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- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 2) reports pharmacies will receive an extra \$3 billion in funding under the eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement signed yesterday. *Also reported by: [The Age](#), [Canberra Times](#), [SkyNews](#)*
- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 3) reports the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victoria has applied to extend the deadline for industrial action as negotiations with the state government for a new EBA enter their eighth month.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 4) reports the New South Wales government will announce a \$111 million funding boost for community mental health services in this month's state budget.
- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 4) reports two immunotherapy drugs have been found to "dramatically improve" outcomes for breast and melanoma cancer patients when given ahead of surgery. *Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Courier Mail](#)*
- [The Australian](#) (page 5) reports experts are calling for government intervention following a new Deakin University study showing teenagers and children as young as eight are being targeted by gambling, alcohol and junk food ads online. *Also reported by: [West Australian](#)*
- The [Daily Telegraph](#) (page 9) reports a new personalised mRNA vaccine can nearly halve the instance of melanoma recurrence and death, clinical trials co-led by Australian professor

Georgina Long have found. Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review](#), [The Australian](#), [The Guardian](#), [9News](#)

- The [Adelaide Advertiser](#) (page 19) reports the Therapeutic Goods Administration should be able to fast-track local medical device manufacturers through regulatory approvals, Additive Surgical chief executive Gibran Maher says.
- [9News](#) reports health experts are warning extra perks offered by private health insurers to offset high premiums risk creating a two-tiered health system where wealthier Australians have easier access to care.

MINISTER BUTLER

Labor's \$2.1b script top-up restores peace

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 04/06/2024, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 2

Pharmacy victory Pharmacies will be paid an extra \$4.80 by the government every time they give out a 60-day medicine script, in a major concession from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese that will stave off a pharmacy campaign against him at the next election. The \$2.1 billion arrangement over five years, paid directly to pharmacies, will placate chemists' anger after Health Minister Mark Butler last year doubled the length of prescriptions for 320 drugs for conditions such as heart disease, cholesterol, Crohn disease and hypertension.

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

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8CPA signed for five years

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 03/06/2024, Page 1

The eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) was signed this morning by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Commonwealth Government (PD breaking news). After nine months of tough negotiations, the key features include the phasing-in of the \$1 discount, funded by the Commonwealth Government; freezing of PBS co-payments for up to five years; and CPI indexation on dispensing fees. [...] JG Pictured (L-R): Health Dept Secretary Blair Comley, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Guild President Trent Twomey.

Also reported by: [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#).

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Samuel Johnson 'I faced my greatest fears'

Woman's Day, General News, 10/06/2024, Page 84

What's it like on the front line of a public hospital? The star finds out... [...] Four hundred businesses have joined and when I get to 1000 I can meet with the Federal Minister for Health, The Honourable Mark Butler, to discuss further expansion of precision medicine for cancer in rural and regional areas.

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Billion-dollar deal the right prescription for chemists

Canberra Times, Other, 03/06/2024, Andrew Brown

A multi-billion-dollar boost to pharmacies has been locked in for the next five years following a deal between the federal government and chemists. The latest community pharmacy agreement was signed off by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the Pharmacy Guild, which will see community chemists receive an extra \$3 billion from the federal government. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the agreement would guarantee cheaper prescriptions for patients.

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Kalgoorlie\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Michael West Media \(Online\)](#).

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National rates triple but regional men are vaping less

Less Australian men living in rural and regional areas were vaping compared to those in major cities, the government has found. [...] Minister for health and aged care, Mark Butler said the research supported the government's position on vape control "It's taken us over 40 years to get male smoking rates down, this is a major public health issue, and the government won't allow another generation of Australian men to be lured into addiction by Big Tobacco," he said.

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Southeast Qld's bulk billing GP hotspots

Logan Questnews, Other, 03/06/2024, Judith Kerr

Thousands of southeast Queensland residents are caught in bulk billing black spots and are being forced to pay out-of-pocket expenses of up to \$80 for a visit to see a GP. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said Cleanbill's data was not the most significant measure of bulk billing practices.

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New community pharmacy deal signed by PM and Health Minister

Sky News Australia, Other, 03/06/2024

A deal which will double the amount of medicine consumers can buy on a single prescription has been signed by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Health Minister Mark Butler. The pair officially put pen to paper on the eighth community pharmacy agreement.

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PSA gets own profession-wide Agreement

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/06/2024, Megan Haggan

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has welcomed the signing of the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement – as well as a new Strategic Agreement on Pharmacist Professional Practice.

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Pharmacy agreements 'a win for patients': Butler

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/06/2024, Megan Haggan

In a statement today (3 June 2024), Butler confirmed that the Albanese Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia had signed the 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement, delivering a funding boost of \$3 billion and a total \$26.5 billion in funding over five years.

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8CPA signed

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/06/2024, Megan Haggan

This morning the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Commonwealth Government signed the 8CPA.

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What pharmacists need to know about today's 8CPA signing

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 03/06/2024, Chloe Hava

The much-awaited signing of the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) took place in Canberra today (3 June 2024), with the sector set to experience a \$3 billion funding boost, with a grand total of \$26.5 billion over 5 years. Two agreements were confirmed, with Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care the Hon Mark Butler co-signing separate agreements – one with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and one with PSA.

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Albanese Government and Pharmacy Guild sign new five year agreement

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 03/06/2024

Health Minister Mark Butler has announced that the Albanese Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia have signed the 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA). The new agreement will

commence on 1 July and provides \$26.5 billion in funding over five years.

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Not the end but the first act in a sequence that will have a broader impact

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 04/06/2024

It is fair to assume that the new Community Pharmacy Agreement, the eighth iteration, will have broader implications for the pharmaceutical sector. If not, it would be the first because the seven previous agreements dating back to the first in 1990 have triggered broader changes for the PBS. [...] People can deny it and even accept Health Minister Mark Butler's recent imprudent assurance that the industry will not need to contribute to the additional \$3 billion invested in the new Community Pharmacy Agreement (CPA).

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GPs need more evidence that digital mental health services work before prescribing them

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 03/06/2024

Digital mental health services play an important role in future health service design. However, if GPs are to prescribe them, we need more evidence of their accessibility and efficacy. In a recent press release, the Health Minister Mark Butler claimed that new digital services are the first step towards a better, fairer mental health system.

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PD breaking news – 8CPA signed by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Australian Government

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 03/06/2024

This morning, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Commonwealth Government signed the eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA), promising cost-of-living relief for Australians and bolstering the community pharmacy network for the next five years. The signing ceremony, attended by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Health Minister Mark Butler, Guild President Trent Twomey, and National Executive Director Gerard Benedet, followed nine months of productive negotiations.

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8CPA = A win for Patients

Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Other, 03/06/2024, Cpa Will

This morning the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Commonwealth Government signed the 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA), delivering cost of living relief for all Australians and ensuring a vibrant and growing community pharmacy network for the next 5 years. The signing ceremony between Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Health Minister Mark Butler and the Guild's Trent Twomey and National Executive Director Gerard Benedet followed 9 months of productive and good-faith negotiations, informed by a shared commitment to National Medicines Policy.

Also reported by: [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#).

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Sky News Live, Newsday, 03/06/2024, Kieran Gilbert

A deal that will double the amount of medicine consumers can buy on a single prescription has been signed. PM Albanese and Health Minister Mark Butler put pen to paper on the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement with the Pharmacy Guild at Parliament House. In return for the Guild's support for 60-day dispensing, the deal will see the government invest \$600m a year into the sector.

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2SM, 14:00 News, 03/06/2024

The Government and Pharmacy Guild have successfully negotiated the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement. The agreement will boost funding for pharmacies by \$3b over the next five years, bringing the total amount of Commonwealth money funnelled into the industry to \$26.5b across the period. The

deal includes a freeze on PBS co-payment indexation and more funds for regional pharmacies and other pharmacy support programs. Health Minister Mark Butler says the agreement is a win for patients who will benefit from cheaper medicines and more pharmacy services.

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MINISTER WELLS

All 32 recommendations of David Tune's Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission Capability Review accepted

The Weekly Source, Other, 03/06/2024, Caroline Egan

14 months after David Tune handed the Government his Capability Review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC), the Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells has announced all 32 recommendations will be accepted. "Delivering safe, high-quality care to older Australians is non-negotiable.

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Govt finally tries to fix telehealth paperwork mess

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/06/2024, Antony Scholefield

Draft laws would allow patients to give consent to bulk-billing for future consultations. The Federal Government has finally started tackling the archaic paperwork rules for documenting consent for bulk-billed telehealth consults. [...] Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney has now introduced draft legislation that would let patients consent to bulk-billing once, either in-person or over telehealth, to cover future consultations with the same GP.

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Sustainability healthy focus of summit

MedNews, Other, 03/06/2024, Megan Brodie

A ground-breaking summit being held in Sydney next month will bring together government, industry, academic and patient stakeholders to consider how medicines and medical technology products can be valued so that they do not adversely impact global warming, the event attracting high-profile speakers from across Australia and New Zealand. [...] A/Minister Ged Kearney has spearheaded the initiative on behalf of the Albanese Government, saying last year, "Climate change poses a range of threats to our health and wellbeing, from more frequent extreme weather events to changes in disease profiles as well as food and water insecurity".

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CORONAVIRUS

Nations agree to plans for pandemics

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 03/06/2024, Page 9

The World Health Organisation's member countries have approved a series of steps to improve global preparedness for and response to pandemics like COVID-19 and mpox. Nations agreed to amend the International Health Regulations, which were adopted in 2005, such as by defining a "pandemic emergency" and helping developing countries gain better access to financing and medical products, the WHO said.

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COVID response inquiry floats toolkit of policy measures for pandemics

The Mandarin, Other, 03/06/2024, Melissa Coade

Stakeholder experts have been convened by the federal inquiry examining the COVID-19 pandemic response to discuss how Australia's approach to economics and logistics fared. Inquiry members Dr Angela Jackson and Professor Catherine Bennett led the economics and logistics roundtables, respectively.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Home care growth continues on back of accreditation

Shepparton News Online, Other, 03/06/2024, Rohan Aldous

Warramunda Home Care is as much about interaction and companionship as it is about providing vital service to the senior members of the various communities it serves. Marie Dillon enjoys Lisa Warde's company during a break in her duties. Eight years ago, Warramunda Village's Home Care service had just two staff members and a clientele that didn't extend too far beyond the town boundaries.

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Older Australians with disability call for more support

SBS, Other, 03/06/2024

Australians diagnosed with disability after the age of 65 don't qualify for the NDIS, leaving them dependent on Aged Care funding. Advocates support can be inadequate, forcing some people to make difficult choices.

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Safety blitz: SA aged care to be audited

Aged Care Insite, Other, 03/06/2024, Arshmah Jamal

Residential aged care homes across South Australia will be audited by the safety regulator this month in a bid to reduce the risk of injury to residents and staff. SafeWork SA inspectors will start compliance checks on how staff use equipment and other techniques to move residents with limited mobility from one location to another, such as transferring residents from a bed to a chair or bath, from a wheelchair to a toilet, or repositioning them in their bed.

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Aged Care Pulse survey begins today

Aged Care Insite, Other, 03/06/2024, Rebecca Cox

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC) Aged Care Pulse Survey will open on Monday and run until June 14 after hearing concerns that aged care workers aren't aware of industry changes and reforms. The twice-yearly survey is open to all aged care workers and providers, along with other providers that deliver technology or health-related services to aged care.

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Experts highlight value of CHSP

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 03/06/2024, Natasha Egan

The future home care system should include a primary element offering seniors open and quick access to crucial support, conference hears. The future home care system should include a primary part that provides block-funded, open, quick and easy access to older Australians.

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How aged care advocacy can help you navigate aged care

HelloCare, Other, 03/06/2024, Alex Jacobs

The aged care experience is often a highly emotional one for those who are either at the centre of it or helping a loved one navigate the system. More often than not, it's rare to have the opportunity to plan out your aged care experience.

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A safe haven for men's health

HelloCare, Other, 03/06/2024, Jakob Neeland

A unique aged care home in Melbourne's north is filling a vital gap in the health system for marginalised men in Victoria. Corpus Christi Community Greenvale (CCCCG) provides a safe haven for older men with a history of homelessness, complex health needs or addiction.

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Why is there no cap on working hours for aged care staff?

HelloCare, Other, 03/06/2024, Jakob Neeland

Australia's residential aged care staff are renowned for their dedication and resilience, often going above and beyond to ensure the well-being of their residents. However, this level of commitment can sometimes lead to working long shifts that exceed the standard 38-hour (76 hours per fortnight) workweek.

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Uniting NSW.ACT to lodge another State Significant Development Application to redevelop aged care home into continuum of care facility

The Weekly Source, Other, 03/06/2024, Ian Horswill

The existing buildings of Uniting Wesley Gardens in Belrose, 19km northeast of Sydney's CBD, are reaching the end of their asset life, state the Not For Profit. It is inviting the community to have its say on a proposed redevelopment which "seeks to respond to the sustained need for high quality, contemporary seniors' accommodation within the Northern Beaches, as the ageing population increases.

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Pension rules require urgent overhaul: NSA

Your Life Choices, Other, 03/06/2024, Andrew Gigacz

A national seniors advocacy group has called on the federal government to change pension rules to allow more pensioners to work. National Seniors Australia (NSA) says people who want to work are being penalised, which is manifestly unfair.

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POPULATION HEALTH

NSW to boost mental health funding

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 04/06/2024, Alexandra Smith, Page 4

The NSW Labor government will spend \$111 million in this month's budget on a sweeping package to support community mental health after Premier Chris Minns acknowledged the Bondi Junction stabbing attacks highlighted cracks in the system. [...] The premier said supporting mental health was more important than ever as research from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reveals people living with mental illness have a lower average life expectancy than the general population.

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

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Crackdown welcomed but prevention and education still key

Border Watch, Other, 03/06/2024, Charlotte Varcoe

A major enforcement on illegal tobacco and vapes across the state has been welcomed by Substance Misuse Limestone Coast (SMLC) project officer Sophie Bourchier. The state government announced \$16m over the next four years to stifle growing illegal trade with licensing and enforcement to be driven by officers in Consumer and Business Services.

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Fears new health insurance perks could cause a rift in Aussie healthcare access

9News, Other, 03/06/2024, Eleanor Wilson

While new extras from Australia's biggest health insurers claim to offer customers more bang for their buck, consumer advocates warn it could be contributing to a two-tiered healthcare system. Health insurer Bupa is trialing a scheme offering three virtual GP visits each year, free of charge, to about 1 million customers with extras cover.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/06/2024, Peter Overton

Free GP visits and nurses on call are the new offerings from some of Australia's biggest health insurers like Bupa, as they attempt to give customers more value for their premiums. But consumer advocates say wealth shouldn't determine access to care, and the services are creating a two-tiered system. The Bupa program is only a pilot and needs special approval from the Federal Health Department because, under current Australian law, private insurers can't cover out-of-hospital medical services like GP visits and some diagnostic testing.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Breakfast, 03/06/2024, Ryk Goddard

Interview with Dr Sean Martin, Australian Institute of Family Studies, regarding research revealing the rates of men who are vaping have tripled from 4% in 2021 to 13% in 2022. Martin says they also found that there didn't appear to be a relationship between vaping and later mental health but there was a very clear and strong association between men who did have mental health conditions back in 2020 and those who were found to be vapers later on in 2022. He adds between 40% to 90% of men experiencing mental health issues are more likely to engage in vaping.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Heart-felt solution to regional cardiac care

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 04/06/2024, Page 8

Regional Victorian man, Warren Hamilton, who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest, said he wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for a device connected to an app on his mobile phone. Warren who was a fit and healthy man in his early forties, suffered a cardiac arrest in his home in Wodonga. It came as a shock when he experienced intense chest pain and collapsed, prompting his wife, Emily, to perform CPR while their 10-year-old son called emergency services.

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Hayley's melanoma came back. Then scientists tried something different

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 03/06/2024, Angus Thomson

Hayley Hetherington rarely thought about melanoma after she had one removed from the back of her scalp in 2019. Life got busy. She started a new job, her father was sick back home in the UK and COVID was making everything from travel to medical checkups a small nightmare.

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'This is the future': ACT trials gene-editing to treat heart patient

Canberra Times, Other, 03/06/2024, Bageshri Savyasachi

The first Australian patient in a trial to prevent heart failure - using gene therapy - is South Coast surfer Brian Jelfs. The 82-year-old's cardiologist Dr Walter Abhayaratna is the director of clinical trials at Canberra Hospital and brought the "Magnitude" trial to the ACT. He said the hospital served a wider population of more than 1 million and wanted patients in the region to have access to this "one-off" treatment.

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Wendy Gillingham-Scott's year-long battle with necrotizing fasciitis

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/06/2024, Andrew Hedgman

When a Qld woman noticed a "pimple" on her neck, she never imagined it would nearly end her life and mark the beginning of a year-long battle with a flesh-eating bacteria involving more than 15 surgeries and multiple ICU stays. Wendy Gillingham-Scott surrounded by her husband Mick and their three daughters at Christmas.

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Free mammograms for women over 40 heading to Harvey with Breastscreen WA's mobile screening clinic

West Australian, Other, 04/06/2024, Craig Duncan

Free breast screening for cancer will be available for women over 40 in Harvey next month as Breastscreen WA's mobile clinic comes to town. The mobile clinic aims to catch signs of cancer in its early stages, a vital service as one in seven women are likely to develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

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Adelaide's northern suburbs get new cancer treatment centre

9News, Other, 03/06/2024

A new state-of-the-art cancer treatment facility in Adelaide's northern suburbs is about to open.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/06/2024, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

Cancer patients north of Adelaide who have faced long journeys to the city for chemotherapy will now have a much closer option. A new treatment centre is opening at Elizabeth Vale tomorrow, with thousands of South Australians to benefit every year.

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UOW announces medical centre closure

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 04/06/2024, Kate McIlwain, Page 5

The University of Wollongong will be without a medical centre for the second time in three years, with Grand Pacific Health closing its clinic at the main campus. The university said Grand Pacific Health was leaving UOW to focus on supporting their communities through mental health and suicide prevention services.

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

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Trek for flying docs touches down in town

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 03/06/2024, Phoebe Doyle, Page 3

The Outback Car Trek made its way to Mildura yesterday and is showcasing some bright cars and colourful characters along the way. About 100 cars rolled into town as part of the annual rally that raises funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Service while putting money into the towns participants visit on the journey.

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

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Save triple zero for emergencies - AV

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 03/06/2024, Phoebe Doyle, Page 5

As cold weather begins to set in and seasonal illnesses circulate, Ambulance Victoria is reminding the community to save calling 000 for emergencies only. In the past fortnight, flu cases across the state have increased by 65 per cent, and there are now about 360 COVID patients in hospitals.

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Bathurst paramedics better statewide stats

Western Advocate, General News, 04/06/2024, Amy Rees, Page 3

Bathurst paramedics are short-staffed, according to their union, but have still managed to achieve a percentage of on-time ambulance arrivals to emergency calls that is higher than the state average. From January to March 2024, 55.3 per cent of ambulances dispatched to P1 (emergency) jobs arrived within the recommended time of 15 minutes from when the call was first answered.

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Voluntary assisted dying laws set to pass ACT Legislative Assembly this week

Canberra Times, Other, 03/06/2024, Lucy Bladen

A Labor backbencher will hold off on moving amendments to voluntary assisted dying legislation which would allow people to access assisted death after losing decision-making capacity. Marisa Paterson said last month she was considering amendments to address a gap in cases where a person has gone through all the approval stages for voluntary assisted dying but lost capacity before ending their life.

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Calvary Connery Centre opens at \$165m Playford health hub

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/06/2024, Brad Crouch

Adelaide's newest cancer treatment centre is ready for its first patients as the \$165m northern health precinct takes another major step forward. Adelaide's newest cancer centre welcomes its first oncology patients on Tuesday in a major health boost for the northern region.

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Great-grandfather put on four-year waiting list for 'urgent' elective surgery

A South Australian great-grandfather has been put on a four-year waiting list for an elective surgery he considers to be urgent. Bob Bishop from Sellicks Beach is spending his golden years confined to his home and suffering debilitating pain from a hernia. The 76-year-old said surgery to remove his hernia is urgent but he has been told to expect a 48-month wait.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 03/06/2024, Kate Freebairn

The crisis gripping SA's public hospital system is growing more serious amid the worst ramping figures in history, and there's still no word on when elective surgery bans will be lifted. There's, however, some better news for private patients in Adelaide's north with the opening of a new state-of-the-art cancer treatment centre.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/06/2024, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes

Tomorrow, the Qld Government will unveil its plans to increase funding for Qld Ambulance Service in the Budget next week. There will be another \$129.5m allocated to fund 268 new staff, around 180 of which will be paramedics. The boost will be much needed given ambulance ramping has hit a record high in Qld in the last quarter, with more than 54% of patients waiting longer than 30 minutes to be admitted into hospital from the ambulance ramp. The Qld Government says that was because of record demand on the health system.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/06/2024, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

Around 91 elective surgeries were postponed today as health authorities battled an escalating crisis in our hospital system. Nine News has spoken to one SA pensioner, who's been told he could face a long wait for an operation he feels he needs urgently.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Kids swamped by betting, booze ads

The Australian, General News, 04/06/2024, Clareese Packer, Page 5

Children as young as eight are being targeted by gambling, alcohol and junk food advertisements, with experts calling on the government to step in. Teenagers aged between 14 and 17 are exposed to an average of six alcohol ads a day, a pilot study from Deakin University has found, with one teenager reportedly seeing two gambling, 14 alcohol and 70 food online ads in two hours.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Perth\)](#)

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How your colleagues' stress may be holding back your work

Canberra Times, General News, 04/06/2024, Gary Martin, Page 16

In the ever-changing landscape of the modern work environment, stressed co-workers remain a permanent fixture. Faced with demanding deadlines and challenging tasks, many of your colleagues find themselves navigating a web of personal stress on a daily basis. Traditionally, stress was seen as an individual burden in the workplace, but we now recognise the broader impact of "second-hand stress".

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#)

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Social media giants should shoulder cost

Hobart Mercury, General News, 04/06/2024, Vivienne Browne, Page 17

The data keeps rolling in, wave after wave. We are in the grip of a youth mental health crisis. In Australia, youth mental health conditions increased 50 per cent between 2007 and 2021. Psychological distress among young people jumped from 18.4 per cent to 42.3 per cent between 2011 and 2021. In the US in 2021, 42 per cent of high school students felt so sad or hopeless almost every day that they stopped doing their usual activities. In the UK, the rates of probable mental disorders rose from one in 10 in 2017 to one in four in 2022.

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Loneliness is costing us big

West Australian, General News, 04/06/2024, Gemma Acton, Page 39

The world has never been as connected as cheaply as it is today, yet one in four Australians is still lonely. Younger Australians have myriad ways at their fingertips through which to contact friends and strangers and still more than one in three consistently feels loneliness.

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MDMA being used to treat PTSD

9News, Other, 03/06/2024

Mdmd is being used to treat patients with PTSD in a new program in Sydney.

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'Some get worse': The evidence for and against digital tools to reduce psychological distress

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/06/2024, Peter Baldwin

In this year's budget, the federal government announced one of the biggest changes to the mental health system in nearly two decades: a digital early intervention service to relieve Australians' early psychological distress before it builds into mental illness.

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ABC, ABC News, 03/06/2024, Jeremy Fernandez

MDMA will be offered to treat people with post-traumatic stress disorder for the first time in NSW this week. The drug was approved to be prescribed by psychiatrists.

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Channel 9, Today, 03/06/2024, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo

Interview with Dr Charlotte Keating, Clinical Psychologist and Adam Voigt, Founder and CEO, Real Schools, on alarm bells that have been raised for the welfare of children after 1 in 5 parents reported their kids are missing primary school every week over mental health concerns. On top of that, teens who use screens for more than an hour a day are falling behind, and Australia's students are among the biggest digital device users in the world. Keating says the reasons behind it are quite complex and it includes a lag from COVID-19 for many kids having missed out on time at school, bullying, poor sleep that exacerbates those mental health concerns, and for families, the pressure of the cost of living which is significant. Voigt says one of the things that parents can do is identify that for a lot of kids who are school-refusing, it's about anxiety.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 03/06/2024, Craig Reucassel

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says he's willing to engage with the Federal Government to discuss more Medicare-funded psychological support for new parents. The final report from the landmark inquiry into birth trauma in New South Wales recommended the NSW Government lobby for more psychology sessions at a reduced fee for new parents.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Nurses in threat on beds, surgery

Herald Sun, General News, 04/06/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 3

Victoria's nurses' union says hospital bed closures and surgery cancellations are still on the table as wage negotiations enter an eighth month. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian branch has geared up for the EBA dispute to continue, applying to extend its deadline to begin protected actions.

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

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Rural mums put at risk by health care system in crisis

Canberra Times, Other, 03/06/2024, Stephanie Gardiner

Rural women are travelling hundreds of kilometres to give birth amid a health care crisis which is set to worsen with a severe shortage of specialists and midwives. Public maternity units across regional NSW are under enormous pressure, putting patient safety at risk, obstetrician Lilach Leibenson told a state inquiry on Monday.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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HPV Self-collection for Cervical Screening: Offering a role for every nurse and midwife

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 03/06/2024

You don't need to be a cervical screening provider to support informed uptake of cervical screening. Nurses and midwives play a critical role in supporting their patients to make informed choices, and to have positive experiences within the healthcare system.

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NSW nurses and midwives are at breaking point. It could have dangerous consequences.

Mamamia, Other, 03/06/2024, Lisa Hamilton

In New South Wales, nurses and midwives are stretched to their limit. Struggling to pay their mortgages and rent amid the cost of living crisis, some are committing to three double shifts a week. That's a 17 hour day on the ground trying their best to give care to those who need it most.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Rosaia hits 30 years at Bendigo Health

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 04/06/2024, Page 3

David Rosaia feels "very proud" of his 30 year journey at Bendigo Health. "I've always wanted to be a leader; to lead people and lead the organisation," the Chief Operating Officer said. "I love Bendigo, I've got lots of connections here, and for me, it's about how I can help to make sure we've got the best service that we can provide for our community."

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Health service must 'rebuild reputation': new AMA Tas head

Launceston Examiner, General News, 04/06/2024, Duncan Bailey, Page 2

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) Tasmania announced their new president and vice-president

as they move to merge with the federal body of the AMA. Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel was elected president, and Dr Helen McArdle was elected vice-president on May 31. Dr Lumsden-Steel, an anaesthetist with a robust background in medicine and military service, said he accepted the challenges of this "substantial responsibility".

Also reported by: [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#).

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Search for rural doctors failing as the system flails

Newcastle Herald, General News, 04/06/2024, Stephanie Gardiner, Page 3

Who wants to be a rural doctor? It is the burning question at the centre of a NSW inquiry as the state's rural health system faces a deepening crisis. After a damning 2022 report found country patients had far worse health outcomes than their city peers, a parliamentary inquiry has heard access to primary care is only getting worse. "It's been described as a crisis," committee chair, Wagga Wagga MP Joe McGirr, said during a hearing in Sydney yesterday.

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

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'I wanted to grab the award and run'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/06/2024, Megan Haggan

Kristina Fox has been named Tasmanian Pharmacist of the Year at an awards night hosted at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Annual Therapeutic Update in Hobart.

Also reported by: [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#).

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Pharmacy Connect offers 8CPA insights

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 03/06/2024

The details of the eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) will take centre stage at the upcoming Pharmacy Connect conference, where the comprehensive education program has just been unveiled. The event promises a lineup featuring pre-conference workshops, a 70-stand trade exhibition, and networking opportunities like the welcome reception and cocktail party.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

'Regrettable, if understandable': PBS tightens GLP-1 RA prescribing rules

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/06/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

Associate Professor Gary Kilov said the PBAC had 'telegraphed' the changes for over a year but the wording had not been finalised until recently. Doctors prescribing GLP-1 receptor agonists now require telephone or electronic authority when initiating therapy for all PBS indications.

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

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Health refunds blow out

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 04/06/2024, Angira Bharadwaj, Page 11

Patients and doctors are waiting 400 per cent longer for crucial healthcare claims to be processed by Services Australia as compared to during the pandemic, the Coalition claims. The delays come at a

time 1.2 million Australians are avoiding visiting the doctor due to the cost of living. Figures obtained by the Coalition show time blowouts of 200 to 400 per cent for key healthcare claims under the Albanese government as compared to the final year under the Coalition.

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

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

AI Muderis not reliable witness, argues Nine

Age, General News, 04/06/2024, Madeleine Heffernan, Page 12

Dr Munjed Al Muderis was not a reliable witness and appeared to be "incapable of admitting errors", said media company Nine, which is being sued for defamation by the renowned orthopaedic surgeon. Nine's lawyer, Dr Matt Collins, KC, said that during the eightmonth case, nothing of substance had emerged to "shake the fundamental accuracy" of Nine's reporting, which revealed "for the first time the other side of Dr Al Muderis' carefully curated reputation".

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

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Joanna just wanted a simple beauty treatment. But the pain was 'hell on earth'

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 03/06/2024, Henrietta Cook

It was supposed to be a painless beauty treatment. But Joanna's recent experience at a laser hair removal clinic left her with a burn on her genitals and psychological scars. "It was hell on earth," said the 28-year-old, who did not want her last name published due to privacy reasons. "It was so painful. I left my body." As laser hair-removal procedures surged in popularity over the past decade, so have the number of mishaps.

Also reported by: [2GB \(Online\)](#), [4BC \(Online\)](#)

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East Lismore murder-suicide: Doctor is called out for asking shocking question about what caused dad to kill son

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/06/2024, Zak Wheeler

A Victorian doctor has been slammed after sharing his bizarre take on what caused a northern NSW father to tragically kill himself and his son. James Harrison, 38, a NSW Health business analyst and his toddler son Rowan were found dead inside a unit in East Lismore on the NSW far north coast late last month.

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Veronica's father was injured while in a Victorian hospital. She believes it's 'negligence'

SBS, Other, 03/06/2024, Rachael Knowles

The hospital told Ronnie Gorrie that her father slipped in the bathroom. However, she says her father wasn't able to walk on his own. Prominent and respected Krauatungalang Gunai Elder John Gorrie PSM has been left with a black eye, stitches and other injuries after a night at Sale Hospital. His daughter, a former Victorian police officer and award-winning author, Veronica Gorrie believes it was a case of negligence.

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Court rejects second negligence claim against radiologist over a myelogram he performed 47 years ago

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/06/2024, Heather Saxena

More than two decades after the radiologist successfully defended a negligence claim, the patient tried

their luck a second time. Two decades after winning a negligence claim over a myelogram he performed way back in 1977, a Sydney radiologist could be forgiven for thinking the legal saga was behind him.

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Concerns raised over pharmacy business models

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/06/2024, Bob Tran

Emerging models of care designed to provide consumers with predetermined medications are raising concerns for healthcare regulators.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

It's time for blood donations to be tax deductible

Canberra Times, Other, 03/06/2024, Tony Robinson

I wouldn't know Australia's Tax Commissioner Rob Heferen if I fell over him, but I'll guess he is very busy overseeing the collection of around \$750 billion of tax revenue this year. I'll take another guess his overly full weekly diary prevents him from being one of the country's regular blood donors.

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Organ donation content rates would be better if there were more education about it, advocate says

ABC Online, Other, 03/06/2024, Emily Jb Smith

Leslie Schultz spent years watching birds flit past his window. But without their song in his ears, the scent of eucalypts in his nostrils nor the glorious outback sun on his back, the sight only made him homesick for the bush. For the Ngadju elder, spending hour after hour, day after day, shut inside was one of the worst things about kidney failure. "I love the bush," he said.

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

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Why this GP wants employers to stop asking for medical certificates

ABC Online, Other, 03/06/2024, Patrick Wright

Max Mollenkopf estimates he sees two or three patients each day at his GP practice in Mulubinba/Newcastle who don't need treatment but require a medical certificate for work. For employees, a trip to the doctor for a medical certificate can be time-consuming and costly, especially if your appointment isn't bulk-billed.

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Is the AHPRA system too complicated? Health officials launch review to find out

Australian Doctor, Other, 03/06/2024, Antony Scholefield

The so-called 'Complexity Review' is scheduled to report before the end of the year. An independent review of AHPRA will attempt to streamline the complaints process, including the involvement of tribunals, by culling "unproductive" and "unnecessary" parts of the system.

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SPORT

Denholm, Kestelman in play for WNBL stake

Tesla chairwoman Robyn Denholm and the majority owner of the National Basketball League, Larry Kestelman, are among a group of bidders vying for a piece of Australia's women's basketball league after submitting a proposal late on Friday. People with direc...

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Mums on the run to Paris

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 04/06/2024, Michael Gleeson, Page 1

Six would never fit into three. In choosing who would miss Australia's women's marathon team for Paris, athletics bosses had the three runners they ultimately chose stressing that they would be a late casualty. The final choice of Sinead Diver, Genevieve Gregson and Jess Stenson prompted criticism from supporters of culled runner Lisa Weightman, including on social media from her husband Lachlan McArthur and from her former Australian team roommate, the former hurdling great and ex-Athletics Australia board member Sally Pearson.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#)

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AFL coach Chris Fagan has been smashed by racism allegations from his time at Hawthorn - now footy legend claims he's only been accused of nodding his head in a meeting

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 03/06/2024, Shayne Bugden and Oliver Caffrey

Leigh Matthews is furious over Fagan's treatment Current Brisbane Lions coach under cloud since last year He and ex-Hawks boss Alastair Clarkson denied any wrongdoing Footy legend Leigh Matthews has made the astounding claim that the only accusation levelled at Chris Fagan in the Hawthorn racism scandal is that he 'nodded his head once in a meeting'.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Super, CSL join \$270m raise for good health

Australian Financial Review, Technology, 04/06/2024, Tess Bennett, Page 19

Superannuation funds Hostplus and HESTA, biotech giant CSL and the Queensland Investment Commission have poured \$270 million into a new fund for venture capital firm Brandon Capital, which it plans to keep raising until it hits a \$350 million ta...

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Vaccine boost for skin cancer

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/06/2024, Zoe Smith and Sue Dunlevy, Page 9

A new personalised mRNA-based vaccine against melanoma has almost halved the rate of cancer recurrence and death, clinical trials show. When used in combination with the immunotherapy treatment Keytruda, the vaccine produced a 49 per cent reduction over three years in the rate at which the skin cancer returned or patients died.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Australia\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Australian Financial Review \(Australia\)](#), [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#).

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Immune drugs help kill cancers

Herald Sun, General News, 04/06/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 4

Giving immunotherapy drugs before surgery "dramatically improves" outcomes for some breast cancer and melanoma patients with advanced or difficult to treat disease. That is the finding of two new

studies, involving Victorian researchers and patients, presented on Monday at the American Society of Clinical Oncology scientific conference in Chicago.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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ASX Health Stocks: INOVIQ pops 45pc after revealing exosome therapy to kill breast cancer

The Australian, Other, 03/06/2024, Eddy Sunarto

INOVIQ's Monday morning share price jump of more than 45 per cent was great news for the company – but not as exciting as its treatment's ability to kill breast cancer cells quickly. The company said it had created tiny packages called exosomes (EEVs), which had been able to target and destroy breast cancer cells in a lab setting.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 03/06/2024, Peter Mitchell

Australian researchers have made a world-first cancer breakthrough kerbing the development of melanomas. The clinical trial, led by Australian of the year Georgina Long, used immune therapy on patients before surgery instead of after patients saw a major reduction in the progression of their cancers.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Rehab centre 'a safe home'

Cairns Post, General News, 04/06/2024, Peter Carruthers, Page 3

A \$1.7m drug and alcohol inpatient rehabilitation centre has opened in Yarrabah to improve the wellbeing of Indigenous Far North Queenslanders. The new purpose-built facility at Workshop Rd, Yarrabah, will provide culturally appropriate alcohol and drug rehabilitation services for Indigenous people battling addiction.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#).

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Aunty Fay Carter remembered for work improving the lives of Indigenous Victorians

ABC Online, Other, 03/06/2024

Victoria's Premier Jacinta Allan is among those paying tribute to Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung elder Aunty Fay Carter who has died, aged 89. Aunty Fay devoted her life to advocating for the Indigenous community, serving with the Aborigines Advancement League, NAIDOC and the Aboriginal Child Care Agency.

Also reported by: [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#).

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Authorities apologise to family over Ms Dhu's death but former MP says she was let down

West Australian, Other, 04/06/2024, Jessica Moroney

A former MP says both the health system and WA Police let down Ms Dhu, a young Aboriginal woman who died in police custody in 2014, after a joint apology over her death last week. Ms Dhu — a Geraldton-raised woman whose first name cannot be revealed for cultural reasons — was 22-years-old when she died in police custody after being arrested over \$3662.

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Respiratory illnesses threaten Illawarra

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 04/06/2024, Kate Mcilwain, Page 4

Illawarra health authorities are urging people to get vaccinated and protect themselves as a cocktail of winter illnesses circulates in the community. As winter begins, the medical director of the region's primary health network Dr Katherine Michelmores said flu and COVID numbers had started to spike in recent weeks, while RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) remained at elevated levels.

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Patients secure an additional two weeks but question the process

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 03/06/2024

The Department of Health Aged Care has extended the online consultation process for Australia's new five-year National Immunisation Strategy, but patient groups question the process and its development. The consultation, which is an online survey, was launched but not announced as a two-week process on 22 May.

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FLiRT-ing with bird flu – the latest on both viruses

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 03/06/2024

Insight+ explores the new COVID-19 subvariant FLiRT, vaccine efficacy and concerns about the new outbreak of avian flu in Australia with Director of Infectious Diseases at Mater Hospital, Associate Professor Paul Griffin. FLiRT: it's a catchy name for a mutation of a virus that originally left a wake of devastation and destruction in its path, caused global lockdowns and was universally feared.

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RSV surge alert

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 03/06/2024

During the RSV Awareness Week (02-08 Jun), Australia has already recorded more than 47,000 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases in children aged under five years, and over 13,000 incidents in people aged 60 years and above.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 03/06/2024, Rosanna Mangiarelli and Will Goodings

An alarming surge in respiratory viruses has left schools struggling to find teachers, and they're urging parents to keep sick children home. It comes as the number of patients in hospital with COVID and flu soars, prompting the cancellation of dozens more elective surgeries.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Millions at stake but who has our back?

Adelaide Advertiser, Business Journal, 04/06/2024, Cameron England, Page 19

Additive Surgical is the definition of a homegrown manufacturing success story, with its 3D-printed titanium spinal implants already cracking major export markets, novel intellectual property developed in concert with the nation's best surgeons, and millions of dollars worth of Australian orders on its books. [...] Mr Maher said while in other developed countries local manufacturers are put to the front of the queue when it comes to getting the necessary approvals, the Therapeutic Goods Administration in Australia gives local manufacturers no such treatment.

New supplement combating winter joint pain

Canberra Times, Other, 03/06/2024

Australia Winter is here, cue frost, fog and cold temperatures for most of Australia. While some people welcome the winter months, those with joint issues dread it. [...] This blend unlocks a range of powerful health benefits and is the only product of its kind in Australia registered with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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Dad who lost son in Hunter Valley bus crash to join MDMA therapy trial

9News, Other, 03/06/2024, Adam Vidler

A father whose son was killed in the Hunter Valley wedding bus crash will be among the first New South Wales patients to be treated with MDMA for post-traumatic stress disorder. A phase four trial will begin on Wednesday, June 5, conducted by the Sydney-based Evolution Medicine Enhanced Therapy team. The trial, which involves patients with post-traumatic stress disorder and with treatment-resistant depression (TRD), is the only one in NSW authorised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.?

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Zactin Tabs shortage set to continue

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/06/2024, Bob Tran

Supply shortages impacting Zactin Tabs (fluoxetine 20mg dispersible tablets) are expected to continue until 30 June 2024, the medication's sponsor, Alphapharm says.

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GPs need more evidence that digital mental health services work before prescribing them

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 03/06/2024

Digital mental health services play an important role in future health service design. However, if GPs are to prescribe them, we need more evidence of their accessibility and efficacy. In a recent press release, the Health Minister Mark Butler claimed that new digital services are the first step towards a better, fairer mental health system.

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Sustainability healthy focus of summit

MedNews, Other, 03/06/2024, Megan Brodie

A ground-breaking summit being held in Sydney next month will bring together government, industry, academic and patient stakeholders to consider how medicines and medical technology products can be valued so that they do not adversely impact global warming, the event attracting high-profile speakers from across Australia and New Zealand. [...] A/Minister Ged Kearney has spearheaded the initiative on behalf of the Albanese Government, saying last year, "Climate change poses a range of threats to our health and wellbeing, from more frequent extreme weather events to changes in disease profiles as well as food and water insecurity".

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Legalising pot rejected to protect teens

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 04/06/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 5

A push to legalise the recreational use of cannabis on a national scale has been knocked back after experts expressed concerns it would lead to more use of the drug among young people. A Senate

committee rejected a Bill introduced by Greens senator David Shoebridge on Friday, which calls to allow for cannabis possession for personal use in Australia, as well as the establishment of a national agency to regulate the growing of plants.

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

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FOOD STANDARDS

Ten food items worse for you than you think

Sydney Morning Herald, Good Food, 04/06/2024, Susie Burrell, Page 8

Some food products may look and sound healthy, but a closer look at their nutritional profile reveals they can be anything but. There are plenty of supermarket foods you likely know are not healthy. Soft drinks, potato chips and confectionery are some of the products that have few essential nutrients and are so heavily processed they bear little resemblance to whole, natural foods.

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

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'Bulging' beer cans with excess alcohol and carbonation recalled

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/06/2024, Lily Mccaffrey

Consumers are being warned not to open or drink a recent batch of beers made by a Queensland brewery which contain excess alcohol and carbonation. White Lies Brewing Company has recalled its 500ml cans of "Hazy Craze Sessions" beers with a best before date of 1 February 2025 which were for sale at First Choice Liquor and Sumner and Seventeen Mile Rocks taprooms in Queensland.

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