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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 3) reports that new government data has revealed between 2020 and 2023, more than 400,000 people downgraded their health insurance coverage, and comes as revenue from private health premiums fell by \$52m this year, with federal Health Minister set to make a decision on approving – or knocking back – increases to the premium.
- **[The Age](#)** (page 1) reports that Australian National University demographer Liz Allen has said the lack of “housing affordability” and “economic insecurity” are the main reasons young people are avoiding having children, after new data revealed Australia’s fertility rate was at its lowest level since European settlement.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 2) reports that the Northern Territory government’s plan to remove a minimum unit price for alcohol in regions vulnerable to violence has been criticised by health leaders and peak medical bodies in an open letter that said it will lead to an “increases in violence against women and children” and “more people hospitalised because of chronic diseases”.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 4) reports that private health insurers have criticised a plan by the NSW government to double the tax on people with private cover who are admitted to public hospitals, with Private Healthcare Australia chief executive Rachel David saying “NSW is the only state in Australia taxing people for contributing to their own healthcare via health insurance”.

- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 9) reports that researchers from the RMIT and Doherty Institute have made a breakthrough into the cause of mRNA vaccine side-effects, including headaches, fever and fatigue, which could also lead to better cancer treatments.
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 12) reports that a Monash University-led study has revealed domestic violence victims have greater levels of brain trauma than concussions suffered by athletes, with the researchers saying the study could help detect hidden cases of brain injury in IPV patients.
- **[The Guardian](#)** reports that South Australia's Upper House has narrowly rejected proposed legislation that would force women who seek an abortion after 27 weeks and six days to be induced, with the state's attorney-general Kyam Maher warning the "Trumpian" bill would have wended back abortion care and posed a "real and significant danger" to women.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 3) reports that Queensland Health Minister Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has requested Metro South Hospital and Health Service to ensure patients and families impacted by a doctor who failed to detect their cancer during screenings, not to be denied the opportunity to take legal action.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 17) reports that researchers at the Cancer Institute of NSW have revealed 7900 people – 7850 women and 50 men – are living with metastatic breast cancer in the state, with Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) spokeswoman Vicki Durston, saying the state shows "a reality far greater than we ever anticipated".
- **[The Northern Territory News](#)** (page 46) reports that the federal government is set to fund 120 applicants through its Play Our Way program, with Minister for Sport Anika Wells, saying the program "is all about creating greater opportunities for women and girls to have an equal chance to get the fun, satisfaction and health benefits sport offers".
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 24) reports that the Women's and Children's Hospital has said the temporary overflow areas have helped reduce emergency department wait times, with the WCH looking to continue treating emergency pediatric patients in the 'pods' until the new hospital opens in 2031.

MINISTER BUTLER

Hospital funding fix 'not in premiums'

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 17/10/2024, Michael Smith, Page 17

The industry said this will force it to charge families an extra \$156 for their policy. Any decision to increase premiums must be approved by Health Minister Mark Butler.

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

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Aussies cut back on health insurance

Herald Sun, General News, 17/10/2024, Alexandra Feiam, Page 3

Hundreds of thousands of Australians are downgrading their private health insurance as the cost-of-living crisis continues to cripple the country. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler is responsible for approving or knocking back the increases.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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HIF still working hard at 70

Business News, General News, 14/10/2024, Sam Jones, Page 4

WA's fourth-largest health insurance player has taken some unusual and innovative steps to give its members more choice. [...] "Health Minister Mark Butler should be applauded for enacting [a complete ban on vape imports] in a timely and comprehensive manner," HIF chief executive Justin James said.

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Pharmacists not selling vapes locally

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 17/10/2024, Joel Ehsman, Page 4

No pharmacies in the Illawarra are selling vaping products leaving the black market as the only choice for vapers. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said, "The days of bubble gum-flavoured vapes covered in rainbows and unicorns are over".

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

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Remarkable strides

Warwick Today, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 2

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner from Carbal Medical Services, has been named a finalist for the Stronger Medicare Awards. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler said Queenslanders are tremendously fortunate to have so many great doctors, nurses and other health professionals working to keep them healthy and out of hospital, day in and day out.

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Home and Away star Ada Nicodemou joins new campaign to unplug from social media

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Adella Beaini & Julie Cross

The Home and Away star has grown some pretty thick skin after all her years in the public eye, but one thing has her really worried as her 12-year-old son prepares for high school. [...] So far, Unplug24 has seen a wave of support from household names including singer Jessica Mauboy, Health Minister Mark Butler and fitness instructor Michelle Bridges, who have pledged to be silent on social media on October 24.

Also reported by: [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#).

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'Invisible, sidelined': landmark count for fatal cancer

Canberra Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Jack Gramenz

Isolated, unsupported and not even counted correctly, people with metastatic breast cancer know they will eventually die from the disease. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the Cancer Institute's data collection was world-leading, indicating it would be adopted across the nation.

Also reported by: [The North West Star \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Tasmanian Examiner \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [The Advocate \(Burnie\) \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [St George & Sutherland Shire Leader \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Michael West Media \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#).

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The dangers of nicotine pouches

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Michelle Wakim

There's a new nicotine product making its way to young Aussies. Have you ever heard of nicotine pouches? [...] Earlier this year, Health Minister Mark Butler wrote to Meta requesting the company remove advertising for the pouches on Facebook and Instagram.

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'Health ministers have been fed something toxic': Medical board to begin fast-tracking overseas doctors from next week

Australian Doctor, Other, 16/10/2024, Paul Smith

Professor David Story believes AHPRA and the medical board will quickly find themselves out of their depth. [...] Based on the media coverage this week, Mark Butler and his fellow health ministers appeared unmoved.

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Mark Butler needs to understand the implications of accepting this recommendation

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 16/10/2024

Health Minister Mark Butler is now considering funding a copy of a therapy, which the TGA has not and probably cannot lawfully consider.

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Bird flu funding lifted

Green Career, Other, 16/10/2024

The federal government has announced a \$95 million fund to prepare the nation for the virus, which poses significant risks to agriculture, wildlife, and public health. [...] Although human infections from H5N1 are rare, Health Minister Mark Butler has underscored the need for vigilance.

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New grants open for culturally safe, Indigenous-focused cancer research

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

Aboriginal cancer treatment is getting a significant funding injection with a new grant scheme and \$9.6 million investment by the federal government. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Ged Kearney, said while cancer impacts all Australians, evidence shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people often face worse outcomes.

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Mark Butler to provide keynote on digital health strategy at VHW 2024

Pulse+IT, Other, 16/10/2024

Australian Health Minister Mark Butler will outline the federal government's vision for a healthcare system where digital systems drive better care at this week's Victorian Healthcare Week in Melbourne. Mr Butler will provide an update on the national digital health strategy agenda at the conference on Thursday, October 17.

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Here's why ASX 200 health insurance shares like Medibank are being trounced today

The Motley Fool (Australia), Other, 16/10/2024, Tristan Harrison

The S&P/ASX 200 Index (ASX: XJO) health insurance shares such as Medibank Private Ltd ASX: MPL) are underperforming the index today for one key reason. [...] Last time, Health Minister Mark Butler granted a premium increase that was about half of what private health funds, such as ASX 200 health insurance shares, had wanted.

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NSW First to Identify Number of People Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer: A Global Milestone

The Northern Rivers Times, Other, 16/10/2024

A Global Milestone In a world-first achievement, Cancer Institute NSW has identified that approximately 7,900 people in NSW are living with metastatic breast cancer. [...] Minister for Health, Ryan Park Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler : "This is an important step forward for people with metastatic breast cancer.

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Channel 9, Today , 16/10/2024, Karl Stefanovic & Sarah Abo

Interview with John Kehoe, Economics Editor, Australian Financial Review. Compere says health insurers will push for a 6 per cent increase in prices in another cost-of-living crunch for households. Kehoe points out that this is double the three-percent increase that Health Minister Mark Butler allowed last year. He notes that health insurers are facing a range of raising costs, particularly for medical technology.

MINISTER WELLS

Funding boost for NT cricket

Northern Territory News, Sport, 17/10/2024, Darcy Jennings, Page 46

Northern Territory Cricket has successfully secured funding that will aid in its projects concerning women and girls in the sport. [...] Minister for Sport Anika Wells said: "Play Our way is all about creating greater opportunities for women and girls to have an equal chance to get the fun, satisfaction and health benefits sport offers."

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Man with Down syndrome Mark Deans allowed to stay with mum in aged care

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Will Keech

An elderly woman and her son with Down syndrome will be allowed to remain together after a "hard battle" against red tape, with the family hoping to pave the way for others facing the same situation. [...] Following the Geelong Advertiser's original article, the family met with an adviser of the federal Aged Care Minister Anika Wells.

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

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Aged care providers sound alarm on their own future

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Holly Hales

Increasing costs and workforce shortages plaguing aged care are so serious most providers are worried about how Australia's system will cope in years to come. [...] A spokesperson for Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said the government had recently invested an additional \$5.6 billion into the sector to ensure it became more equitable, sustainable and trusted.

Also reported by: [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [The North West Star \(Online\)](#), [St George & Sutherland Shire Leader \(Online\)](#), [Moree Champion \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Blue Mountains Gazette \(Online\)](#), [The Advocate \(Burnie\) \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Social services bureaucrat Natalie Siegel-Brown appointed Inspector-General of Aged Care

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/10/2024, Caroline Egan

Natalie Siegel-Brown, the Commissioner of Social Policy with the Productivity Commission and a Board Director at Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia (ADA Australia) is replacing Ian Yates AM, who has been Acting Inspector-General of Aged Care. [...] "We're making some big changes to aged care in Australia, and the role of Inspector-General of Aged Care has never been more important as we deliver this once-in-a-generation reform," said Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells.

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New staffing quality indicators introduced

agedhealth.com.au, Other, 16/10/2024

These indicators will be added to the National Aged Care Mandatory Quality Indicator Program in residential aged care, and are focused on enrolled nursing, allied health and lifestyle assistants. [...] "These new quality indicators recognise the value nurses, allied health and lifestyle officers bring to aged care residents," said Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells.

ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Forum sparks open conversation on women's health

Geelong Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Ellie Claringbold

Corangamite federal member Libby Coker brought together a group of passionate healthcare professionals last month for a discussion about the key health issues now facing women. [...] Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney was also in attendance.

Also reported by: [Surf Coast Times \(Online\)](#), [Bellarine Times \(Online\)](#)

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New grants open for culturally safe, Indigenous-focused cancer research

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

Aboriginal cancer treatment is getting a significant funding injection with a new grant scheme and \$9.6 million investment by the federal government. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Ged Kearney, said while cancer impacts all Australians, evidence shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people often face worse outcomes.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER THWAITES

ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 16/10/2024, Greg Jennett & Matthew Doran

Panel discussion with Assistant Minister Kate Thwaites and Gold Coast frontbencher Angie Bell. Compere says there have been reports that have emerged over that the Government, at least in the background, is workshopping a flat fee model for expanded early childhood education. Thwaites points out that childcare has been a huge focus for their government since they came into power and that includes measures that have made childcare cheaper. She states that it includes to pay early educations the wages that they deserve to recognise.

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DEPARTMENT

Contracts coup for boutique consultant

Canberra Times, General News, 17/10/2024, Connor Pearce, Page 6

A small, Canberra-headquartered consulting firm with less than 100 staff has taken out the largest Defence consultancy contracts by value in the first half of this year. [...] However, departments will

continue to spend millions on consultancies, with the Department of Health and Aged Care spending roughly \$58 million on consultancy contracts between February and June.

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

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Warning of 'genuine risk' from bird flu strain

Daily Liberal, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 3

Australians are being urged not to become complacent with a deadly strain of bird flu, as the virus poses "genuine risks to people". [...] Despite Australia being the only continent without H5N1, chief medical officer Paul Kelly has warned it's only a matter of time.

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Designs called for eating disorder clinic

Mandurah Times, General News, 16/10/2024, Rachel Fenner, Page 2

A long-awaited WA eating disorder clinic is a step closer, with development set to begin in Mandurah. [...] St John WA was granted \$28m from the Department of Health and Aged Care in 2019 to develop urgent care centres in Perth.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Geraldton Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Kimberley Echo \(Online\)](#), [Pilbara News \(Online\)](#), [Broome Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Warning sounds on bird flu

CQ Today, General News, 16/10/2024, Andrew Brown & Caitlin Powell, Page 35

It's a case of when, not if, a deadly bird flu pandemic arrives in Australia, the country's top medical expert is warning, as almost \$100 million is allocated to deal with an outbreak. [...] Australia is the only continent without the H5N1 strain but chief medical officer Paul Kelly says it's coming.

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Concerns youth screen time and AI use far exceed guidance as experts propose rethink to school bans

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Oscar Coleman

It's no secret that Australians are grappling with the rapid rise of digital technology, whether it's excessive screen times at home, the inability to tell truth from fiction online, or the intractable impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on institutions and jobs. [...] Asked whether screen time and sedentary behaviour guidelines were out of touch with modern expectations, a spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care said limiting sedentary activities was "essential for overall health and wellbeing" and to "reduce the risk of chronic disease".

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Hundreds of thousands of people downgrade private health cover as cost of living bites

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Rachel Carbonell

The cost-of-living crisis is forcing hundreds of thousands of people to downgrade their private health insurance, new data suggests. [...] The number of people covered by level of private health insurance (millions). Supplied: Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Illawarra trauma recovery centre remains open to help women amid staff unrest

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 16/10/2024, Kate Mcilwain

The Illawarra Women's Trauma Recovery Centre remains open and operating to help women in the region escaping family, domestic and sexual violence. [...] The ABC reported that a collective of staff had sent a letter to the federal Department of Health and Aged Care summarising their concerns, claiming that the way the centre was being run was not aligned with the agreement it was funded under.

New resources support reform initiatives

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/10/2024, Jodie Wolf

The Department of Health and Aged Care has launched two new guides for residential aged care providers about their mandatory care minute and 24/7 registered nurse responsibilities. Both launched on 8 October, the first guide, Care minutes responsibility, covers the activities that can qualify as care minutes, provider reporting obligations and the categories of workers who can deliver care minutes.

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Medicare should streamline health assessment items, not expand them: AMA

Australian Doctor, Other, 16/10/2024, Antony Scholefield

The AMA has backed a single set of criteria for patients to access Medicare health assessments for chronic disease, diabetes and heart health checks. The Department of Health and Aged Care is reviewing the six health assessment MBS items, which GPs claimed 1.3 million times last year, for \$274 million in rebates.

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Healthcare's digital transformation requires sharing data

Cosmos Magazine, Other, 16/10/2024, Imma Peretto

A leading digital health expert says that current models of healthcare – driven as they are by economic and environmental pressures – are no longer sustainable. [...] The Australian Department of Health and Aged Care recognises the way in which Australia's health systems collect, share, and analyse data must be transformed.

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QI program officially adds 3 new residential care staffing quality indicators

Helloleaders.com.au, Other, 15/10/2024, Alex Jacobs

Three new staffing quality indicators will be introduced for residential care providers in 2025 after the Department of Health and Aged Care confirmed it will start monitoring data for enrolled nursing, allied health and lifestyle officers under the QI program. There will be a total of 14 quality indicators once this trio is added, with providers to start collecting data from April 1 2025.

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VACCINES

Injecting far less strain to vaccines

Herald Sun, General News, 17/10/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 9

Melbourne scientists may have unlocked the mystery behind common but annoying mRNA vaccine side-effects such as headaches, fever and fatigue and the key to better cancer treatments. mRNA Covid vaccines have been designed to travel to our lymph nodes, but RMIT and Doherty Institute researchers have discovered tiny traces of mRNA end up in our bloodstream.

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Some opinions are more equal than others in Bill

Herald Sun, General News, 17/10/2024, John Storey, Page 27

The Minister for Communications Michelle Rowland [...] claims that "misinformation and disinformation can threaten people's health, safety and wellbeing". To prove her point she provides an apparent example of misinformation circulating online the notion "that drinking bleach may cure Covid-19". She claims "this kind of content can put lives at risk".

'Supremely ignorant': Queensland One Nation candidate's comparison of Covid vaccination to Holocaust condemned

The Guardian, Other, 15/10/2024, Joe Hinchliffe & Ben Smee

A One Nation candidate running in the Queensland election has likened Covid-19 vaccination to the Holocaust in comments condemned by medical experts and a Jewish community leader. [...] Health experts and a Jewish community leader condemned the One Nation candidate's comments as "supremely ignorant", "appalling" and dangerous.

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Combined jab

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 16/10/2024

A combined Covid-19 and flu vaccine is being developed in Australia, with researchers at Mater Hospital Brisbane leading the trial. The protein-based jab can fight both influenza and COVID-19, while also being safe for people with weak immune systems, cancer or a history of the disease.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Go back to economic future: Libs

The Australian, General News, 17/10/2024, Jack Quail, Greg Brown & Matt Bell, Page 1

With nearly two-thirds of jobs created under the Albanese government coming in taxpayersupported "care economy" sectors including health, disability and aged care, Opposition Treasury spokesman Angus Taylor said this was adding to productivity problems. He said there had been "no labour productivity growth in the care economy for 20 years", with productivity growth in the market sector outstripping it by 17.5 per cent since 2000.

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

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Aged care to tower of luxury

Courier Mail, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 20

A long-term aged care facility in an exclusive inner city Brisbane suburb is being demolished, with the site to go on the market with expectations it will become a high-end apartment development. After almost 30 years Ozcare has closed its aged care home at 424 Bowen Tce, New Farm, with residents moving to a property at 43 Evelyn St in nearby Newstead, which has the same number of beds.

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Axing income tests will push up taxes

The Nightly, General News, 16/10/2024, Simon Birmingham, Page 18

Far from embracing billions more in big spending, universal childcare subsidies, Labor should take a leaf from the aged-care reforms recently negotiated with the Liberal Party. Under these reforms access is guaranteed but everyone who can will pay a little more.

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New solution after GP withdrawal

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 5

When a local GP clinic suddenly withdrew its services, the rural aged care facility Quirindi Care Services (QCS) found itself in a critical situation, leaving 35 of its elderly residents without a doctor. In response to this urgent healthcare gap, QCS implemented an innovative solution to safeguard the health and well-being of its residents by leveraging recent legislative changes that empower nurse practitioners (NPs) with greater autonomy.

Lineal Developments to build 'vertical retirement village' in Geelong

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Luke Griffiths

An apartment complex exclusively for retirees will be built in central Geelong following state government approval for the first of its kind project. Located in the city's health precinct at 23-35 Bellerine St, will offer in-home care and multiple on-site services, including an allied health facility and a range of activity rooms.

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

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A former New Farm Ozcare home is for sale with interest from high-end apartment developers

The Courier Mail, Other, 16/10/2024, Chris Herde

A long-term aged care facility in an exclusive inner city Brisbane suburb is being demolished and will go on the market with the site expected to become a high-end apartment development. After almost 30 years Ozcare has closed its Palm Lodge aged care home at 424 Bowen Tce, New Farm, with residents moving to a property at 43 Evelyn St in nearby Newstead which has the same number of beds.

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Urgent need: aged care providers' grim reality

Canberra Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Holly Hales

A majority of aged-care providers are seriously concerned about how Australia will handle a rapidly maturing population. The Aged and Community Care Providers Association's state of the sector survey released on Wednesday shows seven out of 10 providers worry about the nation's readiness for an ageing population.

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

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Services Australia reveals major change coming to Centrelink debt repayment methods from December

7news.com.au, Other, 16/10/2024, Hayley Taylor

A concurrent push to boost the digital literacy of ageing Australians, and other vulnerable groups being left behind by technological advancements, is also underway. One in four people are digitally excluded, and it has highly damaging impacts, according to the 2023 Australian Digital Inclusion Index (ADII).

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Push for in-room CCTV to protect aged care residents in South Australia

9News, Other, 16/10/2024, Josie Shannon

A new push for nation-first safety in aged care facilities is under way in South Australia, with legislation to be introduced to parliament allowing CCTV to be installed in residents' bedrooms to capture and dissuade abuse. It follows a series of disturbing incidents in the state, including the shocking abuse captured by a secret camera placed by Noleen Hausler in her father's room in 2015, which was followed by the Oakden abuse scandal and the Aged Care Royal Commission.

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Report shows providers' concerns over reforms

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/10/2024, Natasha Egan

Only half of aged care providers think new requirements related to royal commission reforms will support quality and safety, ACCPA's inaugural State of the Sector survey finds. Over two-thirds of aged

care providers feel transition timeframes for new reforms are too fast while five in six say new requirements will put a greater strain on the sector.

Also reported by: [Community Care Review \(Online\)](#)

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BESTMED expands into home care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/10/2024

Aged care medication management software BESTMED has developed a purpose-built solution for home care providers to increase medication safety for seniors living at home. BESTMED for Home Care aims to maximise the productivity of the care workforce and raise quality. Testing with a small number of providers is now underway ahead of a 2025 launch, a spokesperson told Australian Ageing Agenda

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Threat to outlaw debit card surcharges under crackdown

Your Life Choices, Other, 17/10/2024, Brad Lockyer

The decline of cash in society has been a difficult transition for many older Australians, and the Council on the Ageing (COTA) welcomed the government's announcement. COTA Australia chief executive officer Patricia Sparrow said giving older Australians access to a fee-free form of 'digital cash' is crucial.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 16/10/2024, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

A new push for Australian fur safety in aged care facilities is tonight underway. Proposed legislation will be introduced to Parliament to allow CCTV to be installed in the bedrooms of aged care residents.

Also reported by: [WIN Mt Gambier \(Mt Gambier\)](#), [WIN Riverland \(Berri\)](#)

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POPULATION HEALTH

Warnings of NT 'rivers of grog'

The Australian, General News, 17/10/2024, Natasha Robinson, Page 2

Health leaders, peak organisations and top doctors in the Northern Territory have labelled as disgraceful the CLP government's plans to remove a minimum unit price for alcohol across regions that are awash in grog and violence, warning that women will die as a result. Despite the Minimum Unit Pricing with other measures dramatically reducing alcohol-related assaults, the NT government is planning to slash the floor price of alcohol from \$1.30 to just 30, making cask wine readily affordable for the heaviest drinkers amid an epidemic of alcohol-fuelled domestic violence against Aboriginal women.

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

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House prices blamed for nation's birth rate plunge

Age, General News, 17/10/2024, Shane Wright & Lachlan Abbott, Page 1

High housing costs and the expense of bringing up children have been blamed for a collapse in the number of babies born across Australia as the nation's fertility rate tumbled to its lowest level since the early days of European settlement. Nationally, there were 286,998 births through 2023 the fewest since 2006.

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

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Delving deep into weighty issue

Age, General News, 17/10/2024, Karl Quinn, Page 17

In production terms, *He Ain't Heavy* is ripped straight from the low-budget first-time filmmaker's handbook: one location (an unrenovated 1960s house in rural WA), a small cast (real-life mother and daughter Greta Scacchi and Leila George, and rising star Sam Corlett), and a tight script. But what it lacks in scale it more than makes up for in heart and craft. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reports that one in 10 people aged over 14 was a victim of an illicit drug-related incident (experiencing verbal abuse, physical abuse or being put in fear) in 2022-23.

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Shock of DV brain trauma

Daily Telegraph, General News, 17/10/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 12

Victims of intimate partner violence often have higher levels of trauma to the brain than people who have a concussion in other settings such as sport, according to a world first Australian study. The study also confirmed a blood test can prove if someone has suffered concussion and choking from intimate partner violence.

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Cigarette caused refuelling fireball

Northern Territory News, General News, 17/10/2024, Nathaniel Chambers, Page 3

Tiger Contracting NT Pty Ltd has been charged with two breaches of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 (the Act). Those charges include breaching its primary duty of care for failing to ensure health and safety of its worker and for failing to ensure a work environment without risks to health and safety.

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John was given 18 months to live. Twenty years later, this is his advice

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 17/10/2024, Angus Thomson

It wasn't until his 50s that Ruttle's family finally convinced him to get his persistent cough checked. His doctor diagnosed him with chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD) and gave him 18 months to live. He is now 78.

The disease kills more than 7000 people every year, but doctors say only half of the estimated 640,000 living with COPD know they have it.

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Victorian team discovers a major cause of infertility in women

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Robyn Riley

Victorian scientists have discovered a potential major cause of infertility in women that could lead to new treatments for conditions such as endometriosis and improve IVF success rates. The team found that high levels of a mini messenger molecule in the lining of the uterus could be why some women with unexplained fertility struggle to become pregnant.

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Tayla-Jane needed a late-term abortion. She does not agree with proposed changes to SA's abortion laws

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Stephanie Richards

Under South Australian legislation passed in 2021, women can get late-term abortions after 22 weeks and six days gestation if two doctors deem it to be medically appropriate. According to SA Health, in the first 18 months after the legislation was implemented, "fewer than five" people had their pregnancies terminated after 27 weeks.

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South Australia's upper house narrowly rejects 'Trumpian' bill to wind back abortion care

The Guardian, Other, 16/10/2024, Tory Shepherd

On Wednesday South Australia's upper house voted on legislation that would force women seeking an abortion after 27 weeks and six days – an extremely rare occurrence – to be induced, to deliver the child alive, and keep it or adopt it out. It was narrowly defeated – nine were in favour and 10 opposed from the 22-person house. The president only casts a deciding vote, while prominent Liberal critic of the bill, Michelle Lensink is absent for cancer treatment.

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Standing desks may be bad for your health, study suggests

The Guardian, Other, 17/10/2024, Andrew Gregory

Researchers say stand-up working could increase chance of developing swollen veins and blood clots. They have been billed as the ultimate antidote to sitting in front of a screen all day at the office. But a study suggests standing desks, which have soared in popularity in recent years, do not compensate for being inactive and may even increase the risk of conditions such as swollen veins and blood clots in the legs.

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Is standing the new smoking? Experts claim that being upright for too long increases risk of potentially deadly disease

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/10/2024, Emily Stearn

For a study has suggested that standing for too long does nothing to improve heart health and could even raise the risk of deep vein thrombosis. Experts have warned for years that being stationary for too much of the day raises the risk of numerous health problems including weight gain, type 2 and even an early grave.

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Lake Illawarra mum's warning after discovering teen 'chroming'

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 17/10/2024, Janine Graham

A Lake Illawarra mum who was introduced to the potentially fatal world of chroming wants others to learn from her terrifying experience. The mother, who doesn't want to be named to protect the identity of her child, had no idea what the term even referred to before being confronted with 11 aerosol cans littered through her house.

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A fresh start: Orange Sky launches in Greater Shepparton

Shepparton News Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Khadija Hadjab

Before Orange Sky expands to a new location, its team carefully reviews ABS data and homelessness census information, breaking it down by region and consulting the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's records to assess how many people accessed homelessness services in the past year.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 16/10/2024, Sharyn Ghidella

The Qld Government says it has the toughest stance on illicit tobacco, but the evidence is clear that it's still getting through to shops and into the hands of smokers. Shannon Fentiman, Qld Health Minister, says for the first time, Qld Health now has the power to shutdown chop-up shops for tobacco.

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Channel 7, The Latest: Seven News, 16/10/2024, Jerrie Demasi

News Monitoring a pregnant woman's weight. But a new study is flipping that advice on its head, saying it's time to ditch the scales during pregnancy. Professor Jodie Dodd, from the Robinson Research Institute, has been looking at whether limiting weight gain had an effect on lowering common risks in pregnancy, such as developing gestational diabetes, hypertension, risk of a C-section and infant birth weight. But the clear result is that it had no effect.

CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Forgotten cancer cases now being counted

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 17/10/2024, Kate Aubusson, Page 17

NSW researchers have uncovered the magnitude of the most severe form of breast cancer in a worldfirst discovery that they believe will have life-changing ramifications for those who live with the incurable disease. A staggering 7900 people 7850 women and 50 men are living with metastatic breast cancer in NSW, a complex data analysis by the Cancer Institute NSW found.

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Little victories mighty for Tahlia after stroke aged 10

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 17/10/2024, Brooke Campbell-Bayes, Page 21

Dias had a stroke at school camp when she was just 10. After feeling unwell on the bus, she noticed one arm felt numb. She didn't think more of it, until she went down a waterslide and, after reaching the bottom, couldn't stand up. "I had to be pulled out of the water. When they sat me up I couldn't walk or talk."

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

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Obesity links to breast cancer risk

Herald Sun, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 22

The link between obesity and a higher breast cancer risk could be stronger than we think, according to Spanish researchers. Using data from a cancer study, a University of Len Institute of Biomedicine team which measured both BMI and body fat percentage say the link between higher body fat percentage and breast cancer risk was stronger than the link between BMI and breast cancer, suggesting previous research may have underestimated obesity.

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Justice delayed, denied

Courier Mail, General News, 17/10/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 3

Patients who endured an agonising four-year wait for a report into whether a doctor failed to detect their cancer during screenings at a Queensland hospital might not be able to take legal action because of how long it took to get answers. Findings of the inquiry into possible medical negligence linked to endoscopies and colonoscopies at Redland Hospital between 2012 and 2018 are due to be handed down this week but will now come outside the statute of limitations for claims.

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Professionals in the pink

Courier Mail, Business News, 17/10/2024, Glen Norris, Page 53

Professionals Real Estate has marked a corporate philanthropic partnership that has delivered \$4.5m to support lifesaving research by the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) over the past 20 years. The financial support has contributed to funding world-class advancements in diagnosis and treatment, with the death rate from breast cancer falling by 27 per cent in Australia over the period.

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\$16m boost puts smile on Nathan's face

West Australian, General News, 17/10/2024, Claire Sadler, Page 8

Children across State to benefit from cash injection for range of vital programs Life has not been easy for little Nathan Tasker and his family. The four-year-old, who lives with cerebral palsy and is nonverbal, has endured countless trips to the doctor, causing untold worry for parents Luc and Stacey.

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Breaching iron barrier to make most of precious resource

Canberra Times, General News, 17/10/2024, Erin Hee, Page 3

When Jarrod Wilkinson started donating blood in 2009, he knew he was helping save the lives of others - but he had no idea he was doing the same for himself. [...] Haemochromatosis, which causes the body to store too much iron, is linked to cancer and organ damage. The primary treatment is to reduce the excess iron by blood-letting, typically around once every three months.

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

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Obesity link to cancer

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 6

The link between obesity and a higher breast cancer risk could be stronger than we think, Swedish researchers say. Using data from a cancer study, a University of Len Institute of Biomedicine team found the link between higher body fat percentage and breast cancer risk was stronger than the link between BMI and breast cancer.

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A key to treating cancer early is knowing 'normal'

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 17/10/2024, Sarah Kleinman, Page 39

According to the Cancer Council, in 2023 alone more than 1200 women were diagnosed with ovarian cancer. A "cancer" is when there is a mistake in a cell that gets replicated again and again, ultimately affecting whole organs or systems so that they can no longer function properly.

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'The hurt is always there': TV personality Matt Preston opens up on loss of his brother to epilepsy

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Jackie Epstein

Matt Preston has opened up about the loss of his beloved brother William and continuing efforts to raise awareness for the condition that cut short his sibling's life. The globetrotting foodie and TV personality lost his younger brother in 1988, at age 22, to sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP). The little-known condition claims 170 lives in Australia each year.

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

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'You feel helpless': call for epilepsy awareness, care

Canberra Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Emily Verdouw

People at the highest risk are those who experience nocturnal or "frequent, convulsive" seizures and don't take their medication when prescribed, Epilepsy Action Australia's Carol Ireland said. While 70 per cent of those with epilepsy can control their seizures with medication, 30 per cent have drug-resistant seizures.

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This lung disease affects one in 13 Aussies over 40, but only half know

they have it

9News, Other, 17/10/2024, Emily McPherson

Sydney woman Linda Goldsmith was diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), an incurable lung condition that interferes with airflow into the lungs, making it hard to breathe. Each year, more than 7600 Australians lose their lives to COPD and 53,000 people aged 45 are hospitalised with the condition.

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Incurable breast cancer numbers are almost three times higher than previously estimated

9News, Other, 16/10/2024

A newly-renovated screening clinic to catch breast cancer early and for those living with incurable disease has revealed number of patients who have been left in the dark. "This is not just about numbers, this is about giving hope, it's about giving voice to thousands," Cancer Institute NSW Professor Tracey O'Brien said.

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Common prescription and over-the-counter medications allegedly linked to stomach cancer and kidney damage - with 100,000 Aussies eligible for a class action lawsuit

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, David Southwell

Melbourne-based law firm Shine Lawyers have launched a class action investigation into the alleged adverse health impacts from the drugs known as proton pump inhibitors (PPI), with an estimated 100,000 Australians eligible. Those eligible to join the class action will need to 'have been diagnosed with stomach cancers or kidney failure after you started taking one (or more) of the PPI drugs'.

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Finding your voice when you have Metastatic Breast Cancer

SBS, Other, 16/10/2024, Rayane Tamer & Sophie Bennett

It's incurable and invasive - metastatic breast cancer leaves an indelible impact on many people's lives. Those who are living with the disease in Australia say they feel invisible. But they've now found a way for their voices to be heard.

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Empowerment after illness: Shepparton's wellness program for cancer survivors

Shepparton News Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Taylah Baker

The big 'C' word shocks, disheartens and frightens when heard — cancer. That's why Cancer Council Victoria is launching its Cancer Wellness and Exercise Program in Greater Shepparton, a free eight-week education, exercise and wellness plan to support the wellbeing of cancer survivors.

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Metastatic breast cancer rates soar past previous estimates

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/10/2024, Chelsea Heaney

A world-leading study found 8000 people are living with the cancer in NSW alone, proving previous case numbers to be 'widely inaccurate'. Previous estimates had the number of people nationally with metastatic breast cancer at more than 10,500 – but the NSW count alone nears 8000.

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Channel 9 Darwin, Nine News, 16/10/2024, Paul Murphy

A DJ known for his techno remix of Billy Kidd songs has joined forces with Wiggles legend Greg Page and are promoting World Restart a Heart Day. Chris Enright, Heart Foundation, urges people to learn how to assist those suffering cardiac arrest as it's a simple thing to do and people assisting won't be do any damage to anyone who's suffering cardiac arrest.

PRIMARY CARE

Insurers' 'stealth tax' fury

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 17/10/2024, Natasha Robinson, Page 4

The private health insurance industry is in uproar over a NSW government plan to double a tax on people with private cover who declare their insurance status when admitted to public hospitals. Health funds said if passed, the legislation would result in a tax hike of \$156 a year per family of two adults, which would appear on every health insurance bill in the state in 2025.

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

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LNP flags ban redo, Miles seeks handout reward

The Australian, General News, 17/10/2024, Lydia Lynch & Sarah Elks, Page 4

David Crisafulli is set to repeal a ban on political donations from property developers that he decried as a "financial gerrymander" while Steven Miles asked voters to reward him for borrowing billions of taxpayer dollars for cost-of-living handouts. [...] Putting forward his "case for change", Mr Crisafulli detailed failures of the third-term Labor government to address crime and adequately manage the state's public hospital system.

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

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Labor's spending 'threatens rate cuts'

The Australian, Business News, 17/10/2024, Matt Bell, Page 15

Big government spending in Queensland and Victoria could make it harder for the Reserve Bank to cut interest rates, according to UBS bond veteran Tim Van Klaveren, who warns that a higher for longer cash rate may push households to breaking point. [...] Victoria's debt, already the largest of any state at \$156bn, will climb to \$187.8bn by 2028 as Premier Jacinta Allen pushes ahead with big infrastructure projects and \$11bn in additional hospital funding.

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

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How a motley crew won the premier

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 17/10/2024, Alexandra Smith, Page 27

Gladys Berejiklian did not see out the term, after being found corrupt, so her promise lapsed. In 2021, a voluntary assisted dying bill, also introduced by Greenwich, came before the parliament. Berejiklian's successor, Perrottet, allowed a free vote and the bill passed.

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Hospital pod footpath fix

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 17/10/2024, Erin Jones, Page 24

The Women's and Children's Hospital wants to continue treating emergency pediatric patients in temporary overflow areas, due to an increased on demand on its service. The WCH says the nine 'pods' have helped reduced emergency department wait times and helped it cope with a nine per cent rise in pediatric emergency presentations each year.

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'It gives the community confidence'

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 17/10/2024, Jonathon Magrath, Page 1

Federal treasurer Jim Chalmers visited the Bendigo Primary Care Centre yesterday to open the clinic, one of 76 new centres open across Australia. [...] Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are open over extended hours for seven days a week, with no appointment needed and all patients bulk billed.

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Almost \$1m for health, but where will funding go?

Border Mail, General News, 17/10/2024, Xavier Mardling, Page 3

The NSW government has announced almost \$1 million in funding to upgrade equipment and facilities at the Twin Cities' health service, just hours after Albury Council voted overwhelmingly to back a new single-site Border hospital. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park announced on Tuesday that Albury Wodonga Health would receive \$975,000 as part of the Regional Health Minor Works Program.

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Hospital woes factors in death: Coroner

Burnie Advocate, General News, 17/10/2024, Tess Kelly, Page 2

Staff shortages, a hospital-wide bed blockage and a lack of supervision have been found to have contributed to the death of an elderly woman at the North West Regional Hospital. Jane Ann Chapman died in hospital after she fell from her trolley bed and suffered a fracture to her right hip after she was admitted to hospital on June 25, 2022.

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Funds for Rocky ED

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 4

Rockhampton's overwhelmed emergency department will be upgraded if Labor is re-elected under a \$50m pledge by Premier Steven Miles in his latest effort to tackle the hospital's skyrocketing ambulance ramping. The Rockhampton ED was swamped with 12,744 arrivals during the June quarter, 2340 which were urgent category 2 presentations.

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Dire sign as thousands of Australians downgrade private health insurance

The Australian, Other, 16/10/2024, Alexandra Feiam

Hundreds of thousands of Australians are downgrading their private health insurance as the cost-of-living crisis continues to cripple the country. Despite a steady increase in people choosing private health insurance, new government data suggests between 2020 and 2023, more than 400,000 people dropped from their gold health insurance coverage to a lower level, with Australians increasingly choosing a silver or bronze tier.

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

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More staff, faster response in huge Royal Flying Doctor Service deal

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Brad Crouch

The Royal Flying Doctor Service SA/NT will get more extra staff, increase operations and respond to emergencies faster under a half-a-billion dollar deal with the state government. The \$509m, 10-year contract announced on Wednesday will significantly boost capacity at Adelaide Airport, increasing RFDS operations to four aircraft during the day and three overnight.

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

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New data shows Aussies can no longer afford private health insurance

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Sarah Mitchell

According to the report, between December 2020 and the end of 2023, the amount of people choosing

the top-level gold private health cover dropped by over 400,000, with more people opting for silver and bronze cover. In fact, CEO of Private Health Australia, Rachel David, told the ABC over 216,000 policies have been downgraded in the first half of 2024 alone.

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

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UK MPs set to begin emotive debate on assisted dying

West Australian, Other, 17/10/2024

The assisted dying bill is expected to allow mentally competent, terminally ill adults with six months or less left to live the right to choose to end their lives with medical help. [...] In recent years, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and some US states have legalised assisted dying under certain circumstances.

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

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'Did not respond': Patients call out hospitals for communication failures

Canberra Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Carla Mascarenhas

Most people are satisfied with the care they receive in NSW hospitals but only forty per cent believed staff were open about problems and that figure was lower in some regional areas. The findings come in the latest Bureau of Health Information (BHI) report based on the feedback of more than 115,000 patients in the NSW public hospital system.

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

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Former minister Jann Stuckey says LNP 'adult time for adult crime' policy lacks clear implementation plans

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Nicholas McElroy

A former Newman government minister says the Liberal National Party's key election pitch could raise questions about judicial independence. [...] Solutions to youth crime are already available, according to John Kasinathan, from The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, who said longer sentences were not helpful in the long term.

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Queensland GPs call for more power to diagnose and manage ADHD patients

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Kenji Sato

Amanda Gorman says life prior to getting her ADHD diagnosis was messy, chaotic, and disorganised. "It's embarrassing to say, but I'd lose my keys three times per day," Ms Gorman said. "I can't count how many speeding tickets I've got, how many parking tickets, how many birthdays I've forgotten, how many times my kids turned up to school on student-free days."

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The debate is on in parliament – so should MPs change the law to allow assisted dying? Our panel responds

The Guardian, Other, 16/10/2024, Charlie-Corke, Lucy-Webster, Maureen-Anderson & Rachel-Clarke

I live in Victoria, Australia, where voluntary assisted dying has been available for six years, and I have just completed a six-year term as the deputy chair of the state's voluntary assisted dying review board. This board reviews every application for the service (now more than 3,000), and there has not yet been an occasion where an ineligible patient has been deemed to have gained access.

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Vulnerable people not at risk from proposed assisted dying law, says MP

The Guardian, Other, 16/10/2024, Robert Booth

The lives of disabled and vulnerable people will not be at risk from a proposed assisted dying law because it will only apply to terminally ill adults. [...] The proposed law will be closer to those already in use in Oregon in the US, Australia and New Zealand than more widely drawn laws in Canada and the Netherlands where illness need not be terminal.

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Royal Flying Doctor Service gets half-billion-dollar boost in South Australia

9News, Other, 16/10/2024, Dylan Smith

The South Australian government has announced \$509 million of funding for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) as part of a 10-year commitment. The funding boost will enable the RFDS to expand its fleet, with two additional planes ensuring four planes are available during the day and three at night.

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Food, medicine or heating? The tough choices facing many Ballarat families

Ballarat Courier, Other, 15/10/2024, Michelle Smith

Growing numbers of Ballarat families are facing "relentless poverty" with parents being forced to choose between buying food and paying for other essentials including medication, bills and school costs. With the increasing cost of living putting stress on all families, Cafs chief executive Wendy Sturgess said there were more Ballarat families in entrenched poverty than ever seeking support, including those who have never asked for help before.

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The shocking truth: Australia has a world-leading health system — because of governments

Crikey, Other, 16/10/2024, Bernard Keane

Despite claims that the health system is a poor productivity performer, Australia's public health system is more efficient than the private sector and delivers world-leading outcomes. The Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed something very interesting about Australian health last week: dementia is poised to become our biggest killer, ahead of heart disease.

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'No evidence' for older GP health checks: RACGP

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/10/2024, Michelle Wisbey

The college says an AHPRA plan for mandatory checks on 70-year-old GPs diminishes experience and will lead to extra red tape and early retirements. GPs over the age of 65 make up more than 15% of the full-time equivalent workforce in Australia.

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'Honoured and humbled': GP advocate recognised

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/10/2024, Morgan Liotta

The RACGP WA Chair has been named AMA's state Advocate of the Year, using the win to celebrate positive change and progress for GPs. (L-R) WA Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson, Dr Ramya Raman, AMA WA President Dr Michael Page, at the awards.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 16/10/2024, Ashleigh Gillon

Qld Premier Steven Miles and Opposition leader David Crisafulli is facing off in a leader's debate in Brisbane. Crisafulli discussed about the LNP's ambitions to crackdown on youth crime and was flagging the adult crime, adult time laws, as well as their determination to bring down hospital ambulance ramping numbers.

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2CC, Breakfast, 16/10/2024, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Dr Nicole Higgins, President, Australian College of General Practitioners. Higgins points out that everybody wants to have more GPs in the system, and they are actually doing this and are getting those numbers through, but the process of getting those GPs have changed. Higgins clarified that the changes are primarily seen on the qualification side and what's on paper.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Mental health flags for woman after alleged stabbing

Northern Territory News, General News, 17/10/2024, Zizi Averill, Page 3

A woman who allegedly stabbed multiple people with a pair of scissors could soon be involuntarily detained in the Territory's hospital system. The 19-year-old woman appeared in Darwin Local Court on Monday charged with three counts of aggravated assault and going armed in public following an alleged bus stabbing rampage in Parap.

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Mental illness

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 17/10/2024, Tony Stevenson, Page 36

I write on behalf of the not-for-profit Mental Illness Fellowship Australia to highlight to readers that if you or someone you know is facing a mental health issue reach out. Help is out there. It is absolutely critical that there is much more action from all governments to support people in your area who have severe mental health issues.

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It's like living a 'luteal hurricane'

The Nightly, General News, 16/10/2024, Karla-Marie Sanford, Page 31

When a suicide attempt in 2021 forced her to step away from her job, a family member with PMDD suggested the condition might explain her symptoms, too. The diagnosis was confirmed by a gynaecologist when Shulman was 35, two decades after she started menstruating. Since then, Shulman has taken antidepressant and anti-anxiety medication but she still suffers.

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Labor promised to fix our mental health crisis. I made the mistake of believing them

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 16/10/2024, Simon Katterl

For many, seeing the premier promise change bred hope for transformation across the system. Among the accepted recommendations were new services, new agencies, a desperately needed boost to funding via the Mental Health Levy, and a new way of thinking about, preventing, and responding to the growing mental health crisis. At the centre was lived experience leadership.

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Blackwood Youth Action CEO and team finalists in 2024 WA Mental Health Awards

West Australian, Other, 16/10/2024, Anjelica Smilovitis & Manjimup-Bridgetown

Blackwood Youth Action are in the spotlight after the team in Bridgetown and Manjimup were nominated in the 2024 WA Mental Health Awards. The BYA team are a finalist for the Mercycare Prevention and Promotion Award and chief executive Lisa Burgess is up for the Lotterywest Employee or Volunteer Excellence Award.

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Inside the bizarre recruitment tactics of the Shincheonji 'doomsday'

church

The Guardian, Other, 17/10/2024, Melissa Davey

A Korean religious sect that has been labelled a cult by former members is attempting to grow its influence in Australia by targeting young, impressionable people in cafes, on dating apps and on university campuses. [...] Guardian Australia has seen training videos and documents that outline the church's bizarre recruitment methods, which include calling recruits "fruit" and recruiters "leaves", and which former members claim amount to coercive control.

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Australia treats its armed forces veterans with a perversely shabby contempt

The Guardian, Other, 16/10/2024, Paul Daley

Having characterised so much of its history and identity by military adventurism, Australia certainly treats its armed forces veterans with a perversely shabby contempt. Exhibit A: the recent final report of the royal commission into defence and veteran suicide, with its litany of egregious abuses of broken veterans pushed to – or beyond – the brink of suicide by a culture that relies on young, intelligent, energetic, committed people but too often shuns them when they become impaired by their service.

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Look out for your MATES: training for tradies aims to help stop suicide rates

The Border Mail, Other, 16/10/2024, Jodie O'Sullivan

Australia is losing one worker every second day to suicide, MATES in Construction has revealed. Research shows construction workers are eight times more likely to die from suicide than an accident at work.

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In the 50 years since I was locked up as a kid, nothing has really changed in Australia

Crikey, Other, 16/10/2024, Debbie Kilroy

As a young child, I could tell the prison I was placed in didn't operate in the best interests of the girls it held. There were girls who were seriously unwell and really needed to be in a proper hospital, not a prison called a hospital. Though the place was run on a medical model managed by psychiatrists, you were still locked in a facility — unable to leave — for your "care" and "protection".

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Scare crows

Courier Mail, General News, 17/10/2024, Madura McCormack & Taylah Fellows, Page 1

The two men vying to lead Queensland for the next four years have passed on an invitation to demand their parties and backers end the scare tactics plaguing the campaign. [...] Labor-aligned unions – including the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union and the United Workers Union – have spent up big pushing misleading claims about the LNP privatising the health system and sacking public servants.

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Australian birth rate falls to record low

The Courier Mail, Other, 16/10/2024, Frank Chung

Australia's birth rate has fallen to its lowest level on record, as cost-of-living pressures continue to see couples delay having children into their 30s. There were 286,998 births registered in Australia in 2023, a 4.6 per cent decrease from 2022 and the lowest since 2006, resulting in a total fertility rate of 1.5 babies per woman, according to data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on Wednesday.

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

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Hard-working nurses like Ashleigh are being locked out of the housing and rental market in Australia

9News, Other, 16/10/2024, April Glover

Fresh data from Anglicare Australia reveals the country's housing crisis has led to countless essential workers such as nurses, aged care and ambulance workers being unable to afford rent. "If I was to seek another [affordable] rental in this current climate or pursue a mortgage, that's out of my reach," Clarke, an emergency room nurse, told 9news.com.au.

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Essential workers struggling to find affordable housing, according to new Anglicare report

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 16/10/2024, Kim Macdonald

Essential workers like teachers, nurses and firefighters are struggling to find affordable housing, with a new Anglicare report showing not even regional Australia is affordable these days. In its second edition of the Essential Workers Rental Affordability Snapshot, Anglicare found Australia's housing affordability crisis was not isolated to people on the lowest incomes, with those with secure jobs in essential industries also struggling to afford rental accommodation.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Toll Holdings swoops on Regional Express' Pel-Air

Australian Financial Review, Other, 16/10/2024, Ayesha de Kretser & Sarah Thompson

Toll Holdings is closing in on a deal to buy Regional Express's air ambulance business Pel-Air, as the future of the flailing airline's regional flying operations remain under a cloud.

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Royal Flying Doctor Service takes off with \$500 million SA contract

In Daily, Other, 16/10/2024, Isabella Kelly

The Malinauskas Government has signed a long-term contract worth half a billion dollars to expand the Royal Flying Doctor Service SA/NT. The state government has announced a new 10-year contract with the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

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'It's been a privilege': popular Wagga GP departs to care for her family

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 16/10/2024, Finn Coleman

Beloved GP Rachel Glasson will be leaving Blamey Street Surgery after a "fantastic" career in Wagga. The co-owner of the local clinic will be handing the reins over to her business partner and departing for Sydney to care for her father after 17 years in Wagga.

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Key Feature Problem exam changes on the way

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/10/2024, Michelle Wisbey

From 2025.2, the RACGP exam will consist of 70 scenarios, each with a multiple selection question,

with short-answer questions to be removed. The RACGP assures candidates that the exam update will not change what is assessed.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

More support for NSW pharmacists

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 16/10/2024

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has partnered with NSW Health to deliver specialised training and support for pharmacists delivering services under the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). The offerings include a dedicated resource hub, a series of online modules and webinars, and the expansion of the Pharmacist-to-Pharmacist Advice Line to participating businesses.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

We got all your period questions answered by a doctor.

Mamamia, Other, 16/10/2024, Sharon Hunt

Dr Sarah Cavanagh, a GP and Chief Medical Officer from InstantScripts, confirmed the service is a "potential game-changer for women because it offers quick, easy and affordable access to healthcare." Scripts are available from \$19 and telehealth consultations with an Australian registered doctor start from \$34.

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Is our healthcare workforce ready and able for an HIE?

The Medical Republic, Other, 16/10/2024, Cate Swannell & Harriet Grayson

In the end, as long as an HIE is 'easy, safe and useful' its success shouldn't rely on needing to upskill clinicians and other healthcare workers, says the boss of the AIDH. [...] Anja Nikolic, the CEO of the Australian Institute of Digital Health, was speaking at TMR 's webinar on the future of the HIE yesterday.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Much more than a numbers game

Canberra Times, General News, 17/10/2024, Page 25

Community Sport Alliance recently posed to all political candidates the importance of measuring this value. Sport has well-documented mental and physical health benefits for those who participate.

Therefore, it should feature in government preventive health strategies that alleviate costs in the health system.

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SPORT

Sadly, the leaders' debate leaves voters largely in the dark

The Australian, General News, 17/10/2024, Jamie Walker, Page 4

The Liberal National Party leader remains hot favourite to win the state election in 10 days, and he's still refusing to be drawn on state debt, Olympic stadiums, pumped hydro dams and the thorny issue of abortion law reform. Premier Steven Miles took over from the press pack in pressing Mr Crisafulli on the detail he has refused to provide.

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

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Real help, not empty symbols

Herald Sun, Editorials, 17/10/2024, Page 26

The government has proven itself more attuned to the pressures of urban activists and academics than the real-life despair in remote and rural communities where abuse, neglect, addiction and deplorable health and living conditions remain ignored. The latest Closing the Gap update has found progress has been made in just five of the 19 measures.

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Fee-free TAFE to increase numbers

Cairns Post, General News, 17/10/2024, Arun Singh Mann, Page 3

In the week the nation marked one year since the Voice to Parliament referendum, Indigenous leaders called for greater involvement in the economy to improve regularly spoken-of issues including health and housing. Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch presented correspondence from Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council with the local government seeking outstanding funds to construct six one-bedroom units, using a "local trade force."

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'Reconciliation' agenda might make us feel good. But it does nothing to close the gap

The Australian, Other, 16/10/2024, Janet Albrechtsen

There are two Indigenous projects on foot in Australia. One is called "reconciliation". The other is called "closing the gap". The former demands special rights for Indigenous people in the name of reconciliation. The second demands equal opportunities for every Australian.

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16-year-old Isabella Sullivan's outstanding leadership, First Nations

advocacy lands prestigious award

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/10/2024, Jessica Klein

In less than a year a southwest region teenager's steadfast advocacy for her First Nations community has led her to a number of life-changing opportunities, including one within Queensland's Youth Parliament. [...] Her role in Queensland's Youth parliament with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership Committee, saw her contribute to a youth bill focused on the repatriation of First Nations remains, secret and sacred objects held at the Queensland Museum.

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

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The West Australian Five university students learn about culture and regional practise during Carnarvon Medical Immersion Program

West Australian, Other, 16/10/2024, Jessica Moroney

A medical immersion program in Carnarvon saw a number of university students take to the region to learn about culture and develop an understanding of work in remote WA. Five university students jetted off to the Gascoyne to participate in the Carnarvon Medical Student Immersion Program, run by Rural Health West, in the last week of September.

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Seven women killed, time to 'wake up', cops say

Canberra Times, Other, 15/10/2024, Amanda Parkinson

Northern Territory police are pleading with the community to "wake up" to an unfolding epidemic of domestic violence as investigations continue into seven deaths in less than five months. The latest death of a woman allegedly killed by her partner prompted an appeal on Tuesday by the Territory's police Assistant Commissioner Travis Wurst: "this has to stop".

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Queensland LNP leader criticised for use of phrase considered derogatory term for Aboriginal children

The Guardian, Other, 17/10/2024, Ben Smee

The Queensland Liberal National party leader, David Crisafulli, has been accused of "racialised dog whistling" for his repeated use of a phrase common in anti-crime social media groups, where it is used as a derogatory reference to Aboriginal children. First Nations academics and other experts says Crisafulli's repeated use of the phrase "generation of untouchables" – whether known to him or not – has "coded racist undertones".

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New NT government moves quickly to lower age of criminal responsibility after 'crime crisis' election campaign

The Guardian, Other, 16/10/2024, Nino Bucci

The incoming Northern Territory government has followed through on an election commitment to tackle a "crime crisis" by urgently introducing laws to lower the age of criminal responsibility and create new offences and tougher penalties including mandatory sentencing for assaults on emergency workers.

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New funding will help Martu students and communities thrive

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Rhiannon Clarke

Regional Development Minister Don Punch has announced a \$3.7 million funding boost to extend the operations of two key projects supporting the Martu people in the East Pilbara. [...] In addition, Puntuturnu Aboriginal Medical Service Inc. (PAMS) has been granted \$2.25 million to extend The Jiji Program for another three years.

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NT Aboriginal Family Legal Service offers help in wake of latest alleged domestic violence killing in the top end

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

The North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service has extended their condolences to families and communities in Lajamanu after an Aboriginal woman died being allegedly stabbed by her partner on Monday. The 42-year-old Warlpiri woman's death is the seventh alleged domestic violence related death of an Indigenous woman since the start of July in the top end and NAAFLS, which provides services to more than 40 communities throughout the Top End - including legal and support services to those affected by domestic, family, and sexual violence - said they were mindful the families were now in sorry business.

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VACCHO launches new, holistic Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation model at Victorian Parliament

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

The peak representative body for the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria has launched a new model for Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations. At an event on Monday at Victoria's Parliament and hosted by Sheena Watt MLC, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) celebrated the groundbreaking work undertaken by Victorian Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) for over 50 years.

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Prioritising housing as a health priority: Aboriginal Housing NT and Menzies School of Health Research sign MoU

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/10/2024, Dechlan Brennan

Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Menzies School of Health Research. The MoU will formalise the collaborative partnership to improve the quality of remote housing in the NT and comes after the federal and Territory governments committed to a ten-year remote housing funding package.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Radio National, PM, 16/10/2024, Samantha Donovan

In the NT, the Northern Land Council, which represents traditional owners is accusing Australia's Border Force as they believe they are not doing enough to monitor NT's coastal waters to stop illegal fishing by Indonesian boats. Northern Council Chair Matthew Ryan says many questionable in regard to border security and the biosecurity level where, um, you know, we got the monkeypox, tuberculosis or potential for rabies and foot and mouth and bird flu.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

'Miracle' drug is rejected for use

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 17/10/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 3

A much-anticipated drug that holds the promise of delaying symptoms of Alzheimer's disease will not be available in Australia. The decision on Wednesday by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) not to register the drug lecanemab (LEQEMBI) means it can't be supplied here.

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

New rays of hope in the fight to slow down early Alzheimer's

Sydney Morning Herald, International News, 17/10/2024, Laurie McGinley, Page 23

Kisunla may be stopped after scans show amyloid beta has been cleared from the brain. Both drugs have been submitted to the Therapeutic Goods Administration in Australia and are awaiting a decision.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Smoking out crims

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 17/10/2024, Dasha Havrilenko & Dylan Hogarth, Page 1

Organised crime syndicates from three different states could be behind a spate of arson attacks plaguing South Australian businesses, as the groups look to push their way into the state's lucrative illicit tobacco trade. Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said special taskforce Operation Eclipse was targeting "three primary syndicates" from Queensland, Victoria and SA that are wanting a "lion's share" of the illicit tobacco market.

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

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Bike store owner speaks after arson attack linked to Victoria's tobacco wars

ABC Online, Other, 16/10/2024, Annabel Crabb

The owner of an ebike store that was destroyed in an arson attack has urged the Victorian government to do more to end the state's tobacco wars. Cargocycles, in Brunswick East, which was severely damaged in a ram raid attack on Tuesday morning.

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Water works

Courier Mail, Business News, 17/10/2024, Glen Norris, Page 53

Brisbane-based start-up Water and Carbon Group has raised \$15m in capital to fast-track the deployment of its water treatment technology in the US and globally. [...] The technology helps remove PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) that have been used in products such as firefighting foam, food packaging and many nonstick, water and stain resistant products.

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