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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 1) reports that World Aquatics will announce a world-first swimming event for elite transgender competitors at the annual conference in Japan on Tuesday. The details of the event have been kept from delegates, including Swimming Australia representatives, due to the current politically divisive nature of transgender athletes in swimming. *Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser](#)*
- **[Herald Sun](#)** (page 1) reports that Victorian Information Commissioner Sven Bluemmel released a report on Monday highlighting the Departments of Health's failure to secure people's private data during the Covid pandemic. The report found that the Health Department failed to ensure third party contractors had carried out police checks, leading to a call centre worker with a criminal history given access to data he then used to gaining entry to a woman's home.
- **[Canberra Times](#)** ( page 3 ) reports that Donate Life is urging Canberrans to sign up to be an organ donor with the ACT sitting below the rest of the nation in organ donors. Only 29 per cent of ACT residents were registered organ donors compared to the national average of 36 per cent. *Also reported by: [Cairns Post](#), [Burnie Advocate](#), [Newcastle Herald](#), [2GB Sydney](#).*

- **The Herald Sun** (page 3) reports political will to tackle the "alarming rise" in youth mental health issues does not match the "scale and urgency of the crisis", experts say. A health department spokesperson said while the government was committed to "real reforms" to the mental health system, such change "will not occur overnight – and cannot be done within a single budget or by a single government." *Also reported by: Courier Mail, Adelaide Advertiser*
- **West Australian** (page 3) reports that a health campaign raising awareness on the dangers of chronic wet cough in Aboriginal children has been launched in Toowoomba and Perth. The campaign was co-designed by the Wal-yan Respiratory Research Centre at the Telethon Kids Institute with local indigenous communities to highlight the underlying infections a wet cough could signify.
- **The Australian** (page 7) reports that Victorian state negotiators have returned to Australia without an agreement with the Commonwealth Games Federation over compensation for cancelling the games in Victoria. Former International Olympic Committee vice-president Kevan Gosper has also called on Daniel Andrews to release the details that led to the decision to cancel the games, stating that the Athletes and Taxpayers deserve to know. *Also reported by: Age*
- **The Australian** (page 24) reports the government will spend \$20 million helping potential Olympic and Paralympic athletes attend qualifying events ahead of the 2024 Paris Games. Sports minister Anika Wells said "Through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), we're proud to be able to invest further in our athletes that inspire millions of Australians when they represent us on the world stage."
- **ABC News** reports advocates will use this week's International AIDS Society annual conference in Brisbane to call on the government to end laws making it harder for people with HIV to immigrate to Australia. Immigration Minister Andrew Giles said Australia's health-related visa rules "did not meet community standards". Mr Giles said he has "engaged on the issue" with Health Minister Mark Butler.
- **ABC News** reports young people with serious illnesses will be able to access consistent end-of-life care under the government's new Paediatric Palliative Care Action Plan. Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney said the new plan will expand the PPCAP's focus on older patients and provide national consistency for young people, children and infants.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### ASX Health Stocks: Medibio jumps 50pc on Phase 1 results; Cann doubles cannabis harvest

The Australian, Other, 24/07/2023, Eddy Sunarto

Medibio ( ASX:MEB jumped 50 per cent on Monday morning after announcing promising results from its Phase 1 clinical trial of sleep signal analysis to screen for major depressive episodes (SAMDE). The microcap produces software to examine data collected during polysomnography (recording of brain waves etc during sleep). [...] The non-dilutive funding was announced by Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler.

*Also reported by: Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), Northern Territory News (Online), The Mercury (Online), The Courier Mail (Online), Herald Sun (Online), Toowoomba Chronicle (Online), Gold Coast Bulletin (Online), Adelaide Now (Online).*

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### Time for Australia to drop visa restrictions for migrants living with HIV, advocates say

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023, Penny Timms and Evan Young

Debbie\* will never forget the moment she was diagnosed with HIV. [...] Mr Giles said he has "engaged on the issue" with Health Minister Mark Butler, as well as HIV experts and those with lived experience since taking the immigration portfolio.

*Also reported by: SBS (Online), SBS (Online).*

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## Federal funding for rural health junior doctor training

Country Caller, Other, 24/07/2023, Harry Clarke

Hundreds of junior Queensland doctors will have the chance to undertake training in regional and rural areas in a boost to the local health workforce thanks to the an Albanese Government program aimed at attracting doctors to careers in rural healthcare. [...] "Ensuring that people who live in rural and regional areas can get the health care they need closer to home is a priority for the Australian Government," said Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler "We know that doctors who train in rural and remote regions are more likely to stay in the regions.

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## MTAA Celebrates Partnering with 4D Medical and CathRx to Support Innovative MedTech Development Journey

MTAA.org.au, Other, 24/07/2023

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) is delighted to announce it will be lead partner with both 4D Medical and CathRx to support commercialisation of their new medical technology projects, after they were awarded Australian Government funding through the Clinical Translation and Commercialisation MedTech (CTCM) program a Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) initiative delivered by MTPConnect. In total, six medical technology projects were awarded \$6.2 million of funding under Round 2 of the CTCM program, [as announced by the Minister for Health and Aged Care, Hon Mark Butler MP].

Also reported by: [mtpconnect.org.au](https://mtpconnect.org.au) (Online).

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## A digest of Australia's Health report 2022

Safe To Work, Other, 24/07/2023, Timothy Bond

In Australia's Health 2022 , a biennial report by the Australian Government, heart disease was the number one killer of men between 2020 to 2022, with dementia the leading cause of death in women. . [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler shared his thoughts on the report.

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## ABC News, News Breakfast, 24/07/2023, Stephanie Ferrier & Lisa Millar

Interview with Darryl O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer, Health Equity Matters about lifting health-related visa restrictions on migrants living with HIV. O'Donnell says Minister for Immigration, Andrew Giles, has been very keen to understand the issues. He adds Minister Giles is working very closely with the Australia's Health Minister, Mark Butler, and it's under Mark Butler's leadership that they're really now driving efforts to end HIV transmission in Australia.

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## Triple M Cairns, 09:00 News, 24/07/2023

A \$17 million of federal funding will see hundreds of junior doctors flock to places like far north Queensland to undertake training and boost our local health workforce. At least 340 junior doctors will train in regional and rural areas under the Albanese government's John Flynn Pre-vocational Doctor programme Queensland Hospital and Health Service will employ the doctors on a two year rotation at GPs and primary care facilities. Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler says the programme provides a unique opportunity for doctors to live and work in rural and remote communities, build relationships with patients and increase their skill set.

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## ABC Radio Brisbane, 15:00 News, 24/07/2023

The Federal Government has been urged to lift health-related visa restrictions on migrants living with HIV. Adjunct Prof Bill Bowtell from UNSW says it is out of step with other countries like New Zealand and the UK. Immigration Minister Andrew Giles says the policy does not meet community expectations and is working with Health Minister Mark Butler to address the issue.

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## MINISTER WELLS

### \$20m relief for battling athletes

The Australian, Sport, 25/07/2023, Julian Linden, Page 24

Almost a year to the day before the opening ceremony for the 2024 Paris Olympics, Australia's athletes have secured a rare win that could boost their chances of winning even more gold medals in the French capital. [...] "Our Olympic and Paralympic sports have been telling us getting their athletes to key preparation and qualification events has been a challenge and we've listened," federal sports minister Anika Wells said.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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### Watchdog must better interact with providers, says report

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/07/2023, Christopher Kelly

The aged care regulator needs to be more collaboratively engaged with the sector, according to an independent review....] In a statement, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells welcomed Mr Tune's review.

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### Call for athletes to 'boycott' Dan Andrews and other Labor MPs in wake of Commonwealth Games cancellation

West Australian, Other, 23/07/2023, Courtney Gould

Australian sporting stars have been urged to boycott photo opportunities with Labor MPs in the wake of the Daniel Andrews' shock call to pull the pin on the Commonwealth Games. Federal opposition deputy leader Sussan Ley made the call to arms as she slammed the Prime Minister and Sport Minister Anika Wells for being "missing in action" throughout the controversy.

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

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### Aged care providers carrying estimated half a billion dollars in debt

Your Life Choices, Other, 24/07/2023

Struggling aged care homes are being pushed further into debt as they await the payment of an estimated half a billion dollars in grants promised by the federal government to cover the extra costs of containing COVID-19 outbreaks. [...] A spokesperson for federal aged care minister Anika Wells said the government could not put a figure on the total amount of outstanding claims.

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### ABC News, Mornings, 24/07/2023, Lorna Dunkley

The aged care sector has been left carrying an estimated half \$1 billion of debt due to delays in the payment of Covid grants. The grants were introduced at the start of the pandemic to cover the additional costs of dealing with coronavirus outbreaks in aged care. One provider has outstanding claims of \$50 million, some of them dating back to 2021. A spokesperson for Federal Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said extra staff are being brought on to deal with the backlog of claims and that priority is being given to homes known to be in significant financial distress.

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### ABC News, Drive, 24/07/2023, Compere

There's growing pressure on governments to do more to ease housing stress, with warnings. The financial strain on people is getting worse. The recommendations come as Aged Care Minister Anika Wells continues the process of implementing recommendations made by the Aged Care Royal

Commission. It produced 148 recommendations, shining a light on neglect within residential aged care and highlighting the issue of ageism in Australia.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

### Funding boost for rural GP training welcomed

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/07/2023

Around 340 doctors will be funded to go on rural placements run through the John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program. [...] Federal Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride said expanding the training available will improve healthcare access in more remote areas.

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### \$17m to put junior doctors in Queensland regions

The Medical Republic, Other, 24/07/2023

It may be for only a rotation, but the state and federal governments hope it will be enough to lure young practitioners out of the cities. [...] "Growing medical training across rural and regional Australia will improve access to medical care for people living outside of major cities," said the federal Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

### Why young people with life-limiting illnesses need special end-of-life care

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023, Shalailah Medhora

Young people with serious illnesses will soon be able to have consistent end-of-life care under the new Paediatric Palliative Care Action Plan, launched by the federal government today. [...] Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney told Hack that the plan aims to bridge that gap.

Also reported by: [Hospital and Healthcare \(Online\)](#), [SYN \(Online\)](#).

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### Government calls on women for feedback to help stop healthcare bias

HelloCare, Other, 24/07/2023, Bianca Iovino

The Federal Government wants to hear about women's experiences in the health and aged care system to inform policy development and improve health outcomes for the first time. [...] Assistant Health and Aged Care Minister, Ged Kearney, said women's stories are often overlooked but that their voices were critical to prompt reform.

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### 2SM, 08:00 News, 24/07/2023

The Federal Government has launched a national action plan to better help young people with life limiting illnesses. The plan is broken up into four key priorities: quality access, information sharing and collaboration and data and research. Assistant Health Minister GED Kearney says the National Action Plan will help people understand that paediatric palliative care isn't all about dying.

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### ABC Radio Adelaide, 09:00 News, 24/07/2023

Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney says young people with life limiting illnesses are falling through

the gaps of the health system. Minister Kearney will today launch the Paediatric Palliative Care Action Plan, which aims to give young people consistent end of life care.

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## DEPARTMENT

### Kids' mental health fail

Herald Sun, General News, 25/07/2023, Sarah Booth, Page 3

It's a crisis and it's getting worse: experts Young Australians' mental health is "rapidly declining" and "overwhelming" Headspace, as top psychiatry professors warn our system has led to "ineffective", "salami slices" care. [...] A federal Health Department spokeswoman said they were committed to "real reform" of the mental health system including tripling the GP bulk-billing incentive and considering recommendations from last year's Headspace audit.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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### 'Reclaim your health': burnout tips for aged care nurses

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/07/2023, Arshmah Jamal

Overworked, overstretched, and overstressed it is no secret that aged care nurses are burning out and quitting their jobs across Australia. Data from the Department of Health and Aged Care shows that since 2016, there has been a 60 per cent increase in nurses who have taken an extended leave of absence.

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### Watchdog must better interact with providers, says report

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/07/2023, Christopher Kelly

The aged care regulator needs to be more collaboratively engaged with the sector, according to an independent review....] In a statement , Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells welcomed Mr Tune's review.

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### Risperidone under renewed scrutiny as use in aged care rises

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/07/2023, Rachel Carter

The review is part of the PBAC's ongoing monitoring of the use of antipsychotics in aged care facilities. [...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care said the timing of the future review was not confirmed yet.

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### Eating Your Emotions? Barriers to weight loss

Australian Institute of Fitness, Other, 24/07/2023, Shaun Radford

Losing weight can be a challenging journey that requires dedication and persistence. [...] It is so crucial that the Department of Health has specific guidelines for each age group about the minimal amount of physical activity one should accomplish

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## Aged care providers say time's up for government to reimburse COVID expenditure

News For Business, Other, 24/07/2023

Amid a sector-wide crisis in financial sustainability, aged care providers around the country are still wondering when hundreds of millions of dollars of emergency COVID expenses will be reimbursed. [...] The delays in providing these reimbursements are hard to understand given the wealth of information the Department of Health and Aged Care hold on the cost of COVID outbreaks in aged care facilities.

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## Ban vaping and tobacco companies' political donations says Royal Australian College of GPs

The Lismore App, Other, 24/07/2023

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) says new tobacco legislation should crack down on the predatory tobacco and vaping industry to help prevent younger generations getting hooked on nicotine. ? [...] In a submission to the Department of Health and Aged Care on the Exposure Draft, Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Legislation , the RACGP recommended the consolidated legislation.

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## CORONAVIRUS

### Covid-19 data fury

Herald Sun, General News, 25/07/2023, Alex White, Page 1

A bombshell report has slammed the Department of Health for putting Victorians at risk after failing to protect people's private data during the Covid pandemic. In one shocking case, a contract call centre worker with a criminal history was given access to personal data, which he later used to impersonate a Covid-19 authorised officer, gaining entry to a woman's home and threatening to tell authorities she was breaking Covid rules if she didn't have sex with him.

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### Tasmania has highest excess mortality rate

Launceston Examiner, General News, 25/07/2023, Stephanie Dalton, Page 6

While Tasmania's official death toll from COVID-19 is only 335, according to the latest figures, the overall impact of the pandemic is actually much higher. According to a new report from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Tasmania has the highest excess mortality rate in the nation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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### Tested positive for Covid but didn't have any symptoms? This could be why

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/07/2023, Penelope Clifton

Researchers have discovered why you can come down with all the Covid-19 symptoms, and your co-worker or partner can be completely fine. Did you catch Covid-19 from your best friend and ended up with a fever and raging headache while they were completely symptom-free?

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

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## Friends there to care

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 25/07/2023, Alex Gretgrix, Page 2

Marg Rae is keen to see less people struggle through a dementia journey, thanks to La Trobe University's latest collaborative project. Ms Rae has been caring for her friend Dot Poynton for the last eight years and said in the beginning it was difficult to get help.

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## Dementia: We all need to know how best to deal with it

Border Mail, General News, 25/07/2023, Janet Howie, Page 7

A dementia advocate's ongoing outrage over the tasering of a 95-year-old woman has led to two awareness sessions for emergency service workers. Penny Bingham, of Rutherglen, will lead sessions at Chiltern Neighbourhood House today and on Thursday, aimed at police officers, paramedics and members of the SES and Country Fire Authority.

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## Aged care sector still waiting for COVID grants

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023, Ursula Malone

The struggling aged care sector says it's been left with around half a billion dollars in debt because of delays in the payment of COVID grants. The grants were introduced by the previous Federal Government to cover the additional costs of containing COVID outbreaks.

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## Our understaffed, poorly led aged care regulator has major problems

Crikey, Other, 24/07/2023, Bernard Keane

The aged care commission is in charge of ensuring senior Australians receive high-quality care. A new review puts it under the hammer.

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## Aged care 'reimagined' in ACH Group's \$40m Healthia project

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 24/07/2023, Brad Crouch

A gym, hair salon, cafe - even a health clinic - this \$40m development has it all, but it's not for everyone. [...] ACH Group chief executive Frank Weits said Healthia will "reimagine residential aged care," noting the 96-place care home has adopted an innovative small household-built form a preferred model identified by the Royal Commission into aged care.

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## ECH sets new five-year strategy amid shortage of retirement accommodation

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 24/07/2023, Giuseppe Tauriello

Retirement living and home care service provider ECH has developed a new five-year plan amid a shortage of accommodation that's causing the industry to rethink the way it supports older Australians. [...] "I think with the changing environment, the outcomes of the Royal Commission reforms, and also around the shift in housing expectations - I think this is probably the perfect opportunity and time to reset that strategy," she said.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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## ABC, ABC News, 24/07/2023, Juanita Phillips

Aged care providers say they've been left with an estimated half \$1 billion in debt because of delays in paying Covid grants. The grants were announced by the Morrison government to reimburse them for the extra costs incurred during Covid outbreaks. The sector's peak bodies worried that some operators already struggling could be pushed out of business.

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## Channel 10, 10 News First, 24/07/2023, Tiffany Warne

Flinders University is spearheading a nation leading programme to address frailty in older Australians. Researchers finding a self-managed exercise programme could cut the time they spend in hospital.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, Mornings, 24/07/2023, Sarah MacDonald

Interview with Norman Swan, ABC RN Health Report presenter. Swan says amyloid PET scans is not a great marker for progression to Alzheimer's disease. He notes there's an application for Lecanemab in the TGA. He adds the Lecanemab study showed less effective progress, less effect on slowing, but it was significant. He states the rates of dementia are actually declining.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Desert prison may get airconditioning following summer riot

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/07/2023, Zizi Averill, Page 11

Territory prisoners sweltering in 40 degree cells could soon feel relief from the stifling heat with the government considering airconditioning in line with a watchdog's recommendation. Attorney-General Chansey Paech confirmed the government was assessing new cooling and heat mitigation strategies at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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### Adopt eight lifestyle changes to extend your life, researchers say

The Guardian, Other, 25/07/2023, Gabriella Sotelo

People could live longer if they make changes such as managing stress and avoiding cigarettes, study finds Adopting eight lifestyle changes, such as eating well and getting a good night's sleep, could add more than 20 years to your life, research suggests. The study found that people were likely to live longer when they made only minor changes, even if they delayed embracing the healthier habits until middle age.

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

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### Dr Fiona Beer concerned about possible link between water quality and residents' health

The Mercury, Other, 24/07/2023, Tia Ewen

A Southern Tasmanian doctor is fearful that environmental factors could be contributing to the poor health of some residents along the Upper Derwent and Plenty Rivers. Why she's concerned. [...] Dr Beer is also conducting a research project through the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners on the health impacts of people living near biowaste and biomass facilities globally.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#)

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### “You'll change your mind, dear.” Erin Barnett and the long fight to remove her womb.

Mamamia, Other, 24/07/2023, Elfy Scott

Erin was sitting in a doctor's surgery with her mum waiting on the results of two pregnancy tests. She was 14-years-old.

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## New self-care charter launched

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 24/07/2023, Anmj Staff

A self-care charter for Australia consumers to take action for better health, has been launched today for International Self-Care Day. International Self-Care Day, held on 24 July, is an annual opportunity to highlight the benefits of self-care both for individuals and Australia's healthcare systems.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### 'Never seen this before': Woman's rare cancer shock

Courier Mail, General News, 25/07/2023, Taylah Fellows, Page 20

A Brisbane woman has been diagnosed with a complex tumour so rare it remains unnamed, despite it being more deadly than brain cancer. Sarcoma cancer develops in bone cartilage and connective soft tissues including fats and muscles, usually presenting as a painful lump in common areas such as the knee, wrist, shoulder or pelvis.

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### Free clinic on its way for healthier hearts

Ballarat Courier, General News, 25/07/2023, Bryan Hoadley, Page 4

A free and easy heart health assessment is coming to Ballarat, as cardiovascular disease (CVD) continues to ravage the community. Healthy Hearts CVD popup clinics in Central Square Ballarat Shopping Centre from November 23 to 25, and Wendouree Shopping Centre from December 6 to 8, will provide a free 15-minute heart screening, where patients will be provided with on the spot results.

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

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### Awareness, vital research funding among Archer's aims

Daily Advertiser, General News, 25/07/2023, Taylor Dodge, Page 2

Riverina mum Bianca Brady had no idea what it meant when her three-week-old baby boy, Archer, was given diagnosis of cystic fibrosis after having a routine heel-prick test. With no exposure to the chronic lung condition prior to Archer's diagnosis, it was her first time hearing about the disease, and with three other children it was entirely unexpected.

Also reported by: [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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### National survey calls for more research and support for Australians living with chronic pain

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/07/2023, Robyn Riley

One in five Australians suffer chronic pain but a worrying report has revealed how many people are neglecting care due to the rising cost of treatments and medications. New research finds the brain's signature may improve diagnoses for people with chronic pain.

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

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### SA residents raise alarm about delays with bowel cancer screening investigations

7news.com.au, Other, 24/07/2023, Sowaibah Hanifie

Graham Wilson has survived cancer once before, but having to wait almost more than five months to determine if he's got bowel cancer is now consuming his everyday life. [...] Bowel Cancer Australia recommends colonoscopies are carried out within 30 days after positive results are received, but almost more than five months since his referral, Wilson is still waiting for an appointment at Flinders Medical Centre.

Also reported by: [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(Online\)](#).

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## Soccer player collapses on the field in Lavington, defibrillator saves the man's life

Ballarat Courier, Other, 24/07/2023, Steve Tervet

Researchers are pushing for greater awareness and new personalised screening and treatments for cardiovascular disease which remains the leading cause of death in Australia. A soccer player from Albury is lucky to be alive after collapsing on the field.

Also reported by: [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#).

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Only one-in-three Canberrans on donor list

Canberra Times, General News, 25/07/2023, Lanie Tindale, Page 3

Canberrans are some of the least likely Australians to be registered as organ and tissue donors, new data shows. The federal government's Donate Life is urging more territorians to register themselves, an act they say takes one minute.

Also reported by: [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [2GB \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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### Planning documents give first look at proposed LGH helipad

Launceston Examiner, General News, 25/07/2023, Joe Colbrook, Page 2

Plans for the new heliport at Launceston General Hospital show how the addition to the city's skyline is likely to look. A development application was lodged with the City of Launceston council earlier in 2023, with the Tasmanian Government committing \$15 million in funding and pledging to have the project complete by the end of the year.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#).

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### Hospital expansion and specialist surgery clinic to transform Cleveland into major health hub

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 24/07/2023, Judith Kerr

A southern bayside suburb is on the development map to become a major health hub so the sick and elderly will no longer have to travel into Brisbane for lifesaving treatment. The planned Cleveland Health hub will be near two hospitals in Cleveland and other health facilities.

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### New dry eye treatment to be made available to Australian optometrists

The Senior, Other, 24/07/2023

Eye drops, steroids and surgery have long been the go to treatment for dry eye, but new non-invasive technology may change the face of treatment for the condition in Australia. According to the latest Optometry Vision Index report about 80 per cent of Australians suffer from dry eye, with almost one in three reporting deteriorating eye health due to excessive use of laptop and smartphone screens.

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### 4BC, Afternoons, 24/07/2023, Sofie Formica

Qld Health Minister Shannon Fentiman is pressuring the Federal Government to deliver the 11 promised urgent care clinics across Queensland to deal with this burden. The Health Minister has

pointed to the satellite hospitals that are being built as a means of freeing up some of what's going on at our emergency departments.

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## ABC Radio Darwin , Drive, 24/07/2023, Liz Trevaskis

The NT Government wants input on voluntary assisted dying with an expert advisory panel appointed to lead community consultation.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Happiest suburb or hiding an issue? Welcome to Tarneit

Age, General News, 25/07/2023, Henrietta Cook, Page 1

Tarneit is one of Melbourne's fastest growing outer suburbs: a place where families work hard and chase the suburban dream of owning a home on a sprawling estate. Data suggests it might also accommodate the state's happiest, or most mentally healthy, residents.

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

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### Why phoneliness and technostress hurt kids

Herald Sun, General News, 25/07/2023, Chloe Shorten, Page 21

When i was 15, my siblings would tease me about my "deep and meaningful" phone conversations with friends, followed immediately by in-person chats at the park. Those D & Ms, the unspoken invitation into each other's lives, founded solid friendships and my strong sense of belonging.

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### Anorexia treatment

Courier Mail, General News, 25/07/2023, Page 17

Health a single dose of the psychedelic psilocybin administered alongside psychological support is a safe and acceptable treatment for patients with anorexia nervosa, US researchers say.

*Also reported by:* [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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### Listen and act on youth mental health crisis

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 25/07/2023, Page 16

Many parents of teenagers are acutely aware of the rising tide of youth mental ill health, which has prompted a stark warning from former Australian of the Year Professor Patrick McGorry. The Covid-19 pandemic, rising living costs and the ubiquitous reach of social media have all played an insidious part in young Australians' rapidly declining mental health.

*Also reported by:* [Medical Journal of Australia \(Online\)](#), [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#).

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### 'Very confusing': Help for local families battling with BPD

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 25/07/2023, Eva Baxter, Page 1

Cathy Ewin and her husband didn't know what Borderline Personality Disorder was when their daughter began developing it. After a long battle with understanding the illness, the couple now facilitate a free 12-week Family Connections program in Tamworth, that brings loved ones of people with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) together, to learn the tools to help deal with it.

*Also reported by:* [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#).

## Minister considers legal options over mental health campaign

In Daily, Other, 24/07/2023, David Simmons

The Mental Health Coalition says the unreleased Unmet Needs Study details the number of people in SA with severe mental illness who have a need for psychosocial support but don't have access, and assesses how much it would cost to provide these services. The study was commissioned by the former Liberal Government following a 2019 report which identified a high level of unmet need for psychosocial services nationally including in SA.

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## ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 24/07/2023, Greg Jennett / Matthew Doran

Interview with Janet Rice, Greens Senator, about Senate inquiry into ADHD. Rice says there's evidence there are people that have got ADHD who are undiagnosed. She adds there's a lot of people advocating for the NDIS to recognise ADHD as a disability to allow access.

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## 5AA, Mornings, 24/07/2023, Matthew Pantelis

A spokesperson for Chris Picton, the health minister, has sent in a statement regarding the interview we had earlier with the Mental Health Coalition, who are calling on the State Government to the Minister primarily to release a report on the needs of people with mental health issues. The statement reads the final report is going through the appropriate cabinet process before being released publicly, which we understand the Mental Health Coalition is aware of independently. The chief psychiatrist has expressed concern about the Mental Health Coalition's advertising campaign that it may be against the universally respected mindframe media guidelines due to the potentially sensationalist messaging

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## 5AA, Mornings, 24/07/2023, Matthew Pantelis

Interview with Geoff Harris, Mental Health Coalition. Harris calls on the SA Government and Health Minister Chris Picton to release a report on the needs of people with mental health issues. He adds he doesn't understand why they're not announcing a solution to the problem.

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## ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 24/07/2023, Sarah Dingle

Australian women are leaving mental health facilities worse than when they arrived, according to mental health experts. The ABC has spoken to dozens of women with first-hand experience of mental health units. Dr Cathy Kezelman, Blue Knot Foundation, which supports people affected by complex trauma, says there's a risk patients won't seek treatment in the future.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, Mornings, 24/07/2023, Sarah MacDonald

Interview with Sophie Scamps, Independent MP. Scamps says there's a desperate need for more support for mental health issues for young people. She adds there were systemic failures of the local hospital to provide that care and that inpatient care for young people. She notes there was a package of \$11.4 million from the Federal Government and some of that money was for a dedicated youth psychiatrist at the Northern Beaches Hospital.

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## Alfred Health not meeting legally-mandated nurse-to-patient ratios in emergency department, nurses say

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023, Bridget Roll

Frontline emergency workers have accused one of Victoria's busiest hospitals of not meeting legally-mandated nurse-to-patient ratios, which they claim is putting the sickest patients at risk. Critical care nurses at the Alfred Hospital have raised concerns with Safer Care Victoria that resuscitation beds in the emergency department are not being adequately staffed and fear a deadly mistake could occur.

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## Hospital denies nurses are illegally understaffed

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023

Nurses at Alfred Health have accused the hospital of illegally understaffing resuscitation and trauma bays, despite receiving increased funding. However, an Alfred Health spokesperson says the required ratios are being met.

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## 'Not a normal part of the perinatal experience': How to diagnose childbirth-related PTSD

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/07/2023, Sarah Simpkins

Emergency C-sections and instrumental vaginal births are most likely to result in PTSD, find researchers. About a third of Australian mothers experience a traumatic birth, research shows, and about one in eight of these women have symptoms of PTSD But University of Sydney researchers say childbirth-related PTSD a phenomenon distinct from postpartum depression remains overlooked.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### 'Kate saw the magic in life'

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/07/2023, Zizi Averill, Page 6

Territory medical community Darwin paediatrician Kate Freeman devoted her life to giving a voice and caring for the Territory's most vulnerable children, but was silent as she tried to battle her own demons. Her colleagues, friends and family said Kate never revealed how badly she was suffering in the weeks before her suicide in late June.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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### The 'hidden curriculum' in medical schools undermines general practice, says top dean

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/07/2023, Sarah Simpkins

Providing general practice experiences for students can be difficult, says Professor Richard Murray. The RACGP and ACRRM have failed to fill training positions, and a generation of GPs are nearing retirement so it is no surprise alarm bells are ringing for the GP workforce.

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## TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

### Evolving to meet the moment

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/07/2023, Megan Haggan

Hospital pharmacists are embarking on what they call a transformative growth agenda The Society of

Hospital Pharmacists of Australia has announced that through "unprecedented investment in practitioner recognition, speciality pharmacy and digital infrastructure," it is heading into a growth period with the aim of expanding the positive impact of pharmacy expertise.

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## Minister thanked for strong pharmacy support

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 24/07/2023

The Tasmanian Branch of the Pharmacy Guild thanks Premier Jeremy Rockliff, for the strong support he has shown community pharmacy owners and their staff during his time as the State's Health Minister and welcomed the appointment of the highly regarded and hard-working member of the Liberal parliamentary team, Guy Barnett to take over this important portfolio.

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## MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Male nurse banned for sex with patient

Courier Mail, General News, 25/07/2023, Patrick Billings, Page 12

A male nurse who had sex with a mental health patient has been banned for a year for professional misconduct. The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal heard Adam Kenneth Graeme McGilvray was working at a private adult mental health clinic in Southeast Queensland when the conduct occurred.

*Also reported by:* [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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## HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

### It's not just tax. How PwC, KPMG and other consultants risk influencing public health too

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 24/07/2023

Concerns about the use of private consultancy firms advising government such as PwC, KPMG, Deloitte and EY has led to a Senate inquiry. Until now, much media interest has centred on PwC's advisory role to the Australian Tax Office while also advising private clients on tax matters.

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### Hospital change could save Government half a billion dollars

6PR, Other, 24/07/2023, Oliver Peterson

Day Hospitals Australia believe the Government could save half a billion dollars in healthcare if they moved same-day procedures from overnight hospitals to day hospitals. Day Hospitals Australia CEO Jane Griffiths spoke with Oly Peterson on 6PR's Perth Live.

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**6PR, Perth Live, 24/07/2023, Oliver Peterson**

Peterson says Jane Griffiths, chief executive of the Day Hospitals in Australia, claims that the Government could save half \$1 billion in health care if they move same day procedures from overnight hospitals to day hospitals.

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## SPORT

### Whinge in the willows: a classic English sob story for triumphant Aussies to enjoy

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 25/07/2023, Peter Lalor , Page 1

A little luck and a healthy dose of sensible old-school cricket has Australia in position to win the Ashes 3-1 at The Oval this week a fact England is struggling to accept. When they lost at Edgbaston, they'd supposedly won by playing a better brand of cricket.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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### Trans test for world swimming

The Australian, General News, 25/07/2023, Julian Linden, Page 1

International swimming bosses are preparing to push ahead with a world-first event for elite transgender competitors. The details of where and when the test event will take place remain top secret, at least for now, because World Aquatics, the global governing body for swimming, knows just how politically divisive the issue is.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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### Gosper slams 'reckless' Games call

The Australian, General News, 25/07/2023, Glenda Korporaal & Rachel Baxendale, Page 7

Former International Olympic Committee vice-president Kevan Gosper has called on Daniel Andrews to release the details underpinning his decision to scrap Victoria's hosting of the 2026 Commonwealth Games, as the state's negotiators return home from London without having reached an agreement over compensation. In an interview, Mr Gosper condemned the decision as "reckless" and damaging to Australia's reputation.

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

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### Can't stop the cheers

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/07/2023, Todd Lewis, Page 3

The FIFA Women's World Cup has officially arrived in South Australia with festivities hitting fever pitch among South and Central American fans across Adelaide. The sounds of beating drums and cheers from passionate fans rung out across the inner-western suburbs and the CBD as women's football juggernaut Brazil took on Panama in their first group stage match on Monday night.

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### A Matildas final will light sails

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/07/2023, Madeleine Bower, Page 1

Opera House on standby for finals Light show awaits Matildas. The Opera House will be lit up in honour of the Matildas if the Aussie women make it to the finals of the World Cup.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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### Punting the racists



Another great weekend of AFL football and another spate of racism by some fans who are too stupid to understand their ugly words will be met by more than just condemnation. Life bans are now being pursued for the latest racist-laden drivel spewed out on social media platforms.

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## Matildas midfielder Katrina Gorry certain that commentator's motherhood line wasn't meant in a 'negative way'

The Australian, Other, 24/07/2023, Marco Monteverde

Matilda and mum Katrina Gorry holds no grudges against television commentator David Basheer for saying she had "retained her competitive instincts despite becoming a mother", believing it wasn't said in a "negative way". Channel Seven's Basheer has come under fire on social media for making the comment about Gorry who returned to football last year after giving birth to daughter Harper during the broadcast of the Matildas' 1-0 FIFA Women's World Cup win over Ireland last Thursday night

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

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## Australia has no idea how to talk about women in sport

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/07/2023, Mary Madigan

Australia is finally talking about women in sport and it is clear we have no idea how to actually talk about women playing sport. The FIFA Women's World Cup has officially made Australia fall in love with our team the Matildas , and it has really opened up a can of worms.

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## Commonwealth Youth Games 2023: Australia's track & field teens to watch, 2032 Olympic prospects

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 24/07/2023, Amanda Lulham

They are our Olympians and world championship hopefuls of the future - the best young track and field aces in Australia. Meet the teens hitting the world stage at the Commonwealth Youth Games.

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

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## WA government maintains it treated Perth Glory 'fairly' as Tony Sage's ownership collapses

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023, Jackson Worthington & Nadia Mitsopoulos

Businessman Tony Sage's 17-year tenure at the club ended at the weekend when the Australian Professional Leagues (APL) announced the club had gone into receivership. APL chief executive Danny Townsend said the focus was finding a safe pair of hands to take the club forward.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Sleep boosts the brain

Herald Sun, General News, 25/07/2023, Page 7

Good quality sleep and the absence of sleep apnoea are associated with better cognitive function, a Monash University-led international study has found. The study investigated 5946 adults in the US involved in an overnight sleep study and neuropsychological assessments.

## Loo beaut for hearts

Herald Sun, General News, 25/07/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 11

A major Victorian study has identified for the first time a link between constipation and serious health complications including high blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. The La Trobe University study of more than half a million Victorian hospital admissions found that patients with the common health problem had almost double the risk for high blood pressure and were also more likely to suffer from major cardiovascular events.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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## Depression to dementia

Courier Mail, General News, 25/07/2023, Page 20

Men and women with diagnosed depression could be at twice the risk of developing dementia, according to international research. Using Danish health data, researchers matched nearly 250,000 people with diagnosed depression with more than one million people without depression and compared dementia rates.

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

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## New program will help CALD dementia caregivers

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/07/2023, Arshmah Jamal

A new research project will aim to provide support and resources for dementia patient carers from culturally diverse backgrounds. Flinders University released a new program aimed at developing a support system that addresses numerous problems faced by people with dementia and their caregivers with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

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## Nothing to snore at: Locally developed test could help one billion people globally

In Daily, Other, 24/07/2023, Pier Stamatogiannis

Developed by Adelaide researcher Dr Amal Osman, a new test for sleep apnoea aims to find the best treatment for the debilitating condition the first time around. This article is sponsored by A New State of Mind Waking up choking or gasping for air is a possible indicator of obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA), a condition that has held Dr Amal Osman's attention for most of her working and waking life.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Program tackles spread of infection

West Australian, Supplements, 25/07/2023, Page 8

A health promotion campaign that aims to raise awareness of the dangers of chronic wet cough in Aboriginal children is launching in communities on either side of the country this winter. Rolling out in Toowoomba and then Perth, the campaigns were co-designed by the Wal-yan Respiratory Research Centre at the Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) with help from Aboriginal families and health services.

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### Slick design for clinic

Cairns Post, General News, 25/07/2023, Sandhya Ram, Page 9

Design plans and construction dates have been unveiled for a new primary health care facility in a remote town on the west coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The Pormpuraaw Primary Health Care Centre, which serves a population of 600 in the Aboriginal shire of Pormpuraaw, will soon have a new facility and associated staff accommodation constructed on the same grounds as the existing clinic.

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## Calls for more Indigenous midwives as experts estimate national shortfall to be 1,300

ABC Online, Other, 24/07/2023, Coquohalla Connor

Gabby Petersen is a second-year midwifery student and First Nations woman with Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Samoan heritage. "I'm the eldest of three girls, I have two younger sisters and I think my mum has a little bit of birth trauma, and that inspires me to be that midwife to make sure people have safe experiences," she said.

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## Investment in Indigenous community health key to reduce diabetes rates

The Guardian, Other, 25/07/2023, Khaled Al Khawaldeh

Australia needs to invest in local community-led health providers to reduce rates of type 2 diabetes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the peak body for Indigenous health services has said. 13% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 18 have been diagnosed with diabetes three times the national rate for non-Indigenous people, according to data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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## Not too late for a flu shot

Herald Sun, General News, 25/07/2023, Amanda Sheppard, Page 10

Australia is in the middle of a severe flu season and health experts warn that it could continue into spring. They say it's not too late to be vaccinated.

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## Sydney's former HIV epicentre close to ending transmission: research

The Australian, Other, 24/07/2023

The Inner Sydney district, once the epicentre of Australia's HIV epidemic, is very close to becoming the first place in the world to reach the UN's target for ending transmission of the virus, researchers said on Monday. UNAIDS has set a goal of ending AIDS as a global health threat by 2030, which includes reducing the number of new HIV cases by 90 percent compared to 2010.

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## Man, 55, in hospital with meningococcal disease, SA's 17th case this year

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/07/2023, Brad Crouch

A man from regional South Australia is in hospital with meningococcal as the state racks up its 17th

case this year. A 55-year-old man from regional South Australia is in a stable condition in hospital with meningococcal disease.

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

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## SA Covid-19, Murray disaster emergency laws in landmark review

The Courier Mail, Other, 24/07/2023, Andrew Hough

SA's response to threats such as cyber terrorism, catastrophic natural disasters, climate change and biosecurity dangers are about to go under a microscope. Chinese spy vessel adding a sense of realism' to Talisman Sabre South Australia's response to "invisible" threats such as cyber terrorism, catastrophic natural disasters, climate change and biosecurity dangers will be investigated in a landmark inquiry.

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## Swiss man may be just the sixth person to be 'cured' of HIV

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/07/2023

Further details about a man who has become possibly the sixth case of a person with HIV to be considered cured' of the disease are due to be revealed at a Brisbane HIV conference. First diagnosed with HIV in 1990, the man had been taking antiretroviral drugs since 2005 and received a stem cell transplant two years ago to treat a rare type of blood cancer.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### MDMA and magic mushrooms have arrived: psychedelic trip to new therapies

The Australian, Other, 24/07/2023, Cameron Drummond

As the clock struck midnight to herald the start of the 23/24 financial year, qualified medical practitioners in Australia gained the ability to legally prescribe MDMA (ecstasy) and psilocybin the active ingredient in magic mushrooms. [...] "This is due to the fact that only psychiatrists, authorised by the TGA and approved by a human research ethics committee will be allowed to issue prescriptions," Lay says.

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### Moderna eyes 'superjab' as it pivots from

The Australian, Other, 23/07/2023, Jared Lynch

Moderna's chief commercial officer Arpa Garay says the company's near-term success lies in manufacturing vaccines for respiratory viruses, with Covid-19, flu and RSV forming a golden trifecta and potentially a superjab. [...] Australia will not have to wait for such a jab, particularly for RSV in which the Therapeutic Goods Administration has granted Moderna priority review for its vaccine.

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## OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

## Let's talk cocaine – from a public health perspective

In Daily, Other, 24/07/2023, Jim Plouffe

Our resident demographer argues that stats point to the war on drugs being won by drying up demand. Last year I wrote a column about Australia's successful public health campaigns to combat smoking.

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### Soft drink a big issue

Courier Mail, General News, 25/07/2023, Page 11

Reducing soft drink consumption is important for lowering the level of overweight and obesity in teens, according to international researchers, who say soft drink taxes might help. The research team looked at data from 405,528 school-going teens from 107 countries and regions, and found that for every 10 per cent increase in the prevalence of daily soft drink consumption, there was a 3.7 per cent increase in the prevalence of overweight and obesity.

*Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).*

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### Calls for junk food to be regulated like tobacco

3AW, Other, 24/07/2023, Tom Elliott

There are calls for junk food to be regulated like tobacco in a bid to curb the obesity epidemic. Dr Danielle McMullen, Vice President of the Australian Medical Association, told Tom Elliott "we are really facing a crisis" in Australia.

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### Costco Australia fined \$33,000 over false claims about lobster products

7news.com.au, Other, 24/07/2023, Hayley Taylor

The outlet was accused of making false claims in its labelling. Costco Australia has paid thousands in penalties over multiple lobster products which falsely claimed to be caught locally, the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) said.

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

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### 3AW, Drive, 24/07/2023, Tom Elliott

Interview with Danielle McMullen, Vice President, Australian Medical Association. Elliot says the Greater Dandenong Council wants to ban fried chips and fried dim sims while the Arts Department of Monash University wants to ban meats and seafood from university functions. McMullen says they need to promote healthy food options, make the easier decision at the checkout and make it more difficult to make an unhealthy choice like sugar sweetened beverages and soft drinks. She states Australians consume something like 960 Olympic sized pools worth of soft drink every year.

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