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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **The Australian** (page 1) reports health, education, housing and jobs will be the priorities of an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, Indigenous Affairs Minister Linda Burney says. Ms Burney yesterday in an address to the National Press Club in Canberra said "[Indigenous] people are worried about their children's future, about education, about jobs, about medical services and there hasn't been one community that I've visited that hasn't raised the issue of housing." Also reported by: [The Australian](#), [Daily Telegraph](#) (Editorial by Minister Burney), [Herald Sun](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [West Australian](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner](#), [SBS](#)
- **The Age** (page 1) reports the AFL has contacted police in multiple states and the eSafety Commissioner following the release and widespread distribution of naked images of more than 45 past and present players on social media. The AFL Players' Association said "We will support our impacted members through our legal and wellbeing services. This is now a police matter, and we will continue to assist as necessary." Also reported by: [The Australian](#), [Canberra Times](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [Herald Sun](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Courier Mail](#), [West Australian](#), [ABC News](#), [The Guardian](#), [News.com.au](#)
- The **Canberra Times** (page 1) reports the death of a Canberra woman is under investigation after her agreed end-of-life plan was stopped by doctors. Ros Williams' children said their

mother, who was suffering from advanced motor neurone disease, was forced to end her life due to the ACT's lack of voluntary assisted dying laws. *Also reported by: [The Australian, Canberra Times](#)*

- The [Hobart Mercury](#) (page 4) reports Tasmania's doctors have voted overwhelmingly to accept a more competitive pay deal from the state government ending months of negotiations. Australian Medical Association Tasmania and Tasmanian Salaried Medical Practitioners Society lead negotiator Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel said the pay deal was a "significant milestone for Tasmania's health care sector" that would "improve health care services for Tasmanians". *Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury](#)*
- [The Australian](#) (page 6) reports Victorian ambulance personnel have accused the state's government of misleading the public on the extent of cuts the healthcare system since the end of the COVID pandemic. Ambulance sources expressed concern over the state's Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officer which transplanted personnel from hospitals to mobile roles. *Also reported by: [Herald Sun](#)*
- [The Age](#) (page 14) reports Ambulance Victoria personnel who have been sexually harassed, bullied and discriminated against in the workplace will be able to seek compensation and an apology through a new state government scheme. Minister for Ambulance Services Gabrielle Williams said "This restorative process is about listening, acknowledging and responding to the harm caused to anyone that was discriminated against or who experienced sexual harassment, bullying and victimisation." *Also reported by: [Canberra Times](#)*
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 14) reports the federal government has ruled out mandating abortion care access at all public hospitals despite calls from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Health Minister Mark Butler told a press conference last week "That was a policy at an election some time ago. It's not our policy now." *Also reported by: [The Age](#)*
- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 19) reports some health professionals express negative bias toward overweight patients, which can lead them to overlook crucial diagnoses, new research from Monash University has found. Lead researcher, Monash Professor Gemma Sharp said "Patients are told: 'You just need to diet and exercise more', but what if a person has arthritis for example? I feel like it is honestly seemingly one of the last forms of acceptable discrimination."
- The [Illawarra Mercury](#) (page 1) reports elective and emergency caesarean rates have risen across both public and private hospitals in New South Wales, a new report by NSW Health's Mother and Babies has found. Midwife and the Vice-President of Wollongong Hospital's NSW Nurses and Midwives Association branch Emma Gedge said "For me the trends we see in the Mother and Babies report are a concern because it seems like we're on this ride into an obstetrically-led model of care rather than a midwifery-led model of care, when we know the vast majority of women actually do better in a midwifery-led model of care." *Also reported by: [Daily Advertiser](#)*

MINISTER BUTLER

Clarity key as minister cuts through the static

The Australian, General News, 06/07/2023, Paige Taylor, Page 4

Linda Burney knew a month ago that she needed to put some guardrails on the debate about an Indigenous voice to parliament. By June 9, when the Indigenous Australians Minister arrived southeast of Katherine for an annual Indigenous festival forever tied to Bob Hawke's treaty pledge, the No campaign was gaining traction. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler is now talking about the voice as a much-needed new approach "about better ways to intervene, to change behaviours, and to close that gap".

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

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Labor rules out universal access

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/07/2023, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 14

The federal government won't force state hospitals to perform surgical abortions, formally ruling out a policy it took to the 2019 election, but is facing a fresh push from health groups and left-leaning Labor women to make terminations more accessible. [...] However, Health Minister Mark Butler ruled out revisiting Labor's 2019 policy of making public hospital systems provide abortion services to qualify for federal funding, ahead of a push from left-leaning Labor women's ranks to put the issue back on the agenda at the party's national conference next month.

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

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Cheap medicine makes pharmacies crook

Area News, General News, 05/07/2023, Jamieson Murphy, Page 7

More than 150 regional pharmacies would be forced to close, with thousands laid off if the government pushes ahead with its plan to extend scripts from 30 days to 60, a report commissioned by Pharmacy Guild says. But the Health Minister and the Australian Medical Association blasted the pharmacy industry's attempt as a "scare campaign" against a policy that would give millions access to cheaper medicine. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler slammed the Pharmacy Guild for campaigning against a policy that would make medicine cheaper for more than six million people.

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Boost for regional medical students

Ballarat Courier, General News, 06/07/2023, Alex Dalziel, Page 7

Universities are welcoming the federal government expansion of places for regionally-trained medical students, under a new program which looks to address the state's lack of country doctors. An additional 80 Commonwealth supported places for regional medical students has been promised by 2024 under a \$114.2 million investment from the federal government, Health minister Mark Butler has announced.

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Boost as region's doctor model to expand

Daily Advertiser, General News, 06/07/2023, Page 3

A program to attract and retain doctors in the bush, which was first trialled in the Murrumbidgee, will be expanded to more communities across the state after its expansion was approved by the federal government. The Single Employer Model (SEM) employs junior doctors directly at local public hospitals, while also allowing them to practise as a private GP under supervision. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the government is committed to supporting further trials to ensure communities in need are reached.

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Rural patients miss out on health care

Farm Weekly, Supplements, 06/07/2023, Jamieson Murphy, Page 15

Regional Australians miss out on nearly \$850 a year in healthcare access, which equates to a total annual rural health spending deficit of \$6.5 billion, a new report has found. The National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA), which commissioned the report, said the damning document provided clear evidence for the need to bring the country's scattered rural health initiatives under one umbrella. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the government's recent healthcare measures would benefit regional patients, pointing to a \$6.1b investment to strengthen Medicare and a \$3.5b bulk billing incentive.

Also reported by: [Area News \(Griffith\)](#), [Oberon Review \(Oberon\)](#), [The Rural \(Wagga Wagga\)](#).

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Lachlan Shire Council News

Lake News, General News, 05/07/2023, Page 3

Lachlan Shire Council has decided to write to Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler to air its concerns about a potential impact to rural pharmacies, in relation to the government's 60-day medicine policy. Mr Butler could not guarantee that no patient or no community pharmacy would be worse off under the 60-day medicine policy or that there would be no medicine shortages.

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Or are we being fooled?

Tasman Gazette, General News, 01/07/2023, Wendy Askew, Page 6

There is only one way to describe the Labor Government's ill-conceived 60-day dispensing policy a wolf in sheep's clothing that will inevitably leave pharmacists and patients out-of-pocket and out of options. It was clear from their reaction that pharmacists across the country were blindsided on the eve of the Federal Budget when Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Health Minister Mark Butler made the announcement of a policy measure touted as "cheaper medicines".

Also reported by: [East Coast View News \(Hobart\)](#),

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Report questions service impacts

Weekly Advertiser, General News, 05/07/2023, Page 15

A new report has criticised a Federal Government 60-day dispensing policy due for implementation in September, as the first medicines under the scheme were announced. The policy will mean patients living with a chronic, stable condition can buy two months' worth of medicine for the price of a single 30-day prescription. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said nearly one million Australians were forced to delay, or go without a medicine that their doctor has told them is necessary for their health every year.

Also reported by: [The Weekly Advertiser \(Online\)](#),

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Call to delay 60-day dispensing

Yorke Peninsula Country Times - Kadina, General News, 04/07/2023, Michelle Daw, Page 7

Yorke Peninsula pharmacists and the pharmacy industry peak group are concerned about the impact of 60-day dispensing on their future. This comes as medical leaders have thrown their support behind the initiative. [...] The initiative was announced in April by Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, who said patients could save up to \$180 a year if their medication was eligible.

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Butler at PSA23

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 05/07/2023, Page 2

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has announced that Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler will attend PSA23 in Sydney on 28 Jul (PD Breaking News today). PSA National President Dr Fei Sim FPS said that there had never been a more important time for the Minister to address pharmacists.

Also reported by: [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#),

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Cancer survivor's mission to promote life-saving kits

Canberra Times, Other, 06/07/2023

Before a screening kit changed the course of Melahat Kaymak's life, it gathered dust on her bathroom shelf for months. "My husband kept on saying, 'when are you going to do it, when are you going to do it?' [...] "We know cancer screening saves lives - and not screening costs us lives," Health Minister Mark Butler said at the time.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#),

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Single employer model to expand to Hunter New England to attract more doctors, under NSW government and federal scheme

Newcastle Herald, Other, 05/07/2023, Damon Cronshaw

A scheme to tackle the shortage of doctors in regional and rural areas will be expanded to include the Hunter, boosting hopes for better healthcare in the region The "single employer model" will be bolstered with two new trials. The first will cover the Far West, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Murrumbidgee, Southern and Western local health districts. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, who approved the model's expansion in NSW, said it would make "training and working in rural general practice a more attractive option for young doctors".

Federal government approves Single Employer Model trial for Hunter New England local health district

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 05/07/2023, Eva Baxter

The push to attract more junior doctors to the region has been successful with Hunter New England local health district given the tick to trial a new healthcare model. The Single Employer Model employs junior doctors directly at local public hospitals, while also allowing them to practise as a private GP under supervision. [...] Federal health minister Mark Butler said the government is committed to supporting further trials to ensure communities in need are reached.

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Legalise it: vape prohibition isn't working, and doubling down certainly won't either

Crikey, Other, 05/07/2023, Bernard Keane

The government's ridiculous proposal to further strengthen an already failed ban on vaping makes no sense even among public health experts. Cracks are appearing in the public health lobby's support for new bans on vaping revealing that, even in a notoriously prohibitionist sector, there is concern the Albanese government's ridiculous "crackdown" on e-cigarettes simply won't work. After railing against the evil tobacco industry in March, Health Minister Mark Butler used the budget to announce a plan to "stamp out vaping", costing hundreds of millions of dollars.

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'They're not going to be able to prohibit it': Expert says Labor's blanket ban on vapes will increase clandestine activity

Sky News Australia, Other, 05/07/2023, Heloise Vyas

A health industry expert has criticised the federal government's proposed blanket ban on vaping products, arguing it will only fuel the black market and worsen addiction rates across the country. Speaking of the world-first reforms put forward by the Minister for Health in May to mitigate underage nicotine consumption in Australia, Doctor Joe Kosterich said the measures would do little to tackle the problem instead only adding to it further. Health Minister Mark Butler unveiled a suite of measures as part of the crackdown on vape sales, including banning disposable vapes at convenience stores and limiting imports of liquid nicotine, suggesting the move would make access harder for children.

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Butler and McBride set to front PSA23

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/07/2023

Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, will deliver the opening address at PSA23 later this month. The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has confirmed that Butler will address the profession directly for the first time since he announced the government's plan to introduce double dispensing in April.

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Outcry at oral morphine's discontinuation

The Medical Republic, Other, 05/07/2023

The national supply of a gold standard pain drug is to cease in Australia from the end of the year, the TGA has announced. Australian peak health organisations have joined forces in a public outcry over the TGA's announcement of the looming end to national supply of a critical pain medication. [...] It is understood a number of health organisations have already written to Health Minister, Mark Butler, highlighting the issue.

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PD breaking news – Federal Health Minister to speak at PSA23

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/07/2023

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has confirmed that the minister will address attendees.

For the first time since he announced the introduction of 60-day dispensing in Apr, the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care the Hon Mark Butler will attend PSA23 in Sydney on 28 Jul.

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Health Minister to open PSA23

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 05/07/2023

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Big Tobacco's new push into pharmacy vapes

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/07/2023, Jolyon Attwooll

Documents seen by newsGP show how a tobacco giant is trying to corner the vaping market as the Government clamps down. There has been an exponential rise in the number of young people vaping in recent years. [...] In a speech to the Press Club in May, Federal Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler called the current situation the biggest loophole in Australian history' and outlined measures to attempt to address the issue.

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Seven Rockhampton, Seven Local News, 05/07/2023, Rob Brough and Joanne Desmond

The Member of Flynn, Colin Boyce, has slammed the Federal Labor Government failure to deliver it's election promise to build an urgent care clinic in Rockhampton In a statement to Seven News, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said after nine long years of cuts and neglect by the former government, the Albanese government is making Medicare stronger for all Australians. The Health Minister also said there are no delays and the clinics will be running by the end of the year.

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WIN Sunshine Coast, WIN News Sunshine Coast & Wide Bay, 05/07/2023, Lincoln Humphries

Federal Labor is under fire tonight, accused of failing to deliver on its urgent care clinic promise to the regions. Opposition MPs claiming the facilities were promised to be operational by July 1st. A spokesperson for Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the commitment was to have clinics open by the end of the year adding it will be easier for Queenslanders to receive medical care when they need it.

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2GB, Breakfast, 05/07/2023, Mark Levy

Interview with Rebecca Lang, CEO, Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies. Earlier this year, the Health Minister announced a major crackdown. Mark Butler vowed to take action on smoking and vaping. He introduced a series of changes, but one of them has professionals in the field concerned. Lang says due to iron ban on vaping what's available on the market is more potent than we would allow in a regulated market. She suggests regulation similar to alcohol regulation. She says what they need to implement the measures that will work instead of just expressing concern and deploy law enforcement to try and reduce the use.

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Funding formula key to quality aged care

Newcastle Herald, General News, 06/07/2023, Ian Henschke, Page 18

Two years after the completion of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, there are great expectations the quality of aged care will be improved. While much has been done, including better pay, better nursing care, new quality standards and star ratings, one of the key difficulties in this long-term reform process is funding. [...] To address this issue, the Minister for Aged Care, Anika Wells, announced an Aged Care Taskforce in mid-June.

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Celebrating Indigenous elders

Community Care Review, Other, 05/07/2023

This year's naidoc Week pays tribute to older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and celebrates the role they have played and continue to play in Indigenous communities. To mark the week organised annually by the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee Aged Care Minister Anika Wells spoke to Kungarakana and Iwaidja Elder Professor Tom Calma on Twitter about the importance of culturally safe aged care.

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More cash in pockets for aged care workers

Community Care Review, Other, 05/07/2023

The 1st of July was D-day for the aged care sector as a number of major changes came into play, including a wage increase for workers. It's 1 July, and we have hit a *MAJOR* milestone on our mission to improve aged care. pic.twitter.com/56SjdzHbK Anika Wells MP (@AnikaWells) June 30, 2023
Taking to Twitter for a video address, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said the 1 July signified "a massive milestone" for the industry.

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5AA, Mornings, 05/07/2023, Matthew Pantelis

Interview with Dr Rowena Mobbs, Director, Australian CTE Biobank, Macquarie University about repetitive head injuries in contact sports link to dementia. Mobbs says US research shows total accumulated force that you've been exposed to over the years of subconcussions count for CTE severity. She says they're waiting for the delivery of the Senate inquiry into concussion findings and recommendations in August as well as Minister for Sport, Anika Wells' opinions on and how she will act on this important issue. She notes Wells named it as sport's number one issue.

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

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Brain scans for 12-year-olds possible future of preventative mental health measures

The Mandarin, Other, 05/07/2023, Melissa Coade

Australian neuroscientists believe a process of brain-fingerprinting the population of adolescents with developing brains might be the future of mental health checks. The weight of mental ill-health and

suicide in Australia is immeasurable but in dollar terms, the Productivity Commission estimates it costs the nation an annual bill of \$200 to \$220 billion. [...] In a statement, assistant minister for mental health and suicide prevention Emma McBride said the government was committed to improving systems of care to give Australians access to the support they needed.

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Chemists say patients worse off with 60-day dispensing

Coast Community News, Other, 05/07/2023, Sue Murray

Pharmacist Raymond Kuoch has stores in Toukley, The Entrance and Terrigal. People can expect shorter trading hours, fewer services, worsening medicine shortages and closures of local pharmacies under the Federal Government's 60-day dispensing policy, according to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. [...] "I'm calling on Emma McBride (Member for Dobell and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health) to re-think this policy and put patients first."

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Retail Pharmacy, Other, 05/07/2023

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More rural medical student placements on the way

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/07/2023, Matt Woodley

Funding of \$114 million has been set aside to allow 80 additional training places in regional areas each year. Eighty new Commonwealth supported places for rural-trained medical students will be in place permanently from 2024. [...] Growing medical training across rural and regional Australia will improve access to medical care for people living outside of major cities,' Assistant Rural and Regional Health Minister Emma McBride said.

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WIN Rockhampton, WIN News Central Queensland, 05/07/2023, Lincoln Humphries

The Federal Government is committing funding for additional places for doctors training in rural and regional facilities. It's hoped the initiative will encourage more medicos to take up positions in regional areas. The Federal Government is announcing an additional 80 Commonwealth supported places for training doctors worth \$114 million while \$82 million will also be invested to improve rural medical school infrastructure.

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60-DD pharmacy kit out

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 05/07/2023, Page 1

The Dept of Health and Aged Care's Pharmacy kit - PBS medicines with increased dispensing quantities is now available, [HERE](#), for all community pharmacists (PD Breaking News yesterday). The 10-page kit provides information, FAQs and case studies to pharmacists about changes to PBS medicines with increased dispensing quantities (60-day dispensing).

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HWL Ebsworth hack affected government departments, cyber security coordinator says

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Matthew Doran

Australia's new cyber security coordinator has confirmed multiple government departments and agencies have been affected by the massive HWL Ebsworth hack. [...] The firm's clients include the big four banks and the federal health department.

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The ethics of healthcare funding

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023

The Religion and Ethics Report During the pandemic, many doctors in public hospitals faced tough decisions over who, and what, to treat. Resources were stretched to the limit. [...] Professor Stephen Duckett is one of Australia's leading health economists who once headed the Commonwealth Department of Health. He tackles some of these questions in a new book called Healthcare Funding and Christian Ethics.

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Former KPMG partner urges royal commission into consulting industry following damning report into PwC scandal

The Guardian, Other, 06/07/2023, Henry Belot

A former kpmg partner turned whistleblower has urged the federal government to consider a royal commission into the consulting industry and to formally ban firms that breach legal and ethical standards. [...] In recent months, some departments have been reluctant to give PwC new contracts until multiple investigations are completed. So far, the department of health and aged care is the only agency to confirm it has suspended a contract.

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Cybersecurity chief Darren Goldie says 'sensitive' data from HWL Ebsworth hack published on dark web by Russian gang

Sky News Australia, Other, 05/07/2023, max melzer

Australia's new cybersecurity coordinator Darren Goldie said "sensitive personal and government information" was stolen by Russian hackers in an attack on law firm HWL Ebsworth in April. Mr Goldie, who was appointed to the new role last week, issued a statement on Wednesday saying he was "actively engaging" with the firm to understand the fallout from the breach.

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Poll: Decision makers need community pharmacy experience

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/07/2023

Could the appointment of a Chief Pharmacist improve relations between the Department of Health and the community pharmacy sector? Bureaucrats behind the new national methadone Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) system need to get a taste of life in community pharmacy, readers of the AJP believe.

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Life after DoH: 'Italian and singing'

Pharma In Focus, Other, 05/07/2023

Department of Health and Aged Care Secretary Professor Brendan Murphy intends to 'learn Italian and singing' after he hands the baton to his successor Blair Comley at the end of this week. Delivering his valedictory speech in Canberra, the outgoing chief gave a peek at life after he steps away from the Department.

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He did it his way, Murphy reflects on tenure at Health Department

RiotACT, Other, 05/07/2023, Chris Johnson

Brendan Murphy leaves the Health Department's top job this week knowing that his successor will likely take a very different leadership approach. But he is happy that his own tenure focussed more on the department than on the wider Australian Public Service (APS) as a whole.

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ABC Radio Darwin , 18:00 News, 05/07/2023

Australia's new cyber security coordinator says a number of government departments and agencies have been affected by the hack on law firm HWL Ebsworth with sensitive, personal and government information stolen. The big four banks and the Federal Health Department are among HWL Ebsworth's clients.

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ABC Radio Perth, 22:00 News, 05/07/2023

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CORONAVIRUS

ABC News, News Breakfast, 05/07/2023, Michael Rowland and Emma Rebellato

Interview with Dr Rodney Pearce, Chairman, Immunisation Coalition. Pearce warns against complacency following WHO declaring an end to the Covid 19 global public health emergency. He says this year, there are over 2000 deaths from Covid. He says many people are now under the false impression that the pandemic is over

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

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Sky News Live, Sharri, 05/07/2023, Sharri Markson

Interview with Rado Feletic, Founder, COVERSE about class action lawsuit brought by some of those who say they were injured by the COVID-19 vaccine. Feletic says there were over 3000 scientific peer reviewed publications that dealt with the issue of vaccine injuries brought down by Facebook. He states the lawsuit is a way for people who've had their lives completely destroyed by these vaccines to get some sort of financial compensation. He adds they're extremely cautious about the new independent immunisation safety office to overhaul Australia's vaccine monitoring systems

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Aged care facilities closing

CQ Today, General News, 05/07/2023, Michelle Landry, Page 20

Last Saturday was 1 July. This was a date that had been dreaded by age care providers as Labor's expedited 24/7 registered nurse's requirement hit the sector amid a severe workforce crisis. [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care has revealed that over the next three months, the sector is 8100 nurses short of being able to meet Labor's staffing requirement, which they brought forward against the recommendation of the Royal Commission.

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Councils pave the way for dementia inclusivity

Council, General News, 01/07/2023, Tess Macallan, Page 66

Local governments have a responsibility to ensure public facilities and communities are safe for people living with dementia. Here Council Magazine unpacks why these initiatives are so important, highlighting the efforts of two Australian Councils in creating dementia-friendly communities.

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How much does it cost to move to a retirement village?

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 05/07/2023, Rachel Lane

Anyone looking at downsizing into a retirement village will know how complicated the financial arrangements can be. There are numerous fees and costs to track, which can feel overwhelming when you're trying to map out your finances.

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Jess Adamson: Why we need a restaurant run by dementia sufferers in Adelaide

Adelaide Now, Other, 05/07/2023, Jess Adamson

In Tokyo, there's a restaurant staffed entirely by people who live dementia, writes Jess Adamson. There are 400,000 reasons we need one in SA. National Seniors Australia Chief Advocate Ian Henschke says aged care homes are becoming "more like hospitals". "They are end of life care, palliative care, dementia care, with the vast majority of residents having dementia care," Mr Henschke told Sky News Australia.

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Australia's ageing population puts it at risk of running out of workers

West Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Adrian Lowe

An impending wave of Baby Boomer retirements means Australia is fast facing the prospect of running out of workers unless migration is drastically increased, experts say. Long-declining birth rates are nowhere near enough to replenish the economy with workers as a forecast "retirement cliff" looms large.

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320+ Townsville seniors sign up for \$30m security trial

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 05/07/2023, Natasha Emeck

More than 320 elderly residents in Townsville have already signed up to beef-up their home security with new locks, Crimsafe screens and CCTV under a new \$30m trial. More than 320 elderly residents in Townsville have already signed up to beef-up their home security with new locks, Crimsafe screens and CCTV under a new \$30m trial.

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Terang explores future of aged care at community forum in wake of May Noonan closure

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 06/07/2023, Madeleine McNeil

A community forum in Terang has heard there's strong interest from south-west aged care providers keen to operate in the town as it looks to a future without May Noonan. A community working group will be established to explore the future of aged care and a business case will be developed to determine the district's needs, following a community forum in the town on Wednesday night. [...] Also in attendance were Amiee Chambers from the Department of Health and Aged Care and Warrnambool's Chris Pye from St Vincent de Paul, with the charity involved in establishing May Noonan in the 70s.

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Wauchope paramedics take palliative care patient for final trip to the beach

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Alexandra Jones, Luke Ryan, and Fiona Poole

When paramedics picked up 85-year-old Mavis from her Port Macquarie home this week they thought they were just dropping her off at a palliative care unit. But when she started talking about meeting her husband of 65 years at the beach, Wauchope paramedics Ray Smythe and Dave Moran decided to take a detour.

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Not everyone backing user pay to increase viability

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 05/07/2023, Natasha Egan

Almost all aged care leaders taking part in an industry survey say the sector's funding is inadequate but only half think more opportunities to boost user pay revenue in accommodation and services is the solution. Aged care consultancy and benchmarking firm Mirus Australia surveyed 276 individuals from 207 aged care organisations in late May and June about the sector's funding landscape and financial sustainability.

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Call for funded assistance for home care pet owners

Community Care Review, Other, 05/07/2023

There's an urgent need to support pet ownership for older Australians who choose to live independently, says a new survey. The poll conducted by national animal welfare charity Companion Animal Network Australia shows 40 per cent of people receiving a government-funded Home Care Package live with a pet.

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Care home resident dies after suddenly catching FIRE when he lit up a cigarette

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/07/2023, Pdraig Collins

A nursing home resident and amputee has died from horrific burns after catching alight while smoking a cigarette in a wheelchair. Great-grandfather Michael Nagle, 72, was allegedly left unattended for a period of time at the RSL LifeCare in Condobolin, 457km west of Sydney, to have a smoke. But Mr Nagle suffered critical burns, which left his wheelchair a burnt-out wreck, and died six days later.

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Could your pay rise be impacted? Your burning questions answered

HelloCare, Other, 05/07/2023, Alex Jacobs

The aged care pay rise has left lingering questions for many workers in the sector. [Source: Shutterstock] Roughly 250,000 aged care workers received a major pay boost last weekend as the 15% pay rise took effect from June 30.

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Aged care food complaints hotline on track for late-July launch

HelloCare, Other, 05/07/2023, Alex Jacobs

The highly anticipated complaints hotline for aged care food and nutrition issues will be launched towards the end of July as the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission remains on track to meet key funding commitments. Key points: The hotline was announced in May

2SM, 19:00 News, 05/07/2023

Elder abuse is also on the rise, According to the latest figures, about 1 in 6 Australians aged 65 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse Advocates are concerned cost of living pressures could be contributing to the spike, with Victorian Seniors Helpline reporting a nearly 40% increase in calls after seven years in the role.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Staying healthy this winter an aim for all

Burnie Advocate, General News, 06/07/2023, Penny Egan, Page 23

Even without a winter festival to get us out and about, winter is certainly not about losing your mojo when it comes to staying healthy. It's a time to embrace another season - albeit we may be wearing several more layers of clothing! Evidence indicates that for all of us, up to one hour of moderate activity or 30 minutes of vigorous activity is recommended daily to cut your cancer risk.

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Rural healthcare for LGBTQIA+ people

Shepparton News, General News, 06/07/2023, Djembe Archibald, Page 8

"Rural LGBTQIA+ patients shouldn't have to travel to the city to access good-quality care they should be able to access it close to where they live." That's the view of Rural Doctors Association of Australia president-elect Dr Raymond Lewandowski. The RDDA has backed the Federal Government's 60-day dispensing measure for selected medications, saying it is good policy for rural patients.

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CVD and weekend warriors who should be screened?

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Richard Alcock, Page 33

People should be encouraged to exercise, but caution may be needed with middle-aged weekend warriors, says interventional cardiologist Dr Richard Alcock. The benefits of regular exercise are well established. It can prevent or improve all the major risk factors that contribute to cardiovascular disease (CVD), including hypertension, diabetes, central adiposity and dyslipidaemia. Exercise also has significant benefits for mental health disorders, which are common but often ignored contributors to CVD.

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The other side of career versus family

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 35

A man's identity was once chained to his work. That's changing says John Rich, of Men's Health and Wellbeing WA. With eight out of 10 men visiting their GP regularly, and with the focus for Men's Health Week this year on Healthy Habits, general practice is well placed to support men focus on their wellbeing.

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Different gaps

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Joe Kosterich, Page 39

There is a gender gap that does not attract much attention and that is the one where males do worse on just about any health measurement. Life expectancy for a male born today is about two year less than that of a female. [...] Speaking of gaps AIHW data shows that people living in very remote areas used 8.5 services per person in 2022, with a subsidy rate of 85%, while people in major cities used 18.3 services with a subsidy rate of 76%.

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Here's When We Hit Our Physical and Mental Peaks

The Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Clare Ansberry

When are we our fastest, strongest and most creative? Elite swimmers peak in their early 20s, powerlifters peak at 35 and equestrians later still, on average. Creativity peaks either very early in our careers or later, depending on how we think. Our ability to quickly absorb facts reaches its zenith in our late teens, while our vocabulary skills crest in our sixth decade.

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Will getting out in the sun help me sleep better?

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 05/07/2023, Trisha Pasricha

Being outdoors for at least some parts of the day can help you sleep better. Get sunlight early, walk outside in the afternoon, reduce blue light at least three hours before bedtime and go to bed in darkness to improve your sleep. Light affects melatonin, a hormone that helps regulate sleep. It does so even in some blind people with no conscious perception of light.

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Rising heat threatens Australia's labour capacity in the Northern Territory

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Roxanne Fitzgerald

Scientists are warning northern Australia will soon be facing dangerous heat as the climate warms, to such a degree it could "impair" the ability for labourers to work outside if effective strategies aren't put in place. Residents in the Northern Territory already deal with intense heat and stifling humidity during the 'build-up', the pre-monsoonal period between October and December.

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Should exercise be compulsory in year 11 and 12?

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2023, Richard-Glover

Only one in ten 15-17 year olds are sufficiently active for their age, according to recent research from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. This has caused a big stir amongst Australia's leading sports bosses who are asking, should we make exercise mandatory?

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'They'll still get through': Major concerns over blanket vape ban

2GB, Other, 05/07/2023

There are fresh concerns over Australia's blanket ban on vaping, with experts warning the soft stance will add fuel to the fire.

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Sky News Live, Newsday, 05/07/2023, Tom Connell

Interview with Joe Kosterich, Chairman, Tobacco Harm Reduction Association. Kosterich says research shows there's a number of studies that have shown vaping to be the most effective and most popular stop smoking method worldwide. He states the least thing Government could do to help the 14%-15% of the population and the 44 % of Indigenous people who still smoke is to lift the ban on vaping.

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2CC, 12:00 News, 05/07/2023

Australia's crackdown on vaping is being criticised by health professionals for being a gateway to the black market. They're warning a prescription based approach will encourage young people to obtain e-cigarettes illegally. Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies chief executive Rebecca Lang says a blanket ban will not solve the issue.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Breast screening record set in Hunter New England

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 06/07/2023, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

More than 5400 women were screened for breast cancer in the Hunter New England health district in May, as mammograms rebounded from a record low during the pandemic. They were among a record 37,000 women who had mammograms at BreastScreen NSW clinics during that month.

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

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Authentic screenplay born from cancer fight

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 06/07/2023, Rhylea Millar, Page 5

When Marianne Buchanan first discovered a lump in her breast, her intuition set in and she began living every day like it was her last. Diagnosed with invasive stage three breast cancer in late 2018, the then 36-year-old began planning her own funeral. While the single mum said she wanted to survive for her two children, she resigned herself to the fact she may not live.

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PSA guidelines under review

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Eric Martin, Page 20

The next 20 years will see an estimated 600,000 men be treated for prostate cancer. The current review of national guidelines aims make their outcomes more favourable and the journey less confusing. [...] Cancer Australia found that only 36% of prostate cancers are detected at Stage I in Australia, most (46%) are detected at Stage II, 11% are detected at Stage III, and 4% are detected at Stage IV.

Also reported by: [Medical Forum \(Online\)](#).

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Prostate multiparametric MRI

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Dr Kevin, Page 42

Prostate MRI is a vital tool in the diagnosis, staging and management of prostate cancer, and is part of established diagnostic and management guidelines. The detection of prostate cancer through screening is complicated by a significant occurrence of cancer diagnoses that may not require immediate treatment.

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Endometriosis review

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Dr Jennifer, Page 48

Endometriosis is an oestrogen dependant, chronic inflammatory disorder characterised by the presence of ectopic endometrial tissue. There are three histologically distinct types: peritoneal, ovarian and deeply infiltrating endometriosis (DIE). Australian data indicate that approximately 11% of reproductive aged women are affected, with higher prevalence among those presenting with subfertility or pelvic pain.

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Asthma 'hotspots' revealed in Australia

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023

Tasmania, Western Australia and parts of the Northern Territory are Australia's severe asthma 'hot spots' as the country enters a peak asthma hospitalisation period. The Journal of Asthma study also found the greatest prevalence of severe uncontrolled asthma and/or more frequent use of oral corticosteroids (OCS) was in South Australia and parts of Queensland and NSW. [...] National Asthma Council director Professor Wark said the data represented 1.9 million Australians and 24% had 'difficult to control' disease.

How the tech industry is changing the way we treat chronic pain

The Courier Mail, Other, 05/07/2023, Katy Hall

Whether it's daily headaches, period cramps, endometriosis, a lingering injury or one of the many other forms of ongoing physical discomfort, chronic pain is something that is all too familiar to far too many of us. But despite decades' worth of evidence repeatedly showing painkillers are rarely the most effective way to treat chronic pain, until recently, they've remained a steadfast go-to in the absence of any other affordable quick-fix options. But all of that's changing thanks to innovative companies and the rise of wearable tech.

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\$40k grant for 'Matilda' app to assist women with endometriosis

West Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Kate Emery

Anna Fischer spent nine years having her pain dismissed by doctors and being told she could not have the condition she thought she did because she was "too young". "I got my first period when I was 10, and by about 14 I started getting all my symptoms," she said.

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Live Moment in 6h 6 hours Wed 5 Jul 2023 at 4:00am Young people urged to look for bowel cancer symptoms

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Jason Om and Hugh Sando

Jake Usher wants you to talk about poo, and not for frivolous reasons. Last year, at the age of 31, he was diagnosed with stage 4 bowel cancer. "There's a stigma around bowels and poo being off the table," he told "I'd like people to be able to discuss going to the toilet and not be embarrassed because it's something that could possibly save someone's life."

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Why Australia must break the conspiracy of silence and restore hearing to the most vulnerable

The Guardian, Other, 05/07/2023, Ranjana Srivastava

"If I don't do something about my hearing, I fear I could lose my mind." While hearing loss is indeed a strongly modifiable risk factor for dementia, it shouldn't have taken this pronouncement for me to pay attention. For some years, my mother has observed that her hearing isn't as good as it used to be, which describes nearly three-quarters of people like her over age 70. But she seemed to get by in social settings and sometimes at home we just shouted a little louder.

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Cervical screening: 12% of women switch to self-swabbing in first year

Australian Doctor, Other, 05/07/2023, Heather Saxena

The move to universal self-swabbing has encouraged more under-screened women to be tested for HPV DNA, show the latest data. More than one in 10 women who have rescreened for cervical cancer in 2023 have made the switch to self-collected HPV swabs, according to the federal Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Expert advice for navigating diabetes technology

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 05/07/2023, Chloe Hava

Ahead of National Diabetes Week (July 9-15), Australian Pharmacist explains the transformative impact of diabetes technologies and why greater accessibility is essential. June Kay, a patient in her late 60s with type 2 diabetes, was in remission from breast cancer when she experienced a cancer recurrence.

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TV star Fiona Phillips has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease after losing family members to the illness

Sophie Williams tv star Fiona Phillips has revealed that she has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease - the illness that many of her family members, including her parents, also suffered with. The 62-year-old, who actually received the diagnosis 18 months prior, has opened up about the "heartbreaking" news, explaining that she first started to experience brain fog and anxiety, all of which she initially put down to menopause.

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ABC, 7:30, 05/07/2023, Sarah Ferguson

Bowel cancer is more common among older Australians, but doctors are worried about a steady rise in younger people being diagnosed with the disease. Researchers aren't sure what's causing the increase, but a group of younger people are out to change perceptions that it just affects those over 50. Bowel Cancer Australia and campaigners also want the national bowel cancer screening programme to be expanded to include free home testing kits for people between 45 and 50.

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PRIMARY CARE

VAD for kids shows 'we've lost our way'

The Australian, General News, 06/07/2023, Rhiannon Down, Page 4

Former Liberal MP Kevin Andrews, who led the push to ban voluntary assisted dying in the ACT and the Northern Territory, says a proposal being considered by the Barr government to open euthanasia to 14-year-olds shows society has "lost its way". He said the "radical" proposal undermined efforts to lower rates of youth suicide, arguing a "law which says 'you are better off dead' will always be a bad law".

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

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Andrews 'misled state on ambulance cuts'

The Australian, General News, 06/07/2023, Rachel Baxendale, Page 6

Victorian ambulance system insiders have accused Daniel Andrews of misleading Victorians over funding cuts, as the government continues to maintain that only Covid-specific surge roles are being impacted. Senior sources with intimate knowledge of Victoria's ambulance system have told The Australian of deep concern over alterations to the Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officer program, which will see liaison officers previously based in hospitals shifted to mobile roles.

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

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Choosing the 'least worst option'

Canberra Times, General News, 06/07/2023, Lucy Bladen, Page 1

Ros Williams was a fierce advocate for coronial reform in the ACT. She saw firsthand the need for reforms following the death of her son, Ben, who died in a road accident in Canberra in 2010. The coroner ruled his death a suicide. Ms Williams' determination and advocacy resulted in the establishment of a dedicated coroner for the territory and family liaison officer to help those going through the coronial process.

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New hubs to boost patient care

Canberra Times, General News, 06/07/2023, Lanie Tindale, Page 17

A Canberra PhD student's research into employing pharmacists in General Practitioner clinics could be another step towards comprehensive health hubs. Nine pharmacists worked in GP clinics for University of Canberra student Thilini Sudeshika's research.

How voluntary assisted dying could differ

Canberra Times, General News, 06/07/2023, Katrine Del Villar, Page 36

The ACT Labor-Greens government is currently considering legalising voluntary assisted dying, as has recently occurred in all six Australian states. But the results of community consultation on the topic suggest the ACT's proposed legislation may differ in significant respects from the model adopted by other Australian states and territories.

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

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Long waits ramp up again

Courier Mail, General News, 06/07/2023, Stephanie Bennett, Page 11

A Queensland man has told how he feared for his life while waiting 10 hours on a gurney for an ambulance, as Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk faced questions over a decision to keep monthly ramping data secret. Alan Hodges, 78, flanked by wife Veronica on Wednesday, shared his story after Health Minister Shannon Fentiman was accused of refusing to release previously available monthly hospital ambulance statistics.

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

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Ambos 'set back six years' by latest cuts

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Shannon Deery, Page 10

Premier Daniel Andrews has been accused of misrepresenting the extent of funding cuts to the health system. The Herald Sun revealed on Sunday that the government was cutting funding to two programs designed to reduce strain on ambulance crews and emergency departments, the ambulance patient offload teams (APOT) and hospital ambulance liaison officers (HALO).

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Hospital change of name is done

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Shannon Deery, Page 13

The state government is pushing ahead with controversial plans to strip an eastern suburbs hospital of its Indigenous name and rename it after Queen Elizabeth II. Daniel Andrews sparked fierce debate in the lead-up to last year's election when he pledged to rename Ringwood's Maroondah Hospital after the late monarch, as part of a \$1bn redevelopment of the site.

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Health services keep feeling the squeeze

Ballarat Courier, General News, 06/07/2023, Nieve Walton, Page 7

Grampians Health Ballarat Base Hospital's emergency department remains under the pump despite thousands attending the state government's Priority Primary Care Centre. In a statement, Grampians Health hospital chief operating officer Ben Kelly said they appreciated the extra support the clinic offered but were still feeling the pressure.

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Hospital tragedy

Newcastle Herald, General News, 06/07/2023, Jessica Brown and Sage Swinton, Page 1

NSW police and SafeWork NSW are investigating the tragic death yesterday of a young worker on the John Hunter Hospital redevelopment site. Emergency services rushed to the site about 9am after a piece of steel reinforcement fell and struck a 20-year-old man. He was rushed to hospital in a critical condition but later died. Construction company Multiplex said it was working with the relevant authorities investigating the incident and offered its condolences to the worker's family and co-workers.

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Full cost of works on NQ hospitals

More than \$22m more in maintenance is required on North Queensland hospitals than two years ago. New data revealed in a Question on Notice shows that in July 2021, Townsville University Hospital required \$19.74m in maintenance, while as of June this year, it required \$28.13.

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Hospital concerns persist

Western Advocate, General News, 06/07/2023, Page 1

Crucial accreditation might have been reinstated at Bathurst Hospital, but a frequent critic of the health bureaucracy says there are still many questions to answer. Among them is what will be done to ensure the hospital will never be in the same position again and whether the facility will be able to attract registrars after its recent staffing struggles.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Worker, 20, killed in crushing incident at hospital work site in Newcastle

The Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Anthony Anderson

A worker has been killed at the site of a major hospital expansion project in Newcastle. The 20-year-old man was fatally crushed about 9am on Wednesday while working on the John Hunter Hospital redevelopment. New South Wales Ambulance paramedics attended and took the man to hospital in a critical condition, but he later died of his injuries.

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

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Radical shift to 'rigid' Vic euthanasia laws ruled out

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Callum Godde

Loved-ones of Victorian euthanasia patients have decried barriers to accessing the assisted dying scheme, but the state government has ruled out radical reforms. A peer-reviewed study from the Queensland University of Technology found Victoria's voluntary assisted dying scheme caused considerable distress.

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

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New JCU health training facility proposed for Emerald in Queensland

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 05/07/2023, Geordi Offord

A new James Cook University health training facility has been proposed to be built at Emerald. Rural allied health students could soon have a brand new training facility right on their doorstep with a new development proposed in Central Queensland. A material change of use application was recently lodged with Central Highlands Regional Council for a new health care service and educational establishment.

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Dedicated palliative care facility in Mount Gambier given green light

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Selina Green, Becc Chave, and Kaitlyn Fasso

A business case into a dedicated palliative care facility in Mount Gambier will soon begin following support for the project from both major parties in state parliament last week. The proposed facility would service South Australia's south-east Limestone Coast region, which is home to about 70,000 people.

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Premier rejects bid to let doctors initiate VAD discussions with terminally ill patients

Australian Doctor, Other, 05/07/2023, Antony Scholefield

Patients and their families have said the ban was 'muzzling' doctors. The legal ban on doctors initiating

discussions on voluntary assisted dying with their patients in Victoria seems certain to remain, despite fresh complaints that it forces doctors to be "borderline negligent".

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Channel 7, Seven News, 05/07/2023, Max Futchter and Sharyn Ghidella

The Qld Government is under pressure to lift the lid on the scale of the health crisis and reveal hospital data in real time. It comes as the Premier considers lifting a remnant of peak pandemic restrictions. Also being considered a new system for updating health data. Currently, information like hospital performance and ramping numbers are only reported quarterly.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

One in 10 students seeks exam lifeline

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/07/2023, Christopher Harris, Page 3

The number of students with anxiety disorders and concentration issues given extra help in their HSC exams reached its highest level last year, with one in 10 students now receiving special provisions. Principals say an increase in mental health issues among teenagers is responsible for the rise but called for better access to health professionals in a bid to reduce the persistent disparity between public and private schools when it came to claiming disability provisions.

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HSC students' stress the real test for parents

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 06/07/2023, Page 20

The quest for betterment was once a cornerstone of education, but we appear to have unintentionally allowed it to overwhelm increasing numbers of vulnerable teenagers in their final year of school. A report in today's Herald reveals that one in 10 NSW students sitting the HSC last year suffered anxiety or other disorders and sought adjustments to their exam conditions.

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Card played early in concert dispute

Daily Telegraph, Editorials, 06/07/2023, Page 22

The Daily Telegraph has for many years called for a complete removal of the still-prevalent stigma involving mental illness. This newspaper has repeatedly recognised the need for people suffering from genuine mental health issues to seek treatment without being judged.

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Celebrating X and Y

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Page 1

There are a lot of health issues to lay men low, not the least of them around issues that challenge their mental health and wellbeing. Is this changing? It's been a while since I sat down to write our magazine's opening gambit, and to be honest, it has been a struggle. What's changed in men's health over those 11 and a half years when I began?

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C-PTSD and considerations in men's mental health

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Davinder Hans, Page 45

While PTSD is typically associated with a single traumatic event, Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (C-PTSD) is characterised by exposure to multiple and ongoing traumatic experiences, including "traumas of omission". Trauma of omission refers to trauma resulting from experiences of significant neglect, lack of support or emotional unavailability occurring during development.

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ACT first inpatient mental health beds for adolescents open at Centenary Women and Children's Hospital

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Lanie Tindale

Canberra's children's hospital is grappling with more young people presenting due to suicide attempts and self-harm. The alarming trend comes as the Centenary Women and Children's Hospital opens the territory's first ever public mental health inpatient beds for teenagers.

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Mental health reform flagged after boy stabbed 76 times

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Miklos Bolza

The death of a five-year-old boy stabbed 76 times by his father has prompted recommendations about heightened availability of mental health services within the community. The child, known for legal reasons as JY, was stabbed by his father and died at Westmead Children's Hospital on the morning of June 8, 2018.

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

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Bruce Powell: ADHD diagnosis — Schools need flexibility to avoid another lost generation

West Australian, Other, 06/07/2023, Bruce Powell

"Western Australia adhd Conference 2023", said my ticket. There were hundreds of us snaking towards a single usher who was drip-feeding us via his QR code scanner into Perth Convention Centre's main hall. The EveryWoman Expo down the hall had bolder, brighter signage and a free smoothie on admission that made it a tempting alternative, but I stayed my course, determined to learn more about ADHD.

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Inquest hears mentally ill man who stabbed son to death highlights how people fall 'between the cracks'

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Gavin Coote Facebook

A lack of mental health support for a Sydney man "loomed large" in the weeks before he stabbed his five-year-old son to death, an inquest has found. The child, known for legal reasons as JY, was stabbed by his father and died at The Children's Hospital at Westmead in June 2018.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Late Breakfast, 05/07/2023, Adam Steer

Interview with Cecelia Gore, Executive Director, Mental Health, NT Health. Gore says people who've lived experiences of mental health systems should be part of planning and designing mental health services. She states they need both peer support workers, Aboriginal mental health worker, and Aboriginal lived experience workers to provide a comprehensive approach to people.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Mums paying the price

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 06/07/2023, Kate McIlwain, Page 1

A wollongong midwife has raised concerns about new data that shows the "vast majority" of women who give birth in hospitals now end up with some type of intervention during their labour or birth. Statistics from NSW Health's Mother and Babies report for 2021, released last month, shows rising elective and emergency caesarean rates in both public and private hospitals, a reduction in vaginal births, more serious tearing injuries and higher rates of epidurals and inductions than in the past.

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation: Workers to pursue industrial action if pay offer not made

The Mercury, Other, 05/07/2023, Rob Inglis

Tasmanian nurses and midwives are growing increasingly angry with the state government, accusing it of dragging its heels on a new pay deal. LATEST >> The nurses' union has delivered an ultimatum to the state government, warning industrial action will occur if a new pay offer isn't presented to the workforce by the end of the week.

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Wagga health advocates welcome NSW birth trauma inquiry

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 05/07/2023, Dan Holmes

The NSW Legislative Council is seeking contributions to a new inquiry into birth trauma. The Select Committee on birth trauma will examine the experience and prevalence of "obstetric violence" - disrespectful or abusive treatment before, during, and after birth.

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Why Victoria's nurse and teacher shortages may be about to get worse

3AW, Other, 05/07/2023

Nurse, teacher and aged care worker shortages in Victoria may soon become worse, a labour-hire firm has warned. Press PLAY below to hear why Victorian worker shortages might be about to get worse. WorkCover fees for labour-hire firms in Victoria more than doubled on July 1.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Doctor scorned at hospitals under spotlight cried daily

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/07/2023, Angus Thomson, Page 14

Dr Matthew Isfahani has shown plenty of resilience to become a doctor, having emigrated to Australia from Iran 12 years ago, but just four months working at two Sydney hospitals was enough to break him. "They [my supervisors] actually made me cry at work, and cry every single day driving home," he said.

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

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Compo plan for ambulance workers

Age, General News, 06/07/2023, Henrietta Cook and Aisha Dow, Page 14

Ambulance Victoria employees who have been sexually harassed, bullied and discriminated against in the workforce will be able to seek compensation and an apology through a new scheme. It follows revelations in The Age in 2020 that female Ambulance Victoria paramedics were told not to have children if they wanted their careers to progress, and warned they would be useless in intensive care units once they had "used their uterus".

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

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Relief for doctors after agreeing to pay deal

Hobart Mercury, General News, 06/07/2023, Rob Inglis, Page 4

Tasmanian doctors say they are "relieved" after voting to accept a new pay deal from the Rockliff government, ending protracted negotiations and making the state more competitive in the race to attract and retain medicos in the public hospital system. Members of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Tasmania voted overwhelmingly to accept the latest offer to salaried medical practitioners (SMPs), with 98 per cent backing the deal.

Smart deal on doctors' pay

Hobart Mercury, Editorials, 06/07/2023, Page 20

Tasmania has always struggled to retain its youngest and smartest. The lure of the bright lights and career opportunities of bigger cities interstate has meant many young people educated here have moved north to the big island as soon as the opportunity arose. While it's understandable that locals have been keen to spread their wings, when it comes to health staff, the state simply cannot afford to lose too many.

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Doctors vote 'overwhelmingly' to accept new pay offer

Launceston Examiner, General News, 06/07/2023, Benjamin Seeder, Page 3

Protracted negotiations between the government and medical unions over pay appear to be at an end, after doctors voted to accept a new government offer this week. Lead union negotiator, Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel, said members had voted "overwhelmingly" to accept the new enterprise bargain agreement, ensuring the state is more competitive in recruiting and retaining medical staff.

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

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In the business of health

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2023, Ara Jansen, Page 16

Dr Lachlan Henderson's time as a GP has informed his work in medical management, which extends to his recent appointment as CEO of WA-based health insurer HBF. A young Lachlan Henderson would have preferred to be an international sports star out on the cricket pitch.

Also reported by: [Medical Forum \(Online\)](#).

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Compensation offered for bullied, harassed paramedics

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Callum Godde

Victorian paramedics who have been sexually harassed, bullied or discriminated against will be able to pursue financial compensation and apologies under an incoming scheme. An independent restorative scheme will open next year and run for at least 18 months after a wide-ranging review of Ambulance Victoria's workplace culture.

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

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Will model bring more doctors to the bush and cut wait times?

Daily Liberal, Other, 05/07/2023, Denis Howard

After more than 100 days of Labor being in power where there was little to no movement for regional and rural health, there is optimism among members of the Minns government that progress will be made. This comes from the NSW Government's proposal to expand the single employer model for doctors, which has been approved by its federal counterpart.

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Heald 'sad' to depart health services role

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 05/07/2023, Jack Evans

Simone Heald will step down from her role as chief executive at Sunraysia Community Health Services to follow a new career opportunity in Melbourne. She started in the role seven years ago and was "sad about leaving my role". "I have loved the staff I have worked with. We are a group of people who are very passionate about the community in which we operate, the partnerships we have formed with local services and of course the external partnerships that have developed as well," she said.

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GP single-employer model to be expanded in New South Wales, helping keep doctors in regional areas

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Romy Stephens and Monty Jacka

A program that aims to combat widespread doctor shortages is to be expanded in New South Wales after gaining approval from the federal government. The GP single-employer model provides a pathway for doctors wanting to become rural generalists, by allowing them to train in state-run hospitals as well as privately run clinics.

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The 'great opportunity' facing rural Victoria

3AW, Other, 05/07/2023

A new initiative has been launched, aiming to get up to 85,000 workers from Melbourne to rural areas of Victoria such as Ballarat, Geelong and Gippsland. The Regional Australia Institute launched the It's Your Move campaign yesterday, and the CEO of Rural Doctors Association of Australia Peta Rutherford believes it's a "great opportunity" for rural Victoria and for individuals to find the "community that meets their needs".

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The risk of boundary violations for inexperienced practitioners

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 05/07/2023, Linda Starr

Developing and maintaining therapeutic relationships with clients is a core part of a clinician's role. Boundary crossings render this relationship vulnerable whilst boundary violations have the potential to do substantial harm to the client.

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Tug of war over surgery time

Medical Forum, Other, 05/07/2023

A stoush is developing between surgeons, private hospitals and health insurers over lengthy cosmetic surgery which is increasingly struggling to get theatre time. Plastic and reconstructive surgeons in some specialties argue their access to theatre space in private hospitals is being reduced because their lengthy procedures are not generating sufficient returns from private insurers.

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Channel 9, National Nine News, 05/07/2023, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

Qld's Covid vaccine mandates are under review as the state is grappling with a healthcare worker shortage. Qld Health Minister Shannon Fentiman confirmed there are a number of strategies to accommodate unvaccinated health workers. The Nurses' Professional Association of Qld has said shutting down inexperienced workers worsened the current situation.

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Channel 9, Today, 05/07/2023, Karl Stefanovic, Sarah Abo, Alex Cullen and Brooke Boney

Paramedics and hospital workers in New South Wales have given the Government until the end of the week to respond to their pay ultimatum. Members of the Health Services Union are calling for a raise of 6% or the state will face escalating strike action.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 10:00 News, 05/07/2023

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says 80 junior doctors could be working in regional areas with an expansion of a trial programme next year. The joint federal and state single employer model has been trialled in the Riverina. It gives junior doctors a pathway to become rural generalists, which are GPs also trained in obstetrics, anaesthetics or mental health services.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

New policy to force closure of community pharmacies

Daily Telegraph, General News, 06/07/2023, Linda Burney, Page 13

When something is too good to be true, it usually is. That's the case with the Federal Government's 60-day medicine dispensing policy, which requires pharmacists to dispense double the quantity of medicine for a patient, starting on September 1. The headline sounds great but scratch the surface and you find a very different story.

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Methadone dispensing at risk as PBS change causes financial havoc

Australian Doctor, Other, 05/07/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

Jason Mulhall says his pharmacy could be left \$40,000 out of pocket. The RACGP has heralded new PBS listings for opioid dependence treatment as a victory for patients, but GPs and pharmacists say they are primed to backfire.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Medicare with teeth: Senate call for public dentistry

Bite Magazine, Other, 05/07/2023

An interim report into the state of Australia's dental health has been tabled in the Senate, renewing calls for the inclusion of dental care in Medicare. The Select Committee into the Provision and Access to Dental Services interim report has shown widespread support from experts and the community for broadening Medicare to include more dental and oral health care subsidies.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Pervy doc cops blast

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 06/07/2023, Jordanna Schriever, Page 6

Brave victims of a specialist breast surgeon who covertly recorded patients without permission using a phone hidden in a tissue box have confronted him in court. Ho Keun Shin who practised as Dr Peter Shin pleaded guilty to 12 counts of indecently filming 11 adult patients at Flinders Medical Centre and the Breast and Endocrine Centre at Toorak Gardens between October 2019 and August 2021.

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Hospital's off to court

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 06/07/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 18

McLaren Vale Memorial transfer on hold as accusations fly Court action to stop the controversial transfer of McLaren Vale and Districts War Memorial Hospital land to an aged care group alleges "clandestine" behaviour, vote stacking, tax hurdles and multiple breaches of the hospital's constitution.

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Paramedic's death prompts Ambulance Tasmania overhaul

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Cassandra Morgan

A Tasmanian paramedic took his own life after concerns about his long-held suicidal intentions and behaviour were not addressed at his workplace, a coroner has found. Ambulance Tasmania intensive care paramedic Damian Michael Crump was 36 when he took drugs from the service's Hobart headquarters and fatally overdosed in December 2016.

Also reported by: [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Coroner's findings into suicide of Damian Crump, Ambulance Tasmania culture handed down

The Mercury, Other, 05/07/2023, Katie Hall

A Tasmanian paramedic's "longstanding intention" to die by suicide was not escalated as a welfare concern through the organisation, despite suspicions of him stealing schedule eight drugs, a coroner has found. Latest from court > A Tasmanian paramedic's "longstanding intention" to die by suicide was not escalated as a welfare concern through the organisation, despite suspicions of him stealing schedule eight drugs, a coroner has found.

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Staff reductions at Albany Health Campus a risk to patient safety, nurse says

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Tim Wong-See and Joanna Trilling

A Western Australian healthcare worker claims security guards are being used to monitor elderly patients for falls due to a reduction in nurse rostering. The nurse and midwife, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said shifts were being reduced across the board.

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Breast surgeon Ho Keun Shin, who indecently filmed female patients, faces victims in court

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Natarsha Kallios

Women who were secretly filmed by an Adelaide breast surgeon have told a court of the traumatic impact it has had on their lives. Ho Keun Shin who also goes by the name Peter Shin has admitted to 12 counts of indecent filming.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Radio National, AM, 05/07/2023, Sabra Lane

A federal parliamentary committee is holding an inquiry into developing Australia's advanced manufacturing sector. Dean Whiting says there's significant room for improvement. Australia is one of the leading countries in the world in coming up with great medical technology. Unfortunately we're one of the worst countries in the world at commercialising these and producing these. Almost all of the great ideas in Australia end up leaving one way or another. So the biggest thing we can do in Australia is maybe divert some of the R&D money. We spend about \$6 billion a year on R&D and divert some of that into keeping the ideas in Australia, manufacturing them here and then exporting them around the world.

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AFL probes illegal posts of players' explicit photos

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 06/07/2023, Joanna Panagopoulos, Page 7

The AFL has launched an investigation into graphic images of past and present players being shared on social media after being contacted by several clubs. The AFL has also notified police about the explicit images being shared illegally online.

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

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AFL probe into player nude pics

Age, Wrap, 06/07/2023, Peter Ryan and Scott Spits, Page 1

The AFL is investigating the online distribution of nude photos of past and present players. Police across Australia and the eSafety Commissioner were alerted to the situation by the league after the alarm was raised by a number of AFL clubs. The Age can confirm that at least 45 past and present players are involved. The images have been shared widely across social media.

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

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AFL nude photos outrage

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 06/07/2023, Alice Coster, Page 1

The AFL has launched an investigation into a shocking file of nude and graphic -photos and videos involving more than 45 past and present players which is being widely shared -on social media. The collection, in alphabetical order by player names, also includes screenshots of private messages claiming to be from footy legends and current stars, including Brownlow medallists.

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

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Aussies fired up for feral Leeds cauldron

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Robert Craddock, Page 1

Robert Craddock Ben Horne Daniel Cherny Danielle Gusmaroli Pat Cummins' Australian Test team have been warned the fury of working-class England will be "louder than a Taylor Swift concert" in the powder keg third Ashes Test at Head-ingley on Thursday. Veteran English cricket journalist John Etheridge and Barmy Army spokesman George Gallantree said Australia's decision to claim a controversial stumping against English 'keeper Jonny Bairstow in the second Test would serve to detonate the most notorious crowd in English cricket.

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Stars in nude pic scandal

West Australian, General News, 06/07/2023, Mitchell Woodcock, Page 1

The afl has launched an investigation of a collection of nude images being circulated on social media that allegedly involves more than 45 past and present players, including several from WA. Some clubs contacted the AFL when the images began appearing online, with the AFL's integrity unit looking into the matter and working with police in various States.

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

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Showcase

Ballarat Courier, General News, 06/07/2023, Melanie Whelan, Page 1

Big plans to deliver a worldclass road running festival in Ballarat, headlined by the city's first marathon, will be made official today. Ballarat Marathon has been about two years in the making to become a tourist drawcard that could be viewed as a little brother to the likes of October's Melbourne Marathon running festival. The event is not affiliated with the 2026 Victorian Commonwealth Games, for which Ballarat will host the athletics program with its feature road running event, but could well act as a dress rehearsal.

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Australia want more protection for families at Leeds

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Scott Bailey

Australia have requested extra security for players' families at the Headingley Test after several partners were verbally abused at Lord's with children present. The Marylebone Cricket Club is continuing investigations into the ugly scenes on day five, with three members already suspended for their actions in the long room.

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

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AFL investigating leak of private images of players

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Oliver Caffrey

A mass leaking of private and personal images featuring current and former AFL players is being investigated by the league and police. Several clubs contacted the AFL to let them know personal intimate data of past and present players had been distributed and shared online.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#)

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Communities will be travelling to Sydney's Fans Festival to watch their team play

Canberra Times, Other, 05/07/2023, Kerem Doruk

It all kicks off on July 20 with the opening match between the Kiwis and the Norwegians. The countdown is on for the biggest women's sporting event in the world. The Kiwis will take on the Norwegians on Thursday, July 20, for the first game of the FIFA Women's World Cup followed by Australia's opening group match against the Republic of Ireland. For the Zambian community in Canberra the World Cup is a momentous event.

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AFL, police investigating nude photo leak of 'more than 45 players'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 05/07/2023

The AFL is investigating a massive leak of nude and graphic images of more than 45 past and present players, which has been illegally shared across social media. The Herald Sun reports a Google Drive link which contains folders of players, some of which are premiership winners and even Brownlow Medallists, have been circulating across social media and dating platforms.

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Keira Dascoli-Guymer remembered after sudden death

Sunshine Coast Daily, Other, 05/07/2023, Elizabeth Neil

The heartbroken mother of a Sunshine Coast teen and beloved roller derby team member has been remembered as "the sweetest person you could meet" after her sudden death. The devastated mother of a Nambour teen and up-and-coming roller derby player has described her late daughter as "the sweetest person you could meet" after her sudden death.

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AFL investigates distribution of explicit images of past and present players online

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Joe Castro

The AFL has launched an investigation into the illegal distribution of explicit images of players that have been shared online without their consent. In a statement, the AFL said it had been contacted by multiple clubs concerned about "private and personal images of past and present AFL players".

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NSW rugby referee Paul Chambiras quits after reporting repeated verbal abuse in Illawarra game

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Kelly Fuller and Nick Rheinberger

Nsw Rugby Union says it won't be taking lightly an investigation into allegations of repeated verbal abuse of a veteran referee during a match in the Illawarra on the weekend. The referee of two decades, Paul Chambiras, ended the second-grade game between Kiama Rugby Union Club and the

Woonona Shamrocks on Saturday after reporting he had been sworn at several times by Kiama players and some spectators.

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Adelaide Thunderbirds set to be rewarded with stadium upgrade after securing first title shot in a decade

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Brittany Carter

After months of campaigning, Netball South Australia looks as if it may finally get its wish for a revamped stadium ahead of the Adelaide Thunderbirds' first grand final appearance in a decade. The Thunderbirds last held the national netball league trophy in 2013 during the trans-Tasman era, before Netball Australia split away from the Kiwis and founded its own Super Netball competition.

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AFL launches investigation after naked images of past and present players shared online without consent

The Guardian, Other, 05/07/2023, Henry Belot

The AFL has launched an investigation into the sharing of naked images of past and present players online without their consent. The investigation by the league's integrity unit was launched after complaints from a number of clubs. The unit has already made contact with multiple police forces and the eSafety Commissioner.

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Victoria 'Change Our Game' ambassador Molina Asthana to champion gender equality in sport

SBS, Other, 05/07/2023, Natasha Kaul

Molina Asthana is one of eight women selected by the Victorian government to serve as 'Change Our Game' ambassadors. In this role, she will strive to foster inclusivity within sport, working to create an environment where women feels welcome and embraced.

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Perfectly healthy teenage roller derby star suddenly dies leaving doctor's baffled

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/07/2023, Ben Talintyre

A teenage roller derby star has died after suffering an unexplained cardiac arrest. Keira Dascoli-Guymer, from Nambour on the Sunshine Coast, was a perfectly fit and healthy 18-year-old but she suddenly collapsed on June 17. She was rushed to Sunshine Coast University Hospital and spent 10 days in the Intensive Care Unit in a coma.

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Australian rules footballer diagnosed with CTE in landmark finding for female athletes

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 05/07/2023

The Australian Broadcasting Corp. said former Adelaide premiership winning player Heather Anderson, who died by suicide last year at the age of 28, had been diagnosed with the degenerative brain disease linked to concussions. The Australian Sports Brain Bank, established in 2018, diagnosed Anderson as having had low-stage CTE and three lesions in her brain, the ABC reported.

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WIN Canberra, WIN News, 05/07/2023, Bruce Roberts

Experts are calling for sporting organisations to tackle the rising risk of head injuries, fearing our next generation of athletes is under threat of developing degenerative brain diseases such as dementia.

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Chimps are all heart

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Page 13

An experiment to measure chimpanzee heart rates via a digital camera could help curb cardiovascular disease in great apes in captivity and provide insights into how their brain develops from youth. Using a contact-free technique to extract cardiac signals from chimpanzees by filming subtle movements in their face or thorax, and monitoring their emotional response to different stimuli, a team of researchers led by the University of South Australia has made some startling discoveries.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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Gene therapy progress

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Page 11

Scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are closer to developing a more universal gene therapy that can be used in all spinal muscular atrophy patients. SMA is an inherited neuromuscular disorder and a leading genetic cause of infant death in Australia.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#).

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Weight bias a health risk

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 19

Some health professionals have a negative bias towards overweight patients, which can lead to them overlooking key diagnoses. Now, in a medical first, a study led by Monash University's Department of Neuroscience has also looked at whether social media influences the way health professionals treat and diagnose their patients.

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ASX companies making strides in world's largest healthcare market

The Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Nadine McGrath

When it comes to global healthcare as with so many other things the US dominates. Morgans healthcare analyst Scott Power says the US is the largest healthcare, pharmaceutical and medical device market in the world. "Usually when we think about it, we say the US is 50 per cent of the global market and the beauty of it is that the US is one healthcare system, so one set of approvals, and it has a reimbursement system which makes it profitable for these companies," Power said.

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Funding rural health and medical research a focus for Stephen Dawson, \$10.5 million awarded to projects in WA

West Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Anna Cox

Minister for Medical Research Stephen Dawson has announced new funding through the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund (FHRI) to go towards supporting medical research across the State. Mr Dawson announced the funding at Geraldton Universities Centre during the FHRI open day, which was organised to educate people on the fund and hear from previous recipients on their experience with the program.

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Country WA patients to benefit from research projects aiming to make life better in the regions

West Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Madeleine Clark

A project which will investigate alternative virtual ways to assess and diagnose patients in rural and remote WA via the WA Country Health Service Command Centre received funding this week as part of a \$10.5 million fund. WA's Future Health Research and Innovation funding was announced at a

Geraldton Universities Centre open day which saw the State's medical researchers and innovators gather.

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University of Newcastle study, funded by Asthma Australia, to examine 'smart inhalers'

Newcastle Herald, Other, 05/07/2023, Damon Cronshaw

A \$400,000 University of Newcastle study will examine the effectiveness and affordability of "smart inhalers" for children aged five to nine with asthma. The devices, also known as "digital inhalers", connect to a smartphone with Bluetooth. Children with asthma will be recruited into the pilot study from John Hunter Children's Hospital.

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Research finds likely culprit for brain fog commonly reported by breast cancer patients

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, David Chen

When Deirdre Hillberg was undergoing treatment for breast cancer her brain fog was so intense that on some mornings she forgot what day it was. The 54-year-old Toowoomba mother also struggled with running her cleaning business, sometimes forgetting to take bookings.

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Baby's tragic death leads to 'transformative' world-first spinal muscular atrophy treatment findings

9News, Other, 05/07/2023, Lucy Slade

Mackenzie Casella was a much-loved baby girl who didn't make it to her first birthday after being diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). For baby Mackenzie, the diagnosis came too late but today Sydney scientists have released their world-first findings into the treatment of the genetic condition at Westmead Hospital.

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Vitamin D supplements may reduce risk of cardiovascular events

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 05/07/2023

While the risk difference is said to be small, a clinical trial the D-Health Trial published in The BMJ reveals that vitamin D supplements may help prevent cardiovascular events such as heart attacks among those over 60 years of age. This is the largest trial of its kind and warrants further evaluation, especially in people taking statins or other CVD medications.

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ABC News, ABC National News, 05/07/2023, Joe O'Brien

Research from the University of Southern Queensland is shedding new light on the brain fog experienced by cancer patients. A study looked at women undergoing treatment for breast cancer and found exercise could help with cognitive function making body and mind work. The study, which is the first of its kind, also suggests exercise could help improve brain function during cancer treatment.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Labor open to legislating priority areas for voice

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 06/07/2023, Rosie Lewis Paige Taylor, Page 1

Linda Burney has left open the possibility of legislating the four priority areas the government wants the voice to focus on, as Peter Dutton accuses the Indigenous Australians Minister of "pretending" the advisory body's scope is restricted to health, education, housing and jobs. Constitutional

law experts said the voice would be able to make representations on other areas affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people if it wished, as guaranteed by the Constitution, but the government was able to indicate what it believed would be its top-order issues.

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

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Chance to build better future for Australians

Daily Telegraph, General News, 06/07/2023, Linda Burney, Page 13

Health, education, jobs and housing these are the priority areas I will ask the Voice to Parliament to consider and provide advice on from its first day of operation. I want a Voice to Parliament that makes a practical difference to the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#)

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Burney says Yes we can do it

West Australian, General News, 06/07/2023, Dan; Jervis-Bardy, Page 8

Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney has blasted anti-Voice campaigners for peddling lies and misinformation and accused Liberal leader Peter Dutton of "bullyboy tactics" as she fights back at the forces trying to sink the referendum. But she struggled to answer or side-stepped other questions, including whether the troubled rollout of WA's updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act could fuel antiVoice sentiment in the State.

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

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Impassioned plea for Yes vote

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 06/07/2023, Page 8

Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney has accused the No campaign of using tactics pioneered by former US president Donald Trump to divide this nation over the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum. During an emotional address at the National Press Club in Canberra on Wednesday, Ms Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, outlined why she believed a Voice would make practical differences to the lives of Indigenous people and why constitutional recognition was unfinished business.

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Professor honoured for work

Newcastle Herald, General News, 06/07/2023, Lucinda Garbutt-Young, Page 12

A university of Newcastle academic has been named in Cosmos science magazine's top 52 Indigenous people. Emeritus Professor John Maynard, a Worimi man, has been researching Indigenous history for more than 30 years.

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Fighting for equality

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 06/07/2023, Daniel Shirkie, Page 6

Hospital awards health workers at start of NAIDOC week Townsville University Hospital has marked NAIDOC week with a formal awards ceremony honouring those among their workforce that have gone "above and beyond" in pursuit of health equity.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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Linda Burney reveals first questions she'll ask of Voice to parliament

The Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Ellen Ransley

Linda Burney says the Voice to parliament will have a full in-tray on its first day of operation, and that she herself will have plenty to ask of the body. Australians will head to the polls sometime between

October and December this year to vote in the first referendum since 1999, where they will be asked whether they support enshrining an Indigenous voice to parliament in the constitution.

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

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Australian government finally reveals key details on Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 05/07/2023, Angira Bharadwaj

The Voice will be asked to focus on the health, education, employment and housing of Aboriginal people to lift devastatingly poor life outcomes, the government says in its clearest remarks on the referendum yet. But in a passionate speech outlining the Voice's ideal priorities, Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney stopped short of outlining exactly how the body would elect its representatives

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South West Aboriginal Medical Service to receive funding as part of \$3.4 million grant

West Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Daniel Hocking

Medical services for the Aboriginal community in the South West region will be getting a boost in funding, thanks to a grant awarded by the Cook Government and Lotterywest. The South West Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation was one of 16 Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations selected to receive a grant by the Cook Government in partnership with Lotterywest, as a part of a \$3.

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Longstanding Doomadgee Hospital doctor sacked weeks before woman's death

Cairns Post, Other, 05/07/2023, Bronwyn Farr

Doomadgee's longest serving doctor, who had conflict with Gidgee Healing over lack of record sharing, was sacked by Queensland Health just weeks before an 18-year-old woman died, an inquest has heard. Doomadgee's longest serving doctor, who had conflict with Gidgee Healing over lack of record sharing, was sacked by Queensland Health several weeks before the death of an 18-year-old from heart failure, an inquest has heard.

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NT community of Ngukurr appeals for remote health service improvement after three-year-old's death

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Jane Bardon

A grieving Indigenous family has asked Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the Northern Territory government to investigate whether there were failures by their local Aboriginal health service to respond to requests for treatment before the death of a young boy.

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'Changing lives, not holidays': The key takeaways as Linda Burney reveals Voice's priorities

SBS, Other, 05/07/2023, Finn Mchugh

Indigenous Affairs Minister Linda Burney has urged Australians to resolve "unfinished business" by voting for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, as she outlined the four main priorities for the body. Australians will decide whether to enshrine the advisory body in the constitution at the end of the year in the country's first referendum in almost a quarter of a century. Delivering a major speech to the Press Club on Wednesday, Burney - a Wiradjuri woman - insisted the Voice would be "active and engaged" in providing input to the government on ways to improve outcomes for Indigenous people.

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Community sessions on Voice continue the dialogue throughout Far

North Queensland

National Indigenous Times, Other, 06/07/2023

The Uluru Dialogue and FNQ Voice Team have began holding another round of information sessions on the Voice, giving communities the opportunity to pose any questions they may have. The sessions led by Wamba Wamba man and Uluru Dialogue leader Eddie Synot and Kuku Yalanji man and Uluru Dialogue representative Alwyn Lyall are being held accross Kuranda, Atherton, Cooktown, Mossman, LAURA Festival, Cairns, Ingham, Innisfail and Mareeba.

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Noongar family devastated by death of baby daughter at Perth Children's Hospital

National Indigenous Times, Other, 05/07/2023

A young First Nations family has been left devastated after their baby daughter passed away at Perth Children's Hospital one week after her first birthday, leaving the family desperate for answers and distressed at the level of care she received. "We're just devastated that our little girl wasn't looked after properly," Noongar woman Charmain Blurton, the mother of the little girl, said on Tuesday outside Perth Children's Hospital.

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Hospital denies mistreatment after Indigenous girl dies

National Indigenous Times, Other, 05/07/2023

A Perth hospital has denied neglecting a one-year-old Indigenous girl who died in its care, amid claims staff were racist and lied to the child's family. The girl, whose family asked for her to be referred to as Kailee, was admitted to Perth Children's Hospital for treatment early last week.

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ABC News, Mornings, 05/07/2023, Karina Carvalho

A grieving indigenous family wants answers after the death of a three year old boy in the remote Arnhem Land community of Ngukurr. They've asked the Prime Minister and Northern Territory Government to find out whether there were failures by the local health service in responding to requests for help.

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2SM, 08:30 News, 05/07/2023

First Nations people are up to three times more likely to experience a stroke. National Manager of the Stroke Foundation, Luke Hayes, says the statistics are concerning when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a stroke. They have on average 17 years earlier than a non-Indigenous Australian and they're much more likely 1.5 times to be hospitalised after a stroke. New research has found close to two thirds of young women struggle to afford period products.

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Seal lips on sloppy kisses

Herald Sun, General News, 06/07/2023, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 3

Sloppy kisses from a toddler in early pregnancy can spark one of the most common but least known infections which can cause severe disability in babies. Cytomegalovirus, or CMV, is a viral infection passed through bodily fluids. For healthy children and adults, the virus can present like a cold and is harmless.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The fine lines of Eucalyptus' Ozempic pivot

Australian Financial Review, General News, 06/07/2023, Myriam Robin and Neil Chenoweth, Page 40

At the Australian Financial Review Entrepreneur Summit the other week, Eucalyptus founder (and window washer) Tim Doyle took great exception to the suggestion his algorithmically aided health and pharmaceutical business was pursuing an Uberfied model of h...

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

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ASX Health Stocks: Cann's cannabis flower sales grow 500pc; Immuron runs out of Travelan

The Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Eddy Sunarto

Cannabis house Cann Group (ASX:CAN rose 8 per cent on Wednesday after revealing that its sales for FY23 were more than double what was achieved the previous year. Cann expects unaudited operating revenue to be approximately \$13. [...] While Immuron does have inventory of Travelan Australia ready to release, it is unable to do so until it has received GMP clearance from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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What is Berberine and why is it being called 'nature's Ozempic'?

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 05/07/2023, Adrienne Tam

Dietary supplement Berberine has been touted as nature's Ozempic' on TikTok due to its supposed weight-loss effect. See what experts have to say. [...] Ozempic is approved by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and by Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) specifically for type 2 diabetes sufferers, with many others getting hold of it from off-label prescriptions.

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Australian-first Leverage follicular lymphoma drug trial offers hope to patients with incurable cancer

ABC Online, Other, 05/07/2023, Tyrone Dalton

An Australian-first drug trial could lead to a treatment for an incurable form of lymphoma. Brooke Lee, who lives in Bendigo in regional Victoria, has stage four follicular lymphoma and is set to begin the trial through the Peter McCallum Cancer Centre in the coming weeks. [...] The drug is now used around the world to fight blood cancers, after being approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration in 2016 and the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration in 2017.

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Australian decision to allow psychedelic drug prescriptions criticised by mental health experts

The Guardian, Other, 06/07/2023, Melissa Davey

The decision by Australia's drugs regulator to allow authorised psychiatrists to prescribe psychedelic drugs is "questionable, if not concerning", and likely driven by the influence of lobby groups instead of health experts, mental health researchers say. [...] The decision by the Therapeutic Goods Administration followed public consultation, a report from an expert panel and advice received from a medicines advisory committee.

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What you need to know about the 'miracle' weight-loss drug Ozempic – Full Story podcast

The Guardian, Other, 06/07/2023, Gabrielle Jackson and Donna Lu

Semaglutide, known by its brand name Ozempic, is used to treat diabetes, but the drug has had a meteoric rise as a weight-loss cure. Now, scientists are looking at yet another unexpected side-effect could Ozempic help in treating addictions?

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No end in sight for medicines shortages

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/07/2023

Ongoing medicines shortages are unlikely to end anytime soon, a Pharmacy Guild of Australia leader claims Patients will suffer because of shortages of vital medications across Australia, Andre Ngeow, the Guild Western Australia branch president warns.

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2CC, Breakfast, 05/07/2023, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Josh fear, National Policy and Projects Director, Palliative Care Australia. Cenatiempo says a group of 18 organisations led by Palliative Care Australia amplifying concerns with supplies of critical pain medication, liquid morphine quickly running out. Fear says the shortage is the result of an overseas factory closure. He notes it's the fourth opioid medication in recent times to have a supply challenge. He hopes TGA could find an alternative and anticipate before supply issues happen.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, 13:00 News, 05/07/2023

Doctors are telling patients not to be concerned about a shortage of antibiotic medications, including amoxicillin. Data from the Therapeutic Goods Administration highlights a shortage in more than 400 medicines, including around 50 antibiotics. The president of the Australian Medical Association, Dr John Williams says doctors are now well versed in what's available and what else can do the same job.

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Do psychedelics really work to treat depression and PTSD? Here's what the evidence says

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 05/07/2023, Sam Moreton

Psychedelic therapies have researchers excited because evidence suggests they might have lasting effects on factors that cause psychological distress beyond the treatment period. These include feeling disconnected from other people fear of death , and rigid ways of thinking

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FOOD STANDARDS

Why the science says full-fat milk is the way to go for almost everyone

The Australian, Other, 05/07/2023, Natasha Robinson

British celebrity doctor Michael Mosley would have turned in his grave this week to read an Australian nutritionist rate full fat milk a measly six out of ten compared to its watery gruel counterpart, low fat milk, which was given full marks. The creator of the 5:2 intermittent fasting diet and the ultra low-calorie Fast800 diet has been telling the world for years that full-fat dairy is the way to go, largely on the basis that there is strong scientific evidence that eating full-fat milk and yoghurt is not associated with weight gain

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