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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- <u>The Sun Herald (page 10)</u> reports that Aged care homes are pushing back against the federal government's proposed new Aged Care Act and a proposed statement of rights for aged care residents, citing concerns of exceedingly high expectations from older Australians.
- The Sunday Telegraph (page 1) reports that new data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research shows the number of assaults recorded on hospital grounds in NSW is reaching record levels with over 1000 incidents of assault recorded last year.
- The Sunday Telegraph (page 6) reports that the NSW government will include a expansion of virtual care services and urgent care clinics as part of a \$480 million package aimed at easing pressure on emergency departments.
- The Sunday Mail Adelaide (page 5) reports that next year's Beach Volleyball World Championships in Adelaide may not go ahead without confirmed federal government funding.
- The Sunday Mail Adelaide (page 7) reports that former Australian Medical Association SA president and national vice-president Dr Chris has warned the South Australian government's payroll tax will hit GP clinics with a potential flow-on effect to ambulance ramping.

#### MINISTER BUTLER

## Help is at hand if life suddenly gets four times as tricky

Sun Herald, General News, 09/06/2024, Mary Ward, Page 5

Diagnosed with polycystic ovarian syndrome and endometriosis, Taylah Tudehope-Glachan knew it may be difficult for her to conceive. She and husband Sean Glachan tried for a year before turning to IVF. [...] Questions for federal Health Minister Mark Butler about support for multiple births were referred to the department, who said in a statement: "The Australian government recognises the financial, emotional and physical challenges for parents and families associated with the birth of children and appreciates that these are often greater for families experiencing multiple births."

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## Cybernetic supermen

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 09/06/2024, Will King, Page 77

With his finger on the pulse of the fun things in life Michael Vitnell suggested I take a look at the Funky Knuckles. [...] He wrote to his local federal MP, who happens to be Health Minister Mark Butler, seeking reimbursement, and not happy with the response turned up in person at the electorate office to complain, to no avail.

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## **Forty years of Medicare**

Murray Valley Standard, Other, 08/06/2024

This year, Australia celebrates 40 years of Medicare, the foundation of the nation's world-class health system. [...] In February, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Health Minister Mark Butler launched a special 40 Years of Medicare pop-up display at Australian Parliament House in Canberra.

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#### MINISTER WELLS

#### Funding doubt threatens to spike volleyball titles

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 09/06/2024, Lauren Novak, Page 5

Uncertainty surrounds the future of the Beach Volleyball World Championships planned for Adelaide next year, as the federal government has not committed funding. [...] In a statement to the Sunday Mail, a spokesman for federal Sport Minister Anika Wells said the government "never made a commitment to this event".

Also reported by: <u>Northern Territory News (Online)</u>, <u>Herald Sun (Online)</u>, <u>Adelaide Now (Online)</u>, <u>The Courier Mail (Online)</u>, <u>Daily Telegraph Australia (Online)</u>

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#### ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Government launches national registry to track occupational respiratory illnesses

PS News, Other, 08/06/2024, Andrew McLaughlin

The Federal Government has launched the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry as it seeks to keep track of respiratory diseases contracted by Australian workers. Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney said the launch was the next step in fighting deadly occupational respiratory diseases such as silicosis and to improve occupational health and safety in Australian workplaces.

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#### **CORONAVIRUS**

## **Apology**

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 09/06/2024, Page 4

In last Sunday's Herald Sun, it was reported that three aged care homes had recorded excessive numbers of Covid cases. This was incorrect.

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#### 'It's cruel madness'

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, John Flint, Page 19

A Perth GP who's been suffering from long COVID for the past six months says people with the debilitating condition have been largely forgotten. Two long-COVID clinics have closed in the metro area, despite ongoing demand from patients for co-ordinated and affordable care.

Also reported by: West Australian (Online)

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# Top oncologists weigh in on the rise of rare and unusual cancers in young people - and the links to Covid

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/06/2024, Caitlin Tilley

Scientists studying a rise in rare and unusual cancers in young people are turning their attention to an unlikely culprit: Covid. Preliminary research on cells has indicated the virus may fuel the growth of tumors and shut down the body's defense against them - but the theory is widely disputed.

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#### Pfizer's Paxlovid fails as 15-day treatment for long COVID, study finds

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/06/2024, Michael Erman

A 15-day course of Pfizer's COVID-19 antiviral treatment Paxlovid did not relieve symptoms of long COVID, according a study by Stanford University researchers. Currently, there are no proven treatments specifically for long COVID in which a host of symptoms can last for many months after initial coronavirus infection.

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#### AGEING AND AGED CARE

## Pushback on laws to be kind, respectful

Sun Herald, General News, 09/06/2024, Mary Ward, Page 10

Aged care homes have pushed back against a proposed list of rights for residents, raising concerns about exceedingly high expectations from older Australians, according to a consultation report. The federal government's proposed new Aged Care Act was drafted in response to recommendations from the 2018 Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

Also reported by: Sydney Morning Herald (Online)

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## Safety audits to come in aged care

Border Watch, Other, 08/06/2024, Melanie Riley

Audits will soon be conducted in residential aged care facilities across South Australia, in a bid to reduce the risk of injury to residents and staff. With manual handling of people continuing to be a significant issue in the aged care industry, inspectors from SafeWork SA will start compliance checks in private and state-run residential aged care facilities throughout metropolitan and regional SA.

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#### POPULATION HEALTH

## Vaping linked to anxiety in young

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 09/06/2024, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 21

Four in 10 young people have vaped in the past year with regular vapers more likely to report being anxious or depressed than those who don't, new analysis shows. The preliminary data is from a landmark study of 10,000 Australians aged 19-24.

Also reported by: <u>Sunday Tasmanian (Hobart)</u>, <u>Sunday Mail Brisbane (Brisbane)</u>, <u>Sunday Territorian (Darwin)</u>, <u>Gold Coast Bulletin (Online)</u>, <u>Northern Territory News (Online)</u>, <u>Adelaide Now (Online)</u>, <u>The Courier Mail (Online)</u>, <u>Daily Telegraph Australia (Online)</u>, <u>Sunday Mail Adelaide (Adelaide)</u>

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#### Like diets, longevity lunacy is all hype and no real hope

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 09/06/2024, Angela Mollard, Page 112

Remember when diet culture ruled the world? When Oprah Winfrey was the head girl of weight loss and Jennifer Aniston ate the same salad every day she worked on Friends?

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#### Can you women 'with ADHD' sushi up please?

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 09/06/2024, Amanda Blair, Page 69

I was eavesdropping on a conversation yesterday. My son and I were eating sushi and, in between grabbing plates of cooked tuna and avocado rolls, our ears grabbed the chatter coming from the booth behind.

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#### Vaping no solution

Sunday Mail Adelaide, Editorials, 09/06/2024, Page 71

There is no good reason to take up vaping. Using the e-cigarettes is bad for your health and your hip pocket.

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#### Fresh booze control for NW

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Joe Spagnolo, Page 10

Tough new restrictions on takeaway booze sales in Broome and Derby are set to be announced within days. The Sunday Times understands director of liquor licensing Lanie Chopping has decided to implement new rules designed to tackle antisocial behaviour plaguing the Kimberley towns, ending months of speculation.

Also reported by: West Australian (Online)

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## Scientists out to bring end to obesity

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Hannah Boland, Page 26

When Nadeem Sarwar got a call asking him to work on stopping people becoming obese, he was "quite confused". The pharmaceutical industry was abuzz with excitement about a new generation of miracle weight-loss injections that could help people lose an average of 15 per cent of their body mass by suppressing appetite.

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#### When is as vital as what when it's mealtime

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Renee Onque, Page 27

Growing up in Italy, Valter Longo was fascinated by what leads to longevity, especially when it comes to diet. The Italian researcher first began studying longevity on a larger scale in 1989.

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#### The hidden cost of wood heaters

Sunday Examiner, General News, 09/06/2024, Brian Wightman, Page 15

Just prior to the arrival of winter, in the last moments of autumn, I found myself contemplating the change of season while standing on the 'flats' of Kanamaluka/Tamar River. The 'flats' as they are colloquially known are floodplains; an area of land where the water from high tides and significant periods of rain once spilled onto a flat area of land.

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#### Prem rate falls

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 9

Rates of pre-term births in Australia have fallen by 10% since 2021 a result linked to national initiatives backed by Perth doctors. It comes as the Australian Preterm Birth Prevention Alliance and the 'Every Week Counts' national preterm birth prevention collaborative recently held a showcase event at Parliament House in Canberra.

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# When popular podcast Life Uncut posted an episode on Toxic Shock Syndrome, it shone a light on the risk of medical misinformation

ABC Online, Other, 08/06/2024, Megan MacDonald

If you've used tampons in your lifetime, you will no doubt be familiar with the term: Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS). You probably glanced at the leaflet that rolled out of the tampon box, alongside the confusing diagrams and small text.

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## A GP guide to addressing poor social health

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/06/2024, Rosanne Freak-Poli

One in five GP appointments specifically relate to loneliness and social isolation, which are potentially modifiable risk factors for chronic disease Need to know: Prolonged, severe social isolation and loneliness negatively impacts health and wellbeing.

## The Ozempic side effect no-one saw coming.

Mamamia, Other, 08/06/2024, Leigh Walker, Shalini Arunogiri and Roberta Anversa

Semaglutide (sold as Ozempic, Wegovy and Rybelsus) was initially developed to treat diabetes. It works by stimulating the production of insulin to keep blood sugar levels in check.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

#### Where the sunshine can become a killer

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 09/06/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 21

South East Queensland has the unfortunate label of "skin cancer capital of the world" and the new Australian Cancer Atlas 2.0 shows that the deadly trend continues. Research lead Cancer Council Queensland's Professor Peter Baade reports that the southeast corner and many coastal areas have higher than average rates of not only thin melanomas, which are consistent with early diagnosis, but late-diagnosis thick melanomas.

Also reported by: <u>The Mercury (Online)</u>, <u>Northern Territory News (Online)</u>, <u>Adelaide Now (Online)</u>, <u>The Courier Mail (Online)</u>, <u>Daily Telegraph Australia (Online)</u>

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#### Australian cancer atlas

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 09/06/2024, Page 21

The Australian Cancer Atlas is a world-leading resource developed by a team of 25 researchers and specialists. The collaboration for Atlas 2.0 between Cancer Council Queensland's Viertel Cancer Research Centre and Queensland University of Technology's Centre for Data Science and VISER started in March 2021.

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#### Gene therapy hearing breakthrough for deaf children

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Colin Fernandez, Page 27

Two children who were born deaf can now listen and dance to music after undergoing ground-breaking gene therapy. The treatment, given as an infusion into the ear, works by replacing faulty DNA, which causes a type of inherited deafness known as DFNB9.

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# Dr Michael Mosley never expected to have diabetes. His mission to 'cure' his diagnosis put a global spotlight on intermittent fasting

ABC Online, Other, 08/06/2024, Jessica Riga

It was a normal day in 2012 when Dr Michael Mosley made an appointment with his doctor. [...] According to Diabetes Australia, intermittent fasting can be safely undertaken by someone with diabetes, but there are some considerations, including first speaking with your doctor beforehand.

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## I was just 35 when my 'rumbling stomach' was found to be stage four bowel cancer. I was given 12 months to live but I turn 40 in two weeks. This is what I need all young Aussies to know

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/06/2024, Shania O'Brien

An Australian mum was only 35 when a series of 'strange' symptoms landed her in the hospital. It took several visits before a doctor finally took her seriously. [...] According to Bowel Cancer Australia, there is a 14 per cent survival rate for those diagnosed with stage four.

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#### PRIMARY CARE

## \$480m to slow rush of patients

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 09/06/2024, Linda Silmalis, Page 6

An emergency department nurse was forced to treat a teenager at 3am with a "broken acrylic nail" and offer BandAids to a man with heel blisters as frivolous cases turning up in hospitals across the state soar. Panicked adults who have misdiagnosed their symptoms on Google, families who have run out of medication and parents bringing their children in with colds are among those adding to the burden.

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## Ramping fear over payroll tax slug

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 09/06/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 7

South Australia is "going to need a longer ramp", a prominent Adelaide GP warns as the state government's payroll tax grab is about to hit clinics with a potential flow-on effect to ambulance ramping. A landmark court ruling last year found GPs working in clinics as contractors are deemed employees - making such clinics liable for payroll tax.

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## Pharmacy or 'phactory'?

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 70

While there is strong evidence of organised production during ancient and medieval times, Richard Arkwright is the person credited with inventing the prototype of the modern factory. Arkwright patented his water frame, which was used in the mechanisation of cotton spinning, in 1769, when he established Cromford Mill, in Derbyshire, England.

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## 'Change rules': AMA

Local Government Focus, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 8

Governments should scrap anti-competitive pharmacy ownership and location rules to improve access to medications and reduce costs for consumers, according to the Australian Medical Association. In its submission to the National Competition Policy Analysis, the AMA says the out-of-date "archaic" rules restrict patients' access to cheaper medicines and pharmaceutical services.

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### Elective surgery "pause" lifted in the country, as long weekend starts

The Mercury, Other, 08/06/2024, Brad Crouch

Elective surgery restrictions are being lifted in country hospitals but the metro remains besieged. The "pause" on most elective surgery in metropolitan hospitals will drag on until at least Tuesday, as on Friday the city's embattled emergency department system ran out of beds.

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#### **Terrifying glimpse into Australia's emergency rooms**

NEWS.com.au, Other, 08/06/2024, Tarric Brooker

Packed-out and understaff emergency departments are the latest part of the nation's healthcare system to be ringing alarm bells, according to a major new report. Performances have deteriorated in the overwhelming majority of categories over the last 12 years, such as wait times, and this trend can vary enormously depending on the state or territory in question.

Also reported by: <u>Daily Telegraph Australia (Online)</u>, <u>Northern Territory News (Online)</u>, <u>Adelaide Now (Online)</u>, <u>The Mercury (Online)</u>

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

## Apps fill gaps in the wait for mental aid

Sun Herald, General News, 09/06/2024, Mary Ward, Page 5

Long wait times for mental health appointments are pushing more people online, but experts say apps can play an important role in providing care - if backed by evidence. Clinical psychologist Dr Aliza Werner-Seidler, a researcher at the Black Dog Institute, said surveys conducted by the institute suggested teenagers were waiting an average of three months for a first mental health appointment, leaving them vulnerable to poor quality online advice in the interim.

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## 'Grief doesn't have to be bad': how art can be used for hope

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Jessica O'Bryan, Page 3

Amy Greatbanks has always been a creative person, but living with ankylosing spondylitis has shifted her away from dancing and towards painting. "Creativity is something that you can't really put a lid on.

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## Taking the hospo pressure down

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 09/06/2024, Antimo Iannella, Page 21

Hospitality's relentless quest for perfection and constant pressure to perform every night would often leave Nathaniel Butcher exhausted and overwhelmed. For more than two decades, Mr Butcher, 42, would step on to the restaurant floor feeling anxious, mentally drained, and struggling to get through his shift.

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## Secret to happiness is much simpler than you might think

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Renee Onque, Page 26

Most people will go to great lengths to feel more happiness. Seventy-eight per cent of participants in a 2022 survey said they would even pay a premium for true happiness if it were possible, according to an Oracle Fusion Cloud Customer Experience survey of 12,000 consumers and business leaders.

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# Whitsunday psychologist explains why mental health professionals don't stay

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/06/2024, Estelle Sanchez

Getting health care in the regions is getting harder as more doctors leave, medical practices shut down and waitlists grow — especially in mental health care. But when you can't even keep doctors working in the tropical paradise of the Whitsundays, there are deeper structural issues at play.

Also reported by: The Mercury (Online), Adelaide Now (Online), Northern Territory News (Online)

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## 'My son was about to turn 30 when a police officer turned up at my house.'

Mamamia, Other, 08/06/2024, Suzi Evans

It was a typical hot dry Mallee summer's day in 2018. My husband, Mick, had done his usual check of the sheep and water in the morning and then called it a day early in the afternoon.

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#### Top three things Kevin Anderson wants for Tamworth

I've been in Parliament in recent weeks as we head toward the NSW State Budget and I am working hard for a better Tamworth. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation: I'm continuing to campaign for the repurposing of the current Banksia Mental Health Unit at Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital to become a drug and alcohol detoxification facility to support drug and alcohol rehabilitation, once the new mental health facility is open.

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### **HEALTH WORKFORCE**

### Code black

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 09/06/2024, Jake McCallum, Page 1

Hospitals are in a "code black" crisis, with frontline nurses the targets in a new wave of violence across the state. More than 1000 assaults have been recorded in hospitals in just one year and the number of "code blacks" or nurse attacks are skyrocketing.

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## Ramping fear over payroll tax slug

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#### Imposing payroll tax on GPs will cost us all in the long run

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 09/06/2024, Dr Chris Moy, Page 68

From July 1, in the middle of both cost-of-living and ramping crises, there is a high chance you will be asked to pay an increased gap payment when you see your GP, specialist, or when you have a procedure or test. The state government's decision to be the first in the nation to take advantage of a recent interstate tax ruling and to apply payroll tax to medical clinics and practices is likely to be passed on to South Australians as increases in their gap payments.

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#### **Push for trainee nurses**

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 09/06/2024, Damian Bester, Page 2

The Royal Hobart Hospital was pulling out all the stops in 1949 to address a critical shortage of nurses. Around this time, 75 years ago, the hospital staged an open day to let the public have a close look at new amenities including nurses' quarters with single rooms, and recreational and training facilities.

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#### Osteopath course gets nod

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 4

Edith Cowan University will become the first WA university to offer an osteopathy course when it starts at its School of Medicine and Health Sciences. It will become one of only four osteopathy educators

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# Doctors and pharmacists left in the dark after being named in MediSecure data on the dark web

ABC Online, Other, 08/06/2024, Elise Worthington and Leonie Thorne

Doctors and pharmacists named in a sample of stolen MediSecure data up for sale on the dark web say they are yet to be contacted by the company despite their information being available online for over a week. A sample of data from the electronic prescription provider seen by the ABC contains clinician log-in credentials, as well as prescriber numbers and medical practice details.

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## See inside car carrier as emergency crews train for fire, medical incident at Port Kembla

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 08/06/2024, Nadine Morton

A fire and medical emergency on board a car carrying vessel and major infrastructure all around, it's a scenario designed to put crews to the test. Firefighters, paramedics and police responded to Port Kembla for a rigorous annual training day designed to a mimic real-life disaster.

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#### MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

#### GPs getting the most out of data

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 8

A Perth northern suburbs general practice is one of a growing number of clinics using a data tool to improve patient care and outcomes, including real-time medication alerts and care prompts. The clinical decision support and data extraction tool known as Primary Sense was developed and now owned and operated by Primary Health Networks and is available free of charge to general practices.

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#### A window to the world

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 9

The WA Country Health Service is helping palliative care patients to get out and about without leaving their home or hospital room, thanks to an innovative virtual reality program. Now available across regional WA, the new technology allows patients who are house- or hospital-bound to visit locations such as Kings Park Broome and Perth Zoo.

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## **SPORT**

## **Full swing**

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 09/06/2024, Duncan Abey, Page 1

First players have yet to hit the fairways but a new multimillion dollar golf course project near Hobart, due to open later this year, is generating much excitement in sporting and tourism circles. The head of a leading international golf travel company said his US, UK and European clients were already clamouring to play Mat Goggin's creation at Seven Mile Beach.

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# LGBTQIA+ people half as likely to play sport due to discrimination, study finds

ABC Online, Other, 08/06/2024, William Howard

It was Victoria's inclusive roller derby league that gave Caitlin "Smiles" White the confidence to come out as non-binary. The 24-year-old grew up in the small country city of Sale and did not want to stand out from the crowd.

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## Please get jab, for my Ambrose

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 09/06/2024, Lisa Wachsmuth and Madeline Crittenden, Page 30

Sydney mum Kathryn Lowe knows the best protection for her immuno-compromised son, Ambrose, is "everyone else". The five-year-old has been admitted to hospital about 50 times most recently in April when he was gravely ill from whooping cough.

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#### Aussie bird ban

Sunday Times, General News, 09/06/2024, Page 14

The Philippines has banned imports of birds and poultry products from Australia after recent cases of bird flu. There were reported outbreaks of H7N3 and H7N9 on May 23 and May 25 in Victoria.

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## The end of polio is in sight. What have we learned?

The Nightly, General News, 07/06/2024, Page 25

The fight to eradicate polio has been long and difficult. It has been nearly 50 years since vaccines eliminated the disease in the United States. But polio continues to this day disabling or killing children in some harder-to-reach parts of the world.

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# World Health Organization confirms Australia's first human case of H5N1 bird flu likely came from India

ABC Online, Other, 08/06/2024, Audrey Courty

The World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed the child who contracted Australia's first human case of a "severe" subtype of bird flu was likely exposed during a trip to India last month. The WHO said on Friday, local time, that genetic sequencing showed the avian influenza virus was H5N1 — a strain that circulates in South-East Asia and has been detected in previous human infections and in poultry.

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# Australia's first case of bird flu likely came from India: World Health Organisation

NEWS.com.au, Other, 08/06/2024, Emma Kirk

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has revealed Australia's first human infection of the avian influenza virus case, or bird flu, likely came from India. WHO alerted health authorities in Australia that a suspected case of avian influenza A (H5N1) virus was detected in Melbourne, which was later confirmed by the Victorian health department.

Also reported by: <u>The Courier Mail (Online)</u>, <u>Daily Telegraph Australia (Online)</u>, <u>West Australian (Online)</u>, <u>The Australian (Online)</u>, <u>Northern Territory News (Online)</u>, <u>The Mercury (Online)</u>, <u>Adelaide Now (Online)</u>

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## Channel 10, 10 News First (Weekend), 08/06/2024, Chris Bath

It's currently one of the worst flu seasons seen in years and despite this, a large number of children are not being vaccinated which worries doctors. To boost vaccination numbers, the Australian Medical Association is calling for mobile jab hubs. So instead of going to the doctor, they bring the doctor to people

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## Medical cannabis takes off

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 09/06/2024, Sue Bailey, Page 14

After just three years in operation business is booming for Tasmania's leading medicinal cannabis company, which hopes to increase cultivation 10-fold and has just picked up three national awards. Tasmanian Botanics won cultivator of the year, manufacturer of the year and company of the year at the recent Cannabiz Awards for Australia and New Zealand.

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