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- **[The Weekend Australian \(page 1\)](#)** reports that two psychologists have used an academic paper in a top psychiatry journal to call for their fellow doctors to resist pressure from trans-rights activism, which they say has led to the widespread “subordination of clinical governance to social and political goals” in the rush to affirm distressed children's chosen gender.
- **[The Courier Mail \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the widow of the third transplant patient to die after contracting a fungal infection has called for an urgent overhaul of transplant safety protocol.
- **[The Courier Mail \(page 1\)](#)** reports that a 67 year-old Queensland man has died at the Ipswich Hospital after being ramped outside the hospital for three hours, and never being admitted to the emergency department.
- **[The Weekend Australian \(page 3\)](#)** reports that a survey by the Australian Council of Educational Research has revealed the mental health of primary and secondary school students in Australia has significantly declined over the last five years, despite improved efforts by governments and schools to introduce wellbeing programs.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(page 3\)](#)** reports that calls to the national crisis support and suicide prevention helpline for First Nations people have surged after the No vote in the Voice

MINISTER BUTLER

Law hopes for a smoke-free generation

Burnie Advocate, General News, 18/11/2023, Isabel Bird, Page 6

Teenagers cadging smokes or vapes from friends would be a thing of the past if Tasmania had acted to become the first in Australia to adopt tobacco-free laws like those now being considered in England. [...] Health-focused group Smokefree Tasmania began fighting for similar state laws in 2012, and has sent a letter to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler arguing for Tobacco Free Generation laws to be adopted in Australia.

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Major vaping concerns

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 18/11/2023, Monique Patterson, Page 10

Reducing the amount of nicotine allowed in vapes may reduce the number of people who become addicted, according to WRAD Health acting CEO Mark Powell. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said he was concerned about young people vaping.

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Unleashing the potential of our health workforce: Review response

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 8

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) welcomed the announcement by the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP, of the Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce Review. The Review is one of the recommendations of the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce and will focus on how to assist health practitioners in working to the full scope of their skills and training.

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Morphett Vale Family Practice about to become Morphett Vale Medicare Urgent Care

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 17/11/2023, Brad Crouch

The latest Medicare Urgent Care Clinic offering bulk billed services for walk-in patients is set to open in Adelaide's south within weeks. Health Minister Mark Butler explained during Question Time how the 38 urgent care clinics in Australia have benefited people across the country.

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

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Bulk-billing rate now at 68% for standard GP consults

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/11/2023, Antony Scholefield

The Federal Government will now look for its bulk-billing incentive changes to reverse the trend. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler has said he is confident the changes "will turn around what has been a very sharp decline in bulk-billing rates over the past few years".

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The week in review

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 18/11/2023, Megan Haggan

Some key reports, congratulations, more losses from the profession and more debate over 60-day dispensing all made the news this week. This week health minister Mark Butler told the Guild annual Parliamentary dinner that patients were already seeing benefits from the 60-day dispensing policy.

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An Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program set to transform services

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 17/11/2023

A first-of-its-kind Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program is set to receive \$166 million of Government funding. [...] Minister for health and Aged Care Mark Butler said cancer nurses are invaluable to patients who are confronting some of their toughest days.

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Mark Butler confirms wider PBS listing for prostate cancer therapy

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 17/11/2023

"This listing will give about 5,000 Australian men access to an additional form of treatment at a fraction of the cost they normally would have to pay," said Health Minister Mark Butler

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Bayer secures PBS expansion

MedNews, Other, 17/11/2023, Megan Brodie

{...} Image Caption: Ailish Hanley, Bayer ANZ Head of Public Affairs (far left) and Jimmy Alexander, Head of Oncology & Women's Health (centre) with Health Minister Mark Butler and MPs at the Big Aussie Barbie at Parliament House.

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Time to rethink Australia's approach to vaping

Shepparton News Online, Other, 17/11/2023

The national conversation around nicotine vaping has taken a pivotal turn, with Nationals leader David Littleproud advocating for a regulated industry. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler's approach to vaping has good intentions.

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Practice texts patients to inform them the area's only GP clinic is closing

The Advocate (Burnie), Other, 17/11/2023, Libby Bingham

About 6000 patients were informed by Better Medical, the owner of East Devonport Medical Centre (EDMC), via text that the practice will close in February. [...] "I'm disgusted, and once again, it's a cost saver, with 6000 patients at East Devonport told they've got to go to Wenvoe Street getting treated as second-class citizens," she said She intends to write to Health Minister Mark Butler about how to retain GP services at East Devonport.

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Bulk billing halves among GPs in 2023

thedailyaus.com.au, Other, 17/11/2023, Daniel Lo Surdo

The number of GP clinics bulk billing all patients has halved in the last year, according to a new national health report. [...] Federal Government response Health Minister Mark Butler told TDA it's never been harder to see a bulk billing doctor, and accused the former Government of "deliberately" misleading Australians on "the true state of bulk billing".

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2GB, 23:00 News, 17/11/2023

The Federal Health Minister has announced a new record investment to boost the number of nurses caring for cancer patients. Gabriella Rogers reports. Health Minister Mark Butler made the announcement at the Sydney Cricket Ground flanked by several key cancer charities that will benefit from new Commonwealth funding.

Also reported by: [5AA \(Adelaide\)](#), [2BS \(Bathurst\)](#), [2CC \(Canberra\)](#), [2EC \(Bega\)](#), [2GN \(Goulburn\)](#), [2LT \(Lithgow\)](#), [2MAX \(Narabari\)](#), [2NUR \(Newcastle\)](#), [2QN \(Deniliquin\)](#), [2UE \(Sydney\)](#), [2XL \(Cooma\)](#), [2YOU FM \(Tamworth\)](#),

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ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 17/11/2023, James Valentine

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler. Butler discusses the Federal Government's measures against vaping. He recalls discussing with the Australian Border Force to implement an import regulation that bans the import of all disposable vapes and other vapes that do not comply with the government standards.

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Health sector leaders showcase action for low carbon, climate resilient healthcare

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Ms Carol Behne, Page 34

The Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) and its members have advocated for a low carbon, climate resilient and sustainable health system for over a decade. [...] We were honoured to be joined by Assistant Federal Minister for Health & Aged Care, the Hon Ged Kearney, and Director of the National Health, Sustainability & Climate Unit, Madeleine Skellern.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, Drive, 17/11/2023, Ali Moore

Interview with Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney. Kearney discusses the Federal Government's strategy to eradicate cervical cancer in the country. She notes they know HPV is the precursor to cervical cancer, and if they can vaccinate people against HPV, they can prevent cervical cancer.

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DEPARTMENT

Anti-vax doctor loses appeal

Herald Sun, General News, 18/11/2023, Aneeka Simonis, Page 18

An anti-vax doctor has lost his appeal against an indefinite ban imposed by the national medical watchdog which declared him a danger to patients. Dr Mark Hobart, a North Sunshine-based GP accused of issuing fake Covid-19 vaccine exemptions, last week was refused leave to appeal a Supreme Court ruling upholding the ban.

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Doctor recruitment stymied

Augusta Margaret River Times, General News, 17/11/2023, Warren Hatley, Page 8

The South West medical sector is choked by red tape and inefficiency, a senior regional doctor has warned. Federal Health Department procedures for recruiting doctors are rigid and slow and expensive and failing to meet the industry's growing needs, according to Brecken Health senior GP Brenda Murrison.

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The HEAL Network: Collective action for a climate-resilient and sustainable health system

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 9

Listening to the voice for justice, sustainability, and a healthier future Witnessing recent events in Australia and the world can be disheartening. [...] The HEAL Network has provided input into the public consultations and is advising the Department of Health and Aged Care, and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water in delivering these key policy initiatives.

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Measure, monitor, and mitigate

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 30

Not only are health systems on the frontlines of coping with climate-induced demand for healthcare, they are also major carbon emitters. [...] In Australia, the Department of Health and Aged Care recently released its first National Health and Climate Change Strategy consultation paper, and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners has published a position statement and several guides for sustainability.

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Sustainable Health Care

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 37

The carbon footprint of Australia's healthcare sector is disproportionately large. Estimated to account for 7% of Australia's total carbon footprint and 2% of healthcare's footprint globally (significant for only 0.33% of the world's population). [...] National Climate and Health Strategy The Department of Health and Aged Care's National Health Sustainability and Climate Unit has undergone an extensive consultation process over 2023 as it develops a National Health and Climate Strategy.

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The green rush: How do cannabis corporates make their millions?

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/11/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

Prescriptions for medicinal cannabis are climbing, and companies like Montu are cashing in. The Australian company made \$100,000 in revenue in the 2020 financial year, backed by investors and crowdfunding.

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Updated COVID-19 vaccinations could be coming soon to Australia

Cosmos Magazine, Other, 17/11/2023, Imma Perfetto

As Australia enters an "eighth wave" of COVID-19, 2 updated vaccines could soon be available to the public. [...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care told Cosmos that: "In the 28-day period between 9 October 2023 5 November 2023, the Australian genomic surveillance system

AusTrakka reported that recombinant variants continue to be the predominant sub-lineages being sequenced."

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The crap gift that keeps on giving

In Daily, Other, 17/11/2023, David Washington

As the latest variant of COVID makes its way through the South Australian community, Matthew Abraham wonders why our political and health leaders are so relaxed and comfortable. A naughty secret hides in the broom closets of even our most God-fearing households. [...] The federal Health Department is reporting more than 1000 new cases nationally a day.

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Is there a case for delaying 'sharing-by-default' for software vendors?

The Medical Republic, Other, 17/11/2023

We aren't even at first base of the government's plans to transition healthcare interoperability and the MSIA thinks we should stop and wait a bit longer. [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) aimed to ramp up interoperability by forcing all pathology and imaging reports to be uploaded into the My Health Record (MHR) and having no delay between upload and patient or provider access by Christmas.

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What the experts are saying about another COVID-19 Christmas wave

The New Daily, Other, 17/11/2023, John Elder

You'd be forgiven for thinking that COVID-19 is just like the rest of us it really loves Christmas. [...] Other jurisdictions, he said, point you to the Commonwealth Department of Health COVID statistics page , which is not particularly helpful.

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CORONAVIRUS

Pirola strain hits state

Herald Sun, General News, 18/11/2023, Mandy Squires, Page 23

A new COVID strain dubbed Pirola described as the most deadly since the first Omicron mutation is circulating in Victoria. Health officials warned in August it would be hard to contain if it hit Australian shores after being detected in Denmark on July 25, and then in the US and Israel.

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

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Covid hospital cases up

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 13

Covid cases in the state appear to be plateauing at a new elevated level, but increasing numbers of people are being treated in hospital. Latest figures show an overall drop of five cases this week to 2496, compared with the previous week, but cases have risen sharply since the 862 cases reported in the week ending October 20, with experts warning of a new wave amid waning immunity and more transmissible subvariants.

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Masks return to hospitals

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 18/11/2023, John Flint, Page 9

WA Health is reintroducing mask-wearing requirements in public hospitals due to surging COVID cases. From Monday staff and patients must wear surgical masks in high-risk hospital clinical areas -

including haematology, oncology, organ transplant and renal dialysis - and around vulnerable patients in critical care settings like intensive care.

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

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WA COVID surge prompts return of mask mandate

Canberra Times, Other, 17/11/2023, Aaron Bunch

A surge in COVID-19 cases has prompted the West Australian government to reintroduce face mask rules at Perth public hospitals. Staff and patients will be ordered to wear surgical masks in high-risk clinical areas from Monday, Premier Roger Cook says.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated across regional publications

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Covid surge may be over as cases numbers almost the same as last week

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 17/11/2023, Brad Crouch

COVID cases in South Australia appear to be plateauing at a new elevated level, but increasing numbers of people are being treated for the virus in hospitals. Latest figures show an overall drop of five cases this week, compared to the previous week.

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

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Masks to return in public hospitals as authorities monitor COVID surge

7news.com.au, Other, 17/11/2023, Bryce Luff

WA has responded to surging COVID-19 cases in the lead-up to Christmas by enforcing the use of masks in public hospitals. From Monday, staff and patients will be required to cover up in "high-risk" areas including haematology, oncology, organ transplant and renal dialysis.

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WA public hospitals strengthen mask-wearing requirements in response to surging COVID cases

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023

Surging COVID cases in Western Australia has seen the first public health measures introduced since the state's COVID-19 'state of emergency' declaration was dropped. From Monday, all staff and patients in high-risk hospital clinical areas must wear masks.

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Top doctor Nick Coatsworth delivers a brutal reality check for Aussies who still wear face masks

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/11/2023, Kylie Stevens

One of Australia's top doctors has issued a brutal message to those still wearing face masks - and hit out calls from the Australian Medical Association to bring back Covid masks. Australia reported 6,550 new Covid cases last week.

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Western Australia to mandate masks in some medical settings as Covid-19 cases rise

NEWS.com.au, Other, 18/11/2023, Benedict Brook

An Australian state will bring back a mandatory Covid-19 health measure as case surge during an eighth wave of the disease. An Australian state will reintroduce a strict Covid measure for the first time since a health "state of emergency" was ended more than a year ago.

'Superspreader' Sean Feucht mocks Aussie Covid crackdowns

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 17/11/2023, Mark Furler

A Queensland-based evangelist who hosted a US singer dubbed a 'superspreader' for defying Covid restrictions says churches need to stand up against future 'draconian' rulings which infringe on human rights. During evening rallies on the Sunshine Coast attended by more than 1500 people each night, Sean Feucht ridiculed Australia's Covid lockdowns, saying people could not take their trash cans out without being arrested'.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

How to make a smooth transition

AFR Weekend, Smart Money, 18/11/2023, Bina Brown, Page 36

Not every move into aged care is the right fit from the beginning, and circumstances change. Aged care is governed under federal legislation...

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

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Superannuation failing too many

Canberra Times, General News, 18/11/2023, Simon Cowan, Page 50

The government seems to be moving closer to a policy of using superannuation savings to partially pay for the forthcoming massive increase in aged care spending. While no details have been provided yet, there are several ways this policy could be achieved.

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Ita Buttrose backs dementia walk efforts

Australian Seniors News, Other, 17/11/2023

Dementia Australia Patron, Ita Buttrose AC OBE, is encouraging all Australians to show their support for people living with dementia by taking part in Memory Walk & Jog events in 2024. Ms Buttrose said she is excited to see Dementia Australia's largest fundraising initiative set to return with its biggest ever season of events.

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POPULATION HEALTH

The heart of a real fighter

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/11/2023, Madeline Crittenden, Page 33

Calista Pinchen never believed she would be able to fall pregnant after a genetic condition led to a heart transplant 15 years ago. But she has a baby boy in her arms and in her home after an extraordinary journey.

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Now it's gouda

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 18/11/2023, Page 35

Why can't health researchers make up their minds about our basic foods? Every couple of years you can be sure their previous dietary commandments will be contradicted.

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Men need to check in on their own health

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 24

While women can be very good at eating well, getting plenty of sleep, ensuring they put on sunscreen when outdoors, getting regular health checks and seeking mental healthcare, men unfortunately can be less adept at looking after their own health - and this is particularly true for those who live in the bush. Tomorrow is International Men's Day 2023 and we are urging rural and remote men to "Be a man!"

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Drinking on a downward spiral

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 18/11/2023, Megan Lee, Page 85

Why young Aussies are taking control over consumption On the eve of Schoolies 2023, Bond University Senior Teaching Fellow in Psychology Dr Megan Lee Olooks at the downward trend in alcohol consumption by young Australians and tells us why societal norms around drinking must continue to be challenged. [...] Recently released figures by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reveal that in 2022-2023 Australia's youth drinking habits underwent considerable shifts.

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Tommy Lee's durries receipt exposes \$14.26 billion Aussie issue

The Courier Mail, Other, 17/11/2023, Caleb Bond

Millionaire Tommy Lee was shocked by how expensive one thing is in Australia and it exposed a \$14.26 billion issue. Sky News host Paul Murray says the push from health experts "virtually" criminalising smoking cigarettes is hypocritical after the ACT has now decriminalised the use of hard drugs.

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Are non-alcoholic drinks actually safe when pregnant or breastfeeding?

Northern Territory News, Other, 17/11/2023, Mia Erickson

or breastfeeding and pregnant women, the health risks associated are hard to ignore. If someone is avoiding alcohol , they're no longer limited to tap water, soft drinks, and the kids' menu.

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NT Public Guardian Beth Walker issues funding plea to ensure adults are not unnecessarily living under guardianship

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Samantha Dick

The expert overseeing care of the Northern Territory's most vulnerable adults says there is a risk some people may be living under guardianship orders unnecessarily. It comes after the ABC revealed an Aboriginal woman with a traumatic brain injury was forced to live beneath the poverty line for years in a remote NT community while under financial guardianship.

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Forcing yourself to exercise? There may be better ways to boost motivation

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Shelby Traynor

Exercise is important, whether you like it or not. It gets your blood pumping, strengthens your muscles and releases feel-good hormones. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare , in 2021 physical inactivity was the 9th leading preventable cause of ill health and premature death.

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After the Cochrane twins were diagnosed with a rare condition, an in-vitro blood transfusion saved their lives

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Janelle Miles

After seven years trying for a family, Marni Cochrane was more than halfway through her first pregnancy with identical twin girls when they were diagnosed with a rare and potentially life-threatening medical condition. Two days later, Mrs Cochrane's own mum Helen Carlsson died of cancer without

meeting her tiny granddaughters, who had been diagnosed at 22 weeks gestation with a condition known medically as Twin Anaemia Polycythaemia Sequence, or TAPS.

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Australia has a low rate of vaginal birth after caesarean (VBAC) — and parents wanting one can face a battle

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Bianca Nogrady

Lyndal was living in Katherine in 2015 when she found out she was pregnant for the third time. Her first child had been born by caesarean for practical reason eight years earlier in West Africa.

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The 'sick note' some Australian schoolkids are using to take part in climate strikes

SBS, Other, 17/11/2023

The letter penned by two self-proclaimed "climate doctors" offers students permission to "take a sick day for a sick planet" by stating that they are "unfit due to a major health concern."

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Illegal burn

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 18/11/2023, Chelsea Bunting, Page 1

Illegal, cancer-causing solariums are covertly operating in homes in the region, an undercover Geelong Advertiser investigation has revealed. [...] Cancer Council Victoria's head of SunSmart Emma Glassenbury said people who used solariums were exposing their skin to high levels of ultraviolet radiation.

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Remember, a tan is simply not worth dying for

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 48

The sinister world of illegal solariums has been brought to light in reporter Chelsea Bunting's expose today.. [...] Statistics released by the Cancer Council Victoria show using a solarium before the age of 35 increases melanoma risk by 59 per cent.

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'God-send': Family calls house home for six months

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 18/11/2023, Monique Patterson, Page 2

A Port Campbell family's life was turned upside down when their youngest son Hugo was diagnosed with leukaemia. Before Easter this year, Hugo Riedl had been unwell and mum Pene thought the three-year-old may have had a virus.

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Revolutionising Australian Cancer Screening

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 8

A cancer diagnosis has the power to significantly alter and potentially limit a person's life. However, by shifting some of Australia's cancer screening programs from a population-based to a risk-based or personalised approach, there is a strong potential for enhanced early detection and improved patient outcomes.

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Patient initiated follow up as a low carbon alternative for cancer

surveillance

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 20

Human health relies on the health of the planet, and the WHO has declared that climate change is the biggest health threat facing humanity. But health-care systems also harm the planet by producing greenhouse gas emissions, waste, and pollution that all contribute to climate change.

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Chris put his stomach pain down to stress. Then he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

7news.com.au, Other, 17/11/2023, Ailish Delaney

It started as very simple' pain but something more sinister was at play. When Chris Fitzgerald started experiencing stomach pain, he chalked it up to life being too busy.

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EU approves controversial weedkiller glyphosate for another 10 years, with Australian grain growers backing move

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Fiona Broom and Angus Verley

The European Commission has approved the use of the controversial weedkiller glyphosate for another decade, with a spokesperson for Australian growers backing the move as good news for exports. Authorisation in European Union countries was set to expire on December 15, after a one-year extension was given last year.

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Screening the key to cervical cancer prevention

Shepparton News Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Zoe McMaugh

This week is Cervical Cancer Awareness Week, and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network is encouraging women and people with a cervix to book a screening test. Thanks to changes in national programs, preventing cervical cancer has become easier and more accessible.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 17/11/2023, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

Interview with Glenn McGrath, McGrath Foundation. McGrath discusses the McGrath Foundation's task to recruit 100 new cancer nurses in health and hospital services across Australia.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 17/11/2023, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

The Federal Government will announce a \$166m support package to improve access to specialist nurses. At least 100 nurses will be recruited through the McGrath Foundation. Former cricketer Glenn McGrath is set to make an announcement with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler today.

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Channel 9, Today, 17/11/2023, Karl Stefanovic, Sarah Abo, Alex Cullen and Brooke Boney

Australia could become the first country to eradicate cervical cancer. The Federal Government plans to announce a new target that could see 90% of teenage boys vaccinated against HPV by 2030. HPV is the virus that causes cervical cancer in women.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 17/11/2023

Australian scientists are in the final stages of developing the first ever blood test for pancreatic cancer. Pancreatic cancer is often found in the later stages, with more than 3000 Australians expected to die from the disease this year alone.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 17/11/2023

The Albanese Government has announced the largest investment in cancer nurses. Labor is committing \$166m to boost the number of Commonwealth-funded nurses.

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6PR, Mornings, 17/11/2023, Gary Adshead

Interview with Professor Marion Saville, Executive Director, Australian Centre for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer. Saville discusses the possibility of eradicating cervical cancer. She notes cervical cancer is almost always caused by HPV, which means it can be prevented through vaccination against the virus as well as through screening.

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PRIMARY CARE

Five and thriving

Canberra Times, General News, 18/11/2023, Megan Doherty, Page 1

Preschooler Audrey Fawole owes her happy, healthy life as an almost five-year-old to the work of a hospital surgeon hours after her premature birth. When she grows up she hopes to be just like the "amazing" Dr Rajay Rampersad.

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Man dies waiting for ED bed

Courier Mail, Edition Changes - Metro, 18/11/2023, Shaye Windsor, Page 1

A Queensland grandfather has died at the Ipswich Hospital after spending hours in the back of an ambulance waiting for a bed, sparking an investigation. Wayne Irving, 67, was ramped for three hours after his wife, Barbara, called an ambulance at 7.30pm on Thursday due to Mr Irving suffering chest pain.

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

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Injecting room 'need'

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 18/11/2023, Laura Turner, Page 1

Sunraysia Community Health Services says Mildura needs its own medically supervised injecting facility because it can't accommodate the region's "heartbreaking" demand for drug help. Dual diagnosis nurse Kylie Cawley said a site similar to the controversial facility opened by the Andrews government in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond would be welcome here.

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South West Healthcare receives top award

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 18/11/2023, Ben Silvester, Page 4

South West Healthcare has taken home a prestigious statewide award, winning best medium-sized health service at the 2023 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards. The health service beat dozens of others across the state as it was recognised for its ability to provide "timely" and "culturally safe" care in Warrnambool, Camperdown, and its smaller community and mental health services.

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Reducing low-value care

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Kylie Woolcock, Page 4

Reducing low-value care Waste within the healthcare system has been identified as substantial.. In the United States, for example, reports have shown that between 21 and 47% of national health expenditure is wasted each year.

The carbon footprint of dialysis

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 18

In 2021 in Australia, 15,200 people with kidney failure received dialysis. This number has more than doubled from 2000, and is expected to continue to rise, in part due to the rise in risk factors such as obesity and diabetes alongside a more aging population.

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Re-thinking the prevention and treatment of heart disease

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 24

Healthcare services are fundamental to good human health, but have a significant environmental footprint - from carbon emissions to plastic waste and water pollution. Cardiovascular disease is the most common non-communicable disease worldwide, responsible for > 17 million deaths and > 300 million life-years lost in 2017.

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Creating a low-carbon, climate resilient healthcare system in NSW

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 42

Australia is on the frontlines of climate change. There is overwhelming scientific evidence that climate change is driving more extreme weather.

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Bayer Rosmarin faces grilling over national outage that blocked 000 calls

Adelaide Now, Other, 17/11/2023, Jared Lynch

The boss of the troubled telco will publicly defend her handling of the company's second reputational disaster in 13 months. Optus CEO Kelly Bayer Rosmarin is set to appear before a Senate inquiry into the Optus outage on Friday morning.

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How Gold Coast's north will undergo major healthcare revolution

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 18/11/2023, Andrew Potts and Amaani Siddeek

Construction of the \$1.5bn Foxwell Coomera private hospital will begin in 2024 as its developers move to capitalise on the city's health revolution. The first stage of the health precinct, put forward by joint venture partners Keylin and Kinstone Group will feature a day hospital which will "provide ambulance bays, GP clinic, allied health, day surgery theatres, specialist suites, medical offices, pathology and pharmacy services".

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

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Wayne Irving died in a ramped ambulance after waiting three hours for emergency care at Ipswich Hospital

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Gemma Ferguson and Molly Slattery

A foster carer has died in a Queensland hospital after being left waiting three hours in one of 13 ambulances lined up at the emergency department. Wayne Irving, a 67-year-old water tank cleaner from the Scenic Rim, had been taken to Ipswich Hospital in an ambulance with abdominal pain.

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

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Illawarra, Shoalhaven hospitals have the worst aged care bed block in the country and the solution isn't simple

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Penny Burfitt

In the wake of the closure of several New South Wales aged care homes, patients waiting to be transferred into aged care have been taking up an unprecedented number of hospital beds in the Illawarra, as many as 147 per day at the height of the crisis. In July, NSW Health Minister Ryan Park announced funding for 35 transitional aged care beds in the district to accommodate some of the patients outside of hospital while they waited.

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Ardrossan Community Hospital ceases accident and emergency services for foreseeable future

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Tom Mann and Annabel Francis

A regional private hospital is discontinuing its accident and emergency services and acting solely as an aged care facility in response to ongoing financial losses and workforce shortages. Ardrossan Community Hospital on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula has been operating for over a century, and the public was notified via Facebook last Friday that "acute services will be closed until further notice".

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Canberrans with a potentially fatal heart problem will no longer have to travel interstate for a cutting-edge procedure

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Emmy Groves

Dressed in pyjamas and sharing a joke in the Canberra Hospital's recovery ward, octogenarians Ian Gaun and Dorisse Tucker are sprightly and animated but in disbelief, that each was on an operating table, undergoing heart surgery, just 24 hours earlier.

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No beds and lack of nurses: how Anne Pedler's last hours were spent ramped in an ambulance

The Guardian, Other, 18/11/2023, Natasha May

The last hours of Anne Pedler's life were spent in an ambulance ramped outside Launceston general hospital because no bed was available for the 71-year-old. Pedler arrived at the hospital at 12.45am on 6 August 2022 with a diagnosis of a pulmonary embolism a sudden blockage of the vessels responsible for sending blood to the lungs.

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Queensland health minister orders hospitals to see sexual assault victims within 10 minutes

The Guardian, Other, 17/11/2023, Eden Gillespie

The mother of an alleged teenage rape victim, who left a Queensland hospital in tears after waiting hours to be examined, has welcomed the health minister's intervention to ensure victims are seen within 10 minutes. Shannon Fentiman on Friday announced she will issue a ministerial directive to ensure the state's 26 reporting hospitals are obliged to see women presenting at emergency departments seeking forensic examinations for sexual assault within 10 minutes.

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Historic state ministerial directive orders EDs to attend to sexual assault victims within 10 minutes

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/11/2023

Queensland's Minister for Health has issued a directive demanding public hospitals help victims of sexual assault within 10 minutes. State health minister Shannon Fentiman intervened on Friday last week after being told that "multiple hospitals" had failed to provide sexual assault victims with timely care after presenting to EDs.

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No heartsink: Why GPs should encourage patients to draw up The List

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/11/2023, Carmel Sparke

Dr Marguerite Tracy wants to convince GPs that patients turning up at the consult with the dreaded list

can be a positive, not heartsink, moment. The key is simply to encourage your patient to ask questions and to think through their questions beforehand.

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ACT trial expands for pill

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 17/11/2023

Canberrans already using an oral contraceptive pill may be able to obtain a re-supply of their contraceptive pill at one of five participating pharmacies as part of a new trial, the ACT Govt has announced yesterday. The five pharmacies participating include Capital Chemist Charnwood (pictured its pharmacist Rebecca Richardson), Gold Creek Discount Drug Store, The Pharmacy on Petrie (Civic), Erindale Pharmacy and Pharmasave Woden Pharmacy.

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Victoria's only children's hospice offers priceless haven for Emma

Shepparton News Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Faith MacAle

A young Seymour local, Emma Thorsen, has been regularly travelling to Victoria's only children's hospice, Very Special Kids in Malvern, in Melbourne's inner south-east, for care. Her mother, Ashley Polachek, said Very Special Kids had been a big help for Emma and that they treated others like family.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 17/11/2023, Adam Steer

Interview with Dr Robert Parker, President, AMA NT. Parker discusses the issue of long wait times for high risk pregnancy screening. He says workforce shortages and the code yellow is impacting people's ability to get timely screenings.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Doctors call for trans care rethink

Weekend Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 18/11/2023, Natasha Robinson, Page 1

The battle over gender-affirmative medicine in Australia has intensified with a call to arms by two experienced psychiatrists for their fellow doctors to resist the pressure of activism that has triggered the widespread "subordination of clinical governance to social and political goals" in the rush to affirm distressed children's chosen gender. The psychiatrists used an academic paper in a top psychiatry journal to urge the medical profession to heed the "cautionary tale" posed by the healthcare scandal that unfolded at London's Tavistock clinic and in British compensation cases they say are directly relevant to Australia.

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Children are more lonely and stressed

Weekend Australian, General News, 18/11/2023, Stephen Lunn, Page 3

Australia's primary school age children are angrier, lonelier, more anxious and less able to control their emotions than they were five years ago, new research finds, despite the increased societal concern for childhood wellbeing and focus on teaching resilience. The picture is no less bleak in secondary school, where more than one in two students say they feel "very stressed", an upward trend since 2003, and 56 per cent say they have a hard time controlling their sense of worry.

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

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Men's welfare at the mercy of feminist ideology

Weekend Australian, General News, 18/11/2023, Angela Shanahan, Page 13

For two days this week the lawns of Parliament House have been strewn with 2500 empty shoes, one

for each of the men and boys who die in Australia each year through suicide. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare our male suicide rate is overall three to four times higher than the female rate, and mainly involves men in mid-life.

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

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The kids are far from all right

Weekend Australian, General News, 18/11/2023, Stephen Lunn, Page 17

You may be a parent watching your child stare into space at dinner. Or a grandparent wondering why the teenager won't come out of their room when you come to visit.

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

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We don't want anyone else to die like our Jomen

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 18/11/2023, Page 26

Another death in custody, another call to make Western Australia's prison cells suicide proof. It's almost a given. And it's a situation that is at "acute crisis" level, according to coroner Philip Urquhart, who recently echoed the calls of his colleagues and former State coroners who have been tasked with investigating the suicides of prisoners over the past 20 years.

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The day that Kristy's life changed...

Ballarat Courier, General News, 18/11/2023, Kristy Steenhuis, Page 16

On November 16, 2005 my life as I knew it changed forever, never to be the same again. This is the day I found my husband after he had taken his own life. In that instant everything changed.

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A message that must be heard

Border Mail, General News, 18/11/2023, Jodie O'Sullivan, Page 1

Taryn Brumfitt has a new mission - to help one million Australian children learn how to embrace their bodies. It's a challenge, she says, in the face of what she believes is an escalating health crisis.

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Autistic-led network builds a community

Burnie Advocate, General News, 18/11/2023, Jess Flint, Page 68

When Hannah Reeve and Tam Beswick were diagnosed with autism as adults, they were challenged with finding the support that was right from them. In the absence of a good peer support network, they took it upon themselves to form one. "We started out at the Burnie community house, we very consistently had four members for a long time," Ms Beswick said. Now known as the Regional Autistic Engagement Network (RAEN), the program has grown in ways they never would have imagined.

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Van gets crucial conversation rolling

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 17/10/2023, Carwyn Monck, Page 1

A convoy of bright yellow vehicles passed through the Goldfields this week on a voyage across Australia to encourage people to stay connected and spark conversations on mental health. R U OK? Conversation Convoy will travel from Perth to Sydney, passing through major cities and regional and rural communities along the way.

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Four FIFO green flags

Mining Magazine, General News, 01/01/2024, Page 14

Fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) is an often inevitable aspect of working in the mining industry, and the long hours and shift work can take a toll on physical health and wellbeing. However, there are key amenities that

mining operations can offer FIFO workforces to showcase a commitment to alleviating the burden of FIFO lifestyles and securing the physical and mental health and wellbeing of their workforce.

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Climate change and mental health

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 14

Climate change related mental health impacts is a concern of all humans, but children and young people are particularly vulnerable. Emerging evidence suggests that direct (e.g. physical injury, respiratory illness, and mental health trauma associated with extreme weather events^{1,2}) and indirect (social and economic disruptions caused by climate change, e.g. food and water insecurity²) experiences of climate change-related extreme events and uncertainty about their future can lead to negative emotions in children and young people.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 17/11/2023, Michael Rowland and Bridget Brennan

Interview with Glen Poole, CEO, Australian Men's Health Forum and Harry Jordan, Doing It Tough campaign participant. Jordan recalls the difficulty of speaking up about mental health. Poole discusses their collaboration with Suicide Prevention Australia and the importance of the campaign. He mentions it is International Men's Day on Sunday.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Directors warned on employee credentials

Weekend Australian, General News, 18/11/2023, Glenda Korporaal, Page 33

Companies are liable if their workers are not cleared to work with vulnerable people. One start-up offers to perform the vital checks. Directors of companies in education, healthcare, aged care and disability services, as well as sporting organisations, could face prosecution if they do not have proper systems in place to check the credentials of workers, the chief executive of start-up Oho, Claire Rogers, has warned.

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'Babies were blue and not breathing'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/11/2023, Linda Silmalis, Page 76

Ambulance officers face tough scenes every day. But few can top two premature babies still attached to their mother and already losing the fight for life at a budget motel It was the "most confronting" scene veteran ambulance officer Paul Taylor had encountered a young woman clutching her two premature babies, still attached to her but neither of them breathing.

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That won't work for me the jobs Gen Z actually wants

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/11/2023, Julie Cross, Page 78

The next generation of job seekers are often derided as lacking the mental toughness to succeed in the workplace but that's OK, because they plan to solve their own problems. The most popular career

choice for Gen Z was a mental health therapist, according to After The ATAR, a national survey conducted by Year13, an organisation which advises young people on post-school choices.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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'Humbled': meet Hunter's nurse of the year

Newcastle Herald, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 12

Trent Williams says he "still can't believe it" after he was named NSW Health's nurse of the year this week. The John Hunter Hospital nurse was a joint winner at the 11th annual NSW 2023 Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards on Thursday.

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'Wake-up call' on GPs' future

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 18/11/2023, Wade Stephens, Page 2

A doctor training for his GP fellowship has revealed the significant barriers facing students wanting to enter general practice. Originally from western Sydney, Jack Williams* moved to Mildura in late 2021, becoming a GP registrar in February this year.

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Australian Nursing Federation WA state secretary Janet Reah accused of being ineligible to head key union

West Australian, Other, 17/11/2023, Josh Zimmerman

Australian Nursing Federation WA boss Janet Reah will be forced to defend her eligibility to hold the union's top job as part of a bitter spat playing out in the Industrial Relations Commission. An application filed with the industrial umpire claims the union broke its rules when electing Ms Reah, state secretary, in October 2022 because she was not entitled to be a member of the ANF.

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Inaugural Health Professionals' Ball celebrates first WACHS internship at Geraldton Regional Hospital

West Australian, Other, 17/11/2023, Jessica Moroney

The unsung heroes working on the frontline of our health system swapped their scrubs and uniforms for gowns and suits on Saturday, attending the inaugural Geraldton Health Professionals' Ball. People working in the health and disability sector were invited to attend the ball, to expand their network and get to know fellow colleagues.

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Queensland Government boosts free TAFE for nursing students

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 17/11/2023

In a bid to increase the pipeline of the next generation of nurses, the Queensland Government has injected extra funding to bolster fee-free TAFE for nursing students. An extra 3,500 free Diploma of Nursing placements will be offered in 2024, available through TAFE Queensland, CQUniversity and Mater Education, with the Government providing an additional \$40.

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Western Health Breast Care Nurse Scholarship program helps nurses gain the skills and knowledge needed to be specialist breast care nurses

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 17/11/2023

Breast care nurses are registered nurses who have specialist skills and knowledge about breast care nursing. Western Health, a large public health service in metropolitan Melbourne, provides care for an increasing number of breast cancer patients each year.

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Supporting pharmacists, supporting patients: PSA releases Annual Report

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 17/11/2023

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) continues to support pharmacists in all areas of practice and in all corners of the country, with the release of its 2022-23 Annual Report highlighting PSA's impact on a rapidly changing pharmacy profession. The Annual Report details PSA's activity throughout the 2022-23 financial year to support its mission to embed, equip, and enable pharmacists to be at the forefront of healthcare in Australia.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

'\$8k per shot': Rhys lost vision then he was diagnosed with lung cancer

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 17/11/2023, Monique Patterson

There's a silver lining to Rhys Parsons losing sight in his left eye. The Warrnambool man, who moved to the city to take up a role as technical and venue services co-ordinator at Lighthouse Theatre at the start of 2022, started to experience vision issues in April of that year. [...] "The drug is covered under the PBS for certain types of cancer, but unfortunately not mine, which means I have to pay for each shot, which is \$8000 every three weeks for an initial four shots.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

The AI will see you now: How and why the latest technology could assist doctors

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 8

Artificial intelligence could prove to be a lifeline for Australian hospitals and GP surgeries, according to a leading medical technology expert who says it could ensure doctors spend less time sending faxes and more time with patients. But Microsoft Australia's chief medical officer Dr Simon Kos also warns the technology is not ready to perform the work of doctors and careful controls need to be implemented.

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

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

National Health and Climate Strategy

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 12

Climate change is already affecting the health of wellbeing of people across Australia. The environmental and human systems which are so important to maintaining good health are increasingly

being disrupted by extreme weather events, the spread of climate-related infectious disease and climate-related food and water insecurity.

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SPORT

'My life was slipping away'

Canberra Times, Sport, 18/11/2023, Melanie Dinjaski, Page 72

Kalindi Commerford's life was turned upside down in March from a concussion on the hockey field, but the sport that caused her head knock has helped her find a way to feel "normal" again. The Canberra Chill star was playing club hockey in Queensland earlier this year when she collided with one of her former Hockeyroo teammates, and with a shoulder to the jaw, she suffered a brutal whiplash concussion.

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First look inside Mac 2.0 stadium

Hobart Mercury, General News, 18/11/2023, James Bresnehan, Page 1

It will have a playing surface the size of the MCG and be the only stadium in the southern hemisphere with subterranean ground-side access for semitrailers to deposit concert equipment for huge international artists. That's why designer Dean Coleman is so proud of his proposed creation.

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States don't want games

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 18/11/2023, Courtney Gould, Page 5

No state in Australia is interested in hosting the Commonwealth Games after Victoria withdrew their bid, a hearing has heard. A parliamentary inquiry heard a meeting of the nation's sports ministers declined to discuss the future of the Commonwealth Games.

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Australian Olympic Committee program aims to increase number of Indigenous coaches in elite sport

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Myles Houlbrook

While a significant number of Australia's elite athletes are Indigenous, there has long been a shortage of shortage of Indigenous coaches. But the Australian Olympic Committee is working to change that, through a program that offers scholarships for Indigenous Australians to become elite coaches.

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Sharon Finnan-White is one of just three Indigenous women to represent Australia in netball. She's set on changing that

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Kasey Symons

"I get goosebumps just thinking about it." The pride is evident in Sharon Finnan-White's voice as she reflects on the recent success of one of the participants in her First Nations Academy of Excellence (FNAE) netball pathway program.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Healthy focus on medical stocks

Weekend Australian, Business News, 18/11/2023, Glenda Korporaal, Page 27

Healthcare stocks ranging from sleep apnoea giant ResMed to cancer diagnostic biotech Telix Pharmaceuticals were recommended at the Sohn Hearts & Minds Investment Leaders Conference on Friday. IFM Investors' small cap specialist Rikki Bannan tipped the ASX-listed Telix, arguing that its potential in the growing area of cancer diagnostics made it an attractive buy.

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Study shows early birth is no problem

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 29

Being born at 39 weeks, rather than at 40 to 42 weeks, has no impact on Aussie children's NAPLAN scores at ages 7-9, according to Australian experts. There have been conflicting studies on the long-term impacts of arriving a week early, but University of Melbourne and Murdoch Children's Research Institute studied data from more than 150,000 kids and found no significant difference in scores for kids born at 39 weeks compared with full-term babies.

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

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AI used to create confusion campaign

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/11/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 21

Flinders University researchers are warning the public to be wary of artificial intelligence after using it to generate more than 100 medical articles full of deliberate mistakes and dangerous misinformation. Researcher Bradley Menz says government and industry safeguards are urgently needed for generative AI to protect the community.

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Rural health deficit

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 22

The funding disparity between rural and metropolitan Australians is "inequitable and unfair" according to rural health researchers, who are calling for greater investment in their research. La Trobe University said it was estimated that only 2.4 per cent of projects funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council are aimed specifically at improving the health of Australians living in rural and remote areas.

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

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Delayed cord clamping 'best treatment' for cutting preterm infant mortality

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/11/2023, Rachel Fieldhouse

Preterm infants are 32% less likely to die with delayed versus immediate umbilical cord clamping, according to Australian researchers who say their findings will inform clinical practice guidelines. They also found that waiting at least two minutes before cord clamping rather than at least 60 seconds or until pulsation stops, as per current RANZCOG guidance led to the largest mortality reduction.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

No vote 'opened the gates' to racism

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 18/11/2023, Laura Banks, Page 3

Indigenous Australians are afraid of leaving their homes for fear of abuse and racism, crisis counsellors say, with calls to the national helpline for First Nations people surging after the No vote in the Voice referendum. A quarter of all calls to 13YARN, a 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention service designed and delivered by Indigenous people, have been about racism and abuse since the October 14 vote.

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Indigenous suicide prevention support

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 18/11/2023, Natalie Croxon, Page 71

"We're going to keep surviving. Sometimes it takes a bit of hard work, but you know, we do it and we do it usually with joy and humour and love."

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Rotary backs health-care skills program

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 18/11/2023, Page 5

A project contributing to training Aboriginal health-care workers has received support from the Rotary Club of Mildura Merbein. At a ceremony last month, the club presented a \$2000 cheque to support the Aboriginal Chronic Disease Prevention Project.

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

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'Sorely lacking' service

Western Advocate, General News, 18/11/2023, Rachel Chamberlain, Page 1

Mayor Jess Jennings is determined to get the Aboriginal Medical Service operating in Bathurst. "A lot of places have got Aboriginal Medical Services and it's sorely lacking, something we don't have in Bathurst," he said.

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Aboriginal health has driven Janine for decades. Now she's received one of the country's highest honours

SBS, Other, 17/11/2023, Dan Butler

From her start as a nurse to leading a peak Indigenous health body, Dr Janine Mohamed has always used community wellbeing as her guide. It's a measure of Dr Janine Mohamed's humility that she has referred to herself in the past as the 'accidental CEO'.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Fungus deaths grow

Courier Mail, General News, 18/11/2023, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 1

A third case of a transplant patient dying after contracting a fungal infection has been revealed, this time at another Brisbane hospital. Dani Zoller-Bellette (pictured), the widow of Jurgen Zoller, has demanded an urgent overhaul of transplant safety protocol following the death of her husband at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

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

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Transplant deaths highlight failures

Courier Mail, Editorials, 18/11/2023, Page 74

There are many questions over the spate of deaths in public hospitals linked to fungal infections and Queenslanders deserve answers. Today, it can be revealed a third transplant patient in Queensland died after contracting a fungal infection.

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

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Six reasons miners should care about silicosis

Mining Magazine, General News, 01/01/2024, Page 12

When people think of the dangers of mine sites, they often conjure up images of heavy equipment, large haul trucks and explosive blasts. Less thought of are the subtler, long-term hazards that can affect the health and wellbeing of miners, including those that do not reveal their consequences until years later.

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Routine checkup gives a second chance at life

Mining Magazine, General News, 01/01/2024, Page 62

The majority of early cases of mine dust lung diseases, including silicosis, often display no symptoms and so regular checks play a critical role in identifying and diagnosing these conditions before they worsen. With this in mind, a new service in Queensland is bringing these health checks to even the most remote corners of the state.

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Enhancing Antimicrobial Stewardship in Australian Primary Care Settings

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 7

The emergence of antimicrobial resistant infections stands as one of the most significant health threats of our time. The continued inappropriate or overuse of antimicrobials has accelerated the development of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), putting currently treatable infections at risk of becoming life-threatening in the near future.

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World Health Organization and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report shows 'staggering' rise in measles cases

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023

There was a "staggering" annual rise in measles cases and deaths in 2022, according to a new report from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Cases jumped by 18 per cent to an estimated 9 million, and deaths to 136,000, mostly among children, the health agencies said in a joint statement on Thursday.

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SA's Barngarla traditional owners win conservation award for Kimba anti-nuclear victory

ABC Online, Other, 17/11/2023, Amelia Costigan

A long battle to prevent a nuclear waste dump being built on traditional lands of the Barngarla community in South Australia has been recognised with an Australian Conservation Foundation award. The Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC) won the 2023 Peter Rawlinson Award for its seven-year campaign to protect its country from threats posed by radioactive waste

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Jurgen felt fit and healthy but underwent a transplant on doctors' orders. Weeks later he was dead. Now his wife has a grim theory about what killed him

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 18/11/2023

A transplant patient has died after contracting a fungal infection in hospital in the third death from similar circumstances in Dad Jurgen Zoller, 57, died at the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital in April. Mr Zoller fought off 20 years ago and felt healthy at the start of the year, his widow Dani Zoller-Bellette says, but underwent a bone marrow transplant after a routine blood test found he had a low blood count, the Courier Mail reported.

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'Staggering' rise in measles cases last year, says WHO and CDC

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'Killer stone' ban leaves Wagga tradie Wayne Carter on the fence as Bunnings, businesses pull product

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 17/11/2023, Taylor Dodge

While a major hardware supplier is culling products containing an engineered stone after a report by Safe Work Australia recommended it be banned, a leading Wagga tradesman remains on the fence. Safe Work Australia published the Decision Regulation Impact Statement recommending a nationwide prohibition on the use of engineered stone (Decision RIS) in October.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Why these ASX firms are shying away from the 'pot stock' label – Part 2

The Australian, Other, 17/11/2023, Nadine McGrath

These two stocks may deal with cannabis but are determined to be much more than pot peddlers', as they rely on innovation and medical rigour to forge new paths. [...] In the financial year 2023, the TGA issued 101 infringements and \$1.3 million in fines to cannabis companies for unlawful advertising. For the latest health news, sign up here for free Stockhead daily newsletters. Predominantly, these were for making medical claims about the products benefits in treating a condition.

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Pharmacy Daily, Other, 17/11/2023

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Medicinal cannabis user may face jail

Launceston Examiner, General News, 18/11/2023, Nick Clark, Page 4

Community Corrections Tasmania has applied to cancel a person on a drug treatment order because of his persistent use of medicinal cannabis. The Launceston Magistrates Court heard the application to cancel the order of Timothy Paul Cox, who is on a drug treatment order with an 11-month custodial component.

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Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/11/2023, Zak Wheeler

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