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- **[The Weekend Australian \(page 7\)](#)** reports that a new training program to assist first responders in emergency situations involving people with dementia, will be offered as an online course across the country. Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said, "This training, fully funded by the Albanese government, will empower our police, fire, emergency workers, paramedics and ambulance officers to safely engage with people who have dementia in an empathetic way. It's a game-changer for first responders who have a new opportunity to increase their understanding of dementia".
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(page 1\)](#)** reports that an investigation by the newspaper has found the Kids with Cancer Foundation only passed on 23 per cent of the \$56 million in contributions over the past nine years.
- **[The Herald Sun \(page 9\)](#)** reports that Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas announced on Friday that eligible Victorians will be able to apply for grants of up to \$40,000 to encourage them to train as general practitioners. Dr Anita Munoz, Victorian chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners said "This program is a meaningful acknowledgment that general practice registrars, when they go into the community, do experience a drop in their income".

- **The Courier Mail (page 1)** reports that new data has shown Queensland police are being kept from their normal duty and left for hours and sometimes days guarding prisoners in hospitals.
- **The Adelaide Advertiser (page 4)** reports that SA Health will use a new recruitment portal to assist in achieving its goal of doubling its Indigenous workforce to 3 per cent.
- **The Hobart Mercury (page 1)** reports that medical researchers Richard Scolyer and Georgina Long, have been named 2024 Australians of the Year for their ground-breaking immunotherapy treatment for melanoma. Tasmanian Premier Jeremy Rockliff described Mr Scolyer as "one-of-a-kind" and "A Tasmanian born and bred, he's at the cutting edge of cancer treatment. All despite being in the fight of his life against the disease himself."

MINISTER BUTLER

Unique program to secure next generation of GPs

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 26/01/2024, Robyn Riley

Medical graduates have been given the ultimate incentive to train as a GP, busting the myth about the job and why it is anything but a simple specialty. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler says "it has never been harder than it is today" to see a doctor, after nine years of "cuts and neglect" to Medicare.

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MINISTER WELLS

Dementia crisis guide for first responders

Weekend Australian, General News, 27/01/2024, Stephen Lunn, Page 7

All first responders in Australia will have access to a new specialist training program to deal with people with dementia in emergency situations. Police, firefighters, ambulance and other frontline health services intervening in a crisis situation involving a person with dementia need specific skills, Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said in introducing the new initiative.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 26/01/2024, Laura Jayes

Press Conference with National Australia Day Council chair John Foreman. Foreman thanks the partners for the National Citizenship Ceremony including the Department of Home Affairs, the Department of Health and Aged Care, the Australian Government Office for Youth, and the ABC.

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CORONAVIRUS

Covid deaths expose system

Courier Mail, General News, 27/01/2024, Kylie Lang, Page 65

There's nothing but a good conscience to stop a doctor or any other healthcare professional from going to work while knowingly infected with Covid-19. There is also no mandate for hospital staff to wear masks or be vaccinated against the viral disease.

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

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East coast COVID wave has reached plateau

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 27/01/2024, Page 22

Most recent data has suggested that a spike in COVID-19 infections in Australia's two most populous States over the Christmas and New Year period may have plateaued. COVID variant JN.1 drove a wave of infections responsible for a steep increase in hospitalisations across NSW and Victoria over the holiday period.

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

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Why this 'new-look' COVID variant signals a new phase of the pandemic

SBS, Other, 26/01/2024

It's become the dominant variant in Australia and has driven COVID-19 waves, but the JN.1 variant is significant for more than just those reasons, according to experts. Since it was detected in August 2023, the JN.1 variant of COVID has spread widely.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Mad Hatters mark milestone

Daily Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Page 17

A Wagga aged-care facility was briefly transformed into a scene from Alice in Wonderland this week as its residents and staff gathered to mark a special milestone. Wagga Community Aged Care celebrated its first birthday with a party for residents and their families.

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'Kiss' sparks daughter's fear for elderly mother

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Olivia Shying, Page 4

A Mount Duneed woman has lodged a complaint with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission amid concerns for her mother's safety. Kimberley Thomas alleges a male resident at TLC Warrailiy

Gardens has acted inappropriately toward her elderly mother, who has dementia.

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Town needs aged care facility

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 27/01/2024, Chris O'Connor, Page 14

It was disappointing to read in Monday's The Standard that Lyndoch are claiming the need for high level aged care had dropped in Terang. By their own admission, May Noonan was financially sound in 2019. Indeed, May Noonan was full and profitable with a full compliment of skilled and caring staff. I will never forget the first Lyndoch presentation to a Lions meeting I attended.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Border tells of Parkinson's shock

Weekend Australian, Edition Changes - All-round First, 27/01/2024, Ben Horne, Page 45

The first image that flashed through Allan Border's mind when told he had Parkinson's disease was Muhammad Ali. The images of a trembling yet fiercely determined Ali lighting the cauldron at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics were Border's only reference point to his ailment.

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Keeping sick kids home is a life-saving lesson

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/01/2024, Madeline Crittenden and Grace MacPherson, Page 29

If your children are sick, don't send them to school. That's the message for households ahead of the new school year, as a summer wave of "winter illness" threatens to turn the classroom into a petri dish.

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How to shed the middle-age spread

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/01/2024, Sue Dunlevy, Page 64

The hormonal disruption that strikes in your 50s is seismic. For women, it means menopause and the tiredness, muscle and bone loss that comes with it. For men, it means mood swings and the loss of muscle mass and sexual function.

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

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Kangaroo pockets, fidget buttons? It's clothing for the neurodivergent

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/01/2024, Nell Geraets, Page 22

There are many ways clothes can get on Jo Bowen's nerves. "Tags are evil and should be illegal," she says. "Itchy fabrics are the worst ... Fabric that doesn't breathe is horrible because it makes me sweat, and the feeling of sweat on my skin is disgusting unless I'm running around outside and generating breeze."

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#)

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Domestic wood burners having a deadly impact in outside areas

The Guardian, Other, 26/01/2024, Gary Fuller

Deaths due to wood-burning stoves are comparable to those of black summer' bushfires, says

Australian study Scientists are starting to count the health cost of heating our homes with wood. One study, in Canberra in Australia, has found that deaths from everyday exposure to smoke from wood burners is comparable with those during the unprecedented "black summer" bushfires of 2019/

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How to prep for menopause as experts predict it could be delayed

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 27/01/2024, Marie Claire Dorking

Imagine if the onset of menopause could be pushed back? And the hot flushes, brain fog and insomnia many women experience, could actually be delayed until their 90s or beyond? Well, it might not be such a far-flung idea, with recent research suggesting that a procedure used to treat infertility in cancer patients could potentially be used to delay menopause indefinitely

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Cloud over children's charity donations

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 27/01/2024, Max Maddison, Page 1

A charitable foundation that claims "100 per cent of all donations" go towards supporting children with cancer and their families passed on just 23 per cent of the \$56 million in contributions over the past nine years. Financial records state just 9 per cent was disbursed in 2021.

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New skin cancer treatment

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Page 9

An important new immunotherapy treatment to fight melanoma will be added to the national Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Adelaide medical oncologist Rachel Roberts-Thomson said the move was significant, providing clinicians "more treatments for our patients".

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'One of a kind'

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/01/2024, Jack Quail and Amber Wilson, Page 1

The achievements and sacrifice demonstrated by Richard Scolyer, the Launceston-born world expert melanoma researcher, have drawn special praise from Premier Jeremy Rockliff who described him as "truly special" person and "one of a kind". Professor Scolyer, who completed his medical degree at the University of Tasmania, has been named Australian of the Year alongside his colleague Georgina Long for their life-saving research into the deadly skin cancer.

Similar coverage reported by: [Weekend Australian \(Australia\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#).

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 26/01/2024, Michael Rowland and Bridget Brennan

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Rowland says Long and Scolyer have been named 2024 Australians of the Year as their groundbreaking research has helped to save thousands of lives. Scolyer says they share the honour with the incredible team at Melanoma Institute Australia, which is a world-leading melanoma research and treatment centre. He notes they want to call out social media and the glamorisation of tanning and work with others to make that happen due to the risk of skin cancers.

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Channel 10, The Project, 26/01/2024, Michael Hing, Rove McManus, Katie Langbroek and Georgie Tunny

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Scolyer says they share their Australians of the Year honour with the Melanoma Institute, melanoma patients, their families, and people with brain cancer and other cancers. Long says they aim to reach zero deaths from melanoma and they are halfway to the goal but people need to be sun safe.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 26/01/2024, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Long says immunotherapy uses a person's own immune system to kill cancer cells and working on it is a team effort at Melanoma Institute Australia and across the world. She notes more than 55% of patients now survive for more than five years.

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Channel 9, Today, 26/01/2024, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Stefanovic says Long and Scolyer have saved countless lives with their world-first melanoma treatment. He notes they are undertaking an experimental treatment that has advanced the understanding of brain cancer after Scolyer was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer. Scolyer says the Australian of the Year honour gives them a platform to get that sun-safe behaviour message out there. He notes they are now trying immunotherapy for brain cancer.

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2GB, Breakfast, 26/01/2024, Ben Fordham

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Scolyer says they are excited about the opportunities to speak to Australians about the importance of cancer and put a long overdue spotlight on the urgent need to save more lives across all cancers. He notes he is happy with how his battle against brain cancer is progressing. Long states they should use social media to promote sun safety.

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5AA, Breakfast, 26/01/2024, Will Goodings and David Penberthy

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Long says there is nothing healthy about tanning and UV radiation from the sun causes cancer. She notes they want to work in sports to help prevent sun exposure during everyday sports. Long states they are applying their learnings from the worst of the worst melanomas and applied it to Scolyer's brain cancer.

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Radio National, PM, 26/01/2024, David Lipson

Report by Amber Jacobs, ABC News. This year's Australians of the Year Georgina Long and Richard Scolyer are aiming to stop the glamorisation of tanning to try and reduce the incidence of melanoma and other skin cancers. Cancer Council figures show two in three Australians are diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime, and melanoma is the most common cancer in Australians aged 20 to 39. National Skin Cancer Committee chair Prof Anne Cust says the rates of skin cancer are still going up for people aged 40 and above.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 26/01/2024, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Melanoma Institute Australia co-founders Prof Georgina Long and Prof Richard Scolyer. Scolyer says 50% of melanoma patients are alive five years later because of discoveries such as immunotherapy. He notes Long treated more patients with immunotherapy than any doctor in the world.

PRIMARY CARE

Grieving family's VAD appeal

Weekend Australian, General News, 27/01/2024, Rhiannon Down, Page 10

Canberra father and daughter Jim Williams and Corrine Vale know first hand the personal toll exacted when a terminally ill person's mission to end their life on their own terms sets them on a collision course with faith. Jim's wife of 50 years, Ros Williams, was in the advanced stages of motor neurone disease when she took her own life in April last year after she deliberately consumed a substance she is believed to have obtained from right-to-die advocates.

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

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Waiting room

The Saturday Paper, General News, 27/01/2024, Denham Sadler, Page 6

Almost four years after announcing it would establish a safe injecting room in Melbourne's CBD, the Victorian government has been accused of lacking the courage to follow through on its promise with scores of deaths continuing. [...] While some businesses and residents are opposing the CBD site, a group of nearly 20 peak medical bodies and unions, including the Australian Medical Association and the Royal Australian College of GPs, have backed it.

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Citizens sold a lie in ACT's euthanasia bill

Canberra Times, General News, 27/01/2024, Patrick McArdle, Page 27

This week the inquiry into the ACT euthanasia legislation will hold public hearings. By year's end each state and territory, with the possible exception of the Northern Territory, will have enacted legislation to enable euthanasia.

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Paddy daycare

Courier Mail, General News, 27/01/2024, Kate Kyriacou, Page 1

A secret spreadsheet de tails how police are being waylaid minding patients for days on end because other government departments are too stretched to take over. On one occasion, an officer spent six days at a hospital minding a patient because Queensland corrective services could not spare the staff.

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

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Avoiding treatment in hospital

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 27/01/2024, Jade Benham, Page 24

For a first-time mum who could be struggling with breast feeding and needing help to settle her baby, or someone who needs pain rehabilitation from a physiotherapist, this and more is provided by your local community health services. Keeping Victorians healthy and out of hospital will lead to long-term benefits in our community.

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Pharmacy's award winners

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 26/01/2024, Chris Brooker

A longstanding AJP contributor, a pioneer of oncology pharmacy and a Covid vaccination and support leader are among the crop of pharmacy figures recognised in the Australia Day honours. Dr Jenny Gowan, a regular contributor to the AJP for nearly 30 years headlines the list of pharmacists recognised in the 2024 Australia Day honours.

Channel 9, National Nine News, 26/01/2024, Andrew Lofthouse

There are new calls for better protections for patients and staff over fears COVID standards are slipping. It comes as Qld Health data shows more than 7,300 patients contracted the virus inside both public and private facilities and 291 died with the disease from 18 months to June. The Australian Medical Association has written to Queensland Health demanding better ventilation, segregation of COVID patients and more protective equipment for staff.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 26/01/2024, Leon Delaney

Interview with ACT Emergency Services Minister Mick Gentleman. Gentleman says they are up to 15-26 extra for the shifts on peak times and this will improve fatigue management practices and create a better work-life balance for paramedics. He notes this will allow them to assist the paramedics in shorter night shift hours and have more paramedics in the peak times.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Tide turns on 'happy' drugs

Weekend Australian, General News, 27/01/2024, Natasha Robinson, Page 19

The publication this week of the world's first psychiatry guidelines on deprescribing antidepressants has renewed a heated debate in medicine over the use of the blockbuster drugs. The Maudsley Guidelines, used by doctors as a "bible of prescribing", took aim at the limited evidence of antidepressant drugs' efficacy, the severe withdrawal symptoms experienced by many patients who try to get off them, and the medical profession's widespread failure to acknowledge that the psychoactive medications result in frequent adverse effects and physical dependence that make ceasing them an almost impossible task for some people.

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

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Psychological crises rarely relate to crime

Canberra Times, General News, 27/01/2024, Erin Stewart, Page 41

Psychological crises are not a crime. Yet, 40 per cent of police attendances in the ACT are mental health related, very few of which relate to actual offending. Advocates have long questioned the role of police in responding to mental health distress. Police are questioning their role, too. As ACT's Chief Police Officer Deputy Commissioner Neil Gaughan contends, mental health crises are out of police scope.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Train to be a GP and we will pay

Eligible Victorian medical graduates will be offered grants of up to \$40,000 to encourage them to train as general practitioners. Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas announced on Friday that applications are open for the grants totalling \$32m to graduates starting a GP training program in Victoria.

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Bridging the jobs gap in SA Health

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 4

SA Health aims to double its Indigenous workforce to 3 per cent of its 47,000-strong staff with the aid of a new recruitment portal. The public health authority currently has 765 staff who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

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Paramedic honoured

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Page 2

A Bendigo paramedic has been lauded for his work on Australia Day. Barry Curtain has earned an ambulance service medal for his decades-long efforts with Ambulance Victoria.

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The Shell Cove paramedic who just refused to stop learning

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 27/01/2024, Janine Graham, Page 7

When Marty Nichols began with NSW Ambulance 23 years ago, he admits his expectations were simple. "I just wanted to be a paramedic," said the man who is now Associate Director, Clinical Practice, meaning he's responsible for the delivery of high quality and patient-centric clinical care to the people of NSW.

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Nurse sounds safety alarm

Newcastle Herald, General News, 27/01/2024, Donna Page, Page 1

A senior nurse at Maitland Hospital's mental health care unit has alleged the "physical safety and psychological well being" of staff was being put at risk due to directions issued by management. Health and safety representative Chit Chit Than, who has worked as a mental healthcare nurse for 16 years, lodged a statutory safety notice against Hunter New England Local Health District in June 2022 in response to claims co-workers were being forced to work alone in the unit's observation area.

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Meet the 12 GPs recognised in the Australia Day Honours

Australian Doctor, Other, 26/01/2024

From volunteer firefighters to volunteer bagpipe players, rural champions, charity founders and flying doctors — both the royal variety and Qantas variety — a spectrum of GPs have been recognised in the Australia Day Honours List.

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'Extraordinary': Surgeon receives top honour for service to medicine

Daily Liberal, Other, 26/01/2024, Sarah Falson

Being a surgeon in the Dubbo community is one of Dr Robert North's proudest achievements - and now he's being recognised with one of Australia's top honours. Dr North is one of 739 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia, accepting an OAM for his for service to medicine and to the community.

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Rural GP payments welcomed

Incentives to encourage more doctors with advanced skills to work in regional communities has been welcomed by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Eligible rural generalists and general practitioners with advanced skills can now apply for incentives of up to \$21,000 a year through a new payment known as the Workforce Incentives Program – Rural Advanced Skills payment.

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New skin cancer treatment

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Page 9

An important new immunotherapy treatment to fight melanoma will be added to the national Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Adelaide medical oncologist Rachel Roberts-Thomson said the move was significant, providing clinicians "more treatments for our patients".

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Inquiry into coroner claims

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/01/2024, David Killick, Page 20

Claims the coroner was not informed of multiple deaths at the Launceston General Hospital were being taken "very seriously", Health Minister Guy Barnett says. Nurse Tom Millen told parliament's ambulance ramping inquiry on Wednesday he believed former LGH Director of Clinical Services Peter Renshaw failed to follow the requirements Coroner's Act on multiple occasions by not reporting deaths as required.

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'Humiliated' Mum's nightmare ordeal

Daily Mercury, General News, 26/01/2024, Zoe Devenport, Page 1

Two women with horror experiences at Mackay Base Hospital's maternity ward are fighting for justice. Jenna MacGregor lost her baby boy four days after his birth, after a series of errors by the hospital. And another mother who had to make an impossible decision is suing the hospital for \$1.3m.

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SPORT

Can't KeepUp: How APL blew millions on a digital flop

Sydney Morning Herald, Sport, 27/01/2024, Vince Rugari, Page 48

The latest drama to consume Australian soccer is the result of another failed attempt by administrators to answer the sport's unanswerable question: how do you convert the millions of people who play football at grassroots level, and watch European soccer obsessively, but don't follow the A-Leagues?

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Surf cash targeted

Herald Sun, General News, 27/01/2024, Shannon Deery, Page 1

The state government planned to slash millions of dollars in funding from Life Saving Victoria ahead of last year's budget as it worked to rein in spending. The lifesaving organisation which posted a \$101,000 deficit last financial year faced major cutbacks before the intervention of senior executives, who warned the government about the significant effect the budget blow would have on lifeguard services across the state.

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Day and night better at Oval

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Charlie Dadds, Page 24

Some of the state's former cricketing greats have added to the pitch for a return to daynight Test cricket at Adelaide Oval. Australian bowlers Mitchell Starc and Nathan Lyon have both said Adelaide is the "true home" of pink ball matches and claim the Gabba wicket was not up to scratch.

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Australia Day - United we play

Hobart Mercury, General News, 27/01/2024, Tia Ewen, Page 1

The power of a soccer ball has united the South Sudanese and Sudanese community who are competing against each other in a national tournament in Hobart over the long weekend. Soccer teams have flown in from Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane to compete in the South/Sudanese National Cup at Cornelian Bay which kicked off on Friday and continues through to Sunday.

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Territory basketballers offered chance for Games glory

Northern Territory News, Sport, 27/01/2024, Nathaniel Chambers, Page 78

Top End basketball players could win themselves a pathway to the 2032 Brisbane Olympics, with the winners of this weekend's free FIBA 3x3 event getting an all-expenses paid trip to Queensland. More than 30 teams across several categories have entered into the free Saturday event at Coolalinga Central for their chance to qualify.

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Some sports tell the nation it's time to change, others stay quiet

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 27/01/2024, Scott Bailey, Page 4

Some sporting codes stopped referring to Australia Day as the AFL Players Association, three clubs and hockey teams called for the date to change. But others played it low key, either not posting or sending a peaceful message.

Similar coverage reported by: [The West Australian](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 26/01/2024, Michael Rowland and Bridget Brennan

Interview with Ellie Cole, female Paralympian. [...] So obviously I did a lot in the space being an athlete and using that platform in the Paralympic Games. But I retired from the sport over a year ago, and so it's been really important to continue that work in diversity and inclusion in my retirement.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Cloud over children's charity donations

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Bridging the jobs gap in SA Health

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Indigenous health pioneers working to overcome inequity

National Indigenous Times, Other, 26/01/2024, Rudi Maxwell

As a child Kelvin Kong used to help his mum, a nurse, dress wounds and take out stitches and perform other medical procedures on extended family members who would drop in to their home. When at high school, he realised his non-Indigenous friends would visit a doctor for the same reasons.

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Mozzie menace soars in monsoonal summer

Courier Mail, General News, 27/01/2024, Andreas Nicola and Rishab Jain, Page 13

Swarms of mosquitoes have inundated nearly every suburb across the southeast, as wet weather and warm temperatures create the perfect breeding grounds for the flying pests. The unwanted buzz and bites have forced Brisbane City Council to spray an extraordinary 2400 sites a week a 140 per cent increase on the normal mozzie spraying schedules including seven aerial attacks in the past nine weeks.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Breakfast, 26/01/2024, Emma Bickley

Interview with Steven Buttrose, flying Fox carer with the ACT Wildlife. [...] Australian bat Lyssavirus is a virus a lot like rabies. It's not rabies. Australia is fortunately free of rabies, but bat lyssavirus is

something that's carried in the population of the grey headed flying foxes.

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Supplement recalled in live bugs warning

Daily Telegraph, General News, 27/01/2024, Page 19

Allergens a constipation relief supplement has been recalled after live bugs were found in bottles. The Therapeutic Goods Administration has called back two batches of Henry Blooms Herb-a-lax 200g dried herb powder.

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Ex-Crows star is on a roll with rehab Skate

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 27/01/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 25

Former Crows club champion Dr Matthew Liptak continues to kick goals, now using a skate instead of footy boots. [...] It has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration as a medical device after successful clinical trials.

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