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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[ABC News](#)** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has told retailers selling vapes in vape stores or in a retail setting they must stop as reports of stores continuing to do so following laws banning the sale outside of pharmacies last week.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 1) reports that a failure to identify cases of suicide linked to domestic violence means up to 10 times as many cases are occurring than are reported, according to frontline crisis services.
- **[The Canberra Times](#)** (page 1) reports that two cases of avian influenza in ACT poultry farms have shut down poultry shows in the territory to limit the spread of the influenza to other farms.
- **[The Geelong Advertiser](#)** (page 1) reports that Brownlow Retirement Village has apologized to the husband of the husband of a woman who died in their care of last year after an investigation by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission found “systemic” issues with the facility.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 3) reports that workers at Royal Adelaide Hospital's emergency department have reported that “things are worse” since SafeWork SA reported multiple health and safety law breaches following a number of attacks on hospital staff from mental health patients. *Also reported by: [The Nightly](#).*

- **The Cairns Post** (page 4) reports that an \$18 million upgrade to the Cairns Private Hospital will provide surgeons with upgraded surgery facilities with modern technology and increased theatre capacities.
- **The Australian** (page 9) reports that a new study from a Perth-based research team has revealed how exposure to high levels of air pollution in the lead-up to IVF treatment may reduce the chance of a successful birth. The study's lead author, Sebastian Leathersich, said the study's findings showed that pollution "negatively affects the quality of the eggs" in women undergoing in vitro fertilisation. *Also reported by: The Guardian*
- **The Australian** (page 9) reports that parents have said they are frustrated over difficulties in accessing treatments for RSV, a major respiratory virus affecting children, as the government weighs whether to include a proposed RSV vaccine in the National Immunisation Program.
- **The Herald Sun** (page 9) reports that Hampton Park Women's Health Clinic are being sued by a woman who says they failed to identify she was suffering from an ectopic pregnancy when they conducted a termination procedure. The clinic had its surgical accreditation removed over the death of Harjit Kaur in February.

MINISTER BUTLER

Private healthcare crisis: NIB refusing to pay its 'fair share' warns hospital boss

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/07/2024, Paul Smith

When private negotiations go sour and spill into the public domain, you know something is going badly wrong. [...] In March, when the federal Health Minister Mark Butler approved a 3% average increase for insurance premiums, the Australian Private Hospitals Association said it was not enough.

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The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report card of Australians' health launched

cesphn.org.au, Other, 08/07/2024, Rosy Mobbs

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) biennial flagship report card of Australians' health was launched last week by the Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care. In 2021–22, Australia spent an estimated \$241.3 billion on health goods and services, an average of \$9,365 per person.

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The Zap: don't miss the latest in health and aged care news – and check all the consultations now open

Croakey, Other, 08/07/2024, Melissa Sweet

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ABC, 7:30, 08/07/2024, Sarah Ferguson

Report on changes in vaping laws causing confusion. It's been one week since the law changed, making it illegal for any retailer except pharmacies to sell vapes and for now, people still need a prescription to buy one. The Federal Government says the changes mean Australia is once again leading the world when it comes to smoking reform. But several pharmacy chains have already flagged they won't stock vapes. Health Minister Mark Butler says those out there who have been selling and supplying those vapes in vape stores or other retail settings need to stop.

Report continues on: [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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WIN Gippsland, WIN News, 08/07/2024, Jared Constable

Skin cancer specialists are concerned national self detection guidelines aren't as effective when it comes to spotting harmful melanomas. Patients agree, saying the more people that can access early detection services, the better. The Melanoma Institute says one Australian is diagnosed every 30 minutes, and it's the cancer most commonly impacting those aged 20 to 39, startling statistics that have experts renewing calls for a national screening program. A spokesperson for Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the Albanese Government is investing \$10.3m over four years to accelerate the development of a road map for a national targeted skin cancer screening program which the Melanoma Institute will undertake in consultation with the sector.

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ABC Broken Hill, Mornings, 08/07/2024, Andrew Schmidt

Interview with Tom Kennedy, Broken Hill Mayor, regarding his recent meeting with Federal Aged Care Minister Mark Butler. Kennedy says he spoke to Butler about the circumstances in Broken Hill and aged care which is important. He adds Butler knew about Queensland Southern Cross and the importance of getting that up and running properly. Kennedy notes he explained the importance of the Modified Monash Model 6 and how it will cause the aged care sector to be financially viable for many years to come.

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MINISTER WELLS

Government delivers first aged care digital plan

Aged Care Insite, Other, 08/07/2024, Stefanie Schultz

The Department of Health and Aged Care has developed a five year plan that aims to "enable a digitally connected aged care system that empowers older people and grows the sector's digital capability. [...] Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said the digital plan is a step forward in modernising and streamlining the Australian aged care system.

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Maggie Beer's Big Mission review: a heart-soaring triumph from the ABC

Screen Hub, Other, 08/07/2024, Stephen A Russell

Early on in the ABC's new 'hugs your soul like a waft of nana's freshly baked scones' documentary series Maggie Beer's Big Mission, our beloved host invites a clearly excited Aged Care Minister Anika Wells for lunch. Rightly dubbed by Wells as a national living treasure, Beer – co-host of The Cook and the Chef and The Great Australian Bake Off, author, restaurateur and fresh food producer – has dedicated her career to ensuring Australians eat well.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Bulk billing rates on the rise in Dobell

Coast Community News, Other, 08/07/2024

More patients in Dobell are being bulk billed as a direct result of the tripling of the bulk billing incentive by the Albanese Government, with more than two million additional bulk billed visits across the country since November 1, 2023. [...] "The Albanese Government committed to making it easier for people to see a doctor – and that is what we are seeing on the Central Coast with the significant rise in bulk billing," Member for Dobell Emma McBride said.

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Triple M The Border, 08:00 News, 08/07/2024

As the stoush surrounding the Albury Hospital upgrade continues, several local mayors have discussed the issue in the nation's capital. Rural and Regional Health Assistant Minister Emma McBride met with Albury and Wodonga mayors Kylie King and Ron Mildren, as well as the heads of Federation and Indigo Shires on Friday. They have called for the Commonwealth to step in and help with a potential single-site hospital instead of an upgrade to the current site.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Automating bulk-billing consent will save millions

The Medical Republic, Other, 08/07/2024, Holly Payne

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\$100 million to improve First Nations health infrastructure

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 08/07/2024

The federal government has announced \$100 million funding to support 33 Indigenous health infrastructure projects across the country. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy said, "We are committed to strengthening the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector so it can continue to provide quality health care to First Nations people.

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Heath site boost outlined

Local GovernmentCareer, Other, 08/07/2024

The Albanese Government has announced a \$100 million investment in health infrastructure for First Nations communities. [...] "Roughly half of all First Nations people receive their medical care through an ACCHS, so it is essential that these clinics are fit for purpose," said Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy.

Three metrics could reduce Indigenous health gap by a third

The Mandarin, Other, 08/07/2024, Dan Holmes

The latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) report has found the social determinants of health could be the key to closing the Indigenous health gap. [...] Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney and Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Malarndirri McCarthy used the opportunity to announce \$100 million in funding for 33 Indigenous health infrastructure projects.

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Funding for Aboriginal health staff and Indigenous clinics

The Mandarin, Other, 08/07/2024, Melissa Coade

Ten Indigenous health infrastructure projects across will receive a total of \$33.7 million from the federal government following a meeting of the Joint Council on Closing the Gap. The joint council convened in Adelaide last Friday, after which federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney and Assistant Minister Malarndirri McCarthy named recipients of a total of \$100 million in a funding pool for health infrastructure.

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Koori Radio, Blackchat, 08/07/2024, Lola Forester

Around \$100m will be allocated to improve health infrastructure in First Nation communities, and the Albanese Government is investing \$100m into 33 health infrastructure projects across the country. Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney, Associate Minister, Assistant Minister Malarndirri McCarthy and the Leading Convenor of the Coalition of Peaks Pat Turner announced the funding at the Joint Council on Closing the Gap meeting in Adelaide.

Report continues on: [Koori Radio \(Sydney\)](#).

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New committees to steer medical research funds

InnovationAus, Other, 08/07/2024, Brandon How

The funding strategies of the federal government's flagship health and medical research funds, which collectively award more than \$1.5 billion in grants every year, are set to become more uniform with the arrival of several new joint advisory committees. [...] The NHMRC and the Department of Health and Aged Care are working to improve alignment and coordination of the two funds while the government finalises its formal response to a public consultation on new governance and administration arrangements.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

'God help them'

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 09/07/2024, Lucy Crock, Page 1

A "five-star" Geelong aged care facility has apologised to a grieving husband for the care his late wife received, saying it had made changes after acknowledging some failures in meeting its own "very high standards". Rodney Reed placed his wife, Kathleen, in Charles Brownlow Retirement Village in early 2023 due to her progressing dementia.

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Easing the loneliness of older South Australians one catch up at a time

ABC Online, Other, 08/07/2024, Harvey Biggs

A community program is helping older South Australians to form meaningful social connections and tackle loneliness. Behavioural scientist Nadia Corsini says one-third of Australians feel lonely some or all of the time, up from one in four prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Union alleges some aged cares reclassifying staff to meet care minutes

Aged Care Insite, Other, 08/07/2024, Stefanie Schultz

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has alleged that some aged care providers may be reclassifying their lifestyle staff as Personal Care Assistants (PCAs) as a way to meet mandated care minutes. ANMF Federal Secretary Annie Butler said the well-being of aged care residents should not be compromised and that it is the responsibility of care providers to prioritise residents' health as well as meet their lifestyle needs.

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Self-Reporting, The Achilles Heel of the Quality Indicator Program

HelloCare, Other, 08/07/2024, Jakob Neeland

In recent years, data collection has become a cornerstone of governance in the aged care sector, particularly with the implementation of the National Aged Care Mandatory Quality Indicator Program (QI Program). Introduced to enhance transparency and accountability, the Qi program mandates that aged care providers report on specific quality indicators every three months.

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New Winter Menu Warms Aged Care Residents' Hearts

HelloCare, Other, 08/07/2024, Jakob Neeland

Move over Maggie Beer! Residents at a Queensland aged care home are taking control of their own food, choosing recipes, and menus, even forming their own tasting committee.

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Aged care home operators chalk up fifth year of losses: StewartBrown

The Weekly Source, Other, 08/07/2024, Caroline Egan & Ian Horswill

As half of Australia's aged care homes continue to operate at a loss, accountants StewartBrown presented "an inescapable fact". "It is well documented that the residential aged care sector has undergone operating losses for the past four financial years with a further loss likely for FY24.

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Aged care data reveals shift to home care

Your Life Choices, Other, 09/07/2024, Andrew Gigacz

Older Australians are choosing home care packages over aged care facilities, according to newly published federal government aged care data. The data forms part of six releases published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) on 8 July.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 08/07/2024, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Queensland researchers have unlocked the secrets of ageing, opening up new possibilities for longer lives and better resistance to serious disease. Scientists at the University of Queensland have made the discovery now able to test certain cells with various drugs. The goal is to stop diseases like Alzheimer's or strokes from escalating, or even happening in the first place.

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Channel 9, Today, 08/07/2024, Karl Stefanovic & Sarah Abo

Interview with Maggie Beer, Australian chef, on celebrating a decade of bringing joy to aged care residents through the power of dining. Beer says her foundation exists to create an appetite for life, and Beer hopes to bring her work to more aged care homes right across the country. Beer says she is most proud of the work they have done so far and the knowledge of what they need to do to continue, and it is having master classes over the ten years.

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POPULATION HEALTH

'Vested interests' at play in rise of chronic disease

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/07/2024, Tony Boyd, Page 7

When David Moloney applied his 40 years of management consulting skills to the task of finding a new diet and exercise program, he stumbled into the murky world of health and wellness misinformation.

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

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Witnesses 'threatened'

Age, General News, 09/07/2024, Chris Vedelago, Page 1

Police have been dealt a serious blow in their attempts to end Melbourne's brutal tobacco war, with witnesses and victims being threatened to keep their silence. The crew of exiled gangland boss Kazem "Kaz" Hamad is suspected of waging an intimidation campaign.

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Many facing charges after drug, vape blitz ends

Border Mail, General News, 09/07/2024, Page 3

An alleged drug dealer has been arrested after allegedly supplying ice in the Albury region in May and June. The 34-year-old was charged with ongoing drug supply after police raided a Cardo Drive home in Springdale Heights on Friday.

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Smoke and mirrors in new vape ban

The banning of vapes from public sale and diverting their dispensing to pharmacies via prescription only has been, as expected, a well-intentioned health initiative plan fraught with many practical problems. The day after the ban came into effect, flavoured vapes were still being sold for \$50 each in the Illawarra, despite the veiled threat of \$2.2 million in fines and a maximum seven-year jail term for those flouting the new law.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#)

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ACT takes steps on safe injecting room

Canberra Times, Other, 08/07/2024, Lucy Bladen

A medically supervised injecting room in the ACT will be considered as part of a review into drug harm reduction measures. The ACT Health Directorate is commissioning a review to examine the model for a supervised injecting facility in the territory.

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Collaboration in a cloud

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 08/07/2024

Health professionals will be better equipped to proactively identify people at risk of diabetes and plan preventative treatment with the help of a new QI program to be launched next week. The new Diabetes Quality Improvement Program sits within Practice Cloud, a program from leading health informatics company, PenCS.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

My dad deserves to be treated in Adelaide

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 09/07/2024, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 14

Two weeks after her dream wedding, the man that lovingly walked Steph Walker down the aisle was diagnosed with life-threatening cancer. Now, he is fighting for his life alone, without the support of his family, because the treatment he needs to tackle his blood-type disease is not available in South Australia.

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Is your home making you sick?

West Australian, Today, 09/07/2024, Katie Hampson, Page 1

While winter is a time for getting cosy indoors, many Australians remain ignorant to the health hazards lurking in their homes over the colder months. [...] Dust mites and mould are among the main household triggers for asthma and allergies in WA, according to Adele Taylor, National Asthma Council Australia Sensitive Choice program manager.

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

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For Dr Denis King, age is no barrier to 140,000-word thesis

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 09/07/2024, Angela Thompson, Page 9

Hold the pina coladas and put those golf clubs back in the garage - that's not how Denis King does retirement. [...] He said the National Health and Medical Research Council and Bowel Cancer Australia, would likely look into the findings, "and if they think it's appropriate, will recommend adjustments [to screening practices]".

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Aussie mum, 33, dies months after doctors revealed her 'bad stomach

ache' was actually cancer: 'We were hoping for a miracle'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/07/2024, Carina Stathis

An Australian mother-of-three whose world was turned upside down after being diagnosed with terminal liver cancer in mid-January has sadly lost her battle. Olivia Renga passed away on June 27, leaving behind young daughters Neve, Wilkie and Elliot and her high school sweetheart Josh.

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'I'm a brain cancer survivor of 13 years and this is what I've learned'

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 08/07/2024, Janine Graham

Beth Doggett was 19 and ready to launch into her rite of passage: a trip to Europe. Instead she was told she had a brain tumour and three months to live.

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BreastScreen WA thanks Harvey community for the support after power is cut to visiting van

West Australian, Other, 09/07/2024, Craig Duncan

A mobile breast cancer screening service visiting Harvey has resumed after it was temporarily halted when power was cut to its van. BreastScreen WA's mobile clinic has been in town offering free mammograms to the community, but the van had its power cable damaged on June 30.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/07/2024, Sharyn Ghidella & Max Futcher

QLD is the skin cancer capital, but despite decades of public health campaigns, it seems Queenslanders still aren't taking the warnings seriously. New research by Southern Cross University has found four out of five patients were unaware they had a melanoma growing on their skin. Researchers are now advocating for a national melanoma screening program.

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Seven Bundaberg Wide Bay, Seven Local News, 08/07/2024, Rob Brough

Soft drinks could soon be more expensive if a sugary drinks tax goes ahead. Doctors hope it could be a sweet deal for health funding and the fight against obesity. Diabetes is one of the fastest-growing chronic health conditions affecting Australians. AMA modelling shows attacks could see 16,000 fewer cases over the next 25 years.

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PRIMARY CARE

Health staff under siege

The Nightly, General News, 08/07/2024, Mike Smithson, Page 15

Staff at the Royal Adelaide Hospital have alarmingly declared the emergency department a war zone. That's a massive call for any hospital's frontline interface with the public, especially coming from workers fearing for their own safety.

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'Fed up': No relief for RAH ED staff

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 09/07/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 3

Conditions at the \$2.7bn Royal Adelaide Hospital's embattled emergency department have deteriorated since a SafeWork SA inspection which gave management a Tuesday deadline to improve working conditions for staff. An inspection by the doctors' union SA Salaried Medical Officers Association (SASMOA) after the Safe- Work inspection found multiple alleged contraventions of health

and safety laws with the ED "continuously blocked with admitted patients giving rise to ramping on the ambulance ramp and in the waiting room."

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

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Tragic mystery of how 3yo angel died

West Australian, General News, 09/07/2024, Dylan Caporn, Page 10

A coronial inquiry has been launched after a three-year-girl died just over a week after routine surgery and days after contracting the flu. Aliyah Yugovich died on Sunday of unknown causes, nine days after a tonsillectomy at St John of God Murdoch.

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

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Hospital redevelopment looking healthy

Ballarat Courier, General News, 09/07/2024, Melanie Whelan, Page 2

Early works on Ballarat's hospital tower are on schedule to start in late July -but we will not see a Maureen-sized crane on site until 2025. The state government this month declared the now-\$655 million Grampians Health Ballarat Base Hospital redevelopment had entered its final stage with preparations for a new tower and emergency department to play out in the next 12 months.

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Hospital copy and waste

Border Mail, General News, 09/07/2024, Beau Greenway, Page 1

The Victorian and NSW governments have rehashed months-old media statements to play down fresh concerns raised at a Border health forum about the need for a greenfields hospital. The state bodies responded to questions from The Border Mail on Monday, calling for a reply to claims made at the latest Better Border Health event, by copying and pasting parts of statements to the masthead from March and April.

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

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\$18m hospital upgrade to improve healthcare

Cairns Post, General News, 09/07/2024, Catherine Duffy, Page 4

Cairns surgeons will be able to operate with hi-tech, state-of the-art equipment, thanks to an \$18m upgrade to the Cairns Private Hospital. The upgraded operating suite, along with a new pre-operative patient area and a second operating theatre shell to cater for future growth, will be ready for its first patients on Tuesday.

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Response team flagged

Daily Advertiser, General News, 09/07/2024, Jeremy Eager, Page 1

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 understand 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.

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

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Hospitals on life support

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 09/07/2024, Dr Elise Davey, Page 12

If you were thinking of cutting your private health insurance, I'd advise against it. What we are seeing at present in Victoria is a recipe for the disintegration of our healthcare system.

Women's health issues must be a priority: GPs

Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Star Weekly, General News, 09/07/2024, Page 9

GPs are calling for greater action to better address women's health issues. It follows the release of the Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) guidelines for preventive activities in general practice.

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Pricing authority the answer to NIB and St Vincent's contract feud, experts say

The Australian, Other, 08/07/2024, James Dowling

After very public blows traded between hospital service St Vincent's and insurer NIB, health advocates are lobbying for a private "umpire" charged with regulating prices and preventing future disputes. Declining viability for private hospitals has major players in Australia's health sector discussing tying insurance premium rate rises to the returns enjoyed by customers.

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Mother of South Australian toddler asked to pay gap fee before being treated at Clare Hospital

ABC Online, Other, 08/07/2024

When Bianca Dannenberg-Turner took her two-year-old son Charlie to the Clare Hospital with a perforated ear drum, she did not expect to be turned away. Charlie had been on antibiotics and pain relief for a week, but after his situation escalated, Ms Dannenberg-Turner felt hospital became her only option.

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Australia is hit by its largest parasitic outbreak in more than 20 years - and the one group that's getting sick at an alarming rate

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/07/2024, Lisa Edser

Australia is fighting through its largest gastro outbreak in more than 20 years with an alarming number of toddlers falling ill. Cases of cryptosporidiosis, a parasitical gastrointestinal disease, have soared with four times as many people falling ill than in all of 2023.

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Elderly woman's close call highlights ambulance wait-time issues

Shepparton News Online, Other, 08/07/2024, Faith Macale

Seymour local Shirley McLellan celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday, June 8, but four days later, she was rushed to hospital for emergency surgery. Ms McLellan said she was doubling over with pain in her stomach on Wednesday, June 12, so she consulted her doctor over the phone.

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Ambulance Ramping Is Getting Worse. What Can We Do About It?

HelloCare, Other, 08/07/2024, Jakob Neeland

We've seen countless media reports in recent days, weeks and months about the ramping of ambulances at hospital emergency departments (EDs) around Australia. Ambulance ramping occurs when paramedics are made to wait at the hospital's entrance and are unable to transfer their patient into the emergency department within an appropriate time frame – defined as 30 minutes in South Australia.

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From science to spirituality: Dhanggati GP's palliative care journey

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/07/2024

When Dr Janelle Trees began her medical career, she was fascinated with the scientific aspects of the

discipline, especially the 'idea that our neurotransmitter chemicals constituted our thoughts'. But as she has progressed through her career, Dr Trees has found her culture – as a Dhanggati woman – increasingly guiding her approach to general practice.

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'We are in panic mode': GPs still waiting for payroll tax amnesty confirmation

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/07/2024, Rachel Carter

GP practices that applied for Queensland's payroll tax amnesty are still waiting on a "black-and-white" answer as to whether they have met the requirements, AMA Queensland says. Practices that were audited and issued a payroll tax bill are also awaiting confirmation from the Queensland Revenue Office (QRO) that the bills are being waived, says AMA Queensland president Dr Nick Yim, a GP.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 08/07/2024, Kate Freebairn

SA Health says it's believed it's fixed issues at the Royal Adelaide, which could have brought a \$250,000 fine over unsafe working conditions. SafeWork SA last week gave management until tomorrow to rectify a contravention of workplace safety laws following a number of attacks on staff involving mental health patients.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/07/2024, Rosanna Mangiarelli & Will Goodings

The Royal Adelaide Hospital has until tomorrow to prove its emergency department is a safe place to work or face a \$250,000 fine. It follows several violent attacks involving mental health patients that have left nurses and a doctor badly hurt.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 08/07/2024, Peter Overton

Two urgent care clinics will open in Sydney's southwest and inner city next week in an attempt to ease the burden on emergency departments due to a significant increase in respiratory case presentations. The two new clinics in Belmore and Green Square will operate between 8am and 8pm.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

DV and hidden toll of suicide

The Australian, General News, 09/07/2024, Stephen Rice, Page 1

Up to 10 times as many women take their own lives because of domestic violence as those murdered by their abusers, but a failure to properly identify the cases has led to a generation of invisible victims, frontline crisis workers say. Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner Micaela Cronin has joined suicide prevention service Lifeline in calling for greater scrutiny of suicides by women who have been subjected to intimate partner violence.

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

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How to avoid burnout once you hit the mid-year slump

Age, General News, 09/07/2024, Nell Geraets, Page 16

For many, the mid-year mark can feel like a roadblock. You've made it through six months of hard work and are now technically on the other side, yet the end of the year still seems far away.

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File 'oversight' raised in death inquiry

Canberra Times, General News, 09/07/2024, Hannah Neale, Page 5

A potential document "oversight" may have contributed to the death of an inmate, an inquest has heard. Justin Cordy was 34 when he died from a suspected suicide while in custody at the Alexander Maconochie Centre on February 26 last year.

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

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Relentless pull of social media

Daily Liberal, General News, 09/07/2024, Sarah Falson, Page 2

New research suggests there could be a correlation between social media programs rising in popularity and a decline in youth mental health. Image-based abuse, cyber bullying and stalking are just some of the internet-based issues young people have to contend with in this device-driven world.

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Escape room for cops to unwind from the beat

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 09/07/2024, Natasha Emeck, Page 3

Kirwan Police Station, one of the city's busiest, has opened a new resilience room designed to offer solace and respite for officers after confronting and challenging jobs. This initiative was spearheaded by Senior Sergeant Matt Lyons, who stepped into the role of Officer in Charge last year and immediately sought to bring positive changes to support his team.

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A voice in Katherine's head tells her she is 'ugly', but help for her common condition may be on the way

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 08/07/2024, Wendy Tuohy

As early as grade two, Katherine Kalaitzidis began to see parts of herself as different, or inferior, to other girls. Things only she could see.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 08/07/2024, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Psychologists have issued an urgent warning to parents using child tracking apps, saying they can have major impacts on mental health. The worry for psychologists is how those apps are now seen as normal amongst many teenagers and young adults, and they may become a barrier to healthy relationships later in life.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 08/07/2024, Craig Reucassel

A new youth well-being report has found Australia's Generation Zs are increasingly reporting they're suffering from anxiety, depression and body dysmorphia. The 2024 Wellbeing Index interviewed more than 3000 Australians aged between 18 and 24 and found just over half of them had sought mental health therapy.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

New pill can increase IVF success rates, study suggests

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/07/2024

A new tablet could help improve the odds of successful IVF treatment, scientists have said after initial trials showed "promising" results. Researchers set out to test whether the drug, which has a direct

effect on the inner lining of the womb, can improve the embryo implantation process during fertility treatment.

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Now couples can take a pill to help them HAVE a baby in boost for childless would-be parents struggling to conceive through costly IVF treatment

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/07/2024, Colin Fernandez

A pill for couples struggling to conceive with IVF has been found to increase the chances of pregnancy. In clinical trials, it was found to raise the likelihood of the fertilised egg implanting in the womb.

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Barriers to use of smoking cessation therapies in pregnancy

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 08/07/2024, Chloe Hava

Pregnancy is often a crucial time for mothers to consider smoking cessation, due to increased risks of complications associated with continued smoking – such as premature delivery, intrauterine growth restriction, miscarriage, neonatal nicotine withdrawal syndrome and sudden infant death syndrome. However, there are also concerns about the safety of smoking cessation therapies, such as nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), varenicline and bupropion, when used in pregnancy.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Big stick approach a recipe for disaster in midst of a nursing, midwifery recruitment and retention crisis

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/07/2024, Emily Shepherd, Page 16

The Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation is extremely concerned about the vacancy control cuts that are occurring across Tasmania even though there are currently hundreds of vacant positions. The Rockliff Liberal government keeps hiding behind data and statistics which does not tell the real story. History is repeating itself they are not listening to our members on the ground.

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Ambos right out of patience

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 09/07/2024, Will Keech, Page 3

Geelong ambos are calling on their employers to fix what they say is a broken system that is putting locals in danger, amid lengthy EBA negotiations. Local paramedics say they are having their time wasted at low-priority jobs due to an ineffective call system, causing their hours to balloon and more important jobs to be missed.

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Teresa inks up return to vocation

In Daily, Other, 08/07/2024

When tattoo artist Teresa Low emigrated to Whyalla from South Africa with her family in 2010, little did she know she would also embark on the next chapter of her lifelong learning journey. What she discovered was that whatever challenge is thrown her way, when she sets her mind to something, anything is possible.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

'My abortion nightmare'

Herald Sun, General News, 09/07/2024, Aneeka Simonis, Page 9

A Melbourne abortion clinic banned from performing surgeries following the sudden death of a patient is being sued by another woman over a termination procedure that endangered her life. [...] Three doctors gynaecologist Rudy Lopes, anaesthetist Tony Chow and clinic director and owner Michelle Kenney were also suspended by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

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Medicine will soon be considered too important to be left to doctors

Australian Doctor, Other, 08/07/2024, Paul Nisselle

We practise not in a cocoon but in a melange (swamp?) of law, regulation and ethics. [...] Mind you, the servants will still be liable directly to AHPRA (and their employer) for their errors.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Kerry Walker wants more people to become organ donors as he waits for kidney transplant

Adelaide Now, Other, 08/07/2024, Simon McGuire

More than two decades after a lifesaving kidney transplant, Kerry Walker desperately needs another one. He wants to raise awareness so other people like him do not have to wait as long.

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

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SPORT

The gold medallist with \$1m plan for Olympic hopefuls

The Australian, Business News, 09/07/2024, John Stensholt, Page 15

Olympic gold medallist Natalie Cook calls it helping athletes build their own sustainable economy. She has plans to raise \$1m in a year, and hopefully one day more than \$10m annually, to make her financial dreams come true for future Olympians.

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Footy drug threat

Herald Sun, General News, 09/07/2024, Michael Warner, Page 1

The parents of a former AFL footballer say they were blackmailed by a crime gang after their son became addicted to drugs while in the league's controversial "medical model". The Herald Sun can reveal information has been passed on to Australia's sports integrity agency about how criminals sent a photo of the player with them to the parents, threatening his safety unless they paid his drug debts.

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

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Lions expel aspiring podcaster for racist social posts

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 09/07/2024, Simeon Thomas-Wilson & Emily Olle, Page 46

An aspiring sports journalist who targeted Adelaide star Izak Rankine with racist abuse online says he was "intoxicated and pissed off" when he posted the repulsive remarks. Fed-up Crows' officials have described the slur as "disgusting" and "abhorrent" and "it's infuriating that these situations continue to occur".

Also reported by: [9News \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#)

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The fascinating innovations women's sport boom created

Canberra Times, Sport, 09/07/2024, Melanie Dinjaski, Page 30

Women's sport has not only resulted in a massive growth in opportunity, exposure and earning potential for athletes, but it's also sparked a boom in products and professionals helping shape its future. The release of the second edition of the Australian Sports Technologies Network's 'Women in Sports Innovation' report on Tuesday celebrates 100 leaders in the field, spanning technology, data, and digital in entertainment, esports and digital health.

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Stadium in the room as Games fight sidelined

Courier Mail, General News, 09/07/2024, Rose Innes, Page 7

Brisbane's Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner has shied away from using a joint press conference with Premier Steven Miles to criticise the government's decision to upgrade QSAC for the 2032 Olympic Games. They have publicly clashed over the best venue for athletics at Brisbane's Games, and Mr Schrinner has repeatedly called for investigations into a new stadium at Victoria Park.

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Indoor cricket's pitch

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/07/2024, Ryan Rosendale, Page 8

While it's never been done before, Cricket Tasmania chairman David Boon is confident Tasmania can play host to the first ever Test match under a roofed stadium at Macquarie Point. Designs for the yet-to-be constructed stadium were released on Sunday and while much of the focus has been on how it will house Tasmania's future AFL side, the stadium's roof height of 51m from the ground and 54m above the playing surface has been specifically designed with the prospect of Test cricket being played at the venue.

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'We can play cricket there': Boon

Launceston Examiner, General News, 09/07/2024, Benjamin Seeder, Page 4

Tasmanian cricket has given its imprimatur to the new designs for the proposed Hobart stadium, with former Test great David Boon declaring that "we can play cricket there". Mr Boon, who now chairs Cricket Tasmania, said his organisation was "extremely pleased" with the effort that architects Cox had made in meeting cricket's needs.

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Policy aims to level the playing field for women and girls

"For as long as male-only sports are prioritised over women, women will continue to fall short of their full potential." Following Cr Fern Summer's compelling remarks in its June meeting, Greater Shepparton City Council adopted the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fair Access Policy and Action Plan.

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ABC Local Radio to bring the Paris Olympics 2024 live across regional Australia

ABC Online, Other, 08/07/2024

ABC Local Radio will broadcast the Olympic Games to listeners across Regional Australia, as well as Adelaide, Darwin, Hobart and Canberra. The licensing agreement with Nine will ensure every Australian can access live broadcasts of Australian athletes.

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Mixed reaction to Hobart's new Macquarie Point stadium design, as architects explain concept

ABC Online, Other, 08/07/2024, Chris Rowbottom

Leading figures behind the design and development of the proposed Macquarie Point AFL stadium have come out to answer questions about the recently released concept plans. Questions about the suitability of the site, the stadium height, the roof design and internal shadowing on the pitch, along with parking, and the relocation of the heritage-listed Goods Shed were tackled.

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Detail in new Tasmanian AFL team's home stadium prompts 'please explain'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 08/07/2024, Michael Dahlstrom

Designs for Tasmania's new Macquarie Stadium have been welcomed by the AFL, but a small but important detail has got some eagle-eyed critics asking its developer to "please explain". Conservationists are concerned about the revolutionary design of the roof for the Hobart stadium.

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Channel 7, The Latest: Seven News, 08/07/2024, Tim McMillan

A drunken footy fan has made an emotional apology for an online racist attack against Adelaide Crows star Isaac Rankine. Jacob Mathieson is Alliance supporter and he posted the comment after the star forward shirt fronted a Brisbane player. Crows' officials have described the slur as "disgusting" and "abhorrent" and said they have revoked Mathieson's membership.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Pollution exposure risk to IVF pregnancy

The Australian, General News, 09/07/2024, Kaya Burgess, Page 9

Women undergoing IVF treatment could boost their chances of having a baby by reducing their exposure to air pollution, an Australian study suggests. Researchers found the chance of having a live birth through IVF could be cut by almost 40 per cent when the would-be mother was exposed to high levels of pollutant particles in the weeks and months before her eggs were collected.

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

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Researchers unlock biological secrets to ageing

The Border Mail, Other, 08/07/2024, Melissa Meehan

Australian researchers think they have uncovered the master controller of the ageing process. The discovery could potentially pave the way to improve quality of life as people age.

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Coffee: The heart workout for people who sit down all day

The New Daily, Other, 08/07/2024, John Elder

For years the question has been: Is it OK to drink coffee? A sensational new study has turned that around, by asking: Is it OK not to drink coffee?

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Body fat over BMI for obesity diagnosis: Study

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/07/2024

Researchers say doctors must ditch BMI as a diagnosis tool as it is excluding patients in need, instead calling for the use of waist-to-height ratios. In Australia, around 26% of children and 66% of adults are living with overweight or obesity.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Culturally safe support more important than ever as Aboriginal organisations promote Indigenous-led solutions

National Indigenous Times, Other, 08/07/2024, Dechlan Brennan

One of Victoria's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island family violence prevention organisations has used the first NAIDOC week since the failed Voice referendum to urge people to listen to Aboriginal voices. It comes as multiple Indigenous groups have called for self-determination to lead the way when it comes to closing the gap, especially in the wake of the scathing productivity commission report earlier this year which found closing the gap targets were "worsening"

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Indigenous birth centre Gudjaga Gunyahlamai set to be built in Nowra

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 08/07/2024, Tom McGann

A pregnant Indigenous woman has hailed plans for Australia's first Aboriginal birthing centre as "an amazing idea", saying it would be an honour to have the facility near her home on the NSW south coast. Set to be constructed at 102-106 Hillcrest Ave, South Nowra – 160km south of Sydney – the \$21.3m facility would be the first Aboriginal-owned and midwifery-led freestanding birth centre in Australia.

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Generations of Indigenous healthcare workers recognised at Tamworth hospital

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 08/07/2024, Rachel Clark

Third-generation healthcare worker Jacob Shanley has watched the Aboriginal flag be raised at Tamworth Hospital since he was a young boy. It has continued to hold a great deal of significance to him, as throughout his life he first watched his grandmother and then mum, Kylie Taylor, advocate for Indigenous healthcare.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Don't let the flu flip you out, get the vax

Courier Mail, General News, 09/07/2024, Rose Innes, Page 10

Premier Steven Miles says he is confident the state's hospitals are prepared for a major flu surge predicted by the chief health officer but has urged Queenslanders to leave emergency departments for emergencies. Mr Miles said Queenslanders could support the health workforce by making sure they were vaccinated and using urgent care clinics, satellite hospitals, nurse-led walk-in clinics and pharmacists before emergency departments.

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Fears home to roost

Canberra Times, General News, 09/07/2024, Peter Brewer, Page 1

THEY are the two simple words which send a chill down the spine of any poultry breeder or chook owner: avian influenza. The 900-bird Canberra and Queanbeyan Poultry Club show, which was to be held in August at the Queanbeyan Showground, has been cancelled and strict biosecurity measures are in place as the avian flu spread into the Belconnen district late last week.

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Horror flu surge in state

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 09/07/2024, Rose Innes, Page 8

As influenza vaccination numbers reach their lowest recorded since 2021, cases of the potentially deadly illness are constantly rising. Ahead of its anticipated peak about a month from now, we asked an expert everything you need to know about the flu this season.

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Testing time at term start

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 09/07/2024, Natasha Emeck, Page 7

Influenza cases in Townsville have surged to a five-year high, and residents are being warned to brace for a second wave as schools resume and cases continue to climb. Doctor Steven Donohue, director of the Townsville Public Health Unit, has expressed concern that a second wave could be imminent amid what has already been a busy flu season.

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

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More than 3400 children aged 10-19 test positive for influenza in one week, NSW Health data reveals

The Australian, Other, 08/07/2024, Clareese Packer

Flu cases are surging across NSW, with new data revealing children are being hit the hardest. More than 3400 children aged between 10 and 19 tested positive for influenza in the week ending June 29.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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7news.com.au, Other, 08/07/2024, Sarah Keszler

Medical experts are predicting Queensland could be hit with a triple whammy this flu season, with influenza, RSV and COVID rates set to skyrocket as children head back to school. The state's Chief Health Officer Dr John Garrard said about 20 children were being admitted to hospital each day with the flu, however this number was expected to rise to 50 within the next two or three weeks.

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Flu cases surging in NSW, health bosses say

9News, Other, 08/07/2024, Sarah Swain

The number of Aussies with flu has surged in NSW, with cases up 35 per cent according to the latest NSW Health figures. Under 16's are most badly affected, weekly figures from the end of June show, but all ages are suffering with the infection.

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Lumos steps up antibiotic resistance fight to Australia & NZ

Adelaide Now, Other, 08/07/2024, Nadine McGrath

Winter is here and along with the colder weather comes a rise in nasty respiratory infections. But if you're afflicted with a dreaded chest lurgy, how do you know whether you need treatment with an antibiotic? Well, your doctor may soon be able to tell you within 10 minutes, with Lumos Diagnostics (ASX:LDX) announcing its FebriDx rapid point-of-care test to differentiate a viral from bacterial acute respiratory infection will be available in Australia and New Zealand.

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GPs urge jabs as winter lurgies return with a vengeance

West Australian, Other, 09/07/2024, Rachael Ward

Cases of whooping cough, the flu and gastro have surged, with the spike in illness hitting children hard and adding "unprecedented" pressure on some hospitals. The winter lurgy peak is still ahead of northern parts of Australia popular with holiday-makers, prompting a leading general practitioner to urge anyone who hasn't had a jab to roll up their sleeve.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#).

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Can you get it when you're pregnant? Every question we asked a doctor about the flu vaccine.

Mamamia, Other, 08/07/2024, Alana Wulff

Turn on the TV this week and you'll be hard-pressed to find a story that isn't covering NSW's sharp rise in respiratory illnesses, like whooping cough and influenza (flu) outbreaks. With hospitals on high-alert and an increased number of kids coughing their way through winter, there's never been a more important time to protect yourself and your family.

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Channel 9, Today, 08/07/2024, Karl Stefanovic & Sarah Abo

Interview with Dr Paul Griffin, infectious diseases physician, regarding emergency departments in Queensland and New South Wales that are under extreme pressure amid a surge in flu cases. In Queensland alone, 20 children a day are reportedly being hospitalised with influenza. Griffin says flu is now overtaking COVID-19 in terms of the number of cases. He adds they had over 2600 flu cases last week and still over 2000 COVID-19 cases while RSV still has nearly 1000 a week as well. Griffin adds that with mycoplasma and whooping cough are putting a big strain on our healthcare services.

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4BC, Breakfast , 08/07/2024, Luke Bradnam

Queenslanders are suffering a double whammy of flu and Covid increases this winter. The Mater Director of Infectious Diseases Dr Paul Griffin says they still haven't reached their peak. According to Griffin, the state had nearly 3000 diagnosed cases of the flu last week and about 150 people are in Qld hospitals at the moment, while those case numbers are on the rise and the biggest concerning feature about it is that Qld's vaccination rate is really low.

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Infant respiratory virus vax in funding limbo

The Australian, General News, 09/07/2024, James Dowling, Page 9

Despite a harrowing flu season, the national rollout of an infant respiratory disease vaccine is up in the air following government efforts to squeeze the price on a previous treatment. [...] Both Abrysvo and Beyfortus are registered with the TGA.

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

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7news.com.au, Other, 08/07/2024, Oliver Lane

Authorities have warned about possible side effects of a popular "immunity" capsule following the shock death of a 37-year-old man in Queensland last month. [...] The popular cold and flu supplement now faces a review of its warnings by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, which said the herb's risks were relatively unknown.

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FDA approves drug for early symptomatic Alzheimer's disease

Aged Care Insite, Other, 08/07/2024, Stefanie Schultz

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the Kisunla (donanemab-azbt) injection for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease after months of delays. [...] In Australia, donanemab is currently under review by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. Tori Brown, general manager of Eli Lilly (Lilly) Australia said early diagnosis is key to the success of drugs like this.

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Andrographis alert

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 08/07/2024

Following the death of one person last month from a suspected fatal reaction to the andrographis medicine, Armaforce, the TGA is reconsidering whether the current labelling is sufficient to address safety concerns. Reported reactions included anaphylaxis, seizure, swelling, nausea, throat tightness and dizziness, and patients are being asked to stop using andrographis medicines at the first sign of an allergic reaction.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Medicinal cannabis users say road rules discriminate against them

SBS, Other, 08/07/2024, Omoh Bello

Advocates are calling for a legal defence for unimpaired drivers prescribed medicinal cannabis who test positive at roadside drug tests in Victoria. Medical Cannabis has been legal in Australia since 2016, yet under Victorian law, as in many other jurisdictions except Tasmania, having cannabis in your system is prohibited.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Morinaga Manna Bolo baby biscuits recalled over possible presence of animal droppings

Morinaga's Manna Bolo baby biscuits have been recalled over the possible presence of animal droppings. [...] Food Standards Australia and New Zealand lists the recall reasons as the "potential presence of foreign biological matter".

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Al'Fez Natural Tahini Paste 160g recalled due to salmonella contamination

7news.com.au, Other, 08/07/2024, Molly Magennis

A tahini paste sold at Woolworths has been recalled over fears the product is contaminated with salmonella. [...] According to Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) the product has been contaminated with salmonella, which "may cause illness if consumed".

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Drink decaf coffee? Here's what to know about the chemicals used to make it

ABC Online, Other, 08/07/2024, Patrick Wright

If you're a fan of decaf coffee, you might have come across some concerning headlines about chemicals in your morning brew. [...] Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) says it considers methylene chloride in decaf coffee safe for consumers up to the permitted level of 2mg/kg.

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Al'Fez Natural Tahini Paste recall: Product sold at Woolworths is pulled from the shelves

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/07/2024, Pranav Harish

An urgent recall has been issued for tahini paste over fears the product could be contaminated with salmonella. [...] Food Standards Australia and New Zealand warned the product could cause 'illness' if consumed.

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Al'Fez Natural Tahini Paste recalled over salmonella concerns

The Australian, Other, 08/07/2024, Clareese Packer

Clareese Packer 11 minutes ago NewsWire Malcolm Turnbull has blasted Opposition leader Peter Dutton, AFL star Ben Cousins failed to impress in his Dancing with the Stars debut, Jack Mcveigh breaks down after hearing he's in Boomers squad for the Olympics. A popular tahini paste has been recalled over salmonella concerns. [...] Picture: Food Standards Australia New Zealand Consuming foods contaminated with the bacteria may cause illness, with Food Standards Australia urging people not to eat the paste.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Woolworths product recalled amid contamination fears

The New Daily, Other, 08/07/2024

A popular tahini paste has been dumped from major supermarket shelves across the country. Manufacturer AB World Foods has recalled its Al'Fez Natural Tahini Paste amid fears of salmonella contamination. [...] Consumers should return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund," Food Standards Australia New Zealand said.

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