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- **Sunday Age** (page 1) reports Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation members will vote on a 28.4 per cent pay rise over four years on Wednesday for Victorian staff after an in-principle agreement was reached by the union and the Victorian state government. [Sunday Herald Sun](#)
- **Sunday Herald Sun** (page 1) reports that Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas has denied that Victoria's hospitals have been asked to find savings of 20 per cent in their budgets, which could lead to the closure of regional services and job cuts across the board.
- **Sunday Mail Brisbane** (page 1) reports that cosmetic practitioners use social media to promote their businesses due to the platforms highly sophisticated algorithms, with many breaking advertising rules from AHPRA, such as using before and after imagery. *Also reported by:* [Sunday Mail Adelaide](#), [Sunday Tasmanian](#)
- **Sunday Tasmanian** (page 1) reports that the cost of aged care homes has risen to more than \$1m while many aged care homes are running at a loss. *Also reported by:* [Sunday Mail Adelaide](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane](#), [Sunday Territorian](#), [Sunday Telegraph](#), [Sunday Herald Sun](#)
- **Sunday Mail Brisbane** (page 4) reports that Biggera Waters resident Robert Miller was forced to wait six hours for an ambulance after fracturing his pelvis, despite living 10 minutes away from Gold Coast University Hospital and Gold Coast Private Hospital.

- [Sunday Telegraph](#) (page 8) reports that 1895 overseas doctors have registered to practise in NSW in the first 10 months of this financial year. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler states that the rise in health workers from overseas was a “vote of confidence” in the nation's health system. *Also reported by:* [Sunday Tasmanian](#)

MINISTER BUTLER

Surge in overseas doctors here

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 23/06/2024, Lisa Wachsmuth, Page 8

Record numbers of overseas-educated doctors and nurses are applying to join the state's health system, new figures reveal. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said 1895 overseas doctors had joined the NSW health workforce since July 2022, among 8910 new international doctors nationwide.

Also reported by: [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#)

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Balranald GP crisis nationwide

Swan Hill Guardian, Other, 22/06/2024

I am sure The Guardian readers were as dismayed as I was to read Tuesday's front-page headline 'Doc gap' on Sunehra Ahmed's story about Balranald residents being left without a doctor, and the flow-on impact that will have in Swan Hill and Robinvale. [...] The buck stops with federal Health Minister Mark Butler.

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MINISTER WELLS

Revealed: The aged care homes failing to vaccinate residents

Sunday Age, General News, 23/06/2024, Mary Ward, Page 16

Fewer than one in 10 residents at some aged care homes have received a COVID-19 booster since last winter, as the department cracks down on providers failing to protect residents against deadly viruses. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said people with loved ones in aged care should talk to them and their care team about getting COVID-19 and flu vaccines now.

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Vigilance is vital in future of aged care

Sun Herald, Editorials, 23/06/2024, Page 34

Australians were shocked and horrified in 2017 at the appalling state of residential aged care services, triggered by the Oakden nursing home scandal. [...] The federal Department of Health and Aged Care has, quite rightly, swung into action this week, contacting facilities with low vaccination rates and calling for information about their plans to vaccinate residents over coming weeks.

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Sting in care fees

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 23/06/2024, Sue Dunlevy, Page 1

Vulnerable elderly people and their relatives are being charged up to \$1m to buy into nursing homes, while the industry claims to be going broke. On top of these hefty accommodation costs, residents are being charged daily fees for services such as meals, cleaning, laundry and management which can add up to more than \$100,000 a year. [...] A spokesman for the Minister for Aged Care, Anika Wells,

said: "Providers can seek approval from the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority to charge more than this (\$550,000) amount."

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DEPARTMENT

Aged-care jabs plunge

Sunday Times, General News, 23/06/2024, John Flint, Page 23

State well behind on COVID vaccinations for most vulnerable Eight residential aged-care homes in WA have fewer than 10 per cent of their residents vaccinated against COVID, despite them being in the highest risk category. [...] New figures provided by the Department of Health and Aged Care showed a wide discrepancy in the protection of residents from the disease.

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New rural health commissioner to champion health in the bush

Goondiwindi Argus, Other, 22/06/2024

Professor Jenny May has been appointed Australia's new National Rural Health Commissioner last week, taking over from the outgoing Professor Ruth Stewart. The National Rural Health Alliance (the Alliance), the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Australian Medical Association have all congratulated Professor May on the appointment.

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CORONAVIRUS

Firey vax mandate 'a risk to safety'

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 23/06/2024, Shannon Deery, Page 9

Dozens of unvaccinated Victorian firefighters remain banned from the job despite critical staff shortages that whistleblowers say are a risk to public safety. A Herald Sun analysis of Fire Rescue Victoria alerts has found urgent calls for help are being issued on an almost weekly basis as the organisation scrambles to fill shifts.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

How to uncover hidden billions

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 23/06/2024, Sue Dunlevy, Page 14

Charles Maskell Knight who served as a senior health department bureaucrat for 25 years said one way to solve the problem of the missing billions is for the government to regulate nursing homes like health insurance funds. "If you run a private health insurer, you have to have essentially an entity that does that, and it's got to have designated bank accounts and all your activity associated with running your insurer goes through that bank account," Mr Knight said.

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Age-old story in dodgy care of our elderly

Sunday Telegraph, Editorials, 23/06/2024, Page 92

Within weeks the federal Government will outline bold new reforms in aged care that are likely to cost taxpayers, elderly people and their families a bucketload more money. These extra resources will be thrown at a sector that shrouds its financial dealings under a cloak of impenetrable secrecy and obfuscation, with complex financial structures that make it appear many providers are making a loss.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Could TikTok's colour noise trend improve your sleep?

Sunday Telegraph, Body and Soul, 23/06/2024, Rachael Martin, Page 8

Real talk: everyone has had their snooze disturbed at least once by unwelcome noise. Whether it's the neighbours next door, the sound of traffic passing, sirens blaring or the pre-dawn chorus of native wildlife.

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Vaping overtakes smoking among South Australian youth, new study shows

9News, Other, 22/06/2024

They were designed as a gateway to a cigarette-free life but a new study has found vapes are increasingly leading South Australians into a smoke haze. Preventive Health SA and the SA Health and Medical Research Institute embarked on a study of 3000 South Australians and found that in just one year the number of 15-29 year olds vaping regularly had doubled.

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Losing weight is no longer the biggest exercise motivation, study claims

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 22/06/2024, Claudia Poposki

Losing weight is no longer the reason many Aussies are choosing to move their bodies. Instead something entirely is pushing people to exercise, according to a new study.

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

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\$1K a week drug habit: Why young Australians are dealing cocaine

Cairns Post, Other, 22/06/2024, Andrew Koubaridis

A worrying trend has developed in many Australian cocaine users who are desperate to score bags of cocaine for nothing. Cocaine users are increasingly turning to dealing in a desperate bid to fund their expensive habit.

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Alarm as steep rise in youth vaping overtakes smoking

Canberra Times, Other, 22/06/2024, Savannah Meacham

Vaping has overtaken smoking among young South Australians for the first time with data showing a steep rise in usage. The number of South Australians aged 15 to 29 vaping daily or weekly nearly doubled from 8.4 per cent in 2022 to 15.1 per cent in 2023, according to the state's Population Health Survey Module System.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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'I'm an exercise physiologist. There are 3 steps to save your pelvic floor.'

Mamamia, Other, 22/06/2024, Erin Docherty

Your pelvic floor . How is she doing? If you're not pregnant or don't have kids, chances are you don't... really know. And honestly, same.

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Planning for a health emergency and what you need to know to protect yourself

The Australian, Other, 22/06/2024, James Millard

When financial advisers talk about defending assets, one of the key strategies always discussed is building up an emergency fund. What isn't discussed as often is what happens when you've used your emergency fund. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) report on the economic burden of endometriosis highlights the substantial costs associated with managing this condition.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

5:2 diet gets type 2 diabetes tick

Sunday Times, General News, 23/06/2024, Page 24

Going on the 5:2 diet delivers better results for type 2 diabetes patients than taking medication, a study suggests. A trial by scientists at Beijing Hospital found the diet is more effective for type 2 diabetics at improving blood glucose levels and boosting weight loss.

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Hi-tech boost to cancer checks

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 23/06/2024, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 7

New technology has been introduced to South Australia with the potential to save women's lives through the improved accuracy of breast cancer detection. Dubbed a major milestone for women's health, Contrast Enhanced Mammography has previously only been available interstate.

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University of Queensland to trial AI, 3D skin imaging to detect melanoma

Adelaide Now, Other, 22/06/2024, Cameron Bates

A skin-cancer survivor working as a health professional in northwest Queensland says innovative new research that uses AI to detect melanoma could save lives. The University of Queensland has been granted nearly \$3 million to trial how artificial intelligence (AI) can support clinicians – partnered with 3D total skin imaging – for the early detection of melanoma.

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A GP guide to persistent pelvic pain

Australian Doctor, Other, 22/06/2024, Supuni Kapurubandara & Jason Abbott

A common contributor to pelvic pain, pelvic floor myalgia is often overlooked, but GPs can play a crucial role in providing care. Need to know: Persistent pelvic pain affects up to one in four women, imposing significant psychosocial, functional and physical burdens irrespective of the underlying cause/s.

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'You are never too young for this horrid disease'

Daily Liberal, Other, 22/06/2024, Laurie Bullock

Sometimes we find news stories very close to home. [...] Bowel Cancer Australia says the disease kills 103 Australians every week.

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Kylie lives with constant pain. Australian doctors are working to offer relief to millions like her

SBS, Other, 22/06/2024, Sandra Fulloon

Four million Australians live with back problems and treatment costs more than \$3 billion annually. An upcoming trial in NSW offers fresh hope to many.

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Our hospital security are begging for protection

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 23/06/2024, Madeline Crittenden & Lisa Wachsmuth, Page 11

The boss of the Health Services Union has called for greater powers and defensive weapons for hospital security guards after two were stabbed and a nurse injured by a patient at Westmead Hospital. Police were called to the hospital about 11.30pm on Friday after a 39-year-old mental patient at the hospital allegedly assaulted a nurse and attacked three guards.

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Hospitals slashed

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 23/06/2024, Shannon Deery & Alex White, Page 1

Major hospitals are facing crippling budget cuts as the Allan government struggles to rein in spending. Hospitals have been asked to find big savings in a move that could include many job losses.

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He escapes justice but for us, lifelong misery

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 23/06/2024, Sean Fewster, Page 8

The Bicycle Bandit's terminally ill victim has condemned his "disgusting" plea bargain deal, saying he "has won" while she and her peers are left with lifelong trauma. The former bank worker, who asked not to be named, said she was outraged prosecutors had agreed not to seize Kym Allen Parsons' \$1.5m estate in exchange for his confession.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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Fury over six-hour wait, then death

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 23/06/2024, Taylah Fellows, Page 4

An elderly Gold Coast man was kept waiting six hours for an ambulance after he fell and fractured his pelvis at home, despite being just 10 minutes from two major hospitals. Biggera Waters resident David Terelinck said he called triple-0 at 9.30am on Tuesday, June 11, when his husband Robert Miller fell.

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

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No time to wait for real action

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Editorials, 23/06/2024, Page 64

Horror stories continue to emerge of hours long waits for ambulances and medical attention in this state, which shows Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has her work cut out attempting to fix the system before the election. Gold Coast man David Terelinck is the latest to tell his story. His husband, Robert Miller, died last week just days after he endured an agonising six-hour wait for an ambulance, followed by 90 minutes of being ramped at the local private hospital.

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Behrakis takes up battle on ADHD

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 23/06/2024, Sue Bailey, Page 18

As a child with ADHD, Simon Behrakis was often told he would "never get anywhere in life" unless he applied himself more at school. He was bright, but he was disruptive in class.

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GP alarm at cost of ADHD services

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 23/06/2024, Sue Bailey, Page 18

The cost of seeing a psychiatrist for an ADHD diagnosis was prohibitive for many Tasmanians, a doctors' group says. Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Tasmanian chair Toby Gardner has welcomed the establishment of a parliamentary committee to review ADHD services in Tasmania which will report and make recommendations by March 31 next year.

More LGH deaths referred to coroner

Sunday Examiner, General News, 23/06/2024, Matt Maloney, Page 5

There have now been 22 deaths referred to the state's coronial division for review, following an independent review of deaths at the Launceston General Hospital that were assessed by a former senior manager who allegedly falsified patient records. The review was sparked after allegations were aired before a parliamentary inquiry by two witnesses that a number of records of patient deaths had been amended by the senior staff member so they would not be sent to a coroner for examination.

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Wujal Wujal Primary Health Care awarded Queensland Health Award for Excellence

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 22/06/2024, Catherine Duffy

Wujal Wujal hospital staff have been recognised after treating patients on the roof of a clinic as a torrent of water rapidly rose around them from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper. The 300-strong community was evacuated in December last year due to unprecedented flooding.

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

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Dr Matthew Wright, co-director of Emergency at Flinders Medical Centre, says ramping is a failure

The Mercury, Other, 22/06/2024, Charlie Dadds

The co-director of an Adelaide emergency department has bluntly told an inquest ramping is a "failed" model that creates an unfair balance between two kinds of patients. The spotlight on ramping has created an imbalance in which patients in waiting ambulances get more overall attention than those in emergency departments, an inquest has heard.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

'I can remember always feeling like an alien'

Sunday Age, General News, 23/06/2024, Jewel Topsfield, Page 8

Ainslie Robinson's son enjoyed going to the playground but was happy playing alongside other children rather than joining in with them. As a baby, he would only go to sleep if Robinson carried him in a sling and danced around the house.

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Mental health probe after medicos cut

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 23/06/2024, William Ton, Page 12

A man under police guard in hospital after allegedly slashing two guards and injuring a nurse will be investigated for possible mental health and drug issues. Police were called to Westmead Hospital in western Sydney about 11.30pm on Friday following reports a man had assaulted staff.

Also reported by: [Sunday Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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"I posted my cellulite and it went viral"

Sunday Telegraph, Body and Soul, 23/06/2024, Harriet Walker, Page 1

As social media has a ripple effect on female self-esteem around the world, self-love activist, Danae Mercer, is breaking the internet and taking on big tech one dimple at a time. Danae Mercer speaks

three different languages, won a scholarship to Cambridge, studied for a degree in journalism and politics and became editor-in-chief of a glossy magazine at the age of 30.

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Clubs 'key to mental health'

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 23/06/2024, Rebecca Whitfieldbaker, Page 17

Grassroots sports clubs have been identified as potential game-changers in reversing spiralling rates of mental illness but there is a catch. Flinders University researchers say while the positive link between physical activity and mental wellbeing is well recognised, the next step is to "leverage this" to improve mental health and potentially save lives.

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TV network signs up Hammo

Sunday Telegraph, Sport, 23/06/2024, Page 42

Former ABC footy caller Craig Hamilton has scored a huge breakthrough with his documentary The Promise, a film dedicated to mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The Stan network has purchased the documentary to stream over three years.

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Giving WA blokes a voice for the sake of their mental health

Sunday Times, General News, 23/06/2024, Kate Emery, Page 23

It is a stereotype that men are reluctant to talk about their feelings. But, like many stereotypes, there is truth to it.

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WA's first trial of psilocybin from magic mushroom for depression is underway, with aim to recruit 60 patients

West Australian, Other, 23/06/2024, Katherine Fleming

In a room inside the Harry Perkins Institute, with greenery on the walls, curtains to keep the light low and soothing music coming from the speakers, Robert (not his real name) takes a capsule containing psilocybin, or magic mushroom, in readiness for hours of intensive work with two psychotherapists. In his 60s, the Perth man has suffered episodes of major depression throughout his life, which have worsened in the past two decades.

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Mental health experts call for female-only wards at hospitals to prevent sex abuse, harassment

Adelaide Now, Other, 22/06/2024, Sarah Booth

A top psychiatrist has warned of a scourge of sexual abuse against female patients in mental health wards in Victorian hospitals, and says mixed units could derail treatment for those who have been abused by men. Changes to Victoria's mental health system take effect today after a revealing royal commission.

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Report calls for overhaul amid shocking surge in child mental health issues

Adelaide Now, Other, 22/06/2024, Brad Crouch

A major review into child mental health services has made 94 recommendations to overhaul services, amid a shocking surge in the number of kids in distress. Sky News host Rita Panahi says the psychological effects on children are not being "adequately" considered when "we weigh up the cost-benefit analysis of lockdowns".

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Nurses to vote on 28% pay rise over four years

Sunday Age, General News, 23/06/2024, Jewel Topsfield, Page 1

Victoria's nurses and midwives will consider a 28.4 per cent pay rise over four years after an in-principle agreement was hammered out between their union and the Allan government. The new offer - which follows 48 days of protected industrial action does not include cash payments that were part of an earlier offer.

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Nurses in \$1bn win

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 23/06/2024, Carly Douglas, Page 1

Victoria's nurses and midwives could score a whopping 28.4 per cent wage increase under a billion-dollar deal proposed by the Allan government. The state government and the powerful nurses and midwives union have reached an in-principle agreement.

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Mater Mothers lights up for water babies after bayside maternity ward shuts

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 22/06/2024, Judith Kerr

Two new birthing pools with LED lighting and Bluetooth have been installed at a southside hospital, a month after a bayside maternity ward closed due to a pediatrician shortage. Mum Bailee Lawrence, 24, was the first to give birth in one of the new pools describing the experience of having her daughter Allora as "magical".

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Training docs in bush pays off

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 23/06/2024, Stephanie Gardiner, Page 12

When Clare Hardie was in her third year of medical school, she fell in love with a sheep farmer. Dr Hardie, a GP-obstetrician, was doing a clinical placement in Narrogin in Western Australia's wheatbelt in 2015, a move that changed the course of her life and career.

Also reported by: [Sunday Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Push goes on for local medical training

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 22/06/2024, Wade Stephens

Leaders at Monash Rural Health are being encouraged to persist with an ambition to have end-to-end medical training in Mildura, and were advised to create a proposal that is "irresistible" for government. The university had applied for 20 medical Commonwealth Supported Places to be allocated to Sunraysia in 2023, but were unsuccessful.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Pharmacist targeted

Sunday Territorian, General News, 23/06/2024, Alex Treacy, Page 4

The owner of a Katherine pharmacy has been forced to turn to a locum after the regular pharmacist was the target of a horrific home invasion. Two males armed with edged weapons had unlawfully entered a residence on Bergman Circuit, Katherine South, about 1.30am on June 6, NT Police said.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Crippling cost of perfection

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 23/06/2024, Kylie Lang, Page 1

Social media is manipulating young women into chasing physical perfection, triggering a huge increase in high-risk cosmetic procedures. [...] In July last year, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and Medical Board of Australia brought in strict rules to ban emojis and sexualised before and after imagery, as well as a ban on testimonials.

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How Medibank allegedly ignored the warning signs in one of Australia's worst cybersecurity breaches

ABC Online, Other, 22/06/2024, Josh Robertson

Pity the it guy. Logging in via his work computer, he did what a lot of people do.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Cunningham: Things are not improving - it's time to review the NT's floor price of alcohol policy

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 22/06/2024, Matt Cunningham

The only way to view the floor price of alcohol policy as a success is to manipulate the data in a way that distorts reality. Because the raw data shows this policy has had no impact in reducing alcohol-related harm, writes Matt Cunningham.

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4BC, Weekend Breakfast, 22/06/2024, Olympia Kwitowski

Australia's peak medical body has added environmental concerns to the list of reasons for tightening access to e-cigarettes, as vaping reforms are debated in federal parliament. The Australian Medical Association is warning the plastic and electronic waste in vapes can be harmful for the environment and our health. AMA president Professor Steve Robson says e-cigarettes carry a great risk.

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Russia declares cyber war on the Olympics

Sun Herald, General News, 23/06/2024, Sherryn Groch & Marta Pascual Juanola, Page 28

A wave of disinformation about the Paris Games could inspire protests, boycotts, even sabotage, writes Sherryn Groch and Marta Pascual Juanola. It's the biggest corruption scandal you've never heard of and Tom Cruise is explaining it to you with all the explosive special effects you'd expect from a Netflix documentary starring the Top Gun star.

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AFL's mental health boss on drugs policy, weight ban

Sunday Age, Sport, 23/06/2024, Jake Niall, Page 48

The AFL's influential head of mental health and wellbeing has explained the thinking behind the league's contentious illicit drugs policy and why the game was committed to an approach of "harm minimisation" with its players. Dr Kate Hall, who also treated AFL players with drug and mental health issues in her previous life as a clinical psychologist, gave insights into why the AFL suspended players who had public issues with illicit substances such as Jack Ginnivan and Bailey Smith, who were filmed or photographed and each suspended for two matches but did not punish those who test positive and are treated confidentially on a health and medical model.

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'Thank you swimming', pop star farewells the pool

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 23/06/2024, Blake Antrobus, Page 53

Five years ago, Cody Simpson bet it all. He was on top of the entertainment world, from his humble beginnings as a YouTuber which launched a lucrative career as one of Australia's most recognised singer-songwriters, working and performing with the likes of Miley Cyrus, Justin Bieber and Flo Rida.

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Free to stream sports push

Sunday Times, General News, 23/06/2024, Dylan Caporn, Page 24

Australians should not have to pay to see iconic sporting and cultural moments, the WA Government has argued, throwing its weight behind a campaign targeting the Federal Government over broadcasting rights. In a letter to Federal Communications Minister Michelle Rowland, WA's Sport Minister David Templeman has called for Labor to extend protections for the free broadcast of sport to digital streaming rights.

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Confirmed: Olympic swimming to undertake major transformation at the Los Angeles 2028 Games

The Courier Mail, Other, 22/06/2024, Julian Linden

A massive switch in Olympic Games' scheduling, which will buck tradition, is coming in 2028. This is the photo that should finally jolt Brisbane's dillydallying Olympic organisers into action.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Qld scientists Prof John Fraser, Dr Arutha Kulasinghe and Prof Kirsty Short developing protection plan for next pandemic

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 22/06/2024, Jackie Sinnerton

In the pioneering study, the Qld researchers will examine tissue samples from the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic to protect the state from death in the next pandemic. Jackie Sinnerton Health and social issues reporter Queensland has gone into a three-day lockdown after Health Officer Jeannette Young said the virus "could be anywhere".

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Prof Nikolai Petrovsky to start human trials of Alzheimer's vaccine

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 22/06/2024, Cydonee Mardon

A new vaccine that could stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease starts trials in humans for the first time next week, bringing hope to hundreds of thousands of Australians forced to watch a loved one slowly lose their mind. A new vaccine that could stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease in its tracks starts trials in humans for the first time next week, bringing hope to hundreds of thousands of Australians forced to watch a loved one slowly lose their mind.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Aboriginal woman details traumatising experience in hospital following Ballarat assault

ABC Online, Other, 22/06/2024, Kate Ashton

A young Aboriginal woman who experienced a violent assault was able to self-discharge from a Ballarat hospital despite suffering severe head injuries, dizziness and vomiting, a truth-telling inquiry has heard. Gunditjmara woman Sissy Austin, 30, experienced a horrific assault while on an afternoon run in a forest near Ballarat early last year.

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Videos helping youth go vape-free for health, Country

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 22/06/2024, Keira Jenkins

Vaping is a massive problem in the region where Danny Allende works, and although young Indigenous people are statistically more likely to take it up, he says it's a practice that doesn't discriminate. Mr Allende is the manager of Na Joomelah, a program aimed at tackling smoking and vaping among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Sydney and Wollongong.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

How to tell if you have COVID, the flu or the common cold

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 23/06/2024, Bageshri Savyasachi, Page 5

If you feel fatigued or are experiencing mild symptoms, it could be one of three main respiratory viruses making the rounds this winter. The latest family of COVID-19 sub variants - FLIRT led to a spike in infections in May when the ACT recorded 747 cases.

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Got the flu - and a flight to catch?

She looked as though she'd died a week ago, but was dug up and dragged - Weekend at Bernie's-style - for a posthumous island holiday. It was only when she flopped into the seat next to mine and began coughing with such an intensity that I looked to see if her lung had landed in my lap that I realised she was actually still alive - just.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sunday Territorian \(Darwin\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Health alert as flu cases spike

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 23/06/2024, Tileah Dobson, Page 9

Aussies are being urged to stay home if they are unwell as influenza cases spike across the country. Hospitals across Victoria have been put on high alert due to the surge.

Also reported by: [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#).

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Mpox cases detected in New South Wales, prompting vaccination alert

7news.com.au, Other, 22/06/2024, Sowaibah Hanifie

People are being encouraged to be aware of the virus's symptoms. Three mpox cases (formerly known as monkeypox) have been detected in New South Wales, prompting health authorities to encourage vaccination.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The vile vax lies killing our kids

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 23/06/2024, Madeline Crittenden, Page 36

Doctors say misinformation about immunisations and the anti-vax movement is "killing our kids" urging parents to speak to their GPs and do their own research on scientific sites. [...] All vaccines in Australia are safe and undergo rigorous testing by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) before they are registered and approved.

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What do you do if you can't get your child the antibiotics they need?

SBS, Other, 22/06/2024, Asha Bowen

A commonly used antibiotic is in short supply in Australia, leaving parents facing challenges. Azithromycin is facing liquid formulation shortages. The Therapeutic Goods Administration expects the shortage to last until towards the end of the year.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Dope dealers' new ruse

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 23/06/2024, Elizabeth Henson, Page 11

Crime gangs are setting up increasingly sophisticated drug laboratories in South Australia to produce fraudulent medicinal cannabis products that look so genuine they can fool police and legitimate patients, authorities warn. SA Police has told a state parliamentary committee it opposes any expansion of existing medicinal cannabis laws, saying it is already "not possible" to differentiate between some illegal and legal products.

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

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FOOD STANDARDS

Sickly sweet

The Nightly, General News, 21/06/2024, Sarah Di Lorenzo, Page 34

Disguised amongst those numbers on food labels, artificial sweeteners are doing more harm than good. Artificial sweeteners were once hailed as the solution to having it all when it came to enjoying something sweet without any calories.

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Recall for pizzas after metal found

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 23/06/2024, Page 25

Two pizza varieties from McCain are being recalled from supermarkets in Australia due to metal being discovered in the products. Food Standards Australia and New Zealand issued the alert.

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

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Australian organics a big joke

Sunday Times, General News, 23/06/2024, Page 21

Australia's regulation of organic products is laughable by world standards and the result is a growing number of confused consumers, advocates say. Sonya Dowling has lost count of how many times she's caught butchers passing off regular, cheap chicken as her farm's certified organic produce, which comes with a premium price.

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Australia's organic rules a hot mess for consumers

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 22/06/2024, Tracey Ferrier

Sonya Dowling has lost count of how many times she's caught butchers passing off regular, cheap chicken as her certified organic produce. She's sick of complaining to the consumer watchdog with little to no effect while pretenders charge premium prices for a product that's anything but.

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Dutton on attack over nuclear

Sun Herald, General News, 23/06/2024, Matthew Knott, Page 1

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton has launched a strikingly personal attack on Anthony Albanese, deriding the prime minister as a fraud, an appeaser and a "child in a man's body", as he vowed to override premiers opposed to the construction of nuclear-power plants. Dutton's comments, delivered to an audience of Liberal Party politicians, administrators and party activists in Sydney yesterday, represent a significant escalation in the opposition's rhetoric and a potential preview of election campaign attack lines the Coalition will deploy in attempting to paint Albanese as a weak leader.

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Nuclear waste claim dubbed 'hard to swallow'

Sun Herald, General News, 23/06/2024, Mike Foley & Bianca Hall, Page 5

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton's claim that the annual waste generated by a small modular nuclear reactor amounts to the size of a Coke can is hard to swallow, experts say, as such facilities are likely to generate tonnes of high-level radioactive waste each year. Dutton last week revealed the seven locations a Coalition government would build nuclear reactors, vowing to overturn the federal ban on the controversial energy source and complete the first two facilities by 2037.

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

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Research reveals toxic PFAS 'forever chemicals' accumulate in testes

The Guardian, Other, 22/06/2024, Tom Perkins

Study suggests exposure to chemicals manufactured to resist water and heat likely to affect health of offspring. New research has found for the first time that PFAS "forever chemicals" accumulate in the testes, and the exposure probably affects children's health.

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