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- **The Australian** (page 1) reports Bill Shorten has criticised the opposition and the Greens for delaying reforms to the NDIS, warning it will cost \$1.1 billion and leave disabled Australians at risk of exploitation from "dodgy providers and criminals".
- The **Sydney Morning Herald** (page 1) reports the Pharmacy Guild has urged the Senate to reconsider changes to vaping laws after the government reached a deal yesterday allowing pharmacies to sell non-prescription vapes. *Also reported by:* [Australian Financial Review](#), [The Australian](#), [The Australian](#) (editorial Mark Butler), [Canberra Times](#), [Herald Sun](#)
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- The **Herald Sun** (page 1) reports Sport Minister Anika Wells has urged sporting codes to develop "robust frameworks" to detect integrity risks after the release of Sport Integrity Australia's probe into the AFL's illicit drugs policies. *Also reported by:* [The Australian](#), [The Age](#), [Herald Sun](#), [West Australian](#)
- The **Courier Mail** (page 1) reports documents underpinning Queensland's Covid-19 lockdown rules cannot be released as they do not exist, state Health Minister Shannon Fentiman says, with chief health officers developing advice and policy as required.

- **The Australian** (page 3) reports Australian research institutes will launch a national genomics consortium on the back of a federal government grant to advance world-leading treatments for rare genetic conditions.
- **The Australian** (page 3) reports the best way to prevent heart attacks and strokes in adults is to introduce preventative measures during childhood, researchers from Australia, Finland and the US have found.
- The **Courier Mail** (page 3) reports Queenslanders experienced wait times of up to 14 hours across emergency departments between December and March, but state Health Minister Shannon Fentiman said wait times overall are improving.
- The **Northern Territory News** (page 3) reports domestic violence patients presenting to Northern Territory hospitals are leaving before their care is complete at ten times the rate of other patients, new research shows, while less than 40 per cent are being seen by social workers.
- The **Canberra Times** (page 4) reports the ACT will expand paediatric services in its upcoming budget, with more children able to be treated in Canberra instead of having to travel to Sydney.
Also reported by: [ABC Online](#)

MINISTER BUTLER

Pharmacists reject deal on vapes

Australian Financial Review, General News, 25/06/2024, Ronald Mizen, Page 1

Pharmacists have labelled as "insulting" the Albanese government's deal with the Greens to make pharmacies the sole supplier of vapes, saying they are not tobaccoists.

Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#).

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Rare diseases receive huge genomics boost

The Australian, General News, 25/06/2024, Natasha Robinson, Page 3

Australian research institutes are poised to lead the world in the quest to rapidly identify rare genetic conditions and pave the way for potential intervention to prevent their devastating effects with the establishment on a new national genomics consortium. [...] This research is world-leading and these projects have the potential to be game-changers that will lead to advances in diagnosis, treatment and outcomes for Australians and around the world, Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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

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Vapes ban dropped, pharmacy sales only

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 25/06/2024, Joanna Panagopoulos, Page 3

Vapes will be sold only in pharmacies and smokers will not need a prescription, in a significant watering down of Labor's plan to ban e-cigarettes. But Australia will still become the first country to ban the sale of vapes at shop counters. [...] The prohibition proposed by Health Minister Mark Butler meant the only way to get a vape was through a doctor's script.

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

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Nats helping Big Tobacco cash in on our children

The Australian, General News, 25/06/2024, Mark Butler, Page 13

It's hard to imagine a political party more conflicted or more compromised on vaping than the Nationals, which is why parents and school communities across the country are rightly alarmed at the possibility that Peter Dutton will roll over and let the Nationals dictate Liberal Party policy on the recreational vaping crisis affecting our kids. The Nationals are the only political party to still accept donations from tobacco companies. [...] Mark Butler is the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

Labor's vape ban goes up in smoke

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/06/2024, Paul Sakkal and Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 1

Australians will be able to buy plain-packaged nicotine vapes from pharmacies without a prescription from October, after the Albanese government walked back its world-leading plan to outlaw all e-cigarette sales without a doctor's prescription. Health Minister Mark Butler struck a deal with the Greens yesterday to water down a proposed vape ban so that his legislation, which will introduce tough penalties for unlicensed shops selling illegal vapes, can pass the Senate.

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

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Chemists reject plan to allow over the-counter vape sales

Canberra Times, General News, 25/06/2024, Dana Daniel, Page 1

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has rejected a plan for nicotine vapes to be sold over-the-counter. A deal between Health Minister Mark Butler and the Greens, in the Senate on Monday, heralded reforms under which nicotine vapes would be sold legally in pharmacists to adults without a prescription.

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

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Script flip for vapes

Herald Sun, General News, 25/06/2024, Jack Quail, Page 1

Vapes will be made available at pharmacies without prescription after the Albanese government backtracked on its plan to ban the commercial sale of ecigarettes so it could strike a deal with the Greens. Health Minister Mark Butler secured support from the minor party on Monday for Labors plan, which originally limited vape access to prescription-only pharmacy sales.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Chemists to sell vapes, age ban

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 10

Vapes will be sold only through pharmacies with people aged under 18 banned from buying them unless they have a prescription under a new deal about to become law. [...] "These laws protect young Australians and the broader community from the harms of recreational vaping while ensuring that those who really need access to a therapeutic vape for help to quit smoking can get one," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Kalgoorlie\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Australia plans to restrict vape sales to pharmacies from next week

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/06/2024

Australia plans to outlaw the sale of vapes outside pharmacies from next week under some of the world's toughest restrictions on electronic cigarettes, the health minister said on Monday. The government had reached a compromise with the minor Greens party to get the legislated restrictions through the Senate this week, Health Minister Mark Butler and the party said.

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Australia waters down planned world first vape ban...

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/06/2024

Australia will water down a planned world first ban on vaping after opposition from the Greens party led the government on Monday to agree to amend a bill that would have restricted vapes to those with a

doctor's prescription. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said in a statement that the government "welcomed constructive engagement with the crossbench and secured the support of The Greens for our world leading vaping laws".

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Medicinal vapes to be sold over the counter at pharmacies after Labor and Greens reach deal

The Guardian, Other, 24/06/2024, Josh Butler

Plain-packaged vapes will be sold over the counter at pharmacies as a therapeutic tool under amendments to the Albanese government's crackdown on vaping products. [...] The health minister, Mark Butler, said the amendments came through "constructive engagement with the crossbench".

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New report warns of a national diabetes epidemic

SBS, Other, 24/06/2024, Alexandra Jones

A new report has warned of a national diabetes epidemic, calling for better access to weight loss medications and a tax on sugary drinks. Around two million Australians live with a form of diabetes, and the number is on the rise in younger people. [...] As calls grow for a national diabetes prevention plan, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has said the Government is waiting to receive a report from a parliamentary committee into the disease.

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Australia to introduce world-first vape ban as government strikes deal with Greens

SBS, Other, 24/06/2024, Jessica Bahr

Under the government's adjusted legislation, vape sales will be banned outside pharmacies but prescriptions will not be required for adults. The Albanese government has watered down its proposed vaping laws and struck a deal with the Greens to introduce a world-first ban. [...] "These laws protect young Australians and the broader community from the harms of recreational vaping, while ensuring that those who really need access to a therapeutic vape for help to quit smoking can get one from their local pharmacy," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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International medical graduates struggle to get qualifications recognised

SBS, Other, 24/06/2024, Laetitia Lemke and Ruth McHugh-Dillon

New figures show a jump in the number of overseas doctors, nurses, and health professionals working in Australia's health care system. But medical groups say thousands of international medical graduates already here are struggling to get their qualifications recognised. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler.

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University of Newcastle professor appointed National Rural Health Commissioner

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/06/2024, Stefanie Schultz

Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler has announced University of Newcastle's Professor Jennifer May is to take over as National Rural Health Commissioner The University of Newcastle graduate has dedicated her career to rural health care, working as a GP in rural, regional and remote WA, NT and NSW for 35 years.

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New National Rural Health Commissioner appointed

Government News, Other, 25/06/2024, Judy Skatsoon

Australia has a new National Rural Health Commissioner following the appointment of Professor Jenny May AM, currently the Director of the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health based in Tamworth. Professor May has more than 35 years' experience as a GP in rural, regional and remote

WA, NT and NSW, as well as in rural Canada. [...] "The Government welcomes the appointment of Professor Jenny May to the role of National Rural Health Commissioner," said the federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler.

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Medical research fund backs AI with \$30m

InnovationAus, Other, 24/06/2024, Joseph Brookes

Researchers will develop artificial intelligence that detects melanomas, treats youth mental health and brings down the cost of radiotherapy with \$30 million in medical research grants. Health minister Mark Butler announced the recipients over the weekend, with 10 university researchers each receiving grants of around \$3 million from the Medical Research Future Fund.

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Spend your Strengthening Medicare grant now

The Medical Republic, Other, 24/06/2024, Laura Woodrow

The program ends on Sunday, so go shopping – the money won't be rolled over to next financial year. Practices that received a Strengthening Medicare GP Grant are due a blowout, as any grant money unspent by the end of the program won't be rolled over. In April last year, the Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler announced that the federal government was committing \$220 million in grants to support general practices and eligible Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to improve their services.

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Vapes to be sold at Aussie pharmacies from october in 'watered-down' ban: what you need to know

Pedestrian TV, Other, 24/06/2024, Rebekah Manibog

Vapes will soon be made available as a behind-the-counter product at pharmacies across Australia after the federal government struck a deal with the Greens to pass its anti-vaping legislation . The big change comes months after the federal government cracked down on the trade and importation of vapes. On Monday, Australia's Health Minister Mark Butler announced that the government has made an agreement to "water down" the ban imposed on the trade of e-cigarettes ABC News reports .

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PD breaking news – Pharmacies to provide vapes without a script under new Butler deal

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/06/2024

Federal Health Minister, Mark Butler, will shortly announce details of a revised regulatory regime governing the sale of vapes, after this afternoon reportedly coming to an agreement with cross-bench parliamentarians to allow the required legislation to pass.

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Channel 10, The Project, 24/06/2024, Georgie Tunny, Waleed Aly, Steve Price and Sam Taunton

Health Minister Mark Butler has struck a deal with the Greens to get the legislation banning retail sales through the Senate. The original bill was tougher but e-cigarettes at pharmacies will still be subject to plain packaging rules.

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2SM, 18:00 News, 24/06/2024

The Albanese Government and the Greens have agreed on amendments to propose vaping laws. The changes will allow adults to buy vapes through pharmacies without a GP prescription, enabling people under 18 to access vapes with a prescription if deemed appropriate. Health Minister Mark Butler says the laws will return vapes to their original purpose of helping smokers quit.

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2SM, Mornings, 24/06/2024, John Laws

Laws reports Opposition Energy Spokesman Ted O'Brien said Australians won't have long to wait until they understand how much energy nuclear power will contribute to the nation's energy mix. He adds Health Minister Mark Butler accused the Coalition of playing with the figures. According to Butler, Peter Dutton's plan would cost \$600b and taxpayers will pay that, equivalent to about 20 years of Medicare.

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5AA, 06:00 News, 24/06/2024

A record number of health professionals have moved to Australia to pursue a career in the health system over the past two years. Nearly 9000 doctors, nurses, midwives and other professionals have joined the health workforce since July 2022. Most have settled in the eastern states of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the health system relies on international professionals.

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ABC Radio Perth, Statewide Mornings, 24/06/2024, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler was spruiking the good news yesterday about record numbers of healthcare professionals moving from overseas to come and work in Australia. Butler says in the first ten months of this financial year alone, twice as many overseas trained health professionals have come to Australia to do their important work and then were recruited in the final year before the Covid pandemic. He adds it is an important part of Australia's health care system and they are doing everything they can to make that more effective, to streamline the regulation over the recruitment of overseas trained doctors and nurses in particular.

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MINISTER WELLS

Strike on AFL policy

Herald Sun, General News, 25/06/2024, Michael Warner and Jade Gailberger, Page 1

The boss of Australia's antidoping agency has warned that the AFL and Australian sport more widely is at a crossroad after a damning report identified key issues around players buying cocaine, ice and ecstasy from criminals. Sport Integrity Australia on Monday recommended an immediate overhaul of the AFL's contentious illicit drugs policy, which includes a so-called medical model under which players can avoid drug strikes and undergo off the books testing. [...] Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells said SIAs review highlighted the threats posed to Australian sport through the use of illicit drugs.

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

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Exorbitant aged care fees raise questions about the system

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/06/2024, Sue Dunlevy

The My Aged Care website is a minefield of mistakes, with some homes reportedly spending just four cents per day on food per resident. Another reports it charges each resident \$1184 per day. [...] Aged Care minister Anika Wells was contacted for comment.

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University of Newcastle professor appointed National Rural Health Commissioner

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Bill Shorten attends event in support of the two Australians who die of this disease every day

Aged Care Guide, Other, 24/06/2024, Georgie Waters

How older age could increase your risk of this disease Posted by Georgie Waters Key points: Motor neurone disease is more likely to affect Australians over 50 years old than younger age groups, according to Motor Neurone Disease Australia is celebrating its 30th year of supporting people with MND and their families [...] Attendees expected at the Motor Neurone Disease Australia awards ceremony include the Minister for the NDIS the Hon Bill Shorten and Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care the Hon Ged Kearney.

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CORONAVIRUS

Health advice doesnt exist

Courier Mail, General News, 25/06/2024, Hayden Johnson, Page 1

Specific health advice behind controversial Covid-19 lockdown rules some delivered by Jeannette Young does not actually exist. Report P9 No notes on Covid calls Health advice underpinning Queensland's controversial Covid-19 lockdown rules and vaccination mandates will not be released by the state government because a conclusive document does not exist.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Doing this workout in your 60s can preserve strength for years

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/06/2024, Leo Sands

It's never too late to start lifting weights – and now there are more signs it can provide enduring health benefits for older people. Researchers at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark found that regularly lifting weights for a year in your mid-60s can preserve the strength of your leg muscles for years to come.

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Surf Coast council takes final step in rollout of new ageing plan, ends in-home assessments

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 24/06/2024, Abby Walter

Surf Coast Shire Council is no longer able to deliver in-home assessments for people looking for Commonwealth Home Support Program services. It comes as the Australian government makes changes to aged care delivery. The program helps older people access entry-level support services to live independently and safely at home, including meals and food preparation, bathing and hygiene, nursing, respite, podiatry, physiotherapy and other therapies, home or garden maintenance, cleaning and chores, aids for communication, mobility and personal care, transport, social outings and changes to the home.

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My elderly parents have left their family, friends and community to move to Bali

ABC Online, Other, 24/06/2024, Lyrella Couzens

At 80, Mum and Dad finally decided to retire — to Bali. My parents are avid travellers and adventurous risk-takers, so selling up and moving to Indonesia is not as surprising as you might think. But I'm still worried. My parents are self-funded retirees but they worked hard for it. Mum was a dietitian before becoming a high school teacher, semi-retiring at 65. She continued teaching casually up until she was 78.

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“No excuse” – safety commission announces targeted monitoring for Covid-19

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/06/2024, Stefanie Schultz

The Australian Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC) has announced new measures for ensuring all residential aged care facilities are meeting the standard for Covid-19 prevention and management. The Commission has warned that they will be targeting facilities with low vaccination rates through unannounced visits and written reminders.

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ACCPA launches innovation program

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/06/2024, Natasha Egan

The program is designed for aged care and community boards and executives to enhance strategic innovation. Provider peak body Aged & Community Care Providers Association has announced a new collaboration to help providers innovate. At ACCPA's state conference in Sydney New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory last week, the peak body launched its new Strategic Innovation Program.

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ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt, 07:30 News, 24/06/2024

Less than 20% of residents at an aged care home in southwest WA have received a COVID-19 vaccination in the past 12 months. Recent data from the Department of Health and Aged Care shows Harvey's Hocart Lodge is one of 170 facilities across Australia with similarly low rates.

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Pharmacy fury as vapes head behind the counter to get reforms through

West Australian, General News, 25/06/2024, Dominic Giannini, Page 5

Vapes will be sold only through pharmacies with people under 18 banned from buying them unless they have a prescription. The move has been slammed by the peak body for pharmacists. The Federal Government cut a deal with the Greens to dump prescriptions for adults in order to clear the way for reforms to pass the Senate.

Also reported by: [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Australian Journal of Pharmacy \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#)

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Young vapers struggling to quit

Burnie Advocate, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 11

Young Australians who vape are remaining hooked to the habit despite repeated attempts to quit, research reveals. The insight comes from a University of Melbourne survey released on Monday which quizzed more than 600 vape users aged between 14 and 25.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#)

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Unique challenges for regional health access

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/06/2024, Jo Capp and Todd Rohl, Page 29

Health is Toowoombas biggest employer. It is the fifth biggest industry sector, by business count in Toowoomba. It is an advocacy priority for the Toowoomba Chamber. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare makes it clear that Australians living outside of metropolitan areas face unique challenges and poorer health outcomes.

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Fresh bid to aid Aussies with neurological conditions

Canberra Times, Other, 25/06/2024, Holly Hales

Improved care for millions of Australians suffering debilitating neurological conditions will be the focus of a national summit on the issue. Neurological Alliance Australia is holding the event at Parliament House, in Canberra, on Tuesday and aims to establish a task force for neurological conditions. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has estimated the conditions have an annual impact of more than \$100 billion on the national economy.

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

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US woman arrested at Adelaide Airport over alleged meth import after suitcase discovery wrapped in clothing

7news.com.au, Other, 24/06/2024, Hayley Taylor

Inside the US woman's luggage were vacuum-sealed bags of clothing, but officers found something else wrapped inside. A woman in her 60s, who was arrested at Adelaide Airport after border security pulled aside her suitcase on Friday, will face court on Monday. [...] Australian Border Force Chief Superintendent Bart England said the "incredibly destructive drug" results in the hospitalisation of 27 people across Australia each day, citing an Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report.

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ABC, ABC News, 24/06/2024, Jeremy Fernandez

The Federal Government has watered down its ban on the sale of vapes, so adults will eventually be able to buy them without a prescription. E-cigarettes will only be sold in pharmacies and subject to plain packaging, and from next Monday, smokers will need a prescription to buy them.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 24/06/2024, Melissa Downes

The Federal Government's world-leading plan to crack down on vaping has been watered down. From July, therapeutic vapes will only be available with a prescription from a GP or prescribing nurse as planned. However, the changes kick in on October with those same therapeutic vapes will be available from a pharmacy after talking with the pharmacist. The non-therapeutic vapes often targeting kids will still be illegal to manufacture or sell tonight, though pharmacists described this as a bad decision.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 24/06/2024, Laura Jayes

Interview with Professor Steve Robson, President, Australian Medical Association. Robson has aimed Nationals Leader David Littleproud over his vaping stance, accusing him of prioritising the interests of the tobacco lobby ahead of the health of Australians. Robson's comments come ahead of a vote on the federal government's anti-vaping crackdown in Parliament this week. Robson says the legislation before the Parliament, is their absolute best chance of protecting young Australians against the effects of vaping so they support it strongly.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Penis cancer cases are surging around the world – here's why

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 25/06/2024, Andrew Court

Penis cancer cases are rising around the world and are expected to surge a staggering 77 per cent in the next 26 years, according to an alarming new investigation by BBC. The British news outlet says cases in Germany increased by 50 per cent between 1961 and 2012, while the UK has also seen a significant spike "Although developing countries still bear the higher incidence and mortality of penile cancer , the incidence is on the rise in most European countries," researchers from Sun Yat-Sen University in China declared, following a large-scale analysis involving the latest data from 43 countries.

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'It started as pins and needles ... now I have two incurable diseases'

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/06/2024, Joel Erickson

University of Sydney Neurologist Dr Heidi Beadnall says the rates of diagnoses of multiple sclerosis are "gradually increasing". Emma Tinkler had just returned from her honeymoon in 2005 when she started getting pins and needles in her fingers. She initially didn't think much of it and only went to her doctor after a week of the symptoms , but she was told her test results were clear and everything was fine.

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Why Tayla Williams believes netball is the perfect place to spark a conversation about endometriosis and periods

ABC Online, Other, 24/06/2024, Brittany Carter

Tayla Williams can easily go back and pinpoint her worst Super Netball performances, as they've often fallen on the days she didn't want to get out of bed. Over four seasons, the 2023 premierships player has built a reputation as a crafty mid-courter, while also becoming an unofficial spokesperson for those suffering with endometriosis.

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Calls for urgent action to prevent diabetes, as the number of diagnoses grow in young people

SBS, Other, 24/06/2024

There are growing calls for more action to tackle diabetes in Australia with a tax on sugary drinks recommended. Around two million Australians live with a form of diabetes, and the number is on the

PRIMARY CARE

Jailed robbers plans for euthanasia

The Australian, General News, 25/06/2024, Duncan Evans, Page 7

A man who committed a 10-year bank robbery spree has been sentenced to 35 years in prison as cancer corrodes his body and he makes plans to imminently end his life through a voluntary assisted dying procedure. Kym Parsons, 73, robbed 11 banks across South Australia from 2004 to 2014, armed with a rifle and wearing a black balaclava.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [The Nightly \(None\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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More ill kids will be able to stay in ACT

Canberra Times, General News, 25/06/2024, Lucy Bladen, Page 4

Canberra hospitals will be able to deliver a higher level of care to critically ill children to keep up with a significant increase in demand. The ACT government is hopeful new investments will mean more children will be able to be treated in the capital but stressed many will still need to travel to Sydney for treatment. ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith on Monday announced the government would expand the territory's paediatric services with funding allocated in the territory budget. She said there had been a significant increase in demand for inpatient care for children in the territory.

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

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14-hour Emergency wait

Courier Mail, Edition Changes - Metro, 25/06/2024, Hayden Johnson, Page 3

This financial year, the number of patients receiving extended treatment fell by 791, the same period last year. "We know our hospital emergency departments are busier than ever before, with a growing and ageing population, declining private health cover, more complex conditions, and a lack of access to GPs," Ms Fentiman said.

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

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Emergency under pressure

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 25/06/2024, Emily Devon, Page 2

The first official day of school holidays has kicked off with a bang, at least in the emergency department of the Townsville University Hospital, which was inundated with patients early Monday morning. Health Service chief executive Kieran Keyes said he felt it was important to alert the community of the pressures the emergency staff were under, and suggested residents sought alternative treatment for non-life threatening injuries.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Inside the hospital mortuary, a deathly silence is matched by the utmost care

Canberra Times, Other, 24/06/2024, Peter Brewer

The sign in Latin above the door to the Canberra Hospital mortuary reads: Mortui Vivos Docent It means "the dead teach the living". It's a centuries-old philosophy which sends a shudder through much

of the population because in many cultures, death - at least what happens to us after we die - is a subject commonly shunned by polite society.

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RDH emergency department research shows DV victims falling through the cracks

Northern Territory News, Other, 24/06/2024, Fia Walsh

A study of a Top End emergency department has revealed less than 40 per cent of domestic violence patients were seen by a social worker. A study of presentations to a Top End emergency department has revealed domestic violence patients left before completing their care 10 times more often than others, while less than 40 per cent were seen by a social worker.

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Paramedics to be based at Sandgate industrial site, as stations not built

Newcastle Herald, Other, 24/06/2024, Damon Cronshaw

The Hunter will get 50 new , but they will be based at a Sandgate industrial site because stations at Swansea and Gateshead aren't built. Alterations are occurring inside the warehouse-type building to make it suitable for the ' arrival. Brendan McIlveen, an Australian Paramedics Association NSW assistant secretary, said the state government was behind schedule on the two planned Lake Macquarie stations.

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O'Keeffe slams government's plan to cut funding to GV Health

Shepparton News Online, Other, 24/06/2024, Khadija Hadjab

"We must protect our local hospitals, jobs and the impact on communities from these misguided policies," Kim O'Keeffe said. Photo by Megan Fisher State Member for Shepparton Kim O'Keeffe has raised concerns about the Victorian Government's plan to cut funding to regional hospitals.

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Queensland's LifeFlight marks 45th year with plans to expand as government sponsorship takes off

ABC Online, Other, 24/06/2024, Jennifer Nichols

When Stuart Vollmerhausen went to work in January last year, he never expected he would need an aerial intensive care unit to fly him to a tertiary-level hospital more than 100 kilometres away. But that is what happened when young bulls trampled the stud cattle breeder.

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Legendary comedian dead at 76

7news.com.au, Other, 24/06/2024, Pip Christmass

Legendary comedian and singer Geraldine Doyle has died at 76 after a long battle with cancer. The comedian, who first gained stardom as a singer in Ireland before moving to Australia, passed away on May 29. [...] The disease returned seven years ago, and Doyle chose to end her suffering with the assistance of Voluntary Assisted Dying.

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

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Blood, guts, vomit: Graphic TV campaign under fire for blaming ED overcrowding on patients

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/06/2024, Carmel Sparke

'It's not the public's fault the system is overloaded,' as slightly gory ads appear to suggest: AMA. An "unapologetically graphic" health campaign to deter people from EDs has been slammed by the AMA for appearing to blame patients for overcrowded hospitals.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 24/06/2024, Alicia Loxley and Tom Steinfert

Three senior Ambulance executives have been axed as the service struggles to meet tough new budgets imposed by the Allan Government. Ambulance Victoria says it will also overhaul its operating models, which will most likely mean more staff cuts.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Breakfast, 24/06/2024, Adam Shirley

Canberra's paediatric health services will receive a boost of almost \$58m in tomorrow's Territory Budget, which the ACT Government says will fund initiatives such as inpatient beds at the Canberra Hospital, a specialist critical care team and more cots at the Centenary Hospital's neonatal ICU and special care nursery.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Family pain inspires a celebration of life

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/06/2024, Tamara McDonald, Page 9

Ocean Grove's Mark Woodhouse describes his late wife Dianne Mitchell as a gregarious woman with a distinctive laugh. But Mr Woodhouse said she had struggled with depression since she was a minor, and died aged 56 on July 3 last year. "She used to be able to get through it and live a normal sort of life but it was always ever-present," Mr Woodhouse said. Mr Woodhouse and Ms Mitchell were together for eight years and married for five.

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Ketamine for depression

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 5

Health a slow-release, tablet form of ketamine with minimal sideeffects has the potential to make depression treatment more affordable and accessible. Usually clinical ketamine is given through an injection or a nasal spray, which can cause side-effects like dissociation, high blood pressure and elevated heart rate.

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Gen Z's mental health crisis coincides with the birth of the smartphone

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/06/2024, Alexander Downer

Let's be realistic, there's not much SA can do to fix climate change or the economy, but we can do this, writes Alexander Downer. 3 min read The heads of Australia's largest commercial media organisations sat side-by-side today in Canberra, appearing before a parliamentary committee.

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Karratha Step Up Step Down residential mental health facility set to be operational in 2026

West Australian, Other, 24/06/2024

The WA Mental Health Commission has confirmed the time line for a community-based residential mental health facility in Karratha, nearly a decade after its first proposal. A Step Up/Step Down facility — which provides short-term residences and mental health care for people discharged from hospitals — is set to become operational in Karratha in 2026.

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Concerns nursing position to be halved at Royal Hobart Hospital eating disorder clinic

ABC Online, Other, 24/06/2024, Sarah Aitken

Eating disorders can be deadly, in fact anorexia is the most lethal mental health condition there is.

They're also increasingly common. Yet nursing staff contracts at the Royal Hobart Hospital Paediatric Eating Disorders Clinic are about to be cut from four to just two to look after approximately 140 patients.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Help for babies like Tiny Teddy

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/06/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 9

When he made his early and dramatic arrival into the world, Teddy Kirby weighed about the same as a glass of milk. Mum Sarah Kirby said her miracle boy was delivered at just 26 weeks by an emergency caesarean after his heart rate started to slow.

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

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New pay offer for nurses

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 25/06/2024, David Chapman, Page 1

Bendigo nurses and midwives will meet on Wednesday to vote on a new pay deal which could bring an end to chronic staff shortages at the city's hospital. Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation members across Victoria will vote on a 28.5 per cent wage increase over four years. The offer came after intensive talks between the union, health department representatives and the Allan government after 48 days of industrial action including hospital bed closures that began on May 7.

Also reported by: [Sunraysia Daily \(Mildura\)](#), [Sunraysia Daily \(Online\)](#).

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'Missing' cash can fund pay rise: nurses

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/06/2024, Samantha Lock, Page 7

Nurses have demanded a 15 per cent pay rise and a new report argues the state government could achieve it without costing NSW taxpayers a cent. A major pay rise for NSW nurses is possible without hurting the state budget by using billions of dollars in untapped federal funds, a union says.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#).

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Students enjoy three-day Moree visit

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 7

Health university of Newcastle students recently enjoyed a three-day visit to Moree. The students have been on year-long rural placements, with many enjoying a year in Tamworth. Accompanied by the University's Department of Rural Health staff, officials said the visit offered a unique blend of professional and personal growth opportunities, showcasing the vibrant community and cultural heritage of Moree.

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Pharmacist appointed Productivity Commissioner

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/06/2024

Pharmacist, Dr Alison Roberts, will join the Productivity Commission in September as one of its full-time commissioners. Roberts was previously executive director, policy, advocacy and innovation at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) from December 2014 to July 2017.

Supporting intersectional mentoring of women in medicine

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 24/06/2024, Pallavi Prathivadi and Naomi MacPherson

Increasing efforts to provide mentorship to female medical students and doctors aim to support career progression, increase representation of women in medical leadership, increase job opportunities, and provide psychosocial support and recognition. Mentorship arrangements are actively encouraged, strongly desired and beneficial for personal and professional success.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Diabetes shortages targeted in report

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/06/2024, Megan Haggan

The 2024 State of the Nation report from Diabetes Australia shows that management of the condition in Australia has hit a "crisis point," the organisation says.

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SBS, World News Australia, 24/06/2024, Catalina Florez

Diabetes Australia has recommended regulatory measures to strengthen the supply chain for drugs like Ozempic for diabetes patients. A report also recommends mandatory health star ratings on all packaged foods and a 20% tax on sugar-sweetened drinks.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 24/06/2024, Leon Delaney

Interview with Dr Kerrie Aust, ACT President, Australian Medical Association, on a shortage of the free shingles vaccine in Canberra that has left elderly residents struggling to access protection against the disease. Aust says they have recently transitioned from a live vaccine and it was a little bit higher risk to give to one that's not a live vaccine and unfortunately they do not have enough doses of that vaccine to make everyone eligible.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Unlocking Potential: Accelerating Government Transformation with Intelligent Automation

The Mandarin, Other, 24/06/2024, Brad Howarth

Australians have high expectations for government services. Meeting these ever-increasing demands requires constant investment in transformation activities that deliver functionality, security, and ease of use. [...] The Forum brought leaders from Federal Government agencies together with technology specialists from ServiceNow and partners to discuss improving service delivery using the latest technologies in low code development, automation, and artificial intelligence (AI).

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'I'd just moved overseas with no job and no insurance. Then I realised my period was late.'

Mamamia, Other, 24/06/2024, Samantha Bowmer

I sat there in the cold plastic chair feeling nervous because I hate getting my blood taken. [...] I've never been happier to set foot in an Australian hospital. We went through the public system and I couldn't

shout any louder how amazing it was. The hospital was clean; the staff were professional; I had continuity of care and everything was covered by Medicare.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

GP left \$24m by patient keeps licence

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/06/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 5

A Sydney GP who fought the Salvation Army in court to claim \$24 million from a lonely patient's estate can continue practising medicine despite a tribunal finding him guilty of professional misconduct. In July, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) found Strathfield GP Dr Peter Alexakis had failed to observe professional boundaries with two palliative care specialists treating one of his patients, had inappropriately prescribed highly addictive drugs to another, and had failed to keep appropriate patient records.

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

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NDIS at risk as staff not checked

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/06/2024, James Willis, Page 5

Most workers in the National Disability Insurance Scheme avoid screening because of a lack of regulation, which experts say puts vulnerable people at risk. The national Worker Screening Check, a database which examines an applicants criminal record and history working in the disability sector, has been completed by four per cent of the 154,000 unregistered providers in the NDIS.

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Doctor banned over drugs

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/06/2024, Amber Wilson, Page 7

A Hobart doctor has been disqualified from practice after fraudulently prescribing drugs in the name of a patient, but taking them himself. [...] According to a newly-published Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal decision, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency received a notification in March 2022 after Dr Payne retired and the patient went to a new doctor at the same clinic.

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'Failure' to give DV care

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/06/2024, Fia Walsh, Page 3

A study of presentations to a Top End emergency department has revealed domestic violence patients left before completing their care 10 times more often than others, while less than 40 per cent were seen by a social worker. The research by Royal Darwin Hospital doctors, led by Dr Lucy Owen, says the findings demonstrate "a failure of service provision" to the patients.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

NDIS bill on hold, but not Brazil trip

The Australian, General News, 25/06/2024, Simon Benson and Sarah Ison, Page 1

NDIS Minister Bill Shorten has accused Liberal and Greens senators of hitting taxpayers with a \$1.1bn bill after joining forces and threatening to delay a vote on government reforms to the scheme until after they return from a South American junket during parliament's winter break. The two-month delay being sought by the Coalition and Greens, in an amendment tabled in the Senate, would stall reforms that

were meant to close loopholes at the heart of an unsustainable growth rate to the \$42bn-a-year scheme.

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Bring back telephone items for chronic disease care plans, MBS Review tells govt

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/06/2024, Antony Scholefield

It also called for more phone MBS items for follow-up consultations with non-GP specialists. The Federal Government should restore telephone items for GPs writing and reviewing chronic disease care plans, the MBS Continuous Review has recommended in its final report on Medicare-funded telehealth.

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Brief finds integrated primary health care key to improving oral health in rural and remote Australia

Bite Magazine, Other, 24/06/2024

An Issues Brief recently released by the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association's Deeble Institute for Health Policy Research synthesises evidence about the extent of access challenges in rural and remote Australia. The title of the brief is 'Integrating oral health into primary healthcare for improved access to oral health care for rural and remote populations'

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SPORT

Board war comes back to haunt AFL over its dirty secret

The Australian, Sport, 25/06/2024, Michael Warner, Page 28

If the AFL is looking for someone to blame for the furore surrounding its deeply flawed illicit drugs policy, the Melbourne Football Club is the place to start. Thanks to the botched execution of former Demons president Glen Bartlett and the boardroom war that followed, Sport Integrity Australia was gifted access to the inner workings of a clandestine policy that has allowed drug-taking players for almost two decades to run the gauntlet around footys dubious three-strikes policy.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [West Australian \(Perth\)](#), [The Nightly \(None\)](#), [The Nightly \(None\)](#), [West Australian \(Perth\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Funds found after furore

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/06/2024, Alexander Blain, Page 1

The local sports ground at the heart of a major council funding furore earlier this year will get cash for upgrades as part of a raft of proposed changes to City Hall's draft budget. Ahead of its June council meeting on Tuesday, the city revealed budget changes including a last-minute injection of more than \$2.7m of additional funding to its operating and capital works programs.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 24/06/2024, Michael Thomson

The AFL has been cleared of breaching world Anti-Doping regulations after a months-long Sport Integrity Australia review. Still, several red flags were raised with the league's illicit drugs policy and organised crime was top of the list.

Channel 10, 10 News First, 24/06/2024, Kate Freebairn

A Sport Integrity Australia investigation into shock allegations players were faking injuries to cover up positive drug tests has cleared the AFL of breaching anti-doping rules. But the league has been warned its current illicit drugs policy could lead to suspicions of sinister motives, and it needs to be overhauled.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

ResMed sinks as drug trial sparks Ozempic-style sell-off

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 25/06/2024, Joshua Peach, Page 24

Shares in ResMed plunged more than 13 per cent yesterday after results over the weekend from a weight-loss drug trial resurfaced investor doubts about the sleep apnoea treatment providers key market. The shares which rank among the most widely...

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Childhood crucial for adult heart attack risk

The Australian, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 3

About one-third of the risk of having a heart attack or stroke in adulthood originates in childhood, according to data from a pioneering 40-year study, solidifying that the most effective way to prevent cardiovascular events in middle age is to introduce interventions in childhood. It is also clear adult cardiovascular disease (CVD) cannot be fully mitigated by risk-factor management in adulthood.

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

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Brookfield holds off hospital split

The Australian, Business News, 25/06/2024, Yoni Bashan, Page 16

Canadian private equity fund Brookfield is understood to have abandoned its plan to separate out two of its best-performing private hospitals within Healthscope as negotiations with its lenders continue. It is understood Healthscopes owner, Brookfield, has instead put another proposal to the lenders.

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

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Rhythms of light

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/06/2024, Sarah Berry, Page 15

A new study has found a surprising connection between lumens and diabetes risk, Researchers have uncovered a surprising predictor for type 2 diabetes: light exposure. In a new Flinders University study, Professor Sean Cain and Dr Andrew Phillips have found the amount and timing of light we receive can significantly influence our risk of developing this disease.

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

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Lose weight, gain sleep

Herald Sun, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 2

Diabetes and weight loss drug tirzepatide, sold under the name Mounjaro, could also help treat sleep apnoea, according to Australian and international research. A year of treatment with the drug, which works in a similar way to Ozempic, was found to reduce sleep apnoea symptoms, increase weight loss and improve sleep in people with moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnoea compared with a placebo, researchers from Macquarie University, The University of Sydney and University of California say.

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Red flags for heart health

Courier Mail, General News, 25/06/2024, Page 9

More than four million Australians are unaware of health conditions that can increase the risk of heart failure. Less than half of all Australians are aware of the link between heart failure and type 2 diabetes, a condition that affects 1.2 million people, and kidney disease, which affects about two million Australians, a YouGov survey commissioned by charity Hearts4heart reveals.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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ASX wellness stocks offering calm and anxiety relief – Part 2

The Australian, Other, 24/06/2024, Nadine Mcgrath

Australians are increasingly feeling overwhelmed by the daily juggle of life's responsibilities with financial strain brought on by the cost-of-living crisis adding to this pressure and significantly boosting demand for psychological services, according to the Australian Psychological Society.

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Proteomics seals kidney disease test supply deal in France

West Australian, Other, 24/06/2024, James Pearson

Proteomics International Laboratories has sealed a new deal with medical diagnostics company Eurobio Scientific to distribute its predictive "PromarkerD" test for diabetic kidney disease (DKD) in France. Under the five-year deal, with an option to extend for a further five years, Proteomics will receive a payment for each PromarkerD kit sold.

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Chronic pain management highlighted

Border Watch, Other, 24/06/2024, Charlotte Varcoe

The Limestone Coast has been chosen for a pilot project aiming to tackle chronic pain. The project will implement a combined intervention in the region as well as in Western Victoria – both of which will share in the \$3m funding. According to the UniSA EQUIPP project, chronic pain is the nation's biggest health care challenge in terms of disability and economic impact.

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Sepsis breakthrough: 'Thousands of lives could be saved'

The New Daily, Other, 24/06/2024, John Elder

Eleven million people die of sepsis, globally, every year. That's one in five of all deaths. Eight thousand of them occur in Australia. The numbers are as bleak as the physical reality of the disease. Sepsis occurs when, instead of fighting an infection, the body's immune system malfunctions. It lets rip with inflammation that damages tissue and organs.

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Results are looking promising for a combined COVID and flu vaccine. Here's how it could benefit public health

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/06/2024, Jaya Dantas

Earlier this week, Moderna announced positive results for its phase 3 clinical trial of a combined vaccine against Covid and influenza. So what exactly did the trial find? And what sort of impact would a two-in-one COVID and flu vaccine have on public health?

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Researcher's AI tool will help save cancer patients' valuable time: ANU

The Senior, Other, 24/06/2024, Bageshri Savyasachi

Cancer patients will soon save weeks of time lost to diagnosis with the help of a new artificial intelligence tool developed at the Australian National University.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 24/06/2024, Peter Mitchell

Heart failure affects around half a million Australians but a new study has found millions more are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Doctors say it can hide behind other health conditions, delaying detection and life-saving treatment.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Fury over 'shocking' hospital discharge

Ballarat Courier, General News, 25/06/2024, Holly Hales, Page 9

The late-night hospital discharge of an Indigenous Ballarat woman who had been violently assaulted hours earlier should prompt change in the healthcare system, Victoria's truth-telling commission has been told. Djab Wurrung woman Sissy Austin was running through the Lal Lal state forest in February 2023 when she says she was knocked unconscious with a rock tied to a stick.

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Screening breakthrough

Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Star Weekly, General News, 25/06/2024, Hannah Hammoud, Page 1

A ground-breaking national campaign promoting the HPV self-collection option for cervical screening is helping bring empowerment and choice to women's health across Australia. This initiative aims to address health equity by reaching under-screened populations, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CALD), and patients with disabilities.

Also reported by: [Northern Star Weekly \(Melbourne\)](#), [Brimbank & North West Star Weekly \(Melbourne\)](#), [Melton & Moorabool Star Weekly \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Treaty inquiry slams 'illusion of concern' on housing

Canberra Times, Other, 24/06/2024, Adrian Black

Victoria's truth telling inquiry has grilled the state's housing minister over a lack of progress in improving outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians. Giving evidence at the Yoorrook Justice Commission, state Housing Minister Harriet Shing apologised for the dispossession of land and ongoing disadvantage faced by Aboriginal communities.

Also reported by: [SBS \(Online\)](#), [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Aboriginal community-led responses to family and domestic violence are needed, not more police powers

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/06/2024, Hannah McGlade

Recently the federal government shocked and hurt Aboriginal women across Australia with its announcement on 28 May of an Expert Panel tasked with conducting a Rapid Review of violence against women, with a focus on the killings of women, with not one Aboriginal woman included as a member of the panel

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Urgent reform needed for a system that's 'grossly failing' Aboriginal families and children

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/06/2024, Dechlan Brennan

The peak representative for the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in Victoria is calling for

urgent change after a coroner's report into the death of a 17-year-old Indigenous girl in out-of-home care found the child protection system was struggling with systemic racism.

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Videos helping youth go vape-free for health, Country

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/06/2024, 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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Investment in Aboriginal-led family violence services needed to develop "robust" perpetrator data - Djirra

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/06/2024, Dechlan Brennan

One of Victoria's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island family violence prevention organisations has called for more investment in Aboriginal-led Family Violence Services, in a submission to the parliamentary inquiry into capturing data on family violence perpetrators. Legal service Djirra said they welcomed the growing recognition of the need to do more to combat serial perpetrators of family and sexual violence against Indigenous women, calling for the interests of those most at risk from family violence to be prioritised above all else.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Respiratory virus surge a potential asthma risk

Age, General News, 25/06/2024, Henrietta Cook, Page 1

Health experts are concerned that surging cases of respiratory syncytial virus also known as RSV in children will create a new wave of asthma sufferers across Australia, with infections in the first six months of 2024 almost at the same number as all of last year. Asthma Australia medical adviser and respiratory physician Professor John Blakey said the highly contagious virus which can cause symptoms such as wheezing and breathing difficulties was estimated to be responsible for the development of up to 22 per cent of asthma cases in children under five.

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Experts say some of Australia's nuclear waste currently sits in cupboards, can we handle more?

ABC Online, Other, 24/06/2024

The Coalition has shaken up Australia's energy debate with its renewed push for nuclear power. And while there are questions around the economics and timing of the plan, a basic question remains: what about the waste?

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The vile vax lies killing our kids

Cairns Post, General News, 25/06/2024, Madeline Crittenden, Page 14

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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ASX Health Stocks: Proteomics to start selling in France; Recce to start clinical trials

The Australian, Other, 24/06/2024, Eddy Sunarto

Proteomics to start selling in France Proteomics (ASX:PIQ) says Eurobio Scientific has been chosen as the exclusive distributor for the PromarkerD predictive test for diabetic kidney disease in France. Eurobio, a prominent French company specialising in in-vitro diagnostics (IVD), has a strong reputation for marketing specialty diagnostic tests to various clinical laboratories, both public and private. [...] Previous tests under Australia's TGA Special Access Scheme have shown promising results against infected burn wounds and diabetic foot infections.

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Limit antibiotic oral liquids for kids amid shortages, GPs told

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/06/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

Dr Rebekah Hoffman calls her local pharmacist daily to check medication availability. GPs are being urged to limit scripts for azithromycin and clarithromycin oral liquids, which are in short supply due to a spike in pertussis and Mycoplasma pneumoniae infections in children. [...] The TGA said azithromycin powder for oral suspension (Zithromax) would be in short supply until 29 November, while the shortage of clarithromycin powder (Klacid) would last until 31 August.

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Some pharmacists can now protect travellers against rabies

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 24/06/2024, Chloe Hava

Rabies causes an estimated 59,000 deaths annually , with almost half (40%) deaths occurring in children under 15. But underreporting could mean this death rate is much higher. [...] 'As part of the NSW standards, pharmacists are required to follow the advice in the AIH and the Therapeutic Goods Administration approved Product Information,' she added.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan confirms pill testing trial at festivals, events

The Australian, Other, 24/06/2024, Duncan Evans and Blake Antrobus

Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan announces her government's approval of pill testing at festivals and concerts. Picture: Supplied Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan has announced a radical new "pill-testing" trial to try and reduce overdose deaths at festivals and events, while insisting the policy does not amount to the legalisation of drugs.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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FOOD STANDARDS

Channel 9, Nine News, 24/06/2024, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

There are calls for a tax on sugary drinks, mandatory health ratings on foods, and an increased supply of medications like Ozempic to stem the tide of what's being called a diabetes epidemic. Diabetes

Australia says Australia has hit a crisis point. In the last ten years, the number of Australians living with diabetes has risen 32% to almost 1.5 million people and it's not just older people because there's been a 44% increase in the number of people diagnosed with diabetes in their 20s and 30s.

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