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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Sunday Telegraph \(page 1\)](#) reports that Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has announced a \$20 million funding pledge into research for the brain cancer DIPG through the Medical Research Future Fund. *Also reported by: Sunday Herald Sun*
- The [Sunday Herald Sun \(page 6\)](#) reports that the Cleanbill bulk-billing report has found that just 21.1 per cent of clinics in regional Victorian areas offer bulk-billing, compared to 26 per cent in Melbourne, with similar discrepancies between regional and metropolitan bulk-billing clinics found in Tasmania and NSW. Health Minister Mark Butler has tripled bulk-billing incentives, increasing the Medicare payment in rural areas by 50 per cent. *Also reported by: Sunday Mail Adelaide*
- The [Sun Herald \(page 3\)](#) reports that a new survey conducted by Cancer Council Victoria for the Department of Health and Aged Care has found that 47 per cent of underage drinkers have had alcohol supplied by their parental figures. *Also reported by: Sunday Age*
- The [Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#) reports that a survey of 1750 Victorian women found that 40 per cent experience chronic pain, with one-third of that number having been made to feel dismissed or unheard by a practitioner. *Also reported by: Sun Herald*

- The [Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#) reports that voluntary assisted dying advocates (VAD) have called for an expansion into Victoria's VAD laws to allow practitioners to have conversations with their patients about VAD and to include patients with dementia. *Also reported by: Sun Herald*
- [The ABC \(online\)](#) reports that people with disabilities can often be discriminated against when studying for post-graduate degrees in medicine, often being made to repeat years or assignments without failing. Australian Medical Association president Professor Steve Robson has acknowledged that more can be done to reduce discrimination in medical schools.

MINISTER BUTLER

Maddy's millions

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 04/02/2024, Cydonee Mardon, Page 1

The Albanese government has gifted \$20 million to help fund research into aggressive brain tumours which are a death sentence for children. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has answered the pleas of little Maddy Suy, who is one child battling a monster known as DIPG, and the Sunday Telegraph.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Bulk-bill clinics in regions lagging

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 04/02/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 6

Almost four in five GP clinics in regional Victoria do not offer bulk billing to all adult patients, as new data reveals a "deeply concerning" divide. Just 21.1 per cent of regional Victorian clinics offer bulk billing to all, a new report from online healthcare directory Cleanbill shows, compared to 26 per cent of Melbourne practices. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said recent changes, which included tripling this incentive, had stopped the "decade of cuts".

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City-country bulk billing gap

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 04/02/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 10

Healthcare directory Cleanbill which lists basic background, pricing, availability, location and contact information for healthcare practices on cleanbill.com.au checked bulk-billing rates for clinics across the nation in 2023. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said under government assessments of bulk billing which include children and concession card holders, "about 75 per cent of GP consultations across the country are bulk billed."

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\$1.5m as tribute to late MP

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 04/02/2024, Page 24

Anthony Albanese has pledged \$1.5m to improve outcomes for people with metastatic breast cancer, in a tribute to the late Peta Murphy. Ms Murphy, who died in December, had been a strong advocate for breast cancer research and care, especially during her four-year parliamentary career. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said being able to collect data would mean a "better understanding" of the cancer.

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

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Bulk billing rates are up and so are Labor's spirits

PS News, Other, 03/02/2024, Chris Johnson

The Federal Government is giving itself a big pat on the back for GP bulk billing rates rising in Canberra. Across the ACT, bulk billing has risen by 1.9 percentage points in the first two months since

the government tripled the bulk billing incentive. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler noted that doctors' association groups had been calling the initiative a 'game changer'.

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MINISTER WELLS

Channel 7, Weekend Sunrise, 03/02/2024, Monique Wright and Matt Doran

Interview with Minister for Aged Care and Sport Anika Wells. Wright points out that Opposition leader Peter Dutton has raised speculation that he will back the stage three tax cut changes after saying he won't be taking money away from low and middle income workers. Wells points out that she's hoping for Dutton to support the tax cuts, as upon checking with the people that will be affected by them through a recent mobile office at Stafford City, they were heavily thankful for the move. She states that they have been listening to people who are sharing that they have been suffering with the cost of living payments for 18 months now.

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Channel 9, Today on Saturday, 03/02/2024, Jayne Azzopardi and Clint Stanaway

Interview with Minister for Sport and Aged Care Anika Wells. Stanaway says with Australians feeling the cost of living pinch, new data revealed today that grocery bills are causing much of that stress, as more than 90% of households have had to implement strategies to bring down food costs with annual spending increasing by \$520. Wells points out that they need to get a close look on who or what caused this massive rise in annual grocery spending prices, as she believes that this is a real pressure point for Australian households. Wells says they have spoken with the ACCC on the matter and work out on what's going on.

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4BC, Weekends, 03/02/2024, Spencer Howson

Interview with Anika Wells, Federal Sports Minister and Aged Care. Howson points out that there are speculations that PM Anthony Albanese has lied over the recent tax cuts announcement. Wells defended the PM and said that Labor simply changed their minds or views on the matter, as heard on the recently appearance by the PM on the National Press Club. She mentions going into a mobile office at Stafford City shops earlier this week and they learned from her constituents about it.

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DEPARTMENT

Half of underage drinkers had alcohol supplied by parents

Sun Herald, General News, 04/02/2024, Amber Schultz, Page 3

Nearly one-third of high school students across Australia who had consumed an alcoholic drink did so with parental permission, a new study has found, while nearly half of those who had drunk in the last week of the survey period had the alcohol supplied by a parent. The report prepared by Cancer Council Victoria for the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care surveyed more than 11,000 students in years 7 to 12 in 2022-23 and found underage drinking had hit historic lows.

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

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Caution over psychedelic meds in new approach to trauma

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/02/2024

By Australian Associated Press MDMA may be known as the "party" drug ecstasy and magic mushrooms associated with hippies, but the psychedelic substances now offer hope to Australians living with severe mental illness. Melbourne psychiatrist Eli Kotler is among a handful of Australian doctors able to prescribe psychedelic medication in limited circumstances, and he's the first to admit they have an almost "mystical" appeal.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#).

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CORONAVIRUS

COVID toll highest in a year Flat Earth?

Sunday Times, General News, 04/02/2024, Page 4

At least 55 deaths in January were COVID-related, WA Health claims. As predicted in last weekend's The Sunday Times, it was the highest monthly toll in a year. Eight men and eight women died in the week ending January 28. All were aged over 60. The 16 matched the death toll for the previous week.

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

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4BC, Weekends, 03/02/2024, Spencer Howson

Interview with Shannon Fentiman, Qld Minister of Health. Howson points out that the Chief Health Officer is expected to personally visit each State Hospital to assess COVID-19 safety protocols, following pressure from concerned doctors who claim patients are dying unnecessarily due to ward transmission. Fentiman points out that their hospitals are maintaining very stringent infection control measures to protect its staff and patients, in regards to the spreading of COVID-19. She adds, though, that they have seen a spike in COVID cases and hospitalisations over the last few months, so they know that the best way to protect people and their families is to get themselves vaccinated and boosted.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Australia's oldest person dies, aged 111, in Adelaide

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 04/02/2024, Steven Deare, Page 6

Australia's oldest person, who credited regular walks and the gym for her longevity, has died aged 111 in South Australia. Catherina van der Linden, of Adelaide, passed away after maintaining her active lifestyle until the last few months of her life. South Australia Premier Peter Malinauskas revealed the news on social media platform X and recalled he met Ms van der Linden on her last birthday.

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Oldest Australian dies in Adelaide

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 04/02/2024, Leah Smith, Page 2

4 Tributes are flowing following the death of Adelaide's Catherina van der Linden, aged 111, who was Australia's oldest person. Born in 1912 in The Netherlands, she credited her longevity to an active lifestyle. Mrs van der Linden (nee van Meegan) told The Advertiser before her last birthday that she still enjoyed bike rides - sometimes for up to 10 minutes - and pushing herself to stay active.

Also reported by: [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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Catherina van der Linden, believed to be Australia's oldest person, dies aged 111

ABC Online, Other, 03/02/2024

A South Australian woman believed to have been Australia's oldest living person has died aged 111. Catherina van der Linden died on Australia Day at Southern Cross Care's West Beach Residential Care home, according to a funeral notice.

Similar coverage reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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POPULATION HEALTH

It's peak season for bites, stings and the labs making remedies

Sun Herald, General News, 04/02/2024, Laura Chung, Page 2

Australia is a global leader in producing antivenom, writes Laura Chung. Ollie Kay woke up in the middle of the night and thought he had pins and needles in his arm. [...] The most recent data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows there were more hospitalisations in NSW from venomous plants and animals than anywhere else in the country, with 849 people receiving medical attention in 2017-18.

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

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Vape industry pushes back on retail sales ban

Sun Herald, General News, 04/02/2024, Andrew Taylor, Page 6

Vape shops will continue to operate across Sydney despite state and federal government crackdowns on the importation and sale of e-cigarettes. The state government will back federal laws to drive vape shops out of business but the vaping industry is lobbying politicians to reject a ban on the retail sales of vapes.

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

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E-scooters aren't riskier than bikes yet

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 04/02/2024, Milad Haghani and Clara Zwack, Page 13

E-scooters are a popular new feature of urban mobility, offering an eco-friendly solution with zero

exhaust emissions and agility in city spaces. They make an attractive option for "last-mile" commuting - bridging the gap between public transport and final destinations.

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Kevin is living with an incurable disease. Australian scientists hope a new test may help others

SBS, Other, 03/02/2024, Sandra Fulloon

Australia has one of the world's highest measured rates of mesothelioma — an asbestos-related cancer — with more than 700 people here dying from the disease each year. Could a non-invasive PCR test — similar to those used to detect COVID-19 — be a solution?

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

'I've had doctors who've told me that it wasn't possible that I was in that much pain.'

Sunday Age, General News, 04/02/2024, Jewel Topsfield, Page 1

Fi Macrae has spent years in pain so debilitating she was forced to quit her job as a cake-maker and spend long periods in bed. Sometimes she would go to emergency departments in such excruciating pain she was vomiting. In 2020, three years after she first experienced severe unexplained pelvic and abdominal pain, she was diagnosed with endometriosis, a disease in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows elsewhere in the body.

Also reported by: [Sun Herald \(Sydney\)](#).

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\$8.8m to fight killer cancers

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 04/02/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 4

Victorian researchers investigating cancers with some of the lowest survival rates have received a multimillion-dollar funding boost, in hopes of finding the "next big breakthrough". [...] The government also worked with Ovarian Cancer Australia, awarding funding to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre's Dr Kathleen Pishas.

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Funding to help cancer research

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 04/02/2024, Cydonee Mardon, Page 9

Children and their families fighting a deadly brain cancer have new hope with a \$20m funding injection for research. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler promised the cash injection in response to joint campaigns by families in The Sunday Mail's Sydney stablemate, The Sunday Telegraph, in a major victory for patients battling DIPG and bereaved parents across Australia.

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Frankston Hospital names breast cancer suite after late Peta Murphy

The Courier Mail, Other, 03/02/2024, Mitch Clarke

A new breast cancer imaging service has been named in honour of late federal MP Peta Murphy, who died following a long battle with the illness. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Premier Jacinta Allan on Saturday unveiled the new Peta Murphy Breast Imaging Suite at Frankston Hospital.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Women's and Children's Hospital issue sunburn warning after unprecedented spike of emergency cases

Across several weeks the Women's and Children's Hospital has seen more sunburn patients needing intensive care than previous entire summer seasons. A recent sudden rise in the number of children admitted for hospital care has forced health care authorities to issue a public sun smart reminder.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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Beloved umpire Kiim Parnell honoured as association makes Breast Cancer donation

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/02/2024, Nathaniel Chambers

The NTFL Umpire's Association has paid tribute to one of its beloved members who died from breast cancer ahead of the current footy season. Kiim Parnell, who received a Meritorious Service Award in 2021 for her long time services in the NT Police Force, died on May 16, 2023, after a five year battle with the disease.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Prostate cancer and heart health

The New Daily, Other, 03/02/2024, John Elder

When you look at studies that find exercise lowers cancer risk, they're often framed in terms of which participants were the most active. Because it's the most active participants, generally, who enjoyed the most benefit. And that's good to know. However, by focusing on the high achievers (more exercise! less cancer!) the more modest benefits enjoyed by less active participants tend to be lost.

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Step on board a bone bus for your bones' sake

The Senior, Other, 03/02/2024, Eileen Wood

The Bone Bus might sound a bit like the title of a Stephen King horror novel, but if one comes to a town near you it could be a life saver. A total of 17 bone buses are regularly wending their way around Australia visiting regional, rural and remote communities giving bone scans to people who might otherwise have to travel long distances for the potentially life saving test for osteoporosis and low bone density (known as osteopenia).

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After multiple agonising fractures, Carole now advocates for bone health

The Senior, Other, 03/02/2024, Eileen Wood

Osteopenia and osteoporosis led to years of debilitating fractures and pain for NSW woman Carole David. When she turned 50 the active, health conscious business consultant, had her first bone scan "to mark the significant milestone". The results were surprising.

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PRIMARY CARE

Advocates slam dying law review

Sunday Age, General News, 04/02/2024, Henrietta Cook, Page 1

A review of Victoria's voluntary assisted dying laws has ruled out expanding the scheme to people with dementia and letting doctors initiate conversations about euthanasia with the terminally ill. A mandated five-year review of the law has begun, but the Health Department says it will "not consider changes to the legislation".

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

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Delay your health insurance hikes by a whole year

Sunday Age, Business News, 04/02/2024, Nicole Pedersen-McKinnon, Page 41

We are about to find out by how much our private health insurance premiums will push higher on April 1. Insurers were all due to be told how much they'd approved by January 31, and we can expect a ministerial press release telling us the average and outlining the exact, within days.

Also reported by: [Sun Herald \(Sydney\)](#).

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\$130m hospital plan in disarray after backer bails

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 04/02/2024, David Killick, Page 15

Calvary Health Care announced on Saturday it had abandoned plans to build a 128-bed facility next to the Launceston General Hospital due to rising cost estimates. The hospital was expected to create 1400 direct and indirect jobs and provide services including general medical and surgical services, as well as gastrointestinal, cardiology, oncology, mental health, gynaecology, radiology and pathology, and palliative care and an extended hours GP clinic.

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Mould caught spreading inside major hospital

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/02/2024

Mould has been spreading in a major Brisbane hospital where patients are battling infections. A picture sent to The Courier Mail shows the mould growing on roof panels in the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. The Australian Medical Association warns mould can exacerbate secondary infections.

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New complaint system riles doctors claiming natural justice is being denied

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/02/2024, David Killick

The word is spreading Tasmania is not a friendly place to work for doctors, the AMA says after claiming changes to disciplinary proceedings in the public hospital system denies natural justice. AMA State President Dr John Saul.

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Investigator to probe hospital 'fake patients' claim

Ballarat Courier, Other, 02/02/2024, William Ton

An external investigator will examine an allegation staff and their family members posed as patients at a regional Victorian hospital during a visit by the state's health minister. It is alleged 10 staff or relatives of staff presented to Colac Area Health's urgent care department within half an hour on August 9 when Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas toured the hospital in the state's southwest.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Sad truth on kids' wellbeing

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 04/02/2024, Lauren Novak, Page 9

Australian children are more depressed, anxious and less hopeful than they were during the Covid-19 pandemic, a new survey has revealed. Each year about 140,000 students around the country, in Years 3 to 12, take part in the national Resilience Survey.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

Former teacher fights for curriculum change about BMI

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/02/2024, Claudia Poposki

A mother's concern over her daughter's maths class unit has helped overhaul how schools should handle conversations about weight. Kylie Burton's daughter, who has suffered from anorexia nervosa and has been hospitalised twice, was horrified when her daughter came home from school to reveal Body Mass Index was being talked about in school.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Brain drain warning as Vic offers trainee GPs \$40,000 carrot

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/02/2024, Brad Crouch

Sa must follow Victoria's \$40,000 offer to GPs in training which starts on Monday or risk a brain drain across the border, officials warn. Victorian GPs in training can apply for \$40,000 in incentives from Monday, putting the state government under pressure to match it in South Australia or see a brain drain of young doctors.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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Doctors with disabilities say things need to change in Australia to support more people to study medicine

ABC Online, Other, 03/02/2024, Nick McAllister

Ever since Hannah* was a teen, she had dreamt of a career in medicine. Now a GP in a rural hospital, Hannah's dream has come true — but says her journey to get there has been traumatic. Hannah has battled several diseases for much of her life. Although they have not stopped her from accomplishing all she has set out to achieve, she said the perceptions of others towards her and her disabilities had at times presented both unexpected and significant challenges.

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SPORT

Sports help train the brain

Sun Herald, General News, 04/02/2024, Mary Ward, Page 1

It's a time when many students clear their schedules to focus on academics but research suggests the grades of adolescents involved in sports throughout high school are unlikely to take a hit. In fact, they may even improve. Researchers at the University of Sydney analysed the sports participation and academic performance of more than 4200 children from the age of four through to the age of 21 using data from the federal government's Longitudinal Study of Australian Children.

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Why the NRL could soon BAN player contact at training as concussion protocols increase - in a determined bid from the code to reduce brain injuries

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/02/2024, Andrew Prentice

Heavy contact during training sessions will soon be banned as the NRL looks to reduce the threat of brain injuries stemming from player concussions. The stunning development comes as all 17 NRL clubs have been notified they must film all field sessions this season - and the footage will then be analysed by the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) to determine if any modern day stars are at risk.

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Long distance runner Peter Bol to compete in Australia for first time since doping saga that saw Tokyo star left fighting to clear his name

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/02/2024, Josh Alston and Steve Larkin

Peter Bol will return to racing in Australia next weekend for the first time since his provisional doping ban was lifted. Bol will race in the 1500m at the Adelaide Invitational next Saturday night as he steps up his campaign for this year's Olympic Games.

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

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

The rate at which First Nations women are murdered or go missing is an unfolding crisis

ABC Online, Other, 03/02/2024, Bridget Brennan

This week there was an important breakthrough in a long-running criminal case which is at the heart of an unfolding crisis that few Australians are aware of. Almost 11 years to the day after she went missing in Cape York, a man has been charged with the murder of Ms Bernard, a Kowanyama woman who was last seen in February 2013.

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ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 03/02/2024, Fauziah Ibrahim and Kathryn Robinson

Interview with Meru Shell, epidemiologist. Ibrahim points out that one of the most contagious diseases humans have ever known, in the form of measles, is seeing a resurgence, as significant outbreaks have been reported in India and a few days ago, the World Health Organization reported a 45-fold increase in measles cases in Europe. Shell says that they have seen a number of measles cases in Australia recently, including in NSW, Qld, South Australia, and Vic. She advises people to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Worst fast food chains 'named and shamed'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/02/2024, Elizabeth Pike

Messy kitchens, undercooked meals, and the occasional bout of food poisoning are all risks reluctantly accepted in the pursuit of our favourite fast foods. However there are clearly some franchises at the bottom of the food chain when it comes to food health and safety standards.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Popular ice cream brand recalled over undeclared allergens

9News, Other, 03/02/2024, Josh Hohne

Peters Ice Cream is conducting a recall of the plant-based Hazelnut Chocolate 1-Litre tub at all major retailers in every state. [...] Food Standards Australia warned that "any consumers who have a Milk allergy or intolerance may have an adverse reaction if the product is consumed."

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Puffer fish, toads, mushrooms: The scientists helping solve deadly poisoning plots

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 03/02/2024, Erin Pearson

Above Victoria's mortuary a huge catalogue of more than 1400 drugs and poison samples is helping solve some of the state's most mysterious deaths. From poppyseed tea to puffer fish, toads, magic mushrooms, medicines and illicit drugs the sterilised laboratory inside the state's forensic medicine centre can unearth murder plots, identify dangerous drivers, and help families piece together just what happened during their loved one's final hours.

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