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- **[The Sun Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that cost-of-living pressures have forced youth in New South Wales to resort to using instalment-based credit services such as Afterpay and Zip Pay to afford healthcare, dental care and mental health appointments.
- **[The Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#)** reports that a child who was sent home by a young doctor at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne has become permanently blinded in his left eye after an infection developed from a scratch. The family has lodged a medical negligence claim alleging that the doctor should have "taken steps to adequately determine whether the laceration was superficial" before sending him home.
- **[The Sunday Telegraph \(page 1\)](#)** reports that mother Hannah Pringle, who this year lost her six-year-old daughter to diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) met with Health Minister Mark Butler last week to request urgent funding in researching the disease.
- **[The Sun Herald \(page 4\)](#)** reports that a dispute over pay between the NSW government and paramedics will be heard by the Industrial Relations Commission tribunal tomorrow afternoon. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has raised concerns that any industrial action could severely impact triple zero services.

- [**The Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Page 5\)**](#) reports that Queensland Health will conduct a review into doctor fatigue across the state following regional surgeon concerns about 60 hour work weeks.
- [**The Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Page 7\)**](#) reports that dentists are calling for the Queensland government to reinstate mandatory fluoride in Queensland drinking water. Health Minister Shannon Fentiman said the choice would remain with councils.
- [**The Sunday Territorian \(page 3\)**](#) reports that Charles Darwin University (CDU) vice chancellor Scott Bowman has written to Health Minister Mark Butler raising concerns around the amount of places in it's medical school that would be a part of the Medical Commonwealth Supported Places scheme. CDU was seeking \$21.8m in federal funding, but only received \$2.8m to fund exploratory work on the establishment of the medical school.

MINISTER BUTLER

Maddy's wish

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/12/2023, Cydonee Mardon, Page 1

Schoolgirl Maddie Suy recently asked to change her name - she didn't want it to end with 'die'. The brave nine-year-old is in a fight for life against an aggressive brain tumour. [...] Hannah Pringle, who lost her six-year-old daughter Ruby this year, last week met federal Health Minister Mark Butler with other parents of children fighting diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), pleading for urgent funding.

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

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Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/12/2023, Page 9

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Sunday Territorian, General News, 10/12/2023, Camden Smith, Page 3

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

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VicHealth welcomes tobacco legislation

Star Weekly, Other, 09/12/2023

VicHealth has welcomed the passing of landmark tobacco legislation, which it says positions Australia as a world leader in tobacco control. [...] "We commend Minister [Mark] Butler's continued advocacy and the Australian parliament for putting the health of our children above the profits of the tobacco industry.

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Channel 9, National Nine News (Saturday), 09/12/2023, Mark Burrows

A total of 10,000 Australian are affected by juvenile arthritis and from this month, there's a new medication for sufferers that has been listed on the PBS with the costs being slashed by thousands of dollars. Mark Butler, Health Minister, says juvenile arthritis is the most common chronic disease affecting Australian children, and it's painful. It limits their ability to play sport and just to play in the playground.

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3AW, 07:30 News (Weekend), 09/12/2023

There's pressure on the Federal Government to fund a strategy to tackle a common chronic disease. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has told the Australian Labor is waiting for the results of an inquiry into diabetes before making any further decisions.

Also reported by: [2GB \(Sydney\)](#), [2CC \(Canberra\)](#), [4BC \(Brisbane\)](#), [SEN \(Melbourne\)](#), [2CA \(Canberra\)](#)

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MINISTER WELLS

Thousands to miss out on improved home care program

The Senior, Other, 09/12/2023, Eileen Wood

Hundreds of thousands of vulnerable older Australians will be excluded from the federal government's much vaunted Support at Home Program until at least mid-2027. Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the new program will now be delivered in two stages with Home Care Package and Short-Term Restorative Care Program recipients moving to the new upgraded program on July 1, 2025 but Commonwealth Home Support Program recipients will have to wait at least a further two years.

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More voices for Territorians

Sunday Territorian, General News, 10/12/2023, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, Page 23

The Northern Territory is a long way from Parliament House in Canberra, but the decisions made on Capital Hill reverberate right across our Territory. From Darwin City to our regional towns and the bush, parliament makes critical decisions affecting all Territorians including in health, education, infrastructure, social services and housing.

DEPARTMENT

Jabs nabbed ahead of holidays and get-togethers

Sun Herald, General News, 10/12/2023, Mary Ward, Page 30

Doctors and pharmacists are seeing a surge in requests for COVID-19 vaccines ahead of the Christmas break amid concerns about higher rates of the virus and visiting vulnerable loved ones. [...] The federal Department of Health and Aged Care will release the latest data on COVID-19 vaccination, now published monthly, this week.

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

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Xmas warning for virus

Sunday Times, General News, 10/12/2023, John Flint, Page 14

The amount of SARS-CoV-2 in Perth's wastewater has reached its highest level in 12 months, indicating the current wave of COVID infections will stretch to Christmas. [...] Australia's Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly said he believed the wave had "probably peaked" but he anticipated more people would get sick up to and through Christmas.

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Fears Royal Flying Doctor Service is being overused to prop up inadequate rural healthcare

ABC Online, Other, 09/12/2023, Emily JB Smith

The hours preceding Libby Davie's arrival at the Perth Children's Hospital are a blur. All she remembers is sitting numbly in a car during a long drive through the night. [...] A federal Department of Health and Aged Care spokesperson said it was investing in the healthcare workforce by tripling Medicare bulk billing incentives, by increasing funding to help practices hire health practitioners, and launching a two-year trial program for international medical graduates.

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ABC News, ABC News - 12:00 (Weekend), 09/12/2023, Miriam Corowa

A number of Royal Flying Doctor Service flights are calling for more investments as they mention that more people could be saved if people are treated at home. Doctors say if there were better supported, there'd be less need for RFDs flights. A federal Department of Health and Aged care spokesperson

says ensuring access to high quality medical care for all Australians is a top priority. But in remote and regional parts of the country, it seems there's a long way to go.

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CORONAVIRUS

Protect us from COVID

Sunday Times, General News, 10/12/2023, John Flint, Page 14

Cancer sufferers are urging health bosses to do more to stop the spread of COVID within hospitals, as a new infection wave hits. Vulnerable patient groups claim complacency is putting their chances of survival at risk.

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Study says key to lowering the risk of lingering effects is having more vaccine doses

Sunday Times, General News, 10/12/2023, John Flint, Page 14

About 20 per cent of 11,000 West Australians who caught COVID during a 19-day study period last year reported ongoing symptoms three months after they were infected. The finding was among several insights from a major research project into long COVID in this State.

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

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POPULATION HEALTH

Cost of living pressures bite young

Sun Herald, General News, 10/12/2023, Mary Ward, Page 1

Young people are relying on buy now, pay later services for dental check-ups and takeaway food, as the state's youth advocate calls for the government to pay more attention to the impact of the cost of living crisis on the next generation. The NSW Advocate for Children and Young People's cost of living consultation report, released today, found housing stress was a primary concern for the state's youth, but the flow-on effects of rent rises and inflation meant they were also missing out on necessary healthcare, particularly mental healthcare, and struggling to afford a balanced diet.

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Teens get support to give up the vapes

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/12/2023, Page 3

A new online program to help teens stop vaping is being established, after a study revealed 9 in 10 young people find accessing vapes "easy" and 75 per cent of parents believe their kids are using the devices.

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

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Fluoride or feel the pain

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/12/2023, Hayden Johnson, Page 7

The state government must end the "lunacy" and mandate fluoride in Queensland's water supply, a leading advocate of better dental health says, amid fears that a generation of regional and Indigenous residents will suffer. Dentist Michael Foley, who was instrumental in then premier Anna Bligh's 2007 decision to mandate fluoride in the state's water supply, called for more Queenslanders to be given access to fluoride.

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

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Health screenings catch up

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 10/12/2023, Sarah Booth, Page 37

Important screening tests that dropped off during the pandemic have begun to recover, private health insurance data show, while psychiatry claims have fallen. Medibank has released its top private health insurance hospitals claims for 2023, with renal dialysis responsible for the most admissions.

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Sydney swelters through day of extreme heat before southerly brings relief

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/12/2023, Laura Chung, Amber Schultz, Andrew Taylor, Mary Ward and Nigel Gladstone

Thousands of Sydneysiders flocked to beaches and swimming pools on Saturday as temperatures soared past 40 degrees and dozens of fires burned throughout the state with high fire danger warnings in place for the next few days. Severe thunderstorms on the Central Coast were expected to bring damaging winds and heavy rainfall that may lead to flash flooding tonight, the weather bureau said.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Little survivor needs a Christmas miracle

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/12/2023, Cydonee Mardon, Page 7

Little Maddie Suy recently told her mum and dad she wanted to change the spelling of her first name - she didn't want it to end with "die". The nine-year-old who loves to draw, colour in, make new friends and go to singing lessons, has no time for thoughts of dying, even though she has spent the past three years hearing doctors discuss the monster inside her head.

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

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Evie's Story: She will fight this to the very end

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/12/2023, Cydonee Mardon, Page 8

Eleven-year-old Evie doesn't speak or smile much any more and her tortured parents concede they are watching her personality "disintegrate into nothingness". "It's a brutal way of putting it but it's like she's dying already, said Pia Whipps, just 10 months after her daughter was diagnosed with a DIPG brain tumour.

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I lost 11 of my family to 'beast' of a disease

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/12/2023, James Dowling, Page 37

As Kathryn Ratcliffe prepares for Christmas she hopes to bring together family, but it will be a day haunted by ghosts of Christmas past. A rare strain of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) has killed eleven

members of her clan. MND is a degenerative condition, with one in 10 cases being genetic and heritable.

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Little Maddy's bravery must be backed up by funding

Sunday Telegraph, Editorials, 10/12/2023, Page 92

Sydney schoolgirl Maddy Suy is quite an incredible little girl. Her bravery and optimism takes your breath away. She is an inspiration to her parents and everyone who meets her especially anyone who has witnessed first-hand her battle with a "monster in her head".

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Gene therapy to treat blood disease

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 10/12/2023, Page 27

The US has approved a breakthrough medicine that uses the revolutionary gene editing tool CRISPR to treat the debilitating blood disorder sickle cell disease. More than 100,000 Americans, most of them Black, suffer from sickle cell disease, a painful, lifethreatening illness that medical science has struggled to address.

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

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It's time to arrest the Sunshine State killer

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/12/2023, Taylah Fellows, Page 9

Queenslanders live in the skin cancer capital of the world but we don't take sun protection seriously, research reveals. [...] Cancer Council Queensland's Sharyn Chin Fat said two in three Aussies would be diagnosed with some form of skin cancer by the age of 70.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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I went for a routine GP check up at 26 and asked a question that led to an aggressive cervical cancer diagnosis: This is how it saved my life

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/12/2023, Shania Obrien

A young pharmacist has urged women to stay up to date with screening tests after she was diagnosed with cervical cancer and given a partial hysterectomy just one year after her last Pap smear. Kirsty Browne, from Sydney , was 26 when she visited her GP for a routine visit and requested a smear while she was there to be 'safe'.

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PRIMARY CARE

Five-year wait for children to see a paediatrician

Sun Herald, General News, 10/12/2023, Amber Schultz, Page 33

Families are spending up to five years waiting for their child to see a paediatrician in parts of NSW, with hundreds of children on waitlists in regional areas. [...] AMA NSW council neonatologist Dr Eveline

Staub said a major contributing factor to the problem was the ageing paediatric workforce, particularly in regional areas.

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From fires of hell to arms of angels

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 10/12/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 62

For those who survive the fires of hell there are angels and as well as tender treatment they invent world breakthroughs. The Royal Adelaide Hospital's world renowned Adult Burns Service is celebrating 50 years of remarkable achievements in saving lives and giving burns victims back their lives.

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

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'Your world does not revert to how

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 10/12/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 63

John Weeks looks wryly at his lack of fingerprints and loss of two little fingers following an horrific petrol blast accident. "You don't realise how much grip fingerprints give, when I grasp something it feels like I have oil on my hands," he quips.

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Hospital service hits a home run with patients

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 10/12/2023, Brad Crouch, Page 65

The My Home Hospital service has hit a major milestone, helping 10,000 patients receive acute hospital-level care in the comfort and privacy of their own home, including residential aged care and disability-supported facilities. Commencing in January 2021, the service provides care by doctors, nurses and allied health practitioners to patients with specific conditions, diverting those people away from metropolitan hospitals.

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Our elite burns unit

Sunday Mail Adelaide, Editorials, 10/12/2023, Page 71

While the state's health system is rightly under fire because of record ramping, today gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on one of our great medical success stories. The Royal Adelaide Hospital's world-renowned burns unit is celebrating 50 years of saving lives and nursing patients back to health.

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Midnight Pharmacy owner slams Malinauskas' plan for three 24/7 facilities

Adelaide Now, Other, 09/12/2023, Bella Fowler

Iconic Adelaide business Midnight Pharmacy is facing fears of forced closure following Premier Peter Malinauskas' 24/7 pharmacy announcement this week, according to its owner. While much of the state has welcomed the significant enhancement to local healthcare accessibility announced on Sunday, Midnight Pharmacy owner Peter Angelos said he's "devastated" by what it will mean for business.

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

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'It was the Eureka moment': Brisbane hospital offers groundbreaking prosthetic leg technology

9News, Other, 09/12/2023

A Brisbane hospital is the first public hospital in the country to offer new groundbreaking prosthetic leg technology, getting patients back on their feet faster and with fewer complications. Wes Raddysh is one patient whose life is back on track after a serious motorbike accident a year ago.

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Calls to NSW Ambulance soar by 20 per cent amid heatwave stress

NEWS.com.au, Other, 09/12/2023, Anthony Anderson

Emergency services will be on standby as three concerts are held in one of the hottest parts of the country on Saturday night. Calls to New South Wales Ambulance have seen a spike of 20 per cent as Sydney swelters through a heatwave.

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

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Paramedics' pay dispute goes to tribunal

Sun Herald, General News, 10/12/2023, Mary Ward, Page 4

A pay dispute between the state government and paramedics will be heard by the industrial tribunal tomorrow afternoon, as the health minister expresses serious concerns about impacts on services. Almost 2000 of the state's 5000 paramedics are withholding their registrations amid failed pay negotiations between the government and the Health Services Union.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#). Similar coverage reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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Over the limit

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/12/2023, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 5

Surgeons in the regions are so burnt out they feel like they are operating drunk and are fearful of making deadly errors in their work. The alarming claims have sparked Queensland Health to order an external review into doctor fatigue across the state.

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

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'Inexcusable': Medical training of 486 trainee doctors badly affected by bullying, harassment and discrimination

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/12/2023, Paul Smith

The chair of the medical board says there is a 'critical and urgent' need for action. "It's inexcusable." These are the words used by the chair of the Medical Board of Australia last week to describe the fact that 35% of medical trainees experienced or witnessed bullying, harassment, discrimination and/or racism [*] during the previous 12 months.

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Jacob Brassington named Student of the Year at TAFE graduation

Cairns Post, Other, 09/12/2023, Carlie Walker

A nursing student has been awarded the title Fraser Coast Student of the Year at a graduation ceremony held this week, sharing how he had failed a test in his first term before turning things around. More than 60 students have celebrated graduating from TAFE Queensland's Fraser Coast campuses this week.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Fraser Coast Chronicle \(Online\)](#),

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

How a simple scratch cost Carlos his sight

Sunday Age, General News, 10/12/2023, Aisha Dow, Page 1

Kate Godden looked at her six-year-old son sitting in the bath and suddenly realised their life would never be the same. "I knew something was wrong," the Mooroopna resident said. "I had a complete freak-out, went out the back, broke down, and rang up the doctors."

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

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Nurse was 'off her tree' at work

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 10/12/2023, Sarah Booth, Page 11

Elderly Victorians were denied proper pain relief after an aged-care nurse stole their painkillers and worked while "off her f--ing tree", a tribunal has heard. Vivian Mallows swapped patients' medications - at times substituting oxycodone for Gastro Stop - while caring for residents at Yarrawonga Health's aged care unit, Karana.

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Abbey chuffed with Launceston graduation

Sunday Examiner, General News, 10/12/2023, Molly Appleton, Page 3

Abbey Savage thought she would be graduating from her Masters in Hobart. On Friday, she did so in Launceston, having completed all her studies in the city.

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SPORT

Fatal results of search for perfect selfie

Sun Herald, Edition Changes - 2nd Edition, 10/12/2023, Julie Power, Page 14

University of NSW researcher Samuel Cornell likens the search for a perfect social media selfie to the ancient myth of the sirens who were so beautiful they lured sailors to the rocks and death. [...] SLS NSW chief executive Steve Pearce said "the Insta craze of getting a selfie shot" had added a new dimension to drowning.

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Grooming lawsuit hits top coach

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 10/12/2023, Andrew Hough and Sean Fewster, Page 9

A leading equestrian identity sexually harassed a promising young horse rider 25 years his junior as he tried to "groom" her, a lawsuit alleges. Kate Crauford, 23, has launched Federal Court action against decorated Adelaide Hills equestrian coach, state selector and administrator Anthony Dean Thomas, 48.

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Playing to win

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 10/12/2023, James Bresnehan, Page 1

Kingborough is ready with open arms to be the base for the Tasmanian AFL team's high performance centre at the Twin Ovals and reap the financial rewards that come with it. Mayor Paula Wriedt says her council is unanimously behind the \$70m state-of-the-art training and administration centre.

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Surf's up!

Sunday Times, General News, 10/12/2023, Ebony Swetman, Page 27

Rock up with a board, a wetty, a few bucks for coffee and "You're ready." It's 6am and a wall of crashing waves and crisp morning air faces a group of excited, albeit sleepy, women as they make their way onto the sand at Trigg Beach, in Perth's north.

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Court short: \$25m not enough for full stadium

Newcastle Herald, General News, 09/12/2023, Michael Parris, Page 1

The \$25 million state funding allocated for Newcastle's new basketball stadium will build only half of it. Newcastle Basketball has lodged an application with the NSW government seeking approval for a new stadium on playing fields in Turton Road, New Lambton, opposite Hunter Stadium.

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Powerchair footballer Rebecca Evans tackles obstacles keeping women with disabilities out of sports

ABC Online, Other, 09/12/2023

Rebecca Evans has earned a formidable on-court reputation in powerchair football, but is the only woman on her team. "I am quite an aggressive player, which surprises a lot of people when they see me play for the first time," she said.

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Australian Diamonds Hall of Fame legend leads the charge calling for Netball Australia's top brass to be sacked after year of scandals

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/12/2023, Courtney Gould

Australian netball legend Joyce Brown has demanded the top brass at Netball Australia be sacked and held accountable for throwing the sporting body into turmoil. The former Australian captain and three-

time World Champion coach put her name to a letter attached to a petition to the sporting body's board shared on Friday afternoon.

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Commonwealth Games: Welsh star Olivia Breen 'shocked' by uncertainty

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 09/12/2023

Welsh para-athlete Olivia Breen says she is "shocked" at the uncertainty surrounding future Commonwealth Games. In July Australian state Victoria cancelled the 2026 Games it was due to stage and attempts to find a replacement host have so far failed.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

\$1m cancer projects to boost quality of life

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 10/12/2023, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 9

Key cancer research bodies have come together to fund projects aimed to improve the quality of life for South Australians affected by cancer. The partnership between Flinders Foundation, Cancer Council SA and Flinders University will result in more than \$1m being invested in two fellowship programs.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHO 'very worried' about mpox spread

Sunday Canberra Times, International News, 10/12/2023, Page 18

A World Health Organisation expert is "very worried" about the spread of a severe form of mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, that has killed nearly 600 people, mainly children, in the Democratic Republic of Congo this year. The country has reported more than 13,000 cases in 2023, more than twice as many as during the last peak in 2020, with the disease occurring in almost every province.

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As the world warms, dengue thrives

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/12/2023

Dengue fever is an increasing global threat as the planet warms and urbanises, and as international travel resumes as usual. The number of annual clinical cases worldwide is estimated to be 96 million.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Beyond Ozempic: How weight loss drugs could change the world

Sun Herald, General News, 10/12/2023, Caitlin Fitzsimmons, Page 38

When Lily Steiner started taking a new drug for her diabetes, she was not expecting weight loss. [...]
One of the earliest of this new breed of medicine was liraglutide (sold as Saxenda), approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for weight loss in 2015.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Stroke survivor calls for decriminalisation of drugs

Sun Herald, General News, 10/12/2023, Amber Schultz, Page 15

Tony Trimmingham wants to see one outcome from his 20 years of drug reform advocacy: the decriminalisation of small quantities of drugs in NSW. But the 75-year-old stroke survivor is not confident of seeing any meaningful reform in his lifetime.

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