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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 1) reports that US psychologist and author Jonathan Haidt has called on the federal government to legislate a minimum age for children to access social media to help with mental health, inclusion and their “sense of belonging”.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 4) reports that Queensland Opposition Leader David Crisafulli has been called by pro-choice and anti-abortion advocates to clarify whether LNP MPs will be allowed a conscience vote on the issue if it wins this month's election, with Mr Crisafulli also urged to reveal his personal stance on abortion.
- **[The Northern Territory News](#)** (page 1) reports that the NT government is set to re-introduce legislation giving police new powers to arrest and fine people who consume alcohol in public place where it is prohibited.
- **[The Hobart Mercury](#)** (page 11) reports that RACGP Tasmania chair Dr Toby Gardner joined federal health minister Mark Butler and other health counterparts in Canberra on Tuesday to discuss the release of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Health of the Nation 2024 report.
- **[The Hobart Mercury](#)** (page 3) reports that researchers at the University of Queensland have advised expectant mothers to adhere to medical guidelines on caffeine consumption, despite

researchers failing to identify a link between coffee-drinking in pregnancy and neurodevelopmental difficulties in children.

- **The Canberra Times** (page 4) reports that the ACT Liberals have pledged \$3.4 million to a preventative diabetes program, and an additional \$1 million to educate people on gestational diabetes, if it wins this month's election.
- **The Age** (page 12) reports that the National Patient Transport has dismissed a whistleblower whose photo of a rolled ambulance had highlighted the danger of fatigue for regional paramedics, with an NPT spokesperson denying the sacking was related to the photo.
- **The Guardian** reports that the Queensland opposition has refused to respond to questions about an LNP official who sent an email to colleagues saying the state had be "captured by transgender ideology.
- **ABC News Online** reports that a landmark skin health study by The Kids Research Institute Australia, in partnership with Aboriginal health organisations has revealed Indigenous children living in remote communities have high levels of skin infections by global standards.
- **The Courier Mail** (page 6) reports that the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union (QNMU) has blamed the policies of Campbell Newman's LNP government from a decade ago for the results of a survey that indicated a half of the state's nurse were planning to quit the profession.
- **The Guardian** reports that Australia's eating disorder peak body has joined leading experts in calling on the federal government to introduce social media legislation to help curb the harm being done to young people on platforms.
- **The Herald Sun** (page 56) reports that a leading Australian cricketer, Georgia Redmayne, who is also a qualified doctor, is working with Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association, to help study the incidence of skin cancer in professional players.

MINISTER BUTLER

State's clean bill of health

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/10/2024, Genevieve Holding, Page 11

Tasmania's GP body is pleased to finally share some good news about the state's workforce, with the release of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Health of the Nation 2024 report on Tuesday. [...] RACGP Tasmania chair Dr Toby Gardner was in Canberra for the launch of the 2024 report on Tuesday, sharing Tasmania's GP insights with the federal health minister Mark Butler and other health counterparts.

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

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Parents are concerned about kids' mental health at alarming rates. This is a good thing

Canberra Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Jason Trethowan

As CEO of headspace, a father of three young people and an active member of my community, I've seen firsthand the increasing mental health challenges facing young people in Australia. [...] Recently, the federal Health Minister Mark Butler also highlighted the concerns of communities, schools and families, when acknowledging the increasing demand for youth mental health services.

Also reported by: [The North West Star \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Advocate \(Burnie\) \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#).

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Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/10/2024, Jodie Wolf

Australia's chief medical officer Professor Paul Kelly has announced his retirement from the Department of Health and Aged Care. [...] Australian Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler

also thanked Professor Kelly for his services.

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IMGs, marginal seats and the pork barrel: Will Mark Butler want to change his workforce policy?

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/10/2024, Rachel Carter

It is now recommending that smaller GP catchment areas are used to establish DPA status instead of the MMM. It is arguable the most controversial health policy decisions made by the Albanese Government, one which to its critics at least looks like a form of pork-barrelling.

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Breach of Medicare bulk billing rules in Aston

Ferntree Gully Mail, Other, 09/10/2024, Jin Hui

Medical practices in the Aston electorate are the subject of alleged bulk billing incidents that would be in breach of the health insurance act for overcharging patients to guarantee services. [...] Mark Butler, has asked his department to investigate this urgently and take action to protect patients from overcharging.

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Peak bodies align in consensus statement on juvenile arthritis as national stakeholders convene on unacceptable delays in diagnosis

Pharmacy ITK, Other, 09/10/2024

11 key health and allied peak bodies have aligned in a broad-based push to reduce critical delays in diagnosing the painful childhood illness Juvenile Arthritis, signing a consensus statement to be released at a National Stakeholder Forum in Parliament House, Canberra today (9 October). [...] "We are very grateful to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler, and the Albanese Government for listening and taking firm action on this previously neglected disease."

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DPA set for another makeover but moratorium to stay

The Medical Republic, Other, 09/10/2024, Laura Woodrow

The Rural Doctors Association of Australia does have some concerns over how the recommendations sit with the Kruk report. [...] Last November, a mere 18 months after implementing the change, federal health minister Mark Butler announced a review into the ongoing national maldistribution of doctors.

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Professor Kelly steps down as Australia's CMO

WEB Newsreel, Other, 09/10/2024

The medical face of Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly, is stepping down. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced today that Professor Kelly had decided to retire from his position in the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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2GB, Breakfast, 09/10/2024, Ben Fordham

The Health Minister, Mark Butler, says this about Paul Kelly. His constant presence, technical expertise and clear communication has provided reassurance to the public. In addition to this, his advice to government at a time of extreme uncertainty has been critical to your favourite station.

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Aged care funding boost for bush welcomed

The Land, General News, 10/10/2024, Jason Gregory, Page 51

A much-needed \$900 million federal funding injection to boost aged care services in rural and remote areas has been welcomed by the Rural Health Alliance as vital to begin providing Australian's in the bush the "high-quality, safe aged care they deserve". The news comes as Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the retention of aged care workers in rural regions had improved with a recent tranche of pay rises across the sector, with a 40 per cent bleed of workers in some areas having reduced to 20pc following the change.

Also reported by: [Farm Weekly \(Perth\)](#).

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Water safety comes first

Warwick Today, General News, 10/10/2024, Lucy Waldron, Page 8

A recent non-fatal incident at Leslie Dam has sparked renewed calls for water safety awareness as the Southern Downs heads into the warmer months. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Sport Anika Wells MP affirmed the Australian Government's commitment to supporting organisations like Royal Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving Australia in raising water safety awareness.

Also reported by: [Stanthorpe Today \(Online\)](#), [Warwick Today \(Online\)](#).

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ARIIA announces new focus on home care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/10/2024, Jodie Wolf

The commonwealth government has announced further investment in Aged Care Research & Industry Innovation Australia to continue and expand its mission to improve workforce capability and grow an innovation culture within the aged care sector. [...] Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said she was determined to progress aged care away from "institution" and towards innovation.

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Funds help women play

Star Weekly, Other, 10/10/2024

Women and girls in Sunshine will find it easier and more enjoyable to play sport as a result of a \$75,000 grant to the North Sunshine Eagles Soccer Club (S. [...] Federal Sport Minister Anika Wells said the Eagles will be afforded a level playing field with the funding.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Wesfarmers reveals health risks persist

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 09/10/2024, Page 1

Australia's cardiometabolic health remains below prepandemic levels, according to the inaugural Wesfarmers Health: Australia's Health Index. The report, launched in Canberra yesterday by Wesfarmers Health Managing Director Emily Amos and Assistant Minister for Health Ged Kearney, highlights significant health challenges, particularly in heart disease and stroke risk.

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

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ASSISTANT MINISTER THWAITES

Age pensioners get the highest payment of anyone, says Assistant Minister

The Senior, Other, 09/10/2024, Eileen Wood

Despite an increasing number of age pensioners living in pension poverty and a high percentage of retirees believing the age pension is not enough to live on, as the recently appointed Assistant Minister for Ageing Kate Thwaites defends the government's track record for supporting older Australians financially. Speaking to The Senior about the recently indexed age pension rates Ms Thwaites said, "As a government, we don't want older people to fall behind."

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DEPARTMENT

Crunch time

North Shore Times, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 1

Out-of-pocket costs are now the norm for GPs, leaving strapped families hanging in the balance. [...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care says the Australian government has invested almost \$12bn in Medicare since 2022 to increase affordability for patients.

Also reported by: [Mosman Daily \(Sydney\)](#).

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Support your children, but don't forget about yourself

Warwick Today, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 10

This World Mental Health Day (10 October), advocates from the Triple P Positive Parenting Program are emphasising the need for parents and carers to support their children's wellbeing along with their own, to help combat Australia's growing mental health crisis. [...] Delivery of the Triple P Positive Parenting Program to parents and carers of children in Australia is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program.

Also reported by: [The Lismore App \(Online\)](#), [Leader - Barossa Valley \(Angaston\)](#).

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DoHAC's spring cleaning spree

Allergy and Respiratory Republic, Other, 09/10/2024, Laura Woodrow

The department snuck out 10 two-line responses to health-related inquiry reports on Friday. No doubt looking to slide under the radar, the Department of Health and Aged Care issued responses to 10 health-related committee reports in its 4.33pm newsletter on Friday.

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Why health is a 'soft target' for cybercrime

Allergy and Respiratory Republic, Other, 09/10/2024, Laura Woodrow

With the value of Australia's cybercrime industry is approaching 10 times the nation's GDP, it's time to 'shore up' our digital processes: we're only as strong as our weakest link. [...] First assistant secretary of Medicare benefits and digital health division at the Department of Health and Aged Care Daniel McCabe added that according to Australia's cyber security strategy, released last year, "our health sector probably has the lowest level of cyber security maturity overall in all parts of the economy".

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Kelly thanked for his 'trademark calmness and pragmatism'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/10/2024, Megan Haggan

Pharmacists have paid tribute to outgoing chief medical officer Professor Paul Kelly, highlighting his work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Kelly has been CMO since 2020, after joining the department of health as chief medical advisor in 2019.

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Australia's top doc calls time on public service

Health Services Daily, Other, 09/10/2024, Amanda Sheppard

Chief medical officer Professor Paul Kelly will retire from the role – and as interim head of the ACDC – before the month is out.

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\$13m boost for aged care innovation and workforce development

Healthcare Channel, Other, 09/10/2024, Ritchelle Drilon

The Aged Care Research & Industry Innovation Australia (ARIIA) has secured \$13 million to enhance workforce capability and foster innovation in the aged care sector. [...] Jacob acknowledged the dedicated team and major stakeholders, including the Federal Government's Department of Health and Aged Care, Flinders University, and the Government of South Australia's Department of State Development, for their continued support.

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Quality indicator fail: "Awful" survey tool overshadows the home care QI pilot

Helloleaders.com.au, Other, 09/10/2024, Alex Jacobs

As the Department of Health and Aged Care moves into the next stage of quality indicator development for in-home aged care services, red flags have been raised regarding a key assessment tool currently being used in residential care settings. Multiple participants in the home care QI Pilot webinar highlighted that two quality assessment tools designed by the Caring Future Institute – which is part of Flinders University – are "awful" and fail to "produce quality data for providers".

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Ombudsman warning: Star ratings could mislead older people

Helloleaders.com.au, Other, 09/10/2024, Alex Jacobs

The Commonwealth Ombudsman has warned the Department of Health and Aged Care that the current star ratings system could actually mislead older people, citing the fact that non-compliance rarely influences a star rating as a cause for concern. Penny McKay, the Acting Commonwealth Ombudsman, also flagged how complex it can be for older people to find and interpret star ratings.

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New Nursing and Midwifery dean appointed

La Trobe University, Other, 09/10/2024, Claire Bowers

A sector leader in healthcare reform, Professor Marie Gerdtz, has been appointed as Dean of La Trobe University's School of Nursing and Midwifery, following an extensive search. [...] In nursing alone, the Department of Health & Aged Care's Nursing Supply & Demand study estimates there will be a shortage of more than 79,000 nurses (by headcount) by 2035.

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Humans in the loop or specific oversight for AI in healthcare

Pulse+IT, Other, 09/10/2024, Kate McDonald

The Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) has released a consultation paper on the safe and responsible use of AI in healthcare, calling for submissions from industry, clinicians and consumers on current legislative and regulatory frameworks and whether they adequately mitigate the potential for harm.

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New eating disorder resource 'a win-win' for GPs and patients

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/10/2024, Morgan Liotta

Both GPs and patients with lived experience say more support is needed to recognise the signs of eating disorders to avoid delays in appropriate referral and treatment. [...] The InsideOut Institute recently launched its GP Hub and Practice Management Toolkit, funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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VACCINES

New Covid strain in Australia detected

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 10/10/2024, Adrienne Tam, Page 3

A new Covid variant that scientists say could become the dominant type has been detected in Australia. According to global health data platform GISAID, the XEC strain has been reported in 29 countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, Japan, Spain and China.

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Will new COVID XEC variant spark a winter surge?

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, James Hockaday

A new Covid strain, which scientists have said could become the new dominant type, has been reported across the world. XEC is spreading through Central Europe, where it is making up more than 10 per cent of COVID-19 infections, but has also been found in the UK, North America, Australia and parts of South America and Asia.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Older people have much to offer society

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/10/2024, Ingrid Harrison, Page 29

The recent National Press Club address by Age Discrimination Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald and World Health Organisation consultant Dr Marlene Krasovitsky calling out ageism and the treatment of older people was a powerful reinforcement of the reasons behind this week's Ageism Awareness Day, and as we celebrate seniors through events like Seniors Week next week in Tasmania. Without doubt, ageism, discrimination based on age, particularly against older people, is widespread and insidious.

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Sex in aged care: let's talk

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/10/2024, Rowan Cowley, Page 4

A believer that the last years of a person's life should be happy and socially connected, Nathalie Huitema is calling for a more open-minded approach to sex in aged care. The US-based sexologist and psychologist was in Sydney to talk about sexuality, ageing, and consent at the International Dementia Conference held in September.

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Intimacy never grows old

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 5

They're the generation that embraced the sexual revolution of the '60s and '70s, free love, sex without commitment and contraception. Now members of the Boomer generation, who threw off the former shackles of sexual propriety, are in their 70s and 80s with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, they might even be living in a nursing home, so what would they want with sex and intimacy because they're no longer sexual beings, are they?

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Deal reached on new aged care act

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/10/2024, Page 3

Australia is to get a major overhaul of its aged care system to the tune of \$5.6 billion, to help millions of older people stay independent for longer. A new rights-based Aged Care Act was the top recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, and the Act will also deliver on dozens of other recommendations.

Also reported by: [The Senior - SA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Kitchen gets the Maggie Beer touch

The Senior - SA, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 7

Meals at an aged care home have been given the Maggie Beer touch with kitchen staff taking part in an intensive five-day training session. The training was the first part of the Maggie Beer Mentor Program which pairs aged care home kitchens with a qualified chef trainer to mentor the team to serve flavourful, nutritious food and deliver an enhanced dining experience for residents.

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Older Australians skip dentist visits

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Rowan Cowley, Page 3

A majority of Australians are avoiding regular checks ups at the dentist and delaying important treatment, with seniors among the most likely to be missing out on care. The Australian Dental Association's annual oral health survey of 25,000 people found that only 31 per cent were going for regular checkups.

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Subsidise and they will exercise: study

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Page 3

A Monash University study of older Australians found more would exercise - and exercise better - if classes were subsidised. Researchers focused on 7000 people aged 65 or older from around the nation, who signed up for a subsidised 12-week class of moderate to low-intensity exercises.

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New aged care laws

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 8

Australia is to get a major overhaul of its aged care system to the tune of \$5.6 billion, to help millions of older people stay independent for longer. Calling the reforms "once in a generation", Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said older Australians embodied the strength and the spirit of our nation.

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Tech to help in-home care

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 9

A new framework has been developed to help guide inhome aged care providers as they plan and deliver technology-supported services. Developed through a partnership between the National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) and home care provider, Silverchain, the Framework for Enabling Technology Supported Aged Care at Home provides a practical step-by-step guide for in-home aged care providers on how best to implement digital technologies when in provider everyday service delivery.

Also reported by: [The Senior - WA \(Perth\)](#).

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Reforms to make village living fairer

The Senior - WA, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 9

Years of negotiation and consultation to make retirement village laws fairer for residents while supporting the sector have resulted in reforms being introduced to the WA Parliament. "After many years of working closely with retirement village residents and the State Government - the proposed legislative reforms will be debated in Parliament", said Western Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association President Hank de Smit.

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Payman announces 'a party for all', but wants alignment on Israel-Gaza

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/10/2024, Ronald Mizen

The West Australian senator who quit Labor in July over its stance on Palestinian statehood [...] referred to her recent speeches on reforming negative gearing, capital gains tax, aged care reforms and childcare changes as a guide to her priorities.

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Thankfully, living at home until the end looks possible for more Australians

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/10/2024, Bina Brown

Recent increases in the potential daily costs of residential aged care are just the start of what's to come following an overhaul of the aged care system announced last month.

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Why the word 'boomer' could soon be banned in this Aussie state

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, David Southwell

The Western Australian government wants to ban terms such as 'boomer' and 'millennial' because they claim it creates division between different generations. The move is part of a 'Challenge Your Bias' project launched by the Cook Labor government on Tuesday to tackle ageism with a guide booklet calling for the end of proverbs such as 'over the hill' and 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks'.

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Keeping the mind and body active

Shepparton News Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Jemma Jones

Warramunda Aged Care staff and residents are embracing this year's Victoria Seniors Festival theme, 'Explore. Engage. Evolve' with open arms through their programs for both the mind and body. With a proud 60-year history, Warramunda staff remain dedicated to providing personalised, person-centred care respecting each elder's unique needs and preferences.

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Consumers make dementia research better

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/10/2024, Natasha Egan

Involving individuals with lived experience of dementia in research has provided valuable insights that would not have been gained otherwise, an international expert tells Australian Ageing Agenda. Scotland's national dementia research network has a group of people with a lived experience of dementia who are at the centre of everything it does.

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Urgent action needed on retirement housing

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/10/2024, Deborah Jackson

The Retirement Living Council is calling on governments to streamline planning systems to increase housing supply amid a worrying decline in confidence in age-friendly construction activities. The latest Procore/Property Council Survey shows that confidence in retirement construction activity has plummeted to its lowest level since December 2022, with capital growth expectations also experiencing a downturn in the September quarter.

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The hidden dangers of digital transactions in aged care

HelloCare, Other, 09/10/2024, Jakob Neeland

Using accurate details such as the aged care resident's name, address, and room number, the hackers altered the bank account information for the payment. This resulted in a substantial sum, meant for the aged care home, being diverted to the scammer's account, leaving the family with no recourse to recover the lost funds.

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ABC, 7:30, 09/10/2024, Sarah Ferguson

Retirement village operators have been accused of gouging older Australians, with residents complaining of incomprehensible contracts and huge exit fees. South Australian MP Rebekha Sharkie appeared alongside residents and their families, demanding the Federal government introduce tougher regulation of the sector.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 09/10/2024, Leon Compton

Panel discussion with Brigid Wilkinson, CEO, Council for the Ageing Tasmania, and Rosie, Project Officer, Council for the Ageing. Wilkinson points out that ageism is the way that older people are being treated differently solely on their age. Rosie says that when she's talking to older Tasmanians, they often talk about having such an invisible nature.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Abortion laws threaten to derail conservatives' bid for poll victory

Australian Financial Review, General News, 10/10/2024, James Hall, Page 6

Questions over the Liberal-National opposition's position on abortion threaten to derail the party's bid to form government in Queensland for the first time in almost a decade.

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Abortion difficulty decision for LNP

Courier Mail, General News, 10/10/2024, Madura McCormack & Tom Gillespie, Page 4

Pro-choice and anti-abortion advocates alike are calling on Opposition Leader David Crisafulli to show "real leadership" and definitively reveal if LNP MPs will be granted a conscience vote on the matter should the party take government at the election. Mr Crisafulli, for the third consecutive day, refused to

give a clear answer on whether he would afford his LNP MPs a conscience vote on abortion laws as they have previously on matters of life or death.

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Caffeine hit found safe for mum-to-be

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 3

A University of Queensland-led study has failed to find any strong links between drinking coffee during pregnancy and neurodevelopmental difficulties in children. But researchers are advising expectant mothers to continue following medical guidelines on caffeine consumption.

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

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Drinking law overhaul

Northern Territory News, General News, 10/10/2024, Fia Walsh, Page 1

Powers to arrest and fine public drinkers in the Northern Territory will be reintroduced next week, as part of a major law and order agenda the new CLP government will push through parliament. The nuisance public drinking offence will give police powers to hand out \$925 fines, charge and arrest people in public places where alcohol is prohibited, as well as issue seven-day banned drinker orders.

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

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Six healthy habits to shed the kilos

The Nightly, General News, 09/10/2024, Anahad O'Connor, Page 32

Although many people now are losing weight with new GLP-1 drugs, long-term success still requires lifestyle changes and healthy eating habits. An analysis of the largest and longest clinical trial on diet and weight loss called the POUNDS Lost trial found there was widespread variation in how much weight people lost or gained while eating different levels of fat, protein and carbohydrates.

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Kids can learn to 'beat the bite' with mosquito safety book

Daily Advertiser, General News, 10/10/2024, Finn Coleman, Page 3

Youngsters will be able to beat the bite with Jack and Angie, as a children's book from the Murrumbidgee region is set for statewide distribution. Initially a popular Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) initiative, Jack & Angie - Beat the Bite was created to teach kids about the importance of staying mosquito safe.

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Oils well at local eateries

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 10/10/2024, Jonathan Hawes, Page 1

Tamworth's local government has launched a new program aimed at getting healthier cooking oils into the kitchens of your favourite restaurants. Restaurants which choose to participate in the new Better Oils program will be given a window sticker to display their decision to cook with oils which contain fewer saturated and trans fats.

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LNP MPs vow to protect abortion laws

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 10/10/2024, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

Women's healthcare advocates believe changes to abortion legislation could become a reality if the LNP wins government at the state election, despite efforts by MPs in conservative seats to hose down concerns about the issue. Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley LNP members David Janetzki, Trevor Watts, Pat Weir and Jim McDonald have all stressed there were no moves within the party to change current abortion laws.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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The sugar evolution

INTHEBLACK, General News, 01/11/2024, Cameron Cooper, Page 44

The sugar industry a staple of Australian agricultural exports is turning to innovation and diversified products as it combats regulatory challenges and potential threats from emerging sugar substitutes. In the US state of Colorado, food tech entrepreneur Alan Hahn is leading what he calls a "sweet revolution", which he believes could help alleviate obesity disrupting the sugar and non-sugar sweetener markets in the process.

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Nature nurturing women

The Senior - SA, General News, 01/10/2024, Anthony Caggiano, Page 6

According to the Global Wellness Institute, forest bathing is "conscious and contemplative practice of being immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of the forest". Alex is co-hosting Embrace the change: Nature's role in your menopause journey in the Belair National Park during Nature Festival South Australia,

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Cries for help go unheard

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 10

Despite using a walking stick, the retired bookkeeper is fiercely independent but had become dizzy on her way to the kitchen. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, falls are the leading cause of injuries requiring hospitalisation (77 per cent) in over-65s and are responsible for 71 per cent of injury deaths in this age group.

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Opening their empty nest

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Rowan Cowley, Page 12

Rose and David don't have grandkids of their own, but that hasn't stopped them from sharing special moments with young ones placed in their care. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, more than 45,000 children were in out of home care as of June 2023.

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Older abuse victims rated as 'fair-game'

The Senior - WA, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 12

Heart-wrenching reports of the financial abuse of elderly Australians have reduced members of a national investigation to tears. [...] 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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How to talk to girls about food, according to paediatric nutritionist

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Susie Burrell

An Aussie expert explains how to navigate conversations about healthy eating without causing long-term damage. Take a moment to reflect on your earliest experience with food . It may be a special birthday cake at a family celebration that springs to mind. Or baking with a parent or grandparent, sitting down to a big family meal, or enjoying treats as a family while watching a movie on a Saturday night.

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Alarm over 'concerning' ads on kids' routes to school

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Sarah Booth

Cancer experts have raised the alarm after uncovering a "concerning" pattern in junk food adverts being located near dozens of Victorian schools and kids' transport routes. Children are bombarded with

junk food marketing, a shocking new audit has revealed, with food advertisements located near schools far more likely to promote unhealthy products.

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

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Little Annabelle bumped her head. What happened next turned her life upside down

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Rohan Smith

Children's Medical Research Institute Scientist Professor Tony Cesare understands how important it is for children like Anna to be given every chance. "As scientists we are working hard every day to better understand cancer so that we can improve treatments and ultimately outcomes for children," he said.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Abortion laws in Qld: History of events and how they have changed

The Courier Mail, Other, 09/10/2024

The Children by Choice Association co-ordinator, Judy Petroeschovsky, said it was covered by Common Law in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, and the Criminal Code in Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania. Ms Petroeschovsky said the Queensland Criminal Code handling of abortion was based on the English 1861 Offences Against Persons Act and had not been really clarified or interpreted since federation.

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

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'We fell in love with them and we wanted to help them': the joy of fostering

Canberra Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Georgina Sebar

More than 12,000 children in Victoria lived in out-of-home care between 2022 and 2023, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, however, the largest provider of foster care in the state says they are struggling to find long-term carers.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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LNP leader David Crisafulli refuses to say if MPs will have conscious vote on a bill to repeal Queensland abortion laws

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Jack McKay

Queensland LNP leader David Crisafulli has refused to say whether his MPs would get a conscience vote on a push to repeal the state's abortion laws. He also sidestepped questions about why, when Labor brought legislation to decriminalise abortion in 2018, he voted against it.

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Drop in vegetable consumption driving farmers out of business, harming health

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Jane McNaughton

The bureau's National Health Survey says only 6.5 per cent of Australians are eating their daily recommended dose of five serves per day, with most eating fewer than two serves and ultra-processed foods taking up more of our diets. Dietitian and nutritionist Jemma O'Hanlon is worried that our busy lifestyles are contributing to preventable diseases, mostly due to what we are eating.

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Crisafulli wedged on abortion as Katter party flags vote to criminalise

terminations

The Guardian, Other, 09/10/2024, Andrew Messenger & Ben Smee

The Queensland crossbencher Robbie Katter says he will consider forcing a vote to recriminalise abortion if the Liberal National party wins government at this month's state election. Katter says he will table legislation to wind back current laws with one option a "clean repeal" of Labor's 2018 Termination of Pregnancy Act, a move that would see a return of abortion to the 1899 criminal code.

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Crisafulli under pressure as second LNP MP foreshadows winding back Queensland abortion rights

The Guardian, Other, 09/10/2024, Ben Smee

A second Queensland Liberal National party MP has foreshadowed the prospect of winding back the state's abortion reforms after the election, amid new calls for the party to clarify its "vague" position. On Tuesday, Queensland crossbencher Robbie Katter said he would introduce legislation to wind back Labor's termination-of-pregnancy laws, which decriminalised abortion and allow nurses to dispense medication.

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Abortion becomes political flash-point ahead of Queensland state election

The New Daily, Other, 09/10/2024, Parker McKenzie

Like the US, abortion is becoming a flash-point issue in Australian state politics, as opposition and minor political parties float the idea of restricting its access in Queensland and South Australia. Two Queensland Liberal-National Party MPs have flagged support for changes to that state's abortion laws if, as predicted, the party forms government after the October 26 state election.

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Victorian Coroners Court report reveals rise in overdose deaths in Geelong

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 09/10/2024, Chelsea Bunting

The Victorian Coroners Court showed overdose deaths in Greater Geelong increased from 22 in 2022 to 27 last year. This was the highest number of fatalities in regional Victoria and included 10 people who died after overdosing on heroin.

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

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Changes to injectable weight loss medicines

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 09/10/2024, Chloe Hava

The landscape for glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1RAs) used for weight loss is changing in Australia as demand continues to grow. Australian Pharmacist explains what options are available, and restricted, for weight loss patients.

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Aussies warned over rising travel trend: 'Sense of shame'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Joe Attanasio

Doctors worry more Australians than ever are travelling overseas for cosmetic surgeries, despite repeated warnings they could end up with irreversible damage, "shame" and hefty hospital bills from sub-par treatments. Health experts have long warned over the potential dangers of being treated in facilities that aren't quite up to Australian standards, urging people to instead consider booking an appointment on home soil where industries are properly regulated.

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'Double standards': Coalition slams Tourette insult

The Australian, General News, 10/10/2024, Noah Yim & Greg Brown, Page 4

The Coalition is accusing Labor MPs of having double standards when it comes to parliamentary behaviour, after Anthony Albanese apologised for attempting to insult a Liberal frontbencher by questioning whether he had Tourette syndrome. Opposition foreign affairs spokesman Simon Birmingham said the Prime Minister made a "serious mistake" by referencing the disorder during question time while lashing out at opposition Treasury spokesman Angus Taylor.

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

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Albanese's gaffe points to a man under pressure

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 10/10/2024, Page 20

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese had been asked by shadow treasurer Angus Taylor about negative gearing in Question Time in parliament on Tuesday when he took umbrage at an interjector from the opposition ranks: "Have you got Tourette's or something? You know, you just sit there, babble, babble, babble." He immediately withdrew the comment and apologised.

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Cricket cancer study

Herald Sun, Sport, 10/10/2024, Daniel Cherny, Page 56

A leading domestic cricketer is helping drive a groundbreaking study into the incidence of skin cancers in professional players. Queensland and Brisbane Heat wicketkeeper-batter Georgia Redmayne, who is also a qualified doctor, is working with Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association to collate data from former and current cricketers in a bid to better understand the risks of sun exposure while playing the sport.

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

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Diabetes prevention campaign pledge

Canberra Times, General News, 10/10/2024, Lucy Bladen, Page 4

A diabetes prevention and awareness campaign for the ACT would be funded if the Canberra Liberals win the election later this month. The party has committed \$3.4 million to a preventative health program and \$1 million to an education campaign focused on increasing awareness of gestational diabetes.

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Robotic finger

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 5

International researchers have developed a soft robotic "finger" that can perform medical tasks such as checking for a pulse or checking for abnormal lumps. The University of Science and Technology of China researchers say while soft robotic hands have been developed previously, they focused on building one with better sensing capabilities to mimic not just the feel but the function of human touch.

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Hayfever and asthma sufferers warned over grass growth

Ballarat Courier, General News, 10/10/2024, Michelle Smith, Page 3

Hayfever and asthma sufferers are being urged to plan ahead for high to extreme pollen count days expected to peak in the coming months. Although the official pollen season starts in October, the highest number of extreme pollen days in the Ballarat region are recorded in November and December, according to data from Melbourne Pollen Count and Forecast's Creswick monitoring station.

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Women in Tourism breakfast at Langham Gold Coast

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 10/10/2024, Portia Large, Page 35

Robyn Cameron, who dedicates her down time to championing National Breast Cancer Foundation initiatives. Mrs Cameron clearly remembers the moment her life changed forever: "Friday night, kids had gone to bed, they were 5 and 8; I was watching a show called Burke's Backyard when an ad came on encouraging women over 50 to go and have mammograms." Erring on the side of caution, she practiced a self check and discovered a lump age 38.

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PM's disability taunt an 'insult'

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 10/10/2024, Jessica Wang, Page 35

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has been accused of "mocking" people with disabilities after asking shadow treasurer Angus Taylor whether he had Tourette syndrome during a heated debate in parliament. The comments were condemned by the Opposition and a mum of three kids with the disorder, who said she was "disgusted" by the prime minister.

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

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It was the spontaneous decision that changed Marianne's life

Western Advocate, General News, 10/10/2024, Deon Adamson, Page 3

The last thing you expect to do at the Royal Bathurst Show is book in for a breast screen, but Marianne is so glad she did. She was attending the show in 2021 with her mum when the women stopped at the BreastScreen NSW stand to have a chat. "Mum asked if I have had a screen, but I was waiting to the next year when I turned 50," Marianne said.

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Bowel health linked to heart disease

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/10/2024, Rowan Cowley, Page 24

A Monash University-led study has found a worrying link between constipation and increased risk of heart attacks, stroke, and heart failure. Constipation affects an estimated 14 per cent of people globally and is more prevalent in older adults and women.

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Over-the-counter solution

The Senior - VIC, General News, 01/10/2024, Rowan Cowley, Page 17

A vast number of Australians suffer hearing loss but delay the costly process to get a hearing aid, but evolving technology means there are more options that are cheaper and now available over-the-counter. Hearing specialists Don Hudson and Suzanne Porter founded PocketAid, ready-to-use hearing aids sold over the counter, to make it more "accessible" to the public and "reduce the stigma" around wearing the aids.

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Brisbane to Gold Coast ride for Samantha's cancer research

The Courier Mail, Other, 09/10/2024, Judith Kerr

A Brisbane mother thought she had finally beaten breast cancer before the deadly disease returned with a vengeance. Samantha's husband has now gone into fight for her. When Wilson Torres joins the 100km Brisbane to Gold Coast Cycle for Cancer, every push on the pedals will be for his courageous wife, Samantha.

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

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Anthony Albanese has apologised for using Tourette syndrome as an insult. Here are the facts about the disorder

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Dannielle Maguire

Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia (TSAA) president Mandy Maysey says Mr Albanese's words were "hurtful and inconsiderate". "His apology came across as insincere and a little bit hollow, especially as he didn't even refer to Tourette syndrome by name," she says.

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Yanchep and Two Rocks residents call for improved health services, with some travelling vast distances for cancer treatment

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Keane Bourke

As its name suggests, Two Rocks Yanchep Assisted Cancer Travels (TRYACT) provides an important service for cancer patients needing to get to Perth for treatment. Volunteer drivers pick up patients free of charge, drive them to Perth hospitals, wait for them during their sometimes six-hour treatments and drive them back home

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Albanese apologises for 'unkind and hurtful' remark

The New Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has apologised for an "unkind and hurtful" remark in which he referred to Tourette Syndrome to mock the opposition in parliament. Albanese was being asked about negative gearing during Question Time on Tuesday when Coalition MPs interjected and the prime minister reacted with the comment.

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PM apologises for Tourette syndrome comment opposition labelled 'absolutely despicable'

9News, Other, 09/10/2024, Jorge Branco

During question time on Tuesday, the Labor leader responded to interruptions from shadow treasurer Angus Taylor by asking "have you got Tourette's or something?". He quickly withdrew and apologised but it wasn't until hours later at night that he addressed a mostly empty House of Representatives to beg forgiveness from Australians with Tourette syndrome.

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Spring is in the air — and it's time to update your asthma action plan

Shepparton News Online, Other, 09/10/2024

With warmer weather on its way, Ambulance Victoria has reminded Victorians to update their asthma action plans this spring. AV Emergency Management Director Justin Dunlop said creating an asthma action plan is an easy and potentially lifesaving step.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 09/10/2024, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

Responding to questions from Seven News, the Prime Minister's office says Mr. Albanese is aware of the request for a meeting. He's meant to be able to represent everyone but clearly he can't represent people with Tourette's or people with disabilities.

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PRIMARY CARE

NDIS is sucking in workers from more efficient sectors

Australian Financial Review, General News, 10/10/2024, Michael Read, Page 5

The explosive growth in the \$49 billion National Disability Insurance Scheme is sucking workers out of more efficient industries and risks making Australians poorer unless the care economy become more productive.

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Paramedic sacked over crash photo

Age, General News, 10/10/2024, Heidi Murphy, Page 12

A whistleblower whose picture of a rolled ambulance exposed the danger of fatigue for regional paramedics has been sacked by his employer. Andrew Bishop was working for National Patient Transport in late June, when he snapped the photo of an ambulance that ran off the road and rolled in an early morning crash near Myrtleford.

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

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After Lee faced Barr, who won election leaders' debate?

Canberra Times, General News, 10/10/2024, Jasper Lindell & Lucy Bladen, Page 8

When it came to health, Opposition Leader Elizabeth Lee had a slight advantage. Mr Barr relied on his government's record of building hospitals but given they have been in power for 23 years it is something that one expects. For a Canberran on an elective surgery waitlist this would not be something they would be impressed by.

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Candidates have their say on key issues

Border Mail, General News, 10/10/2024, Anthony Bunn, Page 5

The Border Mail asked the three candidates in the area questions on five topics and here are their responses, in ballot order. Michelle Cowan - Should Wodonga Council continue to lobby for a single-site hospital and what do you think should happen to the existing medical hub in Vermont Street? Yes, Wodonga Council should continue to lobby for a greenfield single-site hospital.

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Cancer sufferer fears VAD flip

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 10/10/2024, Greg Stolz, Page 11

Former LNP government minister Jann Stuckey has attacked her old party over fears that voluntary assisted dying laws could be overturned by the conservatives if they win the October 26 election. Ms Stuckey, a tourism minister in the Newman government, who is battling recurrent pancreatic cancer, took to Facebook on Wednesday to vent after crossbench MPs revealed they would introduce plans to repeal or amend abortion laws.

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

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A broken promise

Launceston Examiner, General News, 10/10/2024, Duncan Bailey, Page 1

Anne Pedler died in 2022 while ramped at the Launceston General Hospital, and her daughter Stella says she is afraid more will die unless 24-hour on-site pathology and radiology services are introduced. Mrs Pedler was ramped at the hospital for eight hours. A coronial inquest into her death found she was suffering from multiple pulmonary embolisms, which can be detected through blood tests.

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Helipad to be operational soon

Launceston Examiner, General News, 10/10/2024, Duncan Bailey, Page 5

The Launceston General Hospital's helipad succeeded in its first trial run on Monday. From 5.30pm, Ambulance Tasmania's aeromedical services provider Rotorlift Aviation conducted several approaches and departures to and from the helipad until around 10pm.

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Government touts staff boost for short stay unit

Newcastle Herald, General News, 10/10/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

Sixteen full-time equivalent staff have been recruited to Maitland Hospital emergency department's

"short stay unit", enabling it to operate seven days a week. The short stay unit, which opened in June, has been operating for four days a week.

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Vow to put 24/7 scanner in Ayr

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 5

Burdekin residents will have around-the-clock access to lifesaving CT scans if the LNP wins government, the party has pledged. Thousands of residents signed a petition calling for the service, with reports of many having to be transferred to Townsville because afterhours CT scans were not available locally.

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More choose to skip dentist visits

The Senior - WA, General News, 01/10/2024, Page 3

Increasingly more people are avoiding regular checks ups at the dentist and delaying important treatment, with seniors among the most likely to be missing out on care. The Australian Dental Association's annual oral health survey of 25,000 people found just 31 per cent were going for regular checkups.

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Labor joins LNP in vowing no GP 'patients tax'

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/10/2024, Matt Dennien, William Davis & Cameron Atfield

Doctors' groups have welcomed a bipartisan Queensland election pledge to exempt GPs from paying payroll tax, a move they say will help keep medical costs down. Premier Steven Miles has promised legislation to prevent GPs paying payroll tax, negating what he described as a key line of opposition "misinformation" that accused Labor of planning a "patients tax".

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'Outrageous': Ambulance Tasmania activation time figures released, Greens say lives at risk

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Rob Inglis

Almost one third of life-threatening triple-0 calls were not assigned an ambulance within the targeted time frame last financial year, according to "outrageous" new figures. For the first time, Ambulance Tasmania has released "activation time" statistics, showing that in 2023-24, there were a total of 43,452 Priority 0 and Priority 1 cases, of which 29 per cent were not assigned an ambulance within the three-minute target window.

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

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Whistleblower medic whose photo of crashed ambulance sparked outcry sacked

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Sarah Booth

A whistleblower medic whose photo of a crashed ambulance sparked outcry over paramedics' fatigue and workload has been sacked. The Victorian Ambulance Union has slammed National Patient Transport – a private company separate to Ambulance Victoria – after ambulance transport officer Andrew Bishop lost his job.

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

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Ambulance ramping grew to its highest level this year at Peel Health Campus in September

West Australian, Other, 09/10/2024, Laura Pond & Rachel Fenner

Ambulance ramping results from an imbalance between people presenting at emergency departments

and the hospital's ability to treat them and move those needing a bed to a ward. Paramedics are left waiting at the hospital's entrance and can't transfer their patients to the emergency department.

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

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David Crisafulli faces questions about LNP's transgender plans after party official's email revealed

The Guardian, Other, 10/10/2024, Ben Smee & Andrew Messenger

A Queensland Liberal National party official sent an election-eve email to branch members – on party letterhead – claiming the state had been “captured by transgender ideology”. The email also promoted plans to ban puberty blockers for minors. The state opposition has repeatedly refused to answer questions about the email, obtained by Guardian Australia, amid growing pressure for the LNP leader, David Crisafulli, to clarify the party's intentions on abortion, voluntary assisted dying and gender issues.

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NSW unveils fleet of rescue ambulances that can handle fire and floods

7news.com.au, Other, 09/10/2024, Sarina Andalaro

As a fleet of world-first mega ambulances hit the road in Sydney on Tuesday, 7NEWS was given an exclusive first look. Custom designed for offroad disaster missions, the Hazardous Area Rescue Ambulances — or HARAs — can drive through 1.2m-high floodwaters and are fireproof, with a special self-cooling exoskeleton.

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Thousands to be treated remotely after \$31.4 million boost to Hospital in the Home program

9News, Other, 09/10/2024, Mikala Theocharous

Thousands of patients will be able to receive medical treatment from home in a move from the NSW government aimed at reducing hospital wait times. The Hospital in the Home (HITH) program will receive a \$31.4 million boost, allowing it to treat an extra 3500 patients a year.

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Whistleblower 'stood down' after early morning crash photo

9News, Other, 09/10/2024

A whistleblower has claimed he was sacked after he took a photo of a crashed ambulance which he said highlighted fatigue issues faced by paramedics. Andrew Bishop had spent 40 years volunteering and working in emergency services when his career was halted by the shot of an ambulance rollover.

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Rocky Ed like a 'war zone' as ambo ramping times blow out

Cairns Post, Other, 09/10/2024, Frazer Pearce

Rockhampton's overflowing ED has reached its "use-by-date", says the LNP's would-be health minister but Labor insists it's got a plan to curb the chaos. Ros Bates has likened Rockhampton Hospital's emergency department to something from a "war zone", releasing a report showing the longest ambulance ramping times there has blown out to almost 3.5 hours.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Morning Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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Volunteer to enhance emergency response

Shepparton News Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Rowan Frazer

At least 10 locals may be needed to ensure plans for a Tocumwal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) can be effective for the community. NSW Ambulance has said other CERTs operating within the state have started with 10 to 12 volunteers "to optimise coverage and service delivery".

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Whistleblower fired for exposing ambulance crash linked to fatigue near Myrtleford

The Border Mail, Other, 09/10/2024, Layton Holley

A whistleblower has been sacked after sharing a photo of a rolled ambulance in Myrtleford, a union leader says. After documenting what Mr Bishop had described as "evidence of a fatigue-related incident", he was sacked on Tuesday, October 1.

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AI producing medical notes for more than 10,000 consults a day, says Lyrebird boss

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/10/2024, Mohana Basu

Doctors are using AI scribes to draft medical notes in more than 10,000 consult a day, claims Lyrebird co-founder Kai Van Lieshout. While the numbers suggest a rapid uptake of the technology across the medical profession, there are concerns the TGA has been missing in action when it comes to scrutinising the safety of the scribes.

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Why I'd support a rule restricting GPs to 25 patients daily

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/10/2024, Craig Lilienthal

A few years ago, in an article I wrote about professional standards, I said the 80/20 rule was a joke, and that while practitioners can 'see' 80 patients per day, they can't treat 80 patients per day. I also mentioned that the AMA had initially mooted a 50/20 rule, but that this was howled down by some of its members.

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Queensland to abolish GP payroll tax

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/10/2024, Michelle Wisbey

The state government will permanently ditch its tax grab following years of outcry from GPs, as pressure mounts on other states to follow suit. A newsGP poll found that 35 per cent of respondents would consider moving interstate if that region offered more favourable payroll tax requirements.

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ABC, 7:30, 09/10/2024, Sarah Ferguson

In Qld, voters will hand to the polls at the end of the month. David Crisafulli and Campbell Newman closed the Wynnum Hospital, but also the government's got to define itself with a new Premier. Steven Miles was involved in all the big decisions that led to the youth crime crisis record ambulance ramping.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 09/10/2024, Cheng Lei

Qld Labor is expected to scrap a so-called patient tax on GP visits, which was due to come into effect in July and which has become a point of attack by the LNP. The Australian Medical Association of Queensland has been saying this will be a huge burden to medical centres, which could end up paying an extra \$50,000 in payroll tax annually

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 09/10/2024, Steve Austin

Compere says Jarrod Bleijie, Deputy Opposition leader, took a swipe at the Labor Party after it was announced by Labor that they are saying yes to AMA Qld that they will drop the stamp duty on GP clinics. He plays an excerpt of Bleijie who mentioned that the biggest issue in health facing the health crisis in Qld is if the Labor Party gets re-elected and the patients are hit with their patient's tax.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Breakfast, 09/10/2024, Craig Zonca & Loretta Ryan

Pre-recorded interview with Dr Nick Yim, President, AMA Qld. Yim explains that about three years ago, there has been a change in interpretation surrounding payroll tax, so general practitioners and doctors are now considered as contractors. He notes that they are recommending the Government that to have amnesty to 2025 July.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Now finish the job

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/10/2024, James O'Doherty, Page 1

The US needs Australia to lead the way on imposing age limits on social media to protect our kids, according to the academic who has sparked a worldwide discussion about how to give children back their childhood. [...] Prof Jonathan Haidt who strongly backed the News Corp campaign praised the NSW and SA governments for "leading the world" in banning mobile phones in high schools, calling it "the most important thing" policy makers could do for kids' mental health, inclusion and "sense of belonging".

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Let's solve teens' social media problem at the source

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/10/2024, Danielle Einstein, Page 13

The early years of secondary school have always been socially fraught, with groups changing and individuals jostling for position, but the advent of social media has made this time harder than ever for teenagers to navigate. Most cyber-bullying happens between people who know each other, and its impacts inevitably spill over into the school day, leaving teachers to shoulder a large part of the burden of social media use.

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Stage set for charity .

Herald Sun, General News, 10/10/2024, Jackie Epstein & Nui Te Koha, Page 17

Broadway hits, SIX, at the Comedy Theatre, and TINA, at the Princess Theatre, will bring out the buckets on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to raise funds to help entertainment industry workers dealing with depression and anxiety. Deirdre Khoo, pictured with SIX co-star Zelia Rose Kitoko, said: "The entertainment industry is so vulnerable to mental health issues.

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Government must move fast on key recommendations in Defence royal commission

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/10/2024, Greg Melick, Page 28

While Australia's veteran and defence community anxiously awaits the government's response to the final report of the Royal Commission into Defence and veteran suicide, the Returned and Services League of Australia has offered its support and resources to assist in enhancing the lives of our servicemen and women. The RSL acknowledges that it will take some time for the Australian government to consider and respond in full to all 122 recommendations made by the Royal Commission.

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Worry over youth one many share

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 8

There has never been a tougher time for young Australians navigating adolescence and early adulthood, with eight out of 10 family members fearing for their mental health. An inaugural survey by national foundation headspace quizzed 2059 family members, including parents, carers, siblings, elders, close friends and step family who care for a young person aged from 12 to 25.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#)

Veteran death inquiry unites groups

Daily Advertiser, General News, 10/10/2024, Andrew Mangelsdorf, Page 5

WAGGA groups have united to fight against "damning" findings of an inquiry into defence and veteran suicide and bolster support for future careers post-service. Dignitaries and community leaders gathered on Thursday morning as Charles Sturt University signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ashmont-based Pro Patria Centre.

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Bedding down issues

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 9

Elite female Australian Rules footballers report poorer mental health relative to elite male players, especially when their sleep is disrupted, Monash University-led research has found. Relative to elite male players, AFLW players reported poorer mental health, had later sleep-wake timing (by 28 mins), reported a greater preference towards being a "night owl", and had a later body clock measured by the hormone melatonin (by 33 mins).

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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Diversity, inclusion and unity

Shepparton News, General News, 10/10/2024, Rudo Makombe, Page 8

As a dedicated community member, I am running for council to ensure every voice is heard. We've all faced challenges that make us feel isolated or misunderstood. Life's journey can lead us to unfamiliar territories that only a few people are acquainted with. These life circumstances include but are not limited to, facing financial struggles, disability, sickness, being a migrant, job loss, loneliness, victims of abuse, being silenced and holding differing opinions.

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Neurodiversity as we age

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/10/2024, Desiree Savage, Page 11

A public forum has turned a critical spotlight on autism and ADHD in older adults this week, painting a bleak picture for their future unless there is increased awareness, diagnosis and support. Cognitive neuroscientist Professor Mark Bellgrove and autistic academic Professor Sandra Thom-Jones addressed hundreds through an online forum recently to highlight the urgent need for more effective support systems.

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#)

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'Succession' actor Brian Cox revisits beloved role in new campaign

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Lexie Cartwright

The clever ad coincides with findings from a new global study commissioned by the sportswear retailer, which included Australians, showing workers' mental states began to decline after just two hours of sitting at the computer, while stress levels increased by 18 per cent after four hours.

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

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I took my kids phones away, and this is the surprising thing that happened

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Alex Hyndman

The latest statistics are shocking. Queensland government data reveals incidents of self-harm and suicide as well as children seeking help for depression and anxiety have risen exponentially over the past decade. It's surely no coincidence that the first smartphones arrived in around 2009.

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

Living costs deter Aussies seeking mental health care

Canberra Times, Other, 10/10/2024, Holly Hales

Cost-of-living pressures are preventing many Australians from seeking mental health support, with one in three of those suffering not pursuing treatment. Released to coincide with World Mental Health Day on Thursday, the data has been drawn from a WayAhead survey of 1000 people who had experience with a mental health challenge and 1000 who had none.

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

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Saleyards keep farmers socially connected, but can communities stop their demise?

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Brandon Long

National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) CEO Susi Tegen said the closure of meeting places such as saleyards was a real issue for rural communities. Ms Tegan said natural disasters and financial pressures were putting a strain on farmers' mental health and a lack of access to health professionals and distance made the spaces vital.

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Paid leave domestic violence scheme is working well but not broadly known about, review finds

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Nicole Hegarty

Victim-survivors of family and domestic violence say paid leave has allowed them to maintain their income while accessing crucial supports, but limited awareness has meant some have gone without the entitlement. An independent review examined the rollout of Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave which allows full-time, part-time and casual employees access to 10 days of paid leave each year.

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Albanese's 'knee-jerk' social media ban not enough to curb growing harm from eating disorders, experts say

The Guardian, Other, 10/10/2024, Tamsin Rose

Australia's eating disorder peak body and leading experts say a social media ban for under 16s is not enough to curb the scale of harm being done to young people on platforms, with one describing it as a "knee-jerk" policy response. They are instead calling on the government to make changes to the legislation governing platforms and forcing providers to be more transparent about algorithms, including allowing people to reset them, and for the removal of harmful content.

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NSW Mental Health Month: Headspace music program hits right note for mental health in Lismore, Tweed

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 09/10/2024, Catherine Piltz

A northern NSW creative is helping dozens of young singers, songwriters and actors with their first big break – and he's doing it all for mental health. Vincent "Vinnie" McManus runs a music and media program in his role as a group facilitator with Tweed Heads and Lismore Headspace.

Also reported by: [Lismore Northern Star \(Online\)](#).

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Why human rights matter for mental health

In Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

Geoff Harris, Executive Director, Mental Health Coalition of South Australia says we need a Human Rights Act to ensure everyone accessing mental health services is treated with dignity, equality and respect. When we think of mental health services, we often think of access to psychologists or psychiatrists, wait times and even medication.

Australia's best men shed is in the Adelaide Hills

In Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

A South Australian Men's Shed has won the title of Shed of the Year, one of more than 1200 sheds nationwide aimed at improving men's wellbeing. A local Men's Shed has been recognised as the best in Australia.

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Parents are concerned about kids' mental health at alarming rates. This is a good thing

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 09/10/2024, Jason Trethowan

As CEO of headspace, a father of three young people and an active member of my community, I've seen firsthand the increasing mental health challenges facing young people in Australia. For primary school-aged young people, social media and the devastating impacts of bullying continue to be a concern for families.

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I've started prescribing shinrin-yoku to my patients — and no, it's not a supplement

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/10/2024, Vicki Kotsirilos

I have a nine-year-old patient who has panic attacks, several phobias and generalised anxiety disorder. Jayne (not her real name) has improved with the help of a professional clinical psychologist and several behavioural strategies.

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Naloxone push

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

It is Queensland Mental Health Week (05-13 Oct) and, the state's Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Mental Health Commission are raising awareness of the national Take Home Naloxone program. Naloxone, available for free at pharmacies, can reverse opioid overdoses.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Leaders grilled on who'll lift nurses' pay more

The Australian, General News, 10/10/2024, Sarah Elks & Lydia Lynch, Page 8

Queensland's "tired and overworked" nurses must be paid above the government's budgeted wage policy or neither side of politics will be able to recruit the health staff they've promised, the state's nurses' union says. On the hustings alongside Labor's emergency doctor candidate for the Brisbane LNP seat of Moggill, Eric Richman, Premier Steven Miles said Labor would deliver 15,875 more frontline health workers in the next four years, including 8555 more nurses.

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

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LNP cuts to nurses 'dented workforce'

Courier Mail, General News, 10/10/2024, Hayden Johnson, Page 6

The nurses' union has blamed the actions of the Newman government a full decade ago for health staff feeling tired and wanting to quit the profession. Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union (QNMU) state secretary Sarah Beaman said on Wednesday one in two members were exhausted as she praised Premier Steven Miles's plan to attract 15,000 new health workers before 2028.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast](#)

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

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Nurses fight for pay rises

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 4

Premier Steven Miles faces a whopping wages bill with the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union pledging to fight "really hard" for a pay rise above inflation. QNMU state secretary Sarah Beaman said, no matter who won government, the union would be fighting for a wages increase beyond inflation.

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Coffee OK for mums-to-be

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 6

A University of Queensland study has failed to find any strong links between drinking coffee during pregnancy and neurodevelopmental difficulties in children, but researchers are advising expectant mothers to continue following medical guidelines on caffeine consumption. Dr Gunn-Helen Moen and PhD student Shannon D'Urso from UQ's Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) led an indepth genetic analysis of data from tens of thousands of families in Norway.

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Valentina's PhD could hold the answer to nurse burnout and retention

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/10/2024, Peter Hanlon

Since she started nursing in 2001, Valentina Trajkovski has worked at a range of hospitals including the Royal Melbourne and Royal Children's and in community health with the Royal District Nursing Service. She's gained a wealth of varied experience – not least in how susceptible to burnout her profession has become.

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'I thought I was a dead man': the emergency nurse who saved his own life

Newcastle Herald, Other, 09/10/2024, Damon Cronshaw

The emergency nurse, who now works at Heal Urgent Care at Maitland, was in remote Western Australia at the time. "I thought I was a dead man," he said. After saving his own life with help from the state's emergency telehealth system, the Royal Flying Doctor Service flew him to hospital.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Want to future-proof your career? Here are some courses to consider

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/10/2024, Alexandra Cain

There are many postgraduate options in health. People often do a base degree like science and then specialise in an area like chiropractic. And there are often a number of different paths to a role. "There's a huge need for teachers and, although the licensing rules vary from state to state, lots of fast-track options if you already have an undergraduate degree," Williams says.

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I switched from law to health to have an impact in my community

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/10/2024, Peter Hanlon

Postgraduate health studies have been on the rise since the pandemic, driven by people wanting to make a difference. The many people undertaking postgraduate studies in health cover a broad spectrum, from nurses, doctors and allied health professionals looking to further their careers, to those

from outside the sector who don't have the clinical skills but want to contribute to the wider health system.

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GPs in Schools program lacking GPs in some locations

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Jackie Sinnerton

The popular GPs in Schools program is being run by nurses and without a doctor in some locations, sparking concern from top medical bodies that healthcare for hundreds of children is being watered down. The clinics operate once a week in 50 Queensland schools, but the Department of Education reports that while the program is called GPs in Schools, there are no GPs in four of the clinics.

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

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New mum of two thanks RFDS for saving her life after outback NT evacuation

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Victoria Ellis

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) consultant obstetrician Scott White said secondary postpartum haemorrhages, or excessive bleeding more than 24 hours after giving birth, happened in about 1 per cent of women who had given birth. "It's a relatively uncommon but potentially quite serious," he said.

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Graziers Michael and Katie Pitt retrain as doctor and nurse after accident inspires rural healthcare careers

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Grace Nakamura

Now both working in healthcare, the couple find their experiences in agriculture have played an invaluable role in building trust to treat country patients. Dr Pitt said ever since he was a kid he wanted to be a doctor.

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Antonio thought moving to Australia would help his career. Instead, it set him back years

SBS, Other, 09/10/2024, Emma Brancatisano & Peggy Giakoumelos

The latest SPI released by Jobs and Skills Australia last October showed 36 per cent of assessed occupations were in shortage. This was five per cent higher compared to 2022, and 17 per cent higher than 2021, Activate Australia's Skills said. Most new shortages were in high-skilled professions like healthcare, engineering and trade.

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Community pharmacy evolving as Scope momentum builds

Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Other, 09/10/2024

The movement to expand community pharmacists' roles is gaining momentum across Australia. With several states announcing key changes, pharmacists are increasingly providing a broader range of healthcare services to meet the growing needs of patients.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Recce's Phase 2 trial for skin infections hits midway recruitment milestone

The Australian, Other, 09/10/2024

Recce Pharmaceuticals (ASX:RCE) has announced that R327G is showing to be safe and well tolerated in 15 human subjects, with indications of promising antibacterial responses observed in patients. The company said the initial available data represented a significant opportunity to expand the application of the R327G formulation.

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

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Get the doctor on the phone

Central Western Daily, General News, 10/10/2024, Ciara Bastow, Page 1

In a move aimed at addressing the growing healthcare needs of rural communities, Doctor Jeremy Allen, has set up a telehealth service. The telehealth service will provide medical consultations, prescriptions, and personalised care to patients who can't get in to see their general practitioner.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#).

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Telethon \$10 million grant brings revolutionary technology closer to home for sick WA kids

West Australian, Other, 10/10/2024, Rebecca Parish

Paediatric care in WA is set to be transformed thanks to a \$10 million Telethon investment at Perth Children's Hospital. The funding will provide the hospital with cutting-edge equipment and facilities that allow seriously ill children to receive the best care possible.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Owner of failing after-hours service used GP's provider number in \$465,000 Medicare fraud

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/10/2024, Heather Saxena

A would-be after-hours entrepreneur who defrauded nearly \$465,000 from Medicare using the provider number of a GP who turned down his job offer has been jailed for three years. Abdulkadir Ibrahim submitted 3288 false bulk-bill claims in the name of GP Dr Halima Satari when, after a series of interviews she decided against working for his fledgling deputising service.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Time for a check-up: hospitals not yet climate ready

Canberra Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Marion Rae

Australia's hospitals should switch to safer, cheaper clean energy as part of a nationwide health response to climate change, experts say. An all-electric hospital would use 100 per cent renewable energy - not gas or diesel - for heating, cooking, hot water and sterilising medical tools.

Also reported by: [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

What's living in your sink?

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/10/2024, Rowan Cowley, Page 14

A recent study compared bacteria found in hospital and residential hand basins, and residential basins came off second best. Basins tested in a Flinders University study uncovered a range of nasty germs, including both water-borne and non-water-borne pathogens.

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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TWC, Sanofi align for RUM initiatives

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

Terrywhite Chemmart (TWC) and Sanofi have reinforced their commitment to the safe and eco-friendly disposal of unwanted medications through the Return of Unwanted Medicines (RUM) project. Now in its 25th year, RUM has disposed of over 12.5 million kilograms of medicinal waste, helping to protect the environment.

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SPORT

Ranked: Top 10 AFL and NRL team brands' value

Australian Financial Review, General News, 10/10/2024, Zoe Samios & Sam Buckingham-Jones, Page 8

Australian Football League's Collingwood is the most valuable sports club in Australia and is \$30 million ahead of its nearest rival in a ranking of football teams by the worth of their brand.

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Gaming, VR set and match for young fans

Herald Sun, General News, 10/10/2024, Peter Rolfe, Page 12

A new interactive entertainment precinct aimed at the next generation of sports fans will be unveiled at next year's Australian Open. "Top Court" will take over a part of Birrarung Marr not used for the Melbourne Grand Slam since 2020, with a gaming pavilion, esports, fashion shows, pop-up shops, DJs, food and youth-orientated fun.

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Stadium conflict

Courier Mail, General News, 10/10/2024, Keith Woods, Page 1

The LNP's Olympics spokesman has refused to rule out building a new stadium for Brisbane's 2032 Games, despite his leader declaring his government would not build a new stadium for the event. Tim Mander was with David Crisafulli on Sunday when the Opposition Leader repeatedly told reporters a stadium would not be built.

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

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Get Active Kids Voucher Program: \$200 for eligible Victorian families

Shepparton News Online, Other, 09/10/2024

Parents will save up to \$200 in junior sport-related costs thanks to the Get Active Kids Voucher Program. [...] State Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes said the vouchers would help eligible families cover the costs of memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

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Jabs give economic boost

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

A new report, commissioned by GSK, reveals that increasing investment in adult immunisation could generate \$1.1 billion in annual economic benefits. The report, Prevention: A Productivity Superpower, launched at Parliament House in Canberra this week, shows that every dollar spent vaccinating adults against common illnesses yields a \$3.50 economic return by reducing demands on healthcare, govt services, and carers, while boosting workplace productivity and improving life expectancy.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

'Trauma' guide for judges to go woke

The Australian, General News, 10/10/2024, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

Judges should be "trauma-informed" when dealing with Indigenous defendants and consider the "pervasive intergenerational effects of settler-colonialism" when presiding over them in court, a new 200-page guidebook endorsed by the country's peak judicial body says. In a clear indication of changing attitudes to how justice should best be achieved, the manual also includes a lengthy section encouraging judges working in specialist courts to consider aspects of the Islamic faith that offer "clear moral and ethical guidelines" when ruling on cases that involve Muslim defendants.

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

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LNP about-face 'hurts reconciliation'

The Australian, General News, 10/10/2024, Michael Mckenna & Lydia Lynch, Page 8

The chair of Queensland's Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry says state Opposition Leader David Crisafulli's promise, if elected, to scrap the hearings into the experiences of Indigenous people in the state will be "a significant step backwards" for reconciliation. Inquiry chair Joshua Creamer on Wednesday described Mr Crisafulli's reversal of the opposition's support to pass 2023 legislation setting up the inquiry and a path to treaty with First Nations groups as a "political decision" that will deny Queenslanders a true record of history.

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

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Regular skin checks key

Cairns Post, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 10

A large skin-health study has halved the rate of skin infections experienced by Aboriginal children living in remote communities, with regular skin checks key to the stunning result. Led by The Kids Research Institute Australia and Aboriginal health organisations in close partnership with nine Aboriginal communities in Western Australia's Kimberley region, the five year trial set out to identify the best possible methods to see, treat and prevent painful skin sores and scabies.

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Skin check success

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 10/10/2024, Page 6

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Past trauma brings dread

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/10/2024, Eileen Wood, Page 22

Uncle Colin Davis, 76, a Stolen Generations survivor of the Kinchela Boys Home has recently been diagnosed with dementia. He has signed a request asking never to go to an aged care home, terrified of reliving trauma. However, some experts have offered hope and guidance for the sector.

Also reported by: [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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AI greenhouses feed remote communities and educate children

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/10/2024, Christopher Niesche

Kelly McJannett has witnessed firsthand how difficult it is to get fresh food to remote Indigenous communities and the problems this can cause.

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Natasha Tile: NT Health Senior Emergency Registrar runs Camino de Santiago for Remote Laundries

The Courier Mail, Other, 09/10/2024, Alex Treacy

An NT Health emergency doctor, inspired by a cause close to her heart, has performed a feat of endurance few could match: running a famous 800km pilgrim trail, the Camino de Santiago, in less than two weeks. With the experience of a single marathon behind her, a Royal Darwin Hospital doctor has performed a feat of endurance few in Australia could match: running Spain's famous Camino de Santiago trail, the equivalent of 18 marathons, in just 13 days.

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

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Southern Aboriginal Corporation starts mattress replacement initiative with Albany Regional Prison

West Australian, Other, 09/10/2024, Melissa Sheil

The Southern Aboriginal Corporation has started an initiative with the help of Albany Regional Prison to encourage the safe removal of mattresses used in Indigenous cultural practices. SAC began the initiative after finding that mattresses — which are used during sorry business and family gatherings in Indigenous communities — were being improperly disposed of or dumped in bushland.

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Landmark study halves aboriginal skin infections in remote communities

West Australian, Other, 09/10/2024, Natasha Clark

Skin infections of Aboriginal children living in remote communities across the Kimberley has been halved, thanks to an Australian skin study which found regular skin checks prevented the spread of disease. The landmark study SToP (see, treat and prevent) trial was conducted by the Kids Research Institute Australia and Aboriginal health organisations, which took four years and involved a collaboration with nine remote Aboriginal communities.

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

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Indigenous communities pushing back against eye disease

Canberra Times, Other, 10/10/2024, Keira Jenkins

The prevalence of a highly infectious eye disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children has declined by 87 per cent, data shows. Active trachoma among Indigenous children aged five to nine from at-risk communities was 1.8 per cent in 2023, down from 14 per cent in 2007, according to an Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Skin health study slashes infections among Indigenous children in remote Kimberley communities

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Brianna-Morris-Grant

Indigenous children living in remote communities have some of the highest rates of skin infections in the world. But a landmark skin health study says it has halved the infection rate. The trial followed 915 children and conducted 3,084 skin checks over a four-year period.

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Alternative to Custody Life Skills Camp in Alice Springs helping women break the cycle of incarceration

ABC Online, Other, 09/10/2024, Roxanne Fitzgerald

This is the Alice Springs Alternative to Custody (ATC) Life Skills Camp, a six-month program for Aboriginal women that provides intensive support and tailored rehabilitation services instead of traditional prison time for offences.

Only open since 2020, it appears to be already turning lives around.

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Skin checks helped reduce infections in Aboriginal children by half, study finds

The Guardian, Other, 09/10/2024, Charlotte Thou

A research team has halved the proportion of potentially deadly skin infections among Indigenous children who took part in their study, which experts hope will "make a big difference for the next generation". Almost half of remote-living Indigenous children have skin sores and infections – such as impetigo and scabies – at any one time.

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'Aboriginal Incursions' going strong after 20 years of educating in schools and early learning centres

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Phoebe Blogg

Aboriginal Incursions has provided schools with knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures for two decades. Presented in inclusive cultural immersions for all students, teachers and educators, Aboriginal Incursions has had great success since launching.

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"Promises will not save women's lives, action will" - Djirra calls for funding certainty

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

Uncertainty about funding continues to put Aboriginal women at risk, a leading family violence organisation in Victoria says. Last month, the federal government announced a National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP) will commence on expiry of the current National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) on July 1, 2025.

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Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency urges systemic, holistic youth justice reform

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

In a submission to the parliamentary inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system, the Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency (VACCA) said by failing to address and implement the recommendations from multiple inquiries since the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, governments were "failing in their duty of care towards Aboriginal children and young people and serious reform has remained elusive".

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Dr Richard Fejo: Advocating for an Indigenous perspective in

healthcare

SBS, Other, 09/10/2024, Lowanna Grant

Dr Richard Fejo, who is more affectionately known as Uncle Richie, is a Larrakia man who has dedicated his life to cross-cultural education and improvement of outcomes for Indigenous people. Living with limb difference Richie draws on his experience to educate and advocate for the improved health outcomes of Indigenous Australians, particularly through his role as the Elder on Campus for Flinders University.

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First Nations telehealth project grows

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 09/10/2024

A new research project aims to improve healthcare access for remote Indigenous communities in Western Australia through the use of technology. Building on the success of a virtual emergency services pilot in a community of 700-800 residents, the project will explore expanding the Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) Command Centre into additional communities.

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ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 09/10/2024, Rachel Mealey

In Western Australia's Kimberley region, Aboriginal children have the highest documented rate in the world. But in recent years that rate has halved thanks to a partnership between health researchers and local communities.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The start-up revolutionising male fertility tests

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/10/2024, Michael Smith

The process was developed in Australia and has US Food and Drug Administration and Therapeutic Goods Administration approval.

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Is your pharmacy prepared for the new paracetamol pack sizes and accessibility changes?

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/10/2024, Jadranka Alsop

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) decision on paracetamol scheduling has resulted in changes to the packaging and sale of certain oral, non-prescription paracetamol products, effective 1st February 2025. This change affects all brands containing paracetamol, including Panadol.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Pacific island nations swamped by global drug trade

The Australian, Other, 09/10/2024

A surge of drugs is engulfing the paradisaal South Pacific, as cartels and triads use far-flung island nations to channel narcotics across the globe, top police and UN officials have told AFP. Pacific islands such as Fiji and Tonga sit at the crossroads of largely unpatrolled ocean-trafficking routes used to shift cocaine from Latin America and methamphetamine and opioids from Asia.

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Tens-of-thousands of smokes seized as Darwin tobacconist raided

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/10/2024, Camden Smith

Police, government and business are embroiled in a high-stakes game of cat-and-mouse as new anti-vaping laws are bedded down and illegally imported cigarettes flood the market. NT Police and licensing officials have had a number of wins since the new vape laws were implemented nationally on July 1, but alert NT News readers say at least one Darwin CBD business is still selling vapes.

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Tobacco turf war firebombings pile up as feud rolls on

Canberra Times, Other, 09/10/2024, Callum Godde

More than 100 firebombings have been linked to Victoria's ongoing smoke shop war as the state continues to wait for a tobacco licensing scheme. A specialist Victoria Police task force was set up a year ago to stamp out the dangerous feud.

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Fine for mouldy kitchen

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 10/10/2024, Chelsea Bunting, Page 3

A Japanese restaurant in Geelong has been fined \$25,000 after health officers witnessed staff not washing their hands after handling raw chicken and found mould in the kitchen. Shinya Japanese Group Pty Ltd trading as Shinya Ramen and Bar Waurn Ponds and company director Bryan Mu pleaded guilty in the Geelong Magistrates' Court on Monday to multiple breaches of the Food Act and Food Standards Code.

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