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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Weekend Australian](#)** (page 2) reports that the final report of the Health Technology Assessment's review has been released, with recommendations for the funding allocation of the PBA, MBS, NIP and LSDP. "The goal is faster access to the best therapies, at a cost patients and the community can afford ... Value for money remains paramount, because value is at the heart of patient benefit," Health Minister Mark Butler said.
- **[Radio National](#)** features an interview with Aged Care Minister Anika Wells discussing the Aged Care Act which has been passed with bipartisan support. Minister Wells acknowledges the work of the taskforce to complete the reforms, while noting that individual increases to contributions will be dependent on means testing and support package requirements, but that it will ensure a safer, more dignifying aged care system for all residents. *Also reported by:* [Weekend Australian](#), [AFR Weekend](#), [ABC Online](#), [Newcastle Herald](#), [Border Mail](#)
- **[The Weekend Australian](#)** (page 3) reports that a major genetic cause of FMD has been discovered by Australian researchers, with hopes the discovery will help develop treatments.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 3) reports that a poll of NRL players has revealed approximately four players from each club have reported experiencing targeted abuse or racism.

- **The Hobart Mercury** (page 4) reports a parliamentary inquiry has heard how women with menopause feel unheard and dismissed by GPs, with advocates calling for funding to provide additional training to combat medical misogyny. *Also reported by: [Herald Sun](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Geelong Advertiser](#)*
- **The Guardian** reports that a new study has revealed 60 per cent of aged care residents are being prescribed antidepressants for pain despite a lack of evidence to support their efficacy.
- **The Herald Sun** (page 6) reports that data from the AIHW predicts the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to double by 2050. *Also reported by: [Herald Sun](#), [Weekend Australian](#), [ABC Online](#)*
- **The Courier Mail** (page 8) reports that the NPAQ and AMAQ are calling for a reduction in the number of non-medical administrators to save costs and provide nurses with a pay-rise, while Qld Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has accused the union of trying to cut the jobs of 18,000 administrators.
- **The Sydney Morning Herald** (page 8) reports that trifluoroacetic acid is being touted as a new forever chemical being found in ice-core samples, with researchers saying it is “absolutely” present in drinking water despite no testing regime for it.
- **The Weekend Australian** (page 9) reports that an attack by a mental health patient on a security guard at the Cairns hospital last month has led to calls from nurses in the PICU to call for hospital-trained security officers, with nightclub bouncers currently being used to fill the gaps in workforce shortages.
- **The Adelaide Advertiser** (page 11) reports that a new AI system trialled at Lyell McEwin Hospital determines when a patient should be discharged and could potentially save SA Health \$10 million a year while combatting ramping, according to researchers behind the trial.

MINISTER BUTLER

Down to the wire

AFR Weekend, General News, 14/09/2024, Phillip Coorey, Page 15

On Tuesday night, the Albanese government was fretting that its much-vaunted aged care reforms were going to collapse. After failing to reach agreement with the Coalition when parliament last sat in August, it feared...

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Health advocates accuse bureaucrats of 'watching people suffer'

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, James Dowling, Page 2

Health advocates fear a recommended overhaul of the system for acquiring medicines could preface further cost-cutting, provided it is not left "collecting dust". [...] Health Minister Mark Butler maintained the importance of reducing spending.

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

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Cocaine users die of heroin overdoses after consuming tainted drugs at Sydney house party

The Guardian, Other, 13/09/2024, Natasha May

Two people recently died of heroin overdoses after using what they thought was cocaine at a house party at Glebe in Sydney's inner west, while another two people were hospitalised, New South Wales authorities say. [...] The federal health minister, Mark Butler, said the naloxone program "only works if people know where and how to access the free medication".

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

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\$5b price of compromise

AFR Weekend, General News, 14/09/2024, Phillip Coorey, Page 1

Exclusive The Albanese government sacrificed about \$5 billion in budget savings to secure the Coalition's support for the aged care reforms announced this week, according to sources in both camps. News p3

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Overhaul of care 'won't fix budget'

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, Rhiannon Down, Page 7

Economists have backed Labor's push to ask wealthier Australians to pay more for aged care but panned suggestions the savings would be enough to repair the budget. [...] While the Coalition agreed to support the passage of Labor's package through parliament, backbenchers have raised concerns about the means testing behind Labor's proposed overhaul, setting up a potential political fight for Aged Care Minister Anika Wells to maintain bipartisan support.

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Wealthy boomers should pay up for better aged care

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, Tom Dusevic, Page 21

A bipartisan deal will ease the fiscal burden of an ageing Australia on our younger workers It is a truth universally acknowledged that an opposition light on policy must be in want of a fight. [...] "We will deliver historic aged care reforms to ensure the viability and quality of our aged care system and support the growing number of older Australians choosing to retain their independence and remain in their homes as they age," the Prime Minister said By all accounts it's been "good faith" at 20 paces for months between Aged Care Minister Anika Wells and opposition health and aged care spokeswoman Anne Ruston.

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Higher aged-care payments to boost quality, fairness: Labor

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/09/2024, Page 40

Some older Australians will now have to pay more for aged care, but the government says it will be worth it. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells says it will make the new system more sustainable and improve older Australians' experiences.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#).

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The Federal Government says it is confident Australians will understand why some will need to pay more for aged care. Sweeping new reforms to the sector will increase the financial burden on wealthier, older people and encourage more to take up home care for longer. Aged Care Minister Anika Wells says lots of people had told her that they'll be happy to pay a little more if they could get a higher standard in aged care.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 13/09/2024, Sally Sara & Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Federal Aged Care Minister Anika Wells. Karvelas says the new aged care reforms will have larger means tested contributions and there'll also be stronger powers to investigate bad behaviour and civil penalties. Wells believes that it would not have been possible to get the changes through without everybody in the sector giving up something that they wanted to do in order to get something that was more important.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

AdPha urges HTA reform

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 13/09/2024, Page 1

Hospital pharmacists say their contribution to more than 10 recommendations in the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Review marks a crucial step towards improved access to medicines and health technologies (PD breaking news). The sector's peak body, Advanced Pharmacy Australia's (AdPha) President Tom Simpson, and CEO Kristin Michaels, welcomed the report at its launch by Assistant Minister for Health Ged Kearney, at PharmAus24, this week.

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DEPARTMENT

Role of pharmacists to expand to ear infections; nausea; acid reflux; acne; muscle and joint pain

Australian Financial News, Other, 13/09/2024

Thousands of people across NSW will be able to access treatment for ear infections, wound management, nausea, gastro, acne, muscle and joint pain at their local pharmacy, boosting access to

fast, convenient healthcare across NSW. [...] According to the Federal Department of Health & Aged Care, there were fewer GPs in NSW in 2023 than there were in 2019.

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Australia's paternalistic healthcare system undermines patient choice

Bond University, Other, 13/09/2024

Patients are not getting a fair say in potentially life-altering medical treatments due to Australia's "paternalistic" healthcare system and a fragmented approach across the sector. [...] There is not even one program within the Department of Health and Aged Care that has been given responsibility for it.

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Unravelling the logic of a \$30m virtual aged care tender

Health Services Daily, Other, 13/09/2024, Jeremy Knibbs

Sometimes delivering more efficient care isn't as wicked or as complex as we think it must be. [...] Two related stories came across my desk this week separately and no amount of reading and re-reading the background on each got me anywhere near reconciling how the Department of Health and Aged Care was ultimately the funding body behind each story, because the two stories read together don't make sense.

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Retirees cash in on price differences

Courier Mail, Home, 14/09/2024, Stephen Nadin, Page 11

Retirees are cashing in on the hot property market, selling their large homes at a premium and purchasing in retirement communities for an average of 43 per cent less than properties in similar postcodes. Cynthia and Colin Bates downsized six months ago after their family home of 22 years in Mt Cotton, 32km southeast of Brisbane's CBD, became too difficult and costly to maintain.

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Coalition backs Labor's heavy lifting on aged care, hoping to reap the benefit down the track

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 13/09/2024, Michelle Grattan

In agreeing earlier to the Albanese government's changes to the NDIS and now endorsing its aged care reforms, Peter Dutton is calculating it's easier for Labor than the Coalition to find big savings that produce serious "losers". There was only a small risk for the Coalition in embracing the NDIS reforms.

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Self-funded retirees and part-pensioners to pay more for aged care

Your Life Choices, Other, 13/09/2024

Self-funded retirees and many part pensioners will pay more for their aged care under the government's reform package, endorsed by the opposition and announced on Thursday. The changes

involve a \$930 million extra spend over four years, and \$12.6 billion savings over 11 years.

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AN-ACC efficiency still a work in progress

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/09/2024, Jodie Wolf

While most aged care providers surveyed say that their funding and care minute strategies are functioning adequately, many are unsure, a poll finds. Over a third of aged care providers and leaders taking part in an industry poll are unsure whether their residential aged care funding and care minute strategies are efficient and working well.

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New Aged Care Act: Winners and Losers

HelloCare, Other, 13/09/2024, Alex Jacobs

After months of build-up, the arrival of the new Aged Care Act was swift and powerful on Thursday afternoon. Many experts feared we wouldn't even see the Act this year after the Coalition party raised last-minute concerns about several sticking points in the proposed legislation.

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Anglicare applauds agreement on aged care Act

Australian Seniors News, Other, 13/09/2024

Anglicare Southern Queensland has congratulated the Government and Opposition for yesterday agreeing on historic aged care reforms, including the introduction of a new rights-based Aged Care Act , to support all Australians now and into the future. The \$5.6 billion dollar initiative is set to support a growing number of older Australians who choose to maintain their independence and remain in their homes as they age.

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ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 13/09/2024, Manny Tsigas

Under the proposed Supported Home scheme, recipients wouldn't have to contribute any funds for clinical care, but the other categories would be means tested, meaning a part pensioner would pay between 5 and 50% of independent services, while a self-funded retiree would cover 80% of everyday living services and no worse off principle would apply.

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It's been described as a once in a generation reform for aged care, allowing more Australians access to support at home. But the proposed scheme comes at a cost, with some recipients having to contribute thousands of dollars more each year.

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ABC News, ABC National News, 13/09/2024, Joe O'Brien

Aged care advocates have welcomed the proposed reforms for the sector as the pressure of an ageing population grows. The government will spend almost \$1 billion over the next four years to improve care for older Australians and industry leaders have reacted positively believing the changes will be affordable and fair for the elderly.

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Channel 10, 10 News First: Lunchtime, 13/09/2024, Narelda Jacobs

Interview with Patricia Sparrow, CEO, COTA. Jacobs says aged care reforms are being described by the Albanese Government as the greatest transformational improvement in the sector in 30 years and the Coalition has agreed to Labor's \$5.6b plan. Sparrow says the reforms have been significant and there are many good elements of the reform that they think will be useful. She states that the most important thing is that the first recommendation from the Royal Commission which was to have a rights-based aged care act that focused on older people.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 13/09/2024, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

The aged care sector is set to be overhauled by sweeping government reforms after the coalition and labor struck a bipartisan deal. The plan includes a \$4.3 billion investment into a new support from home programme aimed towards improving access to services, equipment and also home modifications.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 13/09/2024, Georgie Gardner

A looming shake-up on the aged care sector has many industry leaders concerned, as they fear that an already stretched system could face more pressure if there's a rush to get in before prices increase. Anyone receiving aged care before June 30th next year will be locked into the old and for many cheaper system. That leaves just over nine months to consider options, because getting in before that deadline could mean saving thousands.

Also reported by: WIN Canberra (Canberra), WIN Dubbo (Dubbo), WIN Griffith (Griffith), WIN Orange (Orange), WIN Wagga Wagga (Wagga Wagga), WIN Wollongong (Wollongong)

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Channel 9, Today Early News, 13/09/2024, Alex Cullen

Australia is welcoming a landmark deal to reform the country's aged care system. The agreement now promising to give providers some certainty while ensuring our elderly are looked after. This is a \$5.6 billion package labelled the biggest change to our aged care system in three decades, the centrepiece providing more care and time at home for elderly Australians, helping them remain independent in their home and their community for longer.

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Health experts issue 'extreme diet' warning

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, James Dowling, Page 3

Health experts warn "water fasting" is the latest incarnation of starvation ideation promoted online, putting social media giants at risk of incoming misinformation legislation. Videos promoting water fasting or water diets have been distributed widely across major social media platforms.

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Sad dementia reality

Courier Mail, General News, 14/09/2024, Page 11

A new report estimated there are 411,000 Aussies living with dementia - with that number expected to double in the next three decades. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released its latest report Dementia in Australia on Friday, which stated as the rates of dementia increased, the number of dementia medications and hospitalisations would continue to rise.

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Women urge doctors to keep up on menopause

Hobart Mercury, General News, 14/09/2024, Clare Armstrong, Page 4

Doctors must be financially incentivised to learn about menopause and end the silent suffering of thousands of women left without proper care and feeling gaslit or ignored due to woefully under trained GPs, advocates say. Australian women have shared their harrowing accounts of misdiagnosis, incorrect prescriptions and "medical misogyny" to a federal parliamentary inquiry into issues related to perimenopause and menopause in the hopes of securing funding to address the "gap" in supports.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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Dementia cases in Australia to double

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 14/09/2024, Emma Kirk, Page 24

A report estimates 411,000 Aussies are living with dementia with that number expected to double in the next three decades. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released its latest report Dementia in Australia on Friday, which stated dementia cases, medications and hospital admissions would continue to rise.

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Dementia cases to snowball by 2050

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/09/2024, Page 3

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Get the balance right: enjoying the Australian sun effectively

Daily Liberal, General News, 14/09/2024, Jacinta Dickins, Page 79

It can be easy to see the sun as the enemy and as Aussies we all know the perils of going out without protection, especially during the upcoming warmer months. Yet the mindset of fear, while imperative for protecting against skin cancer, could be preventing us from receiving its blessings.

Also reported by: [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#).

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Open house seeks to break new dawn

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 14/09/2024, Denika Anderson, Page 5

Yesterday community members and professionals took part in drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre Daybreak's open house event. The non-residential program is run for six weeks through Sunraysia Community Health Services and designed around a cognitive behavioural therapy model in a group format.

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Victorian-made tool Zircaix set to reshape treatment of kidney cancer worldwide

Adelaide Now, Other, 13/09/2024, Robyn Riley

A Victorian-developed imaging tool is set to change how kidney cancer is diagnosed and treated globally following its success in clinical trials. More than 4500 Australians are diagnosed with kidney cancer each year, and it remains one of the most difficult to detect without clear signs or symptoms in the early stages.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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From floods to thunderstorm asthma, this is what spring and summer could bring

SBS, Other, 13/09/2024, Ewa Staszewska

Australians are being warned of several hazard risks ranging from flash flooding to thunderstorm asthma after a very mild winter. Data from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has revealed that much of the country experienced above-average temperatures from June to August.

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SBS, World News Australia, 13/09/2024, Richelle Harrison Plesse

The number of dementia medications prescribed to Australians has jumped by nearly 50% over the last decade. A new report out today highlights the diverse issues people with dementia face, but experts say more needs to be done to better prepare for the country's ageing population. New findings from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare further detail this growing health and aged care issue.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 13/09/2024, Leon Compton

The number of prescriptions for dementia medication in Australia have almost doubled in the past decade, a report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows almost 688,000 prescriptions were dispensed in 2022-2023. That's a 46% increase on the number of scripts dispensed in 2013-2014.

Also reported by: [ABC Northern Tasmania \(Launceston\)](#)

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Cause of killer disease found

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, Natasha Robinson, Page 3

The cause of a mystery disease that affects as many as one in 20 women and can cause sudden strokes, heart attacks, kidney failure and brain aneurysms has finally been cracked by Australian heart researchers. Fibromuscular dysplasia, or FMD, has been described as "the rare disease that isn't" and is thought to affect up to 5 per cent of women.

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There was no 'holistic' way to treat my mum

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, Bianca Farmakis, Page 19

"The Body has lost a fan for life," my mother declared after supermodel Elle Macpherson told the world she went against the advice of 32 doctors by refusing chemotherapy for her breast cancer diagnosis. I was in a training bra when I learnt my mother was diagnosed with HERT 2 breast cancer, the same type as Macpherson's, and while it took only one oncologist to convince Mum that she would need to undergo chemotherapy, the decision was not easy.

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

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Cancer Buddies

Adelaide Advertiser, Weekend, 14/09/2024, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 8

It happens on the first Monday every month. A group of women walk through the doors of an old character home in Frewville in Adelaide's east.

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The need to help people with dementia

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 14/09/2024, Patrick Reid, Page 23

Dementia Action Week, which runs from 16 - 22 September, serves as a critical reminder to deepen our understanding of dementia and work towards creating more dementia-friendly communities. The hard truth is that many of us, if we haven't already, will start experiencing the impact of dementia amongst our own family and friends in the coming years.

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Dementia focus

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 14/09/2024, Page 26

With around two-thirds of people with dementia living in the community, this Dementia Action Week we are calling on all Australians to take positive action to make their communities more welcoming and accessible for people living with dementia. More than 421,000 Australians are currently living with dementia, but this number is expected to increase to more than 812,500 by 2054.

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PRIMARY CARE

Insurers' cash injection fails to stem bad blood

AFR Weekend, Companies and Markets, 14/09/2024, Michael Smith, Page 21

Private health insurers deny they caved in to public pressure from hospital operator Healthscope to give it more money, accusing the private equity-owned group of launching an "unethical" advertising campaign that had been a "dismal failure..."

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

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Private guards 'a last resort' in psych ward

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/09/2024, Sarah Elks, Page 9

A private guard was nearly choked to death by a mental health patient at the Cairns hospital, as it struggles to hire trained security officers to protect nurses and patients from violent assaults. Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service chief executive Leena Singh conceded she could not yet meet whistleblower nurses' pleas for a permanent around-the-clock hospital-trained security guard in

the psychiatric intensive care ward, where violent prisoners from nearby Lotus Glen jail are being treated alongside teenage girls.

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

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How AI could help end ramping

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/09/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 11

An AI system that predicts when a hospital patient should be discharged could save SA Health up to \$10m annually as well as slash ramping times, trial results have shown. The SA developed method is known as the Adelaide Score and was recently trialled at the Lyell McEwin Hospital with promising results.

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

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Baby dies following poor care, treatment

Canberra Times, General News, 14/09/2024, Tim Piccione, Page 15

A baby has died after being "inadequately treated" in hospital for serious injuries sustained during a prolonged and complicated labour, a coroner has found. ACT Coroner's Court findings published on Friday detail a series of errors made by Canberra Hospital staff, contributing to the baby's tragic death two days after being born.

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

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Mum claims 'no case'

Daily Mercury, General News, 13/09/2024, Janessa Ekert & Fergus Gregg, Page 5

A Mackay mother accused of murdering her child has sensationally alleged investigating police are covering up medical negligence as she called for witnesses statements by obese people to be struck out. Extra police were stationed around Mackay Magistrates Court as Jessica Blinda Polsoni made submissions for 35 minutes on alleged deficits in the police case against her.

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Medicos take aim at Alice

Border Mail, General News, 14/09/2024, Anthony Bunn, Page 1

Ex-mayor Alice Glachan has been accused by the Border Medical Association of misleading the community with comments about the Albury hospital upgrade. On the eve of the council election, the association's chair Barb Robertson said while her organisation was not political it believed Cr Glachan had attempted to "hoodwink" the community about a "new hospital".

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Med centre's rejection fury

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 14/09/2024, Paul Weston, Page 5

A majority of councillors have refused a development application for a medical centre on a suburban home block, sparking outrage from Gold Coast residents crying out for it. The Bulletin has obtained emails from several residents who have reached out to Mayor Tom Tate and other councillors to reverse the final vote, at this coming Tuesday's full council meeting.

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Satellite launched

Weekend Post, General News, 14/09/2024, Samuel Davis, Page 1

A re-elected Labor government (left) will build a \$78.3m satellite hospital in Cairns at a site yet to be determined in a bid to ease pressure on the city's existing health services. The hospital would feature a

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'Increase in presentations': emergency services brace for hectic weekend

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 13/09/2024, Sophia Baker

Warrnambool emergency services are preparing for a busy weekend as the city hosts several high-profile events. More than 15,000 people are expected to attend triple j's One Night Stand at Friendly Societies' Park on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

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Children in regional areas enduring months in pain while waiting for urgent dental care

ABC Online, Other, 13/09/2024

Children in regional areas are waiting for months in pain and in some cases travelling thousands of kilometres to access urgent dental care as fewer private hospitals offer the procedures and public waitlists blow out. Four-year-old Mia Van Leeuwen from Biloela in central Queensland waited about three months to have dental crowns implanted.

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'Tragic flaws': Queensland man died by voluntary assisted dying after error

7news.com.au, Other, 13/09/2024

A Queensland coroner has criticised state voluntary assisted dying scheme safeguards after finding an elderly man died using a fatal substance meant for another person. "Persons should not be placed in a position where they can be led into unwise decisions," coroner David O'Connell said in his findings handed down on Wednesday.

Also reported by: [9News \(Online\)](#).

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Medical board plan to fast-track overseas GPs into Australia next month still a big mystery, says RACGP

Australian Doctor, Other, 13/09/2024, Paul Smith

The RACGP says it is increasingly concerned about the lack of information on the Medical Board of Australia's plan to fast-track IMGs into the country from next month. Pushed by federal and state health ministers wanting to fill GP vacancies in regional areas, the new "expedited pathway" effectively sidelines the RACGP and ACRRM from assessing the skills and suitability of eligible IMGs.

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ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 13/09/2024, Manny Tsigas

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

'Long shadow of Afghanistan'

AFR Weekend, General News, 14/09/2024, Andrew Tillett, Page 18

In a week marking the 23rd anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the opening salvo in the war on terror, the Albanese government tried to bring some closure to the twin dark legacies

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Why trans people should be counted

The Saturday Paper, General News, 14/09/2024, Sam Elkin, Page 7

On August 29, a couple of Thursdays ago, family members of the deceased and a group of visibly gender non-conforming people sat inside a packed Coroners Court of Victoria, awaiting Ingrid Giles's findings in relation to the suicides of five young transgender women from 2020 to 2021. One mother clutched a framed photograph of her deceased daughter, which was displayed on the bench as the coroner handed down her report.

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What really matters

Herald Sun, Weekend, 14/09/2024, Lisa Mayoh, Page 14

Family means everything to Michael "Wippa" Wipfli and his wife, Lisa. Their kids - Ted, 9, Jack, 8, and Francesca, 4, are the reason he started 36 Months the campaign to lift the age of social media from 13 up to 16, where it belongs.

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Horror behind the happy family shot

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/09/2024, Jordan Baker, Page 12

Trish Smith sits on the beach between her two ruddy boys. The sand is at their feet, the wind tickles their curls and the waves crash behind them. It looks like a perfect moment.

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Sheep killed and home severely burned

Daily Liberal, General News, 14/09/2024, Nick McGrath, Page 6

Kimmy Gordon has been through the highs and lows with Macquarie but there was no sweeter feeling than full-time last Sunday in Mudgee. Gordon and her Macquarie Raidettes teammates hoisted the Western league tag trophy high in the sky after defeating Bathurst St Pat's 18-6, snapping the Bathurst's club's stranglehold on the competition in the process.

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How men's sheds across the Western Downs are keeping our elderly residents happy and healthy

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 13/09/2024, Jack Dyson Evans

When John Greenhalgh's wife died he felt lost and alone, but thanks to a local men's shed he was able to find a sense brotherhood and camaraderie. Now president of the Oakey Men's Shed, the 90-year-old said it was a "life saver".

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Construction begins on new youth mental health centre in Shepparton

Shepparton News Online, Other, 13/09/2024

Construction has commenced on a new mental health facility in Shepparton designed exclusively for young individuals aged 16 to 25. The Youth Prevention and Recovery Care centre in Shepparton is the result of a focused effort by the Victorian Government to provide a 24/7 community-based care alternative.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Nurses curse numbers

Courier Mail, General News, 14/09/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 8

Queensland hospitals are buckling under the weight of "controlling" and "costly" bureaucrats, with four public servants on staff for every 10 nurses, a major nurses' association claims. Both the Nurses' Professional Association of Queensland (NPAQ) and the Australian Medical Association Queensland are demanding major overhauls of the state's crippled health system.

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Doctor drought despair

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/09/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 1

The closure of a Hunter medical clinic due to the GP shortage is a sign of things to come unless more is done to fix the problem, doctors say. The Seaside Medical Centre at Fern Bay will close next month "due to the ongoing difficulty of doctor shortages".

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Union calls for office staff cap to boost frontline services

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 14/09/2024, Jackie Sinnerton

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Surgery proposed for doctorless Kioloa on south coast

Northern Territory News, Other, 13/09/2024, Tom McGann

A south coast village lacking any doctor's offices could soon see its first come to the town, with plans to convert a one-bedroom unit into a surgery. If approved, the building's stairs will be replaced with a ramp.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Victorian Government launches \$6.3 million program to address workforce shortages

Shepparton News Online, Other, 13/09/2024

In response to widespread workforce shortages, the Victorian Government has launched a new program to attract more people to a career in local government. Victorian Local Government Minister Melissa Horne has unveiled a \$6.3 million pilot initiative, the 'Earn and Learn' program, set to generate diverse job opportunities at councils across Victoria.

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Protest against pay 'betrayal' continues

Shepparton News Online, Other, 13/09/2024, Rowan Frazer

Protests were again brought to the street on Tuesday as Deniliquin NSW Nurses and Midwives Association branch members continue industrial action. Members are demanding fairer pay for public sector nurses from their employer - the NSW Government.

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PNG aged care graduates to boost regional services

Australian Seniors News, Other, 13/09/2024

Aged care workers from Papua New Guinea (PNG) have graduated with Australian standard qualifications in Brisbane today as part of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme. The 21 workers from PNG provinces including Western Highlands, New Ireland and Morobe are helping to fill staffing shortages at regional aged care homes including at Allora, Chinchilla, Murgon and Taroom in Queensland's Western and Darling Downs.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Former nurse Ratidzo Ziyambi found guilty of failing to reduce fatigue, disclose second job

Northern Territory News, Other, 13/09/2024

A former registered nurse at a mental health facility has been found guilty of unsatisfactory conduct after she failed to disclose her second job at a Greystanes nursing home plus juggling a third gig working as an NDIS provider. The Health Care Complaints Commission prosecuted a case against Ratidzo Ziyambi at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, which found her guilty of failing to inform Western Sydney Local Health District about her job at Genista Aged Care Facility at Greystanes, where she worked two night shifts per week or 30 hours a fortnight.

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

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GP's ex-wife sues him for allegedly mismanaging her cardiac risk factors during their marriage

Australian Doctor, Other, 13/09/2024, Heather Saxena

A GP's ex-wife, whom he treated for 17 years during their marriage, is suing him for inappropriately managing her cardiac risk factors before she had a stroke. Victorian County Court filings allege the GP failed to appropriately manage of his then-wife's hypertension and hyperlipidaemia before 2012, when she had a stroke that resulted in cognitive deficits and impaired speech.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Friends: The rewards that lie outside comfort zones

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/09/2024, Nell Geraets, Page 39

Rachel Halliwell has always been a people person. While her children were in primary school, she took every opportunity to interact with other parents, helping with bake sales and distributing second-hand uniforms.

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

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SPORT

Racism, abuse still NRL scourge

Weekend Australian, Sport, 14/09/2024, Brent Read & Michael Carayannis, Page 42

Rugby league has received a reminder of its ongoing battles with racism and abuse after it emerged that four players on average from every club have been subject to targeted attacks. The stunning result was revealed in an exclusive and wideranging poll of more than 450 players conducted by News Corp Australia in partnership with the Rugby League Players Association.

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

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Sniffer dog

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/09/2024, Cydonee Mardon, Page 1

The Bulldogs have been thrown into turmoil after winger Josh Addo-Carr returned a second positive cocaine reading to a roadside drug test. It is understood he will pay a fine but does not admit guilt.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Sinus link to depression

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/09/2024, Page 15

People with ongoing sinus issues may also be at a higher risk of anxiety and depression, and vice versa, according to US research. The Houston Methodist Hospital study looked at rates of chronic rhinosinusitis and mental health disorders such as anxiety and depression.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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Sinus issues affect brain

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 14/09/2024, Paul Murray, Page 34

People with ongoing sinus issues may also be at a higher risk of anxiety and depression, and vice versa, according to US research. The Houston Methodist Hospital study looked at rates of chronic rhinosinusitis, an inflammation of the sinuses, and mental health disorders including anxiety and depression.

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Cancer jab shows promise in early trial results

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 13/09/2024, PA Media

A vaccine designed to prime the body to recognise and fight cancer cells has shown it could stimulate the immune system to help treat the disease more effectively, according to the results of an early trial. Researchers described the results as "an important first step" in potentially developing a new treatment for people with advanced cancers.

New drug developed in Perth a gamechanger for curing the life-threatening peripheral artery disease

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 13/09/2024, Claire Sadler

West Australians could be the first to be treated for a common but life-threatening disease that often leads to heart attacks, limb amputations and even death. Current medications do not provide a cure for peripheral artery disease — which is caused by a build-up of cholesterol-containing plaques on artery walls, which leads to a reduction in blood flow to the legs and other vital organs.

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

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Use of antidepressants to treat pain in older people must be reviewed, study says

The Guardian, Other, 13/09/2024, Melissa Davey

People over 65 are being prescribed antidepressants to treat pain despite weak evidence that the drugs work, potentially exposing them to harm, according to a new study that calls for a review of prescribing guidelines. Researchers led by Dr Sujita Narayan from the University of Sydney's Institute for Musculoskeletal Health reviewed the findings from 15 trials involving 1,369 participants to assess how antidepressants impact pain relief and adverse events in older adults.

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

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Australia's childhood asthma hotspots revealed in new study, with regional areas and a part of northern Tasmania at the highest risk

Sky News Australia, Other, 13/09/2024, Chloe Walker

The nation's childhood asthma hotspots are found mainly in regional and rural communities and with higher proportions of Indigenous Australians, according to a new UNSW Sydney-led study. Most of us know someone with asthma - a common condition caused by inflammation and muscle tightening around the airways, making breathing harder.

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Most people over 70 should be taking statins, study finds

The New Daily, Other, 13/09/2024, John Elder

Older people should consider taking statins to offset the increased age-related risk of stroke and heart disease, the main findings of two new studies say. This advice extends to people with no history of coronary heart disease.

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\$10m for genomics

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 13/09/2024

Cabrini Health and Monash University are helping to transform cancer care in Victoria with a \$10 million donation from the PMF Foundation. The funding will establish a comprehensive genomic testing program at Cabrini, offering precision treatment for up to 2,000 additional patients each year.

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Flinders Uni bolsters partnership with ROSA

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/09/2024

South Australia's Flinders University will become the lead university partner of the Registry of Senior Australians (ROSA) in a move that will see both organisations working together more closely. Based at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, ROSA monitors health, service utilisation, medication use and mortality to understand ageing in Australia, sourcing data from across the health, aged care, and social welfare sectors.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Fears of school 'freeze'

Weekend Post, General News, 14/09/2024, Peter Carruthers, Page 3

Independent Schools Australia has warned students enrolled at Indigenous boarding facilities may not have access to an education if the government doesn't stump up funding omitted in the last budget. Independent schools dependent on significant government investment and are considered to play a critical role in Closing the Gap by educating children from remote Cape York communities and the Torres Strait Islands.

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Indigenous-led group Thirrili receives federal funding boost to support families impacted by suicide

National Indigenous Times, Other, 13/09/2024, Giovanni Torre

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Thirrili Ltd will receive a \$5million funding boost from the federal government to ensure the continued delivery of support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families impacted by suicide. The funding extension to Thirrili ensures culturally safe and trauma-informed postvention services are available for families affected by the loss of a loved one by suicide.

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'Getting worse': unsafe water plagues remote residents

National Indigenous Times, Other, 13/09/2024, Keira Jenkins

Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are dealing with inadequate drinking water, sanitation, and access to hygiene, but a lack of data hides the true extent of the problem. An explainer from the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, released on Friday, said "water quality issues are long-term, persistent and, in some cases, getting worse in remote communities".

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#)

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Gonorrhoea on the up

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 14/09/2024, Cameron Bates, Page 3

Provisional results from a recent screening has revealed that a significant percentage of North Queenslanders may be blissfully unaware that they have a sexually transmitted infection or be in the firing line to contract one. The news that 31 (6.6 per cent) of 468 asymptomatic individuals in the test group aged 19 to 29 had chlamydia was the tip of the iceberg, with the Townsville Hospital and Health Service region also seeing a sharp rise in the number of cases of gonorrhoea across all age groups.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Warning: use Snus you lose

Courier Mail, General News, 14/09/2024, Chelsea Bunting, Page 27

Illegal nicotine pouches that can be tucked under the lips are alarmingly easy to purchase and could

get a whole new generation of youngsters hooked, an investigation can reveal. [...] The pouches have not been approved for sale by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), making them unlawful to sell, purchase or advertise.

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Hidden drug hooking our kids

Hobart Mercury, General News, 14/09/2024, Chelsea Bunting & Abby Walter, Page 3

Illegal nicotine pouches that can be discreetly tucked under the lips are alarmingly easy to purchase and could get a whole new generation of youngsters hooked, an investigation reveals. [...] The pouches have not been approved for sale in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, making them unlawful to sell, purchase or advertise.

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

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I'm living just week to week

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/09/2024, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 26

Mark Godfrey thought his late night trips to the bathroom was a sign that he was "getting old". [...] If chemotherapy fails, another treatment has just been registered on the Therapeutic Goods Administration called Lutetium-177 PSMA which is the first radioligand therapy.

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

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Ozempic, Mounjaro, Wegovy: What you need to know about these medications

Adelaide Now, Other, 13/09/2024, Hayley Goddard

Three medications are available in Australia that can be prescribed to help people lose weight. [...] Wegovy and Ozempic contain the same active ingredient but they have different dosages and delivery devices, the TGA said in a statement issued in August.

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

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'Not worth it': Model Lottie Moss rushed to hospital after Ozempic overdose

The Mercury, Other, 13/09/2024

Lottie Moss, the younger sister of British supermodel Kate Moss, has revealed she was rushed to hospital after overdosing on Ozempic – describing her decision to use the drug as the "worst" she'd ever made. [...] In Australia, the drug is only approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for its intended use – treating diabetes – not for people seeking to lose weight.

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

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Lottie Moss rushed to emergency hospital after Ozempic overdose

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 13/09/2024, Adella Beaini

The younger sister of Kate Moss is speaking out against using Ozempic for weight loss after a harrowing experience with the medication. [...] Novo Nordisk advised Australia's medicines watchdog TGA that Ozempic supply will remain limited for the rest of 2024.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Doctors issue health warning over excessive intake of common vitamin that can cause weakness, numbness and pain

9News, Other, 13/09/2024

As wellness trends surge and more people incorporate over-the-counter vitamins into their daily routines, doctors are warning against excessive intake of one vitamin: B6. [...] In March 2023, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) mandated that products containing vitamin B6 in daily doses above 10mg require a label warning.

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Vapes crackdown

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 13/09/2024

Over 5.2 million illicit vapes and vaping products were seized by the TGA and the Australian Border Force in 2024, including two million since new laws took effect on 1 Jul. The reported value of the seized products is estimated at more than \$155 million.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Young girl pricked picking up needle at Roebuck Primary School in Western Australia

The Australian, Other, 13/09/2024, Duncan Evans

A young girl has been pricked while picking up a discarded needle at an Aussie primary school – prompting a letter to parents assuring them staff would remain "vigilant" in keeping their grounds safe. The Nightly reports the eight-year-old girl was jabbed while picking up the needle at Roebuck Primary School in Western Australia on Tuesday.

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

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Girl pricked by needle in Broome's Roebuck Primary School playground

7news.com.au, Other, 13/09/2024

A child has been pricked by a needle found in the playground of a Broome primary school amid residents' complaints of an alarming increase in the number of needles being discarded across the tourist town. The Nightly has confirmed an eight-year-old girl from Roebuck Primary School was jabbed on Tuesday when she picked up a needle she saw on the ground.

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Two fatally overdose on heroin after consuming drugs they thought were cocaine

9News, Other, 13/09/2024, Mikala Theocharous

Two people have died from a heroin overdose after using a drug they thought was cocaine. NSW Health has issued an urgent warning after two people were hospitalised and another two died after using the substance.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Aussie man reveals horrifying text from HelloFresh

A Perth dad is worried sick after he received a text from HelloFresh warning him that ingredients his family had already consumed had potentially been contaminated. Nick Mitchell was sent a text from the popular meal-kit provider on Monday telling him to throw out the leafy greens provided in his most recent delivery.

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'Disturbing' rise of the most-rampant forever chemical

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/09/2024, Carrie Fellner, Page 8

Scientists are disturbed by the rise of what is now the most rampant "forever chemical" on the planet, with airconditioning and refrigeration believed to be propelling its rapid accumulation in human blood, drinking water, household dust, plant-based food, rain and the oceans. Experts are calling for urgent research into trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), which has recently been linked to toxic effects on reproduction, as levels increase "exponentially" across the globe.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#)

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 13/09/2024, Tiffany Warne

The Environment Protection Authority is banning the use of groundwater in parts of Royal Park after toxic PFAS chemicals were detected. The prohibition zone takes in about 500 properties and 75% of them are residential. It follows groundwater bans in parts of West Lakes and Hendon where PFAS has also been.

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