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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Canberra Times](#) (page 1) reports a federal bill compelling an investigation into the ACT's compulsory acquisition of Calvary Hospital would impinge on the territory's right to self-determination, its government says. In a submission to the Commonwealth on the bill, ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr said "The debate and passage of the Health Infrastructure Enabling Act 2023 [authorising the Calvary takeover] represents the considered and expressed will of the territory's elected legislature."
- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 1) reports a backlog of more than 54,000 radiology scans built up over the last 18 months will take two to three months to clear, Queensland Health says. An emergency healthcare workers forum was held at the Gold Coast University Hospital last Thursday to discuss ongoing radiology problems at the facility.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 3) reports 23,000 Australians will have access to personalised and locally manufactured cancer treatments over the next two years as part of the world's largest cancer genomic initiative. The PROSPeCT initiative will be run by not-for-profit Omico out of the University of New South Wales' Centre for Molecular Oncology and create 650 jobs. Also reported by: [The Age](#), [Canberra Times](#)

- The **Herald Sun** (page 3) reports a national screening program should be established for Hepatitis B, health experts say. New research from the Doherty Institute's Viral Hepatitis Mapping Project has found up to 55,000 Australians may unknowingly have Hepatitis B, with over 20,000 of them in Victoria. *Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Hobart Mercury](#).*
- The **Australian Financial Review** (page 4) reports changes to Australia's aged care funding model will only happen after large scale public consultation and community engagement, Aged Care Minister Anika Wells says. Ms Wells said "We're going to have a big public consultation process and details about that will be out in the next couple of days. It's a transformative thing that we are doing, and we've got to take everybody with us." *Also reported by: [The Australian](#), [Canberra Times](#), [ABC News](#)*
- The **Sydney Morning Herald** (page 5) reports healthcare workers at Cumberland Hospital in Sydney's west have called for the state Health Minister to intervene to improve conditions. A letter written to Minister Ryan Park alleged mental health patients were being "manhandled" by security staff and forced to sleep on bare mattresses, while activities were only being scheduled when hospital accreditors were due to visit.
- The **Courier Mail** (page 7) reports HIV patients living in Queensland will be able to access free treatment regardless of Medicare status from October. State Health Minister Shannon Fentiman speaking at the closing ceremony of the International AIDS Society Conference in Brisbane yesterday said "This change will support the most vulnerable members of our communities, dramatically boosting our chances of meeting our targets and ending HIV transmission by 2030."
- The **Hobart Mercury** (page 9) reports Tasmania's incoming health Minister has called on the Commonwealth to increase funding to the state's healthcare sector, especially across primary care. Mr Barnett said "The right health care and primary health care is very much an area that will be a focus for me to work with the federal government". *Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury](#), [Hobart Mercury](#), [Launceston Examiner](#)*
- The **Daily Telegraph** (Online) reports children with food allergies are four times more likely to have asthma, even if they outgrow their allergy, a new study led by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute has found. Murdoch Children's epidemiologist Rachel Peters encouraged parents of children with food allergies to consult dieticians to maintain healthy nutrition levels key to early lung development. *Also reported by: [ABC Online](#), [ABC Online](#), [3AW](#), [Channel 10](#)*
- **The Guardian** reports PwC promoted the work of a company it part-owned in an independent report to the government about digital mental health strategies delivered in 2022. University of Melbourne socio-legal researcher Dr Piers Gooding said "Questions must be asked about why a consulting firm that's pursued a mendacious tax avoidance strategy is advising government on mental health policy, a sector with highly limited resources made all the smaller by corporate tax avoidance."

MINISTER BUTLER

Government must not let the chance for a smoke-free generation slip out of its grasp

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/07/2023, Paul Lupo, Page 32

The federal Health Minister's tough stance on vaping is to be applauded, but it will amount to nothing if the government doesn't take holistic action to close the loop on tobacco altogether. A new study released by the Cancer Council Victoria's Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer has revealed teen smoking has increased for the first time in 25 years against a backdrop of rising vape use.

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Casey ER under pressure

Pakenham News, General News, 27/07/2023, Corey Everitt, Page 4

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 its planned

upgrade to begin. Mr Wood, the Federal Member for La Trobe, published an online petition on Wednesday 12 June calling on the State Government to begin construction on the new emergency department at Casey Hospital. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, said the Federal Government's building of clinics would take pressure off hospitals.

Also reported by: [Berwick Star News \(Melbourne\)](#)

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Pharmacy's bitter pill to swallow

MyCityLogan, General News, 18/07/2023, Chris Manning, Page 6

A local pharmacist says the federal government's latest policy reform won't benefit those in need, and ultimately drive up prices for dependent customers. But the government says that's just a scare campaign used by pharmaceutical lobbyists. [...] But a spokesperson for the federal minister for health, Mark Butler, said the government hadn't and wouldn't cut any funding that goes towards those services.

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Labor Fails to Deliver for Regional Doctors and Nurses

Sea Lake & Whycheproof Times Ensign, General News, 27/07/2023, Page 9

Labor has failed to deliver on a key incentive to alleviate the regional health workforce crisis, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health, Anne Webster, says. [...] "It only took the stroke of a pen after the 2022 election for Health Minister Mark Butler to expand the Distribution Priority Areas, bleeding the regions of doctors, but now a measure to incentivise doctors to move to the regions is getting bogged down in bureaucratic delay.

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'Triple whammy' forces Montville Pharmacy move

Sunshine Valley Gazette, Other, 26/07/2023

Montville's only medical centre closed at the beginning of the year and now the chemist is moving to Mapleton, with locals fearing a domino effect of further closures. Montville Pharmacy owner, Natalie Lindner, said the decision to close was the result of a series of compounding blows. [...] Fisher MP Andrew Wallace said he and the community made appeals to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler.

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John Howard's birthday Brits blitz

Crikey, Other, 26/07/2023, Emma Elsworthy

Former prime minister John Howard says "the luckiest thing that happened to this country was being colonised by the British", despite research showing more than half of all massacres of Indigenous people, the oldest living culture in the world, were carried out by our police and other government forces, as reported last year, and right up until 1926 . [...] The company, Innowell, got the grant to develop the mental health platform without a competitive tender, and Health Minister Mark Butler has asked the Health Department for more info on the funding.

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MTPConnect backing 'homegrown Australian innovation'

Biotech Dispatch, Other, 26/07/2023

Health minister Mark Butler and MTPConnect have announced \$6.2 million in funding for six medical technology projects through the Clinical Translation and Commercialisation Medtech (CTCM) Program. The program, funded through the Medical Research Future Fund and delivered by MTPConnect, is supporting the development of six projects.

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More junior doctors heading to Bundaberg

HITZ FM 93.9, Other, 26/07/2023

Young medical professionals are being enticed to come live and work in our region. The national John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program has supplied \$17 million to Queensland Health to train almost 340

junior doctors in regional and rural areas. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler says people who train in regional areas are more likely to stay in the community.

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Australia's CAR T-cell capacity reaches new heights

Oncology Republic, Other, 26/07/2023, Laura Woodrow

Peter Mac has opened its expanded cell and gene therapy manufacturing facility in Melbourne, boosting Australia's CAR T-cell manufacturing capacity by 400 per cent. [...] Until now, Australia has heavily relied on shipping patients' extracted T-cells overseas to North America or Europe to be modified which takes precious time that some patients may not have said Mark Butler MP, minister for health and aged care, who opened the facility today.

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Pharmacy to close ahead of new rule that's feared will make regional chemists 'unviable'

Pharmacy ITK, Other, 26/07/2023

A hinterland town is set to lose its only pharmacy in what's been described as a direct result of the loss of its GP service and an impending government policy. On the back of Montville's Ochre Heath closing in January , the upcoming closure of its pharmacy is feared to be part of a domino effect on the town's businesses. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said the government was delivering cheaper medicines through the 60-day prescriptions for more than six million Australians.

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Scrap preference for video telehealth consultations: RACGP

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 26/07/2023

The college has said the current MBS principle lacks evidence and could compromise access to care. Only a small minority of telehealth consultations are taking place by video. [...] This year, Federal Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler requested MRAC carry out a post-implementation review' of the principles, with the RACGP invited to give feedback.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must be at the centre, not the margins, of LGBTQIA+ plans and policies

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Dameyon Bonson

During Sydney World Pride the federal government committed to a ten-year action plan for LGBTQIA+ health and wellbeing. This included A\$26 million in health research. In the announcement , the minister for health and aged care, Mark Butler, said: While many LGBTQIA+ people live happy and healthy lives, others continue to experience discrimination, stigma, isolation, harassment and violence all of which leads to poorer health and mental health.

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MINISTER WELLS

Aged care levy 'would make inequality worse'

Australian Financial Review, General News, 27/07/2023, Phillip Coorey, Page 4

Members of the federal government's aged care taskforce are in broad agreement that a new tax or levy to help fund the sector would further enshrine generational inequality, Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said. Speaking a day after the taskforce met in Ad...

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

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Well-off to tip in more for aged care

Older Australians who can afford to are likely to be paying more for their nursing home accommodation and everyday living expenses such as food and laundry after a key aged-care taskforce reached broad consensus on the policy change. It also agreed all aged-care policy should start from the perspective that Australians are supported to stay in their own homes for as long as they possibly can. The taskforce, announced by Aged Care Minister Anika Wells in June, met for the first time in Adelaide on Tuesday to discuss a raft of policy issues, foremost among them how to ensure adequate funding for the growing cohort of older Australians who require support either inhome or in a residential aged-care facility.

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Aged care funding under the microscope

Canberra Times, General News, 27/07/2023, Maeve Bannister, Page 11

Aged care could require more people to pay for themselves if they can as an expert task force considers funding options to secure the sector's future. But Aged Care Minister Anika Wells promised no changes would be made without public consultation and community engagement on the matter.

Also reported by: [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#).

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Still pocketing Games cash

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 27/07/2023, Mitch Clarke and Jade Gailberger, Page 13

A state government MP whose key responsibility was to assist with the Commonwealth Games is still receiving an extra pay packet for the role despite the event being binned. [...] The comments come as federal Sport Minister Anika Wells bizarrely claimed that it was her responsibility to invest in people in sport, not sporting infrastructure, after refusing to back in the future of the Commonwealth Games.

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

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Anika Wells welcomes debate about costs in sport after Comm Games axing

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 26/07/2023, Angus Thompson

Federal sports minister Anika Wells says she welcomes a conversation about the costs associated with major events and that she was not surprised by the cost blow out Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has blamed for the decision to axe the Commonwealth Games. But Wells refused to say during an interview with ABC's RN Breakfast whether the state government should release its calculations as she didn't see "what that would progress", and declined to say whether she wanted the games to continue at all.

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

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Foster, Goodes slam FIFA over 'empty' Indigenous symbolism at Women's World Cup

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 26/07/2023, Vince Rugari

An Indigenous-led football body has accused FIFA of "empty symbolism" by leveraging Indigenous culture at the FIFA Women's World Cup without committing any legacy funding towards programs that support First Nations involvement in the game. [...] FIFA's secretary-general Fatma Samoura and Bareman - who was born in New Zealand and is of Samoan and Dutch heritage - are also copied in, along with Football Australia chair Chris Nikou and federal sports minister Anika Wells.

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

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Federal Sports Minister Anika Wells refuses to back in ongoing viability

of Commonwealth Games

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Jade Gailberger

Federal Sports Minister Anika Wells has pointedly declined to back in the future of the Commonwealth Games, saying she is focused on "other major events". Federal sports minister Anika Wells has refused to back in the future of the Commonwealth Games, saying she is putting her efforts into the success of "17 other major events".

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How will we fund the growing demand for aged care?

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023

How to fund the growing demand for aged care with a shrinking base of taxpayers is one of the key questions facing this and future governments. Yesterday, the Government taskforce examining this question met in Adelaide, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells says while they didn't agree on a pathway for funding, they did agree on six key principles for the sector.

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Australia marks one year to 2024 Paris Olympics with French-themed celebration

The Guardian, Other, 26/07/2023, Jack Snape

French connections and youth culture have highlighted a flamboyant ceremony in Sydney as the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) marked one year until the 2024 Paris Olympics. [...] The federal sport minister, Anika Wells, turned to her French skills in concluding her address to wish all good luck.

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Global warning

The Monthly, Other, 26/07/2023, Rachel Withers

A journalist accidentally made herself the story yesterday, when she asked the prime minister during a visit to the NSW South Coast to "guarantee" Australia would not face another horror bushfire season this summer. [...] RN Breakfast Sports Minister Anika Wells declines to say whether the federal government will intervene in Commonwealth Games negotiations, accusing the Coalition of blatant hypocrisy.

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'Hypocrisy': Anika Wells accuses Coalition of mixing sport and politics in the wake of cancelled Commonwealth Games

Sky News Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Joseph Huitson

Federal Sports Minister Anika Wells has accused the Coalition of mixing sport and politics after it issued a series of demands following the Victorian government's decision to scrap the Commonwealth Games. Deputy Liberal leader Sussan Ley on Sunday has pushed the Prime Minister to intervene and find a solution so that the nation's reputation can be restored, as she called on athletes to forego photo opportunities with Labor MPs.

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Regulator needs to better engage with sector, says report

Community Care Review, Other, 26/07/2023, Christopher Kelly

The aged care watchdog needs to interact more with the sector, according to an independent review. Released on Friday, and authored by David Tune, the report makes 32 recommendations to bolster and rebuild the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission. [...] In a statement, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells welcomed Mr Tune's review.

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'Super Eyes' song to hero vital role of supervision

myaustraliannews.com.au, Other, 26/07/2023

Kids Alive Do the Five, a leading education organisation dedicated to promoting water safety for children under five, is launching "Super Eyes", the first of eight new water safety songs. [...] Supported

through funding from the Department of Health and Aged Care, Federal Minister for Aged Care and Sport and mother of three Anika Wells , recognised the extremely important work Kids Alive Do the Five had been undertaking for over twenty years.

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Aged care legislation ‘not fit for purpose’: report

The Medical Republic, Other, 26/07/2023

A review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission is in with a boatload of recommendations to help it survive in a useful form. A review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has made 32 recommendations to address "critical capability gaps in the organisation that require urgent attention" but stops short of replacing it with a new entity. [...] "[Aged Care Minister Anika] Wells has indicated that she will carefully consider the 32 report recommendations as a matter of priority."

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What does it say about the Aged Care Safety and Quality Commission if Govt needs to set up another committee to advise it after ordering a report on the regulator?

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Caroline Egan

It has taken three months for the Government to publish the Final Report for the Independent Capability Review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC), which was handed back to them in April. Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said she had already directed the Department of Health and Aged Care to establish a senior level Steering Group to advise the Government on the path forward, which was a recommendation of the Final Report.

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2MCE, 10:00 National Radio News, 26/07/2023

A taskforce has outlined six key measures aimed at changing the arrangements of aged care. Minister Anika Wells says while a new funding arrangement could not be agreed upon in yesterday's meeting, a framework was devised.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, 18:00 News, 26/07/2023

Federal Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells says all options are still on the table for coming up with a solution for aged care funding. A taskforce is considering tightening means testing, moving to a user-pays model, or introducing a new levy for funds. The minister says a final report is due in December.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 26/07/2023, Patricia Karvelas

Aged Care Minister Anika Wells says the Government has not yet landed on a future funding model for the sector. A taskforce met yesterday to consider tightening means testing moving to a user pays model or introducing a new levy to fund aged care.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 26/07/2023, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Anika Wells, Minister for Aged Care and Sport. Wells says while no agreement has been reached, a consultation process will be announced in coming days. She notes everything remains on the table. She notes one important thing they agreed upon is that Australians should be given every opportunity to stay in their home for as long as possible.

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Mental health centre in CDD

Western Sydney Express, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 4

A new free Adult Mental Health Centre has opened its doors in downtown Parramatta, bringing vital help for those in need. It is one of just 26 national AMHCs and the Western Sydney hub is one of the first to assist adults experiencing moderate to high mental health needs. [...] The Parramatta Head to Health centre official opening featured Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride.

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Community backlash helps stave off mental health nurse funding cut – at least until June 2024

Region Riverina, Other, 26/07/2023, Shri Gayathirie Rajen

Gundagai has breathed a temporary sigh of relief with plans to extend its mental health nurse position until at least June 2024. The breakthrough comes after community backlash following the Federal Government's decision to cease funding the town's only mental health practitioner. [...] Federal Member for Riverina Michael McCormack welcomed the news from Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, Emma McBride, on 21 July.

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NBN Central Coast, NBN News, 26/07/2023, Natasha Beyersdorf and Gavin Morris

Segment with Assistant Minister McBride about expanding Headspace mental health services to young people across Central Coast communities.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Donating organs vital to give life to others

Northern Territory News, General News, 27/07/2023, Ged Kearney, Page 21

If you support organ and tissue donation, it's important to register and let your family know you want to be a donor in the future. As the Assistant Minister responsible for organ and tissue donation in Australia, I meet many truly remarkable people. There are Australia's donation and transplant doctors and nurses, leaders in their fields. This includes 260 DonateLife donation specialist staff working across 90 hospitals on the frontline of organ and tissue donation.

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

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

Kulay Kalingka study launched in Condobolin

Condobolin Argus, Other, 26/07/2023

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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ABC Western Queensland, 07:30 News, 26/07/2023

Interview with Ruth Stewart, National Rural Health Commissioner. Stewart says rural and remote communities haven't been given the infrastructure to deliver changes. She states there are very few communities in rural or remote Australia that have anywhere near an appropriate level of staffing. She notes while nursing staff is better, but general practise is getting worse.

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CORONAVIRUS

NSW teacher sackings: misconduct figures jump amid Covid jab dismissals

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Clarissa Bye

New figures have been revealed on how many teachers have been sacked around NSW for misconduct and how many lost their jobs last year over the Covid jab. Nearly 200 NSW public teachers were sacked for not getting the Covid jab last year, amid crippling shortages of staff, new Freedom of Information documents reveal.

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COVID's not alone in the wastewater

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023

Coronacast Transcript Tegan Taylor: So, Norman, it turns out that you and I aren't special unicorns after all. Norman Swan: No, we're not.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Man dies after retirement village unit burns down

The Australian, General News, 27/07/2023, Tricia Rivera, Page 5

A 77-year-old man has died after a fire engulfed two retirement village units north of Melbourne early on Wednesday morning. Police said an elderly resident initially unaccounted for in the Kingsgate retirement village blaze in Kilmore was found dead inside one of the units that went up in flames.

Similar coverage reported by: [Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [HelloCare \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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Bupa Asia-Pacific's new CEO an 'inside' appointment

The Australian, Business News, 27/07/2023, Jared Lynch, Page 15

Health insurance titan Bupa has opted for an internal appointment for its next Asia-Pacific chief executive, promoting chief financial officer Nick Stone following a global search. Mr Stone has been acting as Bupa APAC's chief executive since March when Hisham El-Ansary left the company.

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

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New hope for dementia patients

Canberra Times, General News, 27/07/2023, Lanie Tindale, Page 8

Dementia is a lonely disease. The degenerative condition causes a loss of cognitive functioning, making it harder to think, remember, connect and talk. As Albert Green put it, "I was going backwards rather than forwards". That was until he participated in a 12-week program at the University of Canberra Hospital, called SPICE.

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

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93yo 'left tied to chair'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/07/2023, Julie Cross, Page 9

A 93-year-old woman was allegedly tied to a chair with a bedsheet by her carer, who forgot to release her before his shift ended. An investigation by the healthcare watchdog found that Nyima Samdup, a personal carer working at a Sydney aged care facility, allegedly restrained the sleeping resident just before 2am, as she sat in a recliner in the dining room, knotting the sheet "loosely under her arms" at the rear of the chair.

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

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Social connectivity key to vibrant retirement lifestyle

West Australian, Advertising feature, 27/07/2023, Page 2

The nature of retirement is changing dramatically in Australia as people are living longer, and demanding more physically and socially active, as well as luxurious, retirement lifestyle options. More pointedly, with the nation's baby boomers in their late 60s and early 70s, the nation is on the cusp of a surge in demand for retirement accommodation.

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HELP hands final \$3000 to Palliative Care Service

Barrier Truth, General News, 26/07/2023, Dylan Stone, Page 4

Broken Hill Specialist Palliative Care Service has been gifted a \$3000 donation from Broken Hill's iconic weight loss support club, HELP (Healthy Eating Loses Pounds). Sadly, the cheque presentation was the final activity for the club, which closed its doors at the end of last year.

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Nurse keen to break end-of-life stigma

Border Mail, General News, 27/07/2023, Beau Greenway, Page 5

Talking about death won't kill you. That's the key message from Border palliative care nurse Kara Chanter, who plans to build on her almost decade of experience in the sector through her new business, Dying to Help. After experiencing the deaths of family members and seeing how the nurses offered support and comfort, Ms Chanter was inspired to work in palliative care.

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Aged-care nurses sought

CQ Today, General News, 26/07/2023, Matthew Pearce, Page 7

With aged care centres like Carinity Summit Cottages attributing a shortage of staff to their decision to close, the Federal Government says it is committed to growing the number of aged care nurses in Australia. On Monday, July 10, family members of Summit Cottages residents received a letter from the Baptist Union of Queensland advising the 25-bed facility in Mount Morgan was expected to close in December.

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Barwon Health hired Cathy Condon, woman who 'led' aged-care death cover-up

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 26/07/2023, Tamara McDonald

A Barwon Health staff member has questioned the organisation's vetting process, after it hired a woman who was found to have led a death cover-up to work in its aged-care quality team. A woman whose nursing registration was suspended after she covered up the circumstances of the death of an aged-care resident is now working at Barwon Health.

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Family's call for action over elderly woman bashed to death inside Kirrawee nursing home

7news.com.au, Other, 26/07/2023, Annie Pullar and Ailish Delaney

A Sydney family is demanding action after an elderly woman was bashed to death in a "hideous" nursing home attack. Joan Hobbs, 89, was beaten "black and blue" with a walking frame, wielded by a male resident, on July 17 at Kirrawee's IRT Thomas Holt Aged Care Centre.

Similar coverage reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Attracting an aged care workforce

Community Care Review, Other, 26/07/2023, Faye Spiteri

To meet the increasing and diverse demands for aged care, our approach to recruiting a workforce needs to evolve, Faye Spiteri tells Community Care Review. The aged care sector in Australia has been under intense scrutiny in recent years, particularly with the royal commission's findings exposing significant gaps in a skilled workforce, leading to neglect in the care provided to our elders.

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Home care could lose human touch, says sector insider

Community Care Review, Other, 26/07/2023, Christopher Kelly

Home care price caps will impact face-to-face care management, warns an industry expert. "Human connection is one of the principal features that both our employees want and our customers want," said Helen Kemp general manager community health and care at not-for-profit provider Benetas.

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Depression doubles dementia risk: Study

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 26/07/2023

The association between the two conditions persisted regardless of whether depression was diagnosed in early, middle, or late life. Up to 30% of people with dementia experience depressive symptoms with those living in long-term residential care most at risk.

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Plan B remains Plan A for Pat Garcia in his new job

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Caroline Egan

The leading advocate for co-contributions in aged care, Pat Garcia, outgoing CEO of Catholic Health Australia, the Not For Profit peak body for Catholic and religious healthcare providers, intends to continue his campaign to improve the sector.

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ACH Group's Healthia is the first aged care home in Australia to implement the Green House Project

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Caroline Egan

ACH Group's \$40 million Healthia expects to welcome its first residents to its small household model of residential aged care, Healthia, in mid-August. Healthia will have eight single-storey homes, and 96 beds in total. [...] The SOURCE: The Royal Commission recommended a smaller home model of care, however, the trend has been towards larger aged care homes in Australia recently, and smaller homes closing.

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\$11.1 billion in additional Govt funding – yet sector predicted to remain in deficit

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Caroline Egan

New research from StewartBrown shows the increase in AN-ACC funding “should be” sufficient to cover the Fair Work Commission's 15% pay rise for aged care staff on average, however some providers will have a greater benefit than others.

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Louise Macleod appointed Aged Care Complaints Commissioner

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Caroline Egan

Bureaucrat Louise Macleod has been appointed Aged Care Complaints Commissioner. Louise has more than 20 years' experience in a number of senior executive roles in several Commonwealth agencies.

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IHACPA releases Consultation Paper for aged care funding in 2024–25

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Caroline Egan

The Independent Hospital and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) has released its Consultation Paper on the Pricing Framework for Australian Residential Aged Care Services 2024–25 and asking for submissions from relevant stakeholders.

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Care apartments a first for Bolton Clarke in its latest aged care home

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/07/2023, Ian Horswill

Australia's largest Not For Profit aged care provider will open Willowdale, on land adjoining the Stockland Willowdale Retirement Village, in Denham Court, 44km southwest of Sydney's CBD.

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2CC, Breakfast, 26/07/2023, Stephen Cenatiempo

The Federal Government is likely to rule out an aged care tax to deal with growing costs in the sector.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Pocket-size parent hack

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/07/2023, Lauren Novak, Page 4

Mum Kyra Staak knows how hard it can be to keep track of all the milestones and appointments that come with parenthood. But now she's got a new parenting hack in her pocket, as one of the first to download the free Early Years SA app. It offers 24hour support for parents of children aged up to 5 and a simpler, digital way to track information such as height, weight and vaccinations, which is recorded in the Blue Book given to parents when a child is born.

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Free eye care for homeless

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/07/2023, Page 8

More than 160 people doing it tough have had free eye tests and received new glasses in the first year of a program led by Flinders University optometry students. Baptist Care, Flinders University, and not-for-profit foundation Sight For All's optometry clinic provides essential vision services to people experiencing homelessness or sleeping rough.

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I owe my life to a complete stranger

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/07/2023, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 18

Time was fast running out for Vanessa Gale, 42, who was told by doctors in 2019 that without a heart transplant her life expectancy was at best, three years. But only 16 days after being placed on a transplant list in 2022, schoolteacher Ms Gale received a phone call that would change her life.

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

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We're losing our ability to communicate

Border Mail, General News, 27/07/2023, Pieter Mourik, Page 14

A recent study of a thousand Australians aged 18 to 25, showed that 80 per cent have difficulty in communication (Vic Health). I believe there are a similar number of adults who also cannot communicate effectively.

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

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The gift of giving somebody a life

Daily Liberal, General News, 27/07/2023, Allison Hore, Page 3

Fourteen years ago Dubbo footy figure Joe Knagge received a donation that saved his life. And he says it only takes a few seconds for others to do the same for someone else. "Back in 1991 I was playing footy for the Dubbo Demons and in the off-season I was suddenly unwell and was rushed from the Dubbo Base Hospital to Sydney where they found out I had cardiomyopathy," he told the Daily Liberal.

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

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'I only needed one': Sisters share their transplant journey

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 27/07/2023, Eva Baxter, Page 1

Pam Newman has seen the best, and worst of medicine in her lifetime. During one of the bad times, her younger sister made her the kind of offer being celebrated this DonateLife Week, which supports tissue and organ donation. According to DonateLife, there are 1800 Australians waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and while 80 per cent of people aged older than 16 support organ and tissue donation, only seven million are registered.

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

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Organ and tissue donation and registration in Australia explained

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Samantha Landy

Organ and tissue donation saves and changes the lives of thousands of Australians each year. But it remains a misunderstood topic, with seven in 10 Australians mistakenly believing not everyone can register to become a donor, and three in 10 not knowing any ways to register, according to a recent YouGov poll.

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Organ and tissue donation Q&A with DonateLife nurse

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023

Nurse Donation Specialist Larna Woodyatt answer common questions and busts myths for DonateLife Week 2023

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Extreme heat and pollution health impacts

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023

Exposure to extreme heat and high levels of pollution may double your risk for a deadly heart attack, according to findings in the journal 'Circulation.' Dr. Pradeep Kumar, with Austin Gastroenterology, joins

us with more on this and how to reduce your risk.

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DonateLife 2023: Ballarat mums share stories to promote organ donation

Ballarat Courier, Other, 26/07/2023, Melanie Whelan

There was a connection Janeen Sternberg says she can really only describe as spiritual when she met Michelle Skewes. They are two mothers whose family lives irreversibly changed in a seeming instant when they found themselves facing life and death with their three-year-old boys.

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Sunshine Coast councillor shares his family's health struggles with newborn son

Sunshine Coast Daily, Other, 26/07/2023, Chelsea Heaney

A Sunshine Coast councillor has opened up on how he and his wife felt like they had done something wrong after their baby boy was born with a significant birth defect. Sunshine Coast councillor Christian Dickson has revealed his young family's struggle after his son Theodore was born with a significant birth defect.

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NSW parliamentary inquiry to probe health, environmental effects of mining

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Joanna Woodburn and Jean Kennedy

New South Wales communities living with concerns about emissions from nearby mines hope a freshly announced state parliamentary inquiry will result in new safeguards. Landholders near Cadia Valley Operations near Orange in central western New South Wales have been dealing with dust pollution for five years.

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A plant-based diet could help CVD risk

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 26/07/2023

A new study published in JAMA Network Open reveals that switching to a vegetarian diet could help people at high risk of cardiovascular disease to lower their cholesterol, and blood sugar levels, and help with weight management. Pulling together 20 previous clinical trials the researchers found benefits from switching to a vegetarian diet for 6 months.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

New treatment offers the gift of life

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/07/2023, Laura Banks, Page 3

People with rare, incurable and end-stage cancers are being given hope they may no longer face a death sentence with a world-first program bringing the most advanced and unattainable cancer-fighting tools to them for free. Over the next two years 23,000 patients across the nation will have access to the world's largest cancer genomic initiative that will see specialists create personalised treatments for them here, without having to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to find them overseas.

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

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Pattern emerges in asthma hotspots

Age, General News, 27/07/2023, Aisha Dow, Page 7

The main street of Ballarat, with its ornate heritage buildings, tells the story of the city's "boom-town"

era. But not so far from the centre of town, gold rush architecture gives way to tired homes with chain-wire fences, and a disproportionate number of residents suffer from chronic illness.

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Scans go unchecked

Courier Mail, General News, 27/07/2023, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 1

Queenslanders could be living with undiagnosed cancer or life-threatening conditions as 50,000 radiology scans sit unprocessed at one the state's busiest hospitals. Clinicians have also warned that problems in imaging services and staff shortages were likely causing critical backlogs across the state.

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

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'Fracture' a rare cancer

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 27/07/2023, Amaani Siddeek, Page 12

What started off as a mildly painful lump on a Gold Coast woman's toe revealed itself to be an extremely rare form of cancer. After undergoing an X-ray scan of her foot last year, Jacqui Cooper was told her toe appeared to be fractured. But it was her keen-eyed doctor who suspected the oddly shaped bone was likely something more sinister.

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National genome screening fast-tracks cancer treatment

Canberra Times, Other, 27/07/2023, Samantha Lock

The lives of thousands of Australians battling incurable or advanced cancers could be saved or extended thanks to a pioneering national genomics initiative. More than 23,000 Australians living with cancer will be given free access to cutting-edge genomic profiling, with their results clinically assessed by an expert team and matched to personalised treatments including early-stage clinical trials.

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

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Navigating pregnancy and new motherhood with a chronic illness

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Grace Jennings-Edquist

Two years ago, I fell pregnant with a baby boy. Two years ago, I also developed an aggressive autoimmune disease that will be with me for life. I've had 14 surgeries and more than 20 hospital admissions to date for my condition juggling general anaesthetic and post-surgical pain with pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.

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Queensland scientists test vapes for polonium-210 after finding cancer-causing substances

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Janelle Miles and Emma Pollard

Scientists are testing vapes for radioactive polonium-210 the poison Russia used to assassinate ex-KGB officer Alexander Litvinenko in 2006 after finding they contained other cancer-causing substances. In what is believed to be the only research of its kind in Australia, scientists at Queensland Health's Forensic and Scientific Services are using specialised equipment to test impounded vapes for polonium-210, a radioisotope that naturally occurs in cigarette tobacco.

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'I don't want treatment': study shows financial toll of cancer is leading Australians to delay or stop care

The Guardian, Other, 27/07/2023, Natasha May

At 24 weeks pregnant, Jessie Oldfield was budgeting for prams and diapers. The last thing she was expecting was a cervical cancer diagnosis that would leave her \$25,000 out of pocket. For Oldfield, from Tumburumba, on the periphery of the Riverina, the cost of her radiation treatment at Wagga Wagga in January was not only the heavy emotional toll of being separated from her newborn for the first five weeks of his life, but also the hefty price of \$1,300 a week.

Breaking the vicious cycle of chronic pain

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 26/07/2023, Chloe Hava

Stigma and mental health struggles have led to staggering levels of suicide ideation in people with chronic pain. This National Pain Week (2430 July) Australian Pharmacist explores how to help patients cope with ongoing pain.

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CFMEU demands ban on engineered stone benchtops as tradies suffer deadly lung diseases from silica

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Peter Vincent

Calls are mounting to ban a product commonly installed in Aussie kitchens after heartbreaking stories emerged of young tradies suffering deadly lung diseases. [...] The Cancer Council told Daily Mail Australia that 600,000 Australians are exposed to silica dust in the workplace every year.

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Biomarkers test

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 26/07/2023

University of South Australia (UniSA) researchers have identified three new biomarkers for prostate cancer to help identify and differentiate aggressive cases of the disease, which kills more than 300,000 men each year. The above snippet is the first part of an article sent to subscribers in Pharmacy Daily's issue from 26 Jul 23

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New online platform for heart patients

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 26/07/2023

Flinders University has led the development and upgraded launch this month of a comprehensive suite of the latest cardiac rehabilitation information and resources online. The aim of this has been to better treat patients with cardiovascular diseases, particularly those living in rural and remote areas of South Australia and the Northern Territory.

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Global diabetes cases to reach 1.3 billion by 2050: Study

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 26/07/2023

There are countries where as many as one in five people could be living with diabetes if current trends continue. The vast majority of new diabetes cases in the next three decades are projected to be type 2.

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Healthy Hearts screening pop-ups offer on-the-spot heart checks

The Senior, Other, 26/07/2023

More than 1.5 million Australians are living with one of the main risk factors for cardiovascular disease. A free screening program aims to tackle the issue head on. The Healthy Hearts initiative will see pop-up clinics appearing at various locations in Victoria, Queensland and NSW over the coming months.

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ABC News, ABC Evening News, 26/07/2023, Gemma Veness

A team of scientists has found cancer causing chemicals on vapes and is now testing for a radioactive substance used in espionage. Scientists are also studying the vape casing. Qld Health Forensic and Scientific Services' Tatiana Komarova says they suspect that at the high temperature, some metals can be released from the metallic part of the device itself.

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PRIMARY CARE

Health property sectors resisting REIT ailments

The Australian, Commercial Property, 27/07/2023, Eddy Sunarto, Page 4

The office property crisis has put the real estate investment trust sector in a difficult spot as investors have been spooked by the global downturn in commercial property values. The plunge in US office property values from their pre-pandemic peak has been the worst decline since the global crisis of 2008/2009, as the market was hit by higher interest rates and the new world of remote working.

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Calvary bill 'impinges' on self-govt

Canberra Times, General News, 27/07/2023, Lucy Bladen, Page 1

The ACT government has attacked a federal bill into the Calvary takeover as "inappropriate", "unnecessary" and said the act would impinge on the right to the territory's self-determination. The territory government has put forward its views in a submission to a federal parliamentary inquiry into a bill from a federal opposition member to compel an ACT government inquiry into the controversial takeover.

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Assisted dying laws 'are working'

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/07/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 3

Sixteen Tasmanians have died using Tasmania's voluntary assisted dying laws in the first six months since they came into effect, a report reveals. Michael Gaffney, the MP who introduced the laws, is pleased the legislation is "working as it was intended" and the Voluntary Assisted Dying Commission said the Act was "operating effectively".

Similar coverage reported by: [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#).

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Minister makes health check

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/07/2023, David Killick, Page 9

Incoming Health Minister Guy Barnett says he relishes the task ahead - and has challenged the federal government to lift its funding contribution to the sector, particularly in primary care. In his first full day on the job, Mr Barnett toured the Royal Hobart Hospital on Wednesday, chatting with staff and patients and telling reporters he was thrilled to take on the role.

Similar coverage reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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Labor pledge on Beaconsfield health facilities

Launceston Examiner, General News, 27/07/2023, Page 2

Tasmanian Labor highlighted the need for more resources in regional healthcare this week and said a Labor government would expand services at a Beaconsfield health service if elected. Beaconsfield District Health Service currently offers 22 aged care beds and four acute beds at its facility.

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NSW government announces free parking for NSW regional hospitals

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Savannah Pocock and Luke Mortimer

The state government has revealed patients and visitors can soon park for free at regional health facilities, including the new \$723 million Tweed hospital. The NSW government has revealed patients and visitors will be able to access free parking at regional hospitals and health facilities across the state from next month.

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New figures show Qld Ambulance patients can wait up to ten hours outside hospital

The Courier Mail, Other, 26/07/2023

New figures show some Queensland patients are forced to wait up to ten hours on a stretcher before receiving hospital admission. The ten hours wait time report has eclipsed data from early 2023 which reported wait times of up to eight hours.

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Emergency measure: Jerilderie health services reduced temporarily

Shepparton News Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Zoe McMaugh

The Jerilderie Multi Purpose Service Jerilderie hospital's emergency department has closed temporarily due to "significant challenges securing healthcare staff". Murrumbidgee Local Health District announced the closure late Thursday, and took effect on Monday.

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Roma LifeFlight reveals annual 2022-23 rescue numbers, credits new Roma-based team

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 26/07/2023, Chloe Cufflin

The Roma-based LifeFlight Surat Gas Aeromedical Service (SGAS) helicopter crew came to the aid of 74 people last Financial Year. Picture: Supplied. The Roma-based LifeFlight Surat Gas Aeromedical Service helicopter crew came to the aid of 74 people last financial year.

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Surgeries to cease at Timboon and District Healthcare Service, transferred to Terang

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 26/07/2023, Jessica Greenan

Surgeries in Timboon will soon be transferred to Terang under a move to streamline services. The change, from September 8, would see an increase in the number of days the Terang and Mortlake Health Service theatre operates and see it take on an additional 60 procedures each year.

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Feasibility study to examine proposal for Mount Gambier radiotherapy as forum draws hundreds

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Josh Brine and Emma Pedler

Hundreds of residents have attended a forum in support of building South Australia's first regional radiotherapy clinic in the state's south east, as work begins on a feasibility study. More than 200 people attended a radiotherapy community forum in Mount Gambier on Tuesday night, with guest speakers including state Opposition Leader David Speirs and representatives from cancer care providers.

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More legal action looms for Sunshine Coast University Hospital after delays to accessibility improvements

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Amy Sheehan

The family of a blind man is considering further legal action against a Queensland hospital that has failed to rectify design flaws found to contravene disability legislation two years ago. In July 2021, 77-year-old Sunshine Coast man Peter Ryan posthumously won a lawsuit against Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS).

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 26/07/2023, Sandra Sully

The amount of time patients waiting for help outside the hospital has blown out again. Another question on notice response from the government shows Queenslanders languished for more than 40,000 hours in the backs of ambulance cars between January and March. The Qld Opposition says the health system is flatlining.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Impacts of a parent's death

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/07/2023, Page 18

Losing a parent before age 21 is linked to worse mental health, earnings, and employment, according to international researchers who say the effect seems slightly stronger in boys than girls. Data from Finland found men who lost a parent were 70 per cent more likely to be hospitalised than those who hadn't, while women were 52 per cent more likely. Self-harm and substance abuse were the most common reasons for hospital admission.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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'Magic' relief for grief

Courier Mail, General News, 27/07/2023, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 11

A world-first Queensland trial is to use an ingredient from "magic mushrooms" to treat prolonged and overwhelming grief. QIMR Berghofer researchers are leading the landmark trial of a new psychedelic treatment in combination with psychotherapy. It will be the first time psilocybin, a psychedelic compound found in about 200 species of mushroom, will be used in the grief project.

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

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Making an impact, one volunteer at a time

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 27/07/2023, Page 16

At the local Lifeline call centre on the edge of Bendigo's CBD, volunteer crisis supporters start their day early, settling in with a warm cup of tea and focused on providing crisis support to those who reach out. "Answering calls from the national 13 11 14 hotline, right here in our town, is a real privilege and gives me great pride" a long-time volunteer told us.

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Is it ADHD? How to spot the tell-tale signs in your child

Northern Territory News, Other, 26/07/2023, Sam Hay

There's a general feeling that more and more kids are being diagnosed with ADHD . People comment that it's a trendy diagnosis, and parents need to control their kids more. We're drugging a whole generation But there's a lot more to it than that.

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Emi O'Brien is using her own experience to help Riverina teens access mental health support

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 26/07/2023, Emi O'Brien

From lockdowns and remote working and learning, to the climate crisis and ever increasing cost of living - young people in Australia have had it tough. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the proportion of 16-24 year olds experiencing mental health difficulties has almost doubled since 2007, and suicide remains the leading cause of death for young people.

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Report finds major shortfall in funding for SA mental health

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023

The long-awaited review found nearly 20,000 South Australians could be missing out on the mental health support they need.

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PwC promoted firm it part-owned in 'independent' mental health report for Australian government

The Guardian, Other, 27/07/2023, Henry Belot and Melissa Davey

Consultancy giant PwC promoted the work of a company it part-owned in a report it produced for the federal government about Australia's digital mental health strategy while being paid \$1m for the "independent" advice. PwC's 45% shareholding in Innowell was declared to the government before the contract was awarded but not in the final report which was delivered in November 2022.

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GPs stalling digital mental health: Hickie

The Medical Republic, Other, 26/07/2023

Primary care doctors are hitting back at the idea that they're working against digital mental health startups to protect their own interests, as alleged by one high-profile psychiatrist. University of Sydney Brain and Mind Centre co-director Professor Ian Hickie, the driving force behind Australia's Better Access scheme, has made comments to The Guardian intimating that concerns around a digital mental health platform he is involved with come from doctors who want to protect the current model of GP-led care from reform and disruption.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 26/07/2023, David Bevan

Interview with Penny Pratt, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Pratt says the AMA have put out a State of the Health mental health services in South Australia. She states Lifeline has reported just this week an increase of more than 500 calls a day on top of the 3000 they were averaging nationally.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 26/07/2023, David Bevan

Interview with Helene Neilsen, Executive Director, Neami National Urgent Care Centre, and Marissa Pickett, acting CEO for the Lifeline Connect Centres. Nielsen says there's an increase in demand for mental health services. Pickett says looking at numbers pre-COVID, the demand for their service almost doubled and cases of attendees became more complex.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Ingrid awarded inaugural nursing memorial gift

Shepparton News, General News, 27/07/2023, Lauren Formica, Page 3

The achievements of Goulburn Valley Health nurse Ingrid O'Brien were celebrated this week when she was awarded the inaugural Mel Brown Nursing Memorial Gift in a ceremony that touched the hearts of all of those in attendance. The gift, established in honour of Mel Brown's legacy, aims to recognise and support individuals such as Ms O'Brien, who mirror the same passion and commitment to patient care that Mel embodied in her role as a nurse at GV Health.

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Homebirths to be introduced at leading women's hospital

The New Daily, Other, 26/07/2023, Melissa Meehan

A publicly-funded homebirth program is set to be introduced at Victoria's leading women's hospital. While the initiative is only in the planning stages, a Victorian government spokesman confirmed it was expanding its public homebirth program to include three additional hospitals, including the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne.

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How nurses can improve access to regional reproductive care

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 26/07/2023, Anmj Staff

Women face significant barriers in accessing abortion and contraception in rural and regional Australia due to a lack of local services, according to Monash University researchers. Nurse-led models of care, including increased task sharing between nurses and doctors in general practice, is a key strategy that can increase efficiency and access to these critical services.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Nauru doctor: Where did all the money go?

Age, General News, 27/07/2023, Michael Bachelard, Page 1

On Chris Jones' first day as the senior doctor at Australia's Nauru offshore processing centre, his manager warned he faced a choice between "chicken or fish" options. The warning referred to the meals offered on the flight back to Australia, but it really meant Jones had two ways he could conduct himself.

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High-tech toys to boost health workforce

Daily Liberal, General News, 27/07/2023, Allison Hore, Page 2

A new high-tech hospital simulation could help boost the region's struggling health workforce. The Wellington-based Centre for Rural Education Simulation and Training (CREST) - which officially opened on Tuesday, July 25 - will give nurses hands-on clinical experience using life-like mannequins and virtual reality.

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Paramedics protest new pay rise offer

Western Advocate, General News, 27/07/2023, Maureen Dettre, Page 5

Paramedics are renewing industrial action to protest a four per cent pay offer from the NSW government. Paramedics are refusing to enter patient billing information or report performance indicators, or attend special events which would place their home station below minimum staffing levels.

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New CVD guidelines mark 'big shift' for risk thresholds, says leading GP

Australian Doctor, Other, 26/07/2023, Kemal Atlay

New CVD risk categories need more explanation, says Emeritus Professor Mark Harris. Changes to CVD guidelines will benefit patients just below the high-risk threshold, but questions remain over the new percentage-based risk categories, says a leading GP.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 26/07/2023, Laura Jayes

Interview with Matt Kean, New South Wales Shadow Health Minister about industrial action of paramedics in NSW. Kean says there's going to be disruptive industrial action because Chris Minns made promises to paramedics and to all public servants that he'd deliver huge public sector pay increases, which he now clearly can't deliver.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 26/07/2023, James Valentine

Paramedics across New South Wales are taking industrial action across the next week after rejecting

the NSW Government's pay offer. However, the Australian Paramedics Association says it won't affect patient safety.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

No room for complacency with e-scripts

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/07/2023

Electronic prescriptions do not eliminate dispensing errors Pharmacists are being urged to check electronic prescriptions as thoroughly as they would paper-based scripts. Speaking during a digital health update webinar hosted by the AJP last week, Pharmaceutical Defence Limited professional officer, Jess Hadley, stressed the need for pharmacists to maintain rigorous review processes when dispensing

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New guidelines establish safe opioid deprescribing practices

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 26/07/2023, Chloe Hava

While opioid deprescribing can prevent severe adverse effects, it's not appropriate for all patients. Creating a tailored, individualised approach is the key to a successful outcome. Opioids are prescribed for pain on a large scale in Australia, with 1.9 million Australians initiated on the medicines each year.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt, 07:30 News, 26/07/2023

The Shire of Dundas says an agreement with a locum service provider to run its Norseman medical centre will bring more health services to the Goldfields community. Councillors voted last night to hand the provision of the town's medical service over to bulk provider for the next three years after the town's long serving GP closed his clinic.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Hospital staff in plea for help

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/07/2023, Carrie Fellner, Page 5

Whistleblowing staff have pleaded for ministerial intervention at a troubled hospital in Sydney's west, savaging the behaviour of management and claiming they are being forced to work in a dangerous environment while patients slept on bare mattresses. In a scathing letter signed anonymously by staff at Cumberland Hospital, the employees implored Health Minister Ryan Park to "please help us from the poor leadership" at the largest psychiatric hospital in the state.

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'Intertwined with government': PwC helped revamp NSW Health then raked in \$30 million

The Mandarin, Other, 26/07/2023, Anton Nilsson

In 2011, NSW paid PwC \$256,709 to help slim down and decentralise the NSW Department of Health. Since then, Crikey can reveal, the firm has raked in nearly \$30 million from NSW Health the lion's

share of the \$123 million the state's so-called local health districts (LHDs) have paid for consultancy services in the past 12 years. [...] Around the same time, NSW Treasury hired PwC to consult on the Health Department restructure.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

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SPORT

Female dream team kicking STEM goals

The Australian, Technology, 27/07/2023, David Swan, Page 18

While all eyes are on the pitch for the FIFA Women's World Cup, an all-female "dream team" of network engineers have worked behind the scenes installing hundreds of switches and access points across the tournament's nine stadiums, in a program aimed at slashing the STEM gender gap and solving the IT industry's image problem.

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

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Exclusive UFC deal fits Foxtel 'like a glove'

Sydney Morning Herald, Business News, 27/07/2023, Calum Jaspan, Page 25

Foxtel has signed a new multi-year exclusive deal with the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), bolstering its sports offering after also securing an extended deal with ESPN last week, which includes rights to the NBA, NFL and MLB. Under the new deal, announced yesterday at an event in The Rocks in Sydney, Foxtel and Kayo Sports will become the UFC's sole payper-view provider in Australia from 2024.

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

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Taxpayers to fund axed jobs for Games

Age, General News, 27/07/2023, Rachael Dexter, Page 1

Taxpayers are on the hook to pay millions of dollars in six-figure salaries for specially appointed Commonwealth Games directors at councils for the next three to five years, even though the Games have been cancelled. Councils in the former Commonwealth Games hubs of Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Gippsland had each already appointed executives to fixed-term roles before the shock announcement by Premier Daniel Andrews last week that the event would not go ahead.

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Brakes on V8 race hopes

Canberra Times, General News, 27/07/2023, Jasper Lindell and Peter Brewer, Page 1

Chief Minister Andrew Barr has put the brakes on a proposal that would have brought a V8 Supercar race to Canberra for the first time in more than two decades. The event's proponents expressed disappointment at failing to secure a face-to-face meeting with Mr Barr to allay his concerns over their pitch, but said they would pursue an alternative model to bring the race to the capital.

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Concussions warning

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 27/07/2023, Eli Green, Page 4

A coronial inquest into the death of former Richmond player Shane Tuck has been told concussion

should be managed on an individual basis, rather than applying the same approach to each case. The inquest is looking into Tuck's death by suicide in 2020 and whether it was linked to chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a severe brain disease he suffered from, and his time playing football and competing as a boxer.

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

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'A major concern': Tuck inquest told Victorian boxing must address CTE better

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 27/07/2023, Lachlan Abbott

Victorian boxing's current policies inadequately address fatal brain disease CTE and national regulations should be devised to better manage repetitive head knocks in combat sports, particularly during training, an inquest has heard. American neurosurgeon Robert Cantu a world-leading expert in sporting brain injuries told the Victorian Coroner's Court inquest into the death of former AFL player and boxer Shane Tuck that the state's boxing concussion policies were "arguably state-of-the-art", but head knocks which don't cause concussion symptoms are overlooked.

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One year out, Aussies set sights on Paris Olympics

Canberra Times, Other, 26/07/2023, Steve Jancetic

As Australia marked one year until the Paris Olympics, two things were made abundantly clear; you don't want to miss breaking's debut and the opening ceremony will be one for the ages. The two elements of Paris 2024 were on show as political heavyweights and Australian Olympic Committee top brass marked the milestone day at Qantas' Sydney headquarters, where 'AllezAus' was officially launched as the team's rallying cry.

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FIFA counters on Indigenous rights at Women's World Cup

Canberra Times, Other, 26/07/2023, Rudi Maxwell

Football governing body FIFA has defended its record on advancing the rights of First Nations people during the Women's World Cup. A group including former Socceroo Craig Foster and Sydney Swans champion Adam Goodes complained to FIFA about ignoring First Nations organisations.

Similar coverage reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [Mamamia \(Online\)](#).

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How much are the Matildas making in 2023?

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Tyler Dane Wingco

The FIFA Women's World Cup is undoubtedly going down in Australian sporting history, but will the prize money rise to the occasion? Image credits: Getty Images The earnings of an athlete can at times be astronomical, though it is not without cause.

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The Australian Under 19s cricket team named

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Andrew Dawson, Nick Tucker, Brayden May and Jason Hosken

The Ashes are won for now - and here we reveal the next generation Aussie cricketer looking to rub salt into England's wounds on the Australian Under 19s tour of England next month. The grandson of a Queensland batting champion, pace bowlers who clock 140kph-plus and some thrilling batsmen have been named in the Australian Under 19s team to tour England next month.

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The Netball World Cup has never been more important

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Patrick Stack

Pay disputes, sponsor turmoil, the end of a domestic team - it's been a bumpy twelve months for Australian netball. With the Commonwealth Games in jeopardy, the World Cup has just become even more important for the sport.

Similar coverage reported by: [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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Women's World Cup food prices raise eyebrows among fans

NEWS.com.au, Other, 26/07/2023, Brooke Rolfe

Fans heading to a game at the FIFA Women's World Cup may want to consider eating beforehand or packing some snacks to avoid paying stadium food prices. Food offerings at the Sydney Football Stadium, in Sydney's Moore Park, have been spotlighted this week over how expensive they are.

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Uncomfortable LGBTIQ+ question at FIFA Women's World Cup pushes BBC to backtrack

SBS, Other, 26/07/2023, Madeleine Wedesweiler

Morocco's Women's World Cup team captain Ghizlane Chebbak winced and took out her earpiece after a BBC reporter asked an "inappropriate" question about LGBTIQ+ players. A BBC reporter has been criticised for asking the Moroccan team's captain if any players on the team were gay.

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How Brisbane Stadium prepared for the FIFA Women's World Cup

4BC, Other, 26/07/2023

Suncorp Stadium boss Alan Graham joined Laurel, Gary & Mark to explain what FIFA required for the transition. Hear more highlights from Laurel, Gary & Mark below.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Murdoch Children's Research Institute-led study finds babies with food allergies have an increased risk of developing asthma

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/07/2023, Sarah Booth

A world-first Melbourne study has revealed something every parent should know as researchers warn what to look out for. Babies with food allergies are almost four times more likely to develop asthma as children, even if they outgrow their allergy, a world-first local study has found.

Similar coverage reported by: [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [3AW \(Online\)](#), [6PR \(Online\)](#), [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(Online\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC Radio Sydney \(Sydney\)](#).

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Moderna/Merck begin late-stage study of mRNA cancer vaccine

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 26/07/2023

Moderna and drugmaker Merck have started a late-stage study to evaluate their experimental mRNA-based cancer vaccine in combination with cancer therapy Keytruda, the companies said on Wednesday. The companies will study the safety and efficacy of the vaccine-Keytruda combination in patients with a type of skin cancer, compared to Keytruda alone.

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Australian ant honey inhibits tough pathogens, new research shows

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 27/07/2023

The medicinal value and potent antimicrobial activity of honey has been a topic of considerable interest in recent years, particularly in light of the alarming rise in antibiotic resistance. While most honey

comes from honey bees (Apis mellifera other insects such as stingless bees, wasps and even ants can produce honey-like products from plant nectar.

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5AA, Afternoons, 26/07/2023, Jade Robran

Interview with Associate Professor Rachel Peters, Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Peters says their research has found babies who had a food allergy are more likely to develop asthma, and they also had reduced lung function when they were six years of age. She states research is definitely going to continue to look at the impacts that allergies have on respiratory health and lung health as children continue to grow up.

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6PR, Afternoons, 26/07/2023, Julie-anne Sprague

Interview with Associate Professor Rachel Peters, Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Peter discusses a study in which babies with food allergies are almost four times more likely to develop asthma as children, even if they outgrow their allergy.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Malaria cases on islands

Courier Mail, General News, 27/07/2023, Dylan Nicholson, Page 13

Health authorities say the Cape community should not be alarmed, despite the detection of malaria cases on two Torres Strait islands in the past month. Three cases of malaria have been detected on Saibai Island, in the Torres Strait, following a case detected on Boigu Island in early July.

Similar coverage reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#).

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Medico an ambassador for social justice

Cairns Post, General News, 27/07/2023, Catherine Duffy, Page 11

A fourth year Cairns medical student has been chosen to become one of nine UNICEF Australia Young Ambassadors. Cyril Saji, 22, from Cairns North will represent Queensland in the Young Ambassadors 18-month program for aspiring young advocates from around the nation.

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Kimberley prisoner dies in Perth hospital after collapsing in West Kimberley Regional Prison

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Gareth McKnight

A prisoner from West Australia's north has died in a Perth hospital after collapsing during recreation activity while in custody, the Department of Justice has announced on Wednesday. The 34-year-old Aboriginal man collapsed on July 15 at the West Kimberley Regional Prison, near the town of Derby, and died on Monday.

Similar coverage reported by: [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#).

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Rainbow Knowledge survey shines spotlight on mental health issues faced by Indigenous LGBTIQ+ youth

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Daryna Zadvirna

Nearly one in two young Indigenous LGBTIQ+ Australians have attempted suicide at some point in their life, new research has found. More than 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, aged

between 14 and 25 and who also identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or asexual, were surveyed as part of a national study.

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

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 26/07/2023, Andrew Clennell

The Productivity Commission says government action on closing the gap is not being felt in Indigenous communities. The Productivity Commission's draft report says it is too easy to find examples of government decisions that contradict commitments in the agreement that do not reflect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's priorities and perspectives and that exacerbate rather than remedy, disadvantage and discrimination.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hep B timebomb warning

Herald Sun, General News, 27/07/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 3

Every Australian born before the year 2000 who is unaware of their hepatitis B status should be screened for the viral infection. The urgent call for a national screening program comes as new research shows an alarming 55,000 Australians may unknowingly have hepatitis B, with more than 20,000 living in Victoria. The Doherty Institute's Viral Hepatitis Mapping Project has found an 18.2 per cent decrease in the number of hepatitis blood tests in Victoria between 2020 and 2022.

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

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Free treatment for people living with HIV

Courier Mail, General News, 27/07/2023, Madura McCormack , Page 7

People living with HIV in Queensland will be able to access antiretroviral treatment for free regardless of their Medicare status from October, under a million-dollar change announced by Health Minister Shannon Fentiman. In Queensland, people living with human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV) make a small co-payment when their prescription is issued and when collecting their medications.

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

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Right formula for conventions

Courier Mail, Business News, 27/07/2023, Glen Norris, Page 21

There was tonnes of brain power at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) this week as thousands of top researchers gathered for the world's largest and most influential HIV sciences conference. The centre played host to more than 3000 members of the international research community attending the International Aids Society Conference on HIV Science, also known as IAS 2023.

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

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Seek testing if at risk of Hep C

Barrier Truth, General News, 26/07/2023, Melanie Gates, Page 5

Hepatitis Awareness Week is here - July 24 to 30 - and people in the Far West at risk of hepatitis C infection are being encouraged to take steps to seek testing and treatment to avoid permanent liver damage and transmission to others. Hepatitis C is a virus that a?

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AUKUS nuclear dump deal decades in the making by players with prescience

Crikey, Other, 26/07/2023, David Hardaker

The secret deal struck by the Albanese government to build a high-grade nuclear waste facility has echoes that resound from 26 years ago. The story of the long, slow journey to a nuclear waste dump being built in Australia as required by the AUKUS agreement is probably best told through one Jim Voss, a nuclear evangelist from America who has been part of the Australian scene for at least a quarter of a century.

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RSV is everywhere right now. What parents need to know about respiratory syncytial virus

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 26/07/2023

This winter, we're having to get our heads around another respiratory virus RSV. It's less well known than COVID or flu, but it's also responsible for unplanned visits to the GP or emergency department, and days off school, childcare and work. It's the most common cause of hospitalisation in infants. Most children have at least one RSV infection by the age of three years and yet, many Australians have not heard of RSV or know little about this potentially serious winter virus.

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ABC South East SA, Breakfast , 26/07/2023, Selina Green

Interview with Dr Jeff Taylor, KinCraig Medical Clinic. Federal Health Department data shows the highest numbers of flu cases nationally have been among those aged 5 to 9 under fours and tweens aged 10 to 14. Taylor says they're seeing a big surge in influenza A.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

IPO Wrap: Kardashian IPO rumours swirl; August set to be busy month for new ASX listings

The Australian, Other, 26/07/2023, Eddy Sunarto

At last! August looms as a busy month for new ASX listings if the schedule for the first half of it are anything to go by. That probably has nothing to do with rumours of a Kardashian IPO overseas. [...] In the consumable category, Dragonfly has already received special access scheme approval for two of its products from the TGA.

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Teen poisoned by popular drug forced to relearn how to walk

Adelaide Now, Other, 26/07/2023, Nathan Schmidt

Hospitals are warning of an increase in patients who have been left bedbound by complications from a popular recreational drug. Doctors are calling for tighter restrictions on the misuse of nitrous oxide cartridges also known as nangs' due to the rise of 24-hour delivery services that provide easy access to partygoers, according to the Sydney Morning Herald. [...] The Therapeutic Goods Administration says it will look into imposing further restrictions.

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Australia legalises psychedelics to treat some mental health conditions, but therapists warn it is no miracle cure

ABC Online, Other, 26/07/2023, Rosemary Bolger and Louise Heywood

When patients nervous about taking psychedelics for the first time ask their therapist if they've tried it, only a handful are able to say yes. Clinical psychotherapist Marg Ryan is one of them. [...] The

traditionally conservative Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) decision to legalise them for persistent mental health issues took many researchers by surprise.

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Get a Free Demo Of The AusDoc Platform

Australian Doctor, Other, 26/07/2023, Rachel Carter

MDMA, psilocybin and vaping advertising will join medicinal cannabis as priorities for 2023/24, says the watchdog. The TGA issued \$1.3 million in fines for illegal medicinal cannabis advertising last financial year, with six different companies and one individual health practitioner coming under scrutiny.

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Tightening the screws

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/07/2023, Chris Brooker

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has published its import, advertising and supply compliance priorities for 2023-24, revealing that nicotine vaping products, medicinal cannabis advertising, and the wellness industries are among the areas of focus.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

ASX Health Stocks: Living Cells Tech files patent for cannabis-based dementia drug

The Australian, Other, 26/07/2023, Eddy Sunarto

Living Cell Technologies (ASX:LCT) has filed a provisional patent application over a cannabinoid (CBD)-based combination drug, known as AI-116, for the treatment of dementia. The filing of a provisional patent application establishes the priority date of the invention ahead of potential competitor companies. So far, there has been no development of a cure for the diseases that cause dementia.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Doctored labels 'our worst-kept secret'

Herald Sun, General News, 27/07/2023, Kara Monssen, Page 11

Food safety authorities are investigating claims that Mr Shahak's Melbourne food manufacturing business has been relabelling "best before" dates on cheese and other products before selling to stores. Quality Food World current and former employees have told the Herald Sun the practice was the company's "worst-kept secret" and that it had been going on for years. [...] Food Standards Australia New Zealand said all food for sale must comply with the requirements of Food Standards Code.

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Coca-Cola UK makes major change as Australia explores options

NEWS.com.au, Other, 26/07/2023, Claudia Poposki

The World Health Organisation has officially designated the common artificial sweetener aspartame a 'potential carcinogen.' But while there's data pointing to a possible health hazard, there isn't enough evidence to understand how big the risk is.

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Sugar tax could save nation millions and fund dental care, study finds

The New Daily, Other, 26/07/2023, Parker McKenzie

A 20 per cent national sugar tax could save Australia more than \$60 million over 10 years, increase health equity and prevent more than 500,000 dental cavities, according to new research. Tan Nguyen, study author and Monash University School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine PhD candidate, said the sugar tax study has taken six years.

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