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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Weekend Australian](#)** (page 1) reports that a project to monitor defence force personnel's exposure to explosion shock waves and possible links to sustained brain injuries has been cancelled after the Defence Innovation Hub it was under was made defunct.
- **[The Weekend Post](#)** (page 1) reports that Far North Queensland has the highest rate of childhood diabetes in the world, with many communities listing diabetes as their leading cause of death.
- **[The Saturday Age](#)** (page 2) reports that former Olympian and Australian Olympic Committee member, Kevan Gosper, has passed away at the age of 90 following what was described as a short illness by his family. *Also reported by:* [Weekend Australian](#), [AFR](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#)
- **[The Weekend Australian](#)** (page 5) reports that a review into the Queensland Children's Gender Service has found no evidence of patients being pressured into treatment and recommended a network of similar clinics be rolled out across the state.
- **[The Saturday Age](#)** (page 6) reports that medical bodies are warning against misinformation claiming testosterone can restore energy, reduce abdominal fat, protect the heart, brain and bones, treat anxiety, reduce cancer and diabetes risk, boost skin collagen and improve memory.

- [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 6) reports that MediSecure has revealed that nearly 13 million Australians had their personal information stolen in a cyberattack earlier this year, with the company saying it was unable to identify who was behind the breach due to the costs involved in analysing the data. *Also reported by:* [NBN News](#)
- [The Weekend Australian](#) (page 8) reports that John Coates says he will step down from his position at the IOC after the Paris Games to focus on his role in the Brisbane organising committee to “make sure we deliver on what we have promised”. *Also reported by:* [Courier Mail](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#)
- [The Saturday Paper](#) (page 10) reports that IT costs associated with the Aged Care Act have reached \$227.9 million after Aged Care Minister Anika Wells was forced to delay the implementation after flaws were discovered in the draft legislation.

MINISTER BUTLER

Black market vape supply dwindling across Sydney as raids, tough laws hit suppliers

Cairns Post, Other, 19/07/2024, Lachlan Leeming

A Daily Telegraph investigation – which involved visiting 43 tobacconists and general stores around the city centre this week – found one third of the stores continue to sell e-cigarettes. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler conceded the fight against black market vapes was ongoing, saying: "Some stores may still be selling illegal vapes, and my message to them is we are deadly serious about enforcing this ban."

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Could the long-awaited Lookout rehab centre be built in Framlingham?

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 19/07/2024, Jessica Howard

A new location proposed for The Lookout could bring an end to the city's hard-fought campaign to open a residential rehabilitation centre. [...] The minister is expected to travel to Canberra with Uncle Lenny and Mr Powell to meet with Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Linda Burney this year.

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GP appointment blowouts to continue as region struggles to retain and attract doctors

West Australian, Other, 19/07/2024, Warren Hately

The long wait for medical appointments is showing no signs of easing amid a lack of health workers. [...] A spokesperson for Federal Health Minister Mark Butler told the Times there was "no higher priority in health for the Albanese Government than rebuilding general practice" and blamed cuts and shortfalls on the Liberals.

Also reported by: [Bunbury Herald \(Online\)](#), [South Western Times \(Online\)](#).

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Reid welcomes new vaping laws

Coast Community News, Other, 19/07/2024

Member for Robertson Gordon Reid has welcomed the passage of world-leading vaping laws through the Australian Parliament. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said recreational vaping was a scourge.

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2024 Health Minister's Award for Nursing Trailblazers — finalists announced

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 19/07/2024

Australian College of Nursing (ACN) has announced four finalists for the 2024 Health Minister's Award for Nursing Trailblazers. [...] The award is administered by ACN on behalf of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler MP.

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Urging Australia to Accelerate Action to End Viral Hepatitis

liverwell.org.au, Other, 19/07/2024, Shaun Knott

LiverWELL's CEO Elaine Montegriffo and Peer Worker Nicoletta Burrows were in Canberra earlier this month, where Health Minister Mark Butler MP urged swift action at a federal parliamentary event on July 4, 2024. Joined by Senators Louise Pratt and Dean Smith, the event highlighted the need for accelerated prevention strategies, particularly within high-risk groups such as prisons.

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MINISTER WELLS

Aged-care contracts blow out by \$227.9 million

The Saturday Paper, General News, 20/07/2024, Jason Koutsoukis, Page 10

Soaring fees charged by foreign multinationals for IT services tied to the federal government's new Aged Care Act have seen the implementation of the already delayed law blow out by at least \$227.9 million. [...] The new Aged Care Act was expected to come into effect on July 1 this year, but problems identified in a draft of the act forced Aged Care Minister Anika Wells to delay its implementation in April, with the new act not expected to be introduced to parliament until after the next election.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Paper \(Online\)](#)

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Muswellbrook Medicare Mental Health Centre opens

Newcastle Weekly, Other, 19/07/2024, Rebecca Riddle

Upper Hunter residents, from Singleton to Scone, can access the new free Muswellbrook Medicare Mental Health Centre after it was officially opened late last week. [...] The site, commissioned by the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network (HNECC PHN), was opened by Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride and Hunter MP Dan Repacholi.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Resistance research tackles ovarian cancer

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Jade Gailberger, Page 35

Women with ovarian cancer will have access to improved treatments under a key federal funding boost. [...] Assistant Minister for Health Ged Kearney said the studies would help more women and their families now and into the future.

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Extended funding for ovarian cancer project

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 19/07/2024

The federal government has announced \$2.96 million funding for the next phase of the TRACKFORWARD project, a collaboration between Friday, 19 July, 2024 Ovarian Cancer Australia (OCA) and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Peter Mac) aimed at preventing cases of ovarian cancer. Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney MP said, "Ovarian cancer is a devastating disease.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

First Nations groups to benefit from Supporting People with Cancer grants

National Indigenous Times, Other, 19/07/2024, Giovanni Torre

Two Indigenous organisations are among five recipients sharing more than half a million dollars in federal grants supporting people affected by cancer. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, commended the dedication of these organisations "in championing the cause of supporting individuals and communities affected by cancer".

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DEPARTMENT

Health chief not happy with stats on vaccines

The Horsham Times, General News, 19/07/2024, Tony Curran, Page 4

Rural Northwest Health has further moved to reassure the community following Department of Health and Aged Care statistics which showed low vaccination rates among residents at its Yarriambiack Lodge Nursing Home and Hostel. According to the Department's report, published on June 21 and based on Australian Immunisation Register data at June 12, the percentages of residents vaccinated over the previous 12 months at the Nursing Home and Hostel were 40-50 per cent and 30-40 per cent respectively.

Also reported by: [Warracknabeal Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Horsham Times \(Online\)](#), [Wimmera Mallee News \(Online\)](#).

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Half of all Australians hit by MediSecure hack, but company can't afford to find out who

NBN News, Other, 19/07/2024

Half of Australia's population has been caught up in the cyberattack on MediSecure, but the company can't afford to find out exactly who had their data stolen and notify them. [...] It had provided a system to allow healthcare professionals like GPs to send prescriptions to patients electronically, but hadn't been used since November 15 for new electronic prescriptions after the federal Health Department made eRx the sole e-script provider.

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Movers & Shakers: New DSS branch managers, F1 GP board

The Mandarin, Other, 19/07/2024, The Mandarin

Senior Executive Service Band 2 [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care (DHAC) has promoted Emily Harper, Chris Bedford and Gregory Pugh to first assistant secretary.

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

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Desperate wait for PBS listing of rare cancer drug

Region Riverina, Other, 19/07/2024, Chris Johnson

Not too many people have heard of Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome (VHL), but there are enough Australians who suffer from the rare cancer for its treatment to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). [...] "The Department of Health and Aged Care works to finalise arrangements with the pharmaceutical company and proceed to a PBS listing as quickly as possible, once the company has submitted the necessary documentation.

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Salesforce costs balloon to \$116m at Aged Care

InnovationAus, Other, 19/07/2024, Joseph Brookes

The cost of the Department of Health and Aged Care's customer relationship management project has passed \$116 million after software giant Salesforce and partner Capgemini landed lucrative contract amendments. In what looms as another sprawling project, licensing and professional services costs have more than doubled in its first 18 months, with the biggest extension coming shortly after senior officials enjoyed complementary passes to a Salesforce conference.

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

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CORONAVIRUS

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Secrets of the 'super-agers'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Matthew Benns, Page 70

While others their age are sitting in a retirement village with a rug on their knees and watching Deal or No Deal Australia's "super agers" are out flying helicopters and training racehorses. Philanthropist and entrepreneur Dick Smith and horse trainer Margaret De Gonville are examples of the new breed of super-agers who continue to defy the years and thrive well into old age.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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Reviews in: How to stop the slop

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Julie Cross, Page 75

It's not quite MasterChef but having a panel of aged-care residents critiquing the food before it can be allowed on the menu sounds like the perfect solution to raising standards. This is what's happening at one facility that has set up a taste-testing committee.

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

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Gerald Urwin pleas with Hawkesbury Living nursing home at Richmond to see partner Toety 'Mary' Davies

Cairns Post, Other, 19/07/2024, Joanne Vella

An aged care centre on the fringes of Sydney has denied it is restricting a heartbroken partner of one of its residents from visiting her for just 30 minutes each week. It comes as retired scientist Gerald Urwin continues his three-month ritual every Sunday when he stands outside Aldi supermarket at Richmond to hold a sign that claims Hawkesbury Living aged care centre has not allowed him to see his partner of 60 years, 93-year-old Toety "Mary" Davies, regularly.

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Helping Hand residents work out to prevent falls

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 19/07/2024, Christopher Kelly

South Australian not-for-profit aged care provider Helping Hand has implemented a new exercise program to improve residents' physical function and prevent falls. Government data shows approximately one-third of people living in residential aged care had at least one fall in the October to December 2023 period.

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We have too few aged care workers. Why? And what can we do about it?

Your Life Choices, Other, 19/07/2024

In a country like Australia, we all expect that when we get old, we'll be able to rely on a robust aged care system. But aged care providers can't find staff and a crisis is brewing.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Curb the sugar tax hit on health

The Nightly, General News, 19/07/2024, Sarah Di Lorenzo, Page 35

With the recent news on proposals of a sugar tax to help tackle the rise of diabetes in Australia and stop the spread of obesity, would a sugar tax really be the solution or could we teach new ways on how to stop eating junk food and sugar. Research shows the tax on cigarettes discourages people from smoking and when it comes to a sugar tax the results would be the same but will this reduce the obesity epidemic and rise in type 2 diabetes?

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We need to make a hard call for kids

Hobart Mercury, General News, 20/07/2024, Paul Lupo, Page 57

Our children's health is going up in smoke, As a grandfather and someone who works in the health industry, I feel immense disappointment in this country's efforts to prevent and protect people from products such as vapes, which are specifically designed and sold to be addictive.

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More support for young to quit vaping

Launceston Examiner, General News, 20/07/2024, Abby Smith, Page 67

New vaping laws came into effect in Australia on July 1. These laws aim to protect young people from the harms of vaping and nicotine addiction by placing strict controls on all vapes and limiting accessibility.

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Meet RUPERT — the new decision support tool for treating kids with UTIs

Australian Doctor, Other, 19/07/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

Deciding when to prescribe IV antibiotics for UTIs in kids could soon be made easier thanks to Australian doctors who have developed a world-first individualised scoring tool. Dubbed 'RUPERT', the score can identify children with complicated UTIs who would benefit from initial IV antibiotics without relying on blood tests or urine cultures, says researchers from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI).

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Getting to the heart of world's biggest killer

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Bjorn Lomborg, Page 13

Some of the world's big challenges get a lot of attention. Climate change, war and immigration are constantly in the news and receive large funding from states and private philanthropies.

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

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Online consult for diabetics

Herald Sun, General News, 20/07/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 33

A virtual emergency department to provide free and around-the-clock care for people with diabetes has opened at Northern Health. The service, one of the first of its kind in the nation, is a partnership between the Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations and the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department.

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I was saved by the spirit of my mum

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Lisa Wachsmuth, Page 23

When breast cancer patient Jo Buena was scheduled for a double mastectomy on the anniversary of her mother's death from the same disease, she knew it was a sign. [...] Ms Buena encourages her younger sisters to check regularly and, as an ambassador for Cancer Council's Daffodil Day, encourages all women and men to do the same.

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Rise in virtue marketed grog

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 29

The number of alcohol products carrying a virtue marketing claim statements that emphasise products' nutritional benefits, ecofriendliness, or support for social causes has risen 19 per cent in the past decade, with some cans or bottles carrying as many as eight claims. Cancer Council researchers say the surge in virtue marketing is deeply concerning.

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Case of froth and bubbles

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 20/07/2024, Page 34

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

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Healthy booze? Nope

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 5

Alcohol companies have been slammed for a spike in the use of sneaky marketing tactics that experts warn exploit health-conscious consumers. A new report released by the Cancer Council found "virtue marketing", which highlights a product's nutritional benefits, ecofriendliness or plays to a buyer's social conscience, has increased in Australia by almost 20 per cent 10 years.

Wagga resident has managed her diabetes for 60 years

Daily Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Jeremy Eager, Page 3

A lot has changed over the past six decades when it comes to managing diabetes and Wagga's Annette Forsyth has seen it all. [...] Ms Forsyth received a medal from Diabetes Australia in recognition of 60 years managing the disease and while she's had some scares over the six decades, she's been able to put her journey into perspective.

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A burden shared

Geelong Advertiser, GT, 20/07/2024, Page 1

Luke Micallef is a changed man. [...] According to Diabetes Australia, almost 1.9 million people in Australia have diabetes including 134,000 with type 1 diabetes and more than 300 develop it every day.

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Silent kid killer

Weekend Post, General News, 20/07/2024, Luke Williams, Page 1

Far North Queensland has the world's highest rate of childhood diabetes with kids as young as five diagnosed. [...] National Manager for Aboriginal and Torres Islander Engagement with Diabetes Australia Deanne Minniecon said the region was on par with remote Northern Territory communities.

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Unacceptable

Weekend Post, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 44

Calls for action as Far North Queensland revealed as having worst rates of diabetes It's a frightening comparison. A 74-year-old man rightly "celebrates" having marked 70 years of living with diabetes. [...] National manager for Aboriginal and Torres Islander Engagement with Diabetes Australia Deanne Minniecon said people in their 20s were losing limbs and dying at the age of 30.

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Booze makers slammed on claims

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 20/07/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 6

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

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Sunbeds increase the risk of skin cancer, whatever TikTok tells you

The Guardian, Other, 19/07/2024, Sali Hughes

My response to people telling me they've been "for a quick sunbed" is, I imagine, similar to the reaction one might get from Chris Packham for admitting to going on a quick foxhunt. I loathe the things and believe they should be banned here (as they are in Australia, Brazil and Iran).

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Channel 7, Seven News, 19/07/2024, Michael Usher & Angela Cox

There's new technology that allows people with diabetes to monitor their blood sugar levels through their smartphones, but while the devices have shown a significant reduction in complications and hospitalisations, the cost means some are missing out. New research shows continuous glucose

monitoring devices can dramatically reduce the risk of kidney failure by more than 20%, eye complications by 17, and neuropathy and cardiovascular problems, too.

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PRIMARY CARE

More care needed for kids at gender services: review

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Natasha Robinson, Page 5

A review into Queensland's public hospital child gender service has recommended a network of clinics to be rolled out across the state and called upon the state's health service to publicly demonstrate its support for trans children to access affirmative care. The investigation into clinical care and governance at the Queensland Children's Gender Service based at Brisbane's premier children's hospital acknowledged there was a lack of psychiatry services and specialist fertility counselling within the clinic despite a high proportion of mental comorbidities among patients and the effects of hormone drugs on future fertility.

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

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World wide wreck

Herald Sun, General News, 20/07/2024, James O'Doherty & Linda Silmalis, Page 1

A catastrophic worldwide tech failure sparked chaos on Friday, crippling supermarkets, banks, terminals and media companies. An extraordinary failure from a single software security company brought entire industries to their knees, with state and federal governments activating emergency response protocols last night.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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IT meltdown leaves Victoria in chaos

Herald Sun, General News, 20/07/2024, Laura Placella, Page 7

Shops, banks, airlines caught in frenzy Victorian businesses, services, supermarkets and banks were plunged into chaos on Friday, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the state. [...] Despite the frenzy, Victoria Police confirmed the force was able to receive and dispatch triple-0 calls, with Ambulance Victoria and Fire Rescue Victoria also confirming there were no known impacts to its services.

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Crucial summit for kids' sake

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 20/07/2024, Claire Sadler, Page 13

Health industry leaders have come together to help more children in need after the State's Rare Care Centre became a world leader in helping children with little-known diseases. The Rare Care Centre, a world-leading organisation based at Perth Children's Hospital and funded with the help of Telethon, streamlines access to services for the 63,000 children in WA living with a rare disease.

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Chief's indelible decade

Central Western Daily, General News, 20/07/2024, Tanya Marschke, Page 1

"When you're offered an opportunity, take it," is a mantra that's led Rebecca Walsh to shift from the corporate world into a rewarding decade at one of the city's most prominent charities. MissWalsh will celebrate her 10th anniversary as executive officer of Ronald McDonald House Central West in

November but said there was no personal reason for her shift from the corporate world to the charity house.

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This tech blunder is 'unforgivable'

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Stephen Drill & Sarah Petty, Page 1

An "unforgivable" computer glitch has caused global chaos, disrupting flights across the world, cutting emergency phone calls in the United States and cancelling hospital surgeries in Europe. Banks, governments and media companies were also seriously disrupted.

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Price freeze closes clinic

Newcastle Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

A Newcastle occupational therapy business that treated children with autism has closed due to price caps set by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Alyce Svensk said she had no choice but to close her Sensational Start business, which had clinics in Belmont, Boolaroo and Central Coast.

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Patient no-shows costing 'thousands of dollars a week', says Dr Mukesh Haikerwal

Australian Doctor, Other, 19/07/2024, Heather Saxena

Dr Mukesh Haikerwal's practice is trialling a \$50 fee for patients missing appointments as it faces losses of thousands of dollars a week. The GP and former AMA president says no-shows have risen to around 50 patients a week at his Melbourne practice — equivalent to about \$5000 in lost fees.

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Bigger fines, new penalties for e-scooter riders

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 19/07/2024, Caitlin Powell

E-scooter riders in Victoria will face more rules and the threat of harsher fines when the vehicles become a fixture across the state later this year. [...] It comes after calls from the Australian Medical Association in December to introduce stricter rules after a study by the Royal Melbourne Hospital showed 247 riders and nine pedestrians were treated for injuries in 2023.

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Plans for \$20m mental health crisis centre at Elizabeth South revealed

Northern Territory News, Other, 19/07/2024, Lynton Grace

Plans have been revealed for a proposed \$20.4m "calming" mental health centre in Elizabeth South, aimed at reducing pressure on Adelaide's emergency departments. The 16-bed Crisis Stabilisation Centre will be built on a former council reserve, next to the Lyell McEwin Hospital and offer short-stay support for up to three nights for people experiencing distress.

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MP welcomes MND money

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 19/07/2024, Lewis Nancekivell

Member for Murray Helen Dalton is claiming success after the New South Wales Government gave \$2 million in funding to motor neurone disease research. Ms Dalton said she's spent years lobbying the NSW Government to fund research on the potential cause of MND.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 19/07/2024, Steve Austin

Interview with Dr Nicole Higgins, President, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Austin asks Higgins what the role of an Assistant Physician is in Qld's hospital system. Higgins says physician's assistants are originally designed to be able to work in the healthcare system, however,

what's increasingly happening is that they are being used as a substitute for doctors and nurse practitioners.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Diggers cut from brain health project

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 1

The Defence Department has axed support for a project to monitor soldiers' exposure to blast pressure waves that have been linked to brain damage and suicide. Two companies were funded to develop an early warning system to protect soldiers from similar brain injuries to those of NRL and AFL players.

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Chiefs to blame for lack of action on brain injury

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Ben Packham, Page 6

Defence's failure to come to terms with the risks to soldiers from blast-induced brain injuries makes a mockery of its claim to always put its people first. Researchers have long known that the cumulative effects of blast pressure waves can cause serious brain damage, which has in turn been linked to elevated suicide risk.

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Police still suffer in silence

Herald Sun, General News, 20/07/2024, Athos Sirianos, Page 37

A detective turned police mental wellbeing pioneer fears the "taboo" around mental illness stops too many cops from seeking support. As the force grapples with resourcing while growing numbers of officers are sidelined with PTSD, Tim Peck who has worked with Beyond Blue and helped develop the police union's mental health program Blue Hub urged officers to reach out for help before they reached "crisis point".

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Heavy is the head that wears the crown

The Saturday Age, Business News, 20/07/2024, Charlotte Lytton, Page 9

For Sancar Sahin, a chicken masala was the last straw. He had come home one Friday night, exhausted from another week "working every hour under the sun" as head of marketing for a software company, and placed an order for dinner.

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Plea to talk to your kids

Ballarat Courier, General News, 20/07/2024, Alex Dalziel, Page 1

The father of a Ballarat teen who took his own life after being extorted by an online criminal has welcomed Coroners' Court findings into his death. Among the findings, the coroner recommended "empowering" teens to come forward if they find themselves the victims of sextortion, something echoed by Rohan Cosgriff's father Anthony.

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Tick for burial ground plans

Hobart Mercury, General News, 20/07/2024, Judy Augustine, Page 23

A new youth mental health facility and eating disorder clinic, earmarked for the site where hundreds of orphan children are believed to have been buried in the 1800s, has been approved, despite an opinion the land has similar heritage value to Port Arthur. The Hobart City Planning Committee approved the plans for St John's Park on Wednesday night.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory](#)

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Too many mums struggle

Daily Liberal, General News, 20/07/2024, Orlander Ruming, Page 5

"My baby is okay, I had no physical damage, I should be happy with how the birth went." That's something perinatal psychologist Ange Conn hears on a regular basis.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#)

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Coroner highlights need for targeted education in report on teenager Rohan Cosgriff's death after sextortion scam

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2024, Rochelle Kirkham

A Victorian coroner says young people who fall victim to online sextortion scams need to know they are going to be OK, after investigating the case of a teenager who took his own life within an hour of being blackmailed over the distribution of a nude image. Seventeen-year-old Rohan Cosgriff was found dead with a note in his pocket reading, "I made a huge mistake, I'm sorry," at his home in the Ballarat suburb of Miners Rest in July 2022.

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Push for tougher sextortion laws after Ballarat teen Rohan Cosgriff's tragic suicide

Adelaide Now, Other, 19/07/2024, Aneeka Simonis

A Coroner has called for sextortion laws to be strengthened to prevent a growing number of youths ending their lives after being blackmailed by local and international criminals. Shocking new figures reveal 13 young Victorians took their lives after their intimate images were weaponised against them in the past decade.

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NSW family reflect on father's suicide 24 years on

Adelaide Now, Other, 19/07/2024, Jasmine Kazlauskas

When Nicola Cowlard thinks about her father, the image conjured up in her mind is crafted purely from how others have described him. Kind. Funny. Sweet. Caring.

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Mother of NSW police shooting victim demands mental health reforms a year after son's death

The Guardian, Other, 20/07/2024, Jordyn Beazley

A year ago to the day, Judy Deacon got a call to head to the police station. The 80-year-old expected the issue to be that her son, Jesse, had been hospitalised again.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

More than a drop in the ocean

It's not often you get to make a real impact on the community that raised you, but for an orthopaedic surgeon returning home was the easiest decision he ever had to make. Despite being offered a job in Sydney, Dr Tau Loseli decided to take on a role at Calvary Riverina Hospital and head back to the region he grew up in.

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Tamworth's first flight school pilots ready to hit the books

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 20/07/2024, Rachel Clark, Page 6

Sixteen future pilots are ready to start training next week as Sydney Flight College (SFC) officially opens its Tamworth facility. The arrival of the prominent Australian flight school has been in the works for six years, and on Friday, July 19, it came to fruition as the first cohort and staff were welcomed.

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UOW nursing expert in running for national award

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 20/07/2024, Natalie Croxon, Page 7

A mental health nurse and academic who helped establish a groundbreaking program that brings together people with lived experience of mental illness and health students is being recognised for her innovative work. Professor Lorna Moxham from the University of Wollongong is one of four finalists in the Australian College of Nursing's Nursing Trailblazers Award for her role in founding Recovery Camp

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

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Living on the edge

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/07/2024, Tess Mccracken, Page 26

Affordable rent in middle-ring suburbs is no longer available in Australia's major cities, new analysis has revealed. The Community Housing Industry Association compared rental prices on a two bedroom unit in middle-ring suburbs in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane against the weekly after-tax incomes of two typical Aussie families.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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Southern Queensland Rural Health Education and Training Centre opens in Chinchilla

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 19/07/2024, Jack Dyson Evans

Nursing and allied health students will have access to high quality placement opportunities with the opening of the Southern Queensland Rural Health Education and Training Centre in Chinchilla. Situated in the Illoura Village Aged Care Facility, the training centre will facilitate learning and collaboration, as well as supporting health students and professionals within the region.

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Ambos call out on the job violence

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 19/07/2024, Allan Murphy

A Mildura paramedic who has been physically assaulted and spat on while on the job is calling on the community to stamp out that type of behaviour. Brodie Thomas has joined an Ambulance Victoria push to treat paramedics and call takers with respect when they see them at an emergency incident or in the community.

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Tasmanian government announces \$10,000 and \$15,000 nurse bonuses to attract new workers

The Mercury, Other, 18/07/2024, David Killick

A \$10m package of incentives has been announced to attract more nurses and midwives to work in the Tasmanian public health system. Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing Guy Barnett announced bonus payments of \$15,000 for new nurses from interstate and overseas.

Grassroots GP campaign enticing a tree change

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 19/07/2024

The Goondiwindi Medical Centre is taking matters into its own hands. Faced with the same rural GP shortage as so many other practices across Australia, the clinic has come up with a homegrown advocacy campaign to attract more doctors to the regional town.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

What to know about using ambulance services interstate when you're travelling Australia

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2024, Peter Jean

For most Australians heading overseas, purchasing travel insurance to cover accidents or serious illness seems like a no-brainer. But what if you're travelling interstate in Australia and need to be taken to hospital by ambulance, or even airlifted from the scene of an accident?

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

MediSecure cyberattack affects 13m

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 7

Almost 13 million Australians had personal and health-related data stolen in the MediSecure cyberattack earlier this year, making the hack one of the nation's largest. The Melbourne-based online prescription service company said it was the victim of a ransomware data breach in May.

Also reported by: [Australian Doctor \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#).

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Australian abortion provider says new Google policy will make it harder to advertise services

The Guardian, Other, 19/07/2024, Josh Taylor

The Australian abortion and contraception provider MSI says Google is forcing the organisation to pay thousands of dollars a year to a third-party US company to keep advertising its telehealth services in Google search. Under a new health and medicines policy introduced by Google in May, providers offering telemedicine services globally must be certified and comply with local laws.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 19/07/2024, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

Australians have also been ripped off by a criminal operation that's sending bogus tech messages. Authorities have arrested six people. This comes as new information emerges on one of Australia's largest ever data thefts, electronic prescription provider MediSecure hacked last November.

Channel 7, Sunrise, 19/07/2024, Natalie Barr & Michael Usher

There's new information about a data hack that rocked a national electronics prescriptions provider earlier this year. Almost half of the population was caught up in the MediSecure hacking breach with 12.9 million people's details being compromised.

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2GB, Afternoons, 19/07/2024, Michael McLaren

McLaren says MediSecure has revealed that around 12.9 million Australians had their data stolen in their recent data breach incident earlier this year. He adds that the company facilitates electronic prescriptions and dispensing.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 19/07/2024, Sally Sara & Patricia Karvelas

Almost half the country had their personal and health data stolen by hackers earlier this year from the electronic prescriptions provider MediSecure, which is around 12.9 million Australians. The incident is considered as one of the biggest data breaches in Australian history.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Ex-AFL doctor barred from medicine over 'blatant and grave' misconduct

Canberra Times, Other, 19/07/2024, Anna Houlahan

Former AFL doctor Richard Vucinic has again been banned from practising medicine after he was found to be illegally prescribing drugs of dependence before "his life spiralled". The ex-Western Bulldogs doctor became involved in crimes including illicit drug-taking and theft of mail, credit cards and cash after his professional misconduct was discovered, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) found.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#).

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Seventh person 'cured' of HIV

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 14

A 60-year-old German man is likely the seventh person to be effectively "cured" of HIV after receiving a stem-cell transplant, doctors say. The painful and risky procedure is for people who have both HIV and aggressive leukaemia, so is not an option for almost all of the nearly 40 million people living with the deadly virus across the world.

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

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SPORT

Olympics 'true giant' Gosper dead at 90

AFR Weekend, General News, 20/07/2024, Michael Bleby, Page 2

Obituary Former head of Shell Australia, Australian Olympic Committee president and International Olympic Committee vice president Kevan Gosper died early on Friday, aged 90, from complications following a recent fall. Mr Gosper, a silver medallist in the...

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Coates' vow to deliver on 2032 promises

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Jacquelin Magnay, Page 8

Olympic kingmaker John Coates will step aside from his official duties after the Paris Games to focus all his attention on ensuring that Brisbane 2032 will deliver to the world "what we have promised". Coates, vice-president of the Brisbane organising committee, has insisted the contentious QEII Stadium will be a new facility and not a refurbished venue.

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

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Olympic family pays tribute to Gosper

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Jacquelin Magnay, Page 8

Australia's influential sports powerbroker Kevan Gosper has died aged 90 after a lifetime of serving the Olympic movement. Mr Gosper, a two-time Olympian and Olympic silver medallist in the 400m relay at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956, was involved in some of the most dramatic moments in world sport.

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

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Sports finances in dire straits

Weekend Australian, Business News, 20/07/2024, John Stensholt, Page 23

Craig Carracher calls it the worst financial situation he has seen in three decades of involvement in Olympics sports. Mr Carracher, the president of Volleyball Australia and executive chairman of student living business Scape, is worried that Australia is at risk of squandering the "competitive advantage" of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

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Retiring SIA boss's stern warning

Weekend Australian, Sport, 20/07/2024, Julian Linden, Page 40

After overseeing more than 3000 complaints, the departing head of Australia's sporting watchdog has a gripe of his own to report. As he prepares to clean out his desk after building the world's most comprehensive sporting agency, Sport Integrity Australia chief executive David Sharpe has one parting wish.

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

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Private money Games venues' 'missing link'

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Jamie Walker, Page 8

Two multibillion-dollar infrastructure developers have expressed interest in Brisbane Olympics projects, potentially creating the means to fund a new stadium for the 2032 Games. The intervention by the Plenary group and, separately, Tetris Capital raises the question of why the private sector hasn't been tapped to finance venue construction.

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Political skin in the games

Weekend Australian, General News, 20/07/2024, Jamie Walker, Page 21

We're about to see how a new era of the Olympics actually plays. Paris is the proving ground of a raft

of innovations recycled venues, slashed emission budgets, AI-enabled judging that are supposed to turn the Games into something more than a two-week sugar hit, delivering affordable and lasting benefits to the host community and beyond.

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NRL to test broadcast rights with streaming giants

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Chris Barrett, Page 24

The National Rugby League is set to go to market for its next broadcast deal before the end of the year, seizing on new anti-siphoning laws that pave the way for it to sell streaming rights to global players such as Amazon and Netflix before a fast-tracked review of the scheme in 2026. The NRL's current five-year media rights deal, with Foxtel, Nine Entertainment, Sky New Zealand and other international and radio partners, is worth a combined \$400 million a season.

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

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'One of the true giants': Olympic powerbroker dies

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Kevan Gosper, Page 40

Australian Olympic powerbroker Kevan Gosper has died, aged 90. Gosper won an Olympic silver medal on Australia's 4x400m relay team at the 1956 Melbourne Games before being renowned as among the nation's top sports administrators.

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Gosper, a 'giant' of the Olympics, dies at 90

The Saturday Age, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 2

Kevan Gosper is being lauded as among the giants of the Olympic movement after the Australian powerbroker's death. Gosper, aged 90, passed away yesterday after a short illness.

Also reported by: [The West Australian \(Saturday edition\) \(Perth\)](#).

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Olympics great Kevin Gosper dies at 90

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 9

Olympic silver medallist and veteran of the Olympic movement, Kevan Gosper, AO, has died at the age of 90. Mr Gosper, who was due to attend the Olympics in Paris later this month, passed away peacefully in hospital in Queensland with his family beside him on Friday morning after a short illness.

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Olympic stalwart Gosper dies

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Edition Changes, 20/07/2024, Page 25

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Kevan Gosper, silver medallist who rose to IOC seniority, dies

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Glenda Korporaal, Page 3

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Milestone for new Crows' HQ

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Paul Starick, Page 8

Final designs for the Adelaide Crows' \$100m Thebarton Oval headquarters can be revealed - a major milestone in the club's decade-long quest for a new home. Artists' impressions supplied exclusively to

The Advertiser show a function centre, cafe, members' lounge, museum, indoor training centre and merchandise shop.

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Coates of polish for Brisbane

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 29

Olympic king-maker John Coates will step aside from his official duties after the Paris Olympics to focus all his attention on ensuring that Brisbane 2032 will deliver to the world "what we have promised". Coates, who is vice-president of the Brisbane Olympics Organising Committee, has insisted the contentious QEII Stadium will be a new facility and not a refurbished venue.

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Olympian Gosper dies

Courier Mail, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 11

Australia's influential sports powerbroker Kevan Gosper AO has died aged 90 after a lifetime of serving the Olympic movement. Mr Gosper, a two-time Olympian and Olympic silver medallist in the 400m relay at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956, was a key figure in Australia's bid for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

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Legacy must be focus for Coates

Courier Mail, Editorials, 20/07/2024, Page 68

There is a case to be made that John Coates, AC, is one of the most credentialed sports administrators in this country, if not the world. But he is wrong about one big thing.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Experts give their verdict on 'toxic tampons'

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Kate Aubusson, Page 37

A new study has found traces of toxic metals in tampons. But what does this research tell us about one of the most popular menstrual products?

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

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Mum's diet linked to autism likelihood

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 3

Eating a healthier diet during pregnancy is linked to a lower chance of the child being diagnosed with autism, UK researchers say. After looking at nearly 85,000 pregnancies, the University of Glasgow team said those who adhered to a healthy prenatal diet were 22 per cent less likely to have a child who would later be diagnosed with autism, and children of mothers with a healthy prenatal diet were less likely to have social communication difficulties.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#)

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Pain for more gain

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 21

Exercise could be especially useful for managing symptoms of depression in people with high levels of osteoarthritis-related pain. Victoria University, The University of Melbourne and Orygen researchers found that patients with the highest pain may have the greatest benefits.

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'Impactful' discovery may improve dementia drugs

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 19/07/2024, Christopher Kelly

Australian scientists have made a significant discovery that has the potential to improve the effectiveness of drugs currently used to manage cognitive decline in people living with Alzheimer's disease. A study led by Australia's national science agency CSIRO compared data from 475 people with varying degrees of cognitive impairment.

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Scientists discover anti-ageing holy grail – that can also stop cancer

Australian Financial Review, Other, 19/07/2024, Sarah Knapton

An anti-ageing drug that could help people live longer and healthier lives is on the horizon after scientists extended lifespans in mammals by 25 per cent. Imperial College discovered that switching off a protein called interleukin 11 (IL-11) pre...

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Bringing understanding to the bush

Daily Liberal, General News, 20/07/2024, Sarah Falson, Page 2

When Wiradjuri woman Shaana Daley was growing up in Warren, she wasn't aware of anywhere Indigenous kids could go to talk about their mental health. Now, aged 30, she is in training to become an Aboriginal wellness worker at the Warren Youth Centre and Community Hub.

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Research program's deadly serious aim

Newcastle Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 7

The "Deadly Images" research program was launched at Hunter Medical Research Institute on Friday in a bid to improve Aboriginal health. It will enable the Aboriginal community to make sure research addresses their needs and "historical mistrust".

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Georgia Weir turned to running to pull her out of a crisis. Now the First Nations woman is using it to help others, too

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2024, Anna Kelsey

Georgia Weir was in crisis. For years the Kuku Yalanji woman from Queanbeyan, NSW, had been experiencing the impacts of trauma, including addiction and mental health problems.

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A joint \$12 million investment to curb youth crime by creating programs to engage and assist youth in Port Augusta announced

Adelaide Now, Other, 19/07/2024, Douglas Smith

Aspiring doctor Tayah Coulthard-Todd knows the challenges of growing up in a troubled community, where youth often slip through the cracks of the education system. The 18-year-old grew up at Davenport Aboriginal Community on the outskirts of Port Augusta, where kids as young as "seven or eight" find themselves caught up in a vicious cycle of crime and substance abuse.

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Crime and nourishment: the Koori court giving help and hope to traumatised kids

The Guardian, Other, 20/07/2024, Melissa Davey

Whether they are guilty of car theft, home invasion or shoplifting, every child who appears before Sue

Duncombe at the New South Wales youth Koori court has their sentence deferred. The child will be given an opportunity to show the court what happens when – often for the first time in their lives – they are given support, which can include rehabilitation, cultural engagement, education and healthcare.

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Why Ita refuses grandkids' kiss

Daily Telegraph, General News, 20/07/2024, Madeline Crittenden, Page 29

Ita Buttrose has a rule: If her grandchildren have a cough or sniffle she will not let them kiss her. It's just not worth it.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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'No': Communities unite to send clear nuclear response

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 20/07/2024, Bianca Hall & Mike Foley, Page 30

Coal communities across the country - facing the loss of industry, jobs and the social fabric that binds them together - are poised to transition from the fossil fuel that built their histories. But what the future will look like in towns like Lithgow in NSW and Traralgon in Victoria's Latrobe Valley is far less certain.

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Seniors: protect health as illnesses rise

Daily Advertiser, General News, 20/07/2024, Page 15

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) is encouraging seniors to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses such as influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) this winter. MPHN's Acting CEO Narelle Mills said vaccines are an important way to reduce the risk of serious illness and help ensure Murrumbidgee residents have a healthy and enjoyable winter season.

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HMAS Stirling nuclear waste management facility approval has Rockingham residents worried

ABC Online, Other, 19/07/2024, David Weber & Daryna Zadvirna

Australia's nuclear safety watchdog has approved a plan to prepare for a radioactive waste facility at HMAS Stirling naval base in Perth's south, for waste from nuclear submarines. But local residents are worried about the potential for nuclear accidents and the impact on the environment.

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'Hong Kong's Dr Fauci' sounds alarm on next pandemic

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 19/07/2024

Hong Kong microbiologist Yuen Kwok-yung has done battle with some of the world's worst threats, including the SARS virus he helped isolate and identify. And he has a warning.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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ABC Radio Perth, Breakfast , 19/07/2024, Mark Gibson

The Conservation Council of WA has expressed concern about the initial approval for a nuclear facility on Garden Island in Perth's south. The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency has approved to the Australian Submarine Agency to prepare a site for a radiation facility for waste management and maintenance services.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Testosterone 'not the missing link'

The Saturday Age, General News, 20/07/2024, Wendy Tuohy, Page 6

Widespread claims that testosterone can restore energy, reduce abdominal fat and protect the heart, brain and bones are leading Australian women in midlife to seek the primary male hormone for conditions it is unproven to treat. [...] "If you use compounded doses which are not TGA regulated, or male [testosterone] formulations on women, there is the potential for harm.

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Laura and Dante set down roots in Australia... but the family could be torn apart as their two-year-old boy faces deportation for a very cruel reason

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 19/07/2024, Antoinette Milienos

A European migrant couple and their two-year-old son are facing deportation after being denied permanent residency due to the boy's chronic illness [...] The treatment is a medication named Trikafta, which is described as a 'lifesaving treatment' for cystic fibrosis in patients aged six years and older, according to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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Antibiotic shortages disproportionately affecting Indigenous patients

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 19/07/2024

Shortages of antibiotics used to treat rheumatic heart disease, syphilis, pneumonia and chlamydia have left many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations concerned about how this is disproportionately affecting remote Indigenous communities. [...] According to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), shortages of benzathine benzylpenicillin tetrahydrate are due to a global increase in demand, with stocks of higher strength injections expected to improve by mid-2024, but lower strength shortages will last until next year.

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Sunscreen doesn't cause cancer, despite what TikTok says

The New Daily, Other, 19/07/2024, Parker McKenzie

The debunked claim that sunscreen causes cancer may have been around for decades, but TikTok and social media have breathed new life into it and introduced the conspiracy theory to a new audience. [...] "There is a really tight regime that is administered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration," he said.

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Beyond Resources Part 2: ASX companies driving WA's medical and life sciences sector

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 19/07/2024, Nadine Mcgrath

Western Australia is looking to foster its industries beyond resources including health and medical life sciences, with several ASX-listed companies leading the charge. Western Australia wanting to diversify beyond resources and become a global leader in health and medical life sciences [...] The facility is licensed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration to manufacture human tendon cells (tenocytes) and cartilage cells (chondrocytes) for the regeneration of damaged tendon and cartilage.

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

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Anger over chemicals dump

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 20/07/2024, Peter Carruthers, Page 17

A Far North Queensland real estate agent has questioned why toxic chemicals from Townsville would be dumped at a site in Mareeba, 385km north. Thousands of truck movements have been authorised in efforts to move 1500 tonnes of PFAS contaminated soil from the Royal Australian Airforce Base in Townsville.

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Querying dumping plan for Mareeba

Weekend Post, General News, 20/07/2024, Peter Carruthers, Page 13

A Far North Queensland real estate agent has questioned why toxic chemicals from Townsville would be dumped at a site in Mareeba, 385km north. Thousands of truck movements have been authorised in efforts to move recently removed legacy waste stockpiles with low levels of PFAS contamination from Lavarack Barracks, to free up land for future development to support defence capability.

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You need to read the findings of this study before you get a tattoo

The Courier Mail, Other, 19/07/2024, Rebekah Scanlan

Getting a tattoo involves a huge amount of risk – after all, the ink lasts a lifetime. It can also be an incredibly painful process. But a new study has just found a horrifying new reason to reconsider getting inked, after sealed bottles of tattoo and permanent makeup ink were found to contain millions of potentially dangerous bacteria, even in brands that claimed to be “sterile”.

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

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