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- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 1) reports that South Australian Liberal frontbencher Ben Hood's attempt to introduce new legislation forcing mothers to be legally required to deliver their babies after 27 weeks is set to fall short.
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 3) reports that pharmacists across the nation are set to be retrained to treat patients for a range of conditions after new data revealed approximately 40 per cent of Australians are waiting up to three weeks to consult a GP.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 12) reports that NSW nurses and midwives went on a 24-hour strike yesterday following the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association's rejection of a 10.5 per cent rise over three years by the Minns government.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 12) reports that a coronial inquest has heard yesterday that a 62-year-old man who died from cardiac arrest at Albury Wodonga Private Hospital in July 2019, was moved out of a high dependency ward three days before his death, despite concerns being raised by nurses about his heart.
- The **[Canberra Times](#)** (page 5) reports that the ACT Liberals have pledged to co-fund 70,000 elective surgeries if they win next month's state election, with the party saying it would partner with a private provider to conduct the surgeries.

- **The Adelaide Advertiser** (page 6) reports that new images have been revealed of the planned \$320.8m Mount Barker Hospital in the Adelaide Hills, which is expected to triple the capacity of the existing Soldiers' Memorial Hospital to help accommodate the growing local population.
- **The Daily Telegraph** (page 18) reports that Victoria's Coroner Judge John Cain has found an 18-year-old boxer who died from a haemorrhage was not provided with a proper medical assessment by a GP who had approved his return to the sport.
- **The Courier Mail** (page 15) reports that new data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has revealed the suicide rate for men who involuntarily leave the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is three times higher than the general population.
- **ABC News Online** reports that the Victorian Ambulance Union (VAU) has said it has reached an in-principal agreement with the state government and Ambulance Victoria after 18 months of negotiations, which will see paramedics be given a pay rise of 33 per cent over four years.
- **The Guardian** reports that a new University of Melbourne study has found young people with a major depressive disorder experience weaker connectivity in the way the regions of their brain communicate with each other.
- **The Northern Territory News** (page 5) reports that NT Health director of medical entomology, Nina Kurucz, has warned Top End residents to wear protective clothing after early monsoon weather has resulted in high numbers of saltmarsh mosquitoes.

MINISTER BUTLER

Respect key when seeing GP

Border Chronicle, General News, 25/09/2024, Melanie Riley, Page 5

A local Medical Practice is asking the Mount Gambier/Berrin community for patience, understanding and kindness. [...] Practice manager Jessie Bilal reached out to South Australia's Minister for Health Chris Picton in June in relation to funding, but was advised via email it was not state responsibility and her email would be forwarded to Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler for perusal however was yet to receive a response.

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PM in Launceston to announce Northern Heart Centre funds

Launceston Examiner, General News, 25/09/2024, Duncan Bailey, Page 2

The federal government will invest \$120 million to establish the Northern Heart Centre in Launceston. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the Heart Centre will mean Tasmanians with heart disease will get the best possible care.

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'Additional stress'

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz, Page 28

In the past year, at least six pain-relief products have become unavailable in Australia. [...] Key health bodies including ANZSPM, Palliative Care Australia (PCA), the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), and Palliative Care Nurses Australia detailed their concerns in a joint letter at to the Health Minister Mark Butler at the end of last year.

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The secrets kept from those inside the nerve centre fighting COVID

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/09/2024, Kate Aubusson & Mary Ward

As state and federal governments fought for control of borders and information during the pandemic, some of the most vulnerable were left at risk. [...] In response to questions following the panel, federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the interim CDC was already strengthening Australia's pandemic preparedness, particularly in relation to surveillance capabilities and use of data.

Also reported by: [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#).

Radio host reveals the shocking infection she contracted during Bali holiday that was 'worst than childbirth'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Savanna Young

An Australian radio host has detailed the debilitating viral infection they contracted during a luxurious Bali holiday. [...] 'Making the shingles vaccine free for more Australians is not just good for their hip pocket, it's also good for their health,' federal health minister Mark Butler said.

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Doctors asked to not 'waste' IV fluids, despite supplies improving

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/09/2024, Carmel Sparke

Mark Butler says supplies have been secured but the nation isn't clear of problems yet. Doctors are still being asked to gatekeep hospital IV fluids, as it emerges that the additional supplies secured by the Federal Government may be less than publicised.

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Mark Butler bullish that Shingrix supplies will cover expanded NIP listing

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/09/2024, Ciara Seccombe

Another 215,000 patients are now eligible for free shingles vaccination as the government assures GPs it has bought enough of the recombinant vaccine Shingrix to meet demand. [...] "People with HIV will be captured, people on dialysis, with advanced stage kidney disease and many others besides," Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said on Sunday.

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South Australia invests \$16 million to tackle illegal vapes

Convenience & Impulse Retailing, Other, 24/09/2024, Thomas Oakley-Newell

The South Australian government has invested \$16 million in a new taskforce to detect and disrupt the supply of unlawful vapes. [...] Mark Butler, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, said his government is keeping illegal vapes out of the hands of the next generation of young Australians.

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Govt quiet on damning menopause report

Nursing Review, Other, 24/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz

Health Minister Mark Butler has declined to say how the government intends to respond to a damning report that found both the health system and workplaces were failing women. Released last week, the Senate Community Affairs References Committee's report made 25 recommendations that included giving menopausal women flexible work arrangements, providing extra training to GPs and increasing the time medical students spend studying menopause and perimenopause.

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Compound disinterest: telehealth brands creator Eucalyptus suspends \$3,000 healthier blokes bootcamp to tackle 'teething issues'

startupdaily, Other, 24/09/2024, Simon Thomsen

The 3-month program involves a range of tests including blood analysis, to measure everything from lung capacity and fitness to body fat, testosterone levels, and other benchmarks normally checked by a GP, such as blood sugar and cholesterol levels, as well as kidney, liver and thyroid function. [...] But in May federal health minister Mark Butler announced a ban chemists replicating Ozempic and Mounjaro, a process known as compounding, from October 1, following media reports of safety concerns.

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Jodie Oddy can't catch a break: 'Worse than childbirth'

Weekly Times Now, Other, 24/09/2024, Anna Vlach

Oddy and Andrew Hayes co-host the breakfast show on Nova919. Also a reporter for Channel 10, she

is describing the pain of shingles as "worse than childbirth". [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said since November 2023, more than 1.3 million Aussies have received a free shingles vaccine after the Albanese Government commenced the new shingles program.

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Aussie woman shares brutal 'reality' of Bali holiday: 'Worse than childbirth'

Yahoo! Finance Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Brianne Tolj

Radio host Jodie Oddy revealed on Monday she had been diagnosed with shingles after a trip to the tourist hotspot. [...] "Without vaccination, almost 1 in 3 Australians will get shingles in their lifetime," Health Minister Mark Butler said, adding that over 1.3 million Australians have received a free shingles vaccine since the government commenced the new Shingles Program in November.

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ABC Central Coast, Breakfast, 24/09/2024, Scott Levi

Interview with Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care, regarding his visit to the Central Coast today. Butler says he will be with MP Gordon Reid and Assistant Minister in Rural Health and Mental Health Emma McBride who are both health professionals. He adds they will visit an aged care facility, an urgent care clinic to talk to GPs, a pharmacy and the headspace at Lake Haven. Butler says they will be seeing how some of their initiatives to strengthen Medicare, drive bulk billing back up, recruit more GPs and make medicines cheaper, are impacting the Coast.

Interview continues on: [ABC Central Coast \(Erina\)](#).

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Triple M The Border, 12:00 News, 24/09/2024

Thousands of nurses across NSW, including dozens in Albury, have walked off the job as an ongoing dispute over pay and conditions drags on. The sector wants a 15 per cent increase and the union says some of its members are living on 2008 level wages. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says it's in everyone's interest that the dispute is settled ASAP.

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MINISTER WELLS

Time out

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz, Page 4

In a direct response to Royal Commission recommendations for the delivery of specialised dementia care, the Australian government has invested a further \$16 million to bring in what they have dubbed a 'new era in dementia respite care.' The Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells has announced a further \$8 million in grants for the expansion of the 'Improving respite care for people with dementia and their carers' program.

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Future proof

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Shultz, Page 6

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

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Finding evidence

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Shultz, Page 12

Healthcare-associated infections are the most common hospital-acquired complication in Australia, leading to readmissions, poorer patient outcomes and increased emotional and financial burden. [...] Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said the health care sector must be proactive when addressing the risk of infection for vulnerable Australians.

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Above and beyond

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz, Page 14

The Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) wants every Australian aged care worker to know that You are ACE! [...] In a #Thanksforcaring message, Federal Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said her immense gratitude for the aged care workforce is personal because her mother worked in the industry for more than 15 years.

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\$900m pledge for rural and remote aged care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/09/2024, Jodie Wolf

Older Australians will now have access to quality safe aged care services, regardless of where they are based thanks to \$900 million in funding from the Albanese Government. [...] Minister for Aged Care, Anika Wells said that the funding will support aged care providers to function in the areas that they need it most.

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Labor's user-paid aged care package falls short for a vulnerable group

Green Left Weekly, Other, 24/09/2024, Meredith Lawrence

Aged care minister Anika Wells is spruiking federal Labor's new aged-care reform package, introduced to Parliament on September 12, saying it shifts the focus from service provision to users' needs. However, while the proposed reforms, with a focus on support at home, are an improvement on the marketised system in place, they still fall short of what the elderly and their families need.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Mental health push pays off

Manjimup Bridgetown Times, General News, 25/09/2024, Anjelica Smilovitis, Page 1

Community members fighting for better mental health services in the Warren-Blackwood region have had their voices heard with a headspace set to be opened in Manjimup next year. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride visited Manjimup last week to announce the new service, funded by the Federal Government and commissioned by the Country Western Australia Primary Health Network.

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Revitalised Health Hub opens at GP Down South's Manjimup office

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 25/09/2024, Daniel Hocking

GP Down South opened its newly renovated Health Hub in its Warren Blackwood premises last week. The hub will include Indigenous health and mental health services, and services for those with chronic conditions. [...] Federal Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride helped open the centre and said the services' potential was "significant".

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

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ASSISTANT MINISTER THWAITES

ABC Newcastle, 09:00 News, 24/09/2024

Newcastle has been named as one of 12 locations to host an early intervention program aiming to reduce domestic and sexual violence. The Federal Government has announced a national trial targeting teenage boys who are at risk of becoming violent. Around \$23m in federal funding will be invested over three years. Minister for Social Security, Ageing and Women Kate Thwaites says it's important to act now to prevent vulnerable teens from becoming perpetrators in the future.

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ABC Newcastle, Breakfast, 24/09/2024, Dan Cox & Jenny Marchant

Interview with Kate Thwaites, Assistant Minister for Women, on the Federal Government trialling an early intervention program against domestic, family and sexual violence with one of the 12 sites will be in the Hunter Region. Thwaites says it is a program that will target young men and boys who are at risk of using family, domestic or sexual violence. She adds they are investing \$23m over three years to run trials in 12 sites right around the country, including in Newcastle, to target early intervention with young men and boys and help support both their recovery and healing.

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Ending loneliness together

Peninsula Living, General News, 01/09/2024, Paula Arenas , Page 84

A quality connection and sense of belonging are some of the keys to help combat loneliness. Loneliness is not the same as being alone. [...] Lifeline Northern Beaches is part of the aged care visitors volunteer scheme, a program funded by the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care.

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'I'm that frustrated': cancer advocate calls for state-funded nurse

Tasmanian Examiner, Other, 24/09/2024, Annika Rhoades

Neuroendocrine cancer advocate Rob Hammond has lost two siblings to the disease and was himself diagnosed with it in 2019. [...] A Federal Department of Health and Aged Care spokesperson said in November 2023, the Australian Government announced \$166 million to establish a new Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program, which would deliver improved cancer outcomes and ensure access to high quality care and support.

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ACCC denies infant formula code extension

Food & Drink Business, Other, 24/09/2024, Kim Berry

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) says it is unlikely to approve the Infant Nutrition Council request for a five-year extension to its industry code because of several factors undermining its effectiveness. [...] Since then, the Department of Health and Aged Care commissioned an independent review of the MAIF Agreement that found it was no longer fit for purpose.

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Updated advice on residential aged care pricing released

Healthcare Channel, Other, 24/09/2024, Ritchelle Drilon

The Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) has released its second annual Residential Aged Care Pricing Advice for 2024-25, marking a significant step towards a more comprehensive, evidence-based pricing model for the sector. [...] The authority is working closely with the Department of Health and Aged Care to integrate existing grants, subsidies, and supplements into its future pricing and costing advice.

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Aged Care's Salesforce upgrade \$283m and rising

InnovationAus, Other, 24/09/2024, Joseph Brookes

Costs for a new Salesforce-based aged care software system are approaching \$300 million and are set to keep climbing, with the department responsible unable to forecast a final cost or end date for its "master" system. Salesforce tacked on another \$10 million to its licensing bill for the Department of Health and Aged Care (DHAC) this month, but it is its partners contracts that account for most of the cost for a new the Government Provider Management System (GPMS).

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IHACPA seeks feedback on 2025–26 support at home program pricing

Inside Ageing, Other, 24/09/2024, Amy Clarke

The Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) has released its Consultation Paper on the Pricing Approach for the Support at Home Service List 2025–26. [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care will remain responsible for the overall policy and funding of these services.

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Drug-resistant infection looming threat to global health

Nursing Review, Other, 24/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz

The Lancet has forecast that drug-resistant infections will be the direct cause of tens of millions of deaths by the middle of the century. [...] In a bid to combat AMR effects locally, the agency has collaborated with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and the Department of Health and Aged Care in the development of a new online resource: AMR Action and Insights , but it comes with a warning.

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The capital water cooler: comings and goings in the APS

RiotACT, Other, 24/09/2024, James Day

Complex Project Management: Dr Liz Develin (Department of Health and Aged Care), Deputy Secretary Primary and Community Care.

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

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My Health Record under fire (again), despite imminent updates

The Medical Republic, Other, 24/09/2024, Holly Payne

From being labelled a "shoebox of PDFs" to having its planned updates blasted by the medical community, it's been a rough year for Australia's national digital health system. [...] One of the more frustrating aspects of My Health Record for GPs, Dr Higgins said, was that there was already a recognition on the Department of Health and Aged Care's part that it needed to be overhauled.

It may not be obvious but retirement living and land lease operators have received a 'win' in new aged care announcements

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/09/2024, Chris Baynes

When Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced "historic aged care reforms" on 12 September there was no mention of retirement villages or land lease communities. [...] Third, the Government (or more correctly, the Department of Health and Aged Care) is opening up to new ideas, understanding that structured seniors accommodation like retirement villages can be part of the solution for the lack of aged care beds, and lack of workforce, over the next decade.

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Cam Holland's Shared Care concept to be trialled in July 2025

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/09/2024, Ian Horswill

The former cCEO of Ryman Healthcare Australia came up with the concept of Shared Care when he was Chair of the Retirement Living Council's Care and Support Services Committee. He told DCM Group CEO Chris Baynes and myself in May last year he had held "several constructive meetings with the Department of Health and Aged Care to flesh out how this policy could work in practice as part of Support at Home.

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Former Feros Village filling up

WEB Byron Coast Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Angela Saurine

The operator of the former Feros Village in Byron Bay is working with local homelessness organisations such as Fletcher Street Cottage and Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre to fill the remaining places at the aged care facility. [...] "We looked at the homelessness statistics in Byron Bay and really aimed for homelessness status with the Department of Health and Aged Care, which we have now received.

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ABC New England North West, 07:30 News, 24/09/2024

TAFE NSW's Kim Curtis, a Tamworth-based Auslan teacher, says there's a need for more sign language interpreters in regional communities. The Department of Health and Aged Care predicts that 7.8 million people will suffer from some form of hearing loss by 2060. Curtis says it's good to see a growing interest in Auslan with a current shortage of interpreters.

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VACCINES

Legal chief caught in anti-vax storm

The Australian, General News, 25/09/2024, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

The report allegedly included claims Covid-19 vaccines contain "living organisms with tentacles and self-assembling nanobots" and argued a "criminal network of satanists", including a well-known Jewish banking family, was seeking to "rule the world". Dentons has filed a defence against Guy Albeck's claims, with a spokesman saying the firm "takes its workplace obligations extremely seriously and aims to make the workplace a safe working environment for all".

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

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What if schools could prevent sick days, teacher shortages and lost IQ points? A new COVID safety course lights the way

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2024, Hayley Gleeson

What spurred him to act, in the end, was the growing pile of evidence that COVID was a serious health threat, and his concern that school communities seemed to be shrugging their shoulders at it. He was tired of hearing about schools allowing teachers to come to work while COVID positive. Of sick children being permitted to stay in class and infecting others.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Seniors 'require more than a house'

The Australian, Business News, 25/09/2024, Anthony Keane, Page 19

Home ownership is no guarantee of financial security in retirement, with new research highlighting how high house prices are producing a generation of asset-rich but income-poor pensioners. A new study by National Seniors Australia and retirement income group Challenger found seniors who own homes typically believe they need an extra \$10,000 a year on top of age pension payments to meet their basic retirement needs.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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Older patients stuck in hospital 'costs Illawarra \$58m a year'

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/09/2024, Kate McIlwain, Page 5

Having hundreds of older patients languishing in hospital beds because they don't have appropriate aged care services to go to is costing the Illawarra's health system an extra \$58 million every year. That's according to IRT chief executive Patrick Reid, who says a new plan to overhaul the aged care provider's Marco Polo property will save the state's health system millions.

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People centred

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz, Page 10

After its success in Italy and Portugal, Monash University and Peninsula Health have partnered with hearing care foundation Amplifon to bring the "Ciao!" Project to Australian shores. The people-centric program aims to "provide a better quality of care, and more positive experiences for older Australian adults in residential aged care facilities through digitally enabled social connection."

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'Specific challenges'

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Michael Woods & Nicole Sutton, Page 18

Aged care homes in rural and remote areas face many specific challenges. Servicing a dispersed population of older people in need, they tend to be smaller in scale, find it hard to attract and retain staff, and face high costs and ongoing losses.

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Ethical care

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Steve MacFarlane, Page 22

There was disagreement on social media recently after a story was published about an aged care provider creating "fake-away" burgers that mimicked those from a fast-food chain, to a resident living with dementia. The man had such strict food preferences he was refusing to eat anything at meals except a burger from the franchise. This dementia symptom risks malnutrition and social isolation.

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'Challenging time'

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Nikki-Anne Wilson, Page 24

Changes in thinking and memory as we age can occur for a variety of reasons. These changes are not always cause for concern. But when they begin to disrupt daily life, it could indicate the first signs of dementia. Another term that can crop up when we're talking about dementia is Alzheimer's disease, or Alzheimer's for short.

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'Solution focused'

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stephanie Schultz, Page 26

ARIIA chief Reuben Jacob said that research has shown that older people desire more agency around the delivery of their care and most want to age at home. He reiterated the need for innovation in the sector as the Australian population continues to age.

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Compounding risk

Aged Care Insite, General News, 01/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz, Page 30

In a bid to empower carers and minimise drug-related harm in older people, a recent study by Monash University has identified the top 10 signs of adverse drug events to look for in aged care residents using psychotropic medication.

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Somerville boss Lawson Broad moves on after seven years

The Courier Mail, Other, 24/09/2024, Camden Smith

Sky News political editor Andrew Clennell has reported while the aged care reforms may have a "massive effect" on future budgets, credit needs to be given to the government for its progress. Northern Territory community services organisation Somerville is looking for a new chief executive after long-time leader Lawson Broad quit the role after seven years.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Dementia awareness in spotlight with events

West Australian, Other, 24/09/2024, Claudette Rizzi

This year's Dementia Action Week ends today but Cuppa Time for Dementia will be hosted in October. Both events aim to boost awareness and raise funds, and educate about available services and resources. Bethanie Aged Care Bunbury associate director Chris Leitch said about 40 per cent of Bethanie's aged care residents were living with dementia.

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'Seen as a problem', ageism a threat to older Aussies

Canberra Times, Other, 25/09/2024, Kat Wong

Older people are facing mistreatment and discrimination based on their age, and as Australian life spans continue to grow, so will the consequences of ageism. Ageism can shorten life spans by almost eight years, contribute to elder abuse or push people out of the workforce, but many often overlook the issue because it doesn't yet affect them.

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

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End of life support as part of home care is important – but may face some challenges

HelloCare, Other, 24/09/2024, Jakob Neeland

Alongside a shake up of home care packages, the Support at Home program will include an important addition – an end of life pathway for older Australians. This pathway will allow access to a higher level of in-home aged care services to help Australians stay at home as they come to the end of their life.

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Seniors feel right at home with MHA Care

Shepparton News Online, Other, 24/09/2024, Taylah Baker

Most older members of the community want to live at home. Period. They're in it for the long haul — overgrown weeds, dust bunnies and cooking in the oven be damned! However, as the Victorian Seniors Festival unfolds, it serves as a timely reminder of the invaluable community resources and support systems available to seniors.

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Charm offensive in retirement villages before another ABC damaging broadcast

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/09/2024, Ian Horswill

Roger Pallant, Secretary of the NSW Retirement Village Residents Association, said he is aware residents have been speaking to the taxpayer-funded broadcaster about life inside a village. On Friday, he was in a retirement village in Port Macquarie on a "charm offensive". He said the ABC had put a call out to any disgruntled retirement village residents and naturally there had been a response.

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First sod turned on \$7.8m Resthaven Chiton Retirement Living extension

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/09/2024, Ian Horswill

Resthaven CEO, Darren Birbeck, and Executive Manager Community Services and Retirement Living, Mel Ottaway, were joined by Brown Falconer Managing Director, Mario Dreosti, along with Kennett Builders Director, James Kennett, and General Manager, Anthony Carbone, to 'turn the turf' for the 7-star energy rated village.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Tragic rate of ADF suicide

Courier Mail, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 15

The suicide rate for men who left the Australian Defence Force voluntarily is similar to the general population; however, the rate for men who left involuntarily for medical reasons is almost three times higher. There were 1763 deaths by suicide among serving and past ADF members between 1997 and 2022, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data shows.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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Vape laws up in smoke

West Australian, General News, 25/09/2024, Dylan Caporn, Page 3

WA will seek to override Federal laws that will weaken the State's tough anti-vaping regime by banning over-the-counter e-cigarettes at pharmacies. Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson will announce new regulations on Wednesday banning the sale of vapes without a prescription.

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

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\$44bn federal and state debt bill equals budget for NDIS

The Australian, Other, 24/09/2024

The EY report said some government investment was necessary to maintain existing services and infrastructure, with spending pressures growing to address an ageing population as well as health, education and disability care.

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Coffs Harbour man Ryad Tydd launches new mens social group Strength N Numbers

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Toni Moon

When Ryan Tydd moved to the Coffs Coast he had suffered debilitating loneliness and battled suicidal thoughts. Now – he's teaching others the ways mateship can motivate mental health. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reveals the leading cause of death for men aged 25-44 in Australia is suicide.

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

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Kids' life expectancy impacted as obesity surges in South Australia

9News, Other, 24/09/2024, Ollie Haig

Obesity in South Australia has overtaken smoking as the state's biggest health risk, and experts have said the concerning trend is impacting children's life expectancy. The statistics paint a grim picture: 68 per cent of South Australian adults and 27.

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Suicide remains leading cause of death for young veterans

9News, Other, 24/09/2024, Adam Vidler

Tragic new data has revealed the deep struggle Australian veterans continue to face, with suicide remaining the leading cause of death for younger ex-service people. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's seventh annual report on the issue, released this morning, found that for ex-serving males and females aged under 30, suicide accounted for 42 per cent and 44 per cent of deaths, respectively, between 1997 and 2022.

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Older Aussies considered fair-game by inheritance impatient family members

The Senior, Other, 24/09/2024, Eileen Wood

The report of an inquiry by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services into financial abuse is due at the end of 2024. Financial elder abuse is the third most common form of elder abuse, with a survey by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showing more than 80,000 people falling victim a year.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

A stranger's DNA is keeping Sophie alive

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 9

At the age of 29, she was diagnosed with a rare blood and bone marrow cancer that doesn't respond well to chemotherapy. In a cruel twist, the cancer a type of acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) - came just a year after she had undergone a preventive double mastectomy, following genetic testing that showed she carried the BRCA mutation that increases the likelihood of breast and ovarian cancer.

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Battle to fight rare diagnosis

West Australian, Edition Changes, 25/09/2024, Claire Sadler, Page 16

Just a handful of children in WA have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis but researchers hope new tests delivering early diagnoses could lead to better, early treatment. The disease of the brain and

spinal cord, which causes the immune system to attack nerve fibres, affects about 2.9 million worldwide.

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Tassie family face of ovarian cancer fight

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/09/2024, Genevieve Holding, Page 1

Tasmanian wife and mother Suki Paddington continues her battle against ovarian cancer for her mother, this time taking the campaign to the world stage with Danish designer Georg Jensen. Suki has been fighting for better recognition and research funding for ovarian cancer ever since she lost her mother Margy in 2023 to advanced-stage ovarian cancer.

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Study shows nearly one in five 40+ regional WA residents don't know common prostate cancer symptom

West Australian, Other, 24/09/2024, Oliver Bunbury

South West men are being urged to get themselves checked for prostate cancer with men having a one-in-eight chance of being diagnosed with the disease by the time they're aged 75. [...] Cancer Council WA South West regional education officer Julie Rose said if someone had experienced any of those for more than four weeks, they should see a health professional.

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Popular influencer Bridget Bahl diagnosed with cancer amid sixth IVF treatment

7news.com.au, Other, 24/09/2024, Georgie Kearney

Popular influencer Bridget Bahl has been diagnosed with breast cancer while undergoing her sixth IVF treatment. [...] Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Australian women aside from non-melanoma skin cancer, as per the Cancer Council.

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Emily beat cancer three times. This is what she wants you to know

7news.com.au, Other, 24/09/2024, Ailish Delaney

Emily Somers, who is an ambassador for the Australian Cancer Research Foundation's Brave Shave on Tuesday, was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma, a blood cancer that affects the lymphatic system. She underwent six months of "exhausting" treatment and was finally falling back into a sense of normalcy when a routine scan revealed the cancer was back.

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The tear-jerking moment cancer survivor meets the stem cell donor who saved her

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Luke Chafer

A blood survivor has shared a heartwarming encounter with the young stranger who provided the stem cell donation that saved her life. Alison Belsham, 57, from Newport, held back tears as she approached her donor, 31 year-old Rachel Rees, and invited her in for a hug, telling her there will 'never be enough words' to say thank you.

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Bella is one and nowhere near old enough to make memories... but a horrifying diagnosis means she will never have the ability to

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Freddy Pawle

Abbe Baker first noticed the limp while playing with Bella at a park near their home in Gympie, north-east of the Sunshine Coast, on June 25. Ms Baker and her husband Joshua cautiously took the young girl to Gympie Hospital for X-rays which showed no signs of fractures or sprains.

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How children's hospice Hummingbird House helped a Warwick family through their darkest day

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 24/09/2024, Jessica Klein

In 2022 a Southern Downs family's world was turned upside down when their then two-year-old daughter Rosie was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. Rosie's mother Vivien Long recalls the heart wrenching Sunday at home in Warwick when they received the news of her diagnosis, sending them straight to Queensland Children's Hospital.

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Bella Baker diagnosed with dementia at the age of one

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 24/09/2024, Shelley Strachan

Little Bella Baker was a thriving one-year-old with the world at her feet until three months ago when she suddenly could not walk or talk. Now her family must come to terms with her inconceivable diagnosis while waiting to see if the same fate could await their six month old son.

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

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Do mobile phones cause brain cancer?

Prevention, Other, 24/09/2024, Madeleine Haase

A new review of previous research determines if mobile phone radiation causes brain cancer. The review concludes that radiation from mobile phones is not likely to increase a person's risk of brain cancer. Researchers found that despite the large increase in the use of wireless technology in the past two decades, there has not been a corresponding increase in brain cancer.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 24/09/2024, Rosanna Mangiarelli & Will Goodings

South Australians are being warned obesity is now the leading risk factor in preventable health conditions. The SA Government is pushing new legislation for an independent health agency to tackle the issue.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 24/09/2024, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

Obesity in SA has now overtaken smoking as the biggest risk to public health. The rates of those people chronically overweight, as well as those sitting outside a healthy range, are soaring so rapidly, that children born now could see their life expectancy reduced.

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PRIMARY CARE

Army veteran died after op 'despite fears over heart'

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/09/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 12

A man who died in hospital three days after having both his knees replaced was moved out of a high dependency ward despite nurses raising concerns about his heart just days before his death. Kenneth Toll, 62, collapsed and went into cardiac arrest at Albury Wodonga Private Hospital in July 2019, three days after a bilateral knee replacement surgery.

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Boxer died after scan refused

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/09/2024, Aneeka Simonis, Page 18

A doctor refused a brain scan to a young injured boxer who later died of a haemorrhage after a second

GP approved his return to the sport without making proper medical assessments, a coroner has found. George Diamond passed out after a sparring session at Sting Gym in Melbourne and later died in hospital in February 2019.

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

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'I'm in a prison now'

Herald Sun, General News, 25/09/2024, Olivia Jenkins, Page 1

A mother who survived a horror Daylesford crash that killed five people including her husband and young son has broken her silence to demand the killer diabetic driver be thrown in jail. [...] He's still diabetic and if he still gets those episodes he's going to hit somebody else." Ms Bhatia and Abeer both need ongoing treatment for their injuries, and specialists will monitor Abeer's development for the next decade.

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New \$320m Mount Barker Hospital plan

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 6

New images of the planned new \$320m Mount Barker Hospital show how the hospital will "incorporate the natural beauty of the Adelaide Hills into its modern design, creating a calm and restful environment for patients", officials say. The new hospital will triple the capacity of the existing Mount Barker District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital to cater for the rapidly growing population of the Adelaide Hills and surrounding community.

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Liberals target 70,000 elective surgeries

Canberra Times, General News, 25/09/2024, Lucy Bladen, Page 5

The Canberra Liberals have set a target to conduct 70,000 elective surgeries in the next term of government if elected at next month's ACT election. The party said they would attempt to achieve this through partnering with a private provider to deliver the surgeries.

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Space for kids close to finish

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 9

The latest of six Child and Family Learning Centres to be built in the state is nearing completion and will provide specialist support for families from early next year. The new Glenorchy CFLC is located next to Glenorchy Primary School and will provide children aged zero to five with early education and health services combined.

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Dementia wave

Hobart Mercury, Letters, 25/09/2024, Bryan Walpole, Page 14

The article 'Dementia wave coming' (Mercury, September 20) from Professor Ashby, a local leader in palliative care, is timely, as our Voluntary Assisted Dying laws are due for review next year, after three years of successful operation. I have provided VAD for those who are mentally competent and with terminal, distressing illnesses, and likely to live less than six months, or 12 with neurological disease.

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Menopause care hub established in city

Daily Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Taylor Dodge, Page 5

Wagga women with extreme or complex cases of menopause who have not been able to find relief will no longer have to look far for help. The Murrumbidgee Local Health District's (MLHD) Menopause Service referral site has been established at Wagga Base Hospital to provide women with severe or complex symptoms with enhanced support.

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'Deathbots' to disrupt grieving process

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/09/2024, Joel Ehsman, Page 11

Australian Psychological Society President Dr Catriona Davis-McCabe says grief is a normal human process that should be treated with care. "Artificial Intelligence could rapidly disrupt this delicate process which has evolved over tens of thousands of years and society needs to be alert to these risks along with the potential benefits," Dr Davis-McCabe says.

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

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Tassie's best GP practice

Launceston Examiner, General News, 25/09/2024, Hamish Geale, Page 1

Beaconsfield Family Medical Practice has been named Tasmania's general practice of the year. Indian-born GP Dr Prashanth Reddy only took over last year but has hired additional doctors and introduced other services which has seen consult numbers boom.

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Sick Tasmanians in ambulances spend less time waiting for emergency care

Launceston Examiner, General News, 25/09/2024, Isabel Bird, Page 4

Sick Tasmanians are spending less time in ambulances ramped outside hospital emergency departments, according to the state's health department data. Health Minister Guy Barnett said the government's mandate to transfer patients from ambulances into the care of hospital staff within 60 minutes was showing positive results.

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SA Conversion Practices Bill set to ban gay conversion therapy

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Luke Williams

South Australia is poised to become the latest state to pass laws banning sexuality and gender identity conversion practices later today, but what exactly are conversion practices and why have they been made illegal? Conversion practices, also known as Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts (SOGICE), are practices which target LGBTQA+ people with ideas and guidance on how to purportedly change sexual orientation, gender identity or gender and sexual expression.

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

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War veterans group shut-out of public hospitals, charity claims

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Michael McGuire

A charity for military veterans has called on the state government to fully reinstate its access to public hospitals to the same level as they enjoyed before the Covid era so it can better help former members of the military. The Totally and Permanently Incapacitated ex-Service Men and Women's Association (TPI) of SA president Brett Grosser said the charity's hospital visitation program played a "crucial role in supporting the physical and mental health of veterans".

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

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Marathon ambo pay dispute hit the community, says union

Canberra Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Adrian Black

The Victorian Ambulance Union on Monday reached an in-principle agreement with Ambulance Victoria and the government for better pay and conditions. The pay dispute has been dragging on since March 2023.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#).

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Ambulance Victoria strikes pay deal with union after more than a year of drawn-out negotiations

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2024

The Victorian Ambulance Union says it has reached a new in-principle deal with Ambulance Victoria to deliver pay rises and better working conditions for paramedics. Ambulance Victoria and the union have been negotiating a new deal since February 2023, meeting more than 100 times in the process.

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When should you call an ambulance? The decision could mean the difference between life or death – and not just your own

The Guardian, Other, 25/09/2024, Ranjana Srivastava

In Australia, an ambulance attends an incident more than 5 million times a year. Incidents are prioritised as emergency (lights and sirens), urgent, non-emergency and emergency room attendance. In 2021-22, 42 per cent of calls were considered an emergency, a further 32 per cent as urgent, but a quarter of calls were for non-emergency reasons.

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Ambulance Victoria strikes in-principle pay deal after lengthy negotiations

9News, Other, 24/09/2024, Eleanor Wilson

Under the new agreement with the Allan government, most paramedics will see a pay jump of nearly 17 per cent over four years. 'Experienced paramedics' are set to receive a 20 per cent pay rise over the same period.

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Victorian ambos to get pay rise after long-running dispute with government

Daily Liberal, Other, 24/09/2024, Holly Hales

Victorian paramedics are set to receive double-digit pay rises under a deal to end a long-running dispute with the state government. The Victorian Ambulance Union reached an in-principle agreement with Ambulance Victoria and Premier Jacinta Allan on Monday for improved pay and conditions.

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

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Qld Health: History of issues ranging from 'fake prince' to payroll debacles

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 24/09/2024

Queensland Health may be responsible for looking after the public but it has done a poor job looking after itself, if these cases are anything to go by. While not all self-inflicted, the government-run body has a troubled history, ranging from worrying issues to truly bizarre public incidents.

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Learn about AI in community care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/09/2024, Jodie Wolf

A national conference is set to educate how AI can have a positive impact on community care. Using real-world examples, a first-of-its-kind conference will share how artificial intelligence is being utilised to transform care delivery and business operations in the community.

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GP practices must ensure all staff have necessary vaccinations: RACGP draft standards

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/09/2024, Antony Scholefield

GP practices will have to ensure all staff members receive recommended vaccinations based on their role and their contact with patients under the RACGP's draft accreditation standards. A 115-page draft of the college's sixth-edition practice standards, which will be rolled out in 2026, was released this week for consultation.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 24/09/2024, Michael Rowland & Emma Rebellato

A new pay deal for Victoria's paramedics could see them become among the highest-paid in the country. Paramedics could receive under this new deal pay rises of between almost 17 per cent and 33 per cent over four years, with experienced paramedics getting the biggest uplift.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 24/09/2024, Max Fletcher

A boost to Queensland's neonatal services will see an extra ten special care cots in the South East. The new unit at Logan Hospital comes off the back of claims of staff shortages, which Qld Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has denied.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 24/09/2024

Ambulance Victoria paramedics are set to be among the highest-paid in Australia. A new in-principle agreement could see the end of one of the state's biggest pay disputes within emergency services. Under the deal, most paramedics would get a pay rise of almost 17 per cent over four years, while experienced ambos would see an increase of more than 20 per cent.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Tragic rate of ADF suicide

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 10

The suicide rate for men who left the Australian Defence Force voluntarily is similar to the general population, but the rate for men who left involuntarily is almost three times higher. There were 1763 deaths by suicide among serving and past ADF members between 1997 and 2022, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data shows.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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Mental health honours

Cairns Post, General News, 25/09/2024, Emma Cam, Page 6

A former Far Northerner is one of four individuals across Australia who have been acknowledged through the Australian Mental Health Prize, an annual award given to individuals who have made significant contributions within the field of mental health. Winners of the prize were announced on Monday evening in Sydney, with Dr Marilyn June Anderson, who started her career in the Far North, receiving the Community Hero award for 25 years of service, with Lifeline.

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Take time for health, wellbeing

Daily Liberal, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 5

To combat the worries, stress and anxiety that can build up during everyday life, we asked RFDS Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Senior Manager Vanessa Latham to provide some tips. "Practicing mindfulness to bring you to the most important place to be for your wellbeing in challenging times; the present moment," Vanessa said.

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

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New tech to tackle mental health

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Satria Dyer-Darmawan, Page 9

A distinguished Geelong professor has been reshaping treatments for psychiatric disorders through stem cell research. Professor Michael Berk, director of the Institute for the Mental and Physical Health and Clinical Translation at Deakin University, said stem cell technology offered a revolutionary path to identifying new treatments for complex psychiatric conditions.

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Woman ends her life in Aussie 'suicide pod'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 25/09/2024, Daniel Peters

The Sarco machine (short for sarcophagus) was invented by Australian Dr Philip Nitschke, who has been nicknamed "Dr Death". The former physician, who lives in Amsterdam, campaigned for euthanasia to be made legal in the Northern Territory but it was overturned by the Australian government.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Police in Switzerland detain several people after person dies by suicide in Sarco capsule

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2024, Kaitlin Easton

Several people have been taken into police custody in Switzerland after the Sarco suicide pod was used in the northern Schaffhausen canton on Monday, local time. [...] The pod was created by Australian doctor Philip Nitschke who assisted with the world's first legal voluntary euthanasia injection to pass progressive laws.

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Immigration detention's epidemic levels of self-harm paint Australia as a 'brutal outlier' among peers

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2024, David Estcourt

Detainees in Australian immigration centres are self-harming or threatening self-harm at an alarming rate, with an average of 1.5 incidents recorded by Home Affairs every day over the last five years among a population of just over 1,000 people. Data compiled by the Department of Home Affairs and obtained by the ABC shows the prevalence of severe mental health issues that still affect people held in Australia's immigration detention network.

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Brain scan study identifies potential targets to treat youths with severe depression

The Guardian, Other, 24/09/2024, Natasha May

Young people with severe depression experience disruptions in the way regions of their brain communicate with each other which are distinct from those observed in adults, a study has found. The research published on Tuesday in Nature Mental Health could be used to identify potential targets for brain stimulation therapies, extending their existing application from adults to youth.

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Several detained in Switzerland over 'suicide capsule' death, police say

The Guardian, Other, 24/09/2024

Swiss police have said they have opened a criminal investigation and arrested several people after the suspected death of a woman in a so-called suicide capsule. [...] The inventor of the Sarco Capsule, Philip Nitschke, an Australian citizen, said on the social media platform X it had been "an idyllic, peaceful death in a Swiss forest".

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Lib's bill sparks new debate on abortion

The Australian, General News, 25/09/2024, Joe Kelly, Page 7

A national debate on abortion law reform has been ignited in South Australia where there is a fresh legislative push requiring mothers seeking terminations after 28 weeks to deliver their babies alive allowing the child to be put up for adoption. Touted by its supporters as a "world-first", a private member's bill will be introduced in the state parliament on Wednesday by Liberal frontbencher Ben Hood aimed at ensuring pregnancy terminations after 27 weeks and six days are achieved through the early induction of labour.

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

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Surgeries hit as nurses strike for 24 hours

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/09/2024, Kate Aubusson, Page 12

Public hospitals were forced to reschedule 500 planned surgeries and an estimated 100 hospital beds were closed as NSW nurses and midwives walked off the job for 24 hours yesterday. NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association is demanding a 15 per cent, one-year pay rise after rejecting the Minns' government's offer of a 10.5 per cent rise over three years for all public sector workers.

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Egg freezers are selfless, not selfish, study finds

Age, General News, 25/09/2024, Wendy Tuohy, Page 3

In the early days of egg freezing, young women who wanted to protect their chance at parenthood battled the perception they were "selfish careerists" who had chosen to pursue other goals before babies. This was despite the reality of many having to work hard and make sacrifices to afford the expensive procedure and knowing the odds of conceiving decline with age.

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Nurses' strike to disrupt surgeries

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/09/2024, Madeleine Bower, Page 10

Chemotherapy and elective surgeries will be cancelled across the state's hospitals today as nurses and midwives walk off the job for 24 hours. [...] The Nurses and Midwives Association is asking for a 15 per cent pay rise over a single year, which the Minns government has rejected. Thousands of nurses will rally outside NSW parliament at midday.

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

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Abortion law change set to fail

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Paul Starick, Page 1

A conservative Liberal frontbencher's bid to force mothers who want to terminate their pregnancies after 27 weeks to be legally bound to deliver their babies alive is falling short of securing support in the upper house. Eight upper house members have told The Advertiser they will back Ben Hood's private member's bill, to be introduced on Wednesday.

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Nurses 'won't stand for it'

Border Mail, General News, 25/09/2024, Layton Holley, Page 1

Defying calls to avoid a strike, nurses from across the southern Riverina highlighted a healthcare system strained by staff shortages, insufficient beds, and a pay offer they deem "insulting". Despite the Industrial Relations Commission's recommendation, hundreds of nurses went on a 24-hour strike yesterday.

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

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Private hospital nurses in strike action

Border Mail, General News, 25/09/2024, Anthony Bunn, Page 3

Nurses at the Albury Wodonga Private Hospital are striking for the second time in just over a month, but this time it will coincide with walkouts at sister sites across NSW. [...] Albury Wodonga Private Hospital's Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation branch president Renae Maher said the decision was motivated by growing frustration at new pay and conditions offer from Ramsay Health, the company which owns the hospital.

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

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Mums unite for maternal health

Burnie Advocate, General News, 25/09/2024, Jess Flint, Page 1

Something appeared to be going wrong in Tasmania's maternity system and with mounting complaints coming in, Maternity Consumer Network (MCN) founder Alecia Staines reached out to Ulverstone mum Freya Croft for answers. Ms Croft, a legal researcher said Ms Staines asked her "what is going on in Tasmania?" She soon discovered a lack of advocacy amid accounts of invasive interventions, birth trauma, and short-staffing were contributing to the high number of complaints the MCN was receiving.

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Thousands of nurses strike for better pay

Daily Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 3

The biggest uprising of public-sector workers has confronted the NSW government since it was returned to power as thousands of nurses strike for better pay and conditions. Nurses, midwives and supporters stopped work for 24 hours from Tuesday morning as part of an escalating campaign for an immediate 15 per cent pay increase.

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Angry nurses keep pressure on

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/09/2024, Kate McIlwain, Page 4

Four full busloads of striking Illawarra nurses and midwives joined thousands at a rally in Sydney after walking off the job for 24-hours from the start of morning shift yesterday. Part of an escalating campaign for a 15 per cent one-off pay rise - which the state government says is "not possible" - the strike caused wide-spread disruption across the health system.

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

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Strike action continues

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 25/09/2024, Jacob McMaster, Page 1

Nurses and midwives gathered in the Beardy Street Mall before marching down to Centro and returning to rally for a 15 per cent pay rise and the inclusion of two consecutive days off in the nursing award. "The hospital is still fully staffed despite the action because nurses care about their patients," NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association Armidale branch president Emma Ratajczyk said.

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Ingham couple honour late daughter with \$8,000 donation to neonatal

unit

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Nikita Mcguire

An Ingham couple have celebrated the life of their late daughter by raising thousands of dollars for Townsville University Hospital's neonatal unit. Alexandra Meehan and Alexander Campbell's baby daughter, Lucy Margaret Campbell, was born in February at Ingham Hospital.

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

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Ramsay Health to close Glengarry Private Hospital Early Parenting Centre

West Australian, Other, 24/09/2024, Laura Newell

More than a dozen health care workers will lose their jobs and mothers will be left without vital support when Ramsay Health Care shuts down an in-patient postnatal support facility in Perth's northern suburbs next month. Glengarry Private Hospital's Early Parenting Centre — based in Duncraig and specialising in sleep studies — will close on November 2, with the loss of 18 staff.

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

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After an early, complex twin birth, every small milestone is a triumph

Canberra Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Sofia Jayne

Twins Kash and Knox were born a month premature at just 33 weeks. Now they are two and are developing strong personalities of their own. But the journey to get here has been tough and the road is still full of challenges.

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Surgeries cancelled as nurses strike over pay rise row

Canberra Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Neve Brisrenden, Nyk Carnsew & Jack Gramenz

More than 400 surgeries have been cancelled as nurses strike across NSW despite an independent recommendation to accept an interim pay rise and continue negotiations. The 24-hour stop-work action by nurses and midwives on Tuesday will affect 454 elective surgeries and temporarily close 81 beds, but support for life-saving care is not expected to be impacted.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Nurses force premier to reckon with 'hollow promises'

Canberra Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Jack Gramenz, Neve Brissenden & Nyk Carnsew

Nurses, midwives and supporters stopped work for 24 hours from Tuesday morning as part of an escalating campaign for an immediate 15 per cent pay increase. More than 6000 workers gathered on the steps of NSW parliament, pledging to continue fighting until they were fairly remunerated, despite the state's industrial umpire recommending an interim pay rise while negotiations continued.

Also reported by: [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Delays and higher wait times expected in NSW hospitals as nurses and midwives walk out over poor wage offer

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2024, Victoria Pengilley & Jessica Kidd

Extended emergency department wait times and delays to elective surgeries are expected in NSW today as nurses and midwives walk off the job to rally for a larger pay rise. Thousands of nurses and midwives brandishing signs and chanting "we want 15 per cent" have marched from Sydney's Hyde Park to Parliament House.

Surgeries postponed as nurses strike in NSW

9News, Other, 24/09/2024, Adam Vidler

More than 9000 nurses have marched through Sydney as they began a 24-hour strike across NSW, seeking a better pay rise. [...] The Nurses and Midwives' Associations are demanding a 15 per cent pay increase in one year, however, the state government has rejected that.

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Nurses on strike, rallying for improved pay offer

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 24/09/2024, Jack Gramenz & Sam McKeith

Nurses are on strike despite a recommendation to accept an interim pay rise and continue negotiating, with public rallies planned as they call for pay rises. The 24-hour stop-work action by nurses and midwives on Tuesday will affect elective surgery and cause delays for some patients, while support for life-saving care is not expected to be impacted.

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

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“Value us!” – Industrial action escalates to 24hr strike

Nursing Review, Other, 24/09/2024, Stefanie Schultz

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has slammed Tuesday's 24-hour walkout of union member nurses across NSW amid breakdowns in negotiations over pay. The NSW Nurses and Midwives Association (NSWNMA) announced last week its members would participate in a strike for an entire day from the beginning of the morning shift, with major public rallies being held in Sydney, Tweed and Albury.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Pharmacists are ready, willing and able to ease the load

Canberra Times, General News, 25/09/2024, Trent Twomey, Page 18

Eighty-two per cent of Australians support community pharmacists providing health advice for common, non-complex conditions such as UTI, earache and nausea and for services, such as the prescribing of hormonal contraceptives. The finding is no doubt influenced by the successful rollout of the in-pharmacy COVID-19 vaccine.

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Uni graduates owe taxpayers \$81bn in loans

The Australian, General News, 25/09/2024, Natasha Bitá, Page 4

University graduates owe taxpayers a record \$81bn in student loans, as debts snowball with inflation and degrees grow more expensive. [...] A degree in allied health, computing, performing arts and social work will cost students \$9314 for next year's study, with taxpayers contributing \$15,526.

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

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Aussies face month-long wait to see a GP

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/09/2024, Emma Kirk, Page 3

About 40 per cent of Australians are waiting more than three weeks to see their doctor for an appointment, new data shows. And 1 in 10 people are waiting almost a month to get an appointment with their general practitioner, with that number doubling for people living in regional areas.

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Three-week wait to see doctor

Damning new Pharmacy Guild of Australia figures show one in five people in regional areas is waiting more than three weeks for an appointment. In metropolitan areas, one in 10 patients faces similar delays. As pressure mounts on the health system continues to mount, PGA president Trent Twomey said pharmacists were upskilling to strengthen their ability to provide advice and prescriptions for minor ailments.

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

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It's the GP hunger games

Courier Mail, General News, 25/09/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 39

I have been going to the same doctor for decades and very much appreciate their professional and empathetic approach. But there is no doubt I have witnessed how the inequity of supply and demand has eaten away at the personal touch. The number of general practitioners in Queensland just can't keep up with the growth in population. Practices are closing down and medical trainees aren't attracted to the specialty.

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Arrogant! MPs clash on figures

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/09/2024, David Killick, Page 4

Treasurer Michael Ferguson and his Labor shadow counterpart Josh Willie have clashed over the accuracy of the Liberal minority government's budget forecasts. [...] The government says employee expenses in the 2023-24 budget was significantly affected by oneoff items, including \$50m of back pay for doctors and nurses.

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Liberals will give \$100k towards HECS for GPs who commit to working in ACT

Canberra Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Lucy Bladen

The Canberra Liberals would pay up to \$100,000 towards the HECS debt of 30 medical students if they commit to being a general practitioner in the ACT for five years. The party will also establish new walk-in centres where general practitioners will work alongside nurses and give incentives to practices to provide after-hours care.

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GP wait times blow out to three weeks in some areas, research claims

9News, Other, 25/09/2024, Yashee Sharma

GPs shutting doors over payroll tax Visiting the local doctor is becoming harder and harder as new research claims wait times are exploding to up to three weeks across Australia. Research commissioned by Insightfully has found 40 per cent of Australians are waiting an "unacceptable" length of time to see their GP with one in 10 people waiting more than three weeks for an appointment.

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Rural pathway to medicine is just what this future doctor ordered

Shepparton News Online, Other, 24/09/2024, Taylah Baker

The Melbourne Medical School at the University of Melbourne launched its Rural Pathway option within the Doctor of Medicine program, providing training exclusively in rural Victoria. Ms Sprunt, a Goulburn Valley local, prescribed this as her envisioned future.

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Placement poverty

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/09/2024

The Health Services Union (HSU) is renewing its call for the Federal Government to extend paid placements to allied health professionals as a Senate committee on the issue scrutinises the University

Accord Bill. HSU also revealed a first hand account of hardship for a pharmacy student, Samuel, who said, "earlier this year I was assigned a four-week placement at a hospital in Sydney, four hours away".

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 24/09/2024, Michael Rowland & Emma Rebellato

Interview with O'Bray Smith, President, NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, on NSW nurses and midwives striking today for better pay. Smith says they are going on strike yet again because the NSW Government has failed to listen to them. She adds they had 11 meetings with the Ministry of Health, and all they were talking about was putting notice boards in tea rooms and having two consecutive days off in a row. She says there's been no decent pay offer on the table for them in NSW.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 24/09/2024, Unspecified

NSW nurses and midwives will walk off the job today following a breakdown in negotiations over a pay rise. It follows revelations by Seven News of planned staff cuts at hospitals. And while the NSW Government is preparing for the 24-hour strike, secret strikes have been happening behind the scenes for weeks.

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Channel 9, Today , 24/09/2024, Karl Stefanovic & Sarah Abo

Hundreds of elective surgeries across NSW have been cancelled, with thousands of nurses and midwives walking off the job. Minimum staffing levels will be maintained at hospitals during the 24-hour strike.

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SBS, World News Australia, 24/09/2024, Janice Petersen

Nurses in NSW have today walked off the job calling for increased pay. The NSW Government says the 24-hour industrial action is set to impact elective surgeries, with minimal life-preserving staff to be maintained at hospitals and health services across NSW. It comes as paramedics in Victoria have struck their in-principle agreement.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 24/09/2024, Tom Connell

Thousands of nurses and midwives across NSW have walked off the job for the second time this month in a bid of pay dispute with the NSW Government. Chemotherapy and elective surgeries have been delayed across the state as part of the 24-hour staff.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Mornings, 24/09/2024, Sarah MacDonald

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says he's disappointed nurses have chosen to go on strike, despite an interim pay deal from the NSW Government. Thousands of nurses across NSW will strike for 24 hours today, demanding a 15 per cent pay rise. The Industrial Relations Commission recommended nurses receive a 3 per cent backdated pay increase in return for pausing industrial action and continuing wage negotiations with the NSW Government.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Health Check: Experts deliver their verdict on the Healius imaging deal and it's 'yeah nah'

The Australian, Other, 24/09/2024, Tim Boreham

Broking analysts are proving to be a tough crowd with their view on Healius (ASX:HLS) after the pathology giant yesterday sold its Lumos Imaging (radiology) arm to Affinity Equity Partners for an enterprise value of \$965 million. The prevailing view is that the acquisition price was higher than expected, as was the envisaged net cash proceeds of more than \$800 million.

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

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Manufacturer to streamline insulin range

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/09/2024, Nicholas O'Donoghue

Pharmaceutical company announces plan to consolidate its range of insulin products to meet growing demand Novo Nordisk will discontinue eight of its insulin products – six of which are listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) - from October 2024. The company informed healthcare practitioners last week that it was "consolidating" its insulin portfolio

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Hackers hit on health data

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/09/2024

The healthcare industry has emerged as the most targeted sector for cyberattacks, according to the latest Notifiable Data Breaches report from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). From Jan to Jun 2024, the OAIC received 527 data breach notifications, marking a 9% increase from the previous six months and the highest number since late 2020.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

GPs go off the record

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 5

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners is calling on the federal government to overhaul My Health Record to make it fit-for-purpose for patients and GPs. A nationwide survey found 31 per cent of GPs rarely or never used the system.

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Medicare now covers just half of specialist fees and experts warn rebates are 'almost meaningless'

ABC Online, Other, 25/09/2024, Stephanie Dalzell

Medicare funding for specialist provider fees dropped to an all-time low of 52 per cent between January and March, according to data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), down from 72 per cent two decades ago. There was a slight bump to 55 per cent in July. However, overall the data shows Medicare's contribution to specialist fees — not including surgery — is on a downward trend, attributed to a faster growth in provider fees than Medicare benefits.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Rape-accused neurologist wins bid to keep working

West Australian, Other, 24/09/2024, Melissa Meehan

A neurologist accused of repeatedly raping a teenage girl almost 20 years ago has won his bid to continue working in the lead-up to his trial. Nicholas Halliwell, who works in Nowra in regional NSW, is

contesting three counts of rape and non-consensual indecent assault.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Dentist 'sexually touched woman during job trial'

Canberra Times, Other, 24/09/2024, Luke Costin

Rockdale dentist Maged Fouad Farag is behind bars after being accused of sexually touching the woman during a job trial at his clinic. The woman, who cannot be identified, reported the incident to police on September 10, leading to the dentist's arrest on Thursday.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Top cop to mend 'chequered past' with Indigenous people

The Australian, General News, 25/09/2024, Mackenzie Scott, Page 6

Queensland police commissioner Steve Gollcheske has admitted the force has a "chequered past" with First Nations peoples but has told an inquiry that work is being done to improve the relationship. Appearing before the state's Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry on Tuesday alongside director-generals of six government departments, Mr Gollcheske reflected on the Queensland Police Service's long history with Indigenous Australians.

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

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PM's 'cop-out' on deaths in prison

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/09/2024, Fia Walsh, Page 9

Independent Senator Lidia Thorpe's motion to increase reporting on deaths in custody has passed the Senate, despite opposition from the federal government. The motion also requires territory and state

data on incidents in custody of self-harm, miscarriages and stillbirths, and ongoing coronial inquests to be provided every three months.

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Queensland government failed Indigenous people 'for 160 years', truth-telling inquiry hears

The Guardian, Other, 24/09/2024, Andrew Messenger

The health, police and other departments "failed" Aboriginal people "for 160 years", Queensland's truth-telling and healing inquiry has heard. Seven heads of state government departments, including the police commissioner, Steve Gollschewski, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet director general, Mike Kaiser, appeared at the inquiry on Tuesday.

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Police 'cleaned Aboriginal people off the streets' before VIP visits - including those by Anthony Albanese

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, David Southwell

Aboriginal Community Police Officers (ACPO) have confirmed they are ordered to move on Indigenous people who sleep or gather in public areas before big events in Darwin or Alice Springs - despite previous denials from NT Police. In documents filed to the Australian Human Rights Commission, 20 officers claim they are directed 'to give public perception that homelessness and anti-social behaviour is not an issue', The Australian reports.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Mozzies are on the loose

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/09/2024, Page 5

Nt Health is urging Top End residents and visitors to stay safe against saltmarsh mosquitoes as the early monsoon weather brings in the virusladen insects. When saltmarsh mosquitoes bite, they transmit mosquitoborne diseases such as Ross River virus and the Barmah Forest disease.

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Infectious diseases expert Professor Peter Collignon dismisses fears over Australia's preparedness to fend off another pandemic

Sky News Australia, Other, 24/09/2024, Gemma Crotty

Infectious diseases expert Professor Peter Collignon has dismissed concerns New South Wales is less prepared today to fend off a deadly pandemic despite the lessons learnt from COVID-19. A panel of experts convened by the Sydney Morning Herald has warned there will be less than 100 years before the next pandemic, declaring preparedness needed to be a "permanent priority" and further raising concerns about how another pandemic could be covered up by its country of origin.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Breakfast, 24/09/2024, Adam Shirley

A total of 22 cases of whooping cough have been confirmed in the ACT in just the past week alone, as cases surge around Australia. More than 220 cases of whooping cough have been notified in the ACT this year compared to fewer than 30 for all of last year.

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Sleep-tracking devices are wiring the world for the study of sleep. What will we find?

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2024, James Purtill

When a powerful earthquake hit New South Wales early one morning this month, causing seismic waves to ripple through Sydney's sandstone bedrock, data scientists in Sweden detected a disturbance in another realm: sleep. [...] National health regulators, such as Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration , maintain online registers of products proven to have a therapeutic benefit.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Judge voices support for Illawarra drug court as petition launches

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 24/09/2024, Grace Crivellaro

An online petition for an Illawarra drug court has launched following renewed calls for the successful program to be expanded, with a district court judge vowing to continue pushing for the cause. On behalf of the Wollongong and District Law Society, criminal lawyer Matthew Ward submitted to the NSW Attorney-General earlier this month , outlining the program's proven record of rehabilitating offenders and reducing crime.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Do you throw food away when it reaches its best-before date?

The Senior, Other, 24/09/2024, Eileen Wood

According to a new study, Australians are wasting food because of unclear date labels and storage advice with about one-third of food either lost or discarded every year. Use-by dates show the last day a product is safe to eat, while best-before dates show peak quality - food should be safe past this date if not damaged, deteriorated or perished.

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Researchers turning up the heat on PFAS

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/09/2024, Matthew Kelly, Page 9

University of Newcastle researchers are using heat to remove PFAS and other contaminants from wastewater sludge so it can be safely used for agricultural purposes. [...] While the material is a significant potential new nutrient source for the agriculture industry, heavy metals and emerging contaminants, particularly PFAS, are putting a considerable constraint on its use.

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

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