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- **[The Sun Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that a shortfall of almost \$18 million in fundraising and philanthropic revenue over the last two years has forced one of Australia's most prominent mental health charities to restructure, including a number of job losses. Beyond Blue chief executive Georgie Harman said the organisation would change its operational structure to ensure it continued to improve and increase its free mental health support and services.
- **[The Sunday Mail Adelaide \(page 1\)](#)** reports that a six-year-old boy has passed away from the flu after being sent home by the Riverland General Hospital. It is unconfirmed whether the boy received vaccinations for the flu. A spokesperson for the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network said, "We have conducted an initial review of the care provided and are confident appropriate diagnostic and medical care was given in line with best practice."
- **[The Sunday Age \(page 9\)](#)** reports that senior officials from state health departments will receive their first round of advice on the upcoming national disposable vape ban on Wednesday, with details of a start date, scope and funding still being finalised. Health Minister Mark Butler has yet to confirm a timeframe, saying, "We're committed to getting this right and committed to making sure that the arrangements across the country are perfectly aligned, so there are no more loopholes for this public health menace".

- [The Sunday Mail Brisbane \(page 10\)](#) reports that Queensland's medical community believes there is no transparency on how the Palaszczuk government's \$1.6 billion mental health levy will be used, with just eight mental health beds being added across the state in the year since the levy was introduced by Treasurer Cameron Dick. A Queensland Health spokesman said there were plans for another 126 mental health and alcohol and other drug beds by 2027, in addition to the recruitment of 1400 new staff.
- [The Sunday Mail Brisbane \(page 11\)](#) reports that Queensland's mental health sector has expressed its concern over the lack of qualified staff needed to replace almost half of the state's mental health nurses that are expected to retire by 2029. Queensland Alliance for Mental Health CEO Jennifer Black, says workforce shortage is the "single biggest issue" facing the sector, adding that "it is difficult to find well-trained staff, to pay them a competitive salary and to keep them, particularly in rural and remote areas."

MINISTER BUTLER

Why Australia's assistant mental health minister decided to run for parliament

Sun Herald, General News, 13/08/2023, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 4

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

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Maintain the momentum to curb vaping

Sun Herald, Editorials, 13/08/2023, Page 32

The federal government earlier this year announced an ambitious program to stamp out recreational vaping and the black market trade of the unregulated products that nurture it, amid concerns about electronic cigarettes leading to nicotine addiction, particularly among teenagers. The key planks of Health Minister Mark Butler's strategy are banning all disposable vapes and making it easier for doctors to prescribe vapes.

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Vaping crackdown lacks start date

Sunday Age, General News, 13/08/2023, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 9

There is no start date for Australia's major crackdown on vaping three months after Health Minister Mark Butler said he would ban all disposable products and make it easier for doctors to prescribe vapes. Health ministers will receive their first advice on the issue on Wednesday from a national working group that includes senior officials from all health departments who have convened twice to work through the reforms.

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

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Students collapse after vaping at school as teachers battle to help students

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/08/2023, Linda Silmalis

A student was rushed to hospital after having a seizure while another collapsed and struggled to breathe. [...] Federally, Health Minister Mark Butler has declared his own war on vapes, declaring it to be "the number one behavioural issue in high schools" in a speech he delivered in May.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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NSW government announces vaping roundtable in 'priority' crackdown on school kids vaping

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/08/2023, Jessica Wang

Kulture Break Founder Francis Owusu says children vaping is the number one behavioural problem in schools right now. [...] In May, Health Minister Mark Butler said nicotine vapes had created a new generation of people who were nicotine dependent.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Call for parents of stillborn babies in maternity wards to have access to specialised bereavement units

ABC Online, Other, 12/08/2023, Manika Champ and Craig Heerey

Tasmanian mother Emma Deane believes all parents need a safe and supportive place to give birth, but she says currently it isn't happening for parents experiencing pregnancy loss. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler responded in June saying maternity services in hospitals were a matter for states and territories.

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Regions to benefit from prescription changes: doctors

Batemans Bay Post, Other, 11/08/2023, Andrew Brown

Patients from regional areas will stand to benefit from prescription medicine changes, doctors say, despite warnings rural pharmacies will be at risk under the proposal. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler on Thursday said the estimated \$1.2 billion saved in the next four years through the cheaper medicines policy would be reinvested back to community pharmacies.

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Vaping restrictions to make things worse?

Healthed Australia, Other, 13/08/2023, Lynnette Hoffman

Will the impending policy make the black market stronger and riskier? [...] Policy details have remained scant since Health Minister Mark Butler announced plans to ban vapes from being sold outside of pharmacies, while simultaneously loosening the criteria for GPs to prescribe nicotine vapes.

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Program to support the 60-day pharmacy prescription transition

Murray Pioneer, Other, 12/08/2023

Supporting Riverland pharmacies as new regulations take effect is the aim of a new funding initiative. [...] Federal Minister for Health Mark Butler said ensuring regional pharmacies were "given the opportunity to seize these new growth opportunities, just like city pharmacies" was a priority.

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Cheaper medications by next month

SBS, Other, 12/08/2023, Soofia Tariq

Australians will be able to get cheaper medications from September 1 after the Parliament passed the Government's changes to allow 60-day dispensing and a last-ditch effort by the Coalition to block it failed. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler says the change will provide cost of living relief, free up doctors and not close community pharmacies.

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Hold off on pharmacy plan, says Mallee MP

Swan Hill Guardian, Other, 12/08/2023, Peter Bannan

The Federal Government must pause its planned 60-day pharmacy dispensing rollout because of the "adverse impact on regional people", Member for Mallee Anne Webster says. [...] Health and Aged

Care Minister Mark Butler said people with a Medicare card buying just one of the medicines on the list would save up to \$180 every year.

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MINISTER WELLS

Invincible

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Robert Craddock, Page 1

They've done it. Our nation's heroes, the Matildas, have stormed into the semi-finals of the Women's World Cup in a heart-stopping penalty shootout against France. [...] Caption Text: The Matildas celebrate after their epic win (left); Cortnee Vine takes the winning penalty (far left); Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Sport Minister Anika Wells (above); Hayley Raso (right); Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Deputy Premier Steven Miles (below); Mary Fowler (below right).

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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World Cup reaction: Matildas striker Cortnee Vine replaces John Aloisi with most iconic moment in Australian soccer history

Canberra Times, Other, 12/08/2023, Melanie Dinjaski

No-one could forget John Aloisi's penalty in Sydney in a 2015 qualifier that sent the Socceroos to their first World Cup since 1974. [...] Alongside him, Sport Minister Anika Wells was overwhelmed, crying and clapping with joy.

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Socceroos legend to hold pollie 'fans' to account on funding

Sunday Canberra Times, Sport, 13/08/2023, Melanie Dinjaski, Page 39

Former Socceroo Craig Foster has put Australian politicians on notice, that their vocal support for the Matildas should be backed up by better funding for the world game. [...] "I heard sports minister Anika Wells recently saying that the game itself still has challenges to overcome.

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Aged care minister announces RNs present 98% of the time

Inside Ageing, Other, 12/08/2023, Sean McKeown

In a press conference at Parliament House Canberra, Aged Care Minister Anika Wells revealed that registered nurses (RNs) are now present in aged care homes 98% of the time. The data is based on reports from 95% of facilities.

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4BC, Weekends, 12/08/2023, Spencer Howson

Interview with Anika Wells, Federal Sports Minister. Wells discusses her work at the Common Good Foundation. She notes they are raising money for victims of silicosis. She notes as the Minister for Sport, she deals with national sporting organisations, such as Football Australia.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

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Japan has appointed a 'Minister of Loneliness.' Australia needs one too.

Mamamia, Other, 12/08/2023, Isabella Ross

Loneliness - it's something we all experience, but for some, it can be deadly. [...] We do however have an Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, and her name is Minister Emma McBride.

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DEPARTMENT

Weight loss off table for dietitians

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 13/08/2023, Lanie Tindale, Page 12

About half of the clients at Kate Freeman's clinic want to lose weight. But she won't help them. [...] The higher a person's weight, the more likely they are to develop conditions like heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and some cancers, according to the federal health department.

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ABC Online, Other, 12/08/2023, Manika Champ and Craig Heerey

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CORONAVIRUS

No Greek tragedy but don't be complacent

Sunday Times, General News, 13/08/2023, John Flint, Page 2

Eris is the Greek goddess of strife and discord, but the new COVID-19 sub-variant given the name

doesn't appear to be more dangerous than its Omicron ancestors. Scientists claim this isn't a cause for complacency and Eris, or E.G.5.1, which is the fastest-growing variant globally, will likely drive the next wave of infections in Australia.

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

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Dementia Pride cafe a 'safe, happy' place

Sunday Age, General News, 13/08/2023, Melissa Cunningham, Page 9

Music, dance and human connection have been the best therapies for Mithrani De Abrew Mahadeva since her dementia diagnosis. [...] In 2019, Tudor gave evidence at the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety calling for all aged care providers to openly accept LGBTIQ relationships, something she said the couple did not always experience when Edie was receiving support.

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Dad's life, their lives all matter

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 13/08/2023, Julie Cross, Page 33

The family of Peter Cahill say they are "scarred" by the manner in which he died and believe he would still be alive if he had got the right medical help. His daughter Lee-Anne said if a child had died in similar circumstances, there would be a public outcry, but because her father was 82, she believed his life was deemed less important.

Also reported by: [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Children worst elderly abusers

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Julie Cross, Page 38

A shocking one in six people in Australia are the victim of elder abuse - and the most likely perpetrators are their sons and daughters. Helen Wallace from the Caxton Legal Centre in Brisbane sees around 1000 older clients a year.

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Solution to aged-care challenge is quite simple

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Business News, 13/08/2023, Noel Whittaker, Page 74

Challenges in the aged-care system continue to dominate the news. The facts are not in doubt: people are living longer, and within eight years, the number of people over 75 is expected to increase by 101 per cent.

Also reported by: [Sunday Times \(Perth\)](#).

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Our age really is just a number

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 13/08/2023, Julie Cross, Page 32

They are the Australians who helped build much of our country's Tinfastructure, but in their twilight years they've been forgotten, rendered powerless and left to struggle without even the most basic of human rights. Campaigners believe now is the time to galvanise the nation into backing older people and to tackle ageism.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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POPULATION HEALTH

Schools told to report every vaping student

Sun Herald, General News, 13/08/2023, Christopher Harris, Page 15

The vaping crisis gripping the state's schools is getting worse, says the state's education minister. Prue Car, responding to reports the Education Department recorded only 65 incidents of vaping in schools last year, urged principals to report every student caught vaping so the extent of the problem could be known.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#). Similar coverage reported by: [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Aussie mum issues blanket warning after deadly discovery on baby monitor: 'Something just felt off'

7news.com.au, Other, 12/08/2023, Cindy Tran

A mum has detailed the terrifying moment she discovered her baby boy struggling to pull a blanket from his face after becoming entangled with it in the middle of the night. Kiarateuila Lattimore, from NSW, woke up to an unusual sound of her then-seven-month-old son Salvador's cries.

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Here comes the sun: Why you should be soaking in it (conditions apply)

The New Daily, Other, 12/08/2023, John Elder

Only a crazy person would tell his fellow Australians to stand for hours in the sunshine. What with melanomas and all that.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

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PRIMARY CARE

Longtime friends bring new life to a special mission for change

Sun Herald, General News, 13/08/2023, Laura Banks, Page 2

I hope you enjoyed your home." Those were the first words spoken by surrogate mother 'Jennifer McCloy to newborn Angus, as she handed the little miracle boy to his intended parents, Edwina and Charlie Peach.

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Class act helps children in hospitals across NSW

Sun Herald, General News, 13/08/2023, Mary Ward, Page 9

In 1923, patients at Sydney's Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children were mostly suffering from infectious diseases such as polio and diphtheria. Santa would visit each year, but their physical treatment was the focus as other areas of their lives went on hold.

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Why fitness is a bust for some women

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 13/08/2023, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 24

New research revealing women with large busts exercise less has sparked calls for more accessible breast reductions. The link between a woman's breast size and her propensity for exercise has been revealed in a study of recreational runners from across the world.

Also reported by: [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Choice to end cancer 'journey'

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/08/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 17

Always fit and healthy, John Street never thought he'd need help to die. Even after being diagnosed with stage 4 colorectal cancer in September 2021, the 71-year-old retiree was strong and well, still cycling and gardening.

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Report reveals areas to improve

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/08/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 17

Tasmania's Voluntary Assisted Dying Commission is hoping to streamline its processes after doctors expressed "ongoing and significant frustration" with time-consuming documentation. In its six-monthly report it says that the "non-patient facing work component" is in the order of six-to-eight hours per patient.

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Healthcare costs for islanders flagged

Burnie Advocate, General News, 12/08/2023, Sandy Powell, Page 14

Thousands of dollars of travel associated with healthcare is par for the course for King Islanders, a councillor has said. Councillor Ian Allan presented a range of issues to Premier Jeremy Rockliff and his state government cabinet on King Island last week, and detailed a range of concerns residents have with accessing care.

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Big win for rural patients

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 12/08/2023, Page 8

Patients in regional areas will stand to benefit from prescription medicine changes, doctors say, despite warnings rural pharmacies will be at risk under the proposal. Changes from September 1 will allow patients to get 60 days worth of medication dispensed for a single prescription, rather than 30.

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Guild is wrong on 60-day dispensing

Sunday Examiner, General News, 13/08/2023, Craig Thomson, Page 18

Anthony Albanese and the Labor government argue that allowing patients to receive a 60-day supply of their prescribed medications will benefit individuals and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the healthcare system. It is hard to argue with that logic. Any reasonable person could see that reducing the frequency of trips to the pharmacy is more convenient and saves valuable time. Furthermore, it could alleviate some of the strain on the healthcare system, particularly during peak times.

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Geelong region records some of the shortest public dental wait times in state

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/08/2023, Will Keech

The Geelong region has some of the shortest public dental wait times in Victoria, according to new data. The Australian Dental Association Victoria Branch (ADAVB) figures for the 2022-23 financial year revealed that Barwon Health offered the equal best dental wait times in the state, with patients only waiting 2.8 months on average.

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

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Rosa the robot's knee surgery helps granny Shirley Teua back on her feet

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 12/08/2023, Judith Kerr

A 79-year-old Redlands woman who suffered debilitating knee pain for 15 years is back on her feet after undergoing life-changing robotic knee replacement surgery. Wellington Point's Shirley Teua was the first person to have a knee replaced using Rosa the robot at Mater Private Hospital Redlands.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Charity donations plummet

Sun Herald, Edition Changes - 2nd Edition, 13/08/2023, Melissa Cunningham, Page 1

One of Australia's most prominent mental health charities, Beyond Blue, is facing a restructure and job losses after donations plummeted by almost \$18 million in two years. The not-for-profit organisation is feeling the pinch amid a national trend of general donations, including philanthropic contributions, tumbling during the pandemic.

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

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Tv news, then top cop's shattering call

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 13/08/2023, Hamish McLachlan, Page 44

Anita Frawley was my first boss. She has become a great friend. She introduced me to her husband, Danny, and they both became huge supporters and a source of guidance for me in a new town as I was finding my feet. Through the Let's Talk series, presented by AIA, we spoke about the loss of Danny through depression, the lessons, the future, her role in ensuring the Danny Frawley Centre remains a legacy of Danny's and a source of help for others.

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Queensland still waiting for projects

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Page 10

Building has not started on three projects spruiked by the Palaszczuk government during the last election aimed at improving the dire state of mental health services in the regions. More than two years after former health minister Steven Miles announced his government would fund a \$15m drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility in Bundaberg, an \$11.5m 24/7 youth rehab centre in Cairns and a six-bed expansion and refurbishment of the mental health ward at Rockhampton Hospital, it can be confirmed they not will not open in time for next year's election.

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State support for suicide data

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Jill Poulsen and Samantha Scott, Page 10

Real-time data could be collected on the number of Queenslanders who have suicided or attempted suicide and made available to help authorities respond to immediate need for support in specific communities. The policy position from Suicide Prevention Australia that states and territories enable real-time notifications for suicide deaths and attempts to help services respond to distressed communities is under serious consideration by the state government.

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Falling short over mental health

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Jill Poulsen, Page 10

Just eight mental health beds have been added across the state in the year since the Palaszczuk government started slugging businesses with a mental health levy, with desperate regional Queenslanders bearing the brunt of the alarming shortage. Queenslanders in remote and regional areas are more likely to die by suicide than those in cities but they are the least likely to find a hospital bed, as doctors sound the alarm that the state remains 500 mental health beds short.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#),

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Right care made the difference

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Page 11

If it wasn't for the generosity of strangers donating to a GoFundMe campaign to pay for private appointments with a psychologist, Bella Irvine might not be here today. After years of trauma that included more than 20 suicide attempts, selfharm and an eating disorder, the courageous 17-year-old has come out the other side and has a message for others: "There is light at the end of the tunnel."

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Minister vows to do better on levy

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Jill Poulsen, Page 11

New Mental Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has admitted that the Queensland government has not been "accountable and transparent" on how a \$1.6bn levy is being spent to address the state's mental health crisis. In a revealing interview, Ms Fentiman also conceded there was a critical shortage of mental health beds, particularly in regional areas, as she detailed her plans for tackling the myriad challenges Queenslanders face when trying to access appropriate mental health treatment.

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Show regions they are heard

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Editorials, 13/08/2023, Page 84

Queensland has always had a unique flavour, both culturally and Qpolitically, and while there are a variety of factors contributing to our distinct character, the overarching reason comes down to simple demographics. We don't all live in a big city.

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Veterans' special connection

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 12/08/2023, Jenny McLaren, Page 17

Hey never met but James 'Bim' Affleck and Robert James Gillard shared a connection like no other. Both were young men of 21 on their tours of duty in Vietnam. Although a few years apart, Robert in 1968 and James in 1971, they were in the same unit, A Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment of the armoured corps.

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Call for more training cops under scrutiny over fatal shootings

Weekend Post, General News, 12/08/2023, Bronwyn Farr, Page 1

The deaths of two North Queensland men have put the spotlight on the connection between fatal police shootings and victims suffering an acute mental health crisis at the time of their death, and the need for police to be trained in de-escalation techniques. Aubrey Donahue, 27, was shot when officers from the Special Emergency Response Team stormed a residence after a siege on March 25.

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Horse therapy helps NSW couple share love of animal with NDIS clients, people experiencing mental illness

ABC Online, Other, 12/08/2023, Tim Fookes

Elaine Delaney spent her childhood riding horses through the hills of the far south coast of New South Wales. So, she says, the ability to train the animals is in her blood.

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New mental health podcast shares lived experience from Illawarra, South Coast

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 12/08/2023, Desiree Savage

Every time Emma Korhonen suffers a seizure she is aware and frightened, now she wants the world to know. Diagnosed with epilepsy, Emma has often felt alone and struggled with the fear her next seizure may kill her but has slowly realised there are other people like her.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Junior doctor wins wage theft case

Sunday Age, General News, 13/08/2023, Melissa Cunningham and Alex Crowe, Page 8

A young Victorian doctor has won a wage theft case against Peninsula Health, a victory lawyers say will set a precedent for thousands of junior doctors across Australia fighting for hundreds of millions of dollars in unpaid compensation. The Federal Court on Friday ruled Peninsula Health breached Fair Work legislation by not paying Dr Gaby Bolton for overtime she worked during four rotations as a junior doctor at Frankston Hospital in 2019 and 2020.

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Looming retirements increase pressure

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Jill Poulsen, Page 11

Almost half of the state's mental health nurses are expected to retire by 2029, with the sector warning that without swift intervention the already dire workforce shortages in services will only get worse. The lack of qualified staff to help treat and support Queenslanders suffering from ill mental health is the "single biggest issue" facing the sector, says Queensland Alliance for Mental Health CEO Jennifer Black.

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Our health work force

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/08/2023, Kylie Woolcock, Page 4

This issue of The Health Advocate focuses on our health workforce, highlighting initiatives and innovation in, and commentary on our health services that focus on supporting a sustainable workforce. A strong and effective health workforce is essential to a functioning health system.

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Historic win for junior doctors in wage theft case for unpaid overtime

ABC Online, Other, 12/08/2023, Andi Yu, Lexie Jeuniewicz and Ruth Brook

A Melbourne hospital could be forced to pay more than 1500 junior doctors for overtime following an historic class action win over wage theft. A Federal Court judge has found Peninsula Health breached

the Fair Work Act in underpaying its junior doctors between 2015 and 2021.

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Govt makes \$20k offer for healthcare workers

NEWS.com.au, Other, 12/08/2023, Steve Zemek

New South Wales Premier Chris Minns says the state's public servants wage offering will deliver an additional \$124 million boost to salaries for public servants that work and live in regional New South Wales. "That will have major flow-on effects to businesses, communities and the regional economy across this state," Mr Minns

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Rural NSW healthcare workers getting a \$20,000 cash boost

NEWS.com.au, Other, 12/08/2023, Chloe Whelan

The NSW government will double its cash incentive for healthcare workers in rural areas of the state, offering them a \$20,000 cash boost. NSW Premier Chris Minns said the previous iteration of the policy, which only offered \$10,000, had failed to fill critical gaps in the rural health workforce.

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Cosmetic surgery crackdown 'fail'

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/08/2023, Taylah Fellows, Page 22

A renowned plastic surgeon says cosmetic surgery practices "built on TikTok" will not survive the latest cosmetic crackdown by Australia's medical watchdog but warned some new measures "didn't go far enough" and dodgy operators would still fall through the cracks. The new cosmetic surgery guidelines introduced by The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency in July are aimed at stopping the glamorisation of cosmetic surgery, bringing it in line with elective surgery standards.

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Care at Masonic home 'substandard' before fall: coroner

Launceston Examiner, General News, 12/08/2023, Benjamin Seeder, Page 12

A man who died after suffering a fall in an aged care home was given substandard care at the facility, while the private care provider deliberately omitted information and provided misleading facts to investigators, a coroner has reported. Eighty-two-year-old Peter Guy died in the Repatriation Centre Hospital in Hobart three weeks after an unwitnessed fall at an aged care facility managed by Masonic Care Tasmania.

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Anger grows over grandstand plans

Sun Herald, General News, 13/08/2023, Andrew Taylor, Page 20

The NSW government will review a \$3.6 million grant for a suburban sports ground, amid a bitter row over plans for a new grandstand. The Northern Suburbs Football Association's plan for a grandstand at the North Turramurra Recreation Area has been backed by landowner Kuring-gai Council, but has attracted strong opposition from some residents and sports groups.

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Equal pay is one of many goals

Sun Herald, Business News, 13/08/2023, Victoria Devine, Page 34

The FIFA Women's World Cup kicked off on July 20, with a level of success arguably nobody saw coming. The Matildas' 2-0 win over Denmark last week pulled in a staggering 3.75 million viewers at its peak as we tuned in to watch the players dominate.

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

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Fans pack Fed Square for heart-stopping victory

Sunday Age, General News, 13/08/2023, Alex Crowe, Page 2

One of the most heart-stopping moments in Australian sport turned to wild jubilation in Federation Square last night as Melbourne turned it on for the Matildas' quarter-final match against France. Matildas fans decked in green and gold under their ponchos and rain jackets ensured it was standing room only at the live site in the city, despite the drizzling rain.

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Huge financial hole a blight on women's game

Sunday Age, Sport, 13/08/2023, Madeleine Parker, Page 43

Despite the success of the Women's World Cup in Australia, the battle of the sexes continues for sponsorship dollars, writes Madeleine Parker. The FIFA Women's World Cup faces a huge shortfall in sponsorship compared to the men's tournament just eight months ago, new analysis reveals, as brands continue to miss a key opportunity to reach an engaged audience.

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Why female concussion is in the spotlight

Sunday Telegraph, Body and Soul, 13/08/2023, Page 4

When 28-year-old AFLW star Heather Anderson passed away last November, the sporting community was devastated. An army medic who moved from her hometown in the Top End to play for the Adelaide Crows taking home the premiership trophy in the league's inaugural season she's since become the first known professional female athlete to be diagnosed with a brain disease linked to concussion and head knocks.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#).

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Heart of regional communities

Community Sport Minister Ros Spence says country football clubs are "the heart and soul of Victorian communities", with the state government's Country Football and Netball Program investing more than \$37.5m into more than 560 grassroots footy and netball infrastructure projects since 2005. "More than \$1.9bn has been invested in high-quality, accessible community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014 to increase participation opportunities across the state," she said.

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Albo a bit of a goose for channelling idol Hawke

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 13/08/2023, David Penberthy, Page 61

I'm pretty sure Anthony Albanese had his tongue half planted in his cheek when he first suggested a national public holiday in the event that the Matildas win the FIFA Women's World Cup. The suggestion was made in jocular fashion on one of those soft FM radio interviews politicians always enjoy, with the Prime Minister trying to tap into his inner Bob Hawke, as per his idol's 1983 quip that any boss who sacked a worker for not showing up after the America's Cup win was "a bum".

Also reported by: [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Sunday Territorian \(Darwin\)](#).

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Empty stadiums to sellouts

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Sport, 13/08/2023, Page 96

What a difference a decade makes for Australia's favourite sporting team, the Matildas. Back in 2014 the Aussie girls hosted Brazil in Brisbane for two matches.

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Mum's call for sport to up game

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 13/08/2023, Riley Walter, Page 13

The mother of a young Adelaide Hills footballer who died after an on-field collision has called for sporting clubs to more closely monitor players' mental health in the wake of concussion, on the eve of what would have been her late son's 21st birthday. Wendy Smith, whose son Antonio Loiacono died in April after an on-field collision playing for the Birdwood Football Club, has revealed her youngest son Jack's mental health deteriorated after suffering concussions as a teenager that forced him to give up sport.

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Ticket to Play boost

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/08/2023, Rob Inglis, Page 13

Tasmanian Labor has pledged to pump an additional \$1m into the state government's Ticket to Play initiative, which helps parents pay sport registration costs for their children. Opposition sport spokesman Josh Willie said the Liberal government's program had been "successful" and Labor's commitment would give a further 8500 young people opportunities to join sport and recreation clubs.

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Premier, were those comments yours?

Launceston Examiner, General News, 12/08/2023, Matt Maloney, Page 4

Federal funding for upgrades to the University of Tasmania Stadium will still be delivered even if the redevelopment of Macquarie Point, including a new stadium, does not proceed. This is contrary to comments last month made from Premier Jeremy Rockliff's official MP Facebook profile on a Tasmanian Labor MP's official Facebook profile.

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What Matildas effect can teach us

Sunday Examiner, General News, 13/08/2023, Brian Wightman, Page 19

Joining a contingent of educators on a mission, we visited Canberra to lobby for public education funding, but 'Gianni' was in the House. Smartly dressed, over prepared, and deeply committed to the

cause we waited patiently for coffee as we braved a sharp winter's day that was reminiscent of Hobart's brisk mornings.

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Combo games

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 12/08/2023, Keith Woods and Jeremy Pierce, Page 1

The doomed 2026 Commonwealth Games have two potential saviours with Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate and Perth Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas uniting in a bid to jointly host the sporting extravaganza in both cities. Mr Zempilas said: "Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures." Mr Tate added: "From a national brand and reputation perspective, we simply have to honour our word on the 2026 Games."

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Anthony Albanese defends Matildas public holiday push ahead of quarter-final

NEWS.com.au, Other, 12/08/2023, Liam Beatty and Jessica Wang

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has defended his push for a public holiday if the Matildas win the FIFA Women's World Cup after receiving criticism from small businesses arguing the move could cost them. "I do note that there were concerns expressed when we had the public holiday for the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II and some said that that was something that would cause economic disruption," the Prime Minister told reporters.

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'Bitter, ugly': Real story behind AFL's move to help Matildas

NEWS.com.au, Other, 12/08/2023

The real, bitter story behind the AFL's unprecedented decision to show the Matildas' quarter-final on the big screen at the MCG on Saturday has been revealed. The AFL on Friday locked in plans to show the Australia-France match on the big screens at the MCG before the blockbuster Carlton-Melbourne clash begins at 7.30pm (AEST) with a crowd of more than 60,000 expected.

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Women's World Cup exposure and Chinese group tourism return expected to boost WA coffers

West Australian, Other, 13/08/2023, Joe Spagnolo

China's decision to lift a ban on group tours to Australia and Perth's exposure during Women's FIFA World Cup games is expected to deliver WA a multi-million dollar tourism bonanza. Just this week, China's ministry of Culture and Tourism announced the ban, which was imposed during the pandemic, would be scrapped for Australia, the United States, Britain and a host of other countries meaning travel companies would once again be able to book group tours.

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Inspiring young Tassie scientists

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/08/2023, Tia Ewen, Page 3

Two generations of women have been inspiring and teaching science to young people as Young Tassie Scientists (YTS). Mother and science teacher Anne Carey was part of the 2010 alumni of YTS.

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Help at hand for sufferers from Crohn's disease

SBS, Other, 12/08/2023, Ciara Hain

A study by Monash University is investigating whether a newly developed diet can reduce inflammation

in Crohn's Disease. Crohn's is a chronic and lifelong condition which affects around 60,000 people in Australia.

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Boy, 6, dies with flu

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 13/08/2023, Riley Walter, Page 1

A young Riverland boy suffering from influenza has died after being sent home from hospital in the days before his death. The six-year-old died at his Berri home on Friday morning after he had been sick with the flu for about a week.

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Roll up for vaccine

Sunday Mail Adelaide, Editorials, 13/08/2023, Page 71

The worst of the Covid 19 pandemic was a chilling reminder of the importance of vaccination programs. The novel coronavirus spread unchecked across the world.

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Rugby staph outbreak

Sunday Times, General News, 13/08/2023, Page 7

WA's premier rugby union competition has been rocked by a golden staph outbreak that has infected 11 players from the same club and sent three to hospital. Perth Bayswater, who play in the Premier Grade, were left decimated by the outbreak this week.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

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