market warning over Labor's 'catastrophic' vape crackdown

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Joe Hildebrand

Forty leading health experts are warning the federal government's crackdown on vaping will have potentially catastrophic consequences. 101 East investigates Southeast Asia's booming vape industry and its cost to health. [...] However, in May Mr Butler announced a zero-tolerance approach to all non-prescription vapes, which some experts say would be disastrous.

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Casey ER under pressure

Star Community, Other, 19/07/2023, Corey Everitt

Local complaints of hours-long wait times, overcrowding and staff stretched thin have surfaced about Casey Hospital's Emergency Room as local MP Jason Wood starts a petition calling for the start to its

planned upgrade. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, said the Federal Government's building of clinics would take pressure off hospitals.

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PwC-backed mental health platform was scrapped after \$33m government trial launched without open tender

The Guardian, Other, 20/07/2023, Melissa Davey and Henry Belot

A PwC-backed startup received tens of millions of taxpayer dollars through a closed, non-competitive grant to develop a digital mental health platform, which was almost scrapped due to health workers finding it an administrative burden. [...] The federal health minister, Mark Butler, was contacted for comment, but did not respond.

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A more competitive Australian Labor party

The Mandarin, Other, 19/07/2023, Andrew Leigh

John Cain is one of Labor's great heroes. When, in 1982 he led Victorian Labor to power after 27 years in the wilderness, the reforms spanned the field, from education to law reform, the environment to open government. [...] In 2018, Mark Butler spoke to the Victorian Fabian Society about his concerns that reforms he had championed as party president had been blocked by factional leaders at the national conference and various state conferences'.

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Vaping clouds the future of young people's health

Law Society Journal, Other, 19/07/2023

In the last few weeks six young people have been rushed to hospital in NSW suffering seizures, vomiting and loss of consciousness all of them after using vapes purchased via social media app Snapchat. The vapes contained nicotine, and e-cigarettes of this kind can only be sold legally to someone who has a prescription. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said: "Young people who vape are three times as likely to take up smoking.

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Triple M Townsville, 12:00 News, 19/07/2023

MP Bob Katter from Katter's Australian Party has placed blame on Federal Health Minister Mark Butler for another north Queensland GP closure. The Cardwell Family Practise will close its doors to its 900 patients on 1 September after constantly struggling to recruit doctors. The clinic's problems were first brought to Mr Butler in December 2022, but nothing was done. Bob Katter says six regional health centres have now closed in north Queensland and one of the reasons for that was the Health Department doubled, almost doubling the pay for doctors.

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MINISTER WELLS

Minister may act on home's financial plight

Border Mail, General News, 20/07/2023, Anthony Bunn, Page 8

The federal Aged Care Minister says the Commonwealth would consider assistance for Berrigan's embattled Amaroo hostel. Anika Wells was responding to The Border Mail after Berrigan and District Aged Care Association entered financial administration on July 4. The association manages the hostel, independent living units and home and community care services.

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Transition Care Programme for older people extended

HelloCare, Other, 19/07/2023, Bianca Iovino

The Federal Government has extended the Transition Care Programme (TCP) for another two years, giving 2000 older Australians access to a bridging respite service before they re-enter the community after a hospital stay. \$40 million dollars were invested by the Government to extend the service beyond its original June 30 deadline, offering 265 older people with the 12-week programme across Australia. [...] "We know that being discharged from hospital can be an incredibly vulnerable time for older people," said Aged Care Minister Anika Wells.

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Kitchen Cabinet returns to ABC and serves up Peter Dutton

Screen Hub, Other, 19/07/2023, Paul Dalgarno

Annabel Crabb will return for a brand-new season of Kitchen Cabinet, from Tuesday 15 August at 8pm on ABC TV and ABC iview, promising a rich array of new interview subjects'. Crabb will visit the homes of eight significant politicians: former Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews, Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney, Opposition Leader Peter Dutton, Western Sydney Independent Dai Le, Nationals Senator Bridget McKenzie, Greens Senator Jordon Steele-John, Independent Senator Lidia Thorpe and Labor Minister Anika Wells.

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Only 42% of eligible aged care homes have applied for 24/7 RN exemptions – none approved

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health and Aged Care has received 53 applications for exemptions to the 24/7 RN requirement, which came into effect on 1 July, despite 125 aged care homes being eligible. No exemptions had been granted at the time of writing, but the Department told The SOURCE they are "close" to finalising decisions on "a number" of exemption applications. [...] Previously Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells has said that homes won't close due to non-compliance as the requirement is rolled out.

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Returning: Kitchen Cabinet

TV Tonight, Other, 19/07/2023, David Knox

Peter Dutton, Linda Burney, Bridget McKenzie, Lidia Thorpe, Anika Wells all step into the kitchen with Annabel Crabb. After a six year absence Kitchen Cabinet is returning to ABC with Annabel Crabb -now with a bunch of new politicians ready to be grilled as they cook a meal.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Listening to the Voice can broaden fight against suicide

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2023, Emma McBride, Page 13

This year, Australians will have the opportunity to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament in our constitution. Much has been said of the referendum, its historic significance, its timeliness, and of this opportunity for our country in all its diversity to take another step on the path of reconciliation.

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Kids hubs in NSW

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 19/07/2023, Page 3

The Kids Hubs are a \$35.8 million joint investment by the Australian and NSW Governments and will provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary mental health and wellbeing care for children under 12, and their families. [...] Pharmacist and Assistant Minister Emma McBride said, "the Kids Hubs will provide help to children and their families to discuss concerns and give them the tools they need to deal with any issues".

Be part of pharmacy's future at PSA23

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 8

As the pharmacy industry continues to navigate through myriad challenges, it's imperative now more than ever to foster unity and collaboration within our profession. [...] We're lucky to have the federal Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health and Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide, Emma McBride, and the Shadow Minister for Health, Anne Ruston, join us at PSA23, sharing the views of both the government and opposition around 60-day dispensing and other policies affecting pharmacists.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

Kulay Kalingka study launched in Condobolin

Condobolin Argus, General News, 19/07/2023, Melissa Blewitt, Page 1

A first of its kind study exploring cancer in First Nations Australian communities has begun data collection with the launch of the Kulay Kalingka study. Launched at the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation in Condobolin on Tuesday, 11 July it will aim to fill important gaps in understanding experiences of cancer. [...] "The Australian Government welcomes the next stage of the Kulay Kalingka cancer study as an important addition in our efforts address cancer control for all Australians," Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy, stated.

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ANAO to assess effectiveness of health department's procurement of medical products

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 19/07/2023

According to the ANAO, "The audit would consider the Department of Health and Aged Care's procurement planning, procurement of Seqirus and potentially other medical manufacturing suppliers, and contract management."

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CORONAVIRUS

Gene discovery may revolutionise vax

The Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Natasha Robinson, Page 3

Australian scientists have helped identify a genetic reason why some people never display symptoms after contracting Covid-19 in a finding that may prove crucial in developing better vaccines and treatments for the disease. La Trobe University researchers worked with US scientists on the discovery that a gene called HLA-B15 is connected with strong immunity against the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Similar coverage reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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Covid still pushing death rate higher than expected

The Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Stephen Lunn, Page 3

Covid-19 continued to push the nation's death rate almost 10 per cent higher than expected in the first three months of 2023, although this excess mortality was lower than for the same period in 2022 when Omicron was rampaging through the country. New ABS data reveals that the January-March period of 2023 saw excess mortality of just under 10 per cent even as the pandemic winds down.

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Could wearing Covid masks full time in public become Vic policy after new Melbourne research?

Adelaide Now, Other, 19/07/2023, Mandy Squires

Wearing masks all the time when outside the home during Covid waves could be the best way of preventing deaths, new Melbourne research shows. In findings that the University of Melbourne research team says could help inform Victorian mask policy in the future, it's been shown consistent face covering — as opposed to just during peaks — would reduce Covid mortality by 25 per cent over 12 months.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Nowland's Tasering unjustified: police facts

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2023, Georgina Mitchell, Page 3

A police officer charged with Tasering an elderly woman who later died was not justified in deploying that level of force, a police expert said after reviewing video evidence, with prosecutors alleging his actions were "grossly disproportionate" and excessive. The claims were contained in a police statement of facts released by the NSW Supreme Court yesterday, one day after Senior Constable Kristian White consented in the court to having three standard bail conditions imposed on him.

Similar coverage reported by: [The Australian \(Australia\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Booklet to aid dementia care

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2023, Page 6

Following months of research and consultation with local dementia carers, advocacy groups and service providers, La Trobe University has a new booklet to show for it. The university's John Richards Centre for Rural Ageing Research has created a resource to facilitate better access to dementia care and support services within the Greater Bendigo region.

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More regional aged care closures make summit findings an urgent priority

North West Express, General News, 20/07/2023, Page 2

The closure of two regional Aged Care facilities is further proof the Federal Labor Government's ham-fisted staffing changes are hurting the sector, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health Dr Anne Webster says. [...] The reform was recommended by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety launched by the Coalition government, along with expanded care minutes.

Also reported by: [Sea Lake & Whycheproof Times Ensign \(Sealake\)](#).

Calvary Ryde Retirement Community Mary Potter Residential Care fails key quality standards

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 18/07/2023, David Barwell

A Sydney aged care home has come under scrutiny after an inspection heard residents were not receiving showers for three days and waiting up to 40 minutes to receive assistance from staff. The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has found the Calvary Ryde Retirement Community Mary Potter Residential Care failed to meet seven of the eight compliance standards it uses to assess aged care homes including consumer dignity and choice, personal care and clinical care, organisational governance, and services and supports for daily living.

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Wollongong Meals on Wheels contends with rising demand, need for volunteers

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 19/07/2023, Natalie Croxon

An ageing population and the rising cost of living is putting growing pressure on the Wollongong Meals on Wheels, a service that is in need of more volunteers.

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Byron Bay aged care home residents win another round in battle to stay put

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Bruce MacKenzie

They may be more comfortable sitting, but stubborn residents appear to have won another round in their stand-off with an aged-care provider on the NSW north coast. Feros Care told the 10 residents still living in its Byron Bay retirement village that services would cease today.

Similar coverage reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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Home care providers need to prepare for 2043 now

Community Care Review, Other, 19/07/2023, Lin Hatfield Doods

As home care providers, we are on the edge of a huge demographic change in our client groups. Twenty years from now, 18.4 per cent of Australians will be over the age of 65, compared to 16 per cent in 2020. This is a significant number of new people who will be eligible for services in a home setting. In 2043, it is estimated there will be 1.1 million Australians aged between 80 and 84 a doubling of that population group from the 2023 numbers.

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Ageism awareness training changes workers' mindsets

Community Care Review, Other, 19/07/2023, Christopher Kelly

Aged care providers should educate staff about ageism, Age Discrimination Commissioner Dr Kay Patterson told Community Care Review "I'd like to see them doing training to make people more aware of their ageist attitudes and how that can actually influence the way they deliver care, either in the home or an aged care setting," she said.

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Churches of Christ to close QLD's Petrie Gardens aged care home, the only facility in Tiaro

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

The Not For Profit will close its Petrie Gardens Residential Aged Care home, the only facility in the town of Tiaro, 227km north of Brisbane, due to the Federal Government's 24/7 RN requirement and the incoming minimum care minutes.

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35 new transitional care beds represent just 8% of bed closures in the

Illawarra: Warrigal CEO

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

The NSW State and Federal Government's announcement last week that it will fund an additional 35 Transition Care Programme places in the Illawarra/Shoalhaven won't be enough to solve residential aged care shortages in the region, Warrigal Acting Chief Executive Officer Alissa Walsh told The SOURCE.

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Central QLD's Carinity Summit Cottages flew staff in from Melbourne but is closing now due to staff shortages

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

Queensland-based Not For Profit aged care provider Carinity will close its Summit Cottages aged care home in Mount Morgan, 680km north of Brisbane, due to workforce shortages.

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Aged care resident allegedly assaulted after man posed as visitor and gained access to dementia ward

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

A 77-year-old man, Patrick Walshe, who allegedly posed as a visitor to an unnamed Perth aged care home, gained access to the dementia ward and indecently assaulted a female resident, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of aggravated indecent assault.

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Revised building regulations for NSW Aged Care properties now in force: Russell Kennedy

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

New building regulations came into effect on 3 July 2023, impacting Class 3 buildings, which includes care-type' facilities such as accommodation for older people, and Class 9d buildings, which includes buildings for people with care needs.

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More could have been done to understand aged care resident who went missing from facility: NSW Coroner

The Weekly Source, Other, 19/07/2023, Caroline Egan

A NSW Coroner has found there were lapses in care of a resident living with dementia at an aged care facility in Moree, 625km north of Sydney, when he disappeared on 5 January 2018.

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Alzheimer's drug donanemab has been hailed as a 'turning point' for treatment. But what does it mean for people with the disease?

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Steve Macfarlane

Trial results of a new drug to treat Alzheimer's disease, donanemab, shows it can slow cognitive decline by 35%. The drug has been hailed as a "turning point" in Alzheimer's treatment. But as usual, there's more to the story. The study only included people with early or mild disease, not more advanced symptoms. Donanemab is not a cure for Alzheimer's. Nor is it 100% safe.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Hey men, your fertility falls with age too

Age, General News, 20/07/2023, Raelia Lew, Page 25

A lot of time has been spent looking into and considering the reasons women are choosing to have fewer children than the generations before them, but as a reproductive endocrinologist and fertility specialist I can tell you that declining birth rates are as much about male fertility as they are women's.

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

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Free STI kits in vending machines

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2023, Page 7

A new vending machine that will allow people to get a free test for sexually transmitted infection is to be trialled at the Echuca library. The initiative is part of a 'pilot program that aims to improve sexual health outcomes for regional communities, particularly LGBTIQIA+ communities, younger people aged between 1625 years and Indigenous Australians.

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AI 'sees' weight fail

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2023, Page 5

A new study from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, has shown the potential benefits of using an AI algorithm to improve engagement and health outcomes from digital health programs. The study, published in The Journal of Medical Internet Research, used a CSIRO-developed AI algorithm to predict when a person would drop out of an online weight-loss program.

Similar coverage reported by: [9News \(Online\)](#), [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#).

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Time to drink wisely in North

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/07/2023, Leighton Smith, Page 3

Alcohol consumers will be nudged towards making better decisions, including drinking more water and eating food, as part of a new DrinkWise education initiative which launched in Townsville on Wednesday. Themed posters, coasters, and digital assets will be displayed in 48 pubs, bars and bottle shops throughout the city, encouraging drinkers to moderate their alcohol consumption, be respectful towards others, and be aware of the support services available to provide help and advice.

Similar coverage reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Extreme heat straining health systems: WHO

The Australian, Other, 20/07/2023

The extreme heat in the northern hemisphere is putting an increasing strain on healthcare systems, hitting those least able to cope the hardest, the World Health Organization said Wednesday. The WHO said the heat often worsens pre-existing conditions, saying it was particularly concerned about those with cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and asthma.

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Yes, stress can cause hair loss. Here's what to do about it

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 19/07/2023, Melinda Wenner Moyer

Healthy people shed around 50 to 100 strands of hair each day, according to the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. But if you're losing more than that, it could be a sign of a condition called telogen effluvium, or excessive hair shedding. And telogen effluvium can certainly be induced by stress, says Dr Antonella Tosti, a dermatologist who treats hair loss at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

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Scientists say honey and vinegar is a wound-healing power couple

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Penelope Clifton

A combination of honey and vinegar has shown promise as a treatment for wound infections, researchers in the UK have discovered. Our ancestors were onto something when they used honey and vinegar to heal and clean wounds.

Police investigating after video showing young girl pressured into vaping emerges

Adelaide Now, Other, 19/07/2023, Riley Walter

Police are investigating after a video appearing to show a young girl being pressured into vaping began circulating online. Health experts are warning Labor's crackdown on vaping will have potentially catastrophic consequences.

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Moodie's Pharmacy part of new trial for urinary tract infection treatment

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 19/07/2023, Bradley Jurd

Women in Bathurst will have easy access to urinary tract infection (UTI) treatment thanks to a new trial. Since May 2023, participating pharmacists can provide treatment for uncomplicated UTIs in women aged 18-65. It's a move to help take the pressure off general practitioners (GPs) and hospitals, but to also make treatment more accessible for women.

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Sleep study paints troubling picture of poor sleeping patterns in young Australian adults

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Nicolas Perpetch

Too many young Australians are not getting a good night's sleep, with a quarter saying they regularly wake up feeling not well-rested, putting their physical and mental health at risk, according to new research. It is the first study to examine the sleep health of young Australian adults, using both a questionnaire and an analysis of their sleeping habits.

Similar coverage reported by: [3AW \(Online\)](#), [Retail Pharmacy \(National\)](#), [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#).

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Why this image of an ordinary Aussie grocery haul exposes the staggering cost of a very bad habit: 'A tax on the stupid'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Freddy Pawle

An astonishing image has exposed the huge cost of smoking, with an enormous food shop amounting to the same price as a packet cigarettes as the government continues to raise taxes on tobacco. The cost of purchasing ingredients for a range of meals, including cereal, cheese toasties, spaghetti bolognese, and snacks, totals approximately \$53 in July 2023. In comparison, a packet of 30 Winfield Blue cigarettes from a supermarket costs \$53.50.

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Increase in tooth decay and gum disease cases associated with the rising trend of vaping

SBS, Other, 19/07/2023

Australian dentists are witnessing a disturbing surge in cases of tooth decay and gum disease among patients, including young individuals who are otherwise in good health. These individuals claim to have adopted a new way of living by incorporating e-cigarettes into their daily routine.

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Mum shares vital video after son's 'terrifying' injury: 'This will save your child's life'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Nicole Iliagoueva

A former nurse has shared a lifesaving tip that allowed her 18-month-old son to recover from "significant burns" with no scars. Being "astonished" with the "lack of knowledge" around burns the most common being from tea, coffee and two minutes noodles former nurse Beki Giunta shared the technique to potentially "save your child's life".

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Channel 9, Today, 19/07/2023, Karl Stefanovic, Sarah Abo, Alex Cullen and Jayne Azzopardi

Certain diets for breastfeeding mothers could be the key to protecting newborn babies from developing asthma. Initial research from the QIMR Medical Research Institute has revealed that fibre rich meals reduced the risk of children developing severe respiratory infections.

Similar coverage reported by: [B105 \(Brisbane\)](#), [2GB \(Sydney\)](#), [2SM \(Sydney\)](#).

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Heart disease measures updated

The Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Natasha Robinson, Page 7

Guidelines for assessing heart disease risk have been overhauled for the first time in a decade, with those with diabetes now recommended for assessment from the age of 35 and Aboriginal people urged to identify their individual risk factors from as young as the age of 18. The Australian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance, which includes the National Heart Foundation, Cancer Council and Diabetes Australia among others, reviewed the Australian Guidelines for Assessing and Managing Disease Risk, using a large dataset from New Zealand to modify and recalibrate Australia's cardiovascular disease risk calculator as used by doctors.

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Accused parent killer's plea

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2023, Sean Fewster, Page 5

A woman accused of murdering her parents with unnecessary insulin injections is at risk of significant harm if left in prison because authorities are mismanaging her own diabetes, a court has heard. On Wednesday, counsel for Raelene Polymiadis urged the Supreme Court to give their client home detention bail despite the serious allegations against her.

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Baby's life flight

Ballarat Courier, General News, 20/07/2023, Michelle Smith, Page 1

The family of an eight-month-old Creswick girl in the fight for her life against a rare aggressive brain tumour hope treatment in the United States will give their daughter the best chance of a long life. Zarliah Laidlaw was diagnosed with the AT/RT tumour in April, aged just five months old, when mum Tioni took her to Ballarat Base Hospital after she had been vomiting for several days and "not quite right".

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Dermal Therapy heel balm for diabetic anhidrosis

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 43

People living with diabetes have an increased risk of developing foot problems. Diabetic anhidrosis is one of the most common problems of a diabetic foot and is characterised by dry feet and the development of fissures, calluses, and ulcers on the foot. If left untreated, it can become serious and may result in diabetic foot ulceration.

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Drugs that affect blood glucose levels

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Irene Vergos, Page 50

As the prevalence of diabetes continues to rise in Australia, it's essential for healthcare professionals to be vigilant in identifying and recognising medications that may affect a patient's blood glucose levels (BGLs). Pharmacists can play a key role in identifying such medications and explain the importance of blood glucose monitoring to achieve optimal health outcomes.

Advising on insulin needle selection and injection technique

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 58

Sue Holzberger has been a pharmacist for around 40 years and a pharmacy owner for most of that time. She was the first pharmacist to be appointed to the boards of both the Asthma Foundation of Queensland and Diabetes Queensland and served on both for more than a decade.

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Scientists zero in on worst prostate cancer cases

Canberra Times, Other, 19/07/2023, Tim Dornin

Three new biomarkers for prostate cancer have been identified to help pinpoint potentially aggressive cases of the disease. Led by University of South Australia molecular medicine expert Doug Brooks, an international team of scientists made the discovery that will help pathologists visualise prostate cancer in tissue samples. [...] Cancer Australia said there were more than 24,000 cases of prostate cancer diagnosed in 2022.

Similar coverage reported by: [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#).

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MP Nick Dametto encourages free hearing tests

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/07/2023, Bethany Westwood

With more than 3.6 million Australians dealing with hearing loss, a local MP is encouraging those in the community to get their hearing checked. There are currently 3.6 million people across Australian dealing with hearing loss however most will take 7-10 years to act on their hearing loss once it's been identified.

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Mackay's Lena Badenhorst battles Stage 4 brain cancer

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 19/07/2023, Heidi Petith

A north Queensland prep is a bundle of joy and positivity despite a diagnosis of stage 4 brain cancer that could soon end her life. Heidi Petith follow 0 comments Esther Helena Badenhorst, 5, from Mackay who is undergoing Stage 4 Cancer treatment at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Brisbane.

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Bindi Irwin's emotional message after 'drowning in pain'

7news.com.au, Other, 19/07/2023, Georgie Kearney

Bindi Irwin has shared an emotional post for "one of her dearest friends" who helped her navigate a situation that left her "drowning in pain". The wildlife warrior revealed in March that she had struggled with pain from endometriosis for more than 10 years and had undergone surgery to address the disease.

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Australian TV royalty hits the road to fight deadly disease

6PR, Other, 19/07/2023

She enamored fans across the country as a host on It's a Knockout, and now she's set to drive across the country to raise money for the disease that's sadly taken her mobility. Fiona McDonald is driving 15,000km around Australia in the hope of raising \$100,000 towards research and trials for a cure for her terminal illness, Motor Neurone Disease.

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Public worried about gene screening

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 19/07/2023

DNA screening for risk of disease that can be prevented or treated (like some cancers or heart disease) is being offered to 10,000 Australians, aged 18 to 40 years, through the DNA Screen Pilot

Study led by Monash University. The above snippet is the first part of an article sent to subscribers in Pharmacy Daily's issue from 19 Jul 23

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2CC, Canberra Live, 19/07/2023, Leon Delaney

University of South Australia researchers have identified three new biomarkers for prostate cancer to help identify and determine potentially aggressive cases of the disease, which kills more than 300,000 men each year. These findings have been highly anticipated, which is set to lead to long term improvements. University of South Australia professor Doug Burke says they've developed tests that can have reliable outcomes.

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PRIMARY CARE

Warnings of digital health reporting

Canberra Times, General News, 20/07/2023, Lucy Bladen, Page 3

Frontline workers within ACT Health's data team had warned there would be issues with reporting health performance data but these concerns were not escalated properly, the Health Minister has conceded. Rachel Stephen-Smith told budget estimates there were workers who had expressed concern at the time it would take for health officials to be able to properly report on performance data.

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

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Plan to remedy our health ills

Hobart Mercury, General News, 20/07/2023, Anita Dow, Page 29

As a mum and a former nurse who has lived in regional Tasmania my whole life, I know the distress of being unable to receive timely health care close to home. Whether it's for a sick child in the middle of the night, waiting for an ambulance 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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Hospitals North West chief outlines her aims

Burnie Advocate, General News, 20/07/2023, Simon Mcguire, Page 3

Despite spending most of her childhood and the beginnings of her professional career on the mainland, the allure of the North-West proved too strong for Wynyard-born Paula Hyland. But now she is back home, she is hoping to make a difference in her role as Hospitals North West chief executive.

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Islanders spend thousands travelling for dental services

Burnie Advocate, General News, 20/07/2023, Simon Mcguire, Page 7

A King Island resident has spoken of the financial, physical and mental toll a lacklustre dental service has had on her and the community. Until five years ago, a dentist from the Department of Health went to King Island monthly, which resident Jill Munro said was an arrangement the community was happy with.

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Rural health expert lured to Curtin to head new department

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 20/07/2023, Amber Lilley, Page 5

Curtin University has appointed an internationally recognised rural health expert to take on the role of inaugural director of the new Goldfields University Department of Rural Health. Professor Fiona Doolan-Noble from the University of Otago will be based at Curtin's Kalgoorlie campus and brings expertise in rural health and inter-professional education.

South West Hospital and Health Service's first cardiac radiology service arrives at Roma Hospital

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 19/07/2023, Chloe Cufflin

Maranoa residents will no longer have to travel more than four hours for cardiac CT scans as a brand new cardiac radiology service has arrived at Roma Hospital. Chloe Cufflin Australias heart disease institutes are calling for updated screening guidelines for cardiovascular disease as current guidelines miss at-risk patients.

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Nowra Private Hospital oncology unit to close less than three years after it opened

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 19/07/2023, Glenn Ellard

Nowra Private Hospital is closing its day oncology service less than three years after it opened - leaving private patients with the prospect of having to travel to Wollongong for treatment. Ramsay Health Care confirmed the oncology unit would close on Wednesday, August 2.

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Should dementia patients be given access to voluntary assisted dying?

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Rhiannon Shine

By the end of this year, voluntary assisted dying will be available to terminally ill Australians in every state. The fight to secure those rights was acutely difficult and the consequences profound.

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Voluntary assisted dying laws are under review in Australia - is it time to include dementia patients?

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Andy Park and Grace Stanger

By the end of this year, all Australian states will have operational Voluntary Assisted Dying laws, and the ACT is looking to follow soon. But strict criteria means it's still not available to everyone with a terminal illness.

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Many vulnerable people struggling to access dental care, says dental association

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023

Barry, a caller on the Mornings program, told Virginia Trioli on Monday that it would cost his elderly mother \$600 to visit the dentist. Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch President Jonathon Teoh said there were many vulnerable people struggling to access oral care.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 19/07/2023, Mel Bush

The Tasmanian president of the Australian Medical Association says it's time to update the Commonwealth Criminal Code under the code, it's illegal to use phones and computers to provide information about suicide, which has been raised as a potential legal risk for doctors working under state regulated voluntary assisted dying laws.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 19/07/2023, Mel Bush

Interview with John Saul, President, AMA Tasmania. Bush says the Federal Attorney-General acknowledged for the first time that there is in fact a legal risk to doctors working under state regulated VAD systems. Saul says Voluntary Assisted Dying laws are a difficult issue and it needs to be sorted out. He states they need to have the freedom and flexibility to use phones and computers as carriageways to conduct medicine with their patients.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Bipolar death alcohol shock

Courier Mail, General News, 20/07/2023, Page 5

People with bipolar disorder are six times more likely to die before their time from external causes, such as accidents, violence and suicide, than those without the condition, according to international researchers, who said alcohol was a major contributing factor. The team drew on Finnish medical and social insurance registers to track the health of all recorded 15-63-year-olds with bipolar disorder between 2004 and 2018.

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

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Mental health breakthrough

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 20/07/2023, Tom Gillespie, Page 13

A pioneering frontline program in Toowoomba has cut the number of ambulance trips for patients with mental health issues by as much as 75 per cent. The newly-launched mental health co-responder service, which pairs senior paramedics and mental health clinicians, has been declared a success after less than three months.

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Cost-of-living, pandemic perfect storm for eating disorders to thrive

Daily Liberal, Other, 19/07/2023, Sarah Falson

More people are seeking help for an eating disorder since the pandemic, and those in remote areas like Dubbo are experiencing the added difficulty of accessing specialised support. Joyce Tam, National Helpline Manager at Butterfly Foundation, said more people are seeking support for an eating disorder, disordered eating and body image concerns since COVID-19, and the subsequent cost-of-living crisis further complicated the situation.

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'My corporate job was giving me anxiety and panic attacks. I had to quit to recover.'

Mamamia, Other, 19/07/2023, Amy Forde

To the outside world I was living a successful life in the corporate world . Based in Hong Kong, working in financial markets, professionally I was at the top of my game. I had worked my way up the corporate ladder in banking and financial markets for 16 years and now was managing a team and trading 13 markets across Asia. I thrived on the intensity and the high-pressure environment of working on a trading floor.

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Are casual references to psychological issues impacting clinical care?

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 19/07/2023, Michelle Wisbey

While the broad acceptance of mental health care has reduced stigma, researchers say emotions like sadness are being pathologised, rather than normalised'. Almost 44% of all Australians aged 16-85 years have experienced a mental disorder at some time in their life.

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Letter reveals nurse's bullying before death

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2023, Michael McGowan, Page 3

A nurse whose death is at the centre of a criminal case against the NSW Health Department alleged she was the victim of sexual harassment and bullying at Cumberland Hospital, warning that her ward was "toxic and damaging". The Western Sydney Local Health District is facing criminal charges over the death of two nurses in late 2020.

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'I woke up from the C-section pleading, 'Where is my baby? Is my baby dead?'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Josephine Agostino

The night before they welcomed their son, Arthur, into the world, first-time parents Steph and Huw, were "giddy with excitement". "He was moving around a lot and I started feeling what I thought were contractions, so that night we got things ready, and called the hospital to give them the heads up that labour had started," the Adelaide mum tells Kidspot.

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How bushfire, flood or heatwave can affect maternal health

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Vanessa Mills

Looking after pregnant women and their babies has long been a priority of the midwifery and medical profession. But could a new strand of care be required in maternal health because of environmental or external factors?

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Nursing care for people with intellectual disability

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 19/07/2023, Natalie Dragon

With the inception of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) nurses will increasingly need to be competent in the care and support of people with intellectual disability (ID). Nurse academic and disability advocate Virginia Howie talks to the ANMJ. Despite decades of government reform to improve health outcomes for people with ID, mortality and morbidity remains high for this population group.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Breakfast, 19/07/2023, Ryk Goddard

Interview with Karen Edwards, Clinical Director, Gidget Foundation Australia about birth trauma. Goddard says 1 in 3 women report in a recent survey that they have some experience of physical or psychological harm. Edwards says Gidget Foundation Australia does offer online telehealth support for parents experiencing birth trauma.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Paramedic tells of shortage impacts

Burnie Advocate, General News, 20/07/2023, Rodney Woods, Page 5

A Devonport paramedic has spoken about the mental toll she and others are feeling as a shortage of paramedics continues to impact the industry. Simone Haigh was joined by Labor health spokesperson Anita Dow and Health and Community Services Union assistant state secretary Lucas Digney at the Devonport Ambulance Station on Tuesday to shine a further light on the issues of ambulance ramping and shifts not being covered.

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A wellbeing initiative for pharmacy staff

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 8

Community pharmacies play an important role in helping patients (and their carers) stay mentally healthy through education on medicines and options, promoting adherence to their medicine regimens, and in guidance on lifestyle changes (weight management, smoking cessation, etc). But all too often they're so busy looking after their patients that they can neglect their own health.

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Redefining staff roles in community pharmacy

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Sara Kemp, Page 9

The pharmacist, pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant all have equally important roles to play within a community pharmacy. In Australia, we're seeing a real shift as healthcare reform looks to other primary healthcare professionals to work to their full scope to fill the gaps in patient care, providing greater access to healthcare services.

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Half yearly state of the industry 2023

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Mike Da, Page 29

In the Australian health system, community pharmacies play a vital role in ensuring the delivery of medicines, healthcare services and products to the public. In the past 24 months, the landscape of Australian community pharmacy has seen dramatic shifts, from being on the frontline of COVID-19 and supplying personal protective equipment (PPE) to vaccinating millions against the virus to most recently facing pressure from 60-day dispensing rules slated for introduction in September this year.

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Collinsville doctor shortage forces residents to drive ambulances

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 19/07/2023, Estelle Sanchez

Collinsville resident Amber Brown (left) says she has driven an ambulance as there was no one else around to do it while the single paramedic tended to their patient. Health Minister Shannon Fentiman says it is difficult to attract healthworkers to Collinsville and other regional towns. Typically residents only get to sit in the back of an ambulance but in one regional mining town they have resorted to driving them.

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Solutions needed for doctor shortage

Shepparton News Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Adrienne Hartnett

The well-documented doctor shortage in Corowa and other rural and regional areas of Australia continues to pose a significant challenge to the provision of healthcare services prompting medical professionals to seek new solutions to address the issue and ensure adequate access to medical care for residents.

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You can now join a CPD home for just \$299 — should the RACGP be worried?

Australian Doctor, Other, 19/07/2023, Antony Scholefield

The racgp says it represents more value for more money. The first question when the Medical Board of Australia announced its CPD home revolution was whether it meant GPs could abandon their colleges en masse. They had been stuck in an unusual monopoly which meant, unlike other specialists, they could not meet their CPD requirements for continued registration without doing the CPD laid down by either the RACGP or ACRRM.

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Doctor tells college to 'focus on core business' and stop Voice to Parliament support

Australian Doctor, Other, 19/07/2023, Carmel Sparke

Ed specialist Professor Stephen Macdonald published his criticism in the college's in-house journal. An emergency doctor has accused the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine of straying beyond

its remit by supporting the Voice to Parliament in an editorial in the college's own journal.

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How to channel your 'inner prescriber'

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 19/07/2023, Chloe Hava

As new pharmacist prescribing pilots and models continue to be introduced, here's how to cut through the noise to understand the history of prescribing, where it's headed and how to get involved. So far, this year has proven to be a big one for pharmacist prescribing. A Victorian pharmacist prescribing program is due to commence in October 2023, and others expected to be announced in various jurisdictions, such as Western Australia, by year's end.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Breakfast, 19/07/2023, Ryk Goddard

Interview with Alison Brook, CEO, Carers Australia. Brook says across Australia there's a quarter of a million carers. She notes part of the problem is that carers don't often realise they're carers. She states there's a Commonwealth funded programme called the Carers Gateway.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Please, sir! requesting ministerial discretion

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/07/2023, Sarah Stoddart, Page 23

An increasing number of applications are being submitted requesting the exercise of ministerial discretion for approval to supply pharmaceutical benefits at a particular pharmacy. While various factors may be behind the increase, it's important to understand how and when such applications can be made.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Privacy concerns impeding wider adoption of myGovID

The Mandarin, Other, 19/07/2023, Anna MacDonald

Privacy concerns in light of major hacks is inhibiting a wider adoption of myGovID, according to a report. Conducted by Publicis Sapient, the Digital Citizen 2023 report was based on a survey of 5,066 participants, run in December 2022. To the question of whether recent data breaches had impacted a respondent's ability to trust in digital government services, Boomers had the highest "significantly less trusting" answer, at 17%, followed by Builders (15%), Gen X (12%), and then Millennial and Gen Z (both 9%).

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ABC South East SA, Breakfast , 19/07/2023, Becc Chave

Interview with Anthony Scott, Professor of health economics, Monash University. Chave says the My Medicare scheme is trying to connect GPs and their patients together more permanently to improve health outcomes and to keep them out of hospital with talks of \$2,000 bonuses per year for each patient being kept out of hospital. Scott says patients who sign up will have access to long telehealth consultations. He notes there are similar payments for patients in residential aged care facilities for GP's to provide regular care for those elderly patients. Chave says the Department of Health and Aged Care website, which is health.gov.au, does have a webpage on My Medicare is updated on 28 June this year and patient registrations will become available in October 2023.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Baby's death 'preventable'

West Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Shannon Hampton, Page 20

A WA coroner found the death of a baby girl shortly after she was delivered by an emergency caesarean section at Joondalup Health Campus was "preventable", finding "mistakes were made and warning signs were missed". Ashlee Reindl was born pale, floppy and with no heartbeat after 14 hours of induced labour and despite efforts to save her, she died in her parents' arms after her birth in October 2019.

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Sleep physician Dr Peter Spencer charges at A Current Affair camera crew as he's confronted over death of his wife

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Jesse Hyland

A doctor who sliced his wife's neck open under the belief she was choking and waited three hours to call an ambulance, has charged at a camera crew as they questioned him over her death. [...] He was suspended by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) last Tuesday.

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SPORT

Sam Kerr is Matildas' \$3.3m superstar - no other teammates come close

Australian Financial Review, General News, 20/07/2023, Zoe Samios, Page 1

A world-leading female footballer's salary and endorsements with Nike and EA Sports earned Matildas skipper Sam Kerr \$3.3 million last year, a pay packet estimated to be over 10 times more than her Australian teammates. The Chelsea WFC striker, who at 29 ...

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Britain declines to come to the rescue

Australian Financial Review, General News, 20/07/2023, Hans van Leeuwen, Page 4

Britain will not step in to save the Commonwealth Games, throwing the onus back on Australia to sort out the crisis caused by the Victorian government's shock decision to pull out of hosting the event.

Similar coverage reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Australia\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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The key money metric where women star

Australian Financial Review, General News, 20/07/2023, Patrick Durkin, Page 8

The Matildas are beating the Socceroos in the lucrative competition for merch. The Australian women's team have sold more official jerseys ahead of the FIFA Women's World Cup than the men's team managed during and since the male equivalent tournament last...

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LNP calls for independent oversight of budget for Olympics

The Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Mackenzie Scott and Jacquelin Magnay, Page 6

The LNP in Queensland has urged the Palaszczuk government to revive plans for an independent agency to oversee the multibilliondollar capital works spend for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics. The state Labor government earlier this year walked away from a commitment to the International Olympic Committee - the Games' custodian - to establish an independent organising body in favour of an "in-house" department to oversee the current \$7bn budget.

Similar coverage reported by: [The Australian \(Australia\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Andrews tight-lipped as compo games begin

Age, General News, 20/07/2023, Roy Masters, Page 1

Commonwealth Games authorities and sports agencies remain locked in negotiations with the Victorian government in an attempt to maximise taxpayer-funded compensation after the state's decision to break its commitment to host the 2026 event. Premier Daniel Andrews and his spokespeople repeatedly refused to discuss the negotiations yesterday, including the size of any potential compensation deal.

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Volleyball also made Andrews' spike list

Herald Sun, General News, 20/07/2023, Erin Smith and Mitch Clarke, Page 7

Victoria secretly pulled the plug on a major world championship event in Torquay on the Surf Coast, just nine months before the shock decision to axe the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Volleyball Australia president Craig Carracher has revealed the Victorian government cancelled an agreement to host the 2025 beach volleyball world titles last October, leaving them scrambling to salvage their international reputation.

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Shane 'heard voices' before tragic final act

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 20/07/2023, Miles Proust, Page 11

Former afl player Shane Tuck heard voices in his head and was hospitalised for suicide attempts in the lead-up to his death, a landmark inquest has heard. Tuck played 173 games for Richmond before he took his own life, aged 38, after suffering a debilitating brain injury, known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy, which is linked to repeat head knocks.

Similar coverage reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Businesses to share \$180bn in state projects through to 2032

Queensland businesses will share in a whopping \$180bn in government projects from now through to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games, with suppliers urged to get "match-fit" ahead of the global event. Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk will launch the government's Q2032 procurement strategy on Thursday, including a published procurement pipeline of Games and general government projects.

Similar coverage reported by: [9News \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#)

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Fox Sports sets stage for an iconic event

Courier Mail, General News, 20/07/2023, Elliott Stewart, Page 12

Fox Sports USA has cut no corners with its jaw-dropping studio in the heart of Sydney Harbour. The broadcasting heavyweight has made its mark in Sydney for the FIFA Women's World Cup with two studios located in Hickson Road Reserve an open-air studio surrounded by views of the Harbour Bridge and their "bread and butter" studio with views directly to the Opera House.

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Budget buster for future sports stars

Northern Territory News, General News, 20/07/2023, Nathaniel Chambers, Page 5

The NT government will dedicate \$6m in funds as part of an ongoing scheme in getting kids involved in sport. Every child enrolled in school from transition to year 12, including homeschooled children, can receive \$100 vouchers twice a year.

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The Special Olympics fails to win supporters

West Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Rebecca Le May and Matthew McKenzie, Page 9

The State Government has decided against hosting the 2027 Special Olympics World Games south of the equator for the first time, with the Premier saying the Commonwealth and the City of Perth refused to support it. Last year, Special Olympics Australia national director Tanya Brown said it was the biggest event Perth had ever considered hosting - twice the size of the Paralympics.

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Kalgoorlie\)](#)

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The Australian Ashes 2023: Cricket administrators need to change the schedule to give the women's series clear air

The Australian, Other, 19/07/2023, Daniel Cherny

For all FIFA's failings over the years and there have been more than a few the way it has helped build the women's World Cup is not one of them. The event starting this week in Australia and New Zealand has become a genuine marquee event on the global sporting calendar, more than capable of standing on its own two feet.

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Fox Sports extends ESPN partnership in big win for Aussie fans of American sport

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/07/2023

A new broadcast agreement is a major win for Aussie fans who can't get enough for American sports like NBA, MLB and NFL. In great news for Aussie fans of US sport, you'll still be able to watch the best of the NBA, NFL, MLB, UFC and more in a new deal between Foxtel and ESPN.

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Commonwealth Games crisis shows model for hosting big events is broken

The Guardian, Other, 19/07/2023, Cath Bishop

The decision by Victoria's government to pull out of hosting the Commonwealth Games issues a broader challenge to sports leaders, governments, but also athletes and citizens around the world. This

crisis goes beyond the growing indifference to the purpose of the event, originally founded as the Empire Games in 1930. The Olympics faces a similar struggle with just two bids for the 2024 Summer Games, with Paris and Los Angeles awarded 2024 and 2028 respectively, and only Brisbane bidding for 2032.

Similar coverage reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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Success of Women's Ashes spectacle shifts the dial in a major way

The Guardian, Other, 19/07/2023, Megan Maurice

The Women's Ashes has a long history of close contests, drawn series and match-defining moments that have kept spectators on the edge of their seats. But in 2011, only a handful of people were at Bankstown Oval to witness Alex Blackwell's bold declaration and Rene Farrell's decisive hat-trick that swung the match in Australia's favour and secured their first Ashes win since 2003.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Insight on research an 'epic fail'

The Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Tim Dodd, Page 5

Australia's largest body representing scientists has condemned the Albanese government's university review as an "epic fail", saying an interim report released on Wednesday has "disastrously missed a historic moment". Science and Technology Australia chief executive Misha Schubert said the lack of any recommendation to "ramp up" research investment meant Australia would be "out-muscled by our economic rivals in the global race to seize new jobs, industries and national income".

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

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Biotechs chase millions from boom in US

The Australian, Business News, 20/07/2023, Jared Lynch, Page 15

Australian biotechs have unearthed a new pot of gold and it has nothing to do with drugs and experimental therapies. Testing has become the latest boom industry, generating hundreds of millions of dollars for local firms, as they win contracts in the world's biggest health market: the US.

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

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Alice grog rules to be extended

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 20/07/2023, Liam Mendes and Sarah Ison, Page 1

The Northern Territory will extend alcohol restrictions in Alice Springs for at least two years after incidents of domestic violence and assault plummeted by more than a third. The move follows an outcry from locals who had demanded for months that grog bans be implemented.

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Gap focus ignores positives

West Australian, General News, 20/07/2023, Fiona Stanley and Dan Mcaullay, Page 58

It is time to rethink how we measure differences in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. For decades the gap in health, education, economic and social outcomes has been illustrated by comparisons between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Senior Australian of the Year Tom Calma says he's educating not campaigning on the Voice

Canberra Times, Other, 19/07/2023, Natalie Vikhrov

Who in our community inspires you? Nominate them for the 2024 Australian of the Year Awards.

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'Culturally competent': North West Hospital and Health Service tries new hiring tactic with 'Deadly Start'

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/07/2023, Daneka Hill

A new initiative to provide culturally safe' paid workplace experience and traineeships for Indigenous high school students is being launched in Mount Isa. The program called Deadly Start will be run by the North West Hospital and Health Service (HHS) with the Spinifex State College. Indigenous high school students from Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Dajarra and Normanton are involved in the inaugural program.

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'Every day, I'm grateful': how organ and tissue donation changed the lives of these Indigenous leaders

The Guardian, Other, 19/07/2023

Anthony Rosendale was just 11 years old when he was diagnosed with kidney failure. "It was a pretty rapid progression," the Kuku Yalanji man says. "Within a year, I was on dialysis I went rapidly downhill." Anthony couldn't play sport any more and started falling asleep in class. "I just had no energy."

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More pharmacists could soon be embedded in Aboriginal Health Services

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 19/07/2023, Chloe Hava

In a significant milestone for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care, the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) announced last week that it supports funding for embedding pharmacists in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island primary health services.

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'Primordial prevention' key to cutting RHD deaths: Coroner

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 19/07/2023, Jolyon Attwooll

A report has been released into the deaths of three Aboriginal women, whose treatment was the focus of a Four Corners program last year. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are among the most vulnerable to RHD in the world.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Heterosexual HIV problem

Courier Mail, General News, 20/07/2023, Page 9

New cases of HIV in Australia have halved over the past decade, thanks largely to the efforts of the gay and bisexual community, but rates among the heterosexual population are not falling in the same way. Data by the Kirby Institute at UNSW Sydney shows that heterosexual diagnoses accounted for 30 per cent of all diagnoses in 2022. Many new diagnoses were classified as late, meaning the person diagnosed might have been living with HIV for four or more years a timely reminder to have regular sexual health check-ups.

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Kids' flu cases up

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 20/07/2023, Carwyn Monck, Page 1

The influenza season is ongoing in the Goldfields with current figures indicating a disproportionately high number of hospitalisations among young children due to low natural immunity following the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr Charles Douglas, consultant public health physician for WA Country Health Service Goldfields, said the rate of hospitalisation for influenza among young children in the Goldfields has been higher than other age groups.

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#).

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Free flu shot program should be extended as cases rise

Western Advocate, General News, 20/07/2023, Paul Toole, Page 4

People are urged to get their flu shot as soon as possible as influenza cases rise drastically. The flu is circulating widely in the community and is taking its toll on people's wellbeing and the health system as many people are hospitalised with severe cases.

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Falling cases put Australia on brink of eliminating HIV

Canberra Times, Other, 20/07/2023, Duncan Murray

Australia has recorded a steady decline in rates of HIV over the past decade and could be on track to virtually eliminate the insidious disease. A slower reduction among some groups and a high rate of late detections are still troubling experts, however, with 44 per cent of patients living unknowingly with the disease for four or more years.

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

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People examined after NSW horse dies of Hendra virus

Canberra Times, Other, 19/07/2023

An unvaccinated horse has died of the bat-borne Hendra virus in NSW, sparking inquiries into whether it passed to a human. The Hendra virus is often fatal in the rare cases it is detected in humans, usually after they had significant contact with horse body fluids.

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'Fit and healthy' 37yo Canberra dad-of-three tragically dies from Influenza B

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Alexandra Feiam

"My three-year-old will never remember his father and all my boys have lost the male role model in their life," heartbroken wife Carla says. Mate Babic, a fit and healthy Canberra dad has died from flu complications. The dad-of-three was in the "best shape of his life" when he began feeling ill. He started with a slight cough on Friday, 7th July, but as the symptoms worsened, he called TeleHealth the following Tuesday.

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Here's what we know about the Kimba nuclear storage facility decision

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Josephine Lim

This week the federal court ruled in favour of traditional owners who have been fighting against the development of a nuclear waste facility. The federal government had selected a site in South Australia's Eyre Peninsula to store low and intermediate level radioactive waste, but the court's decision has left the future of the project uncertain.

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As the planet warms, scientists worry that cases of infectious diseases could spike

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 19/07/2023

People around the world are living longer, healthier lives than they were just half a century ago. Climate change threatens to undo that progress. Across the planet, animals - and the diseases they carry - are shifting to accommodate a globe on the fritz. And they're not alone: Ticks, mosquitos, bacteria, algae, even fungi are on the move, shifting or expanding their historical ranges to adapt to climatic conditions that are evolving at an unprecedented pace.

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A girl, 13, and man, 36, fighting for life with meningococcal B

NEWS.com.au, Other, 19/07/2023, Jessica Ball

A teen and a man are fighting for life after testing positive for meningococcal B. SA Health issued an alert on Wednesday evening as a 13-year-old girl and 36-year-old man, both from metropolitan Adelaide, were in a critical condition in hospital. The cases are unrelated but both have the B strain of invasive meningococcal disease.

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Study identifies main source of Strep A transmission

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 19/07/2023, Morgan Liotta

Researchers say that prevention and control strategies such as vaccines should consider the role of throat carriage, not just skin infections. Bacteria found in the throat of asymptomatic people were the likely source' of infection in 63% of cases in an Australian study.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

These tech and pharma stocks are looking to M&A to drive growth in global markets

The Australian, Other, 19/07/2023, Emma Davies

In the financial world one topic which always makes headlines is mergers and acquisitions (M&A). Why? [...] "The acquisition highlights the company's ongoing commitment to advancing a commercial pathway in the Australian market, following TGA indication that medicines containing psilocybin and MDMA for prescription by specifically authorised psychiatrists for the treatment of certain medical conditions would be permissible from 1 July 2023," CPH said.

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IPO Watch: UK-leading cannabis health, wellness house Dragonfly Biosciences to list on ASX

The Australian, Other, 19/07/2023, Eddy Sunarto

Leading UK firm Dragonfly Biosciences a producer of CBD-based everyday products is poised for a \$5 million IPO cap raise and ASX listing. As regulations and people's attitudes towards cannabis change rapidly, companies are trying to get a foothold in the Australian market. [...] TGA approval stepping stone to US expansion Dragonfly has already received special access scheme approval for two of its consumable products from the TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration) in Australia.

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New drug found to slow down early Alzheimer's disease symptoms

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/07/2023, Penelope Clifton

It's what sufferers have been praying for A new drug has proven to slow the progression of early Alzheimer's disease symptoms, which is the most common form of dementia. [...] So, what's next?

Donanemab will need to be approved by the Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia. "It also comes with possible side effects that need to be carefully monitored by health professionals," McCabe added.

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Stigma of being 'the abortion GP' will diminish after TGA reforms, says MSI Australia

Australian Doctor, Other, 19/07/2023, Sarah Simpkins

Mandatory training and recertification requirements will be lifted next month. Scrapping registration rules for GPs who prescribe MS-2 Step should stop the abortion doctor' stigma deterring new providers, says drug sponsor MSI Australia. [...] He said another barrier for patients was the struggle to find dispensing pharmacists, a situation he hoped would improve after the TGA removed the pharmacist registration requirement as well.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Police unsure over ACT's leap on drugs

Canberra Times, General News, 20/07/2023, Peter Brewer, Page 7

The ACT's top cop has acknowledged that Canberra's nation-first transition to decriminalising the possession of small quantities of all drugs later this year was a leap into unknown territory. Questioned during the ACT Assembly Estimates hearing on Wednesday as to what he thought may happen in October when the new drug legislation takes effect, Chief Police Officer Neil Gaughan bluntly admitted: "I don't know".

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UOW study to help drug addicts avoid lonely recovery

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 20/07/2023, Kate Mcilwain, Page 4

Loneliness has been increasing for almost all population groups in recent years, with the issue - which can affect physical and mental health - now described as an "epidemic" among Australians. But, according to University of Wollongong psychology professor Peter Kelly, loneliness can be even more acute for those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

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Calls for more funding for drug rehabilitation services as report finds regional WA meth use highest in nation

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2023, Amelia Searson

A South West drug support organisation has called for more investment in rehabilitation after a report that says regional West Australians are the biggest users of methylamphetamine nationally. The latest Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) findings from a national wastewater drug monitoring program show meth use is on the rise in Australia

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FOOD STANDARDS

IGA breaches done to 'survive' COVID

Canberra Times, General News, 20/07/2023, Tim Piccione, Page 8

A Canberra supermarket breached several food safety standards in response to diminishing business during the COVID pandemic, a court has heard. "It was done for the business to survive," defence

lawyer Peter Bevan said on Wednesday. Rising Wood Pty Ltd, the corporation that owned and operated East Row IGA in Civic at the time of the offending, previously pleaded guilty to nine charges.

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Aspartame is in a lot of stuff, but what is it?

NEWS.com.au, Other, 19/07/2023

The World Health Organization has declared aspartame a potential carcinogen, indicating more research is needed to understand the health impacts. CBC's Anya Zoledziowski looks at what's in the artificial sweetener and how it became so popular.

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