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- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that a Safe Work Australia report has recommended a blanket ban on engineered stone containing crystalline silica, claiming that there is no evidence lower levels of cancer-causing crystalline silica will be any safer for stonemasons.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(page 5\)](#)** reports that the NSW government has cut funding for palliative care by \$150 million.
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- **[The Herald Sun \(page 3\)](#)** reports that new Australian research has found a genetic link between endometriosis and a range of gut diseases, potentially leading to new drug treatments for endometriosis.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Workforce agency needed to end medical students' boom-bust

Australian Medical Association, Other, 26/10/2023

The AMA says although the number of medical students has increased markedly, Australia's medical workforce is unevenly distributed with oversupply in some specialities and locations and undersupply in others. [...] The AMA has written to Health Minister Mark Butler, saying an independent health workforce planning agency must be funded to provide robust advice on how many doctors Australia needs and the necessary reforms to support these doctors to work in the locations and specialities where they are most needed.

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### 2SM, 15:00 News, 26/10/2023

There are concerns the Federal Government's plan to stop vaping among young people is failing. Earlier this year, Health Minister Mark Butler claimed there would be a crackdown on shops that sold vaping to minors. But Alecia Brooks from the Cancer Council says that's not working.

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## MINISTER WELLS

### Broken Hill family pushes for city to be reclassified under Modified Monash Model for aged care

ABC Online, Other, 26/10/2023, Andrew Schmidt and Josh Mercer

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### Reforms changing sector for good

Community Care Review, Other, 26/10/2023, Christopher Kelly

"What a year it has been since last time we gathered here in Adelaide a time that has brought renewed hope to our sector." [...] The taskforce headed by Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells, who will address conference on Friday "represents our greatest chance in a generation to get aged care funding right," said Dr Blackman.

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### Those with means must pay, say taskforce members

Community Care Review, Other, 26/10/2023, Christopher Kelly

When it comes to funding reform, a co-contribution model is front and centre of the minds of the members of the aged care taskforce, providers were told at an industry event on Wednesday. [...] First meeting in June, and chaired by Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells, the taskforce has assembled monthly to discuss long-term funding of the aged care sector.

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## Aged Care Taskforce interim report will make no conclusions

HelloCare, Other, 26/10/2023, Bianca Iovino

Members of the Aged Care Taskforce have confirmed their interim report, due for publication this month, will not outline any concrete plans for the financial sustainability of the aged care sector. [...] The Taskforce is set to deliver its final report in December 2023 with the interim report due this month and was established by Aged Care Minister Anika Wells to review funding arrangements for aged care and develop options for a system that is fair and equitable for everyone in Australia.

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## Aged care funding taskforce a 'crazy brave' and optimistic opportunity

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Chris Baynes

"There is real hope" and "we will get this" were two comments made by a select panel of Aged Care Taskforce members to a record 1,800 executives in Adelaide yesterday. Crazy, brave and respect were used to describe Minister Anika Wells in her ambition for a long term aged care sustainability solution.

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## Aged Care Minister cuts money for COVID outbreaks in residential aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

Covid-19 cases in residential aged care have nearly tripled in the last two months to nearly 1,000 cases, yet the Aged Care Minister Anika Wells has announced that funding will be scaled back for aged care homes managing outbreaks. [...] "Where the grants required that you actually incurred the cost and then sought reimbursement through the grants process, this payment will actually be made upfront to all eligible residential aged care providers," said Eliza Hazlett, Acting Assistant Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response with the Department of Health and Aged Care at a webinar this week.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

### ABC Central Coast, Breakfast, 26/10/2023, Scott Levi

Interview with Emma McBride, Assistant Health Minister on Tuggerah Lakes Private Hospital at Cornwall closure at the end of next month. McBride says she spoke with the CEO of Health Care, the operator of Tuggerah Lakes Private Hospital last week to raise both job security of the staff and also access to services for local people. And the CEO said to me that they were working with staff for them to be employed at their other private hospitals on the coast. She believes it justifies their fight against privatisation of Wyong Hospital. She notes the CEO of Health Care wants to repurpose the facility. She believes the community also would like to see that facility repurposed for other health services, particularly for people living on the north end of the Central Coast.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

## DEPARTMENT

### GP clinic may have to close

Herald Sun, General News, 27/10/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 18

Pearcedale's only GP clinic is threatening to close its doors because of what it calls a bureaucratic blunder. The Pearcedale Medical Centre, which cares for more than 4000 patients, says it is a victim of the federal health department's Distribution Priority Area (DPA) classification system which has rezoned it as a metropolitan clinic, rather than a regional one.

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

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### Don't stop moving!

North Shore Living, General News, 01/11/2023, Aoife Moynihan, Page 51

Being active is important for people of all ages. We look at some organisations which focus on exercise for older people. The Department of Health and Aged Care advises that those aged over sixty-five should be getting at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days.

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### This year's WONCA World Conference kicks off

Australian Doctor, Other, 26/10/2023, Kemal Atlay

It is the opening day of the WONCA World Conference 2023 in Sydney. [...] Keynote speakers include former deputy chief medical officer Professor Michael Kidd; Professor Sandra Eades, dean of medicine at Curtin University and the first Aboriginal doctor to receive a PhD; and the high-profile UK GP Professor Trish Greenhalgh from Oxford University.

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### State legislation hampers naloxone access

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/10/2023

Legislative changes are required to bolster access to naloxone in Victoria, a state MP believes Victorian legislation needs to be updated to enable a broader range of suppliers of naloxone to combat the risk of opioid overdoses, Legislative Assembly member, Dr Tim Read, says.

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## Individuals scaled back as government health costs soared

Healthcare Channel, Other, 26/10/2023, Ritchelle Drilon

Government health spending surged in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, even as individual spending and private health funds dropped, AIHW reported. [...] Additional COVID-19 programs through the Department of Health and Aged Care accounted for \$12.1 billion.

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## New health officials prepare to front Senate Estimates for the first time

HealthDispatch, Other, 26/10/2023

The Department of Health and Aged Care will front the Senate's Community Affairs Legislation Committee today for Budget Supplementary Estimates. It will be the first appearance at a health Estimates hearing of secretary Blair Comley PSM, who succeeded Professor Brendan Murphy AC in July.

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## New report reveals enduring impact of pandemic on health spending

HealthDispatch, Other, 26/10/2023

A new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has revealed the impact of higher government spending on health in response to the pandemic. [...] Federal government spending through specific COVID-19 Department of Health and Aged Care programs (outside the NPCR) was estimated at \$12.1 billion.

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## Australia's health spend increases

Medical Forum, Other, 26/10/2023

Spending on health goods and services continued to increase in the fiscal year 2021-22, according to the latest Medical Expenditure report released by the AIHW, though while governments spent more, individuals spent less. [...] Australian Government spending through specific COVID Department of Health and Aged Care programs (outside the NPCR) was estimated to be \$12.1 billion.

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## Governments spent more, individuals spent less on healthcare

Star Weekly, Other, 26/10/2023

Spending on health goods and services increased by \$13.7 billion to \$241.3 billion during 2021-22 as the health system continued to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). [...] Australian Government spending through specific COVID-19 Department of Health and Aged Care programs outside the NPCR was estimated to be \$12.1 billion.

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## Only in Saturday – the real reason aged care beds are hard to find

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health and Aged Care puts occupancy at 86.2%. Our investigations differ.

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Emergency Preparedness and Response with the Department of Health and Aged Care at a webinar this week.

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## ACCPA awarded \$400,000 to consult to 30-year-old NT aged care service

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

The Aged & Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) has been awarded a contract worth over \$400,000 to provide "professional support" to a Northern Territory provider of flexi-care services. [...] "The Department of Health and Aged Care is not able to disclose details on the requested services and activities that will be delivered under the Remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Service Development Assistance Panel (SDAP) without consent from the aged care provider," a spokesperson for the Department told The SOURCE.

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## Thousands of patients take up 60-day prescriptions

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 26/10/2023, Andrew Brown

Health officials have denied patients are being misled over prescription medicine changes. [...] While Liberal senator Anne Ruston said pharmacists were being abused by patients due to misunderstandings surrounding the 60-day changes, health department officials said campaigns had been rolled out explaining the changes.

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# CORONAVIRUS

## Surge in Geelong Covid numbers

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 27/10/2023, Tamara McDonald, Page 3

COVID hospitalisations at Geelong hospital have surged as medicos warn people to ensure they are up-to-date with their vaccinations. There were 21 people with Covid in Geelong hospital on Monday, compared with just one person a week earlier.

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## New Covid strain warning

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 27/10/2023, Duncan Evans, Page 4

A new Covid subvariant could be causing a spike in hospitalisations and authorities are pleading with vulnerable and elderly patients to get booster shots to stave off the threat. Queensland Health said on Thursday it had 146 people in its hospitals suffering through a Covid infection, twice the number of hospitalisations from just two weeks ago.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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## Victoria tops country for aged care Covid outbreaks: Hundreds of elderly struck down

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/10/2023, Mandy Squires

Dandenong Hospital has reopened its Covid ward amid a surge in cases and outbreaks in nursing homes as one state government health department calls for people to "be kind" to those Australians who choose to again start wearing face masks. Covid cases recently jumped in Victoria by nearly 20 per cent and deaths have started rising in the last fortnight.

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

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## Qld's Covid-19 hospitalisations double amid new strain

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/10/2023, Madura McCormack

Covid-19 related hospitalisations have doubled and are expected to rise amid the emergence of a new virus strain with older Queenslanders warned to get up to speed with their booster shots. There are 146 people being treated in Queensland's hospitals amid rising case numbers, twice the number compared to a fortnight ago.

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

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## Long COVID wave heading to GPs as public clinics close, GP conference hears

Australian Doctor, Other, 26/10/2023, Kemal Atlay

GPs say that some patients with long COVID will be unable to afford care unless there is extra funding. GPs have the skills to helm long COVID treatment in Australia but need financial support, a leading GP has told the WONCA World Conference 2023 in Sydney.

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## Microbiome impacted by severe COVID

Medical Forum, Other, 26/10/2023

Gut microbiota may contribute to the excessive inflammatory immune response of severe COVID, revealing implications regarding the potential therapeutic value of antifungal treatment in response to infection. The authors found increased levels of antibodies to gut fungi, but not lung or skin fungi, in individuals with severe COVID and even though this was not observed in those with a more moderate form of the disease, they suggested that a direct viral infection of the gastrointestinal tract could be driving fungal dysbiosis to promote both acute and chronic sequelae in COVID.

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## Channel 9, National Nine News, 26/10/2023, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

Queensland Health has issued a plea to get up to date with Covid booster shots after a spike in hospitalisations. Low vaccine booster rates and a new sub-variant are being blamed for a rise in Covid cases.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Daughter allowed to see footage of Tasering

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/10/2023, Georgina Mitchell, Page 16

A judge has given the daughter of Clare Nowland permission to watch the footage of her mother being Tasered by police, but lawyers for the state have asked for the decision to be stayed pending a possible appeal. Lesley Lloyd applied in the NSW District Court this month to watch police bodycam vision of the May 17 altercation with her mother at Yallambee Lodge aged care home in Cooma.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#). Similar coverage reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#).

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### Years of neglect means we are playing catch-up on aged care

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/10/2023, Suanne; Lawrence, Page 24

Congratulations Tasmania! We are the ageing champions of Australia. But (there is always a but) we also are the state with fewer nursing home beds than the Australian average, with the same staff

vacancies and empty bed issues.

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## Health service shortcomings

Border Watch, General News, 27/10/2023, Charlotte Varcoe, Page 12

Seniors are leaving the regional areas in the Limestone Coast due to concerns around health services, according to Leader of the Opposition David Speirs. During a whirlwind visit to Naracoorte earlier this week, Mr Speirs met with a range of residents who voiced their concerns.

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## Happiest time of our lives

Cairns Post, General News, 27/10/2023, Luke Williams, Page 12

Ageing is about freedom the freedom to express yourself, says Barbi Wildish. Like many people in the 65 and over age group, 73-year-old Edmonton woman Ms Wildish feels happier than at any other time in her life.

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## 'Faster response': Telehealth advance for aged patients

Newcastle Herald, General News, 27/10/2023, Damon Cronshaw, Page 8

A new telehealth machine at an Edgeworth aged-care village will help ease pressure on the health system while saving time, money and resources, managers say. RFBI Hawkins Masonic Village demonstrated its digital health service to residents, families and health professionals on Thursday.

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

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## Migrants a solution to understaffed aged care workforce

Aged Care Insite, Other, 26/10/2023, Erin Morley

The last public hearing of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration's Migration, Pathway to Nation Building inquiry looked at how migration strategies could address workforce shortages in the aged care sector. Executive director of VETASSESS , Australia's peak skills assessment authority, Robert Thomason, said a solution to the understaffed aged care workforce could lie in strengthened labour agreements with different countries.

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## Fluctuating blood pressure sign of dementia and heart disease

Aged Care Insite, Other, 26/10/2023, Arshmah Jamal

New research has shown that fluctuating blood pressure can increase the risk of dementia and heart problems in older people. Researchers from the University of South Australia (UniSA) have found short blood pressure fluctuations within 24 hours and over several days or weeks were linked with impaired cognition.

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## Aged care workers paid back \$2.1m after payroll error

Aged Care Insite, Other, 26/10/2023, Arshmah Jamal

An aged care service provider has fully paid back \$2.1m to aged care workers across the country after a "payroll error" was discovered in 2020. The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) said both current and former staff working for the provider Calvary Administration had received incorrect payments due to an error related to a "Sunday penalty rate" for two years.

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## Sector finances 'terrifying', says expert

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 26/10/2023, Christopher Kelly

Speaking at a panel event discussing the care economy at the national conference of the Aged and Community Care Providers Association on Thursday, Catherine De Fontenay commissioner of the



Productivity Commission said: "The financial statistics are, frankly, terrifying.

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## Sector has regained confidence, says ACCPA CEO

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 26/10/2023, Christopher Kelly

At last year's inaugural national conference of the Aged and Community Care Providers Association, its newly appointed chief executive officer Tom Symondson sensed the sector lacked self-confidence.

"Self-confidence, by the way, you absolutely deserve to have, but potentially had lost track of," he told delegates in Adelaide on Thursday during a key note speech.

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## Australia's tax system not fit for ageing population

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 27/10/2023

A major global economic institution has urged Australia to look for other ways to raise revenue than forcing a shrinking pool of workers to shoulder a growing tax burden. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development says broadening the goods and services tax - and potentially lifting the rate - would help rebalance the tax system so retirees take on more of a share alongside workers.

*Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated across regional publications*

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## Rural and abroad: Eyes on the globe for workforce solutions

HelloCare, Other, 26/10/2023, Alex Jacobs

Aged care innovators and leaders discussed one of the most pressing issues workforce attraction and retention at the ACCPA (Aged & Community Care Providers Association) National Conference on Thursday afternoon. Ideas, insights and solutions were shared as a room packed full of industry peers listened in eagerly, and HelloCare is sharing some of the top highlights with our readers.

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## Resilient aged care sector is finally experiencing a self-confidence boost

HelloCare, Other, 26/10/2023, Alex Jacobs

ACCPA CEO Tom Symondson was enthusiastic about aged care's self confidence trajectory. There has been a recurring negative twist to many aged care stories in recent years, and it has been hard to shake due to the challenges of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Elaine Lawurra Maypilama nominated for 2024 NT Senior Australian of the Year

National Indigenous Times, Other, 26/10/2023

Professor Elaine Lawurra Maypilama, a senior research fellow at the Molly Wardaguga Research Centre at Charles Darwin University has been nominated for the prestigious Northern Territory 2024 Senior Australian of the Year award. Professor Maypilama, a Warramiri women from Galiwin'ku, Yolnu Country, Northeast Arnhem Land, has dedicated more than 20 years of her career to working with CDU.

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## Opinion: the next aged care crisis is here

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Lauren Broomham

In this week's issue of SATURDAY, we will report that residential care occupancy is closer to 95% across Australia. Why is this a problem? [...] But there has been continued uncertainty over the future of RADs driven by the Aged Care Royal Commission.

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## **Wesley Mission sells 9,000sqm prime Sydney beach RAC and village property to Retirement By Moran**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Chris Baynes

Revealed yesterday, Retirement By Moran beat over a dozen competitors to win perhaps Sydney's last prime retirement village and care development site after an extensive Expression of Interest campaign by Shane Nicholson. In a statement the CEO and Superintendent, Rev Stuart Cameron said "The Aged Care sector is experiencing challenges to workforce and flow-on impacts from the national reforms to Aged Care.

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## **Aged care needs \$72B investment for building and refurbishment to meet expected demand**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

Global accountancy firm Grant Thornton today released a report outlining what needs to change to attract more investment to the aged care sector. The sector's capital needs are huge, the report states.

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## **Interim Inspector-General details his demands**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

The Office of the Interim Inspector-General (IIG) of Aged Care has released its progress report on the implementation of the Aged Care Royal Commission's recommendations, commending the amount that has been achieved so far, but cautioning that further "slippage" in the timing of future reforms, particularly in home care and the new Aged Care Act, would be "very concerning".

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## **Fiji PM hints at reducing PALM worker numbers**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

The Prime Minister of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka, has indicated that the number of unskilled or semi-skilled workers that come to Australia through the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme could be cut, which could limit an important source of aged care workers amid a labour shortage.

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## **Regional Victorian Council bucks trend to continue delivering home care services**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

At a confidential meeting of the Council on Tuesday 17 October, Mount Alexander Shire Councillors unanimously voted in support of the Council continuing to provide aged care services in the region, 125km northwest of Melbourne. As the home care sector undergoes significant national reforms, with more to come, the Council has conducted an extensive review of its aged care services.

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## **WA's Amana Living takes up eCase retirement living, aged care and home care tech solution**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

WA Not for Profit aged care provider Amana Living has formed an agreement with technology platform Health Metrics that will see Health Metrics' eCase software implemented across Amana Living's 15 residential aged care facilities, six day clubs, 17 retirement villages and range of home care services.

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## **Three ways to improve aged care complaints handling**

The Weekly Source, Other, 26/10/2023, Caroline Egan

In last week's Feedback and Complaints webinar, hosted by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC), Jacqui Marden, Chief Executive Officer of Queen Victoria Care (QVC) shared

the provider's experience establishing a more responsive approach to feedback and complaints three years ago.

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## Glenelg Shire, Warrnambool City make aged care service decisions

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 26/10/2023, Lillian Altman and Katrina Lovell

A south-west council will cough up almost \$1m in redundancy payments after stepping away from its aged care and disability services but Warrnambool is still grappling with what to do with its programs. Glenelg Shire Council withdrew home support and community-based services on September 30, 2023 and this week revealed it had set aside \$922,648 in its budget to cover redundancy and leave payments for staff.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Environmental crisis is a health emergency: experts

Canberra Times, International News, 27/10/2023, Page 61

The World Health Organisation should declare the climate and nature crisis a health emergency, according to a call to action from health experts across the world. More than 200 health journals published their warning on Thursday to create momentum ahead of the next World Health Assembly in 2024.

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

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### A health shock for women

Herald Sun, General News, 27/10/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 3

Women suffering the painful period condition endometriosis are also at a much higher risk of gut disease. New Australian research, published in Cell Reports Medicine on Friday, has identified a genetic link between endometriosis and a range of gut issues including irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), peptic ulcer disease and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease.

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

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### Focus is on your wellness at expo

Shepparton News, General News, 27/10/2023, Caleb Francis, Page 3

Greater Shepparton will host its Health and Wellbeing Event on Sunday, aimed at connecting the community with local wellness businesses and experts. With many exhibitors, workshops and talks, the event looks to establish the region as a health and wellness hub, negating the need for locals to make the trip to Melbourne for similar services.

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### Time to treat the climate and nature crisis as one indivisible global health emergency

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 26/10/2023, Sam Hunt

The Medical Journal of Australia (MJA) has joined more than 200 health journals to urge the World Health Organization to declare the deadly climate change and nature crisis as a global health emergency. The journals from across the world have come together to simultaneously publish an editorial calling on world leaders and health professionals to recognise that climate change and biodiversity loss are one indivisible crisis and must be tackled together to preserve health and avoid catastrophe.

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## Why thin people aren't necessarily healthier

The Courier Mail, Other, 26/10/2023, Hannah Vanderheide

We've long been told that being in a bigger body shortens our life expectancy, increases our chances of multiple diseases and puts a strain on our healthcare system'. But there's a big question many in the scientific community have been examining is being thin really a one-way ticket to good health?

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

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## Channel 9, National Nine News, 26/10/2023, Michael Thompson

Cancer Council WA has launched an advertising blitz as the number of young teens vaping soared fivefold in two years. In WA alone last year, 4000 students were suspended for vaping. The Cancer Council is also calling for tighter enforcement around the importation of vapes, urging for them only to be available by prescription.

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## Channel 9 Darwin, National Nine News, 26/10/2023, Paul Murphy

A new study has found shift work can significantly increase the chance of a pre-term birth for pregnant women. Researchers from Monash University found the risk to be 63% higher for women in shift work and 44% higher for women who work more than 40 hours a week.

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## Channel 10, 10 News First, 26/10/2023, Natalie Forrest

The Cancer Council has launched a new campaign to stop children getting hooked on vapes. It comes as new data revealed 1 in 10 teens are now using e-cigarettes. The new digital campaign is highlighting how more than 240 different substances are hiding inside e-cigarettes.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### Hope for brain cancer

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/10/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 27

The brain's own protective fluid fights treatment for cancer, landmark South Australian research has found but an old anti-anxiety drug may be a way around its defence shield. Researchers led by Associate Professor Cedric Bardy at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and Flinders University observed that brain cancers are resistant to therapies that kill cancers elsewhere in the body.

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

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### Michelle's message to local women: get checked

Shepparton News, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 23

Michelle's battle with breast cancer began when she discovered a lump on her breast. She booked an appointment with her GP, who told her the lump she had found was part of her breastbone.

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### 45 is the new 50 for screening

Medical Forum, Other, 26/10/2023

Rising rates of bowel cancer in Australians under 50 have prompted a long-awaited reduction in the recommended age to begin screening according to Bowel Cancer Australia, with the newly updated

clinical practice guidelines recently endorsed by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

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## Imugene kicks off world-first cancer drug trial

West Australian, Other, 26/10/2023, Helen Barling

In a world first, ASX-listed medtech Imugene has dosed the first cancer patient with its novel onCARlytics CD19 virus technology which it says has the potential to target and eradicate solid tumours. onCARlytics is a novel "immunotherapy" utilising the CF33 oncolytic virus to deliver and present CD19 antigen on the surface of cancer cells.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Health areas forced to cut back palliative care spending

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/10/2023, Alexandra Smith and Michael McGowan, Page 5

The state's local health districts will be forced to reduce spending on palliative care after the NSW government cut the budget for end-of-life care by \$150 million. The cuts, contained in the June budget, were last week detailed to local health districts, with one large Sydney district told its palliative care funding would be reduced by 30 per cent.

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

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### My husband wanted to die in peace. He didn't

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/10/2023, James O'Doherty, Page 2

Health Minister Ryan Park has refused to apologise to terminally ill patients for ripping \$150 million out of palliative care funding as a woman whose husband died in May called for the government to reverse the "heartbreaking" cuts. Lily Gubbay told The Daily Telegraph that while her husband Donald was receiving end of life care at Westmead Hospital, he was waiting "up to two hours" to get help from staff.

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

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### Abbott GP policy 'could've helped'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/10/2023, Angira Bharadwaj, Page 6

A controversial policy introduced by former PM Tony Abbott could have stalled Australia's spiralling GP crisis, experts have claimed as patients feel the pain of costly doctors' appointments. [...] The Australian Medical Association has recommended doctors raise their fees to \$100 for non-bulk billing patients.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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### Quality of life just as important as saving it

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/10/2023, James O'Doherty, Page 13

The unavoidable truth about Budget cuts is that eventually the belt-tightening begins to hurt. When \$150 million is ripped out of palliative care funding to pay for priorities elsewhere in the NSW Health system, that pain will end up being felt by the most vulnerable: terminally ill patients near the end of their life.

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### Medihotel a white elephant

West Australian, General News, 27/10/2023, Libby Mettam, Page 50

They were supposed to be the panacea for bed block plaguing the health system. WA Labor's 2017 election pledge to build three medihotels in the State was sold to West Australians as an innovative way to "free up hospital beds so more patients can be treated."

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## Another bite on beds but still, no answer

Border Mail, General News, 27/10/2023, Anthony Bunn, Page 4

The NSW Health Minister has been unable to tell a parliamentary committee how many beds will be in an upgraded Albury hospital. Ryan Park and NSW Health Infrastructure chief executive Rebecca Wark were quizzed for more than 20 minutes by Albury-based Upper House MP Amanda Cohn as part of a budget estimates hearing in Sydney yesterday.

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## Medical hub still on the table for Bordertown

Border Watch, General News, 27/10/2023, Lauren Fitzgerald, Page 14

A medical hub for Bordertown is back on the cards under a revised plan by Dr Remona Pungutan to extend her practice on its current site. Dr Pungutan has purchased the building next door at 23 Woolshed Street and intends to create welcoming new rooms for other General Practitioners and allied health specialists to visit, with the build expected to occur over the next 18 months.

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## \$100 for a GP consult from November

Burnie Advocate, General News, 27/10/2023, Isabel Bird, Page 8

Tasmanian working families will be hit hardest by rising doctor costs, says a Tasmanian GP, with a single consult soon to cost more than \$100. The changes mean that from November Tasmanians, who do not hold health care or other concession cards, will likely be charged \$102 for 15-minute consults and be out of pocket \$60.60.

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## Ramping patient overdoses

Launceston Examiner, General News, 27/10/2023, Matt Maloney, Page 1

A Launceston General Hospital health worker says waiting times for emergency department patients to be treated were the worst they had been in 15 years, leading to severe discomfort and near-fatal outcomes. A select committee was established earlier this year to inquire into delays with patient transfers in hospitals amid increasing pressures on emergency departments and long waits in the care of paramedics to get access to a bed.

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## Banksia Medical Centre wins general practice of the year

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 26/10/2023, Tamara Mcdonald

Banksia Medical Centre, which has sites in Newcomb and Torquay, has been named general practice of the year. It received the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners honour at the college's 2023 national awards presentation in Sydney on Wednesday night.

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

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## Tasmanian ramping inquiry hears 'harrowing' stories of ambulance patients forced to wait for treatment

ABC Online, Other, 26/10/2023, Adam Holmes

Some Tasmanians are spending their final moments of life ramped at the state's public hospitals, according to healthcare staff and families of patients. They have provided firsthand accounts of the horrific outcomes caused by bed block and overwhelming demand on paramedics and emergency departments, as part of a parliamentary inquiry.

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## The 60 day gladiator

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/10/2023, Angelo Pricolo

What turns us into gladiators? Like a metamorphosis, the formation of a butterfly from egg to larva to nymph. Maybe more fittingly the transformation of Bruce Banner into the Incredible Hulk?

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## GoFundMe call for dollars: residents launch court action against Glenelg rehab site

In Daily, Other, 26/10/2023, Belinda Willis

Glenelg residents including a prominent former federal MP are taking their fight against an alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility opening in their street to the Supreme Court, calling for financial help to fund their action. An application was filed by Glenelg residents on October 17 that challenges Health and Wellbeing Minister Chris Picton's decision to declare a 12-bed therapeutic facility "essential infrastructure" and "Crown Project of State Significance" a move that bypasses the local council.

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## Storm in a teacup, or the end of affordable care?

Medical Forum, Other, 26/10/2023

The recommendation to increase the cost of the average GP consult up to \$100 in the AMA's latest update to The Fees List' has caused a minor furore, with concerns that given the tough economic environment many Australians now face, practices may face backlash for passing on the increasing costs of healthcare.

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## Warrnambool public IVF service to create 'significant cost saving'

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 26/10/2023, Madeleine McNeil

South-west residents can now access fertility treatment regardless of their financial situation with the opening of Warrnambool's first public IVF service. The clinic operates from South West Healthcare's Warrnambool Base Hospital and is part of the Victorian public fertility care service.

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## 3AW, Breakfast, 26/10/2023, Ross Stevenson and Russel Howcroft

Interview with Dr Patrick Lowe, neurosurgeon and chair, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Victoria. Lowe discusses the proposal that Melburnians could travel to regional hospitals for long awaited operations under a plan to ease overwhelmed waiting lists.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Pressure to widen review of NDIS

The Australian, General News, 27/10/2023, Stephen Lunn and Sarah Ison, Page 7

The National Disability Insurance Agency has been unreasonably pushing for all mental wellbeing issues, even for people with psychosocial disabilities, to be treated through mental health plans rather than under the NDIS, the nation's general practitioners have warned. And with 313,000 children now on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, early childhood professionals say the NDIA needs a specialist portfolio to handle issues including the growing numbers of scheme participants with autism and other psychosocial issues.

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

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### Riders' cruise-ade for mental health

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/10/2023, Genevieve Holding, Page 7

More than 47 motorbike riders flanked by weekend riders, pillions and support vehicles left Cambridge and Longford on Thursday to beat the Black Dog once and for all. Australian mental health and suicide prevention organisation Black Dog Ride has teams of riders around the country riding to raise funds and awareness for the campaign against mental health stigma.

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## Blood test a boon for mental health

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 13

Researchers have developed a new way of improving diagnosis of bipolar disorder that uses a simple blood test to identify biomarkers associated with the condition. The University of Cambridge team used a combination of an online psychiatric assessment and a blood test to diagnose patients with bipolar disorder.

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

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## Having fun for a healthy cause

Navy News, General News, 26/10/2023, Richard Wilkins, Page 8

Activities and events at HMAS Stirling during WA's Mental Health Week aimed to raise awareness, reduce stigma and allow personnel to take some time away from the workplace. The annual initiative, hosted by Training Authority - Submarines (TA-SM), is a collaboration between Navy and ASC.

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## Music therapy sings in new collaboration between BREC and St John of God Hospital

West Australian, Other, 26/10/2023, Oliver Lane

Music therapy has arrived at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre as it teams up with St John of God Bunbury Hospital to provide young children and carers a unique way of connecting. The therapy sessions will run for eight weeks and offer services to two groups, one for children aged four and under and the second for neurodivergent children aged 11 and below.

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## 'How many more kids is the system going to destroy?' Principals and clinicians call for an end to VCE/HSC

ABC Online, Other, 26/10/2023

In the last few years, because of COVID-19, a lot of consideration has been given to how much sitting through a high-pressure testing regime impacts students' mental health. This year, it's business as usual, but several principals and clinicians say those mental health issues haven't gone away, and in what's being called a 'mental health crisis', the year 12 system we have is not fit for purpose.

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## I took part in a ketamine clinic hoping it would ease my 'treatment-resistant' depression

ABC Online, Other, 26/10/2023

Head back, press down, snort up. Once per nostril, repeated twice more every five minutes. It looks and works exactly like a chemist decongestant spray. Which it is, sort of; instead of unblocking your sinuses, it unblocks the mind.

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## Freddy Purcell is focused on mental health, suicide prevention in Pasifika communities

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 27/10/2023, Nadine Morton

Imagine bringing a curse onto your family, and putting their lives at risk. You wouldn't do it, would you? On a sunny spring day in Berkeley, Freddy Purcell, 42, and his dog Buff walk by Lake Illawarra.

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## Communities embrace natural healing after hardship

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 26/10/2023, Taylor Dodge

The Snowy Valleys is embracing natural healing with a new drive using nature to promote improved health and wellbeing. The Snowy Valleys Nature Wellness Drive consists of eight trails and more than 40 activity stations designed to promote health and healing benefits.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Ambos flipping lucky after smash

Herald Sun, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 19

Two paramedics and another driver were taken to hospital after an ambulance and car collided in Preston, with the impact leaving the ambulance on its side. Emergency services were called to the crash just before 6.30am Thursday.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#). Similar coverage reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#),

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### Healthy approach secures state award

Daily Advertiser, General News, 27/10/2023, Daisy Huntly, Page 7

A Riverina trial of a new approach to keeping vital health staff and services in the region has earned statewide recognition. The single employer model - dubbed the Murrumbidgee model - is a four-year pilot program began in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in 2021.

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

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### Kimberley fly-in-fly-out doctor wins prestigious 2023 ACRRM Registrar of the Year award

West Australian, Other, 26/10/2023

A Kimberley-based doctor has been honoured with the 2023 Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine Registrar of the Year award for his leadership and advocacy in the field of rural and remote medicine. Dr Jarrad Lenegan, a rural generalist who works fly-in-fly-out between Broome and Fitzroy Crossing, was presented with the prestigious award at the Rural Medicine Australia conference dinner in Hobart on October 20.

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### 10 actions to change the pharmacy workforce

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/10/2023, Megan Haggan

On the fifth anniversary of the Astana Declaration on primary health care (25 October 2023), the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has issued a document calling on its 156 national member organisations, individual members and global pharmacy agencies to take action to accelerate...

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## FIP asks its members to take 10 actions to accelerate pharmaceutical workforce transformation

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 26/10/2023

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has issued a document calling on its 156 national member organisations, individual members and global pharmacy agencies to take action to accelerate pharmaceutical workforce transformation. The "FIP Brisbane Calls to Action" document describes 10 actions, which include advocating enhanced training pathways for professional recognition to better address healthcare challenges, and developing adaptable systems, tools and mechanisms (including competency development frameworks), that will support the development of a range of progressive roles for pharmacists, including in preventive health care and prescribing.

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## Workforce sustainability and supporting positive practice in community pharmacy

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 26/10/2023

"Workforce sustainability and supporting positive practice in community pharmacy" is a new report from the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Community Pharmacy Section (CPS) published October 25, on the fifth anniversary of the Astana Declaration on primary health care.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Hospital response to 17-year-old girl XY was 'unacceptable'

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 27/10/2023, Lucy Williams, Page 7

A Bendigo girl living in out of home care who passed away by suicide in 2021 had presented to the Emergency Department at Bendigo Hospital "weekly, and at times, daily in the months prior to her death". Expert panelists Dr BJ Newton and Dr Jacynta Krakouer presented their responses to the life of the girl XY (a pseudonym), and how her care could have been improved as the coronial inquest continued this week.

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### 'Ray of hope' faded as Roger felt trapped

Border Mail, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 5

A doctor has told an inquest COVID rules that prevented a patient leaving Nolan House, and the facility itself, had impacted the Albury man before his death. Roger Schnelle critically injured himself at the Albury mental health clinic on the morning of April 28, 2021.

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### Report reveals Perth hospital's failures, but claims they did not cause young mum's death

A second probe into the death of a young Perth mother who died just hours after being discharged after giving birth to twins has found the hospital failed to follow protocol before releasing her from its care. But the report concluded this failure still did not contribute to the Monika Mann's death.

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## Six-hour ambulance wait while 'distressed and in pain'

Canberra Times, Other, 26/10/2023, Ethan James

A dementia home resident who died after being diagnosed with a perforated bowel waited six hours for an ambulance while distressed and in increasing pain. The 82-year-old woman's story is among dozens of submissions to a parliamentary inquiry into ambulance ramping in Tasmania.

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

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## SPORT

### AFL star's post fury

Herald Sun, General News, 27/10/2023, Jon Kaila and Jade Gailberger, Page 1

AFL chiefs dramatically intervened to convince three-time Richmond premiership player Bachar Houli to remove a controversial pro-Palestine video posted on social media. Titled "A genocide is occurring in Palestine", it was originally put up by rugby great Sonny Bill Williams and reposted by Houli.

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

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### Hawthorn should pay up for racism report fiasco

Herald Sun, General News, 27/10/2023, Rita Panahi, Page 27

Hawthorn Football Club should pay, and pay dearly, for the role it played in the vilification of three former employees, Alastair Clarkson, Chris Fagan and Jason Burt. As a Hawks fan it pains me to say that the family club is guilty of trashing its own reputation, causing enormous damage to the reputations of three men including the most successful coach in the club's history and now facing a seven-figure payout.

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

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### Trees pose threat to Crows HQ

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/10/2023, Matt Turner, Page 1

Ten trees may jeopardise Adelaide Football Club's plans for its Thebarton Oval precinct. The Crows have this week been in talks with state government officials so that a group of trees near the park's rotunda can be saved.

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### Swim culture changed

Adelaide Advertiser, Sport, 27/10/2023, Peter Badel, Page 68

National head coach Rohan Taylor has addressed claims swimming is gripped by a culture crisis following revelations female athletes suffered abuse in the sport. An independent review lifted a lid on

female swimmers being subjected to alleged physical and mental abuse, body shaming, groping and sexual innuendo.

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## Cricket Australia set for another lean summer after \$17m loss

Ballarat Courier, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 45

Cricket Australia is bracing for more financial pain after posting a loss of almost \$17 million. CA hierarchy forecast another financial year loss amid Test tours of Pakistan and West Indies in Australia this summer.

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## Footy greats collide over NRL's brazen claim over AFL on Las Vegas stadium ad

7news.com.au, Other, 26/10/2023, Glenn Valencich

It's getting personal now!' AFL and NRL greats have fired up over rugby league's bold claim to fame as it prepares to launch its 2024 season in Las Vegas.

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## Dubbo will host 2023 National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout

Daily Liberal, Other, 26/10/2023, Tom Barber

Hundreds of the best touch footballers will be coming to Dubbo in early November when the city hosts the National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout. Touch Football Australia will bring the event to Dubbo for the second consecutive year on November 4 with Bob Dowling and John McGrath Ovals both set to host action.

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## Cricket Australia record \$17m deficit despite T20 boost

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 26/10/2023

Cricket Australia (ca) has posted a net deficit of almost \$17 million with hosting the Twenty20 World Cup saving the sport from a bigger financial hit. CA's annual report for the financial year to the end of June shows a net deficit of \$16.9 million.

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

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## The Matildas are back together for the first time since the World Cup. Here's what you need to know

SBS, Other, 26/10/2023, Jessica Bahr

After capturing the hearts of Australia during the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, the Matildas are now coming back together for Olympic qualifiers in Perth. Two months after their historic performances at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, the Matildas are coming back together as they start their campaign to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

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## Rugby Australia move sparks backlash amid Eddie Jones drama with Wallabies

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 26/10/2023

A Rugby Australia survey aimed at reconnecting with grassroot fans, players and officials has been slammed as a waste of time and money amid complaints it concentrates too much on "woke subjects" rather than fixing the problems slowly suffocating the game.

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## CSL's new CEO already feels the pressure

Australian Financial Review, General News, 27/10/2023, Patrick Durkin, Page 32

Less than a year into the top job, Paul McKenzie believes he can helm the blood products giant to further success...

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## Millions for ANU facilities and research

Canberra Times, General News, 27/10/2023, Kerem Doruk, Page 16

The Australian government is investing \$650 million in the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) to support research infrastructure and encourage collaboration between researchers. This will support more than 50,000 researchers across 25 lead agencies.

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## Sleep study aims to find prevalence of disorder

Launceston Examiner, General News, 27/10/2023, Duncan Bailey, Page 1

What if you acted out your dreams in your sleep? Isolated REM sleep behaviour disorder (iRBD) occurs while someone is dreaming, where they become physical such as kicking or punching during their sleep.

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## The Ozempic effect: How the wonderdrug is hitting the ASX

The Australian, Other, 26/10/2023, James Kirby

The recently released Ozempic drug is causing a sensation in the health industry. Originally a weight-loss treatment, it is now clear the so-called GLP-1 drug can have positive effects on other health conditions such as diabetes.

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

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## CWH dividends up, profits drop

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/10/2023, David Rowley

Chemist Warehouse founders are on the receiving end of a bumper dividend totalling \$364 million, according to the latest annual report for CW Group Holdings, CWH's parent company. This is in spite of a drop in profits.

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## COVID proved the therapeutic potential of RNA technology – making it more available is the next goal

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 26/10/2023, Rebecca McKenzie

The recent award of the 2023 Nobel prize in physiology or medicine to Katalin Karik and Drew Weissman highlights the growing importance of RNA technology in the medical world, with many potential applications beyond COVID vaccines. But until now, one of the major hindrances in making this technology more widely available globally, and in translating research into clinical use, has been the need for proprietary products, often licensed by pharmaceutical companies.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Returning smiles to remote communities

Air Force News, General News, 26/10/2023, Fltlt Claire Campbell, Page 5

At times they were the only dental service for 100 kilometres - Air Force personnel from the Northern

Territory who spent parts of this year travelling to remote First Nations communities providing essential health care. The two-person dental team from 2EHS (Darwin, Tindal, and Williamstown) conducted three remote community visits this year to provide dental services on behalf of NT Health.

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## Culturally-sensitive resources launched in bid to prevent stillbirths in Indigenous and CALD communities

ABC Online, Other, 26/10/2023, Antonia O'Flaherty

In the depths of insurmountable grief, having lost her baby daughter, Fatima El-Assaad felt like she was totally alone. Dr El-Assaad gave birth to her daughter Aya, who was stillborn, in 2021.

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## OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### No safe level for toxic stone: secret report

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/10/2023, Angus Thompson and Max Maddison, Page 1

Australia's workplace safety watchdog is warning that no level of silica is safe for tradies in engineered stone products used to make kitchen benchtops as NSW Premier Chris Minns flagged the state was prepared to go it alone on an all-out ban. Leaked excerpts of a confidential report obtained by this masthead call for a blanket ban on engineered stone as there is no evidence lower levels of cancer-causing crystalline silica will be any safer for stonemasons cutting the popular stone slabs, and such levels could even give them a false sense of security.

*Also reported by: [Age \(Melbourne\)](#). Similar coverage reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#).*

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### Lethal engineered stone benchtops must be banned

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 27/10/2023, Page 22

In an era when workplace health and safety is as Australian as Vegemite, it is strange how some industries still harbour a death wish for their workers. More than eight months have passed since the Herald exposed the true scale of the deadly silicosis crisis killing young tradies across Australia.

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

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### Vaccination rates on slide

Cairns Post, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 2

Vaccination rates among Far North children for common illnesses and diseases have dropped since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, as authorities call for parents to help turn the trend around. A three-year analysis of childhood immunisation rates across the region has revealed a fall in the number of parents getting their children fully vaccinated against illnesses like polio, tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella.

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### Free lung test for miners will save lives

Daily Mercury, General News, 27/10/2023, Page 7

Potentially lifesaving tests for retired mine and quarry workers will be on offer when a mobile health unit visits Mackay and the Whitsundays next month. Graham Bowcock, 74, is living proof that lung check-ups are vital after being diagnosed with lung cancer and silicosis in 2020 following 37 years working in mineral mines in north-west Queensland.

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## Queensland Health says state at risk of measles, mumps and whooping cough outbreaks

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 26/10/2023, Tony Moore

Fewer parents are getting their children immunised for polio, tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella, a three-year study by Queensland Health shows. Queensland's childhood immunisation levels are now below the nationally accepted level of 95 per cent placing children at risk of infection.

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## Joint health and medical groups push for NSW drug-testing trial

NEWS.com.au, Other, 26/10/2023, Jessica Wang

One state has been urged to reconsider a drug-checking trial, with medical and industry bodies saying a delay "will put lives at risk". Industry and medical bodies representing nurses and doctors have called on the NSW government to urgently implement pill and drug-checking measures during the summer festival season or risk putting young lives at risk.

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

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## 'Lives at risk': State's pill-testing plea

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 26/10/2023

Industry and medical bodies representing nurses and doctors have called on the NSW government to urgently implement pill and drug-checking measures during the summer festival season or risk putting young lives at risk. A joint letter between The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), NSW Nurses and Midwives Association, Health Services Union, Royal Australasian College of Physicians and Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation will be presented to Sydney MP and testing advocate Alex Greenwich.

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

More medical bodies are now calling on NSW Premier Chris Minns to run a trial of pill testing at music festivals this summer. The group Unharm is dismissing the Premier's concerns about the limitations of tests as a delaying tactic.

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## Channel 9, National Nine News, 26/10/2023, Peter Overton

Thousands of construction workers and union members have marched through the city, calling for a total ban on engineered stone over the deadly threat of silica dust. The rally ramping up pressure on the State Government with the findings of a safety report set to be released tomorrow.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### TGA alert for allergies med with botox

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 26/10/2023

The TGA has not approved a product referred to as 'Haytox', which is being promoted as a treatment for nasal allergies. The TGA stated it has not evaluated this product and, therefore, warns consumers that it cannot guarantee the quality, safety or efficacy of the product.

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## It's up to the police if the ACT's new drug laws are to work

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The ACT decriminalisation legislation that will come into effect on Saturday evening will neither live up to the hopes of its proponents who have been very encouraged by the voiced commitments of the government to harm reduction, giving primacy to health and wellbeing or the dire predictions of its opponents. The focus of praise or condemnation is the possibility that someone caught with small quantities of drugs like heroin, crystal amphetamines (ice) or cocaine may be issued with a Simple Drug Offence Notice (SDON) giving them the choice of avoiding a criminal conviction by paying either a fine of \$100 or attending a drug diversion program.

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