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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian \(page 1\)](#)** reports the Federal Government will increase its commitment in the first year of its new five-year hospital funding agreement by 13.5 per cent rising to a total of \$4 billion in 2025-26. Health Minister Mark Butler said, "The new hospital funding agreement will see more than \$13bn of additional commonwealth funds flow to states beyond what they would otherwise have expected," and is "a much fairer deal for all states."
- **[ABC News](#)** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler is working with state health ministers on strategies to ease demand after multiple medical unions claimed that "bed block" at Royal Hobart Hospital resulted in open-heart surgeries and other important procedures being cancelled.
- **[The Daily Telegraph \(page 12\)](#)** reports that Facebook pages advertising the illegal sale of vapes, which were described by Health Minister Mark Butler as "flouting the law," have been removed by Meta after a determination that they were in violation of Facebook's Community Standards.
- **[The Herald Sun page 12](#)** reports that staff at Colac Area Health who posed as patients during a visit from Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas will be required to undergo counselling, though the Department of Health has released a statement saying that investigators have not recommended individual action for the healthcare workers involved.

- [The Daily Telegraph](#) (online) reports patients attending NSW emergency departments with semi-urgent and non-urgent conditions spent just under five million hours in waiting rooms prompting health officials to encourage Australians to access more appropriate services when available
- [The Adelaide Advertiser](#) ([page 6](#)) reports a woman who was allegedly threatened by a recently discharged mental health patient has called on SA Police and health officials to implement better monitoring protocols
- [The Canberra Times](#) reports that an industrial dispute between the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation and the Victorian state government remains ongoing, with broader action including bed closures and cancellation of elective surgeries a possibility if an agreement is not reached within the next two weeks.
- [The Burnie Advocate](#) ([page 4](#)) reports Tasmanian health and wellness workers have called on the state government to adopt a national code for unregistered health workers to better protect the public from banned interstate providers.

MINISTER BUTLER

PM injects billions for health cure

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 02/05/2024, Jess Malcolm and Michael McKenna, Page 1

Anthony Albanese has offered to increase commonwealth hospital spending by 13.5 per cent in the first year of a new hospital funding agreement, with federal funding to rise by about \$4bn in 2025-26 putting extra pressure on the structural budget deficit. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler did not directly answer questions about the content of the commonwealth's hospital funding offer.

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

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Royal Hobart Hospital bed block sees 51 patients without beds, major surgeries cancelled

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024, Adam Langenberg

Important medical procedures including open heart surgeries have been cancelled at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) due to difficulty moving patients out of the emergency department, multiple medical unions claim. The Australian Medical Association said urgent state and federal government intervention was needed to ease "bed block", which it said had been at an unacceptable level at the hospital for weeks. [...] A spokesperson for federal Health Minister Mark Butler said hospital systems around Australia were "under enormous pressure after a more than four-year-long pandemic".

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Facebook vape fail

Daily Telegraph, General News, 02/05/2024, Sue Dunlevy, Page 12

Social media giant Meta has been forced to take down Facebook pages illegally selling vapes, after the sites were exposed by The Daily Telegraph. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said: "These pages are flouting the law and the government is not going to stand by and let this happen."

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Claims new protocol has reduced ramping

Burnie Advocate, General News, 02/05/2024, Benjamin Seeder, Page 8

The state government has claimed its new ambulance protocol is cutting down on ramping that contributed to the deaths of 136 Tasmanians over the past decade. The transfer of care protocol began on April 22, and introduced a 60-minute time limit for ambulance patients to be transferred to the care

of hospital staff. [...] Mr Barnett said he had contacted federal Health Minister Mark Butler to request an urgent meeting with the federal government.

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Prescription vape manufacturers call for flavoured products as senate hears of heart risk levels

Herald Sun, Other, 01/05/2024, Ellen Ransley

Fruit-flavoured prescription-only nicotine vapes for adults wanting to move away from cigarettes should be made available, manufacturers have told senators, as they throw their support behind new legislation aimed at stamping out the black market. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has led the crackdown on vaping.

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GPs left to own devices on family violence training as scourge grows

Herald Sun, Other, 30/04/2024, Aneeka Simonis

Calls for mandatory family violence training for GPs have been ignored by the federal government, despite the findings of numerous homicide investigations where women who made disclosures of violence to their doctor were not helped – and later killed. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has now written to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency asking it undertake a review of mandatory family violence training programs.

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Government reverses plan on medical device fees

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024, Ben Silvester

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has reversed a plan that would have hiked the cost of C-sections and life-saving breast cancer surgeries for private medical patients. The government was on the verge of removing about 500 "general use items" - items such as surgical staples, sutures and sponges - from the federal prostheses list, which forces insurance companies to cover their cost.

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Can't afford the doctor? Here's how to save money on your next visit

SBS, Other, 01/05/2024, Ricardo Goncalves, Gavin Butler and Peggy Giakoumelos

A growing number of Australians are foregoing GP visits due to the rising cost of healthcare. For those who can't access bulk-billing, there are other ways to save money. [...] The federal government this week released data showing that the number of bulk-billed visits to GPs rose as much as 2.1 per cent since they tripled incentives for doctors to take bulk-billed appointments in November – results that health minister Mark Butler hailed as "a win all round – for patients, doctors and the health system".

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ABC Radio Hobart, 17:00 News, 01/05/2024

Tasmanian Health Minister Guy Barnett says he's asked for an urgent meeting with his federal counterpart to discuss bed blocks in the state's public hospitals. Medical unions say bed block, where there are not enough available beds to admit new patients, has been worsening at the Royal Hobart Hospital for the past fortnight. Barnett says he called federal Health Minister Mark Butler this morning to request an urgent meeting to address the issue.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Multimillion-dollar centre to bolster research and treatment of debilitating disorder

Sunshine Coast News, Other, 02/05/2024, Meta Time

The University of the Sunshine Coast has officially opened an \$18.5 million facility aimed at addressing one of Australia's most pressing mental health issues. The National PTSD Research Centre, the first of its kind in the country, was formally launched on Wednesday to help experts understand, educate, advocate and treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride said world-class PTSD research required support.

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WIN Ballarat , WIN News, 01/05/2024, Bruce Roberts

People living in rural and remote Australia often have poor health outcomes and less access to services compared to their metro counterparts, according to fresh data. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Analysis to the 2022 Australian Bureau of Statistics National Health Survey, alcohol, smoking, arthritis and mental health issues are the most significant health concerns taking a toll on rural communities. Emma McBride, Rural and Regional Health Minister, says she knows that there is still a lot more to do but they are working on a pipeline across medical students in training.

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WIN Cairns, WIN News Far North Queensland, 01/05/2024, Lincoln Humphries

Australians living in rural and remote communities have higher rates of hospitalisations, illnesses, deaths and injuries than people living in major cities. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare analysis of the 2022 Australian Bureau of Statistics National Health Survey, alcohol, smoking, arthritis and mental health issues are the most significant health concerns taking a toll on rural communities.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

\$25m program to tackle nurses' burnout

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 01/05/2024

Health professionals around the world have been put under immense pressure over the last few years, supporting the community through the pandemic. In a recent Australian survey, seven out of 10 frontline workers reported symptoms of severe or moderate burnout. [...] "Australia's healthcare system is powered by the sweat, hearts and expertise of nurses and midwives — it's vital that we look after the health and wellbeing of the people who look after us," said Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney MP.

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DEPARTMENT

Nominate champ for Medicare's milestone

Bankstown Canterbury Torch, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 8

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Medicare and to celebrate the occasion, the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care is honouring 'Medicare Champions' with the Stronger Medicare Awards. Medicare Champions are individuals and practices that go above and beyond to benefit patients.

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Updated aged care act put on hold

The Senior - SA, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 3

A new Aged Care Act will be delayed as the federal government takes more time to listen to feedback about it in draft form. The new Act, which would replace three others, will outline the rights of older people considering and already using aged care services, help ensure the right services are given and make providers more accountable. [...] The new Act will put older people who need aged care at the centre of the system, the Department of Health and Aged Care says.

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New standards a 'roadmap' for the sector

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/05/2024, Christopher Kelly

Implementation of the strengthened quality standards – delayed to an unknown future date – will 'put the client at the centre 'of care. The new strengthened quality standards will clarify what is expected of aged care providers, delegates attending the Aged & Community Care Providers Association's Queensland conference have been told this week. [...] "The strengthened standards have been finalised and will come into effect in line with the commencement of the new Aged Care Act," a spokesperson from the Department of Health and Aged Care told Australian Ageing Agenda They added: "Introduction and commencement timeframes relating to the Bill for the new Aged Care Act are decisions for government."

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Clarity on aged care on-site pharmacist skills revealed

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 01/05/2024, Chloe Hava

New credentialing requirements announced as pharmacists prepare to take on aged care roles. The federal Department of Health and Aged Care has announced that pharmacists will need an Aged Care credential to become an aged care on-site pharmacist.

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Game to lift ADHD awareness Deficit

Business News WA, Other, 01/05/2024, Kate Raynes-Goldie

A new game that gives players the chance to experience how the world looks to those with ADHD has just hit the market. Technology, Innovation & Science A new, story-driven video game that immerses players into the lived experience of a person with ADHD has been released. [...] While the number of those diagnosed with ADHD is not tracked in Australia, according to documents released by the Department of Health and Aged Care last year, prescriptions for ADHD medications more than doubled between 2018 and 2022.

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Don't chill out this winter: be active, social and immunised Advertising

Feature

Tasmanian Examiner, Other, 01/05/2024

If you haven't prepared for winter already, now is the time. While we may not be collecting nuts or making a den to hibernate in like some of the animal kingdom or chopping firewood as some people do expecting to spend months covered in snow, there are a number of things you can do to stay warm and healthy, both physically and mentally. [...] The Australian government's Department of Health and Aged Care points out the annual influenza vaccine is free through the National Immunisation Program for all adults 65 years and over, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults, and people with specific medical conditions.

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Mourning Adelaide mum slams Centrelink's 'unfair' rule for grieving parents

The Mercury, Other, 01/05/2024, Alexandra Feiam

"I'm just angry, it's disgusting. It's a full baby. [...] Any loss that occurs before the 20-week mark is considered a miscarriage, according to the Department of Health and Aged Care. The trauma she experienced was just as distressing as losing a baby at 20 weeks, she added.

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Healthcare crisis: Regional Australia's urgent call for action

Wimmera Mail Times, Other, 01/05/2024, Anne Webster

Healthcare is in crisis across regional Australia. This week in my role as Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health, I met with medical professionals and service providers in Rockhampton, Queensland.

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CORONAVIRUS

Quarantine case against government collapses

Age, General News, 02/05/2024, Alex Crowe, David Estcourt and Aisha Dow, Page 1

No one will be held criminally responsible for a COVID-19 outbreak from hotel quarantine that led to the death of 768 people and one of the world's longest lockdowns, after a case against the Victorian Department of Health collapsed. The department claimed victory yesterday after the County Court ruled 10 witness statements made to a public inquiry into the bungled hotel quarantine scheme were inadmissible, prompting the Office of Public Prosecutions (OPP) to drop all 32 charges.

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The long path of long COVID

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024

It's been more than four years since Covid first appeared and upended our lives, but for thousands of Australians, Long Covid has left them dealing with symptoms long after the original infection. What do we know, and what we still need to know, about the symptoms, the treatment, and the policies around Long Covid?

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Case against fatal Vic hotel quarantine falls apart

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024

National cabinet announces returned overseas travellers must complete 14 days of hotel quarantine. Victoria decides to use private security guards in the program

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

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How criminal case against Victoria's health department over bungled

Covid-19 hotel quarantine scheme fell apart at the last minute

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 01/05/2024, Callum Godde

Criminal charges over Victoria's fatally flawed COVID-19 hotel scheme have been dropped, with the workplace watchdog criticising the decision by prosecutors. Worksafe charged the Department of Health in September 2021 with 58 breaches of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, after a 15-month investigation into the bungled system.

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'Not an anti-vax manifesto': Shock as COVID-19 vax sceptics latch onto AJGP article

Australian Doctor, Other, 01/05/2024, Heather Saxena

One Nation Senator Malcolm Roberts claimed the opinion piece had 'stunning revelations'. Politicians and bloggers opposed to COVID-19 vaccines are claiming an article in the RACGP's house journal has exposed the 'truth' about vaccines.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Partner homicide rates have fallen, but one statistic hasn't

Australian Financial Review, General News, 02/05/2024, Tom Burton, Page 7

The rate of women killed by their partner has fallen by two-thirds over the last 34 years, but a lack of clarity on the reasons behind the decline underscores the difficulty of combatting deadly violence.

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Two new health facilities pledged

Northern Territory News, General News, 02/05/2024, Fia Walsh, Page 3

The Northern Territory's health budget will grow by \$200m to \$2.2bn this year, and include plans to build two new health facilities in Palmerston and Borroloola. Preparation work for a 120 bed aged-care facility in Palmerston will begin, with \$10m invested to service land in the Palmerston Regional Health Precinct for the new facility, and \$2m going toward the design of the facility.

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Claims protocol has reduced ramping

Launceston Examiner, General News, 02/05/2024, Benjamin Seeder, Page 2

The state government has claimed its new ambulance protocol is cutting down on ramping that contributed to the deaths of 136 Tasmanians over the past decade. The transfer of care protocol began on April 22, and introduced a 60-minute time limit for ambulance patients to be transferred to the care of hospital staff.

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Not enough homes meet disability standards, says union

Launceston Examiner, General News, 02/05/2024, Hugh Bohane, Page 7

Only one in five properties built in Tasmania over the past five years (22 per cent) meets the proper disability 'gold' housing standards. Data released from Homes Tasmania shows that over the last five years, 218 social housing properties have been built across Northern Tasmania, of which 2 out of 5 (44 per cent) met at least the minimum accessibility building design.

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Age-old problems set to haunt

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Mark Woodland, Page 37

Pressures on the 'sandwich generation' caring for ageing parents and children will worsen over the next decade, according to healthcare start-up CEO Mark Woodland. Our ageing population, increased

cost of living and onerous red tape means more Australians will be forced to forego caring for their parents to take care of their own families.

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Wellbeing not supported

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 12

Every effort is required to better secure the wellbeing and safety of older Australians, according to the country's new Age Discrimination Commissioner. Robert Fitzgerald said his priorities are eliminating ageism and age discrimination in workplaces and in the health and social service sectors, improving protections against the abuse of older persons, and seeing anti-discrimination laws harmonised at state and commonwealth levels.

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Aged care residents finding their groove

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 46

Holly residents are putting a twist on the traditional concert at aged care homes, making dancing and singing a daily ritual but are doing so silently. The Queensland home added Moove and Groove to their program so residents don headphones and enjoy a shared music and movement experience while on the move.

Also reported by: [The Senior - WA \(Perth\)](#), [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Sector nearing 'largest period of consolidation' in history

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/05/2024, Natasha Egan

The number of mergers and acquisitions in the aged care sector over the last two years shows a steady return to 2015 peak levels and marks the early stage of a larger consolidation process "that will reshape the sector", according to a new industry report. The report – Deal Tracker – is an initiative of aged care consultants Ansell Strategic that lists the latest merger and acquisition activity among aged care and retirement living organisations and highlights the trends, risks and opportunities.

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How to navigate aged care and make the right decisions

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024, Rachel Lane

Navigating aged care decisions for yourself or a loved one can be a minefield. Many people fail to plan for aged care and so decisions are often made under immense time pressure and at a time when emotions are running high, a lethal combination for effective decision making.

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The rising form of elder abuse that's tearing families apart

The Senior, Other, 01/05/2024, Eileen Wood

Maria* is a grandmother with a broken heart. Her son and daughter-in-law have restricted access to her two much-loved grandchildren to such an extent that at Easter she was only allowed five minutes with them outside their home so she could hand over chocolate bunnies and other gifts.

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Editorial: Aussies' lifespans soar sparking retirement dilemmas

The Senior, Other, 01/05/2024, Desiree Savage

Another month goes by and another research paper confirms Australians are living their fullest lives and living longer. But what if you're already well into your 90s, surpassing the nation's average life expectancy (83.2 years in 2021), and you hadn't planned to?

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

POPULATION HEALTH

An eye to cutting booze

Daily Telegraph, General News, 02/05/2024, Page 6

A couple of beers after work or two glasses of wine with dinner can put Australians at a greater risk of suffering serious eye issues. The Macular Disease Foundation says consuming more than 12g of alcohol a day, which is less than one large glass of wine or a large beer, is linked to a greater risk of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) or irreversible vision loss.

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Alcohol guidelines behind the science

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Cathy O'Leary, Page 20

Cutting back on alcohol is a no-brainer according to a global review of the latest evidence about the health effects. Times have changed since the prevailing thought that drinking red wine was good for you, especially for the heart.

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Arm yourself against flu

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/05/2024, Anthony Caggiano, Page 18

Flu season has kicked off early with 26,836 influenza cases already reported by the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) in the first quarter of 2024. By February, case numbers were double those reported for the same time in 2023.

Also reported by: [The Senior - NSW \(National\)](#), [The Senior - QLD \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Smoking can now be banned on balconies in raft of changes impacting Queensland unit residents

7news.com.au, Other, 01/05/2024, Warren Barnsley

The new laws came into effect on Wednesday. Here's what you need to know.

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Queensland laws crack down on outdoor smoking in apartments

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 01/05/2024, James Dowling

Smoko on the balcony will be a thing of the past for many Queenslanders as a raft of laws gives more authority to body corporates. Announced in November, the sweeping reforms sought to empower body corporates, while giving more people the chance to own pets.

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Could public health campaigns help to reduce domestic and family violence.

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024, Sally Sara

Campaigns against issues such smoking, drink driving and skin cancer have saved thousands of lives. Featured: Professor Terry Slevin, CEO Public Health Association of Australia.

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McLaren points out that the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, a government body, mentioned that Indigenous women are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family-related assaults as other Australian females.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Thin tinted line in sight fight

The Nightly, General News, 01/05/2024, Charlotte Dovey, Page 28

Every morning, ophthalmologist Dr Susan Sarangapani does two things without fail: she applies SPF50 sunscreen to her face, arms and hands, then puts on sunglasses. [...] Back in 2007, the Australian Cancer Council added the words "seek" and "slide" (seek shade and slide on sunglasses) to its famous Slip, Slop, Slap campaign, launched in the 1980s to tackle our position of having the world's highest rates of skin cancer.

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A 'super gene' to help the elderly

Herald Sun, General News, 02/05/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 8

A super gene that may lower the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease (AD) by as much as 70 per cent has been identified by US researchers, who said it could take treatment in a whole new direction. The team from Columbia University said the protective variant, which appears to allow toxic forms of amyloid out of the brain and through the blood-brain barrier, supports evidence that the brain's blood vessels play a large role in AD.

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Calls for breast density reporting

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 4

All women having routine mammography should be told if they have dense breasts and are of greater risk of breast cancer, the peak body for radiologists says. In a position statement published last December, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists joined calls for widespread breast density reporting to inform patients of their particular risk.

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Pregnancy issues link

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 4

Curtin University research has revealed a link between miscarriage and the increased risk of developing complications of gestational diabetes and high blood pressure-related disorders in later pregnancies. Researchers from the Curtin School of Population Health analysed 52 studies involving more than 4 million pregnancies across 22 countries to investigate the health impacts of miscarriage, abortion and recurrent pregnancy loss on subsequent pregnancies.

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Mapping for ovarian cancer

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 10

Perth researchers have discovered that some ovarian cancer cells appear to tell the immune system to 'stay away' from them. A project involving researchers from the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, St John of God Subiaco Hospital, Curtin University, Clinipath, UWA and Edith Cowan University found that ovarian tumours alter their local environment by changing the sets of messages they send to cells nearby. [...] The research was funded by Cancer Council WA, the Cancer Research Trust and funds raised by participants in the Perkins' major fundraising event, the MACA Cancer 200 Ride for Research.

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Ovarian endometriomas

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Dr Sean Copson, Page 46

Endometriosis affects one in seven women and is more common in certain groups, affecting 50% of women with chronic pelvic pain, 40% of women with subfertility and 25% of transgender men. Symptoms include pelvic pain, dysmenorrhoea, dyschezia, dyspareunia, fatigue and subfertility.

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Scientists one step closer to nanotechnology insulin pill breakthrough

9News, Other, 01/05/2024, Mikala Theocharous

A team of international researchers is one step closer to an oral insulin pill to help treat more than 1.3 million Australians with diabetes. An estimated 75 million people worldwide inject themselves with insulin roughly 6-7 times a day.

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VIDEO : Prostate cancer kills more than ten Australians everyday

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024

Adelaide researchers have made a discovery they say would allow them to more accurately identify prostate cancer in its early stages.

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Adelaide research breakthrough hopes to provide more accurate prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024, Anisha Pillarisetty and Evelyn Leckie

Adelaide man Andrew Bills considers himself lucky, after an early diagnosis of prostate cancer five years ago. "A lot of people say, 'You don't worry about getting prostate cancer until you're over 60'.

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Macular Disease Foundation warns more than one drink a day can lead to vision loss

Adelaide Now, Other, 01/05/2024, Duncan Evans

Aussies who consume more than one glass of wine or beer a day are putting themselves at serious risk of developing a debilitating disease. A new review from the Macular Disease Foundation shows consuming more than 12kg of alcohol per day affects age-related macular degeneration.

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

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WEHI team delivers a 'Muhammad Ali' blow to acute myeloid leukaemia

The Courier Mail, Other, 01/05/2024, Robyn Riley

A discovery that delivers a double blow to blood cancer cells, offering new hope for acute myeloid leukaemia patients, has been hailed the Muhammad Ali of treatments. There has been a significant increase in younger people being diagnosed with cancer.

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One in five missing out on life-saving radiation therapy

The Senior, Other, 01/05/2024, Rowan Cowley

Leading oncologists are calling for improved access to radiation therapy , with data revealing one in five patients are missing out on the life-saving treatment option. About 50-60 per cent of cancer patients require radiation therapy as part of their treatment plan, but 20 per cent who should be receiving it in line with best practice care do not.

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PRIMARY CARE

EDs clogged with patients

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 02/05/2024, Lucy Rutherford and Eva Blandis, Page 12

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Ramping death inquest hears from paramedic about patient Bernard Skeffington's rapid deterioration

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024, Jordanna Schriever and Olivia Mason

A paramedic involved in the care of a man who died after being ramped outside of the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) has described his rapid deterioration as a "frantic situation". Erin Pankoke today gave evidence in a coronial inquest into three ramping-related deaths

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Non-urgent patients facing almost five million hours in NSW emergency departments

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/05/2024, James Dowling

NSW semi-urgent and non-urgent hospital patients spent just under five million hours in emergency departments statewide last year, research from NCA NewsWire shows. The 4.96 million-hour health burden, sourced through Bureau of Health Information data, comes as NSW hospitals face an unprecedented statewide strain.

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Government, union welcome latest ramping statistics across state

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 01/05/2024

The State Government's introduction of a 60-minute ambulance transfer is well and truly underway, and the Health Minister has claimed an early victory. What the stats show.

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Dr Eve Hopping tells inquest into ramping deaths doctors are free to see patients but they can't physically fit into emergency

The Courier Mail, Other, 01/05/2024, Lucy Rutherford and Eva Blandis

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Paramedic Stacey White tells inquest nasal procedure could have saved life of patient ramped at RAH

The Mercury, Other, 01/05/2024, Charlie Dadds

One procedure could have saved the life of a man ramped in the back of an ambulance – but a court has heard paramedics can't do it. An elderly man may still be alive if SA paramedics were allowed to perform a lifesaving procedure on conscious patients, an inquest has heard.

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Our lethal health fail

Herald Sun, General News, 02/05/2024, Athos Sirianos, Page 1

A CFA volunteer who died after a cardiac arrest waited more than three hours for paramedics due to "systemic" delays across the healthcare system. Five ambulances sent to Robert Spencer the night he died in February 2022 were diverted to "more urgent" cases.

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Hospital duped minister with pretend patients

Age, General News, 02/05/2024, Rachel Eddie, Page 5

Ten staff members at a regional hospital sat in the waiting room and a fake patient was triaged from an ambulance into urgent care to give the impression the centre was busier than it was during a visit from the health minister. Wise Workplace Solutions has finalised its investigation into the fake patient saga, revealed by the Colac Herald, stemming from Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas' visit to Colac Area Health on August 9 last year.

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Patient 'fakes' given a smack

Herald Sun, General News, 02/05/2024, Mitch Clarke and Carly Douglas, Page 12

All staff at a regional hospital where some workers posed as patients during a ministerial visit in a bid to prove the service was busy will be forced to undergo counselling. A long-awaited Department of Health investigation into the "fake patients" scandal at Colac Area Health has found that while the stunt had no impact on patient care, it could have done.

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Staff at Colac Area Health posed as fake patients to make urgent care ward look busy

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024

An investigation by the Health Department has found staff at a Colac health clinic pretended to be patients during a visit from the health minister last year. The Department of Health said approximately 10 staff members posed as patients in order to make the Colac Area Health Urgent Care Centre look busier than it was.

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Fake patients in waiting room, ambulance for ruse

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024

Health workers posed as patients in a waiting room, arrived by ambulance and lay on a trolley in a corridor feigning illness during a ruse to make a regional clinic look busy for a ministerial visit. About 10 staff posed as patients at Colac Area Health's Urgent Care Centre in August 2023, a Victorian Health Department probe has found.

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

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Health Minister slams Colac Area Health fake patient farce

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/05/2024, Blair Jackson

Healthcare workers who posed as fake patients during a Health Minister's visit so their clinic would look

busier will have to do counselling. Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas said one of the posers arrived by ambulance as she delivered a report on the incident.

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Colac Area Health staff avoid major punishment for 'fake patient' scandal during minister visit

The Courier Mail, Other, 01/05/2024, Mitch Clarke and Carly Douglas

Staff at a regional hospital who posed as patients during a visit by Victoria's health minister — including one who arrived in an ambulance — have been ordered to undergo counselling, the Department of Health has ruled. Staff at a regional hospital who posed up as fake patients in a bid to prove the service was busy during a ministerial visit will be forced to undergo counselling.

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Healthy hospital staff posed as 'fake' patients for Victorian minister's visit, investigation confirms

The Guardian, Other, 01/05/2024

Staff members at a regional hospital posed as "fake patients" to make their urgent care clinic appear busier during a visit by the Victorian health minister last year, an investigation has found. The health minister, Mary-Anne Thomas on Wednesday told reporters an investigation into her visit to Colac area health's urgent care clinic on 9 August 2023, had been completed and the staff would not be sanctioned.

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Pressures at RHH impact surgeries

Burnie Advocate, General News, 02/05/2024, Page 5

'Extreme' pressures at the Royal Hobart Hospital's emergency department this week are starting to impact even patients from the North and North-West travelling down for surgery, a director of the Australian Medical Association said. AMA spokesman Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel said every morning this week, between 30 and 40 patients have been waiting for hours to get beds, with the backlog resulting in the cancellation of "lifesaving surgeries" and exacerbating strain on the system.

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Gold Coast Urgent Care Clinic Expands

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 3

The Gold Coast's only Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) has opened its extended premises to patients since mid-April at Oxenford. It's open every day from 8am - 10pm to provide walkin, bulk-billed urgent medical care for non-emergency situations when people can't secure a regular appointment with their GP.

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Jodi's mum spent her final days at home in remote Queensland. She wants everyone to have that chance

7news.com.au, Other, 01/05/2024, Stephanie Gardiner

'It was everything.' Jodi Hamilton's mum always told her the roar of a Royal Flying Doctor Service plane was the sound of a lifeline.

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Help far away for Moree children, in both time and distance

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024, Lydia Roberts

When Moree mum Katherine McLane realised her son Jacob needed specialist care, she didn't think she'd have to wait a year and drive to the Gold Coast to see a paediatrician. "We noticed at an early age Jacob had some learning difficulties," said Ms McLane, who is training in child education.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 9, Nine News, 01/05/2024, Alicia Loxley and Tom Steinfort

Criminal charges against the state government department over its deadly hotel quarantine failings have been quietly dropped. The Health Department had been committed to stand trial on 58 charges over its botched hotel quarantine programme that led to the deaths of 768 people back in 2020. WorkSafe is deeply disappointed by the decision to walk away if this occurred anywhere else in the Victorian community, you would rightly expect that a prosecution would follow.

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Channel 9, Today, 01/05/2024, David Campbell and Sylvia Jeffreys

Interview with Dr Michael Bonning, AMA NSW President. Campbell points out that last week alone, 317 children visited NSW hospitals with Pneumonia, which he believes are concerning numbers. Bonning says what they see every winter period is that there are increases of the numbers of children and adults presenting to emergency departments, however, this is more significant and its higher than they could normally see.

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Channel 9 Darwin, Nine News, 01/05/2024, Paul Murphy

A government boost to the Tas Government budget is set to target remote communities, Palmerston Hospital, and the health service overall, however, tonight there are growing concerns that a \$2.2b cash splash for the sector will impact the Territory's bottomline. The AMA is welcoming the changes and is hoping it will reduce the number of code yellows in Territory hospitals.

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2GB, Afternoons, 01/05/2024, Michael McLaren

McLaren mentions ten Colac Area Health staff members, who've worked in other sections of the hospitals, as reported, have also attended the urgent care clinic during the visit, sitting in the waiting room, in regards to a story from listener Collette. He states that those staff members might be pretending to be patients.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 01/05/2024, Leon Compton

Tasmania's health and Community Services Union says the state must offer competitive salaries to allied health workers in order to address ambulance ramping issues at major hospitals. The Australian Medical Association says the Royal Hobart Hospital is in crisis because of a lack of available ward and emergency department beds for new patients.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 01/05/2024, Leon Compton

Compton points out that according to AMA Tas' Dr Michael Lumsden Steel, there were doZENS of people in the Royal Hobart Hospital in a bed who didn't need to be there. as the hospital is suffering from bed shortages.

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Victim anger at being 'fobbed off'

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 02/05/2024, Kathryn Bermingham, Page 6

A woman allegedly threatened with a knife by a mental health patient has accused the Police Commissioner of trying to "fob off" her concerns after he insisted police "did their job" but were unaware the patient had been released from hospital. A frustrated Carol Hartlett, director of Century 21 The Bay real estate agency, said police should have made inquiries about patient Lisa Bowes' whereabouts after Ms Hartlett reported receiving a threatening phone call on the morning of Monday, April 22.

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League set to stage inaugural mental health awareness round

Border Mail, General News, 02/05/2024, Brent Godde, Page 32

The Hume Football-Netball League will stage its first mental health awareness round this weekend. Howlong Football-Netball club annually holds an Odd Socks Day in memory of late Howlong netballer Aimee Koehler, to raise money for Headspace Albury Wodonga.

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Calls for insurers to lift game

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 02/05/2024, Page 10

Townsville's Mater Hospital is calling for reforms to private health insurance guidelines in order to improve access to and the affordability of mental healthcare services. Statistics show the Townsville region has higher rates of psychological distress than other parts of Northern Queensland.

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Project builds kids' own resilience skills

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 02/05/2024, Daneka Hill, Page 11

A staggering 40 per cent of NQ high-schoolers are reporting high levels of depression and anxiety symptoms, and primary schoolers aren't far behind with 3 in 10 also reporting symptoms. Those figures come from a Townsville study performed by the Resilience Project, which has tracked the state of youth mental health after partnering with the North Queensland Cowboys to deliver an innovative school program.

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Menopause and mental illness - it is a thing!

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Cathy O'Leary, Page 12

A series of papers in a prominent medical journal claiming menopause is being over-medicalised has set the cat among the pigeons in one of the most debated areas of women's health. Hormone replacement therapy and controversy seem to go hand in hand.

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Adults become lonelier from age 50, say scientists

Australian Financial Review, Other, 01/05/2024, Sarah Knapton

Adults start to get lonelier from around the age of 50, after a flurry of social activity in early middle age, scientists have found. An analysis of nine long-term studies of nearly 130,000 people from Western countries found a striking "U-shaped" pattern...

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Former Mental Health Australia chair speaks out on 'continued inaction' from government

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/05/2024

Former Mental Health Australia chair speaks out on 'continued inaction' from government 'Dismissing a coach is never easy': Rabbitohs CEO ... Former Mental Health Australia chair Matt Berriman says Australians are seeing "continued inaction" from the Albanese government across "so many social issues".

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Military staff face higher suicide risk: commission

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 30/04/2024, Dominic Giannini

Three Australian military personnel or veterans are taking their lives each fortnight and men in the defence service face a higher risk of suicide. Research conducted by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide also found serving male members of the Australian Defence Force are 30 per cent more likely to commit suicide compared to their employed counterparts in the general population.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Nurse pay fight continues with action threatened

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024, Holly Hales and Rachael Ward

Victorian hospitals could be thrown into chaos with one in four beds shut and planned surgeries cancelled if an industrial dispute drags on. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation has rejected an offer of a three per cent pay rise from the state government and an annual \$1500 payment.

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Keeping GPs in the bush

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/05/2024, Stephanie Gardiner, Page 12

A folk band, a soccer team, good surf and avoiding awkward conversations in the supermarket aisle are all things that help keep doctors in rural towns. The retention of GPs in country areas has long been elusive, but research aiming to help address rural shortages has found a doctor's sense of belonging is critical.

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Access to more bulk-bill doctors

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 02/05/2024, Madura McCormack , Page 3

Queenslanders gained access to about 40,000 more bulkbilled GP appointments a month since the federal government's changes to incentives, new data has revealed. Doctors groups have heralded the uplift in bulk-billed appointments but called for more support from the federal government in the upcoming budget, particularly for mental health.

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Advocate calls for national code

Burnie Advocate, General News, 02/05/2024, Isabel Bird, Page 4

The highly personal, oneto-one interactions between unregistered health workers and their clients means better protections are needed in Tasmania, says an advocate. The issue of massage sexual assault was reported last month, following complaint to the state's health watchdog about a masseuse.

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CPSU wants more health workers to address 'workforce crisis'

Canberra Times, Other, 01/05/2024, Lucy Bladen

The Community and Public Sector Union says Canberra is in desperate need of more health workers, with its members saying it was the top issue heading into the October ACT election. The union has kicked off a campaign, saying the demand for health care exceeds the current staff.

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'It's getting worse': Ambulance deployment supervisor comes forward over chronic understaffing

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/05/2024, Amber Wilson

"You just feel so helpless. They call you because they need you, and you let them down."

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Staying on the road

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/05/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 10

If Jacques Morin was living with type 1 diabetes instead of type 2 he could be \$100 a week better off. That's how much the continuous glucose monitoring sensor system, the 59-year-old truckie uses to monitor his blood sugars while he drives his 60 tonne rig, costs him.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

WA gears up for a digital world

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Eric Martin, Page 26

The time for head scratching is coming to an end as major WA health providers sign up for a digital revolution. Government and private West Australian healthcare providers are taking the leap to modernise their digital systems in a bid for greater efficiency as well as safety.

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Group has designs on the Games

Courier Mail, Business News, 02/05/2024, Page 22

A consortium of the top four architecture, landscape, planning and design institutes in Australia is calling on the Queensland Government to establish a Design Coordination Unit for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Consortium representative Tessa Leggo said they want the state government to set up the unit within the office of the Queensland Government Architect, similar to what occurred during the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

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Playing games on transparency

Herald Sun, Editorials, 02/05/2024, Page 18

Perpetrating one scandal in order to cover up another is hardly an act of good governance. Yet that is exactly the stonewalling tactic employed by Premier Jacinta Allan and her government in responding to an inquiry into the Commonwealth Games saga, with the incredible waste that resulted and the international embarrassment it represented.

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New guidelines support safe decisions

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Dr Sarah Hellewell, Page 31

New guidelines for concussion management in community and youth sport provide a realistic guide, according to Curtin University expert Dr Sarah Hellewell, PhD. The Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Sports Commission have recently released the Concussion and Brain Health Position Statement, which provides a unified framework for managing concussion and return to play for community and youth athletes across different sports.

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Sixteen years after her only Paralympics, kayaker Kathleen O'Kelly-Kennedy wants a ticket to Paris

ABC Online, Other, 01/05/2024, Amanda Shalala

Even at 14, Kathleen O'Kelly-Kennedy was doing everything she could to be a part of the Paralympics. In the lead up to Sydney 2000, O'Kelly-Kennedy spent a year fundraising and chasing sponsors to ensure 12 young people with disability could attend the Games.

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Channel 9, Today, 01/05/2024, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo

Port Adelaide's Jeremy Finlayson wishes he could take back that homophobic slur he levelled at an Essendon player in round four. Finlayson is now free to play showdown 55 against the crows tomorrow night. That will be huge at Adelaide Oval.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Breakfast, 01/05/2024, Loretta Ryan and Craig Zonca

Interview with Tessa Leggo, Consortium spokesperson. Ryan says consortium of the top four architecture, landscape planning and design institutes have joined forces to call on the Queensland Government to set up a design coordination unit for the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic games, which will ensure long-lasting benefits. Leggo believes that they need to have a group that has the oversight and the ability to have the long design overarching view.

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Move more, sit less and sleep a lot

Age, General News, 02/05/2024, Lauren Ironmonger, Page 12

When it comes to living healthier, a lot of the advice feels like common sense. Move more, sit less, make sure to get enough sleep but not too much.

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

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Mothers who breastfeed can save the planet: ANU study

Canberra Times, General News, 02/05/2024, Bageshri Savyasachi, Page 3

Melissa Mann did not know how to breastfeed her newborn son before she was discharged from hospital, like many new mothers in the region. She said she didn't have support from doctors or midwives after giving birth, and felt like a failure because she struggled to feed her baby.

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The Evolving Landscape of Hormonal Management in Endometriosis

Medical Forum, General News, 01/05/2024, Page 45

Endometriosis is a complex and often debilitating condition affecting millions worldwide. Characterised by the growth of endometrial-like tissue outside the uterus, it can lead to chronic pelvic pain, dysmenorrhoea, and infertility.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 01/05/2024, Alicia Loxley and Tom Steinfort

Australian researchers are close to trialling a breakthrough insulin pill and their innovation will make life easier for people with diabetes. A trial is now planned in the new year for adults with type one diabetes.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

For 25 years, Cape York women had to travel 800km to give birth. That's about to change

SBS, Other, 01/05/2024

Weipa Hospital's new birthing services will open on May 22, delivering access to expectant mothers both in the hospital and on Country. Travelling during the last month of pregnancy - or if suffering early complications - has caused disruption for mums, their partners and families for decades in the far north region.

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Family violence: First Nations women 33 times more likely to be hospitalised than non-Indigenous women

The Guardian, Other, 02/05/2024, Josh Nicholas

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are disproportionately affected by family and domestic violence. In 2021-22, Indigenous women aged 15 and over were 33 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family violence than non-Indigenous women. Indigenous men were 27 times more likely than non-Indigenous men.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

HBF tightens belt

West Australian, General News, 02/05/2024, Daniel Newell, Page 3

WA's biggest private health insurer has shocked customers with changes that will strip away coverage for a raft of weight-loss treatments. HBF told its policyholders on Wednesday that it would no longer pay benefits under its non-PBS pharmaceuticals extras cover for injectable medication Saxenda, and pills Contrave and Duromine.

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Vyvanse shortage 'resolved'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 01/05/2024, Ajp Staff

Takeda Pharmaceuticals Australia is reporting that supply shortages are no longer impacting its Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine dimesilate) capsules. Shortages had impacted various strengths of the medication, with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) reporting that supplies of Vyvanse 50mg capsules had been resolved as of 7 March,

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FOOD STANDARDS

Health bar recalled

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 02/05/2024, Page 7

A health bar has been recalled from Woolworths stores nationwide over fears about the presence of plastic. Food Standards Australia issued a recall on Wednesday for 28GO Go Bar triple choc protein 55g energy bars.

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Authorities issue urgent national recall for Mr Lees Noodles Coconut Chicken Laksa

7news.com.au, Other, 01/05/2024, Amy Sinclair

A popular brand of instant noodles has been urgently recalled amid fears it could cause illness in some consumers. [...] Food Standards Australia says the buy has been available for sale online nationally, in vending machines in ACT and NSW and at Harris Farm and independent grocery stores in NSW and QLD Trends, culture and exclusive features: Sign up for 7LIFE newsletters Only products with a best before date of June 14, 2024 have been affected by the recall.

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Popular health bar pulled from Woolies shelves over 'foreign matter'

A popular health bar has been urgently recalled from Woolworths stores nationwide over fears about the presence of a foreign matter. Food Standards Australia issued a recall notice on Wednesday for the 28GO Go Bar triple choc protein 55G energy bars.

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