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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Sunday Canberra Times](#)** (page 3) reports a report on inherited cancers is calling for increased genomic testing and a national strategy to combat cancers associated with genetically-inherited cancers from gene mutations like BRC1 and BRC2.
- **[The Sunday Age](#)** (page 4) reports a 10-year plan for Australia's IVF industry is recommending increased eligibility and increased funding for Medicare-subsidised IVF following a review into the industry that also recommended the fragmented system be rolled into one national strategy with uniform legislation. Health Minister Mark Butler said the recommendations will be considered "once it is finalised and published". *Also reported by: [Sun Herald](#)*
- **[ABC Online](#)** reports \$25,000 palliative care packages for elderly Australians who wish to die at home will be made available as part of the new aged care reforms, with Aged Care Minister Anika Wells saying, "Older Australians will get support to spend their final weeks at home, surrounded by loved ones in an environment they cherish, instead of rushing precious moments into hospital visiting hours".
- **[The Sunday Age](#)** (page 5) reports the increased use of AI tools in healthcare could lower wait-times and increase face-time between doctors and patients, according to advocates who say they are already using the tools for note-taking and general administration.

- [**The Sunday Mail Brisbane**](#) (page 7) reports the TGA has approved the diabetes drug Mounjaro for use in Australia for obesity, with the active ingredient tirzepatide already used to manage blood sugar levels for adults with type 2 diabetes. *Also reported by:* [Sunday Mail Adelaide](#), [Sunday Telegraph](#)
- [**The Sunday Herald Sun**](#) (page 11) reports Monash University is holding trials for MDMA-assisted therapy to treat MDMA, with researchers hoping it can speed the treatment process for those suffering from the disorder. *Also reported by:* [Sunday Mail Adelaide](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane](#)
- [**The Sunday Mail Brisbane**](#) (page 13) reports that Qld Premier Steven Miles has responded to calls from the NPAQ and AMAQ to cut 18,000 non-medical administrators from the health system, ruling out the measure. "What you don't want is nurses and doctors doing paperwork, when others can be doing that work and you can have your health professionals delivering healthcare," he said.

MINISTER BUTLER

Review urges cheaper IVF access

Sunday Age, General News, 15/09/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 4

Same-sex couples, single women and low-income families would have cheaper access to fertility treatment under a new 10-year plan to address declining birth rates and regulate Australia's booming IVF industry. [...] The review will increase pressure on Hunt's successor as federal health minister, Mark Butler, to update the Commonwealth's definition of infertility after the authors found there was "near universal" community support for giving same-sex couples and single women equal access to Medicare-subsidised IVF.

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

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MINISTER WELLS

Australians with three months left to live set to receive \$25k payment to help them die at home

ABC Online, Other, 15/09/2024

Most people say they want to spend their final moments in the same place they have spent their life, surrounded by their loved ones, their pets, and their souvenirs — yet few actually do. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells says the government's changes will mean more Australians can spend their final days at home.

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Aged care reforms home in on freedom for older Aussies

Ferntree Gully Mail, Other, 14/09/2024, Jin Hui

Senior citizens will be given more support and choice to live their golden years in dignity. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the changes would lead to more services for older Australians.

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Huge aged care reforms get bipartisan support

PS News, Other, 14/09/2024, Chris Johnson

Roughly 1.4 million older Australians will be able to stay in their homes by 2035, due to a \$5.6 billion investment reform package getting the approval of both major parties in the Federal Parliament. [...] Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the message from older Australians had been clearly delivered – that they want support to stay in the homes and communities they love.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Mask off Greens hypocrisy

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 15/09/2024, James Campbell, Page 59

You'd think it was obvious that no MP should be anywhere near a "protest" when the organisers are calling for people to turn up wearing masks? [...] In April, two of Cooper MP Ged Kearney's staff were injured and one called a b**** when protesters stormed an event she was holding with Energy Minister Chris Bowen at the Thornbury theatre.

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DEPARTMENT

Changes galore: Aged Care Act differences

Helloleaders.com.au, Other, 15/09/2024, Alex Jacobs

The Department of Health and Aged Care has conducted its first webinar in the wake of this week's defining Aged Care Act progress , recapping some of its key elements. Department representatives also highlighted some of the most notable changes between the exposure draft and the Bill presented to Parliament.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 14/09/2024, Johanna Nicholson & Lorna Dunkley

Interview with Andrea Kelly, Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner. Compere says earlier this week, the Government passed legislation changing how aged care is funded to assist in improving service quality and delivery. Kelly says as the Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner, she'll

continue to work with the department and others within the aged care system to ensure priorities and needs of older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are met.

Also reported by: ABC (Adelaide), ABC (Albany), ABC (Brisbane), ABC (Canberra), ABC (Darwin), ABC (Hobart), ABC (Melbourne), ABC (Perth), ABC (Regional NSW), ABC (Sydney), ABC News (Adelaide), ABC News (Brisbane), ABC News (Canberra), ABC News (Hobart), ABC News (Melbourne), ABC News (Perth), ABC News (Regional NSW), ABC News (Regional Queensland), ABC News (Regional Victoria), ABC News (Regional West Australia)

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POPULATION HEALTH

Every family should have access to IVF

Sun Herald, Editorials, 15/09/2024, Page 36

As Australians start their families later, more people are needing to turn to assisted reproductive technology. This is a good news story.

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Push for national fertility plan as birth rate dives

West Australian, Other, 15/09/2024, Holly Hales

Australia should implement a national plan for fertility care to bolster the country's IVF services amid a plummeting birth rate. The insight comes from a review by former health minister Greg Hunt and public health expert Rachel Swift released on Sunday as part of FSANZ 2024, the annual conference of fertility and IVF experts in Perth.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#).

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'World may end with a whimper, not a bang', as male fertility sags due to exposure to unhealthy lifestyles

Cairns Post, Other, 14/09/2024, Brad Crouch

Rising rates of sperm DNA damage linked to modern lifestyles have "disturbing consequences for the human population", new research shows. South Australian research to be presented to the Fertility Society of Australia and New Zealand national conference in Perth sounds a grim warning about the risk of civilisation ending not with a bang, but a whimper.

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

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

The struggle to help toddlers triumph over tumours

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 15/09/2024, Emma Blake, Page 13

New mum Samantha Davidson knew something was seriously wrong when her normally happy toddler Allegra, was suffering repeated fevers and rashes and refusing her nightly bottle of milk. The registered nurse insisted on blood tests for her 14-month old daughter.

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'Breaks my heart': family history all Aussies should know

When Sarah Powell was told her breast cancer was hereditary her mind went straight to her 18-month-old daughter Mikayla. Mrs Powell had no history of cancer in her immediate family so to be told she carried the genetically transmissible mutated-gene BRCA1 made her sick with worry.

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Cancer stories which have helped all of us

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 15/09/2024, Angela Mollard, Page 61

Kate, Elle, Olivia, Kylie, Peta, Jane, Edwina thank you. Thank you for talking about cancer. [...] Yet a breast screening service found only 20 per cent of women knew alcohol was a risk factor for breast cancer, a statistic that concurs with research by Cancer Council Victoria, which reported only 18 per cent of adults who drank identified alcohol as a cause of breast cancer.

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

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The WA kids refused vital health help

Sunday Times, General News, 15/09/2024, Claire Sadler, Page 24

Automated insulin delivery is the gold standard in type 1 diabetes management for children but a lack of subsidies and the \$10,000 price tag means many WA kids go without. [...] Diabetes Australia is calling on the Federal Government to invest \$200 million over four years in increased subsidies for insulin pumps and CGMs.

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

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Torquay man Denis Bateman shares prostate cancer journey

Adelaide Now, Other, 14/09/2024, Chelsea Bunting

A Torquay man who has undergone years of radiation and chemotherapy for prostate cancer is urging other men not to put off a simple test. Denis Bateman, 80, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2008 after his doctor suggested he get a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test despite having no family history of the disease.

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My father and husband died from cancer within six weeks of each other - now I've been given six months to live

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 14/09/2024, Steve Williams

A mother-of-four suffered the heartbreaking deaths of two of her closest loved ones just six weeks apart - before learning she was also suffering an incurable medical condition. Melanie Nast Young, 45, from Bega on the south coast of NSW has been diagnosed with a rare genetic condition that is causing her organs to shut down.

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'Push through' or quit: The impossible choice some Australian women face at work

SBS, Other, 14/09/2024, Catriona Stirrat

It's believed to affect millions of Australians. But some with chronic pain conditions say they're facing stigma and being discriminated against when they request flexible working arrangements.

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AI, this tool is just what the overworked doctor ordered to help in the practice

Sunday Age, General News, 15/09/2024, Angus Delaney Kayla Olaya, Page 5

Shorter wait lists for surgery, more time with patients and reduced burnout for workers are some of the benefits that doctors believe are possible through the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare. AI tools have been developed to record and document doctors' consultations with patients, produce formal reports and slash clinicians' paperwork, and advocates claim the technology could transform a healthcare system in crisis.

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

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Miles: No to culling health admins

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 15/09/2024, Taylah Fellows, Page 13

The state government says reducing bureaucrat numbers within Queensland's health workforce will only place more burden on frontline staff, following calls by the nurses union to cut 18,000 non-medical administrators. Both the Nurses' Professional Association of Queensland (NPAQ) and the Australian Medical Association Queensland yesterday demanded a major overhaul of the state's health system, claiming hospital productivity had been crippled under the weight of public servants.

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Grey nomad granted VAD access

Sunday Times, General News, 15/09/2024, John Flint, Page 39

A cancer sufferer has had a decision that barred him from accessing voluntary assisted dying in WA overturned. The terminally ill patient, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April, successfully challenged the decision in the State Administrative Tribunal.

Also reported by: [Sunday Times \(Perth\)](#).

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'Very effective': Premier announces plan to build satellite hospital in Cairns

Adelaide Now, Other, 14/09/2024, Samuel Davis

A re-elected Labor government 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 Cairns Post The ALP's candidate for Mulgrave, Richie Bates, Premier Steven Miles, Member for Cairns Michael Healy and Member for Barron River at the announcement of Labor's plans to build a satellite hospital in the region.

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

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'Must change': Bleijie calls for reform to better protect nurses in Qld mental health units

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 14/09/2024, Samuel Davis

Queensland Premier Steven Miles has dodged a question around the safety of frontline workers and patients inside Cairns' troubled mental health unit — despite the Deputy Opposition Leader calling for greater security to stop workplace violence. For months burned out mental health workers have been campaigning to stop incidents of assault, illicit drug use amongst patients and the use of weapons inside their ward.

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Expand voluntary assisted dying to dementia sufferers, advocates urge

West Australian, Other, 15/09/2024, John Flint

Voluntary assisted dying advocates recently met with Premier Roger Cook to urge him to consider amending the law to expand access for the terminally ill, including dementia sufferers. Steve Walker, president of Dying With Dignity WA and the association's patron Janet Holmes a Court, requested he examine improvements to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act.

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

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Hospital waits for mental health apprehensions too long: VicPD

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 14/09/2024

Victoria's police chief is calling for change after officers recently had to wait seven hours at Royal Jubilee Hospital for a patient apprehended under the Mental Health Act to be transferred to health-care workers. At a news conference Friday, Chief Del Manak said wait times have been an ongoing issue that's "trending in the wrong direction."

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4BC, Weekend Breakfast, 14/09/2024, Olympia Kwitowski

Nurses in Queensland are raising alarms over what they're calling a bureaucratic burden on our hospitals. According to the Nurses Professional Association of Queensland and the Australian Medical Association Queensland, there are currently four public servants for every ten nurses. And this is creating a costly and controlling bureaucracy.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

School 'glosses over' girl's suicide

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 15/09/2024, Cydonee Mardon, Page 5

The suicide death of a Year 7 student in Sydney has prompted a global mental health authority to urge families to have confronting conversations, rather than shy away from them, after a school advised parents not to speak to their children about the tragedy "unless they raise it with you". Professor Ian Hickie said it was "not very helpful" to try to limit the spread of information around a tragedy such as the death of the 12-year-old girl from Santa Sabina College in Strathfield.

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All hail male role models

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 15/09/2024, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 20

An Adelaide academic is spearheading a new push to recognise and celebrate positive male role models in the community as a step towards "drowning out" negative narratives such as toxic masculinity. For the first time, a series of Flinders University-led International Men's Day Awards will acknowledge South Australian men who are contributing as role models across the fields of sports, research, community, teaching and media.

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'Not just social media': Experts warn proposed age restrictions won't fix Australia's youth mental health struggle

9News, Other, 14/09/2024, Maddison Leach

Mental health experts are pushing back against the government's plan to implement a new minimum age for social media use, calling the proposed age bans simplistic and potentially damaging to young people's mental health. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced on Monday that the government wants to see restrictions in place for platforms like Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat by the end of the year in a bid to tackle youth mental health concerns.

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'Veterans will die' without suicide inquiry response

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 14/09/2024, Tess Ikonomou

Decorated Afghanistan veteran Justin Huggett proudly served in Australia's military but wouldn't let his son join. After three-years of harrowing evidence, the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide released its final report on Monday.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 14/09/2024, Johanna Nicholson & Lorna Dunkley

Interview with Professor Daniel Hermens, Professor of Youth Mental Health and Neurobiology, University of Sunshine Coast. Compere says Mental health issues among young people have risen by nearly 50% in the past 15 years. She says it's been labelled a crisis and has prompted calls for a social media ban. Hermens says in teens, brain development is important and it's when they see rapid and dynamic changes in the brain.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Economists urge WA Government caution on large claims in enterprise negotiations for public sector

West Australian, Other, 15/09/2024, Joe Spagnolo

Economists are warning the Cook Government to "show caution and discipline" in negotiating new public sector wage deals — as nurses double down on demands for a 20 per cent wage rise over the next three years. Amid widespread warnings of the cost of long-term, sticky inflation to the broader economy, driven by high Government spending, unions have pushed for high pay bumps citing the high cost of living.

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SPORT

Great Scot, another \$4.5m

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 15/09/2024, Matt Johnston, Page 5

Games Australia is offering to hand millions of dollars to Scotland to ensure a Games is held there in 2026. Victoria was due to host the sporting spectacle in 2026 at five regional sites, but tore up its contract last year due to cost blowouts, a move that continues to reverberate around the world.

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

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Scots in the game

Sunday Herald Sun, Editorials, 15/09/2024, Page 58

The decision of the Victorian government to cancel its contract to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games continues to reverberate around the world. At the time Daniel Andrews announced the decision there was a fear the state would become a laughing stock, suffering reputational damage for torching an event he so willingly signed up for as an election approached.

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Treasurer talks up bowls club spend amid budget criticism

Sunday Examiner, General News, 15/09/2024, Joe Colbrook, Page 3

The Treasurer has defended spending big on infrastructure at sports and community clubs in the state budget after service providers said there was not enough attention given to vulnerable Tasmanians. A total of \$86 million, \$6 million of it divvied up between 25 bowls clubs, will be spent on club infrastructure upgrades over the next four years.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

The agony and the ecstasy

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 15/09/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 11

The party drug MDMA will be repurposed to treat PTSD in a trial of a program likened to "psychotherapy on rocket fuel". Monash University hopes pairing ecstasy with a 14-week psychotherapy program could help veterans.

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Australia suffering from 'CPR knowledge gap': study

Sunday Times, General News, 15/09/2024, Page 24

More than 80 per cent of Australians would not be confident in performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a baby or child, a study has found, revealing a nationwide emergency skills gap. The report, from first aid training company Australia Wide First Aid, found 82 per cent of respondents would not back their CPR skills in such circumstances.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

'Desperately needed change' for survivors

Sunday Territorian, General News, 15/09/2024, Jason Walls, Page 12

Stolen Generations advocacy organisations are calling for better funding and "the change we so desperately need" following a gathering of more than 100 representatives in Darwin. The group of 19 organisations called on governments, churches and NGOs to respond to the "unfinished business" of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's 1997 Bringing Them Home report.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Townsville Sexual Health Clinic: Gonorrhoea, STI cases climb

Adelaide Now, Other, 14/09/2024, Cameron Bates

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 is 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.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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Uganda's mpox caseload rises to 10, officials say

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 14/09/2024, Elias Biryabarema

The number of mpox infections in Uganda has risen to 10 - and all of the patients have a strain of the virus, clade 1b, that is more transmissible between people, a health official says. The country borders the Democratic Republic of Congo where the current outbreak began in January 2023, making Uganda a particular focus point for health officials.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Another new drug to help you lose weight

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 15/09/2024, Cydonee Mardon, Page 7

A new prescription drug in the battle against obesity has this week been approved by Australian regulators. Mounjaro, which has been taken by celebrities such as Whoopi Goldberg, Sunny Hostin and Charles Barkley was this week approved by the TGA for treating weight loss.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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Why the long face? It's Ozempic

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 15/09/2024, Page 29

Ozempic face syndrome is forcing Queenslanders to flock to clinics of a different kind. [...] Ozempic has been approved by the TGA specifically for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

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I took Ozempic and it almost killed me... so I lost 100kg naturally in a year instead. This is the side effect I want everyone to know about - and how doing it the 'old fashioned' way is best

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 14/09/2024, Belinda Cleary

Sarah Parker, 36, tipped the scales at 175kg when she decided to bite the bullet and try Ozempic for Two months later, however, the bubbly mum from Victoria was a shell of her former self. Her chirpy demeanor was replaced with suicidal thoughts and feelings of despair.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Save lives: plea to NSW premier after overdose deaths

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 14/09/2024, Holly Hales

Drug overdoses will continue to kill young people in NSW if its government doesn't get on board with other states and begin pill-testing trials before summer, the Greens fear. The warning follows the deaths of two people from heroin overdoses after using what they believed was cocaine at a recent house party at Glebe in Sydney's inner west.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#).

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