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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Daily Telegraph \(page 15\)](#)** reports that childhood cancer drug DFMO (difluoromethylornithine) will now be free in Australia with Health Minister Mark Butler agreeing to fund the medicine.
- **[The Australian \(page 3\)](#)** reports that Eating Disorders Families Australia executive director Jane Rowan has told a public hearing of the Joint Select Committee on Social Media that parents feel powerless against the influence of social media giants, and called on the federal government for assistance, stating: "It is no longer reasonable to expect parents alone to protect our young people from the myriad of harms of social media use."
- **[The Australian \(page 3\)](#)** reports that Melbourne's west has been exposed to toxic smoke following a large factory fire in Derrimut.
- **[The Herald Sun \(page 4\)](#)** reports that the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's wastewater report has found the rates of nicotine consumption and cocaine use amongst Australians have increased.
- **[The Courier Mail \(page 5\)](#)** reports that new data released by Sullivan Nicolaides has found cases of pneumonia amongst children are increasing, with Queensland the most affected.

A win for children with cancer

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/07/2024, Sue Dunlevy, Page 15

Desperate families who have been relying on charity to fund a \$500,000 lifesaving treatment for a deadly childhood cancer available overseas will now be able to get it free in Australia. Health Minister Mark Butler has agreed to fund the medicine DFMO (difluoromethylornithine) in Australian hospitals.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Help in cancer fight

Herald Sun, Editorials, 11/07/2024, Page 24

For parents already dealing with the serious illness of a child, the last thing needed would be a crippling financial hurdle that can accompany some treatments. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has agreed to fund the medicine DFMO (difluoromethylornithine) in Australian hospitals and pharma company Norgine will make DFMO available to Australian patients for free under a compassionate access scheme while it pursues the necessary approvals for a PBS subsidy.

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A win for Holly

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/07/2024, Talara McHugh, Page 9

Brave seven-year-old Holly Zerk is fighting a deadly cancer that kills more children under the age of five than any other and until now, lifesaving treatment was potentially out of reach. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has agreed to fund the medicine DFMO (difluoromethylornithine) in Australian hospitals.

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Health care trial set for Mareeba

Cairns Post, General News, 11/07/2024, Peter Carruthers, Page 7

For the first time, a trial health care model will be tested in Mareeba following a \$1.57m funding grant advanced through the National Rural Health Alliance. A total of \$16m was allocated last week by federal Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler for innovative healthcare delivery trials through 11 remote and rural healthcare projects nationally.

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City leads the way

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 11/07/2024, Cameron Bates, Page 1

Townsville will be the first regional city in Australia to introduce a revolutionary cancer therapy for patients who have [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the treatment had the potential to "transform the lives" of blood cancer patients in North Queensland.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Call for health service answers

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 11/07/2024, Monique Patterson, Page 5

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has been asked to allay fears about funding cuts and a loss of local representation at Timboon and District Healthcare Service. Member for Wannon Dan Tehan has written to Mr Butler, along with Minister for Aged Care Annika Wills, after residents said they were "very scared" the needs of their

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Health precinct: considering newsites for private hospital

Western Advocate, General News, 11/07/2024, Jess Jennings, Page 4

I attended the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra last week. I used the visit to brief the federal Health Minister Mark Butler on the local health challenges we face, having already briefed the state minister Ryan Park.

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Win for sick kids as government fast-tracks access to lifesaving cancer drug

A Current Affair, Other, 10/07/2024

Kids battling a rare and deadly cancer have today been gifted a fighting chance after the federal government announced it would fund early access to a lifesaving drug in Australia. [...] Today, after a mammoth campaign led by neuroblastoma chief executive Lucy Jones, Health Minister Mark Butler announced children will receive DFMO for free in Australian hospitals.

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Australian children with neuroblastoma given free access to \$500,000 cancer drug DFMO

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2024, Jake Evans

The Commonwealth will fund interim arrangements to make a medication to treat neuroblastoma freely available in Australia. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler announced on Wednesday morning after engaging with the drug maker Norgine over several weeks, the government had secured an undertaking that the company would provide DFMO to Australian patients for free, while it pursued local approvals for the medicine to be listed on Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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Medical sector split on vape ban details

Euroa Gazette, Other, 10/07/2024, Steve Kelly

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has criticised the passing of a Bill in the Senate on Wednesday that will restrict young people from purchasing nicotine-containing vapes, except at chemists, as early as October this year. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced on Tuesday that a deal with the Greens would outlaw the sale and supply of vapes outside pharmacies.

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'Patients should know': GPs forced to hike fees over state payroll tax

Newcastle Herald, Other, 10/07/2024, Damon Cronshaw

GP fees in Newcastle for a standard consultation will rise as high as \$120 from next month due to the NSW government hitting contracted doctors with payroll tax. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the Albanese government was "keen to ensure that our historic investments in Medicare will not be lost to increased payroll tax" on GPs.

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Butler fast tracks drug funding

Pharma In Focus, Other, 10/07/2024

Health Minister Mark Butler announced this morning that the Federal Government will cover the costs of Norgine's unapproved brain cancer treatment until the company establishes a compassionate access scheme while it pursues the necessary approvals for a PBS listing. The decision follows mounting pressure from parents seeking the medicine known as DFMO, short for difluoromethylornithine, for their children diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma.

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 10/07/2024, Melissa Clarke

Those who have children with neuroblastoma, which is a cancer that affects the nervous system, they are now receiving some support for the drug DFMO to be made free in Australia. Health Minister Mark Butler has announced this with the Therapeutic Goods Administration checking for approval.

Channel 10, 10 News First: Midday, 10/07/2024, Narelda Jacobs

The real wages of Australian workers seem to be below pre-pandemic levels, falling well behind the UK, US, and Canada, according to a new employment outlook by the OECD. Health Minister Mark Butler says every day, our government is focused on doing everything we can to help Australian households with the cost of living, including getting wages moving.

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Channel 7, The Morning Show, 10/07/2024, Larry Emdur and Kylie Gillies

Desperate families who have been frantically fundraising to take their sick children overseas for lifesaving treatment will now be able to access it for free in Australia. Health Minister Mark Butler confirmed funding for the drug Difluoromethylornithine [DFMO] this morning, which reduces the risk of relapse in neuroblastoma patients by around 50%.

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Channel 9, A Current Affair, 10/07/2024, Leila McKinnon

Families of kids with a high risk of neuroblastoma have been given great news and it could save their lives. Health Minister Mark Butler says this is a very important day for Australian families as he introduces that the drug Difluoromethylornithine [DFMO] is now part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. He adds that he'll be funding early access to the drug so children can get DFMO for free in Australian hospitals.

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ABC News, Mornings, 10/07/2024, Chris Mitchell

Health Minister Mark Butler is seeing significant reports of vape stores closing after Australia's vape ban on 1 July. It became illegal to buy vapes anywhere other than pharmacies with a prescription. Under the legislation, vapes must be therapeutic, have plain packaging and limited flavours.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 23:00 News, 10/07/2024

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MINISTER WELLS

Strategy delivers digital reform

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/07/2024, Christopher Kelly

The federal government has developed a blueprint to drive digital inclusion and innovation in the aged care sector. Released last Thursday, the Aged Care Data and Digital Strategy lays out the vision for "harnessing the power of data and digital technologies to improve the care and wellbeing of older people in Australia," according to a statement from the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Big uptake of NACCHO's traineeships

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 10/07/2024, Page 2

Over 300 people have enrolled in the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation's (NACCHO) First Nations Health Worker Traineeship Program. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians Health, Malarndirri McCarthy, updated the public during NAIDOC Week on the program's progress, at the Joint Council on Closing the Gap meeting in Adelaide.

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DEPARTMENT

Aged care changes on the way

Chelsea-Mordialloc News, General News, 10/07/2024, Brodie Cowburn, Page 1

Kingston Council says it is prepared to handle "abrupt" changes to aged care assessments. [...] Previously the federal Department of Health and Aged Care engaged the Victorian Department of Health to deliver the RAS, which then subcontracted the responsibility to Kingston Council for local services.

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TAFE delivers career path

Mosman Daily, General News, 11/07/2024, Page 7

Ava Sharpe moved schools three times in two years but a new initiative has given her a head start on a career in midwifery as the industry grapples with a critical skills shortage. The Department of Health and Aged Care reports there were 1220 fewer people working in midwifery in 2022, compared to 2016, despite a record 315,000 babies being born in 2021.

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\$6.4 million grant + land swap paves the way for new medical centre

Coonamble Times, General News, 10/07/2024, Page 3

The ongoing capital improvements driven by Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service (CAHS) across the region will soon hit a high note as the Board, CEO and Executive secures funding with the Commonwealth Government to build a brand new Aboriginal Medical Service in Coonamble. This means that the funding will see the CAHS administration arm come under the same roof as their Aboriginal Medical Service clinic in a brand new two-storey, architect-designed facility on the site of the current Local Aboriginal Land Council offices in Castlereagh Street.

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Drive to healthcare identifiers begins with roadmap's release

The Medical Republic, Other, 10/07/2024, Cate Swannell

As of this week, the ADHA, DoHAC and Services Australia have taken the first steps along the yellow brick road to a key linchpin of interoperability. The Australian Digital Health Agency has released its National Healthcare Identifiers Roadmap – a five-year plan to support the wider uptake of healthcare identifiers.

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ABC Southern Queensland, Country Hour (Qld), 10/07/2024, Kallee Buchanan

Pre-recorded interview with Professor Paul Kelly, Head, Interim Centre for Disease Control, about the vaccine rollout in Finland for H5 bird flu. Kelly points out that Finland had a large outbreak in their mink farms last year and so they're particularly attuned to that risk again. He states that they are the first country in the world to be using the CSL vaccines.

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CORONAVIRUS

\$33k for student RATs, sanitiser

Herald Sun, General News, 11/07/2024, Brooke Grebert-craig, Page 13

The state government splashed more than \$30,000 on hand sanitiser and rapid antigen tests for university students months after Victoria's final Covid lockdown ended. Documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws by the opposition showed the Victorian Trades Hall Council received \$33,000 from the Labor government in March 2022.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Outrage over 'awful' nursing home food

Canberra Times, General News, 11/07/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 18

Residents and aged care workers are reporting abysmal food standards inside of residential aged care homes as advocates urge to scrap delays for introducing a right-based Aged Care Act. After legendary chef Maggie Beer launched a new three-part documentary series focusing on improving dining experiences in aged care, staff and older people describe being served chicken nuggets and re-heated meals that are shipped in by trucks and served to elderly residents.

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

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Gold-digging careworker a little light-fingered

West Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Caleb Runciman, Page 20

A bling-loving aged-care worker has been fined thousands of dollars after she stole jewellery from "vulnerable" residents at an aged-care facility, including a gold necklace she found while rifling through their dirty washing. Fartun Ali, 47, carried a Chanel designer handbag and wore a diamond necklace, bracelet and pearl earrings to Armadale Magistrates Court last Thursday where she pleaded guilty to five charges after stealing six items while employed as a carer at Howard Solomon Aged Care in Ferndale.

Join my Big Mission to improve food and nutrition for older people

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2024, Maggie Beer

Spreading the word about good food and nutrition and improving the dining experience for older people in aged care has been my life's mission. People in aged care homes today are a resilient generation who have lived through world wars and the Depression.

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feel good Dogs connect with Riverland nursing home residents through Caring Canine Companions program

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2024, Elyse Armanini

The Caring Canine Companions is proving popular with Renmark Nursing Home residents. There is demand for the program to expand.

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Funding direction urgently needed

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/07/2024, Christopher Kelly

The federal government should provide a clear and unambiguous statement of intent regarding future funding arrangements for the aged care sector, according to industry experts. This call for government action features in StewartBrown's latest financial performance report.

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New look for RSL LifeCare

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/07/2024

RSL LifeCare has rebranded and refreshed its organisational values to better meet the changing expectations of its clients. The aged care, retirement living and veteran support services organisation launched its new brand last week.

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Juniper increases home care reach

Community Care Review, Other, 10/07/2024

Western Australia-based aged care provider Juniper has extended its in-home services to the Great Southern and Goldfields regions of the state.

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New chair for Southern Cross Care

Community Care Review, Other, 10/07/2024

Aged care provider Southern Cross Care NSW & ACT has appointed Mike Christensen as its new chair.

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Providers pledge support for culturally appropriate services

Community Care Review, Other, 10/07/2024

Not-for-profit Western Australian aged care provider Juniper has joined with other operators to formally commit to improving culturally appropriate services for Aboriginal clients.

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Maggie Beer's aged care eating mission is feel-good TV – but is it a recipe for real change?

The Mandarin, Other, 10/07/2024, Jade Cartwright, Anne Whitworth, Elizabeth Oliver and Lynette Goldberg

Australian celebrity cook Maggie Beer has long been an advocate for better quality meals in aged care.

It led her to a four-month immersion in an aged care residence with the goal of transforming the meals and dining experiences there.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Toxic inferno forces thousands indoors

The Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Blake Antrobus and Clareese Packer, Page 3

Fire crews will remain at the scene of a massive factory fire in Melbourne's west for several days following a large chemical explosion. Fire and Rescue Victoria confirmed 180 firefighters and 66 appliances responded to the factory fire in Derrimut after a "large chemical explosion" earlier on Wednesday morning.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Dark clouds over west

Age, General News, 11/07/2024, Lachlan Abbott and Eliza Sum, Page 1

Toxic smoke will continue to blow across Melbourne's west for days after a chemical explosion yesterday sparked a massive factory fire that launched drums into the air and forced residents out of their homes. More than 180 firefighters battled the blaze in Swann Drive, Derrimut, which broke out just before 11.20am. Last year, a man was killed and two others were injured in a chemical fire at the same factory.

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Cocaine use hits a high

Herald Sun, General News, 11/07/2024, Stephen Drill, Page 4

Australia's cocaine addiction has hit record highs as criminal cartels flood the market following a surge in production in Colombia. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's wastewater report, out Thursday, revealed the spike in cocaine use in capital cities, including Melbourne, and the regions.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Cocaine spike emerges in latest ACT waste test

Canberra Times, General News, 11/07/2024, Peter Brewer, Page 6

Cocaine consumption in the ACT increased dramatically, well above the average across the other capital cities, in the latest report on drugs in wastewater collected in December last year and February this year. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission described how some of the latest data revealed "disturbing trends".

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Break the stigma, smash the stereotypes and speak out during this Men's Health Week, and every week

Hobart Mercury, General News, 11/07/2024, Alison Lai, Page 24

Every year, there is a Men's Health Week. The aim is to raise awareness of how we can help the men and boys in our lives to be healthier. But the reality is, every week should be men's health week because there is still much more to be done to encourage men to take proactive steps to look after their health.

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Fears of synthetic drug use havoc

Synthetic drugs, including the highly addictive and deadly fentanyl which has wreaked havoc in the US killing thousands, are sweeping through Victoria with fears the health system will be swamped. According to a new report by the Victoria Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA) and Harm Reduction Victoria, potent synthetic opioids which also include protonitazene, isotonitazene, metonitazene and etonitazene and are 50 times stronger than heroin risk putting significant strain on drug treatment services.

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

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Ice, cocaine use on the rise in regions

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/07/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 5

Wastewater drug monitoring shows methylamphetamine use in regional areas including the Hunter hit the highest levels since the pandemic, a national crime report says. The drug, known as ice in crystalline form or speed in powder form, rose by about 46 per cent in regional areas in a year for doses per 1000 people each day.

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The research that favours swapping meat for cheese

Australian Financial Review, Other, 10/07/2024, Yasmin Tayag

If there's one thing that can turn carnivores into plant-lovers, it's those tasty products made from milk. Times are tough for omnivores.

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Queensland road speed limits: Townsville man petitions for huge increase

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 11/07/2024, Cameron Bates

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) has reacted in horror to a petition from a North Queensland man seeking to increase speed limits to 130km/h. RACS has slammed the parliamentary petition from Stewart Collins of Townsville as "irresponsible, reckless and potentially catastrophic".

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Exposure to alcohol adverts during sports games increases cravings in people with risky drinking behaviours

West Australian, Other, 10/07/2024, Claire Sadler

WA researchers have found alcohol advertisements during sports broadcasts have consequences for people with risky drinking behaviours. The study, undertaken by Edith Cowan University researchers, found exposure to booze ads during national sports broadcasts, particularly those that feature a preferred beverage, significantly increases cravings in people with risky drinking behaviours.

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ACIC Wastewater report shows big spike in cocaine and heroin use last year, but GHB remains a concern

West Australian, Other, 10/07/2024, Phil Hickey

WA's thirst for deadly drugs such as heroin and cocaine reached record levels late last year — a bombshell new report shows. It comes amid fears more people in Perth are also falling victim and needing urgent medical treatment after taking the horror date-rape drug GHB — also known as "fantasy".

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Regional Australia's most popular drug presents 'big challenge'

Canberra Times, Other, 10/07/2024, Carla Mascarenhas

Methamphetamine consumption is the "biggest challenge" for regional Australia, a new report has found. Methamphetamine consumption in the regions is at "record levels" and per capita levels far outstrip Australian cities, except in the NT.

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New report into Australia's drug habits finds we're a 'stimulant nation'

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2024, Hannah Murphy

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission has issued its new wastewater report, breaking down drug consumption across the country. Methamphetamine, cocaine and nicotine use in Australia are at record-highs, although cannabis remains the most popular illicit substance.

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Alcohol and other drug use is common — but most Australians don't know how to help their loved ones

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2024, Rachel Carbonell

When Denise (not her real name) found out her son was using drugs in his final year of high school, it took her by surprise. She had suspected something was wrong for a long time, but he hid it well.

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Abdominal fat rather than BMI alone 'key to diagnosing obesity'

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/07/2024, Antony Scholefield

Bmi alone is 'insufficient as a diagnostic criterion', according to the European Association for the Study of Obesity. Patients with a BMI of $\geq 25\text{kg/m}^2$, a waist-to-height ratio of ≥ 0.5 and any medical complications should be diagnosed with obesity, according to a new clinical framework developed by European doctors.

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The health and caring boom has given us a two-speed economy. It's hell for policymakers

Crikey, Other, 10/07/2024, Bernard Keane

Just over a decade ago, we grappled with the problems of a two-speed economy driven by the mining investment boom. [...] The 6% growth in health spending that year, because of the pandemic, was a little unusual, but according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the long-term average annual increase in health spending (not aged care or child care) over the previous decade was 3.4%, well above economic growth.

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Derrimut fire: Full list of Melbourne areas affected by chemical explosion

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/07/2024, Ashley Knickel

A massive chemical explosion rocked parts of Melbourne on Wednesday, with residents in some areas warned to stay indoors. Firefighters rushed to a huge blaze at Swann Drive in Derrimut, about 30km from the Melbourne CBD, about 11.20am on Wednesday.

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The harm from this gas you can't see, taste or smell increases in the cold

SBS, Other, 10/07/2024, Aleisha Orr

Members of two separate families on opposite sides of the country have been rushed to hospital as a result of breathing toxic fumes in their homes, within a week of each other. A couple in Perth were reportedly found unconscious in their bedroom by their teenage children on 25 June and a few days later, on 30 June,

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How young Aussies turned into more responsible drinkers than their parents

The New Daily, Other, 10/07/2024, Sezen Bakan

Australia is more than a week into Dry July, with \$3 million already raised for people affected by cancer as of Saturday. And younger Australians might be finding the alcohol-free month easier than their parents. Alcohol consumption by people aged 14 –17 steadily declined between 2001 and 2016 , with plateaus and slight rises and dips in more recent years, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) data shows.

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Large chemical explosion engulfs factory in flames

The New Daily, Other, 10/07/2024

Communities in Melbourne's west have been warned to stay inside after a factory was engulfed in flames following a large chemical explosion. Firefighters were called to the fire at the Swann Drive address in Derrimut, about 30 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD, about 11.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 10/07/2024, Sharyn Ghidella and Max Futchter

A Parliamentary Committee has heard dodgy vape store operators will continue to thrive until Qld is ready to enforce new national laws. It comes as more legislative changes are expected to go through. Queensland Health and Police are working to enforce new Commonwealth laws, but legal operators feel they are being targeted more frequently than dodgy stores.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

'Murderous' sins: The Saints on trial

The Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Mackenzie Scott, Page 1

Eight-year-old diabetic Elizabeth Struhs spent days vomiting, drifting in and out of consciousness and slurring her words as her parents allegedly refused to give her lifesaving insulin because of their devout Christian beliefs, a court has heard. Mother Kerrie Elizabeth Struhs, 49, and her husband, Jason Richard Struhs, 52 both members of a small, tightly-knit Christian group known as "The Saints" didn't believe in modern medicine.

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The phenomenal power of science ... and hope

The Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Fiona Harari, Page 1

When Richard Scolyer was diagnosed with a rare and terminal brain cancer in May last year, he did not imagine that the following winter he would be clocking 15km runs and taking regular morning swims. While most people diagnosed with a glioblastoma die within two years, Professor Scolyer was found to have a subtype with the worst outcome and an expected median survival of just 14 months.

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

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Saints or sinners

Courier Mail, General News, 11/07/2024, Patrick Billings and Toby Crockford, Page 1

A young child suffered for days before dying on a mattress on the floor of a living room, after lifesaving medication was withheld by her parents who believed in the medical healing power of God, a court has heard. The horrific final days and hours of eight-year-old Toowoomba girl Elizabeth Struhs was detailed by prosecutors against her parents and the 12 other hard-line religious group members who are known as the Saints (pictured in court sketches above and below).

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Bowel screenings at 45

West Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Page 10

Australians aged 45 to 49 can now request a free bowel cancer screening kit with more people under 50 being diagnosed with the disease. [...] Cancer Council WA said it was delighted with the move, saying about 90 per cent of bowel cancers can be successfully treated if caught early.

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

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Tattoo ink linked to cancer risk

The Nightly, General News, 10/07/2024, Sophie Freeman, Page 27

More than 20 per cent of Aussies have a tattoo whether it's for decorative or cosmetic purposes, such as permanent makeup; or medical purposes, such as nipple tattoos after mastectomies. Now a new study suggests that having a tattoo may increase the risk of a type of blood cancer called lymphoma.

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'All ages, all walks of life': Incurable cancer in focus

Ballarat Courier, General News, 11/07/2024, Melanie Whelan, Page 5

Grampians Health medical oncologist Geoffrey Chong is deep in investigating a cancer that health experts are "not great at predicting who might get it". His work is to help introduce a safe and effective chemotherapy-free treatment for those who do develop the disease.

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It's incredible how far we have come in cancer fight

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 11/07/2024, Dr Sarahs, Page 35

When I was a medical student more years ago than I care to admit to we were taught how to perform pap smears. As a female patient at the time, I also had one. They involved collecting cells off the cervix with a plastic spatula and were frankly ... uncomfortable.

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Radiopharm unveils landmark human lung cancer trial

West Australian, Other, 10/07/2024, James Pearson

Radiopharm Theranostics has kicked off the first phase of clinical trials testing its "RAD 204" treatment aimed at beating the most common type of lung cancer – non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) – after dosing its first patient in New South Wales. The first in-human trial at the Wollongong Hospital has been designed to assess the safety and tolerability of the company's innovative radiopharmaceutical therapy in a crucial step toward potentially revolutionising the treatment of cancer.

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PRIMARY CARE

Spin docs hired and then fired

Courier Mail, General News, 11/07/2024, Hayden Johnson, Page 1

Queensland Health hired a communications agency to teach top bureaucrats how to protect the government's "image" from LNP attack when parliamentary Estimates hearings start this month. In major revelations that have infuriated department staff, The Courier-Mail can reveal Queensland Health allocated tens of thousands of dollars to engage Brisbane communications agency Rowland to deliver "media training" to its executives.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Katie's world of pain over but her fight continues

Ballarat Courier, General News, 11/07/2024, Melanie Whelan, Page 5

Katie's severe period pain started to develop in her 20s. Doctors told her just to have more children and the pain should sort itself out.

Emergency response team flagged, no talk of chopper base

Border Mail, General News, 11/07/2024, Jeremy Eager, Page 8

Calls to create an ambulance station near The Rock have been met with an alternative to help with any emergencies in the area before services arrive, community leaders say. Wagga MP Joe McGirr and Lockhart Shire's mayor are both of the understanding a community emergency response team (CERT) will be developed for the village, rather than a permanent paramedic base as campaigned for by residents and councillors.

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Firefighters enhance skills at simulation

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/07/2024, Simon McCarthy, Page 21

Hunter firefighters spent the weekend simulating an emergency response to a serious bus crash in a training event that the state's fire brigade said would prepare first responders for the realities of arriving on the actual scene. Participating paramedics and firefighters were told that two buses and a utility had been involved in a crash that caused one of the buses to roll over, with multiple casualties role-played by members of the Rural Fire Service.

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Australian dentist recounts job horror stories, with one patient using mesh and glue to hold mouth together

7news.com.au, Other, 10/07/2024, Bryce Luff

An Australian dentist has revealed he once treated a patient who used glue and building materials to hold his mouth together for a whole year. Dr Sam Koh, principal dentist at Dental Boutique, has told 7NEWS.com.au about the wildest things he has ever seen while peering into the mouths of his patients, in a bid to emphasise the importance of proper oral care.

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Pharmacist prescribing will push us into the healthcare crisis I witnessed in the UK

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/07/2024, David Carruthers

After seven years working as a GP in Scotland, I joined many thousands of GPs fleeing the UK's struggling health system. I came to Australia, which promised substantially better working conditions, not to mention more sunshine, even in Melbourne.

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Perth mum demands answers after her three-year-old daughter Aliyah died following a common kids' surgery

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/07/2024, Ashley Nickel and Steve Williams

A grieving mother is demanding answers after the death of her three-year-old daughter just days after a routine operation. Perth toddler Aliyah Yugovich passed on Sunday after undergoing a tonsillectomy at St John of God Murdoch Hospital in the city's south on June 28.

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NAPSA will fight on for Prac payments

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/07/2024

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association's (NAPSA) new President, Sebastian Harper, (PD breaking news) has committed to continue working with the Federal Government to secure changes to the Commonwealth Prac Payments (PD 13 May). "NAPSA is now having constructive conversations with the government," Harper told Pharmacy Daily.

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Station hope: New report corrects ambo response times

Shepparton News Online, Other, 10/07/2024

A new report on emergency response times could aid in attempts to have a NSW Ambulance station built and operating in Tocumwal. Efforts have been ongoing for a number of years, with community members and Berrigan Shire Council strongly advocating that the growing community should not have to rely on services in other communities.

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For-profit health insurance not adding up

The New Daily, Other, 10/07/2024, Michael Pascoe

An unprecedented standoff between health insurer NIB and the St Vincent's Health Australia has captured headlines for the potential high out-of-pocket costs for thousands of hospital patients. Perhaps more importantly, it should also raise questions about whether there is room in our health system for rich profits flowing to private insurance companies.

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2CC, Breakfast, 10/07/2024, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Associate Professor Michael Clements, Rural Council Chair, RACGP. Cenatiempo points out that practitioners are being called on by local health authorities to empower GPs who volunteer and practice as part of response teams' evacuation centres during disasters. Clements says the local council and the State Government usually have a list of GPs such as himself who are willing to step-up and step-in on evacuation centres when needed during disaster events.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

'Powerless' parents need the help of government on social media

The Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Joanna Panagopoulos, Page 3

Parents alone can no longer be expected to protect their children from the harms of social media, eating disorder advocates say, as online harm minimisation groups dispute whether an age limit of 16 for social media platforms is the answer. Eating Disorders Families Australia executive director Jane Rowan told a public hearing of the Joint Select Committee on Social Media on Wednesday that parents feel "powerless" and need the help of the federal government "to set the rules that social media must abide by if they are to operate in Australia"..

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

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Social giants 'have no ethics'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/07/2024, Blair Jackson, Page 11

Social media giants do not care about ethics as young people are subject to an onslaught of exploitation, a parliamentary inquiry heard. [...] At the inquiry, eating disorder experts also flagged financial penalties in line with the tech companies' huge revenues as appropriate possible regulation, claiming Australian parents are overwhelmed and powerless to stop the harmful influences of social media.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Police call for a 'triple-1' line to free resources

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 11/07/2024, Emily Moulton, Page 7

WA Police want a dedicated Triple-1 mental health practitioner-led response system set up to deal with the 15,000 non-violent mental health distress calls it receives each year as part of a bid to free up police resources. That was what Deputy Commissioner Allan Adams told the inquest into the death of

JC the Yamatji mother-of-one who was fatally shot by an officer after she refused to put down a serrated bread knife and a pair of scissors she was carrying while roaming the streets of Geraldton in September 2019.

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

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Mind Australia committed to controversial Haven Home mental health facility in Torquay

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/07/2024, Lucy Crock

The developer of a controversial mental health facility shows no sign of walking away from the project despite residents ramping up their campaign and opposition from the local MP. In correspondence to one resident, seen by the Geelong Advertiser, Mind Australia executive Mark Heeney confirmed that construction of Haven Torquay would soon commence.

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

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'National crisis': Mother's speech highlights true danger of social media

NEWS.com.au, Other, 10/07/2024, Jasmine Kazlauskas

An Australian mother's emotional speech about her daughter's experience with eating disorders has highlighted the dangers of social media for teens. Eating Disorders Families Australia (EDFA) executive director Jane Rowan took to Parliament House in Canberra on Wednesday morning to share her heartbreaking story about her daughter's struggle with Anorexia Nervosa.

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Meet the Travelling Jackaroo, a young man on a mission to improve mental health

The Border Mail, Other, 10/07/2024, Layton Holley

Chugging along in his bright orange vintage tractor named Slim, Sam Hughes was hard to miss as he crawled along the Hume Highway into Albury at 45kmh. Loginor signup to continue reading His tractor, adorned with an array of trucker caps and stickers, a boat, a gyrocopter and even a small plane slapped on top, seemed to fit right in at the quirky Ettamogah Pub, where Mr Hughes stayed on Tuesday night.

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Social media giants drive children to eating disorders, a parliamentary inquiry hears

West Australian, Other, 10/07/2024, Kimberley Caines

Social media giants are driving children to eating disorders with parents feeling overwhelmed and powerless to stop the harmful influences caused online, a parliamentary inquiry has been told. Eating Disorders Families Australia executive director Jane Rowan has witnessed the impact social media has on children with her daughter being diagnosed with anorexia nervosa, aged 15.

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Tax cuts, paid prac real relief for all

From last week every single Australian taxpayer gets a tax cut. This includes our teachers and nurses. A teacher on \$80,000 will get a tax cut of \$1679. A nurse on \$90,000 will get a tax cut of \$1929. That's almost double what they would have got under the Liberals.

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Nurse highlights the benefits of a career in healthcare

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/07/2024, Alanna Tomazin, Page 15

A young nurse is encouraging others to pursue a career in the healthcare sector to "future-proof" their employment. Cameron Park's Matilda Strickland, 23, works in the NICU at John Hunter Hospital and says nurses can never be replaced by emerging technology.

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'Don't be boring in the city': NWHHS' new campaign to fill roles in the North West, Mount Isa

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/07/2024, Daneka Hill

Promises of lucrative salaries, free accommodation, cool adventurous friends and boyfriends with helicopters are some of the strategies being used to entice much-needed young doctors and nurses out to Mount Isa. A bunch of PR pictures recently released by the North West Health and Hospital Service (NWHHS) showcases some of their current lifesavers in an effort to prove how great life in the north west can be.

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

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Time to get out of your comfort zone

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 10/07/2024

Pharmacists who want to continue to practice in five to 10 years' time need to upskill, a graduate of the Queensland scope of practice pilot training program says. Pharmacists need to push themselves beyond their comfort zone if they want to deliver new services to patients, Goondiwindi pharmacy owner, Lucy Walker believes.

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Nurse highlights irreplaceable skills in healthcare industry, urging others

Newcastle Herald, Other, 10/07/2024, Alanna Tomazin

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SHPA, PSS shake on partnership extension

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/07/2024

In what is being heralded as "a new era of pharmacy recognition and wellbeing", the Pharmacists' Support Service (PSS) has signed a new agreement with the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA). The Memorandum of Understanding extends the organisations' existing partnership by three years, with funding to be provided through the Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Channel 10, 10 News First, 10/07/2024, Natalie Forrest

Young patients with aggressive childhood cancer neuroblastoma have been provided a fighting chance. It comes as the American drug DFMO, which has been shown to lessen the risk of relapse has just been made available free in Australia.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Nurse used excessive force on patient

Burnie Advocate, General News, 11/07/2024, Matt Maloney, Page 2

A Tasmanian nurse who on two occasions used excessive force on a frail patient with Parkinson's disease at the Queenstown hospital has had his registration cancelled by a Tasmanian tribunal. The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia referred the matter to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal earlier this year after the Health Practitioners

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SPORT

Green light for gold medals in the Seine

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/07/2024, Tom Decent, Page 1

Australian chef de mission Anna Meares says water quality in the River Seine has improved to acceptable levels and assured that athletes are happy to swim in it at the Olympics, despite contingency plans being unveiled. French organisers are pushing ahead with an ambitious plan to hold the marathon swimming and triathlon events in the River Seine in the middle of Paris.

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Feeding Olympic-sized appetites

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/07/2024, Tom Decent, Page 13

More than three tonnes of tuna, 10,000 muesli bars, 2400 pies and 20,000 shots of coffee will fuel Australia's Olympic team over coming weeks at Paris 2024. The Australian Olympic Committee has released a detailed breakdown of quirky statistics about the team and the logistics behind the scenes.

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

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We're gonna hear her roar

Herald Sun, General News, 11/07/2024, Jay Clark, Page 1

The AFL is close to inking a stunning deal for international pop star Katy Perry to headline its grand final entertainment spectacular this year. Perry would be a huge coup for the league considering her

status as one of the world's top female artists, following on from brilliant performances from global superstars KISS, Robbie Williams and The Killers in recent years.

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

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AFL to update drugs policy

Herald Sun, Editorials, 11/07/2024, Page 24

There are two overarching goals the AFL needs to achieve in its illicit drugs monitoring program player welfare and the integrity of the code. But at present, the two-tiered approach the AFL has adopted the punitive three strikes policy and the harm-minimisation 'medical-model' are resulting in conflicting outcomes and a lack of public confidence in the transparency and integrity of the drug screening regime.

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Staying active key to healthy communities

Burnie Advocate, General News, 11/07/2024, Nic Street, Page 21

Have you ever been invited to join a parkrun by an enthusiastic friend? Or perhaps you're a regular parkrun devotee and have tried to get others involved. Parkrun has proven to be extremely popular, with a vast and loyal following.

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Free to air sport AFL

Launceston Examiner, General News, 11/07/2024, Senator Helen Polley, Page 23

Free to air sport AFL, the Olympics, international cricket, the Melbourne Cup and the Australian Open. Australians love free-to-air sports. In the coming weeks, we will all be yelling Aussie, Aussie, Aussie on our television screens as Australian athletes win gold in Paris.

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Belconnen Skate Park's new world-class vert ramp to give Canberra skateboarders like Katie Pike a competitive edge

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2024, Courtney Barrett Peters and Penny Travers

Katie Pike started skateboarding less than four years ago but the 18-year-old is already carving it up at the highest level, narrowly missing out on qualifying for this year's Paris Olympics. The Canberra teen took up the sport after getting a skateboard for her birthday and learned how to ride through free lessons at the Belconnen Skate Park and watching skaters on YouTube and Instagram.

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Meares satisfied with Paris security ahead of Olympics

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/07/2024

Australia's chef de mission Anna Meares is confident athletes will remain safe at the Paris Olympics, despite unrest in France following the general election. Violent clashes broke out in Paris when people took to the streets to celebrate a shock win in the general election for the country's left-wing coalition at the weekend.

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'Doping a part of sport': Meares keeps faith in WADA

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/07/2024

Australian Olympic Team team chef de mission Anna Meares has backed the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) after an independent investigation cleared them over the Chinese swimming controversy. While Meares said on Wednesday she had not read the report, she reinforced her confidence in WADA ahead of the Paris Games.

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Australia heads to Paris with its highest-ever percentage of women on

its Olympic team

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/07/2024

The Australian Olympic team will head to the Paris Games with its highest-ever percentage of women - 55.6%. The Australian Olympic Committee on Wednesday said that when the Olympics were last held in Paris in 1924, no women were on the team.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Universities are well-positioned to lead ambitious research 'moonshots'

The Australian, Other, 10/07/2024, Matthew French

Universities are the right institutions to lead mission-oriented "moonshots" to solve major global problems. Australia's universities have made significant contributions to many of the world's best innovations, including solar cells (UNSW) cochlear implant (University of Melbourne), HIV drug treatments (University of Queensland), and in-vitro fertilisation (Monash University)

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Detect dementia

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/07/2024

Researchers at Murdoch University have developed a new self-reporting tool which can detect a person's risk for Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. The McCusker Subjective Cognitive Impairment Inventory is the product of more than a decade of study at Murdoch's Health Futures Institute in Western Australia.

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Ozempic beaten by rival drug for faster, greater weight loss

The New Daily, Other, 10/07/2024, John Elder

This week, after months of media hype , new research has confirmed that Ozempic is now second - best when it comes to weight loss. The new drug, tripeptide, comes from American company Eli Lilly, and is popularly known as Mounjaro.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Trailblazing nurse receives NAIDOC lifetime achievement award

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 10/07/2024, Natalie Dragon

"I'm just me, going about my business," says the 85-year old who is the recipient of this year's National NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. "I am blessed to have the privilege of working with Aboriginal People and also with Torres Strait Islanders to gain justice and equality in this country," she says on receiving NAIDOC's top award for 2024.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

\$7m to detect and prevent bird flu

The Australian, General News, 11/07/2024, Charlie Peel, Page 6

Surveillance of chicken farms and wild bird populations will be increased as the government prepares

for the arrival of migratory species potentially carrying the serious H5N1 strain of avian influenza when the northern hemisphere summer ends. While there have been outbreaks of the H7 variant of the virus in Victoria, NSW and the ACT in the past three months, Australia remains the only continent free of the H5N1 strain, which is causing mass poultry and wild bird deaths overseas and has spread to humans and dairy cows, sparking fears of a pandemic.

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

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New plan to tackle bird flu

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/07/2024, Page 23

The federal government is set to announce \$7m to combat a feared spring outbreak of a deadly strain of bird flu after the country's first human case was detected in Victoria. The raft of emergency measures would include investigating commercial vaccines, increased wildlife surveillance, and rapid response systems to the "high mortality" H5N1 strain of avian influenza.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Ill wind for lung disease in kids

Courier Mail, General News, 11/07/2024, Rose Innes, Page 5

Drastic spike in pneumonia Queensland is experiencing a pneumonia nightmare with no end in sight as numbers of cases rise drastically and experts warn go-to antibiotics used to treat the serious illness are not expected to restock for a minimum of three months. In a damning report released by Sullivan Nicolaidis this week, numbers of positive tests for mycoplasma pneumoniae a bacteria which commonly causes a pneumonia infection otherwise known as "walking pneumonia" have skyrocketed at alarming rates with children reportedly the most affected in Queensland.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Govt lagging on bird flu threat to wildlife: experts

Canberra Times, General News, 11/07/2024, Tracey Ferrier, Page 12

The federal Environment Minister has been accused of doing little to prepare for what could be the greatest threat to Australian wildlife since the Black Summerfires. A highly pathogenic strain of bird flu has been sweeping the world killing legions of poultry and wild birds but also mammals including seals and sea lions.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated across regional publications

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RSV, flu waves prompt warning

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 11/07/2024, Clareese Packer, Page 3

Health officials have issued a warning to parents amid a rise in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and influenza. More than 118,000 Australians have reportedly been diagnosed with RSV this year, while 128,110 Australians were diagnosed in 2023, according to the National Communicable Disease Surveillance Dashboard (NCSDS).

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), and widely syndicated across regional publications

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Getting back to track to eliminate hepatitis C by 2030

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 10/07/2024, Chloe Hava

Ahead of World Hepatitis Day (28 July), two experts share practical tips for pharmacists on bolstering

testing and treatment to prevent unnecessary infections, complications and deaths. Not so long ago, Australia was on track to reach the World Health Organization's goal of eliminating hepatitis C as a public health threat by 2030

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6PR, Perth Live, 10/07/2024, Oliver Peterson

Interview with Paul Savvas, CEO, Hellenic Community WA Peterson points out that the WA Planning Commission has rejected a proposal that would have allowed asbestos and other hazardous material to be dumped near a school in an aged care facility in Mirrabooka. Savvas believes that common sense has prevailed today and they are expecting that this will set a precedence for the rest of applications.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Publisher cops TGA's ire

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 10/07/2024

Publisher, News Life Media Pty Ltd, is facing three infringement notices totalling \$56,340 in relation to alleged unlawful advertising of medicinal cannabis. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) claimed the company's Body+Soul website featured an article that "promoted This content is restricted to registered users only.

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Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/07/2024

NAPSA to continue fight for Prac payments, uptake strong for NACCHO traineeships, SHPA and PSS MoU, Healthengine's new CCO, TGA fines media company, and more. To mark the launch of NAIDOC Week this week, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is urging all pharmacists practising in Australia to undertake the Deadly Pharmacists Foundation Training Program.

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ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 10/07/2024, Yvonne Yong

[...] You might not be able to tell from his swift ball skills, but nine year old Zoey has been through what no kid should have to. Since being diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare cancer that affects about 40 Australian kids every year, his treatment has been gruelling. [...] The drug will be free, but only available at hospitals for now as the Therapeutic Goods Administration looks to expeditiously approve it.

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ABC News, ABC News Tonight, 10/07/2024, Manny Tsigas

Australian children and young adults with a rare type of cancer will be able to access a life saving medicine for free that wasn't previously available in the country. The drug reduces the risk of people with neuroblastoma relapsing and in doing so significantly increases their chance of survival. [...] The drug will be free, but only available at hospitals for now as the Therapeutic Goods Administration looks to expeditiously approve it.

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4BC, Afternoons, 10/07/2024, Sofie Formica

Interview with Phil Scardigno, The Hygiene Co. Scardigno points out that manufacturing companies should state the plastics in their products so the ACCC and the TGA will be aware that products like sunscreens, with chemicals containing plastics, are key ingredients in those products.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Urgent recall: Morinaga's Manna Bolo Baby Biscuits contaminated with animal droppings

NEWS.com.au, Other, 10/07/2024, Maddison Brennan-Mills

Parents are urged to immediately check their pantries after Jun Pacific Corporation Pty Ltd issued a recall of Morinaga Manna Bolo baby biscuits due to potential contamination with animal droppings. The affected products are sold at Asian grocery stores across New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, and New Zealand.

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