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- **[The Sun Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the NSW AMA has told the state's birth trauma inquiry that social and mainstream media are giving expectant parents unrealistically high expectations of "following a 'birth plan' and achieving a 'normal' or 'perfect' birth".
- **[The Sun Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the cost of workplace injury claims by NSW school teachers has almost tripled since 2016, the state's Education Department last year fielding an average 14 claims a week for psychological damage caused by stress, bullying and violence.
- **[The Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Victorians are waiting as long as three years for dental treatments as workforce shortages leave 130 of the state's 640 funded dental chairs unstaffed, according to estimates by the Australian Dental Association.
- **[The Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the Victorian state government had begun to organise the use of caravans as accommodation for its 50,000 volunteers, officials and workers in the now-cancelled 2026 Commonwealth Games before it had allocated the funds to pay the caravan manufacturers.
- **[The Sunday Canberra Times \(page 1\)](#)** reports that ACT GPs have warned that half of all Canberrans could pay more for appointments if the Barr government moves to restrict payroll

tax exemptions to general practices meeting a bulk-billing rate of 65 per cent.

- **The Sunday Mail Adelaide (page 1)** reports that Wendy Smith, the mother of Birdwood football player Antonio Loiacono who died in hospital after a Hills Football League match, is launching legal action against the SANFL for breaching its concussion policy and allowing Antonio to play after sustaining a head injury without being medically cleared.
- In the **Sunday Territorian (page 24)**, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Senator Malarndirri McCarthy writes that she was pleased to join health experts in Alice Springs last week to announce new Commonwealth-State funding agreements to put more healthcare providers in regional and remote Australia, and the new John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program to bring junior doctors to the bush.

MINISTER BUTLER

Elderly urged to get COVID-19 boosters

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 03/09/2023, Tess Ikonomou, Page 15

Elderly people are being urged to get a booster COVID-19 vaccination if six months has passed since their last jab. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said it was never too late to come forward and get an extra vaccine dose, urging people to do so if they have missed a booster.

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Profits so big, it'll make you sick

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/09/2023, Sue Dunlevy, Page 32

Half-price medicines for six million Australians are under threat because outdated rules have turned the pharmacy sector into a near-monopoly run by millionaires and billionaires. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said: "The Pharmacy Guild's own figures show that the average gross profit of a pharmacy is 34 per cent, higher than any other sector of the private medical services industry".

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Cheaper scripts easy pill to take

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 03/09/2023, James Campbell, Page 8

Millions of Australians have begun to get cheaper medicines and higher welfare payments after budget measures announced in May kicked in last Friday. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said while two prescriptions for the price of one "sounds too good to be true" it would henceforth be a reality for millions of Australians living with ongoing health conditions.

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Bad medicine

Sunday Times, General News, 03/09/2023, Kimberley Caines, Page 29

It's the cold war being waged for your health dollars. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has been hitting back at critics of the changes for months, accusing the Pharmacy Guild of running "scare campaigns".

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

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Medicine no cure for GP ailments

Sunday Times, General News, 03/09/2023, Andrew Ngeow, Page 39

The Commonwealth Government's 60-day medicines dispensing policy began on Friday. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has claimed a key outcome of his policy is that it will reduce pressure on the GP network.

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Eating disorders: Butterfly Foundation says there has been 283 per cent spike in Tasmanians seeking help

Herald Sun, Other, 03/09/2023, Rob Inglis

A massive spike in the number of Tasmanians seeking help for eating disorders has prompted a leading national charity to call for greater treatment options to be made available in the state. [...] A spokeswoman for federal Health Minister Mark Butler, who last week released a 10-year National Eating Disorders Strategy, said community-based residential eating disorder treatment centres were "intended to fill a critical gap between inpatient hospitalisation and community-based care".

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Jim Chalmers: Cost of living measures to take effect this month as inflation moderates

NEWS.com.au, Other, 02/09/2023, Ellen Ransley

Billions of dollars worth of "targeted" and "responsible" cost of living measures will this month begin flowing through for millions of Australians feeling the pinch at the checkout or when paying their bills. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said cheaper medicines were not just good for the health of Australians, but were "good for the hip pocket".

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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MINISTER WELLS

Tate plea: Don't let China in the game

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/09/2023, Jeremy Pierce, Page 5

Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate has warned of a looming political dogfight with China over the loyalty of Pacific island nations if the state government turns its back on his bold bid to resurrect the 2026 Commonwealth Games. [...] However, despite federal Sport Minister Anika Wells leaving the door open to the idea, the state government has ignored Mr Tate's public pleas and written request to discuss the concept.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated in regional publications

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Nurses returning to aged care role

The Senior - TAS, General News, 01/09/2023, Eileen Wood, Page 5

The federal government says registered nurses are now on site in aged care homes 98 per cent of the time and 23.5 hours on average. [...] "We introduced the 24/7 nursing requirement because older Australians deserve around-the-clock clinical care," said Aged Care Minister Anika Wells.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Endometriosis clinic

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/09/2023, Page 13

South Australian women living with endometriosis will now be able to access expert, multidisciplinary care, with the federal government opening a new specialist clinic in Adelaide's west. [...] Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney opened the clinic alongside member for Boothby Louise Miller-Frost, who said the clinic was a "much-needed health service in South Australia".

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

We're working hard to fix health divide

Sunday Territorian, General News, 03/09/2023, Malarndirri McCarthy, Page 24

All Australians deserve to live a long, healthy and happy life regardless of where they live. But it's no secret that for many living in rural, regional and remote areas of the NT, finding great health care can be a challenge the more remote you go.

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Pathology provider hit with \$1.65 million penalty over health insurance act violation

Insurance Business Australia, Other, 02/09/2023, Roxanne Libatique

Healius Pathology Pty Ltd, a pathology provider in New South Wales, has been ordered by the Commonwealth to pay a pecuniary penalty of \$1.65 million for violating the Health Insurance Act 1973. [...] According to the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, expert valuation reports relied on by the Commonwealth revealed that the agreed amounts for the leases arrangements were "between 100% and 470% greater than the market values."

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

True cost of a longer, healthier retirement

Sun Herald, General News, 03/09/2023, Bec Wilson, Page 37

I have to admit being a little obsessed by the opportunity we have to live longer lives, and the need to live healthier as we do so. So, I dug deep into the Intergenerational Report 2023 last week to see how the government projected life expectancy to change for people who make it to the age of 65 over the rest of their lifetime.

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

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New team graduates

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/09/2023, Therese Murray, Page 57

The first group of Uniting NSW.ACT's in-house trained aged care graduates has qualified from the organisation's inaugural traineeship program offered at its Central Coast aged care facilities. COVID-19 took a terrible toll across aged care for residents and staff, and it is now harder than ever to find trained aged care workers, particularly in rural and regional areas.

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Aged care provider up for state award

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 02/09/2023, Jack Evans

Mildura's Regis Aged Care says it is "proud" after being nominated for a major category at the 2023 Victorian Community Achievement Awards. The Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award highlights the continued success and achievements of regional businesses and acknowledges that regional businesses are making important economic contributions and providing opportunities for regional growth, productivity, leadership, training and employment.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Your best chance is a bystander

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/09/2023, Page 13

It takes just 10 minutes to die after a cardiac arrest, while the average ambulance response time is nine. Cardiac arrest is Australia's number one cause of death and most who experience it outside of a hospital do not survive.

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State's vape crackdown

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/09/2023, Page 19

Smokers will now have to go somewhere else to light up as Queensland expands its smoke-free zones across the state. New smoke and vape-free zones now apply at outdoor markets, near outdoor eating and drinking venues, school carparks and all under 18s organised recreational events.

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We all have a heart so let's take care of it

Launceston Examiner, General News, 02/09/2023, Peter Milne, Page 25

If I told you that four Tasmanians were dying every day in car crashes, you would be shocked. There would be immediate calls for action and improved safety measures.

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Trust a mother's instincts: How Jackson learnt to find his voice

Canberra Times, Other, 02/09/2023, Steve Evans

When three-year-old Jackson was still not able to communicate with those around him, friends of his mother told her not to worry. He was just a boy and he would develop, was the message. But his mum, Cindy, knew something was wrong - and she was right.

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Roxy Jacenko tells of Ozempic overdose while trying to lose weight

Adelaide Now, Other, 02/09/2023, Briana Domjen

PR guru Roxy Jacenko has revealed she felt like dying after overdosing on diabetes medication-turned-celebrity weight-loss drug Ozempic. Struggling to lose the 15 kilos she gained after using Tamoxifen, a hormone therapy used to treat breast cancer, Jacenko turned to the diabetes drug which has been branded Hollywood's latest weight-loss trend.

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Health professionals warn of potentially deadly asthma during Australian thunderstorm season

7news.com.au, Other, 02/09/2023, Sarah Keszler

A mix of high pollen counts and the beginning of thunderstorm season could be a deadly combination, health professionals have warned. Australia is one of the world's more allergy-prone countries, with an estimated one in five people suffering from hay fever, and increasingly high rates of asthma.

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CWA speaks up for neurodiversity in women and girls

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/09/2023

Aly Bunton's school report cards always said she had potential, if only she could apply herself and try harder. "I could never study, I'd have trouble with concepts that other people seemed to get really easily, I always had a messy room, and I'd forget everything," Ms Bunton told AAP of her teenage years.

Also reported by: [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Join the battle to save children

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/09/2023, Vanessa Croll, Page 28

Less than one week before Christmas 2021, Matt and Dani Weston's entire world suddenly up-ended when their "big, healthy, strapping" four-year-old son Jacob woke "writhing in pain". Jacob was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia after being transferred to The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Also reported by: [Sunday Territorian \(Darwin\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#) and widely syndicated in regional publications

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Charlie's patients to step out in support

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/09/2023, Cydonee Mardon, Page 31

While controversy continues to follow Charlie Teo, his patients remain resolute, with scores flocking to his home yesterday to support the neurosurgeon and his quest to cure brain cancer. Lauren Spero said she is committed to supporting Dr Teo and other "out-of-the-box" surgeons and researchers who "aren't afraid to take risks and to help find a cure so that there can be more patients like me, who are able to live long and full lives".

Treatment is making mark

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/09/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 19

Former AFL champion Mark Mickan's unflinching battle with Parkinson's disease has taken a new twist his Melbourne doctor can now remotely tweak his brain implants to control tremors and other symptoms. A video consultation assessment now sees neurologist Dr Andrew Evans also able to optimise the Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) remotely, saving Mickan up to four trips to Melbourne a year.

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'It was just bang, I woke up and I was paralysed'

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/09/2023, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 23

At 20, barber Carlo was carefree and sports mad before a shock twist of fate As a soccer mad 20-year-old barber, Adelaide's Carlo Onorato was loving life until one ordinary night when he went to bed but woke up unable to walk.

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Mum's nine days to say goodbye

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/09/2023, Leah Smith, Page 24

Brooke Guyers takes pen to paper, and starts writing to her husband's "future partner". [...] Cancer Australia figures show about 1000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer per year.

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Brain cancer charity recruits Tassie team

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/09/2023, Rob Inglis, Page 9

A cancer research centre founded by media personality Carrie Bickmore has teamed up with the Menzies Institute for Medical Research and the Royal Hobart Hospital to investigate the genetic links behind brain cancer, in what's been described as a potentially globally significant new partnership. Bickmore's late husband, Greg Lange, died after a battle with brain cancer in 2010, prompting her to launch Carrie's Beanies 4 Brain Cancer, which has since raised more than \$18m for brain cancer research.

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Carla shares blood cancer journey

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/09/2023, Page 55

After battling numerous health problems for years, Carla Dyson received an unexpected diagnosis that changed her life. September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month, and the 68-year-old has a simple message: don't ignore your body if it's trying to tell you something.

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Trust a mother's instincts: How Jackson learnt to find his voice

Canberra Times, Other, 02/09/2023, Steve Evans

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Megan Chapman speaks out for Migraine and Headache Awareness Week

Newcastle Herald, Other, 02/09/2023, Damon Cronshaw

Megan Chapman suffers from migraine on more than 15 days a month. The debilitating condition has

left her unable to work or study.

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Wagga's Kylie Manson urges residents to make most of Australian Skin Cancer Foundation Skin Cancer Truck

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 02/09/2023, Taylor Dodge

A Wagga woman is on a mission to prevent anyone else from having to go through the pain and suffering she has had since being diagnosed with melanoma. Kylie Manson has been encouraging residents to make the most of free skin checks which will be offered in Wagga next week thanks to the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation's Skin Check Truck.

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PRIMARY CARE

Birth trauma inquiry to look at expectations

Sun Herald, General News, 03/09/2023, Mary Ward, Page 1

Social media and birth plans are giving parents unreasonable expectations of control during labour and setting them up for unnecessary distress, the peak body representing doctors has said. [...] While the AMA said health practitioners would endeavour to accommodate a birth plan, sometimes they were not medically safe and staff needed to make "split-second decisions" for the health of mother, baby or both.

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

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Two-thirds of stroke patients miss crucial treatment

Sun Herald, General News, 03/09/2023, Mary Ward, Page 5

Less than a third of stroke patients receive crucial treatment within the clinically recommended time, putting them at risk of brain death. Only 32 per cent of patients requiring "clot-busting" treatment, known as thrombolysis, receive a needle within an hour of walking through the door of the hospital, data from Australia's clinical stroke registry shows.

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Dentists shortage

Sunday Age, General News, 03/09/2023, Melissa Cunningham, Page 1

Many Victorians are waiting up to three years for dental treatment and increasingly losing teeth while more than 100 funded dental chairs sit empty due to a workforce crisis. The number of public dentists has plummeted by almost 20 per cent in five years and the dental system is facing major staff shortages.

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GPs threaten to shame premier in tax dispute

Sunday Age, General News, 03/09/2023, Broede Carmody and Henrietta Cook, Page 4

Doctors are preparing to name and shame Premier Daniel Andrews on their medical bills as GP clinics escalate their dispute with the state government over payroll tax changes. [...] Haikerwal, a past national president of the AMA, said he was considering shutting his Altona clinic on weekends to cut costs he cannot afford to absorb.

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

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'Thousands' hit by GP tax

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 03/09/2023, Lucy Bladen, Page 1

Doctors have suggested about half of all Canberrans could be forced to pay extra for appointments if general medical practices are forced to pay payroll tax, saying it was "unviable" to increase bulk billing.

The claims have been made amid a heated debate with Chief Minister Andrew Barr who has doubled down on a move to only grant a payroll exemption to practices who bulk bill 65 per cent of all practices.

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VAD report panel revealed

Sunday Territorian, General News, 03/09/2023, Zizi Averill, Page 3

Twenty-seven years ago, the Northern Territory made history by becoming the first place in the world to allow legal voluntary euthanasia. Now an expert panel has been tasked with a ninemonth investigation to see how voluntary assisted dying can work once again.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated in regional publications

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It's our right

Sunday Territorian, Editorials, 03/09/2023, Page 24

The timing of a report into voluntary assisted dying in the Territory is concerning Territorians will have to wait until next month to have their say on an issue that, arguably, has the majority of support across the jurisdiction.

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The road to forming our first ambulance service

Sunday Examiner, General News, 03/09/2023, Nigel Burch, Page 27

When Doctor James Hardy pushed the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) board to acquire an ambulance in 1881, there wasn't much interest. In 1887, Tasmania's first St John's Ambulance Society formed in Launceston, but it didn't have an ambulance either.

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Royal Rehab LifeWorks launches new hub with innovative technology at the forefront

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 02/09/2023, Catherine Duffy

A state of the art allied health centre has launched in Cairns, making the highest standard of resources available to Far North patients. Innovation is meeting care in a groundbreaking Allied Health Hub facility, officially launched by Royal Rehab LifeWorks this week

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

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Tasmanian premier apologises over Instagram post featuring Russian media star Hasbulla

ABC Online, Other, 02/09/2023, Damian McIntyre

Tasmania's Premier has apologised following criticism by disability advocates for an Instagram post featuring Russian media personality Hasbulla. A post to Premier Jeremy Rockliff's Instagram page, which was aimed at promoting the opening of an urgent care clinic in Hobart, used an image edited to depict Hasbulla Magomedov, who has dwarfism, in front of a Medicare sign.

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A guide to oocyte cryopreservation

Australian Doctor, Other, 02/09/2023, Hayden Homer

Egg freezing can be a highly effective form of fertility preservation, conferring potentially high chances of pregnancy in later reproductive life.

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60-day double dispensing proposal: where does the truth end and the political spin begin?

There has been significant political banter and spin regarding the pros and cons of the federal government's 60-day double dispensing proposal. It is a foregone conclusion that the scheme is acceptable from a medical standpoint, as medical advisors and the media have readily publicised.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Bill for injured teachers triples over six years

Sun Herald, General News, 03/09/2023, Christopher Harris, Page 1

A rising number of teachers in NSW are suffering from psychological damage relating to work pressure, bullying and exposure to violence in schools. The total bill for injuries has almost tripled in six years, with 14 teachers a week lodging workers' compensation claims last year, after suffering a mental disorder as a result of their work in schools. There were also 11 injuries a week after staff were hit with moving objects, official records reveal.

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OCD is being 'under siege from your brain'

Sunday Age, General News, 03/09/2023, Wendy Tuohy, Page 8

It took 23 years for Penny Moodie to find an explanation for disturbing thoughts and repetitive behaviours that had plagued her since childhood, but had been treated purely as anxiety. Talking therapy didn't relieve the intrusion of unsettling obsessions, and when the answer finally came, it was from a brave article by a woman with OCD, a mental health condition that is more prevalent than ever before.

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

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Rolling out the blue carpet

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/09/2023, Page 95

Protecting the mental health of young Australians has never been more important and Sydney TikTok star Millie Ford says removing the stigma should be a priority. It's an issue she's happy to throw her fame behind.

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Mayday over eating illness

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/09/2023, Rob Inglis, Page 6

The national charity for people with eating disorders says more treatment options are needed for the estimated 20,000 Tasmanians with illnesses such as anorexia and bulimia. Butterfly Foundation head of operations Anne Cullinane said eating disorder services "vary greatly" across the state "in terms of the services available" and that further action was needed to improve the situation in Tasmania.

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Chatbot is ready to see you

Sunday Times, General News, 03/09/2023, Kate Emery, Page 28

Technology doesn't always make us feel good about ourselves. Phones can make us feel ugly if we're on Instagram; dumb, if we're striking out on Wordle; or the approximate age of Methuselah's elderly aunt, for those of us over 30 who stumble on to TikTok.

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

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Taylor Moss' gift to her dad in her song Real Man starts conversation on tradies' mental health

Country pop artist Taylor Moss held her father Chad as he sobbed uncontrollably, collapsed on the kitchen floor. Her tradie and truck-driving dad had silently battled mental illness for decades, keeping a lid on the crippling anxiety and pain he suffered due to childhood family trauma and a rare neurological disorder which was affecting his ability to work.

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

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Where will our everyday heroes live?

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/09/2023, Page 18

Nurses, teachers, police officers and other critical service workers are running out of affordable housing options near our major population centres in what could become a farreaching social problem.

Essential workers have effectively been locked out of almost 300 Queensland suburbs as house prices continue to hit new peaks even after the pandemic property boom.

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

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Do doctors really need an appendectomy to go to Antarctica?

Australian Doctor, Other, 02/09/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

A decades-old prophylactic rule is grounded in safety, says Antarctic medic Dr John Cherry. If you want to practise medicine in one of the most remote places on Earth, it can come at a cost and Dr John Cherry has the scar to prove it.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Pharmacist is hit with three-year ban

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/09/2023, Page 23

A pharmacist who ripped off Medicare \$366,000 with fraudulent PBS claims has been banned from

providing health services for three years due to multiple reprimands. Former Lindfield Pharmacy owner Sabina Grewal, 45, was sentenced to an 18-month intensive corrections order in March 2021.

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SPORT

Injuries catch up with elite gamers

Sun Herald, General News, 03/09/2023, Mary Ward, Page 18

Three years ago, Gian Leon was living his sporting dream. Using the gaming player name Styled, he moved from Perth to Sydney to play League of Legends with a professional team. But while his skills enabled him to climb the ranks, from the esports team's training academy to a paid contract, Leon was increasingly feeling weakness and pain in his wrist and hand.

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

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Games van farce

Sunday Age, General News, 03/09/2023, Kieran Rooney, Page 1

When a Commonwealth Games accommodation shortage emerged, the local caravan industry was thrilled to be part of the solution until they were asked to supply thousands of mobile homes for free. In the months leading up to the cancellation of the 2026 event, the industry was in discussions with the Victorian government to supply 10,000 caravans to house Games volunteers and workers.

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Player agent sued over brain scans

Sunday Age, General News, 03/09/2023, Tom Cowie, Page 6

One of the organisers of a class action involving former AFL players campaigning against concussion, including '90s legends John Platten and Gary Ablett snr, is in court over a dispute regarding payment for brain scans. Peter Jess, a football manager turned concussion campaigner, is facing legal action after he organised for a specialised mapping of brain function that he says is more effective than conventional MRI scans at discovering brain damage from repeated head knocks.

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I couldn't leave my home

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 03/09/2023, Jay Clark, Page 1

Lions coach Chris Fagan says the Hawthorn racism scandal left him unable to leave home, fearing he would be abused. In a tearful interview, Fagan has opened up on the toll of the saga, saying it left him "hurt, frustrated, and bewildered".

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

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Footy death legal fight

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/09/2023, Riley Walter, Page 1

The mother of a young Adelaide Hills footballer who died after an on-field collision will take legal action against the state's peak football body over its handling of concussions in the lead-up to her son's death. Wendy Smith, the mother of Birdwood footballer Antonio Loiacono, says the SANFL breached its concussion policy by allowing her son, 20, to play without being medically cleared.

NRL attendance records tumble as fans flock back to footy

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 02/09/2023, Adrian Proszenko

More fans attended NRL games this season than ever before in a huge boost to the code ahead of the finals. New aggregate and average crowd records have already been set in 2023, even though the regular season doesn't conclude until Sunday.

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The Matildas changed women's sport. Chloe Dalton wants to keep the momentum going

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 02/09/2023, Billie Eder

Chloe Dalton broke new ground when she was part of the Australian side which won the first ever women's rugby sevens Olympic gold medal in Rio in 2016. Now, after a code switch a couple of years back, she's hoping to harness the momentum garnered by the Matildas' history-making run to the semi-finals of the FIFA Women's World Cup to get bums on seats for the 2023 AFLW season.

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If you don't think the Matildas deserve a statue for their World Cup exploits, you haven't been paying attention

ABC Online, Other, 02/09/2023, Dan Colasimone

With the warm glow of the Women's World Cup beginning to fade, now is the time to take a deep breath, reflect on what the tournament meant for hosts countries Australia and New Zealand, and look forward to where its legacy might lie. In the giddy aftermath of the Matildas' run to the semi-finals, the players partied, Nikki Webster was unfrozen from her carbonite slab to clamour out Strawberry Kisses one last time and Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk handed the team the keys to Brisbane and promised them a statue outside Lang Park.

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\$210m proof Matildas are quickly becoming Australia's favourite team

NEWS.com.au, Other, 02/09/2023, Matthew Sullivan

It's official. The Matildas are quickly becoming Australia's favourite sporting team. They captured our hearts and minds on a fairytale run to the semi-finals at the women's World Cup, going further than any Australian team, male or female, has gone before.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated in regional publications

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Cobar's Greg McKervey was named Community Sports Dad of the Year for 2023

Daily Liberal, Other, 02/09/2023, Tom Barber

Cobar's Greg McKervey is still coming to terms with his newest title after being named Community Sports Dad of the Year for 2023. McKervey was named the 2023 Philips Community Sports Dad of the Year winner, an award which acknowledges the contributions and impact fathers make in the community on and off the field.

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How Jonny Bairstow helped inspire tough new regulations at the MCG that will see sport fans that abuse players kicked out along with their mates

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/09/2023, Ric Chapman and Josh Alston

MCC members and their companions will be ejected from the MCG if they racially abuse or vilify AFL or cricket players in a move partly inspired by the treatment Aussie cricketers copped in the UK over the Jonny Bairstow stumping controversy. The Melbourne Cricket Club has unveiled the sanctions that will

be imposed on anyone, and their friends, should vilification or racial abuse be leveled at players at the Melbourne Cricket Ground [MCG].

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Mummy tummy research

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 03/09/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 30

Help is on the way for the one in three mothers who suffer painful "mummy tummy" stomach muscle separation within a year of giving birth, with new research investigating the best way to treat it. While physiotherapy helps many, others face pelvic, hip and lower back pain, urinary incontinence, poor posture and difficulty lifting items.

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Could ancient virus provide motor neurone disease breakthrough?

9News, Other, 02/09/2023

Could an ancient virus cause Motor Neurone Disease (MND), and if so, could targeted therapy against the virus lead to more effective treatments of the disease? That's what a team from the Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute (FHMRI) is seeking to discover in a groundbreaking new research project.

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Home truths

Sunday Times, STM, 03/09/2023, Clare Rigden, Page 12

For Mark Coles Smith, the Kimberley is home. Its ancient wilderness is where he grew up, and where he returned two years ago at the height of his fame, to be closer to his community. But the proud Nyikina man, who this year became the first ever Indigenous person to be nominated for a Gold Logie, also knows all too well the tragedies that weave a dark thread through the lives of the region's communities.

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

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Union's silica training bonanza

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 03/09/2023, James Campbell, Page 3

A motion passed by Labor's National Conference obliging the Albanese government to introduce mandatory training for silica exposure and silicosis in the building industry would see the union that sponsored it pocket millions. Last month's Labor conference in Brisbane passed a motion from the CFMMEU to make silica awareness training compulsory across the building industry in Australia.

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

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New HIV rates down for over-50s

HIV diagnoses in people aged 50-plus have dropped by about a third since 2012 in Australia. Data compiled by the University of NSW Kirby Institute shows in there were 127 new cases advised in 2021, compared with 178 in 2012 a drop of 29 per cent.

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Bats and brain worms: how humanity's environmental impact is giving rise to new infections

The Guardian, Other, 02/09/2023, Melissa Davey

As the world's first case of a parasitic roundworm infecting a human's brain made headlines this week, infectious diseases experts warned the threat of novel infections is rising. In a case report written about the Australian patient in the journal Emerging Infectious Disease, doctors who pulled the *Ophidascaris robertsi* larvae from her brain warned the case highlights the danger of diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi passing from wildlife to humans, known as zoonotic infections.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Roxy Jacenko reveals drug overdose horror

NEWS.com.au, Other, 02/09/2023, Tileah Dobson

Roxy Jacenko is warning people against using Ozempic after she overdosed on the controversial drug that left her feeling like she was dying. [...] According to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) , the large scale of demand for the drug means it'll remain in short supply until the end of the year.

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

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