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- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 5) reports The University of Queensland's BASE facility will be able to produce mRNA vaccines and therapies for clinical trials from 2024 following a planned \$6 million upgrade.
- [The Australian](#) (page 6) reports doctors have called on the government to overhaul the Extended Medicare Safety Net, saying it has not been reviewed in over a decade and is not keeping up with inflation.
- [The Australian](#) (page 7) reports public drunkenness will no longer be an offence in Victoria from Tuesday with new sobering-up services available across ten centres statewide. *Also reported by: [Canberra Times](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia](#), [9News](#), [National Indigenous Times](#)*
- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 8) reports almost 900 patients were unable to leave Queensland's hospitals during September due to a lack of available aged care facilities, costing the state \$1.7 million a day, new data has shown. *Also reported by: [Canberra Times](#)*

- The [Daily Telegraph](#) (page 16) reports the Cancer Research Trust has announced a five-year investment to establish an Australian Centre for RNA Therapeutics in Cancer at the University of Western Australia. Also reported by: [Courier Mail](#), [Northern Territory News](#)
- [ABC News](#) reports a Senate inquiry into ADHD has recommended national consistency in diagnosis and treatment, improved healthcare worker training and a review of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to improve patient outcomes. Also reported by: [Launceston Examiner](#), [Canberra Times](#)
- [ABC News](#) reports a further 55 adults may have had Cochlear implants incorrectly programmed and have been offered independent clinical assessments, SA Health says. Also reported by: [Adelaide Now](#)

MINISTER BUTLER

Safety net tripling 'no help to poor'

The Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Natasha Robinson, Page 6

Doctors treating patients who suffer some of the highest rates of chronic disease in the country are demanding the federal government examine the Medicare Safety Net, saying the tripling of the bulk-billing incentive will do nothing to help the working poor. The safety net was introduced in 2004 to provide additional financial assistance to individuals and families who incur high out-of-pocket medical expenses. [...] Melbourne GP Gihan de Mel, a member of Monash Health GP Advisory Committee, recently wrote to federal Health Minister Mark Butler over the issue.

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

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Lockdown proof to go before probe

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/2023, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 1

Evidence used to justify lockdowns and other pandemic interventions will be examined by the federal COVID-19 inquiry in an expansion of its scope, after the Albanese government was roundly criticised for omitting state government decisions from its remit. A new detail on the inquiry website reveals it will consider how evidence was used to make decisions about "interventions, such as lockdowns, in different jurisdictions across Australia". [...] But the panel is unlikely to hold public hearings, despite Health Minister Mark Butler saying "it would be unusual not to".

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Age \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Bulk billing boon

Mountain Views Mail - Healesville, General News, 07/11/2023, Callum Ludwig, Page 1

The Australian Government is tripling the incentives for GPs to bulk bill children under 16, pensioners and other concession cardholders from 1 November. The start of the month also marked the start of the indexation boost to Medicare payments announced in the 2023-24 Budget in May. "The tripling of the bulk billing incentive will help over 5 million children and their families, and more than 7 million pensioners and concession card holders to see a bulk billed GP," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

Also reported by: [Ranges Trader Mail \(Melbourne\)](#).

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GPs grapple with bulk bill shift

Border Mail, General News, 07/11/2023, Layton Holley, Page 5

Many Border patients won't see any changes to bulk billing despite new incentives introduced by the government. From last Wednesday, GPs began receiving triple the government rebate to bulk bill concession card holders and children under 16 for most standard consultations. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said he had received feedback from general practices that had moved away from bulk billing.

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Doctors told to prioritise vulnerable patients as stocks of shingles drug dwindle

Newcastle Herald, Other, 06/11/2023, Eileen Wood

Five million Australians have become eligible for a free vaccination to protect them from shingles - but few will be able to access it until next year. The \$826.8 million free Shingrix vaccination program began on November 1 with Australians aged 65 and over and First Nations people over 50 able to get a free shingles vaccination from their GP. [...] Last month Health Minister Mark Butler said, "older Australians will now have free access to the best protection against shingles through one of the most comprehensive and widely available vaccination programs in the world."

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Humanitarian aid, health & harm reduction

ABC Online, Other, 07/11/2023

Health Minister Mark Butler has appeared on this week's Q + A.

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Medicare is dying and bulk-billing smoke and mirrors won't save it

Australian Doctor, Other, 06/11/2023, Ken McCroary

The tripling of bulk-billing incentives is a disastrous example of smoke and mirrors. On 1 November, the bulk-billing incentive for a standard consultation in metro areas rose from \$6.85 to \$20.65. [...] Last week, Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler was telling the media this was the greatest boost to Medicare bulk-billing in 40 years.

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50 years on: legacy and lessons from Whitlam's landmark community health program

Croakey, Other, 06/11/2023, Marie McInerney

Ultimately, community health services have typically taken responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the whole community they serve in a way that other health services don't, where the model is generally waiting for clients to come through the door. [...] The Hon Mark Butler reflects on Gough Whitlam modernization the Labour party in the 70s, as a vehicle to modernise policy reform agenda and Australian society.

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Open letter urges college U-turn on MyMedicare

The Medical Republic, Other, 06/11/2023

An outspoken Melbourne GP is calling for the RACGP to heed its members' attitudes on voluntary patient enrolment. Melbourne GP and Australian Society of General Practice president Dr Chris Irwin is once again calling on the college to survey members on MyMedicare, confident that most GPs will be against the voluntary enrolment scheme. Dr Irwin's letter and Change.org petition comes as Health Minister Mark Butler makes further overtures toward widening the scope of practice of allied health practitioners.

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ABC, Q and A, 06/11/2023, Patricia Karvelas

Health Minister Mark Butler says the border has been completely open, so vapes have been flooding in. He states the Government will put in place a regulation before the end of this year and they've been working very hard with states on putting together, a single piece of legislation that will cover the field in terms of implementing our vape regulations.

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Hope 103.2, 10:00 News, 06/11/2023

A new treatment for an aggressive form of breast cancer is being added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits

Scheme. HER2 targets the cancer cells differently to standard treatment. Health Minister Mark Butler says it'll also ease the financial burden on patients.

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Smooth FM 95.3, 09:00 News, 06/11/2023

A cutting edge breast cancer drug has been added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the listing will benefit around 600 patients a year.

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2CC, 08:30 News, 06/11/2023

A cutting edge drug for treating an incurable and aggressive form of breast cancer is being added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Her2 is used for patients whose disease has spread beyond the breast and lymph nodes. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the listing will benefit around 600 patients a year.

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2GB, 05:30 News, 06/11/2023

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4BC, 06:00 News, 06/11/2023

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MINISTER WELLS

Peter V'Landys haunts AHA lunch

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 33

The day before the Melbourne Cup always marks the date of the Australian Hotels Association annual national luncheon, held as always in the Botanic Gardens and designed to give politicians one more reason to bill taxpayers for Melbourne flights during the...

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

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Garden party

Age, General News, 07/11/2023, Noel Towell and Kishor Napier-Raman, Page 2

The Australian Hotels Association's annual chow-down at Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens has long been a bit of a national affair, and yesterday's effort continued the tradition of attracting some faces that would be familiar up and down the country. But Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who sent his apologies for being in China, and Opposition Leader Peter Dutton, officially described as a "late scratching", were absent, as was Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan. Sports Minister Anika Wells was on the team sheet and might have had much to discuss with AFL chief executive Andrew Dillon, while National Disability Insurance Scheme Minister Bill Shorten and wife Chloe Shorten may have reminisced about the good old days with former Labor defence minister turned fossil fuels lobbyist "Coal" Joel Fitzgibbon.

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Aged care adds to hospital waitlists

Courier Mail, General News, 07/11/2023, Madura McCormack , Page 8

The number of Queenslanders languishing in hospital longer than needed due to a lack of aged care is enough to fill three major hospitals and is costing the health system \$1.7m a day. [...] A spokesman for Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the federal government was continuing to work with its Queensland counterparts to improve access to health and aged care for older Australians.

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

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Australia facing crippling workforce shortages in aged care sector

CathNews, Other, 06/11/2023

Australia is facing a shortfall of 16,000 nurses and 25,000 allied health workers in the aged care sector by 2033, new research reveals. Source: The Australian. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the Albanese Government had invested a historic \$11.3 billion for a 15 per cent wage rise for aged care workers which was expected to deliver more than 10,000 workers for the sector in 2023-24.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Hawkesbury Head to Health opens this month

Hills to Hawkesbury Community News, Other, 06/11/2023

Free mental health services are set to become permanently available to residents of Hawkesbury with the opening of Head to Health Richmond in mid-November. [...] Emma McBride MP acknowledged First Nations people and those affected by mental illness and suicide: "The recent ABS data showed that 8.5 million Australians experienced mental illness in their lifetime, and one in five of us have experienced mental ill health in the last 12 months.

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"Amazing assets" awarded

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 06/11/2023, Page 2

The Medicines Management Conference 2023 took place in Cairns recognising the depth of talent in the medical field. Dr Karlee Johnston (pictured R) received the 2023 Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia's (SHPA) Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award. [...] Kay Dunkley won the prestigious Fred J Boyd Award (PD 03 Nov), and first female pharmacist MP Emma McBride (pictured below R) was also recognised for the rapid uptake of the ANZCAP Program (PD Fri Breaking news).

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

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CORONAVIRUS

Could covid ruin Christmas?

The Medical Republic, Other, 06/11/2023

Less than a month after the emergency response ended in Australia, cases are ramping up and vaccinations winding down. Covid numbers are on the rise again around Australia, pointing to a new wave that could peak in the coming months. The news comes as Australia's chief medical officer Professor Paul Kelly announced that covid was no longer a communicable disease incident of national significance. This effectively ends Australia's emergency response to the pandemic.

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ABC, ABC News, 06/11/2023, Liz Gwynn

Health authorities believe the state is entering its eighth Covid wave, but Tasmania isn't alone. According to the Federal Health Department coronavirus cases have been gradually increasing since August.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 06/11/2023, Leon Compton

Tasmanian Public health medical officer Dr Romi Nicholson says more Tasmanians should be vaccinated ahead of an anticipated Covid wave. Over the past fortnight Covid numbers have doubled across the state, with more than 700 cases recorded in the last week.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Demand outpacing supply in hot sector

The Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Nathan Cockerill, Page 18

The retirement living industry is one of the fastest growing sectors in Australia, not only critical for the economy but also for society as people live longer, more active lives into the future. According to the 2021 ABS Census, over 249,000 Australians are living in retirement communities.

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Older generation finds healthy way out of the housing crisis

The Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Mark Eggleton, Page 18

With the nation's population rapidly ageing, the focus on the retirement sector is increasing. According to the most recent Intergenerational Report there will be 7.1 million Australians aged over 65 by 2043 with more than half that number aged over 75. This population shift will have socio-economic impacts on Australia, including the housing supply shortage and the pressure on an already struggling residential aged care sector.

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Senior executives on the move

Adelaide Advertiser, Business Journal, 07/11/2023, Page 20

Aged care provider ACH Group has appointed Imelda Lynch as its new chair. She takes over from Mary Patetsos, who stepped down on October 31. Ms Lynch has more than 30 years' experience in

leadership positions. Former Bendigo and Adelaide Bank boss Mike Hirst has been appointed to the Adelaide Airport (AAL) board.

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Aged care technology on show

Adelaide Advertiser, Business Journal, 07/11/2023, Giuseppe Tauriello, Page 20

A trio of South Australian start-ups awarded \$1m in funding will showcase the technologies they have developed to tackle issues facing the aged care sector. Goldilocks, Lateral Vision and NeoCare secured the grand funding as part of this year's SA Innovation Challenge, and have been working with aged care providers and research partners to better understand the barriers to ageing safely and independently at home.

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Mortlake clinic changes hands

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 07/11/2023, Monique Patterson, Page 4

A warrnambool practice has taken over Mortlake's medical clinic. King Street Medical Clinic, which recently welcomed a new doctor, has taken over the practice that was formerly run by Lyndoch Living. Anita Singh, practice manager of King Street Medical Clinic, said she and her husband Dr Surinder Singh had been searching for an opportunity to expand for some time.

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'Labor ideology 101': Aged care reforms triggering shutdowns

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/11/2023

The Australian has reported staffing reforms have triggered aged care facility shutdowns across Australia. LNP MP Kieth Pitt says a local aged care facility near him will be "closed by Christmas".

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Advocates warn any Covid lockdown in aged care facilities would affect people's quality of life

Adelaide Now, Other, 06/11/2023, Douglas Smith

As South Australia braces itself for a "new wave" of Covid-19, aged care advocates are warning facilities to be "more vigilant" in protecting elderly patients. It comes after the latest SA Health data revealed 1691 new Covid cases a 55 per cent increase from the previous week's 1069. Aged Rights Advocacy Service chief executive Carolanne Barkla said she was "concerned" about any lockdowns happening at aged care facilities as they would impact on the quality of life for patients.

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The thought behind the aged care home design guidelines

Aged Care Insite, Other, 06/11/2023, Erin Morley

Draft National Aged Care Design and Principles are being written and trialled to meet recommendations proposed by the Aged Care Royal Commission. The report states that previously, aged care has focused too much on 'care delivery', and not enough on the 'experience of living in the home'.

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Sentencing delayed of 20yo aged care worker following 70yo's murder

Aged Care Insite, Other, 06/11/2023, Arshmah Jamal

Western Australia's Supreme Court judge will be asked to decide whether the murder of a resident at an aged care facility in Albany was a "thrill kill" or a "mercy killing". Jacob Anthony Hoystead murdered 70-year-old resident Monica Mary Stockdale in November last year at Baptistcare Bethel facility in Yakamia.

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Not enough allied care workers to meet aged care standards

Aged Care Insite, Other, 06/11/2023, Arshmah Jamal

More than 25,000 health professionals would be needed to meet the explosive demand for aged care workers as the Australian population grows and ages. The 2021 Aged Care Royal Commission report described the sector as a "cruel and harmful system" that subjected older Australians to poor care, abuse, and neglect.

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2GB, Breakfast, 06/11/2023, Ben Fordham

Australia is facing a shortfall of nurses and allied health workers. New modelling shows suggests the sector is facing shortfalls of 16,000 nurses and 25,000 healthcare workers in the next 10 years. Sixteen facilities have closed their doors between June and October due to workforce shortages. Experts say the changes are unsustainable as the population gets older.

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4BC, Mornings, 06/11/2023, Bill McDonald

McDonald says aged care sector continues to face ongoing pressure as well, with new research showing it faces a workforce shortfall of, get this, 16,000 nurses and 25,000 allied health workers by 2033. The research from the University of Melbourne, Sunshine Coast and Monash comes as a further 16 residential aged care facilities have been forced to close because the workforce shortage is right around the country. He notes at least 47 aged care homes have shut their doors since September last year and that's according to figures from the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Vape kids banned from balls

West Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Bethany Hiatt, Page 1

Students caught with vapes at public schools would miss out on camps, excursions or their school ball under a new policy aimed at stamping out the scourge of e-cigarettes. Education Minister Tony Buti will also reveal on Tuesday that children as young as 10 will get compulsory lessons on the dangers of vaping as the Cook Government steps up the fight to prevent a new generation of nicotine addicts.

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Speechie talks on way

Shepparton News, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 5

Language and literacy skills are vital to a child's development from an early age. Hence, Goulburn Valley Libraries are inviting families with children aged zero to five to attend a Speechies Library Talk this November. Run by Speech Pathology Australia in collaboration with the Australian Library and Information Association, three sessions will take place across several Goulburn Valley Library locations.

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

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Narcolepsy—strange symptoms and delayed diagnoses

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023

The amount of sleep people need is a popular topic of debate. And sometimes we push the boundaries anyway: going to bed late, rising early, and dozing off during the day. But for some people, dozing off in daily life can signal a rare condition called narcolepsy disorder of the brain's sleep-wake cycles, and playing havoc with their lives.

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How much protein do I need as I get older? And do I need supplements to get enough?

If you are a woman around 50, you might have seen advice on social media or from influencers telling you protein requirements increase dramatically in midlife. Such recommendations suggest a 70 kilogram woman needs around 150 grams of protein each day.

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Instructor reveals what Aussies are missing from their workout

NEWS.com.au, Other, 06/11/2023, Claudia Poposki

Australia's population is ageing dramatically, and there is little available to help those wanting to remain agile. But now Simon NGO, from Flow Athletic, has created a 45 minute workout called the Best Burn Ever that is intended to bridge the gap of what is lacking and what is important as we age. The National Library of Medicine states that balance dysfunction is an issue with ageing adults, and there is an increased probability of falls in older adults which can cause loss of independence and death.

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Deep sleep keeps Alzheimer's away, study finds

Your Life Choices, Other, 07/11/2023, Andrew Gigacz

Just how important is a good night's sleep? And what defines a night of sleep as being good anyway? As a result of a new study, we may be able to answer the first question with the answer to the second. And, according to new research, deep sleep is at least part of the answer to the second question.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Mo bros love their hairy situation

Herald Sun, General News, 07/11/2023, Samantha Landy, Page 8

Prostate cancer survivor Bruce Whalley is known as Melbourne's "happiest tram driver" and he's also one of Movember's proudest ambassadors. He was diagnosed with an aggressive form of the disease when a diligent doctor ordered a biopsy after Mr Whalley was taken to hospital following a motorcycle crash.

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Experimental drug a lifesaver for Tobias

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 07/11/2023, Amaani Siddeek, Page 7

Gold Coast baby Tobias Ward was just three weeks old when he was diagnosed with an extremely rare cancer that left his arm bulging with malignant tumours. "It's devastating to think about," mother Jenaya Ward said. "As soon as he was born his cancer was obvious." Infantile fibrosarcoma affects less than one per cent of children globally. But a genetic mutation in Tobias' cancer likely means he is the only case of his type in the world.

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Wollongong has higher skin cancer risk

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 07/11/2023, Kate Mcilwain, Page 7

Wollongong has a high number of "high-risk" patients and people with chronic health conditions, despite having much better access to private health service providers than other regional areas, according to a new report. Research by not-for-profit health insurance provider Westfund analysed claims data from members across eight regions in NSW and Queensland, in an effort to understand the needs of each different area.

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Wellbeing Day for cancer-hit

Shepparton News, General News, 07/11/2023, Jay Bryce, Page 9

Counterpart has teamed up with Peter Copulos Cancer and Wellness Centre and Goulburn Valley Health to bring a Wellbeing Day to Shepparton for women who have faced cancer. Counterpart is a statewide initiative by Women's Health Victoria that supports women who have encountered cancer.

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High biological age may increase the risk of dementia and stroke

Shepparton News, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 10

People who have a higher biological age than their actual chronological age have an increased risk of stroke and dementia, research suggests. Someone whose biological age was five years higher than their actual age had a 40 per cent greater risk of developing vascular dementia or suffering a stroke, the study found.

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

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Breast cancer research in Ballarat got a whole lot faster

Ballarat Courier, Other, 06/11/2023, Melanie Whelan

A process that typically took Ballarat breast cancer researcher Aparna Jayachandran three weeks has been slashed to 30 minutes, thanks to community support. And all using the same technology used to measure COVID-19 viral loadings from swab tests. Dr Jayachandran produced the first paper in the world linking the pregnancy associated plasma protein, known as a PAPP, to aggressive triple-negative breast cancers. Scrutiny on this protein's influence since then has been laborious.

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Tough move to Townsville for treatment after leukaemia diagnosis

Daily Mercury News, Other, 06/11/2023, Estelle Sanchez

A Mackay-region apprentice and his devoted partner have to face the worry of a lifetime at only 20, trading camping trips for hospital stays. Lili and Jedd were supposed to go visit family in Gladstone when dramatic news completely turned their life upside down.

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'They told me she had a stomach bug ... 24 hours later, she was gone'

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 06/11/2023, Joel Erickson

NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant says a teenager has died from pneumococcal meningitis after testing positive to COVID as the state recorded seven deaths overnight. "A 15-year-old from southwestern Sydney died at Sydney Children's Hospital, I can confirm he died from pneumococcal meningitis, he also was a COVID positive case," she said. Dr Chant said the boy had been vaccinated against pneumococcal disease as a child.

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I'm a cardiologist and these are the six things women should never do to keep their heart healthy

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, Eliza McPhee

Dr McGrath-Cadell warned that while some people may believe they're in the clear because they live a healthy lifestyle, heart conditions can be caused by genetics. 'You run, eat well, don't smoke, and maintain a healthy weight, so clearly you have little to worry about when it comes to heart disease. Unfortunately, that's not entirely true,' she said. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is one disease caused by mutated genes and leads to the heart muscle 'thickening'.

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Michael Clarke admits he's 'scared' by his skin cancer battle: 'I'm a dad - I don't want to go anywhere'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, Marta Jary

Michael Clarke has revealed that his skin cancer scares have left him worried that he won't be around for his daughter, Kelsey Lee. Both pictured in April, Clarke posted to Instagram Stories showing himself

in a hospital bed wearing a cap and gown. [...] In 2014, Michael appeared in an ad campaign for the Cancer Council, where he advised fans to 'keep a close eye' on their skin.

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The importance of early breast cancer treatment: delay can be deadly

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, Nicholas Wilcken

It is clear that extensive delays in treating breast cancer cannot be a good thing. But what constitutes "delay"? [...] In the interim, the study by Kou and colleagues provides some real world support for the current Cancer Australia breast cancer treatment guidelines.

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PRIMARY CARE

Virtual Care Thrives

Barrier Truth, General News, 04/11/2023, Jason Irvine, Page 14

A strategic partnership between the Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) and the Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) has strengthened over the last financial year. Developments have included the successful introduction of different services benefiting patient care in the Far West.

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Revamping Far West healthcare

Barrier Truth, General News, 04/11/2023, Jason Irvine, Page 15

Over the past year, the Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) has conducted numerous planning meetings regarding construction projects for essential facilities. Through funding from the state government, the development of new facilities, including redevelopments in both Broken Hill and Wentworth, will be carried out before the end of the year.

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RFDS Lifeline for Vickers

Barrier Truth, General News, 04/11/2023, Page 16

Rhonda Vickers can't remember too much about her urgent flight with the Royal Flying Doctor Service but the 71-year-old knows it saved her life. In June last year Rhonda presented to Broken Hill Hospital with pains in her chest, but the situation worsened and when she began to suffer multiorgan failure and cardiac arrest, doctors decided to place her into a coma and transfer her to Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH).

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Ambo issues in spotlight

Border Mail, General News, 07/11/2023, Anthony Bunn, Page 1

Ambulance Victoria says it has resolved a problem which has seen delays in paramedics being sent to triple zero calls in small communities along the NSW border. However, the Victorian Ambulance Union, while welcoming the fix, believes further investigation is required. The difficulty first emerged in March 2022 and related to 43 areas along the border where the nearest ambulance would be dispatched from a station on the other side of the Murray River.

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

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New healthcare service keeping people out of hospital

Launceston Examiner, General News, 07/11/2023, Stephanie Dalton, Page 3

Thanks to a new service based at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH), patients with complex health conditions can receive the care they need in the comfort of their own homes. Launched in May,

the Rapid Access In-Reach service provides rapid medical advice and support to GPs and other primary care health professionals.

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Where's the PET scanner?

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 07/11/2023, Jonathan Hawes, Page 1

New England cancer patients have been dealt a serious blow, with the installation of a crucial piece of technology delayed until 2024. The NSW government promised to deliver a PET scan machine to Tamworth hospital by the end of this year, but the delay means patients must continue travelling to Newcastle for treatment.

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Medical aid sails to PNG

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 3

Training and medical ship MV YWAM PNG has set sail from Townsville, headed for Papua New Guinea. The vessel is en route to Western Province, where volunteer doctors, nurses, midwives and general volunteers will deliver healthcare, training, and support for local health workers in rural communities.

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Staggering wait list for dentist

Local Government Focus, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 12

With a staggering 23,000-plus people on the regional, rural and remote public dental waitlist in NSW, and private practices already struggling to find enough dentists to treat patients, the Australian Dental Association New South Wales (ADA NSW), is warning the problem will be exacerbated if payroll tax was applied to dental practice. This could result in inflated fees, impacting patients' ability to afford vital treatment, as costs of living pressures remain top of mind for many people according to the Association.

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Qld Health faces long-stay patient challenge

Canberra Times, Other, 06/11/2023, Fraser Barton

Long stay hospital patients are posing challenges for Queensland Health, prompting a \$200 million injection to address the issue. Health Minister Shannon Fentiman on Monday unveiled hospital performance data for July to September, saying it showed significant improvements despite increased demand. [...] Meanwhile, AMA Queensland applauded the new \$200M funding to help get patients out of hospital and into aged or disability care.

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

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Eligible NSW residents to have access to voluntary assisted dying

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 06/11/2023, Amy Rees

NSW residents will soon be able to safely and legally end their lives on their own terms as the state prepares to implement voluntary assisted dying. NSW will join Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia from November 28, 2023 when residents will have access to voluntary assisted dying, provided they meet the strict eligibility criteria.

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Voluntary assisted dying is being considered in the ACT — but how will it differ from state laws?

Australian Doctor, Other, 06/11/2023, Ben White and Lindy Willmott

The first Australian Capital Territory voluntary assisted dying bill in more than 25 years was tabled in parliament this week. This was possible after the Commonwealth lifted the ban on territories making laws about assisted dying in December last year.

The policymaker

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 06/11/2023, Chloe Hava

Karen Castle mps, PSA's newest policy pharmacist, writes healthcare legislation and knows quite a lot about voluntary assisted dying requirements. How did you become a policy pharmacist?

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Rallying for mental health help for youth

Shepparton News, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 4

From pre-1980 classics to modern-day sports cars, engines were revving and ready to go on Thursday, October 26, for the annual KFC Rally 4 Youth. Starting in Shepparton, 95 participants and 41 cars travelled through the Victorian countryside for a three-day journey raising funds for youth mental health and wellbeing support.

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Healthy heads

Deals on Wheels, General News, 01/11/2023, Page 77

Big names in transport have jumped on board to offer training for mental health As R U OK? Day has passed for another year, it's important to remember that checking in with your own or other's mental health isn't just a one day event.

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Meet the men changing the face of mental health in Australia

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, Lizza Gebilagin

These four legends may have very different stories, but they all have one common mission this Movember: to shift the way we view masculinity and mental wellness. When it comes to men's mental health, there's one initiative that's made a radical difference.

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Gold Coast sparky says action needed as male suicides on the rise

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 06/11/2023, Amaani Siddeek

Former nrl star Darius Boyd is raising awareness for male health and wellbeing through his work with the Top Blokes Foundation. Kids Helpline statistics have shown that the number of children experiencing suicidal thoughts is the highest number ever. The Top Blokes Foundation addresses young men's health outcomes and provides social education programs to young men and boys.

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ADHD inquiry calls for national prescribing rules as government senators reject call for disability minister

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023, Claudia Long

An inquiry into attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) has called for a national consistency in diagnosis and treatment to improve the lives of those with the condition. The Senate inquiry found cost, location, cultural and gendered barriers to access along with different prescribing rules in every state and territory are seeing some wait years for help.

Also reported by: [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#)

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Young Tasmanians left waiting months to see school psychologists as

Australia's youth mental health crisis worsens

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023, Evan Wallace

In Australia, almost 40 per cent of people aged 16-24 are living with a mental health disorder. Twenty-three-year-old Susannah Mannie is one of them. For most of her teenage years Susannah battled mania and depression. Without the support she needed, Susannah dropped out of school, attempted suicide at 16 and briefly moved from Hobart to live with her sisters in Melbourne.

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The pharmacists breaking down ADHD stigma

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 06/11/2023, Chloe Hava

To increase awareness about ADHD, two pharmacists share their journey of adult diagnosis and medicine optimisation. Lauren Haworth MPS, pharmacy owner I was diagnosed with ADHD around 3 years ago after a fellow pharmacist with whom I share a lot of the same quirks' suggested I get screened.

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'I had a miscarriage. And I was secretly relieved.'

Mamamia, Other, 06/11/2023, Penelope Rose

When my gynaecologist told me that I couldn't conceive a baby naturally anymore, I was extremely upset and disappointed. I did consider the option of IVF , but seeing as I was already a proud mum of two kids, I decided not to try for more. However, a few years later when I found out I was unexpectedly pregnant, I was ready to drop everything to welcome a third child into the family.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

One in four nurses planning to quit: survey

Newcastle Herald, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 15

Three-quarters of nurses working in primary healthcare feel stressed and exhausted at work, with one in four planning to leave their job within two to five years. An annual survey by the Australian Primary Healthcare Nurses Association (APNA) heard from 4000 people, its largest sample in the 15 years it has been conducted.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#).

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Pharmacists support unleashing of nurses

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 06/11/2023, Megan Haggan

Nurses highlight international scope expansion in advocating for the evolution of primary care The Australian College of Nursing has called for significant change to Australia's primary care delivery model, "to reflect the changing healthcare needs of an ageing population and supply issues affecting sections of the health workforce".

Similar coverage reported by: [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#), [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#).

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

'A much more transient workforce now'

Daily Liberal, General News, 07/11/2023, Allison Hore, Page 2

Do we have unrealistic expectations for how long our health professionals will stick around? Rural

Doctors Association of Australia CEO Peta Rutherford thinks so. Amidst a severe shortage of allied health services in the Dubbo area, Ms Rutherford says the community should welcome new professionals to town with open arms but understand they might only stay for "five to seven years".

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

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Embarrassed but a worthy winner

Western Advocate, General News, 07/11/2023, Alise Mcintosh, Page 3

"Embarrassed" isn't the first thing that most people feel when receiving an award, but it was for Dr Ross Wilson. Dr Wilson was recently announced as the 2023 Brian Williams Award recipient. The award, which is sanctioned by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, is presented to acknowledge those whose mentoring and support enables rural doctors to safely dedicate themselves to their patients, families, and communities.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Concerns Victoria gov't's retrospective payroll tax will force GPs to shutdown medical centres

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/11/2023

The Victorian government is planning a policy to retrospectively hit independently contracted GPs and medical centres with payroll tax. Sky News Australia has received several emails from GPs claiming tax bills of many hundreds of thousands of dollars will force them to shut medical centres down.

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Paramedics arrive to 'confronting and 'chaotic' scenes after Daylesford crash: Ambulance Victoria

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023

Ambulance Victoria's acting regional director Trevor Weston says there was a "level of distress" for some crews attending the crash scene in Daylesford were from the local area.

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RACGP to break even next financial year after \$6 million deficit, says CEO

Australian Doctor, Other, 06/11/2023, Sarah Simpkins

Paul Wappett says the college was braced for significantly worse financial results. The RACGP has logged a \$5.7 million deficit for the 2022/23 financial year, but CEO Paul Wappett says the result shows it is on the right track.

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The hidden lives of Australia's unaccredited registrars

Australian Doctor, Other, 06/11/2023, Paul Smith

Junior doctors are breaking down and taking their own lives in the fight over limited training places. Given the value of the products they make, medical schools have always been big business, but a big business which thrives most when driving the conveyor belt ever faster.

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'One of the best of us' honoured

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 06/11/2023, Megan Haggan

Tom Simpson presenting Karlee Johnston with Australian Clinical Pharmacy award Avid researcher, burnout expert and highly-sought educator Dr Karlee Johnston has been recognised by the SHPA, winning the 2023 Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award The Society of Hospital Pharmacists lauded Johnston at the closing plenary of its Medicines Management 2023 conference in Cairns.

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Government 'urgently' exploring PI solutions for intrapartum services outside of hospitals

InsuranceNews.com.au, Other, 06/11/2023

The Federal Government is "urgently" investigating options to extend professional indemnity (PI) insurance and the Midwife Professional Indemnity Scheme for intrapartum care outside of a hospital setting provided by endorsed midwives. The Department of Health and Aged Care made the announcement last week after it became aware of a PI cover gap that directly impacts all midwives who provide private midwifery services in the intrapartum period at a place other than a hospital.

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Talent awarded

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/11/2023

Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) recognises and rewards its top talent at its annual Medicines Management 2023 Conference over the weekend.

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Kay Dunkley wins prestigious Fred J Boyd Award

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 06/11/2023

Kay Dunkley leader, researcher and passionate mental health advocate received the prestigious Fred J Boyd Award this morning for her unwavering dedication to the pharmacy profession and inspirational leadership of the Pharmacists' Support Service.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

CASA gets it wrong on Ritalin-taking pilot, finds tribunal

The Australian, Other, 06/11/2023, Robyn Ironside

Australia's aviation regulator has been reprimanded for denying a pilot medical clearance to fly because he is taking Ritalin for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Melbourne's Oliver Nam was diagnosed with ADHD three years ago, and prescribed 40mg Ritalin a day to treat the condition.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Staffing boost

Ballarat Courier, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 2

Thousands of Centrelink and Medicare staff are being recruited in a bid to shorten call wait times and provide better customer service. The federal government will hire 3000 new recruits to Services Australia's frontline as part of their efforts to implement recommendations from the robodebt royal commission.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#)

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Visa holders can face hefty fees if pregnant without health insurance cover

SBS, Other, 06/11/2023, Warda Waqar

Pregnancy and childbirth in Australia can be expensive for those without Medicare coverage. With all medical expenses and scans, a pregnant woman or couple might be out of pocket for up to \$18,000 if they don't have health insurance cover or are in the 12-month cooling-off/waiting period.

BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Mum's horror: 'My son was given the wrong vaccination'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, Dominique Birouste

Exercise physiologist and mum Jessica Woodward took to TikTok to share a recent instance that left her shaken. The woman's account served as a cautionary tale to viewers, urging them to double-check their child's vaccinations "Earlier this week, my son was vaccinated as per the immunisation schedule when we booked him in.

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Perth Children's Hospital nurse Peter James De Mouilpied banned from medical profession for a decade

West Australian, Other, 06/11/2023, Emily Moulton

A Perth Children's Hospital theatre nurse who was jailed for filming himself performing indecent acts in front of teenage girls has been banned from the medical profession for a decade. Peter James De Mouilpied, who was also a former WA Police officer, was sentenced to three years and five months behind bars in March last year for his depraved behaviour that took place from the bedroom window of his home. [...] After his arrest, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia lodged a complaint with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and began an investigation into his conduct.

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More people caught up in cochlear implant bungle at Women's and Children's Hospital, SA Health reveals

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023, Stephanie Richards

More people caught up in cochlear implant bungle at Women's and Children's Hospital, SA Health reveals The number of people caught up in the cochlear bungle at the Women's and Children's Hospital has risen to 263, SA Health has revealed.

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

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Top doctor says AHPRA complaint was a 'politically motivated' attempt to silence him

Australian Doctor, Other, 06/11/2023, Carmel Sparke

Doctors' union leader Dr David Pope faced a referral over breaching patient confidentiality in media interviews. A leading doctor has revealed he was referred to AHPRA after speaking up about two patient cases in 2016 while advocating for hospital doctors.

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Near-fatal error

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/11/2023

A toddler was overdosed on seizure medication when a prescription was incorrectly labelled with a dosage 10 times the required amount. The prescription bottle was meant to say 1ml but through error it was printed as 10ml, causing near-fatal symptoms and hospitalisation.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Fight for help with dignity

Lily Foster lived with substance abuse for more than two decades. Now, she wants it recognised as a health condition and treated with dignity not a taboo. After leaving home at 15, thrust into a dark and dangerous world of illicit drugs, Ms Foster found recovery about three years ago. "It was a long and treacherous journey," she said.

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Genomic medicine the future of health?

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023

DNA sequences may well hold the secrets to better health. Profound changes in the practice of medicine are underway, being driven by rapid developments in several fields, particularly in genomics.

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SPORT

Violence in sports: assault spikes around Melbourne Cup, AFL grand final, State of Origin

Canberra Times, Other, 06/11/2023, Emma Horn

In the shadow of the track on which is held the infamous 'race that stops the nation', sits a sombre reality. Domestic violence spikes around the Melbourne Cup, and other major sporting events. Researchers at La Trobe University in Melbourne found a significant spike in police-recorded assaults and emergencies around the annual AFL grand final, Melbourne Cup, and Formula 1 racing events.

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Cricket Australia trying to strike the balance of stadiums vs cricket ground with West Test Hill

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023, Simon Smale

Sitting on the hill was once a quintessentially Australian way to watch the cricket. That, is now rarely the case. The age of super stadiums has rendered the humble hill a thing of the past although in Perth it will make a surprise return as venues increasingly turn to gimmicky drop-in features to help break the monotony of bare seats as a backdrop to the entertainment taking place on the drop-in pitches in the middle.

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Aussies face 'double standards' blast over Afghanistan World Cup clash

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/11/2023

Australia star Steve Smith said the decision to let the team play Afghanistan in a crunch World Cup match was "above my pay-grade" as Cricket Australia faced accusations of "double-standards". Earlier this year, CA scrapped a three-match one-day international series against Afghanistan on the grounds the Taliban, who regained power in 2021, had placed fresh limits on education and work opportunities for Afghan women and girls, including female cricketers.

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Read the comments from sports great turned Athletics Australia boss that led to her being told to BAN trans women from competing against biological females

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, James Cooney

Aussie Olympian and double Commonwealth Games champion Jane Flemming is facing strong calls to ban trans women from competing against biological females in light of views she expressed before rising to the top of the country's peak athletics body. Flemming, who was appointed president of Athletics Australia (AA) in October, is under pressure to stop females who have been through male puberty to compete in the female category at community level.

Jess Fox would be fitting Olympic flagbearer: Meares

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/11/2023

Australia's most decorated Olympic paddler, Fox has become the second athlete officially unveiled on the Australian Olympic Committee's team for the 2024 Games. Her gold-medal wins in the C1 and K1 events at the ICF Slalom World Cup final last month made her eligible for early selection. Fox will become the first Australian canoe slalom athlete to compete at four Olympics, having made her debut at the London 2012 Games as an 18-year-old.

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New fund launched to support women and girls in football

SBS, Other, 06/11/2023

After the success of the CommBank Matildas' at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, the Commonwealth Bank and Football Australia are launching a fund to support women and girls in football. It aims to attract and retain 50,000 female participants, providing grants of up to \$5000 for community clubs to support female participation in the sport.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Centre hope on cancer

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 16

Aggressive and hard-to-treat cancers will be the focus of a new Australian research centre to develop and test new treatments using the power of RNA technology. The Cancer Research Trust has provided funding over five years to establish the Australian Centre for RNA Therapeutics in Cancer, to be situated at the University of Western Australia.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#)

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\$6m vaccine lab at UQ

Courier Mail, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 5

A dedicated facility to produce mRNA vaccines and therapies for clinical trials will be established at the University of Queensland, in a major step forward for the state's push to be at the forefront of medical development. The UQ BASE facility is already Australia's leading provider of mRNA for research and pilot studies since its launch in 2021.

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Injection to stop cancer a step closer

West Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Victoria Allen, Page 17

An injection that helps the body fight cancer as vigorously as it attacks flu could be a step closer after a scientific breakthrough. Through studying mice with melanoma skin cancer, scientists discovered that tumours trick not just the immune cells surrounding them into not recognising how dangerous they are, but also the lymph nodes an important part of the immune system.

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Warrnambool surgeon's medical invention grows in popularity

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 06/11/2023, Katrina Lovell

A medical device invented by a Warrnambool surgeon is growing in popularity in the United States with two new hospitals jumping on board this month. With so much buzz about the new product, LiVac Holdings is hoping to secure state government funding to help it meet the increasing demand.

Channel 10, 10 News First, 06/11/2023, Sandra Sully

Researchers at the University of Queensland will use the same clamp technology to create and test new mRNA vaccines. Clinical trials could begin by 2024.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 06/11/2023, Susannah Carr and Rick Ardon

An Australian nurse has become the first patient in the world to trial a revolutionary new treatment for endometriosis called uterine artery embolisation. Specialists are on a mission to find an effective treatment to help millions of women living with the painful disease.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Plan to measure First Nations family violence

The Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Stephen Lunn, Page 6

With progress toward the critical Closing the Gap target of halving violence and abuse against First Nations women and children by 2031 uncertain due to a dearth of reliable data, the Albanese government will fund a new Indigenous-led research program to fill the information gap. The \$15m investment over five years, part of the Indigenous-specific response under the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-32, will build a better data set to understand the scale of the problem and measure progress, social services minister Amanda Rishworth said.

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

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Centres target Indigenous

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 07/11/2023, Rachel Baxendale, Page 7

Victoria's Mental Health Minister says sobering up services will be made available to non-Indigenous people who need them, despite nine out of 10 of the Allan government's new public intoxication centres being established to prioritise Aboriginal Victorians. From Tuesday, public drunkenness will no longer be an offence in Victoria, following law reform introduced in response to the death in 2017 of Indigenous woman Tanya Day, who died after hitting her head at least five times in a police holding cell after being arrested for being drunk on a regional train.

Also reported by: [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Shepparton News \(Shepparton\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#), [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#).

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Cops give 7yo boy an illegal VRO

West Australian, General News, 07/11/2023, Shannon Hampton, Page 1

Confronting footage has emerged of a seven-year-old Indigenous boy being served by police with a violence restraining order that had been unlawfully issued by a WA court. In a video posted to TikTok, a uniformed officer kneels in front of the child - as he holds his mum's hand - as he reads him the terms of the VRO with his torch. The interaction grows tense, with the mother saying: "You ask my son, my seven-year-old son, if he understands what you said?"

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Indigenous Health: FWLHD's Commitment

Barrier Truth, General News, 04/11/2023, Jason Irvine, Page 15

The Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) has reaffirmed its commitment to the health and wellbeing of the region's Aboriginal people by incorporating Aboriginal health into every facet of its operations.

With 13 per cent of the region's population identifying as Aboriginal, the District aims to align its initiatives with the needs of Aboriginal people and their families through partnerships with Aboriginal community-controlled health services.

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Hakea prison death: Indigenous man, 41, found unresponsive inside cell on Monday dies

West Australian, Other, 06/11/2023

An Indigenous man has died inside Hakea prison after he was found unresponsive in his cell. A Department of Justice spokesperson confirmed a 41-year-old man died at the maximum security prison after prison staff found him inside his cell on Monday morning.

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Blair McFarland wins Northern Territory's Australian of the Year Award for his work stamping out petrol sniffing

ABC Online, Other, 06/11/2023, Nicole Curby

Blair McFarland has been named the Northern Territory Australian of the Year for 2024, in an acknowledgement of his decades of work stamping out petrol-sniffing in Central Australia. Initially humbled and embarrassed by his nomination, Mr McFarland said the award places important value on significant contributions in challenging circumstances.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Splitting bill hastens help for trauma, DV victims

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/2023, Page 14

Employees with post-traumatic stress or facing domestic violence have been given new hope they could have further protection by Christmas. [...] Their bills would also bring silica dust regulation in line with measures for asbestos to protect those at risk developing silicosis and protect employees when businesses become insolvent.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Perth\)](#).

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Aussie doctors recommend MHT for bone health in under-65s with osteopenia

Australian Doctor, Other, 06/11/2023, Heather Saxena

MHT to reduce fracture risk is recommended for women with a T-score of -1.8 or less. Menopausal hormone therapy can be used to prevent fragility fractures in postmenopausal women under 65 with osteopenia, according to updated Australian guidance. [...] Other additions to the updated toolkit included new medications, such as fezolinetant for treating hot flushes and vaginal dehydroepiandrosterone for vaginal dryness, although both were currently under review by the TGA.

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Lib MP backs drug decriminalisation

Age, General News, 07/11/2023, Kieran Rooney, Page 1

Outgoing Liberal MP Matt Bach has thrown his support behind drug decriminalisation as he also urged his party to be braver in pursuit of younger voters who have turned off the Coalition. Bach, a Victorian upper house MP who was part of the state Liberal leadership team, made the comments before his departure from parliament at the end of the year.

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Channel 9, Today, 06/11/2023, Karl Stefanovic, Sarah Abo, Alex Cullen, and Jayne Azzopardi

Interview with Dr Danielle McMullen, Vice President, AMA, and Peter Moroney, former NSW police officer on new drug called metonitazene. McMullen says the drug belongs to a class of medicines or drugs called opiates, a bit like morphine and fentanyl and codeine. She states the AMA is supportive of pill testing.

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FOOD STANDARDS

The internet is obsessed with Brazil nuts, but are they actually a superfood?

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/11/2023, Ashleigh Austen

While some of the nutrition trends we see online are dubious, to say the least, people encouraging us to eat two Brazil nuts a day seems relatively harmless. But do the health claims stack up?

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