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- **[The Sun Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) has launched an independent review into the podiatric surgery industry following allegations of poor and unnecessary surgeries and inappropriate treatment of complications. The review will also examine special rules allowing podiatric surgeons to operate without medical degrees.
- **[The Sunday Mail Brisbane \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner has quit the Olympic and Paralympic Games Intergovernmental Leaders Forum ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Games, and withdrawn his support for the \$2.7bn Gabba rebuild. Mr Schrinner said the government had "completely lost its way on the road to the Games" and cited the state government's "ham-fisted and foolish attempt to extort Brisbane ratepayers" to build a new \$137m boutique stadium at RNA as the final straw.
- **[The Sunday Tasmanian \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the Menzies Institute for Medical Research has launched a new Cardiovascular Research Flagship in an effort to address Tasmania having the nation's highest prevalence of heart disease and strokes.

- [The Sunday Tasmanian \(page 2\)](#) reports that GPs, Tasmanian politicians and the public are raising concerns following the landmark Federal Court decision making it illegal for doctors to communicate with patients via telehealth regarding accessing euthanasia. Michael Gaffney, the MP behind Tasmania's voluntary assisted dying laws, said "Telehealth is being used effectively in so many other medical and health procedures and here we have a situation where it might not be possible for the individual to actually be moved from their home because of the intolerable suffering and pain it may cause."

MINISTER BUTLER

VAD telehealth rules deny patients access

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/12/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 2

A prohibition on using telehealth to access voluntary assisted dying will disadvantage Tasmanians living in rural and regional areas, doctors and the government say. [...] A Tasmanian government spokesperson said Premier Jeremy Rockliff wrote to Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus and Health Minister Mark Butler more than a year ago "noting issues for Tasmania associated with the commonwealth criminal code prohibiting medical professionals from using telehealth in connection with voluntary assisted dying".

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Health focus

Nambucca Valley News Of The Area, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 1

Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health Dr Anne Webster took a three-day tour of the Mid North Coast last week, attending round table forums and visiting local health and aged care providers and educators. [...] "The levers we have to spread doctors and health workers around the country are from a very different time, before the COVID pandemic and the global health workforce crunch," Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said.

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CORONAVIRUS

Virus is still here

Weekend Post, General News, 02/12/2023, Sandhya Ram, Page 10

A Cairns GP is warning the community not to be complacent after more than five daycare workers in one childcare centre became infected with Covid-19 recently. Rajlakshmi Rajpal of Harmony Medical Centre said case numbers were on the rise but many had questioned whether the virus "was still a thing".

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Wollongong researcher Stuart Tan finds majority of study participants still struggle with long COVID

ABC Online, Other, 02/12/2023, Brooke Chandler

Before Giuliano Gaspri caught COVID-19, he was climbing up transmitter towers overlooking the New South Wales Illawarra region as part of his full-time maintenance job. Three years on, the Corrimal resident is navigating a new way of life with 57 per cent lung capacity, among other ongoing health complications.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Festive fun at nursing home

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 02/12/2023, Madeleine Clark, Page 9

Southern Cross Care staff at Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Victoria Park Nursing Home have put together some festive events to help combat feelings of loneliness in their elderly residents. Residents were tapping their feet and singing along to a piano showcase by Bush Chaplain Lindsay Ginn on Tuesday afternoon to start the holiday season with joy.

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

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POPULATION HEALTH

Obesity drug may cut alcohol intake

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/12/2023, Page 34

Scientists are increasingly hopeful that a new weight-loss drug may also treat alcohol dependency after the publication of preliminary positive research. Since Wegovy was used to treat obesity, doctors have reported that patients are also cutting their alcohol intake.

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

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Stroke rehab's long road never ends

John Stevens didn't realise he was having a stroke when he became unwell while driving from Launceston to Hobart eight years ago. "I kept looking for the FAST signs but couldn't detect any," the 69-year-old, who is profoundly deaf, says.

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Price of menopause

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 8

A Senate inquiry is set to examine the impact of menopause, and is due to report in September next year. The terms of reference cover issues relating to perimenopause and menopause, including awareness, economic cost, physical impacts, mental and emotional wellbeing, caregiving responsibilities, government policies and programs, and cultural and societal factors.

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Campaign exposes 'rotten fruit' of vaping

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Cathy O'Leary, Page 23

With laws that ban smoking in WA workplaces likely to be extended to vaping next year, the Cancer Council WA is campaigning to curb rising rates of e-cigarette use among young people. The State Government has raised the possible extension of smoking bans to include vaping products on the back of a survey by CCWA that found 81% of WA adults thought vaping should not be allowed in places where smoking was banned.

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SA father of four receives lifesaving organ donation from Charlie Stevens

The Mercury, Other, 02/12/2023, Emily Olle, Riley Walter and Brad Crouch

Charlie Stevens' family have said their final farewells to the loveable larrikin but his legacy will live on after giving the ultimate gift to a local dad, who had just a month to live. The number of registered South Australian organ donors continues to rise as it can be revealed Charlie Stevens' kidney went to a local father.

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SA Health investigating multiple complaints of unlicensed tobacco stores operating in Adelaide

ABC Online, Other, 02/12/2023

Multiple complaints of unlicensed tobacco stores operating in South Australia are being investigated by authorities, as leaflets advertising cheap cigarettes have appeared in suburban letterboxes. The leaflets feature images of cigarette packets being offered at \$20 a pack by a business named Royal Smokes Tobacconist and feature an address in Unley in Adelaide's inner south.

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Generation Z are finally ready to quit vaping – but not for the reason you'd expect

NEWS.com.au, Other, 02/12/2023, Mary Madigan

Generation Z might finally be ready to put down their vapes, but not for the reason you'd expect. The war on vapes has been going on for some time, with young people constantly being warned about the health risks, and yet they've been rising in popularity, not sinking.

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

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Why GPs want to move on from 'dingy' baby health books

Australian Doctor, Other, 02/12/2023, Sarah Simpkins

They are treasured by parents, but a leading GP has described baby health books as dingy, outdated and in need of a digital upgrade. Newly elected RACGP Queensland chair Dr Cathryn Hester wants to

move from the longstanding paper books to an online version that can be easily shared with other health professionals.

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Study confirms sitting in stalled traffic pushes up your blood pressure

The New Daily, Other, 02/12/2023, John Elder

Let's give thanks to those people who take part in clinical studies and, always to some extent, suffer in the name of science. You could probably fill a city with volunteers who were deprived of sleep or made to eat lard for a month.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Saving Freyja

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 03/12/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 34

A dedicated mum along with a skilled surgeon, a robot and some supportive celebrities rallied to give a gravely ill child hope for a new life From film stars to MotoGP champions, many people have been in Freyja Christiansen's corner in her fight against a rare and aggressive cancer.

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Bowelscreen crucial

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 02/12/2023, Page 42

We'd like to thank the Victorians in Geelong who have prioritised bowel screening following Cancer Council Victoria's latest awareness campaign to encourage people to do the free at home bowel screening test. Bowel cancer can develop with no symptoms or family history.

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PRIMARY CARE

What funding cuts will do to families

Sun Herald, General News, 03/12/2023, Amber Schultz, Page 15

Children with neurodevelopmental delays risk having the number of supports they access slashed by two-thirds if new restrictions are brought into the National Disability Insurance Scheme to address cost blowouts, a new paper has found. Autism rates in Australian children are among the highest in the world, and more than 75 per cent of NDIS participants under 18, and 45 per cent overall, have autism or developmental delay, which can often precede an autism diagnosis.

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

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I refuse to die in agony like my brother

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/12/2023, Jill Poulsen, Page 16

Watching her brother waste away in agony as he succumbed to pancreatic cancer sent Moya Jackson on a yearslong journey to help campaign for voluntary assisted dying in Queensland, and now the Bargara woman has been diagnosed with the same cancer. But unlike her brother, Ms Jackson, 68, is "beyond grateful" that five years after her brother suffered until the end, she has the option to end her battle peacefully.

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

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Urgent call to clarify VAD law

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/12/2023, James Hall, Page 16

Urgent legislation is needed in the coming weeks to offer respite to terminally ill patients suffering "intolerable pain", a leading advocate for voluntary assisted dying has declared. A shock federal court ruling this week concluded doctors could be criminally charged for approving euthanasia through a telehealth appointment.

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Lift for kids wind under CareFlight wings

Sunday Territorian, General News, 03/12/2023, Harry Brill, Page 3

Sandcastles, treasure hunts, waterslides, and a cameo by Santa were some of the reasons more than a 150 people attended CareFlight's Christmas fundraiser on Saturday. But, for Lachlan Miller, there was a different reason to attend.

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OTs plug holes in NDIS bucket

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Samantha Hunter, Page 34

Occupational therapists have an under-recognised role in Australia's healthcare system, argues the head of their industry body Samantha Hunter. Australia's healthcare system is currently facing a critical shortage of allied health professionals, and occupational therapists (OTs) are in the eye of the storm.

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North West Private hospital to no longer provide maternity services

Adelaide Now, Other, 02/12/2023, Simon McGuire

After being accused by Labor of radio silence on the matter, the state government has confirmed North West Maternity Services will be transitioned to the public system on schedule. [...] But amid pressure from the AMA and Labor, this transition was brought forward to December 4 Health Minister Guy Barnett.

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ABC, Late Night ABC News, 01/12/2023, Tabarak Al Jrood

Doctors consulting with terminally ill patients about euthanasia through Telehealth are possibly breaking the Commonwealth's criminal code, according to a Federal ruling. AMA President Professor Steve Robson says doctors who participate must be protected and should not be liable to prosecution.

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Channel 10, 10 News First (Weekend) , 02/12/2023, Chris Bath

There is an increase in patients seeking private health insurance despite high inflation and the cost of living. Data from APRA has revealed 45% of Australians now have at least hospital cover, and 55% have cover for general extras including dental, optical and physiotherapy.

Also reported by: [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#)

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4BC, Weekend Breakfast, 02/12/2023, Olympia Kwitowski

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Police mental health probe

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/12/2023, Riley Walter, Page 17

A parliamentary committee will investigate the mental health support services offered to police officers and explore ways to boost recruiting and morale. The Select Committee on Support and Mental Health Services for Police is calling for submissions from the public to explore SA Police's existing measures to support officers and their family.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated across regional publications

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Tradies grow their moustaches to support men's mental health

Sunday Examiner, General News, 03/12/2023, Stephanie Dalton, Page 6

This November, a group of Launceston builders banded together to change the face of men's mental health. The team from Zanetto Builders grew their moustaches to raise much-needed funds and encourage conversations around mental wellbeing.

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Tailoring antidepressants for youth

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 8

Pharmacogenetic testing might help optimise antidepressant treatment for young people, according to WA researchers. In Australia, two in five people under the age of 24 suffer from a mental health condition.

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Avoiding the perfect storm

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Associate Professor Sarah Egan, Page 37

Perfectionism is a word that often carries a heavy burden. It's the relentless pursuit of goals, setting excessively high standards, and an unwavering desire to achieve them. While these qualities can drive individuals towards excellence, they can also become overwhelming and crippling, leading to self-criticism, stress, procrastination and poor mental health.

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'Cozzie livs' becoming a big issue for Aussie teens

Canberra Times, Other, 02/12/2023

Australian teenagers are becoming more concerned with 'cozzie livs' - aka, the cost of living - according to new data released by Mission Australia. Financial matters rose in importance for the third year in a row in this year's Youth Survey 2023.

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

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Why extreme weather events can damage your mental health

SBS, Other, 02/12/2023, Jennifer Scherer

The first ever 'Day of Health' will be held at the UN Climate Conference in Dubai on Sunday December 3rd, recognising the risks to people's physical and mental well-being. Experts predict negative mental

health effects will only grow as extreme weather events increase in intensity and frequency, highlighting the importance of grass-roots programs in disaster-struck communities.

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Five young people dead: inquest lays bare the struggles of transgender Victorians seeking mental health support

The Guardian, Other, 02/12/2023, Adeshola Ore

The call came too late. About 15 hours earlier, Bridget Flack's family had launched a frantic search to find the 28-year-old transgender woman, who had gone missing.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

The good doctor

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/12/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 1

Fran Donaldson recalls she was just "a funny little country girl" when she started her career in health 64 years ago. But now, on her retirement, the energetic 81-year-old has been hailed as a "groundbreaker" and "amazing" for her care of thousands of Tasmanians, as the first female nurse in the state to become a GP and for her role as a mentor to women in medicine.

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GP drain fear raised

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/12/2023, Page 5

A petition has been launched in Lyons to try to secure more general practitioners for the electorate. Federal Liberal candidate Susie Bower said the government must do more to serve Lyons in the health sector.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Saturdays, 02/12/2023, Amber Irving-Guthrie

Nurses from the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Queensland have taken industrial action to call for better pay, conditions and work-life balance. Queensland Nurses Union and RFDS are negotiating but have yet to reach an agreement.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

"Lost faith and lost trust": NSW sees highest bulk-billing disparity

nationally

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 02/12/2023, James Dowling

Thousands of NSW residents are struggling to access equitable healthcare close to home, with new data revealing a number of bulk billing blind spots' across the state. Chief among these is Newcastle, where not a single clinic is accepting new bulk-billed patients.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#) and widely syndicated across regional publications

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Patients, experts call for end to special rules

Sun Herald, General News, 03/12/2023, Charlotte Grieve and Amelia Adams, Page 1

Australia's health regulator has launched an independent review of special rules that allow podiatric surgeons to operate without medical degrees. [...] After receiving questions from this masthead about problems with podiatric surgeons, regulator Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) launched an independent review of the industry, noting that it had a "much higher rate" of complaints about these practitioners compared to podiatrists, including "serious concerns about patient safety".

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

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Our health watchdogs have to protect us

Sun Herald, Editorials, 03/12/2023, Page 32

One of the greatest social contracts is that between patient and doctor. A person is often at their most vulnerable when being cared for by a medical professional, which is why the experiences of the people at the hands of podiatric surgeons detailed in our report today are so horrifying. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) agreed to recognise the profession of podiatric surgeons and accredit the training courses provided by the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons in 2010.

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Patient in DIY balls-up

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 03/12/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 9

A man whose stitches came out after a vasectomy says he was sent home from hospital with a medical toolkit and told to fix it himself. The patient says he was dumbfounded when handed the scissors, tweezers, sterilising pads and surgical clips at Mount Gambier and District Health Service.

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Nurse who stole patients' pills sick of 'getting hauled into office'

Newcastle Herald, Other, 02/12/2023

An aged care nurse who stole medications for serious health conditions like cardiac, kidney and hypertension problems from dementia patients because she'd "had enough of getting hauled into the office" has had her registration suspended for six months. Jane Elizabeth Massey, also known as Jane Elizabeth Goodbee, was working at Raymond Terrace Garden Care until she resigned on August 16, 2021.

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SPORT

'You've lost your way'

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/12/2023, James Hall, Page 1

The Lord Mayor has sensationally quit the Brisbane 2032 Games delivery forum and withdrawn support for the \$2.7bn Gabba rebuild, declaring the Palaszczuk government has "completely lost its way" on the road to the Olympics. Adrian Schirner resigned from the Olympic and Paralympic Games Intergovernmental Leaders' Forum, saying the Games has become "more about overpriced stadiums rather than the promise of vital transport solutions".

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Students gaming for Games legacy

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 03/12/2023, Page 23

Online gaming could be the secret to engaging young Queenslanders with the legacy opportunities of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The University of Queensland held its first Youth Game Changers Summit at the Queensland Academy of Sport to get students thinking about 2032 and beyond.

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Councils in duel as AFL skills base

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/12/2023, James Bresnehan, Page 1

The battle to host the Tasmanian AFL team's high performance centre is now a two-horse race and the man leading the search says the council that wins the \$70m state-of-the-art facility is set to strike social and financial gold. Clarence City Council and Kingborough Council are the last ones standing among the five councils that started out as potential hosts.

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New sporting facilities for Penrith

Local Government Focus, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 10

Penrith will have even more high-quality sports facilities on offer when the Gipps Street Recreation Precinct opens in Claremont Meadows next year. The 32-hectare precinct will feature sports fields of various sizes to suit multiple sports, two netball courts, and cricket nets, which will all be floodlit to ensure they can be utilised to their maximum capacity.

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Women's sport in Australia is on a fast upward trajectory — but which leagues pay the most and is there any sort of equality?

ABC Online, Other, 02/12/2023, David Mark

Never before have women's sports been so prominent in Australia. The success of the Matildas at the FIFA World Cup gave Australians a moment to cherish that rivalled the 2000 Olympic Games.

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Olympics-Coates wants athlete numbers reduced for Brisbane Games

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/12/2023

International Olympic Committee Vice President John Coates has said athlete numbers at the 2032 Olympics in Brisbane must be reduced to help ensure the games are as cost effective as possible. The addition of cricket, flag football, squash, baseball and softball in Los Angeles in 2028 will see participation numbers climb beyond 11,000, but Coates wants that figure to be lowered when the Australians host the event four years later.

HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Team turns spotlight on heart risks

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 03/12/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 1

With Tasmania having the highest prevalence of heart disease and stroke in Australia, the Menzies Institute for Medical Research has launched a new program to tackle the problem. Menzies Institute director Tracey Dickson said there were more than 30,000 Tasmanians living with the ongoing effects of heart disease or stroke.

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Glass half full

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 6

New WA research shows hard-hitting campaigns can help prevent drinking during pregnancy. The new study, published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, analysed adults' views on alcohol and pregnancy to evaluate the impact of a public education campaign that aired in WA from January 2021 to May 2022.

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The smart money is on backing West Aussie medical research

West Australian, Other, 02/12/2023, Jonathan Carapetis

As a paediatrician and researcher, I witness on a daily basis the extraordinary benefits of Western Australian health and medical research to individual patients and the community. Expectant mothers now take folate to ensure their babies are not born with neural tube defects.

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Help for diverse Indigenous youth

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 6

Funding for the first ever elder-led intervention to support young Aboriginal LGBTQA+ people brings new hope for the youth group most at risk of suicide in the nation. Edith Cowan University has received a NHMRC/Medical Research Future Fund grant of \$624,000 to develop and test the intervention, which has been developed from the Pride Yarns with Mob pilot project that provided opportunities for Aboriginal LGBTQA+ young people to connect meaningfully with elders.

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Growing calls for on-country kidney dialysis in North West WA, as wait times grow to more than a year

ABC Online, Other, 02/12/2023, Jesmine Cheong and Xander Sapsworth-Collis

Yindjibarndi elder Tootsie Daniel sits patiently underneath a tree in the front yard of her home in Roebourne, 1,500 kilometres north of Perth in West Australia's Pilbara. She's waiting for a lift to a kidney dialysis centre, three hours away.

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Teamwork needed to halt infectious syphilis outbreak

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Page 9

Western Australia is experiencing an ongoing outbreak of infectious syphilis. We need to work together across all sectors of primary care and tertiary health services to halt this outbreak and ensure better health outcomes for everyone.

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Remove barriers for safe care

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Aimee Rendell, Page 35

The use of accurate and inclusive language is essential in providing accessible and comprehensive health care. Many people with uteri are capable of carrying pregnancies, including women, transgender men and non-binary people.

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Antibiotic use for lower respiratory tract infections in children with neurodisability

Medical Forum, General News, 01/12/2023, Dr Rachael Marpole and Dr Noula Gibson, Page 55

In children and young people with cerebral palsy (CP), a common non-progressive neurodisability, 18-24% of hospital admissions are respiratory related. Between 7-16% of this cohort have at least one respiratory admission per year.

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Vaccine burn-out leaves thousands vulnerable says the Grattan Institute

The Senior, Other, 02/12/2023, Eileen Wood

Every year, vaccines save thousands of lives and prevent countless sick days, yet millions of older Australians at high risk of serious illness are not getting their recommended shots and for some that may mean death. According to a new report *A fair shot: How to close the vaccination gap*, by the Grattan Institute, the pandemic has left many of us suffering vaccine burn-out - sick of vaccination, confused about which jabs we need, misled by misinformation, or complacent about the risks of not being vaccinated.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Diabetes drug gives hope to dementia patients

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 03/12/2023, Madeline Crittenden, Page 10

Ian Fisher's father passed away following a battle with dementia 21 years ago - and the fear that he may also suffer the same fate has played on his emotions ever since. [...] Success of the randomised controlled trial would mean that a TGA-approved treatment for slowing cognitive decline could be immediately available.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Our MPs concede: We used pot, too

Almost one third of Victorian MPs have confessed to having used cannabis as the government agrees to discuss legalising its recreational use. The Sunday Herald Sun asked 126 Victorian MPs whether they had ever consumed cannabis.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Fifya Greek Tzatziki recalled over non-compliant labelling

NEWS.com.au, Other, 02/12/2023, Duncan Evans

Food safety authorities are warning a popular dip sold at major supermarkets across the country poses a health risk. [...] The dip, sold at Coles Local shops and independent retailers including IGA supermarkets, is labelled dairy free on the lid, but milk is included in the ingredients list and product, Food Standards Australia and New Zealand warns.

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