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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 1) reports that the Matilda's vs Denmark game has become the most watched TV event in 2023, beating out the AFL and NRL. Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells commented on the support for the Matildas in the FIFA Women's World Cup stating that "Our female athletes are changing sport in this country ... forever." *Also reported by:* [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Hobart Mercury](#).
- **[Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 1) reports that a new report by the Royal Flying Doctor Service has found that Australians who live in rural and remote areas are 10 times more likely to die from ischaemic heart disease than Australians who live in the city due to limited access to healthcare services. The report found 22,000 people in remote Australia had no access to any healthcare service within a 60- minute drive of their home, with RFDS executive director Frank Quinlan stating that "Rural and remote communities need rural and remote solutions that are designed with local communities to respond to need." *Also reported by:* [The Australian](#), [Herald Sun](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#).
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 1) reports New South Wales healthcare workers are at risk of accepting more competitive offers interstate unless the Minns government offers a more significant wage rise, unions have warned. The state's health services and nursing unions have

both recently accepted pay deals offered by the government, but said they will continue to lobby for future rises in line with inflation.

- **The Australian** (page 4) reports that employer groups and aged-care providers have criticised the Labor government's Aged Care Industry Labour Agreement that requires providers to enter into a memorandum of understanding with unions to access foreign workers. The agreement allows unions have special access to workers through inductions that exclude management, and requires providers to offered 76 hours a fortnight of work to local staff before using overseas workers.
- **The Australian** (page 7) reports that Australian Patients Association CEO David Clarke has stated that if the Andrews explanation for the increase in reported "sentinel" events is correct, than the correct of number of events in the past would be just as high. "Our healthcare system has a historic culture where it's often been hard to get to the truth in difficult situations... I think we're all beginning to understand the scale of some of the problems that are occurring," stated Mr Clarke.
- **The Courier Mail** (page 8) reports that Clarion Clinic is the first Australian clinic of its kind, offering psychedelic-assisted therapy for Australians suffering from treatment-resistant depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Patients will enter a program runs for nine months and includes two doses of either MDMA or psilocybin, with Clarion Clinic co-founder Paul Liknaitzky stating that he's seen "very impressive results" in clinical trial participants.
- **The West Australian** (page 11) reports the government has announced over a million dollars funding for a world-leading Curtin University project tackling poor mental health in school students with speaking, reading and writing challenges. Assistant Minister for Mental Health Emma McBride said the West Australian project will help understandings of how to best support children early on and protect their mental health into the future.
- **Herald Sun** (page 13) reports that the aged care industry is calling on the Albanese government to reconsider the mandatory 40 minutes of care by registered nurses from October as regional facilities close beds to meet the requirement amidst an ongoing shortage of nurses. Chaffey Aged Care chief executive Darren Midgley stated that "Most are not closing two or three beds, they are closing 25 beds, because they have to lose that many beds to bring their nursing care minutes up into the ratios that are required"

MINISTER BUTLER

Illegal Geelong vape sellers flouting law

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 09/08/2023, Will Keech, Page 11

Vendors around Geelong are flouting the law with the way they advertise illegal nicotine products in the face of a federal government crackdown. [...] The sale and possession of any recreational vape without a prescription has been illegal since October 2021, with federal Health Minister Mark Butler pledging \$737m in April to crack down on the practice.

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No saving pharmacy

Glasshouse Country News, General News, 08/08/2023, Mitch Gaynor, Page 7

A federal Government olive branch to pharmacies forced to adjust to 60-day dispensing rules coming into effect in the coming weeks, would not have saved Montville Pharmacy from having to close. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the transition payment would provide support for more than 1000 pharmacies in regional, rural and remote Australia.

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Game-changing approach to cardiovascular disease

Kingborough Chronicle, General News, 08/08/2023, Page 7

Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler recently launched the country's new Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Prevention Guideline and accompanying CVD Risk Calculator - a 'tool kit' that sets improved clinical standards for the prevention of cardiovascular disease before it takes hold. The new

guideline and calculator were developed by the National Heart Foundation of Australia on behalf of the Australian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance (ACDPA) represented in this project by Diabetes Australia, Kidney Health Australia, and the National Stroke Foundation.

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Program to support the 60-day pharmacy prescription transition

Murray Pioneer, General News, 09/08/2023, Page 25

Supporting Riverland pharmacies as new regulations take effect is the aim of a new funding initiative. The Federal Government last month announced \$148.2m in funding for pharmacies in regional communities, aimed at assisting the transition to 60-day prescriptions. [...] 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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Butler, Pharmacy Guild at loggerheads

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 08/08/2023, Page 1

the relationship between the Pharmacy Guild and Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has plumbed new lows, with Butler yesterday comprehensively debunking Guild claims 60-day dispensing is likely to lead to aged care residents paying \$800 a year extra for dose administration aids (PD 07 Aug). A visibly angry Butler spoke to media in Canberra, saying that since announcing the move "we've seen some pretty desperate scare campaigns from the pharmacy lobby", slamming the Guild's aged care claims as "self-serving, cynical [and] complete rubbish".

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

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'We cannot keep doing more with less'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/08/2023, Megan Haggan

On Monday (7 August 2023), Health Minister Mark Butler said in a statement that negotiations for the next CPA will begin a year early, with the intention of providing "business confidence" to the community pharmacy

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Labor's 60-day drug dispensing policy to cost aged care home residents \$800 each, pharmacists warn

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/08/2023, Pranav Harish

Australians will be sluggish up to \$800 a year on their weekly medicines bill as a result of Labor's new 60-day dispensing policy. The policy will see patients get PBS prescriptions given out for 60 days for the same price as their current 30-day scripts, a move pharmacists fear will force them to let staff go and even shut up shop. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler hit back at the findings by the pharmacy guild, labelling it as an unfounded campaign to stop Australians accessing more medicines.

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8CPA negotiations to begin a year ahead of schedule

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Other, 08/08/2023

The PSA welcomes the Federal Government's announcement that early negotiations for the 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement (CPA) will begin as soon as possible, whilst highlighting the need to secure the short-term viability of the community pharmacy sector. Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler MP has said the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia will continue to be signatories to any new agreement, with negotiation is set to conclude by the end of the 2023-24 financial year.

Also reported by: [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#), [Retail Pharmacy Assistants \(Online\)](#).

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Calls to pause roll out of 60DD

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 08/08/2023

With the roll-out of the first stage of the 60-day dispensing policy expected from 1 September 2023, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia is calling on the Albanese Government to pause the rollout, warning that anticipated funding cuts may not only negatively impact the pharmacy industry but also the aged care sector. [...] However, during a doorstep interview on 7 August, Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler, questioned the Guild's stance, calling it a "scare campaign" and saying that under The Guiding Principles "aged care facilities are funded to take responsibility for [the] medication management of their residents".

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Medical students' interest in general practice dips

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/08/2023

The proportion of final year students who signalled a preference for a career in general practice declined last year, according to a new report. A higher percentage of medical students used to go into general practice in previous decades compared to today. [...] Last year, Federal Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler referred to the lack of GPs in the pipeline as probably the most terrifying trend' in primary care.

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NBN Tamworth, NBN News, 08/08/2023, Natasha Beyersdorf and Gavin Morris

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has told NBN News Labor is rebuilding general practise after young doctors walked away. Butler says Labor's investment in Medicare will triple the bulk billing incentive. GPs are labelling the move a game changer that will keep them in clinics.

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ABC Coffs Coast, Breakfast - Late, 08/08/2023, Fi Poole

Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler accepted the advice of the medicine experts who managed the PBS to allow 60-day prescriptions for common medicines for ongoing health conditions that will benefit 6 million patients. It will free up millions of consults at general practise surgeries that are desperately needed for other health conditions. The Australian Medical Association supports the policy, while the Australian pharmacy Guild says the extra prescriptions will cut funding for dispensing in half. Port Macquarie pharmacist Judy Plunkett says the measure has defunded pharmacies across Australia, on average about \$180,000 per year.

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ABC Coffs Coast, Breakfast - Late, 08/08/2023, Fi Poole

The Australian Pharmacy Guild says the 60-day prescriptions will effectively cut funding for dispensing in half. Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler says he was expediting the negotiations with community pharmacists.

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LA FM, Mornings with Richard Perno, 08/08/2023, Richard Perno

The public dispute between the Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and the influential lobby group the Pharmacy Guild and we've spoken too many times, soured yesterday with Mark Butler blasting the guild for running a self-serving and cynical campaign and the Guild accusing the Minister of breaking pre-election commitments. Butler vowed to bring forward by a year the Federal Government's talk with pharmacies in an attempt to placate the sector and assure concerned crossbench senators that he is dealing in good faith to get to the table.

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2SM, 08:00 News, 08/08/2023

The Pharmacy Guild was slammed yesterday by Health Minister Mark Butler for running a scare campaign over claims aged care residents will pay more under 60-day dispensing. The Guild and Minister Butler will bring forward negotiations on a new funding agreement due for 2025, with pharmacies hoping for an extra \$3.5 billion. It comes as News Corp reports three patient groups,

including Paina Australia Better Access Australia and the Australian Patients Association, have come out backing the Pharmacy Guild in calling for the 60-day dispensing policy to be delayed.

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MINISTER WELLS

Who runs the world

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/08/2023, Matthew Benns & Tamaryn McGregor, Page 1

The Matildas' stunning victory over Denmark in the FIFA Women's World Cup has moved the dial forever on female sport with audience figures smashing those for the NRL and AFL grand finals as it became the most watched TV event in 2023. [...] "Our female athletes are changing sport in this country . forever," Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells said as commentators and politicians united in praise of a thrilling night of sporting "bliss" for Australia.

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

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Great expectations held for improvements in aged care

Maribyrnong & Hobsons Bay Star Weekly, General News, 09/08/2023, Ian Henschke & Advocate Seniors, Page 8

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, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells announced an Aged Care Taskforce in mid-June.

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Food hotline goes live

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 08/08/2023

A food hotline established to field complaints and offer providers nutrition advice has been activated. A component of the new Food, Nutrition and Dining Advisory Support Unit which sits within the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission the hotline gives callers access to food and nutrition experts such as dietitians. [...] "What older Australians consume, and their dining experience has a significant impact on their overall wellbeing," said Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells in a statement.

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Taskforce principles encourage ageing at home

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 08/08/2023

Enabling older Australians to remain in their own homes as long as they are able leads a set of principles drafted by the aged care taskforce last month. The draft principles which also mention co-contributions from care recipients who can afford it are intended to act as a base for ongoing discussions within the taskforce and the wider community. [...] Meeting for the second time on 25 July and chaired by Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells, taskforce members also noted that significant community engagement and data analysis will be required to inform its deliberations and advice to government.

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Celebrating the aged care 'superheroes'

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 08/08/2023, Christopher Kelly

For the fifth year, Australia's aged care sector celebrated its workforce on Aged Care Employee Day. With the theme of Thanks for caring, the annual event held on 7 August every year provides an opportunity for providers, residents and families to show their gratitude to the 427,000 residential care, home care and retirement living staff who look after 1. [...] Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells took to social media to thank the workforce.

New proposal to 'ring-fence' super towards aged care

Super Review, Other, 08/08/2023, Rhea Nath

A national industry association has called for changes to the superannuation system, proposing a portion of these retirement savings be directed towards funding the individual's aged care. [...] Submitted to Aged Care Minister, Anika Wells, and the Aged Care Taskforce, the paper is the product of the Aged Care Financial Sustainability Summit held in June, where the ACCPA brought together 43 organisations representing consumers, aged care providers, unions, experts, and government bodies.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

WA project a real class act

West Australian, General News, 09/08/2023, Katina Curtis, Page 11

West Australian children who struggle with speaking, reading and writing will be at the centre of a world-leading project to help improve mental health problems linked with these challenges. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health Emma McBride said the WA project would help better understand how to support children early on and protect their mental health into the future.

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PALS goes to parliament

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 08/08/2023, Page 2

The founder of Pharmacy Addressing Loneliness and Social Isolation (PALS), Jenny Kirschner, recently had the opportunity to speak to parliament about the potential of using pharmacy to address loneliness. The Parliamentary Friends of Ending Loneliness breakfast took place at Parliament House yesterday morning, kicking off the Australian Loneliness Awareness Week as well as launching the Social Connection in Australia State of the Nation Report 2023. [...] Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, and pharmacist, Emma McBride, was also in attendance.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

New ways to manage your mouth

Yorke Peninsula Country Times - Kadina, General News, 08/08/2023, Page 30

A new 11-point oral health charter has been unveiled as part of Dental Health Week (August 7-13). The Health Messages for Australia a National Consensus statement is an update on existing Statements last drafted in 2009 and was unveiled by Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney along with representatives from the Australian Dental Association.

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Unrecognised and underestimated: the fight to get Australian women proper care after miscarriages

The Guardian, Other, 09/08/2023, Natasha May

Lying on the ultrasound table, seven weeks into her first pregnancy, Jade Bilardi wasn't concerned about the light bleeding. [...] The assistant minister for health and chair of the government's National Women's Health Advisory Council, Ged Kearney, welcomed the creation of the coalition and says "the loss of a child during early pregnancy can be completely devastating and traumatic".

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Have your say on #EndGenderBias in Australia's healthcare system

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 08/08/2023, Anmj Staff

Have you or someone you care for been unfairly treated as a woman in Australia's healthcare system? An Australia-wide community consultation project is underway to understand the personal experiences of bias for women in the health system. [...] Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Ged Kearney who chairs the Council, said women's stories were often overlooked.

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New national 11-point charter for healthy mouths launched by Asst Health Minister

Pharmacy ITK, Other, 08/08/2023

The nation's dentists today unveiled sweeping new oral health recommendations for the way we should all be managing our mouths, marking the start of Dental Health Week. The new 11 point oral health charter unveiled this morning (Aug 7) by Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney along with representatives from the Australian Dental Association (ADA) which funded the review, includes new recommendations on vaping, flossing, alcohol consumption, mouthguard use and the age a child should have their first visit to the dentist.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

Koori Radio, Blackchat, 08/08/2023, Lola Forester

Dr Anne Aly, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth and Malarndirri McCarthy, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians and Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health have got a new connected project that establish support for an additional 4,500 1st Nation children.

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DEPARTMENT

Explained: What the new Covid strain, dubbed Eris, means for you

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/08/2023, Adrienne Tam

A new strain of Covid, called Eris, is being monitored by the World Health Organisation. Here's what we know. [...] According to the Department of Health and Aged Care, 5,431 cases of COVID-19 were reported across Australia in the past week.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Innovative 'Staying at Home' Program Launched by Resthaven

Aged Care Online, Other, 08/08/2023

Resthaven has launched a new government-funded program which aims to support older South Australians living with dementia to stay at home for as long as possible. The Staying at Home in Regional South Australia' program forms part of the Government's response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, and aims to provide vital education and support to carers whilst their loved one is cared for in the same location by experienced staff. [...] It is free for carers and the person they care for, as the program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Seven Albury, Seven Local News, 08/08/2023, Madelaine Collignon and Nick Hose

The Department of Health estimates the average pharmacy will be out of pocket by \$16,000 a year. Pharmacies are bracing for change now, charging for Webster packs and dose aids that were once free.

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CORONAVIRUS

French research centre behind controversial Covid paper found to have used questionable ethics processes

The Guardian, Other, 09/08/2023, Melissa Davey

French research centre that produced one of the most widely cited and controversial research papers of the Covid-19 pandemic has been found by an international research team to have used questionable and concerning ethics approval processes across hundreds of studies. The Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire Mditerrane Infection, or IHU, is a large clinical research centre in the south of France.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Aged-care workers pressured by unions

The Australian, General News, 09/08/2023, Jess Malcolm, Page 4

Employer groups, aged-care providers and nurses have blasted Anthony Albanese's union-linked labour deals designed to bring in foreign aged-care workers amid concern care staff are being unfairly pressured into joining industrial organisations. The criticism comes as Immigration Minister Andrew Giles revealed just five labour agreements had been struck between unions and aged-care providers since the policy was first introduced three months ago.

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

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How to fund aged care without plundering our super

Age, Money, 09/08/2023, Noel Whittaker, Page 1

Challenges in the aged care system 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: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Regions cannot handle bed rule

Herald Sun, General News, 09/08/2023, Jade Gailberger, Page 13

Regional aged-care facilities are closing dozens of beds to meet strict care minute requirements due to a dire shortage of registered nurses. The industry is urging the federal government to revisit the mandatory 40 minutes of care by registered nurses come October, warning that older Australians may lose access to local services.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Australian Ageing Agenda \(Online\)](#), [Australian Seniors News \(Online\)](#), [HelloCare \(Online\)](#).

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Bain wins over Estia

Northern Territory News, Business News, 09/08/2023, Jared Lynch, Page 18

Private equity titan Bain Capital is set to take over ASX-listed aged care provider Estia Health in an \$838m deal. After a five-month pursuit including an exclusive due diligence period expiring last week

Bain and Estia signed a scheme of implementation agreement on Monday.

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

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ACU researchers provide path to safer walking for seniors

Australian Seniors News, Other, 08/08/2023

Australian Catholic University (ACU) researchers are working to develop a program to enhance pedestrian safety among older adults, as Australia records a 10.3% increase in pedestrians deaths 161 fatalities in the past year. ACU health sciences researchers are developing a tailored online training program for people over 60 to enhance their hazard perception skills and reduce the risk of harm.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 08/08/2023, Rebecca Levingston

Interview with Maree McCabe, CEO, Dementia Australia about reliance of people on technology that makes the brain lazy. McCabe says there are around 480,000 Australians living with dementia and without a medical breakthrough we're looking at close to a million by 2058. She notes the prevalence of dementia is increasing.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Education Queensland data shows increase in school suspension linked to drug and tobacco use

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/08/2023, Michael Nolan

Data released by the Queensland government shows the number of suspensions handed to students caught with drugs or tobacco products has doubled since 2020 and we are inviting parents and guardians to have their say on substance abuse in school. The number of Darling Downs students suspended or excluded from school after they were caught with illicit drugs or tobacco products has more than doubled in the past two years.

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

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10 reasons to restart the quitting journey

The Guardian, Other, 08/08/2023

Let's start with some good news. Fewer people are smoking than ever: the percentage of Australian adults smoking daily fell from 22.3% in 2001 to 11.6% in 2019. And the chances of successfully quitting are encouraging. By 2019, 62% of Australians who had ever smoked had quit.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Heart death rates higher in the bush

The Australian, General News, 09/08/2023, Jenna Clarke, Page 7

Steve Mogridge has one complaint regarding the Royal Flying Doctor Service when he was flown from remote WA after suffering a stroke last year. "The window was too high so I couldn't see the beautiful landscape outside," he laughs.

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

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Vital sign of a bush crisis

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/08/2023, Madeleine Bower, Page 1

Living in rural and remote Australia is bad for your health, with country Aussies 10 times more likely to die from ischaemic heart disease than their city cousins. The shocking health divide between the city and bush has been exposed in a new report by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, with deaths from preventable heart, stroke and vascular disease up to 1.4 times higher in remote areas.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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Pointer in blood to heart attacks

Herald Sun, General News, 09/08/2023, Justin Vallejo, Page 6

A blood test could indicate people at higher risk of suffering heart attacks in the next two years, researchers say. [...] Heart attacks, a sudden blockage of the blood supply to the heart that prevents it from getting enough oxygen to pump blood to the rest of the body, cause almost one in 20 deaths in Australia, according to The Heart Foundation.

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

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QIMR's global breakthrough in vaccine against MS

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/08/2023, Jackie Sinnerton

Scientists at Queensland's QIMR Berghofer have developed a vaccine to protect against a debilitating incurable disease. Queensland scientists have made a world-first breakthrough in the decades-long quest to eradicate the devastating disease multiple sclerosis.

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

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Life Force: prostate cancer survivor Greg Kidd gets behind PCFA Albany awareness initiative

West Australian, Other, 08/08/2023, Daniel Rooney

Albany local and program volunteer Greg Kidd is looking forward to engaging with the community as part of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia's community cancer awareness initiative Life Force, which has officially launched in Albany. Mr Kidd is one of the more than 24,000 Australian men diagnosed with prostate cancer each year.

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Man says he was questioned at Adelaide nightclub for carrying insulin for his type 1 diabetes

ABC Online, Other, 08/08/2023, Bethanie Alderson

A man who has type 1 diabetes is calling for more awareness after being questioned about his insulin and jelly beans while trying to enter a nightclub in Adelaide's CBD. Key points: Harrison Cal, 23, said he was waiting to enter Rocket Bar & Rooftop on Hindley Street last weekend with his friends when they were pulled aside by staff and asked to empty their pockets. [...] Stigma can be attached to diabetes According to Diabetes Australia more than 300 people develop diabetes across the country every day, which is equal to one person every five minutes.

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'Progress in the right direction': Second state adopts breast density reporting

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/08/2023, Rachel Carter

The updated policy is being rolled out at all BreastScreen SA clinics. Women undergoing routine mammography at all BreastScreen SA clinics will now be notified of their individual breast density.

Researchers discover 'biomarkers' to identify aggressive prostate cancers

The Senior, Other, 08/08/2023

Western Australian researchers have received a huge boost to their bid to treat Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) after receiving a grant from the US government. The team has received a grant of \$760,000 from the US Defense Department to fund a new strand of research involving a potential molecular based therapy for the degenerative neurological disease.

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PRIMARY CARE

Health incidents 'may be worse'

The Australian, General News, 09/08/2023, Rachel Baxendale, Page 7

The chief executive of Australia's peak body for medical patients says the Andrews government's argument that increased reporting is behind a massive spike in reported "sentinel" events in Victoria's health system implies that the real numbers may have been at least as bad in the past. Australian Patients Association CEO David Clarke's comments come after the government on Monday released a Safer Care Victoria report which revealed that there had been 240 sentinel events in the state's health system in 2021-22, up from 168 the previous year, and 42 in 2014-15.

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

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I'm feeling so schnitty

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 09/08/2023, Agnes Gichuhi & Todd Lewis, Page 12

A disgruntled patient has shared the less-than-appealing meal he was served at a regional hospital - and quickly received backlash. From the comfort of his Port Pirie Hospital bed, Steve Lewis posted a picture of a less than appetising meal consisting of boiled carrots, brussels sprouts, mashed potatoes and a crumbed schnitzel topped with gravy.

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Support for ramping inquiry

Launceston Examiner, General News, 09/08/2023, Benjamin Seeder, Page 1

Premier Jeremy Rockliff told parliament he would support an inquiry into ambulance ramping in Tasmania if it also looks at other health areas covered by the federal government. The call for an inquiry from the Greens follows another adverse coronial finding against the Launceston General Hospital.

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

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Data dispels emergency department myth

Launceston Examiner, General News, 09/08/2023, Stephanie Dalton, Page 9

New data has dispelled the myth that many people attending Australian emergency departments (EDs) should have been seen by GPs instead. According to a new study published in the Medical Journal of Australia, many people presenting at emergency departments who had been defined by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) criteria as being a lower urgency care patient may not be suitable for GP care. [...] Australian Medical Association (AMA) Tasmania president Dr John Saul said the benefit of hindsight impacts all clinicians' assessment of care quality.

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Ambulance response times down

Demand for ambulances in Mildura rose 6.6 per cent in the April-June quarter, with 1112 call-outs compared to 1039 last quarter. The demand increase was higher than the state average of 5.5 per cent, the third-busiest on record.

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Glimpse of the future

Western Advocate, General News, 09/08/2023, Page 1

Bathurst residents are being asked for feedback on plans for the city's \$200 million hospital redevelopment. As the state government issues the first artist's impressions of the revamped facility, it's also been revealed construction is expected to begin in 2025, later than the early 2024 start that was anticipated by the Western NSW Local Health District.

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Ambulance Victoria's 'concerning' regional emergency response times

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/08/2023, Else Kennedy

Shocking statistics show regional Victorians in five LGAs have a less than one in three chance of receiving an ambulance on time in an emergency. Tens of thousands of regional Victorians have a less than one-in-three chance of receiving an ambulance on time in an emergency, the latest ambulance response time data has revealed.

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

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Dr Kerry Chant says voluntary assisted dying laws will be available to 'a small group of individuals'

Newcastle Herald, Other, 08/08/2023, Damon Cronshaw

Adults with a terminal illness who will die within six months can access voluntary assisted dying laws in 16 weeks, NSW Health officials said on Tuesday night. The laws also apply to adults with a neurodegenerative condition who will die within 12 months.

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Community urged to have say on Westmead, Nepean palliative care unit as completion date pushed back to 2026

The Mercury, Other, 08/08/2023, Joanne Vella

Palliative care advocates in Sydney's west have hit out after it was revealed the long-promised Westmead facility would be delayed. See what it means for terminally ill patients here.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Are EDs really full of GP-type presentations?

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/08/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

A study concluded that 77% of GP-type presentations could not be managed in general practice. The idea that millions of emergency patients could be managed in general practice is overblown, Australian research suggests.

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August 8 is Dying to Know Day

The Senior, Other, 08/08/2023, Jacinta Dickins & Anthony Caggiano

Dying to Know Day - a national annual campaign that helps Australians live, grieve, and die better - is calling on the Australian government to fund community-led approaches for end-of-life care. A keynote presentation at NSW Parliament House on Dying to Know Day (Tuesday, August 8) will bring together experts and politicians to showcase new research that demonstrates community-led public health initiatives for end-of-life care in Australia.

Channel 9, Today, 08/08/2023, Karl Stefanovic, Sarah Abo, Alex Cullen, and Brooke Boney

There are new calls this morning to delay the federal government's controversial 60-day drug dispensing shake up. Three new patient groups are insisting the initiative be paused, warning pharmacies will reduce opening hours and staffing numbers due to start next month. Labor says the policy will halve the cost of medicines and free up millions of GP consults.

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Sky News Live, Sharri, 08/08/2023, Sharri Markson

Interview with Georgie Crozier, Vic Shadow Health Minister. Crozier says hospitals in Victoria have been under enormous pressure. She notes latest report shows 240 sentinel events that have occurred in hospitals, a 43% increase on the previous year. She blames the Andrews Government and its years of mismanagement.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 08/08/2023, Leon Delaney

A federal inquiry into a bill to force a government inquiry into the former Calvary Hospital takeover has been given an extension for an extra month. It's now expected to hear from witnesses at a public hearing in Canberra after the vote for Queensland Senator Matt Canavan.

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6PR, Perth Live, 08/08/2023, Oliver Peterson

Interview with Dr Michael Page, President. AMA WA. Peterson says the Australian Medical Association teamed up with the Australian Dental Association calling for a tax to be implemented on sugary drinks due to their poor health impacts. Page says 50 countries around the world now have taxes on sugar consumption and there is evidence that it does reduce intake. He adds a 15 cent on every 375ml soft drink, would reduce consumption by about 15% and that would have a significant effect over the long term in terms of reducing rates of obesity and heart disease. He states it would also raise about \$800 million in revenue, which could then be reinvested into the health system.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Horse whisperer breaks barriers with therapy

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/08/2023, Laura Banks, Page 3

From a metre away, Elizabeth Milinkovic says, a horse can sense how a human is feeling, clock their heart rate, and instinctively want to make people feel safer. "Before we've even approached them, they [horses] know what we're feeling," the equine-assisted therapist says.

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

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MDMA therapy on offer

Courier Mail, General News, 09/08/2023, Jessica Wang, Page 8

Australians suffering from treatment-resistant depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can apply to undergo psychedelic-assisted therapy at the first Australian clinic of its kind. Based in Melbourne, Clarion Clinic has opened expressions of interest ahead of its opening, set for September.

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

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Workers must be helped

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/08/2023, Murray Vitlich, Page 19

There's an epidemic affecting men across Australia and it's time the country, and the construction industry specifically, says enough is enough. Research shows that every year on average, 190 Australians working in the construction sector commit suicide and that construction workers are six times more likely to die by suicide than an accident at work.

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AI websites providing unhealthy advice

West Australian, General News, 09/08/2023, Page 9

Ai chatbots are "encouraging" eating disorders in online users by giving out extreme weightloss plans and guidance on hiding the problem, a study found. Three chatbots were provided with 20 prompts about eating disorder topics, such as requests for restrictive diets and inquiries concerning drugs to induce vomiting.

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Aiding next gen health leaders

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 09/08/2023, Madeleine Clark, Page 18

Mental health charity zero2hero and Access Hire Australia on Monday announced a partnership to help send Kalgoorlie-Boulder youth to a camp aimed at nurturing the next generation of mental health leaders. Camp Hero is a free five-day leadership program for young people being held from November 20 to 24 in Kellerberrin.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Pay up or they'll go to QLD

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/08/2023, James O'Doherty & Matthew Benns, Page 1

Thousands of frontline workers will "move to Queensland" unless the state government comes up with a better wage offer, a key union leader has warned. The warning from Health Services Union boss Gerard Hayes came after tensions between the government and teachers boiled over on Monday with Premier Chris Minns abused during a flying visit to Griffith.

Also reported by: [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 08/08/2023, Sandra Sully

Nurses and midwives will receive a 4.5% pay increase with 58% of members accepting the NSW Government's offer and 42% rejecting it. Michael Whaites, Nurses and Midwives Association says even amongst those who voted yes, they are angry.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 08/08/2023, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

There's been a breakthrough in the long running pay dispute between nurses and the New South Wales Government, with the union agreeing to accept the NSW Government's offer of a 4% increase to wages. That's despite 40% of members voting against the deal. The union is promising to keep campaigning for a better one.

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A day's work like no other

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/08/2023, Warren Brown, Page 14

The catastrophic thought of being stranded, injured or sick in Australia's vast interior has been a fear ever since the first Europeans arrived here. As such there is probably no greater respected institution in Australia as the Royal Flying Doctor - that unique, aerial Godsend that has safeguarded the health and welfare of those living or travelling in the farflung reaches of the outback since bush doctor John Flynn created the service almost a century ago.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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GP numbers grow in regions, South West benefiting more than most

West Australian, Other, 08/08/2023, Breanna Redhead

A new survey has revealed an increase in doctors working in regional and remote areas, but uneven distribution remains a problem. Rural Health West's annual general practitioner survey recorded a 2 per cent jump in GPs working in the State's regions, showing 911 compared with last year's 891.

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'It's worse than ever,' says GP struggling under the cost of locums

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/08/2023, Carmel Sparke

NSW South Coast GP Dr Gundi Muller-Grotjan says her practice cannot sustain the cost of ongoing locums. When Dr Gundi Muller-Grotjan told patients she would be forced to close one of her two clinics for a couple of days a week because of a "desperate" doctor shortage, the response was overwhelming.

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Channel 9, National Nine News, 08/08/2023, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

Queensland Health is right now deciding whether frontline workers still need to be vaccinated. 3000 nurses are off work due to the mandate. Nine News can reveal unvaccinated nurses are being sacked in the midst of a workforce crisis. The union says there are at least 3000 nurses waiting for the outcome.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Redundancies, reduction in hours ahead of double-dispensing

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/08/2023, David Rowley

A national survey of 1000 community pharmacies by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia has shown 250 pharmacy workers have already been made redundant and "hundreds" of pharmacies are reducing opening hours ahead of 60-day dispensing beginning.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Win over false online review

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 09/08/2023, Mandy Squires, Page 5

Geelong surgeon blasts health watchdog after defamation case A prominent Geelong surgeon who won a defamation case against a patient who wrote a damaging online review has taken Australia's health watchdog to task for leaving doctors "defenceless" in the face of attacks on their reputation. [...] Mr Callan, a past president of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons and sought after international speaker on rhinoplasty, said the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) was hurting good medical practitioners with sweeping reforms to the cosmetic surgery industry, and it was "open season on doctors".

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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SPORT

Matildas' win over Denmark the most-watched TV moment of the year

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/08/2023, Sam Buckingham-Jones, Page 3

Two heart-stopping goals from Caitlin Foord and Hayley Raso propelled the Matildas to a convincing win over Denmark in the FIFA Women's World Cup on Monday, but the Aussies defeated another rival on the night: themselves.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Push for Cup public holiday alarms business

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/08/2023, David Marin-Guzman, Page 3

Anthony Albanese's push for a public holiday for the Matildas - evoking Bob Hawke's famous declaration after the America's Cup win - is gaining support from the states, but employers say it will cost small business which is already doing it tough.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

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Our world is at their feet

Courier Mail, General News, 09/08/2023, Jeremy Pierce & Mikaela Mulveney, Page 1

Matilda Mania has gripped Queensland, with the stunning run of our women's soccer team igniting World Cup Fever in a \$50 million boom for the Brisbane economy. Officials initially estimated the FIFA women's World Cup would be worth about \$30 million to Brisbane's hotels, bars and restaurants across the month-long tournament, but the magnificent Matildas with nine Queenslanders in their ranks, have exceeded all expectations, dragging thousands of Queensland sports fans along for the ride in a juggernaut captivating the country.

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

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Netball World Cup 2023: Diamonds players will get no pay and no bonus despite winning

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/08/2023, Emma Greenwood

Australia won the Netball World Cup in emphatic style but fans will be disgusted by the financial rewards each player stands to receive for becoming world champions. Australia's netball stars will not receive any payment for lifting the most prestigious trophy in the sport with prize money still not on offer for winning the World Cup.

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

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Volleyball Tas targets Olympic representation at Brisbane 2032

The Mercury, Other, 08/08/2023, Jon Tuxworth

Volleyball Tasmania is focused on growing the sport from grassroots up, with the ideal scenario to produce an Olympian to compete at Brisbane in 2032. Volleyball Tasmania has set the ambitious goal of having a home grown product competing at the 2032 Olympics as the sport continues to grow in the state.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

'Aussie research will go overseas'

The Australian, Higher Education, 09/08/2023, Tim Dodd, Page 26

Universities and medical research institutes warn they face a "catastrophic impact" from changes to federal employment laws coming into force in December that place restrictions on the fixed-term job contracts commonly used in the research community. In a submission to the federal government, they warn the new rules will raise employment costs and drive researchers away from Australia.

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

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Pressure on for science watchdog after scandal

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/08/2023, Liam Mannix, Page 10

Australia must establish a watchdog to police its scientists, an inquiry into one of the country's worst research misconduct scandals has found. The proposed body would have the power to investigate allegations of research misconduct - such as falsifying data or running unethical experiments - and could directly sanction researchers found to have done the wrong thing.

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

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Premier rounds out visit with funding for MND research

Daily Advertiser, General News, 09/08/2023, Cai Holroyd, Page 3

NSW Premier Chris Minns has confirmed a \$2 million investment into motor neurone disease research in a visit to the Riverina. Mr Minns visited Leeton's SunRice facilities before opening the Southern Industrial Link in Griffith on Monday, before beelining the city's lake with Murray MP Helen Dalton.

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Deakin University team leads autism spectrum research into non-

invasive brain therapy

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/08/2023, Robyn Riley

Young autistic Victorians are being offered non-invasive brain stimulation as a form of therapy but how does it help? The largest trial to investigate non-invasive brain stimulation as a therapy for young autistic people has been launched by Australian researchers.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [3AW \(Online\)](#).

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University of Southern Queensland study to probe impact of capsaicin on dementia

ABC Online, Other, 08/08/2023, Tobi Loftus

University of Southern Queensland scientists will later this month study the cognitive impacts the molecule capsaicin, found in chillies, has on preventing dementia and other health conditions in people. Researcher Edward Bliss said dementia has modifiable risk factors including fat mass "around the belly" and his previous published studies of the capsaicin molecule in animals found it helped address some of those risks.

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Progress on new vaccine for childhood ear infections

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 08/08/2023, Anmj Staff

University of Adelaide researchers have begun developing a new vaccine that could help keep painful ear infections in children at bay. In the initial stages of development in the lab, the potential vaccine would target one of the main types of bacteria that cause middle ear infections, a common illness among infants and young children.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/08/2023, Mark Ferguson

A team of scientists led by Deakin University is hoping to help those who live with autism through a study of non-invasive treatment. TMS uses a magnetic field to stimulate part of the brain responsible for social functioning. The trial will examine participants after 20 short sessions. The research team is recruiting 150 patients aged 14 to 40 around the country for this trial, with results expected in two years.

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Channel 9, National Nine News, 08/08/2023, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

A groundbreaking trial investigating a new therapy for children with autism has been launched by Australian researchers developed by a team at Deakin University. The nationwide study is investigating non-invasive brain stimulation technology. It aims to alleviate distress through magnetic fields.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 08/08/2023, Leon Compton

Interview with Stella Sarraf, CEO, Spinogenix. Sarraf discusses the drug SPG302 they're trialling for Lou Gehrig's disease or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He notes they're looking for 112 patients with ALS for the trial.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Why it's time for the return of the siesta

Daily Liberal, General News, 09/08/2023, Simon Quilty, Page 8

After being all but eliminated in recent decades, the modest siesta or afternoon nap might be about to make a comeback. The siesta has been around for millennia, but in western countries like Spain it has been disappearing, mainly to conform to a "normal" 9-to-5 work schedule.

Also reported by: [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Radio National, Life Matters, 08/08/2023, Hilary Harper and Michael Mackenzie

A new study has found non-Indigenous Australians are 18% more likely to die in hot weather compared to Indigenous people. Lead author Dr Simon Quilty says that's likely because of cultural practises which avoid strenuous activity in the heat of the day. He says adopting similar practises from other hot climates could be crucial in adapting to climate change.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Melbourne's Clarion Clinics to become Australia's first psychedelic-assisted therapy clinic

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

The clinic will become the first of its kind to offer psychedelic-assisted therapy to Australians. Australians suffering from treatment-resistant depression and post-traumatic-stress-disorder (PTSD) can apply to undergo psychedelic-assisted therapy, in the first Australian clinic of its kind in the country. [...] Whether Clarion will be able to open in September, will be contingent on clinicians obtaining final authorisations and permits from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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

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Diabetics hit again as GlucaGen HypoKit shortage strikes

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/08/2023, David Rowley

There is a "critical shortage" of the emergency glucagon product GlucaGen HypoKit which is likely to last until 30 September 2023, sponsor Novo Nordisk has informed the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Once banned in Australia, kava's demand could go global, says ASX-listed The Calmer Co

The Australian, Other, 08/08/2023, Eddy Sunarto

With the movement towards cannabidiol health products gaining momentum, another traditional, once-

banned remedy also is rising. For generations, kava has been used as a drink for ceremonies and cultural practices by people in the Pacific Islands.

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

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FOOD STANDARDS

Formal complaint lodged over new Hard Solo drink appealing to minors

Adelaide Now, Other, 08/08/2023

An alcoholic version of popular soft drink Solo has sparked a formal complaint amid concerns it could appeal to underage drinkers. Many of us have been indulging' through 2020, here are a few easy ways you can keep the calories down this year.

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The Australian Medical and Dental Associations call for tax on sugary drinks

6PR, Other, 08/08/2023, Oliver Peterson

The Australian Medical Association and the Australian Dental Association are calling for a tax to be implemented on sugary drinks due to their poor health impacts. Australian Medical Association WA President Dr Michael Page spoke with Oly Peterson on 6PR's Perth Live.

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'Can't tell the difference': Why foraging for wild mushrooms can end in painful death

9News, Other, 08/08/2023, Mark Saunokonoko

A food safety expert has likened gathering wild mushrooms to a game of Russian roulette, following the sudden deaths of three people who attended an ill-fated lunch party in Victoria. Lydia Buchtmann, spokesperson for Food Safety Information Council, described foraging for mushrooms as "extremely risky" and likely to end with someone unwittingly eating a highly toxic death cap or yellow-staining mushroom and dying.

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Doctors sound alarm over gas expansion

Daily Advertiser, General News, 09/08/2023, Page 6

Doctors are warning children will be at an increased risk of cancer and birth defects should a planned gas processing and petrochemicals plant in Darwin Harbour go ahead. Dozens of healthcare professionals converged on Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday, urging the federal government to withdraw \$1.5 billion in funding for the Middle Arm industrial hub in Darwin.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Sunraysia Daily \(Mildura\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

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