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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 1) reports that a world-first trial conducted by The Alfred and Monash University has succeeded in giving a burn patient bioengineered, lab-grown skin, a major development that has the potential to serve as an alternative to traditional skin grafting.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (Page 1) reports that former Victorian premier Daniel Andrews has come under fire over his appointment as chairman of youth mental health service Oxygen, and is facing calls to donate his \$75,000 a year salary to charity.
- **[The Age](#)** (page 1) reports that new findings published by the Victorian Department of Health has revealed the state's regional hospitals are receiving less funding than Melbourne to provide equivalent health services, with Department secretary Euan Wallace saying the Victorian Efficient Price (VEP) showed that hospitals in regional areas were providing health services at a lower cost.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 3) reports that a study has shown that people face a doubled risk of developing cardiovascular disease for three years after catching Covid.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 16) reports that researchers at Flinders University have found that undergoing laser tattoo removal procedures could involve exposure to carcinogens as the pigments in tattoo ink break down.

- [The Courier Mail](#) (page 9) reports that Queensland Opposition Leader David Crisafulli has said the state's three-strike drug possession laws will be repealed if it wins this week's election, while the Australian Medical Association of Queensland (AMAQ) expressed its dismay at the proposal.
- [ABC News Online](#) reports that new data from Women's Health Victoria reveals a growing divide in access to abortion care for people in the state's regions, with those living outside of metropolitan areas almost twice as likely to seek an abortion after 12 weeks of pregnancy.
- [ABC News Online](#) reports that the Chair of Cancer Council's National Skin Cancer Committee, Anne Cust, has advised Australians to wear protective clothing to minimise the risk of skin cancer, adding that the nation "has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world".
- [ABC News Online](#) reports that the closure of the only maternity ward on the Central Coast is being blamed on a 40 per cent drop in patient numbers over the last ten years, according to Gosford Private Hospital, which is run by Healthcare.
- [The Guardian](#) reports that an Australian-led study has found a mostly untreatable superbug has been linked to what was previously regarded as a low-risk antibiotic, with leader researcher Dr Adrianna Turner, saying the finding showed the need for surveillance and investigation into how bacteria becomes antibiotic-resistant.

MINISTER BUTLER

Ramsay calls for insurance indexation

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 25/10/2024, Michael Smith, Page 17

The closure of a private maternity ward in Gosford on the NSW Central Coast announced this week triggered warnings yesterday of more hospital closures unless [...] Health Minister Mark Butler takes action to prop up loss-making facilities.

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Teens log off and thrive

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/10/2024, Julie Cross, Page 14

More than 20,000 Aussie schoolchildren are giving up social media for 24 hours today, as part of a national campaign to raise awareness of the dangers. [...] Unplug24, the name of the initiative, is also being supported by a host of big names, including Health Minister Mark Butler and Senator Jacqui Lambie.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Lagging on issue of grave importance

Canberra Times, Editorials, 25/10/2024, Page 18

While the lack of progress has rarely made headlines until now that will change following the release of the final report of the inquiry into the national COVID-19 response. [...] Given there is broad bipartisan and crossbench support, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Health Minister Mark Butler need to tell voters why this has taken so long that the interim CDC head Paul Kelly, who was also the Chief Medical Officer, has retired before a site is chosen, the CDC's "scope and functions" have been delineated, and ongoing funding allocated.

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Swift Street Antenatal Clinic earns top gong as "Medicare Champion"

Dubbo Photo News, General News, 24/10/2024, David Dixon, Page 18

Wellington family practice Swift Street Medical's antenatal clinic was recently highlighted as one of

Australia's top health providers. [...] The finalists will be celebrated with the Medicare Champions announced at the Stronger Medicare Awards ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra on Monday, November 4, with Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler saying: "These finalists are some of the many people and practices working outside of hospitals in health settings across NSW, who go above and beyond to support their patients."

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New pharmacy vape regulations ineffective in South Australia

Southern Argus, Letters, 24/10/2024, Colin Mendelsohn, Page 10

A recent survey of pharmacies across South Australia highlights the failure of the new regulations intended to make low-nicotine vapes available without a prescription as Schedule 3 medicines. Despite promises from Health Minister Mark Butler, the survey of 65 pharmacies revealed that 97 per cent did not have vapes available for walk-in customers without a prescription.

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Australian Centre for Disease control under a cloud as election approaches

Canberra Times, Other, 24/10/2024, Dana Daniel

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

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Bad medicine: damning report shows healthcare 'out of reach for too many'

Newcastle Herald, Other, 24/10/2024, Damon Cronshaw

One in five people aged over 15 delayed or avoided seeing a GP in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie due to cost - a 211 per cent rise in four years, new research shows. [...] While in the Hunter on Tuesday, federal Health Minister Mark Butler said "there's more to do to strengthen Medicare".

Also reported by: [Port Macquarie News \(Online\)](#), [Macleay Argus \(Online\)](#), [Muswellbrook Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Maitland Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Manning River Times \(Online\)](#).

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Could abortion rights ever be reversed in Australia like in the US?

SBS, Other, 24/10/2024, Jessica Bahr

Two years ago, reproductive rights were wound back in the United States. Now, questions are being raised about whether something similar could happen in parts of Australia. [...] In a statement to SBS News, federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the government has removed several restrictions for providing and prescribing the medical abortion medication MS-2 Step, reducing barriers for both medical professionals and people seeking abortions.

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Dire predictions of GP shortfall will hit aged care operators: Health of the Nation 2024 report

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The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' Health of the Nation 2024 report paints a mixed picture for the future of GPs in Australia, revealing a significant increase in the number of GPs recommending general practice as a career but anticipated demand for GPs significantly outstripping supply, and a decline in the number of trainees. [...] In a speech to launch the report, the Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler acknowledged the challenges.

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AusBiotech 2024 conference programme highlights

The AusBiotech 2024 Conference, designed by industry for industry, is set to deliver its largest programme yet in the organisation's 38-year history over an exciting four-day programme. [...] Mark Butler MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care will introduce the event.

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'No more reviews' under an LNP federal government

The Medical Republic, Other, 24/10/2024, Holly Payne

This year's Rural Medicine Australia conference opened with a big promise from Shadow Health Minister Anne Ruston. A newly-elected Liberal federal government would put an end to the avalanche of health consultations and reviews that have defined Health Minister Mark Butler's time in office, delegates at Rural Medicine Australia were told.

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Triple M Cairns, 08:00 News, 24/10/2024

Australians are today being urged to ditch social media for 24 hours, with even federal Health Minister Mark Butler, singer Jess Mauboy and cricketer Adam Gilchrist taking part.

Also reported by: *Hit103.5 Cairns (Cairns)*

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Q+A: Oct 28

TV Tonight, Other, 25/10/2024, David Knox

Q+A will be broadcast in Sydney on Monday for a health check on Australia. [...] Panellists: Minister for Health & Aged Care Mark Butler, Independent MP & former paediatric neurologist Monique Ryan, Nurse & former NSW minister for regional & mental health Bronnie Taylor and journalist & author Johann Hari.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 24/10/2024, Sally Sara & Patricia Karvelas

Interview with the Minister for Women, who says, "I work with Ged Kearney and Mark Butler in this area. They're doing a lot of work in terms of women's health and the provision of services around women's health, and what more needs to be done. My view is we need to make sure that women are able to access the full suite of health services they need to live a healthy life, and that's what we're focused on.

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MINISTER WELLS

Cyril Tooze's final act may be to highlight My Aged Care's national failure

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, David Penberthy

Cyril Tooze this week became the human face of the delays facing older and infirmed Australians as they seek help through the Commonwealth's My Aged Care scheme. [...] The independent member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie. wrote the following day to Aged Care Minister Anika Wells highlighting his case.

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

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"A grand bargain": the sector must raise the bar on aged care quality, Anika Wells tells ACCPA National Conference

The Minister for Aged Care has issued a reminder to aged care providers that the funding delivered under the Royal Commission into Aged Care's reforms does come with strings attached. Speaking on the topic 'The Government's Commitment to Excellence in Aged Care' at the Aged and Community Care Providers Association's National Conference in Adelaide yesterday, Minister Wells pointed to the Government's significant investment in aged care, which includes the \$15.1 billion in wages delivered under the Fair Work Commission's wage rises for aged care workers.

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No Minister: aged care reforms won't solve the capital crisis facing the sector

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Lauren Broomham

The shortfall in new aged care beds that need to be developed over the next five years was a dominant theme at the Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA)'s National Conference yesterday and there are no easy fixes despite the political spin. In her address which we report on in further detail here, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells spruiked the number of aged care providers progressing on new developments, naming Opal HealthCare Regis Aged Care and Mercy Health.

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Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/10/2024, Stefanie Schultz

An 86-year-old Adelaide Hills man has tragically personified the problem's surrounding assessments in the aged care system, requesting euthanasia under SA's Voluntary Assisted Dying laws rather than continue to wait for in-home care. [...] Senator Anne Ruston grill members of the Department of Health and Aged Care during a Senate Committee hearing on Monday.

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ACCPA to rebrand as Ageing Australia

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/10/2024, Jodie Wolf

Two-and-a-half years in Aged and Community Care Providers Association wants to change its name. [...] Like Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells told delegates on Wednesday, he said the new Aged Care act had to pass both houses before Christmas.

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Minister determined to see legislation pass this year

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/10/2024, Jodie Wolf

The journey so far has been a "very long one" the Minister for Aged Care has told an industry event this week. There have been "incredible" feats achieved in one year alone, as well as skeptics along the way, said Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Mental health support boosted in Queanbeyan

Bungendore Weekly, General News, 23/10/2024, Page 3

As part of Mental Health Month, the Albanese Government is reaffirming its commitment to improving access to mental health services in Eden-Monaro. Recently, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Emma McBride and Member for Eden Monaro, Kristy McBain, visited the Queanbeyan Mental Health Hub.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

BACHS staff unite to combat cervical cancer

The Western Herald (Bourke NSW), Other, 24/10/2024

The Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service has partnered with the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) to promote cervical cancer awareness and improve screening rates within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In September 2024, the Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Ged Kearney launched a \$10 million initiative aimed at encouraging more women to undergo cervical cancer screenings, keeping Australia on track to eliminate the disease by 2035.

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DEPARTMENT

New group aims to help men beat the blues

Armadale Examiner, General News, 24/10/2024, Mel Dee, Page 2

A simple idea to create a safe space for guys to offload their worries has now become a nation-wide phenomenon. Recent studies have been showing that social circles among men are shrinking. [...] It is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program.

Also reported by: [Canning Examiner \(Perth\)](#), [Examiner Newspapers \(Online\)](#).

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Fight is on for more testing

Border Watch, General News, 25/10/2024, Elisabeth Champion, Page 9

A Mount Gambier/Berrin man is on a crusade to get more men tested for prostate cancer. [...] A spokesperson for the federal Department of Health and Aged Care echoed this and said the Clinical Practice Guidelines on Prostate Specific Antigen Testing were developed through a partnership between the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) and Cancer Council Australia.

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National Seniors

Lake News, General News, 01/10/2024, Page 22

This is a free healthy ageing guide funded by Australian Department of Health & Aged Care designed to help us stay independent & socially connected as we grow older. This month a group of members headed off to Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and surrounds for a few days with an itinerary packed full of great sights and experiences, including whale watching in Hervey Bay.

Australian CDC needed

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 24/10/2024, Page 4

Experts from several Australian health bodies have banded together to urge the federal government to commit funds to establish a permanent Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC). [...] The call for action also comes as Australia's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paul Kelly, who has been leading the interim CDC, prepares to retire at the end of this month.

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

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Marta facing \$40,000 in medical bills after missing Medicare eligibility deadline

9News, Other, 24/10/2024, Maddison Leach

Marta Bellini, 28, is facing medical bills upwards of \$40,000 after devastating seizures just days after her Medicare eligibility lapsed. [...] "Cover under the RHCA starts on the day of arrival and generally ends after six months or when the visitor's visa expires, whichever is earlier," a spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care told 9news.

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Bringing joy and connection: the impact of the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

Geelong Times, Other, 24/10/2024

Volunteers such as Margarete are making a profound difference in the lives of isolated and lonely older Victorians through the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS). [...] Elder Rights Advocacy, supported by funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, runs a program designed to match individuals in need of companionship with volunteers who share similar interests, hobbies, and backgrounds.

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Care and Connect domestic violence program expands to support sexual assault

Hills to Hawkesbury Community News, Other, 24/10/2024, Sophie Poredos

Wentworth Healthcare recently launched its expansion of the Care and Connect domestic and family violence program, which now includes supports for survivors of sexual violence and child sexual abuse. [...] As the primary provider of the Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network, Wentworth Healthcare has funded the Care and Connect Program alongside the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Radio host Jackie 'O' Henderson breaks down live on air, admitting to suffering through alcohol and drug addiction

Sky News Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, David Wu & Patrick Staveley

Jackie 'o' Henderson has broken down live on air while speaking to co-host Kyle Sandilands on their KIIS FM radio show about her battle with alcohol and drug addiction. [...] If you or anyone you know

needs help with addiction, the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care's National Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 250 015.

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Nearly 3,000 register for first CHSP update since Aged Care Bill released: major points detailed

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Caroline Egan

The Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) 2025–27 extension webinar on Tuesday was the Department of Health and Aged Care's first "substantive" engagement with the sector about the programme since the Aged Care Bill 2024 was released on 12 September. In hearings, the Senate Inquiry has heard on several occasions providers are concerned about the lack of data available on CHSP reforms, which, though not being rolled out until after 1 July 2027, will require changes of providers as they will be operating under the new Aged Care Act.

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How the DoHAC is killing outer metro practices

Health Services Daily, Other, 24/10/2024, Kenneth McCroary

The reprieve on chronic care plans is just a brief delay on the journey to non-viability. [...] After months of uncertainty and confusion, which is unfortunately the norm in Australian general practice, the Department of Health and Aged Care has put a temporary stay of execution on the policy to remove and dismantle much of the chronic health care planning item numbers.

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AMA is on the AI train

The Medical Republic, Other, 24/10/2024, Laura Woodrow

This week, the AMA is on the tech train – releasing two submissions on artificial intelligence (and one on assistive technologies). [...] As such, the Department of Health and Aged Care opened a consultation last month into the framework around AI.

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ABC News, ABC News, 24/10/2024, Joe O'Brien

Indigenous leaders and tobacco control experts are gathering on the Gold Coast this week in a bid to reduce tobacco related harm in Australia. Across all age groups makes up for 37 per cent of deaths among First Nations people, according to the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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VACCINES

Experts sound the alarm on lingering danger Covid poses to heart health

The Australian, General News, 25/10/2024, James Dowling, Page 3

New research has uncovered the full extent of Covid's effect on cardiovascular disease as clinicians seek to get ahead of one of the fastest-rising national health burdens. A study published in the journal *Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology* suggests those who have been infected with Covid face twice the risk of cardiovascular disease for three years post-infection.

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

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New research links a rise in advanced breast cancer to Covid-19

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Mia Erickson

According to an important Australian study, The pandemic still impacts every facet of our healthcare system. Here's what the latest data says about advanced breast cancer. The study's findings – indicating a rise in breast cancer diagnoses in women – are not the first of their kind to reflect this worrying trend. As recent research has found, several cancers in young Aussies (particularly women) are becoming more common.

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

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

SA food icon Maggie Beer takes out international TV host award, beating industry legends Jimmy Kimmel and Stephen Fry

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024

Maggie Beer scooped a prestigious television hosting award, beating industry heavyweights with her project to improve aged care food in Australia. The food icon transformed the dining experience of aged care residents on ABC program Maggie Beer's Big Mission Beer took out the Best Host of a TV Format category at the C21 International Format Awards in Cannes, trouncing renowned international figures including host of British game show Jeopardy!

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ACCPA CEO reveals new name for peak body at National Conference

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Lauren Broomham

Addressing the audience in Adelaide this morning, CEO Tom Symondson has announced that the Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) wants to take on a new name – Ageing Australia. In an exclusive interview prior to the National Conference, Tom told DCM Group's SATURDAY magazine that the rebrand will position the peak body to better represent its aged care and retirement living membership base and the older Australians they support.

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Fair Work Commission reject Bolton Clarke's pay deal approved by 53 per cent of staff in QLD

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Caroline Egan

The industrial relations tribunal's Commissioner Jennifer Hunt said Australia's largest independent Not For Profit aged care provider "did not take all reasonable steps to ensure that the terms of the Agreement, and the effect of those terms, were explained to the relevant employees. The FWC had previously raised concerns with Bolton Clarke about the agreement and the Australian Nursing and

Midwifery Federation and the United Workers' Union also appealed the agreement, which staff approved with a 53 per cent majority on 9 May 2024, to be dismissed.

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“I've aged 10 years in six months”- ACCPA CEO Tom Symondson in exclusive interview

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Caroline Egan

When Tom spoke to Editor Lauren Broomham this week, he said he may have aged 10 years in the last six months trying to get the new Aged Care Act Bill into Parliament. But he admitted he won't be taking a break any time soon, as he plans to guide the sector through the reform rollout.

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Police officer charged over aged care resident Clare Nowland's death to face jury trial in November

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Caroline Egan

Senior Constable Kristian White, who has been charged over the 2023 death of 95-year-old aged care resident Clare Nowland will face a four-week jury trial in the NSW Supreme Court starting on 11 November. White appeared in court last week seeking a judge-only trial.

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Helping Hand partners with college to try and create pipeline of aged care workers

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Caroline Egan

South Australian Not For Profit aged care provider Helping Hand Aged Care has agreed to partner with Port Augusta Technical College, which is due to open in 2025, to help create a pipeline of graduates to work in aged care. Port Augusta Technical College will be co-located at Port Augusts Secondary School, and will support students completing years 10 to 12 while undertaking vocational education and training (VET).

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Dementia toolkit

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/10/2024

Dementia Australia has released a free, easy-to-use community education toolkit, which community groups and organisations can use to deliver informative sessions about dementia. The pack, available here, was created in response to huge community demand for dementia education.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Small-target leader has gone awfully close to blowing it

The Australian, General News, 25/10/2024, Jamie Walker, Page 1

The comfortable LNP victory that beckoned only a month ago has melted away under the blowtorch of Steven Miles's scare tactics on abortion and doubts about whether David Crisafulli has been upfront on his intentions in office. This is an indictment of a "small target" campaign that effectively took voters for mugs.

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Future mode

Australian Financial Review, AFR Magazine, 25/10/2024, Yolanda Redrup, Page 38

Founded by brothers Aengus and Dimitry Tran, Harrison.ai wants to help 1 million people every single day through its AI healthcare diagnostic technologies.

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Price backed over abortion debate

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/10/2024, Paul Sakkal, Page 15

Opposition frontbencher Barnaby Joyce has leapt to the defence of Coalition senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, saying she was courageous to debate the issue of abortion despite its unpopularity. The pro-life former deputy prime minister also pushed back against the arguments of shadow cabinet colleagues and his party leader, David Littleproud, who said abortion was entirely a state issue, underscoring differing views within the Coalition.

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Alleged illegal tobacco, vapes syndicate pair granted bail

Age, General News, 25/10/2024, Marta Pascual & Juanola Lachlan-Abbott, Page 5

The alleged ringleader and the enforcer of a \$30 million illicit tobacco syndicate have been granted bail despite one of the men being arrested at the airport as he tried to leave the country. Nazir Haddara, 25, and Hassan Jassem, 21, were granted bail at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court yesterday following a hearing that detailed some of the inner workings of the alleged criminal network, including keeping detailed store records of all illicit products sold.

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Individual genome diets, do they work?

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/10/2024, Ashley Lowe, Page 26

Examining everything from your ancestry to your caffeine tolerance, direct-to-consumer DNA test kits are becoming increasingly affordable. As a result, genome-based diets, also known "DNA diets" or even "personalised nutrition", have become increasingly popular over the past decade.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#)

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Skin in the game

Herald Sun, General News, 25/10/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 1

Human-like skin grown in a laboratory has successfully treated an Australian burns patient in a world-first trial. The artificial tissue was grown from the man's own skin cells and has been hailed as one of the biggest breakthroughs for burns care in decades after treating "extensive, full-thickness wounds".

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

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Bail for 'boss', muscle

Herald Sun, General News, 25/10/2024, Gemma Scerriw, Page 2

The alleged ringleader of an illegal Victorian tobacco syndicate and an alleged enforcer have won their fight for freedom after being caught up in a major police sting. Nazir Haddara, 25, and his cousin Hassan Jassem, 21, continued their bid for bail in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on Thursday, facing charges in relation to the ongoing tobacco wars engulfing Victoria.

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Scurvy risk food for thought

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/10/2024, Blair Jackson, Page 18

A West Australian man in his 50s who rarely could afford to eat fresh food or take his prescribed supplements recently presented to hospital with scurvy. The disease comes from not eating enough fruit and vegetables, associated with long sea voyages before commercial air travel, and in Anglo cultures with the grinding poverty of Victorian-era Britain.

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Tobacco firebomb tip-off sparks brawl

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/10/2024, Isabel McMillan, Page 16

A tip-off about another potential tobacco store firebombing sparked a violent assault by the man police allege is a significant figure in the illicit trade in South Australia, and the whole ordeal was captured on CCTV. Police allege the figure in the escalating tobacco wars among interstate illicit trading rivalries is Ahmed Aref Abdul Al Mansoury.

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

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Jackie O lifts lid on secret drug and booze struggle

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/10/2024, William Tyson, Page 19

Radio host Jackie O Henderson has revealed she secretly checked into rehab for drug and alcohol addiction while blaming health issues related to Covid for her sudden on-air departure in 2022. In an emotional conversation with co-host Kyle Sandilands on KIIS FM, the 49-year-old admitted she was battling an addiction to painkillers, sleeping pills and alcohol two years ago.

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Stuck in a true body horror show

Canberra Times, General News, 25/10/2024, Jenna Price, Page 45

It's been a big couple of weeks for those who oppose abortion and who don't think women have that right to choose. Let me introduce you to Jacinta Price, to David Crisafulli and Robbie Katter, to Ben Hood and to Joe de Bruyn. In a few days, voters in Queensland will choose between a coalition of conservatives who want to ban abortion and a Labor government which has supported the right of women to choose.

Also reported by: [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#).

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In relationship with food, we've lost touch: expert

Border Mail, General News, 25/10/2024, Jodie O'Sullivan, Page 4

Eating disorders are not being picked up early enough or responded to aggressively enough, says the chief of Victoria's largest community-based eating disorder service. A "lag" in diagnosis, a society that values exercise and what we eat, coupled with the barrage of social media messaging, have contributed to a rise in the number and severity of eating disorders, says Eating Disorders Victoria's Belinda Caldwell.

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Political hopeful says no abortions for rape victims, a 'child is a person who has legal rights to justice'

Daily Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Phil Buckman & Emma McBryde, Page 14

A Rockhampton grandmother running for the seat of Mirani said no woman should be allowed to terminate her pregnancy, even if it was the result of a rape. Family First candidate Patricia Martin described a rape victim's abortion as "corporal punishment" for "a child".

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Crackdown on illegal tobacco sales in NSW

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 12

Vendors selling tobacco or vapes illegally could be hit with double the maximum penalty and will need a special license to sell as the NSW Government moves to crack down on the booming underground industry. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park introduced the new legislation into Parliament yesterday, attempting to bring NSW into line with the rest of the country.

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Air pollution link to allergy

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 27

Exposure to higher levels of air pollution as a baby is linked to having a peanut allergy throughout childhood, according to a new study. And policies aimed at tackling poor air quality could potentially reduce the prevalence and persistence of peanut allergies, it stated.

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'Put on notice': Stark warning to retailers over major NSW tobacco crackdown

The Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Clareese Packer

Retailers have been "put on notice" amid a major tobacco crackdown in NSW, with retailers and wholesalers needing to apply for a tobacco license and pay an annual fee. The new changes are slated to come into effect from July 1, with businesses expected to pay \$1,100 annually.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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What is pink cocaine? The popular new party drug that can turn deadly

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/10/2024, Jessica McSweeney & Perry Duffin

Despite its name, there's usually little to no actual cocaine in pink cocaine. Also known as "tusi", pink cocaine is actually a cocktail of other drugs including MDMA, ketamine and 2C-B (a synthetic psychedelic drug). It's usually sold as bright-pink powder or pills that sometimes taste of strawberry, getting its colour from food dye.

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Alleged illegal tobacco syndicate ringleader granted bail despite trying to leave Australia

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/10/2024, Marta Pascual-Juanola

The alleged ringleader and the enforcer of a \$30 million illicit tobacco syndicate will be released back into the community despite one of the men being arrested at the airport as he attempted to leave the country. Nazir Haddara, 25, and Hassan Jassem, 21, were granted bail at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on Thursday afternoon following a protracted hearing that detailed some of the inner workings of the alleged criminal network, including keeping detailed store records of all illicit products sold.

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The postcode lottery for abortion access in Victoria

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/10/2024, Henrietta Cook

Women are struggling to access abortion services across Victoria, with more than two-thirds of local government areas having no surgical abortion providers, a new report reveals. The Women's Health Victoria report has also uncovered that almost 40 per cent of the state's local government areas have no listed pharmacies that dispense abortion medication.

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Controversial sex act declining in popularity as sober trend soars

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Rebekah Scanlan

New data has revealed a controversial sex act is declining in popularity, spawning the rise of a bedroom activity that was once deemed "boring". The number of Australians drinking alcohol has been slowly decreasing in recent years, aside from a small spike during the 2020-21 lockdown, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Police seize cash, vapes and over 80,000 cigarettes from tobacco stores in Newcomb, Corio

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Will Keech

Cash, vapes and over 80,000 illegal cigarettes have been seized from a pair of Geelong tobacconists

as police continue a statewide investigation into an international organised crime syndicate. Detectives from the VIPER Taskforce executed search warrants at two tobacco stores in Newcomb and Corio on Thursday, as well as a residential address in the Melbourne suburb of Roxburgh Park.

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

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Abortion, contraception not accessible to all in Victoria, experts warn

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Sarah Booth

Abortion access in Victoria is a "postcode lottery", experts warn, and a fifth of all local government areas do not have a single listed provider. "Major inequities" in abortion and contraception access have been detailed by a new Women's Health Victoria report, which warned the "basic healthcare rights" were "not accessible for all".

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

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'Do you only have the one?' The question strangers ask when I've lost three

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Georgina Windebank

The irony of losing three pregnancies while working as a baby sleep consultant is not lost on me. It feels like a cruel blow from the universe, leaving me to wonder "why me?" I do have a beautiful son, now. And yet, a different question saddens me when it's asked: "Do you only have the one?"

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'Rock bottom': Jackie O admits to secret California rehab stay

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Cassidy Pearce

The radio veteran revealed that it was at this time when she first dabbled with painkillers and sedatives in an attempt to relieve some stress and sadness as she struggled with her split from UK photographer Lee Henderson. However, Jackie said that she sunk deeper into addiction during the pandemic, revealing that at the height of it, she took anywhere from 10-12 Stilnox sleeping pills and 24 Panadeine Forte a day, whilst also drinking alcohol.

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Black market tobacco shops to be hit with new licensing laws

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Madeleine Bower

The Daily Telegraph can reveal that NSW for the first time will have a tobacco licensing scheme which will require both retailers and wholesalers of tobacco and non-tobacco smoking products to pay an annual fee to maintain their licence. Under the scheme, any retailer caught selling illegal tobacco would have their licence stripped, preventing them from selling tobacco products legally, as well as whacking them with heftier fines.

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Alleged tobacco syndicate ringleader released on bail

West Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Tara Cosoleto

The alleged ringleader of an illicit tobacco syndicate will be released on bail despite police flagging him as a flight risk after he was arrested at an airport. Nazir Haddara was arrested at Melbourne Airport on Tuesday and charged with four offences, including directing the activities of a criminal organisation and knowingly possessing unlawful imported tobacco.

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Crackdown as smokers seek cheaper, untaxed tobacco

Canberra Times, Other, 24/10/2024, Neve Brissenden & Jack Gramenz

Vendors selling untaxed tobacco or vapes could face increased penalties and licensing requirements to

sell in Australia's most populous state amid moves to crack down on a booming underground industry. The NSW bill, introduced to parliament on Thursday afternoon, will attempt to align the state with others, doubling the maximum penalties for illicit tobacco sales to \$220,000 for corporations and \$44,000 for individuals.

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

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What to consider if your child with disability is starting school next year

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Kellie Scott

A child starting school is an exciting milestone for any family but can come with concerns about how they will handle the transition. For parents of children with disability, these worries can be even more intense, says David Roy from the University of Newcastle.

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Infant mortality increases following Dobbs ruling, while abortion rate stays the same due to travel and telehealth

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Liana Walker

Dr Gizachew Tessema said there are differences between the health systems in Australia and the US but if changes were made to legislation that allow individuals access to abortion services, it could negatively impact maternal and infant health. "Currently, while accessing abortion services is legal in Australia, there remain structural barriers to abortion care in Australia, including variations of access where women living in regional and remote areas have lesser access than those residing in major cities," he said.

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Alleged illegal tobacco kingpin Nazir Haddara released on bail on strict conditions following police sting

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Kristian Silva

A magistrate has freed an alleged "tobacco wars" crime boss on bail, while acknowledging there will be a "significant risk" to public safety while he remains in the community ahead of a trial. Police argued Nazir Haddara, 25, would order firebombing attacks on rival shops and could flee the country, but Magistrate Michelle Hodgson ruled those risks could be managed with strict bail conditions.

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NSW to crack down on tobacco retailers selling under-the-counter cigarettes, in bid to curb black market

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Jane Norman

Anyone who wants to open a cigarette shop in the state just needs an ABN and must then notify NSW Health to obtain a Tobacco Retailer Notification number (TRN). In the past four years, the number of tobacco stores registered in NSW has surged from 14,500 to 19,500, as the black market has exploded.

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Regional Victorians seek later abortions due to long GP wait times, lack of services

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Olivia Sanders

A report reveals people living in regional Victoria are almost twice as likely to seek abortions after 12 weeks' gestation than those living in metropolitan areas. Women's Health Victoria analysed more than 30,000 calls made to 1800 My Options, a free and confidential sexual and reproductive health information service, over a more than five year period.

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Australians must keep up the fight for abortion rights, Jacinta Allan warns

Jacinta Allan is warning that the battle for abortion rights must continue as conservative forces pose "real and genuine threats to the protections women have fought for and won" amid "frightening" debate in South Australia and Queensland. Victoria's Labor premier made her strongest comments to date on abortion in an interview with Guardian Australia, just days before Queenslanders go to the polls in an election that has become dominated by the issue

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No surgical abortion providers in seven out of 10 Victorian local government areas, report finds

The Guardian, Other, 24/10/2024, Natasha May

Seven out of 10 Victorian local government areas have no surgical abortion provider and one in five have no medical abortion provider, a new report shows. The Realising Access report released on Thursday by the not-for-profit Women's Health Victoria also found "service deserts" most profoundly affect women in high-disadvantage regional areas.

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Significant barriers to aid health of women, girls

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 25/10/2024, Jessica Howard, Page 2

South-west women and girls are facing significant geographic and systemic barriers in accessing sexual and reproductive health services, a new report has revealed. Lengthy wait times, insufficient public transport, difficulties recruiting and retaining skilled providers, long travel time, and a lack of local appointments and pharmacies providing specific services were highlighted as barriers for women in the Barwon South West region.

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Scan exposes how bad sleep affects our brain, study finds

NEWS.com.au, Other, 24/10/2024, Rebekah Scanlan

Around four in 10 Australians suffer with sleep problems, with research showing that those who get too much or too little sleep have an increased risk of several conditions, including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, coronary heart disease, and stroke. Now a new study, published in the online issue of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, has revealed a bad night's rest can wreak havoc on sleep later in life.

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

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

NEWS.com.au, Other, 24/10/2024

The abortion debate in Queensland has always strongly divided opinion. This is how it has played out across the past 40 years.

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Air pollution linked to increased risk of peanut allergies in Aussie infants, groundbreaking study finds

7news.com.au, Other, 24/10/2024, Caleb Taylor

Food allergies are more common in infants in Australia than infants living in Europe, the United States or Asia. One in 10 Australian babies will develop an allergy before their first birthday — it's so common we are often referred to as the "allergy capital of the world"

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'Sends a message': Expert weighs in on Jackie O's on-air drug admission

9News, Other, 24/10/2024, Emily Bennett

A public health expert has praised radio star Jackie O Henderson for her decision to open up about her private battle with a drug addiction live on air this morning. The KIIS FM host was in tears as she made a vulnerable statement about her use of pain killers, sleeping pills and alcohol in a three-year addiction battle that ended with a month-long stay in a rehabilitation centre in November 2022.

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'Very concerned': NSW authorities to crack down on sale of illegal tobacco

9News, Other, 24/10/2024, Emily Bennett

Individuals selling tobacco products not in the required packaging or with the mandatory health warnings will be fined up to \$22,000, and corporations up to \$110,000. Meanwhile, people impersonating or obstructing an inspector can be fined up to \$1100, up from \$550.

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ZaZa's legacy: Perth council to install lifesaving devices after toddler's choking death

9News, Other, 24/10/2024, Emily McPherson

A local council in Perth's north west will install dozens of anti-choking devices alongside defibrillators in public places following the tragic death of toddler Zaire "ZaZa" Bwoga. [...] Statistics from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare show there were 134 injury cases of choking and suffocation relating to food among children aged four and under in 2021-2022.

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Jackie 'O' Henderson opens up about private battle with drug addiction

9News, Other, 24/10/2024, Yashee Sharma

KIIS FM radio star Jackie O has opened up about her private battle with a lengthy drug and alcohol addiction and her breakthrough recovery live on air. The 49-year-old read the prologue of her upcoming memoir this morning, when she broke down and told listeners of her addiction to painkillers, sleeping pills and alcohol.

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New 'life-changing' support for women with severe menopause symptoms

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 24/10/2024, Orlander Ruming

Women facing severe menopause or complications due to other medical conditions will now have access to increased support. The Western NSW Local Health District, which includes Bathurst, Dubbo, Mudgee and Orange, has established a new menopause referral service.

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

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Jackie 'O' Henderson looks relieved as she leaves KIIS FM studios after coming clean over her drug addiction in emotional on-air announcement

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Kate Dennett & Stephen Bisset

Jackie 'O' Henderson appeared relieved as she left the KIIS FM studios after revealing her past drug and alcohol addiction for the first time live on her radio show. The radio host, 49, shared harrowing details of her long battle with drug addiction while speaking to her co-host Kyle Sandilands on their radio show on Thursday.

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Double penalties, double cops: crackdown on tobacco

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/10/2024

Vendors selling tobacco or vapes illegally could be hit with double the maximum penalty and will need a special license to sell as the NSW government moves to crack down on the booming underground

industry. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park will introduce the new legislation into parliament on Thursday, attempting to bring NSW into line with the rest of the country.

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Alleged illegal tobacco ringleader walks from court

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/10/2024

The alleged ringleader of an illicit tobacco syndicate has walked from court despite police pleading to keep him locked up after he was arrested while trying to leave the country. Nazir Haddara, 25, did not speak to media after being released on bail from Melbourne Magistrates Court on Thursday afternoon.

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'Largest ever fines' set for illegal tobacco sellers after Wagga's woes heard

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 24/10/2024, Emily Anderson

Lake Albert Foodworks owner Rodney 'Foot' Porter hopes the tobacco licensing reforms will reduce the illicit tobacco industry in Wagga, but believes enforcement is the key. Illegal tobacco sellers will cop "the largest ever fines" after the state government announces reforms kindled by Wagga's illegal tobacco crisis.

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'It just lifted me': new research suggests shared reading groups combat loneliness – and the effects can be astounding

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/10/2024, Sara James & Juliane Roemhild

In 2022-2023, we assembled a team of researchers to run a pilot project with ten shared reading groups in Melbourne and Bendigo. We wanted to find out if the groups could help Victorians leave behind their sense of isolation after the pandemic and improve mental health. Our partners included libraries, a neighbourhood house, a hospital, an aged care home and the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council.

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Most women taking teratogenic medicines not on hormonal contraception, Aussie researchers say

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/10/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

The non-GP specialists who generally prescribed the drug should be responsible for ensuring patients used contraception, says GP Professor Danielle Mazza. Only 22 per cent of women prescribed teratogenic medications are concurrently on hormonal contraception, doctors and pharmacologists warn, based on their study of PBS records for 16,000 women.

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Hip fracture care pays off

Medical Forum, Other, 24/10/2024

Using a national clinical standard for hip fractures reduces the risk of death and significantly improves patient outcomes, a study has found. A report from Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA), published in the Medical Journal of Australia, showed that when patients received high-quality care in line with the Hip Fracture Clinical Care Standard there was a significant decrease in short- and long-term mortality.

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NSW tobacco crackdown

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/10/2024

The NSW Government has today announced new laws for retailers, in a bid to weaken the state's flourishing tobacco black market. The illicit trade has exploded in recent years, thanks to organised criminals who are illegally importing cigarettes in vast quantities and selling them tax-free to smokers.

Women may lose more weight on Ozempic and other semaglutides

Prevention, Other, 24/10/2024, Korin Miller

Certain weight loss medications may be more responsive in women, according to a recent study. Medications that can help you lose weight—like Wegovy and Ozempic —have become household names.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Laser may be worse than you ink: study

Herald Sun, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 16

People seeking to get tattoos laser removed could be exposing themselves to cancer-causing chemicals, research has found. Flinders University researchers are looking to assess the potential risks of laser tattoo removal and are calling for 50 people to take part in urine testing before and after laser treatment.

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Meet rev head Peter Wells

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Advertising feature, 24/10/2024, Page 4

MSWA's Employment Support Services team offers high-quality care and support to people with progressive and degenerative neurological condition, facilitating positive employment outcomes. "You can experience a lot of physical barriers with multiple sclerosis and we find ways in the Work Assist program to help our clients to succeed in the workplace," consultant Peta Flynn said.

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Smoke drifts along

West Australian, Letters, 25/10/2024, Ashley Reid, Page 49

Residents of strata properties in WA are suffering in silence when it comes to cigarette smoke drift. Cancer Council WA's survey of 200 non-smokers in apartments, townhouses and villas found nearly 40 per cent had been impacted by a neighbour's cigarette smoke.

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Paddle power turns Derwent pink

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Genevieve Holding, Page 3

Over 200 'Pinkies' from around Australia and New Zealand will converge on the New Norfolk Rowing Club this Saturday, all brought together by their fight against breast cancer. Dragons Abreast Hobart is hosting the Pink Paddle Power (PPP) event as part of an annual catch-up for its members, who all joined the Dragonboat paddling movement after their breast cancer battles.

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Explainer: Australian PSA testing guidelines

Border Watch, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 9

Your doctor might suggest a PSA test if you have prostate symptoms, such as needing to urinate frequently or suddenly, discomfort or difficulty when urinating and blood in the urine or semen. The PSA test is not recommended as a screening test for prostate cancer in males with no symptoms or family history.

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Laser tattoo removal links to cancer risk

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/10/2024, Aisling Brennan, Page 6

People hoping to get their tattoos laser removed should be aware of the possible risks associated with the procedure as new research finds it may lead to exposure to cancer-causing chemicals. Flinders University researchers are looking to assess these possible risks of laser tattoo removal and are calling for 50 people to take part in urine testing before and after laser treatment.

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'I'm done being insecure': Olivia Munn bares mastectomy scars

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/10/2024, Lauren Ironmonger

Kirsten Pilatti, CEO of Breast Cancer Network Australia, says that "women who have scars post mastectomy or breast reconstruction can have body image issues or insecurities about their physical appearance as a result, and that's why this kind of visibility is so important." Other celebrities have been vocal about their decision to undergo the procedure, including Angelina Jolie , Julia Louis-Dreyfuss, Kathy Bates and Australian presenter Sally Obermeder

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All I could think was: I'm going to die, and there's nothing I can do to stop it

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Garry Maddox

Melanoma expert Professor Richard Scolyer, the joint 2024 Australian of the Year, was in Poland last year when he woke up feeling "seriously wrong". [...] "Working as a neuropathology registrar then staff specialist in pathology at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) when I was younger, I'd had to diagnose brain cancer many times. I knew the usual outcome for people with a high-grade glioma was shockingly bad," he said.

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

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The Kids Research Institute experiment helps diagnose rare disease

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Chloe Henville

Charlotte Patterson has had 64 surgeries in her short 10 years and takes 16 different medications a day. The young girl has cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, a heart defect and other physical disabilities.

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Experts on the differences between a budget and expensive sunscreen

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Anna-Chisholm

Cancer epidemiologist Anne Cust, who is the Chair of Cancer Council's National Skin Cancer Committee, says wearing sunscreen is "really important". "Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world," Professor Cust says, with two out of three Australians diagnosed with a form of skin cancer in their lifetime.

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The gravy train list: What powerful politicians do for a living post-Parliament

Crikey, Other, 24/10/2024, Sean Johnson & Anton Nilsson

Crikey has gone through the post-Parliament resumes of every retired frontbencher from the past five years and found a curious pattern. [...] Warren Snowdon has been a government relations adviser at Diabetes Australia since 2022 and was appointed to head a federal review of the Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility in August 2024.

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Look for 'silent' asthma patients

Medical Forum, Other, 24/10/2024

Doctors are urged to be alert for possible cases of asthma, after a small increase in asthma-related

deaths in Western Australia last year. New statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show WA had 9 per cent (45) of total asthma deaths nationally in 2023. [...] Nationally, asthma deaths have returned to pre-pandemic levels, according to the National Asthma Council of Australia (NAC).

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Do IUDs cause breast cancer? Here's what the evidence says

Medicine Today, Other, 24/10/2024, Brett Montgomery

A new study has found a link between hormonal intrauterine devices (IUDs) and breast cancer. The research is important, but media reports of a large increase in risk may be causing unnecessary worry.

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The couples who cope together, stay together

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 24/10/2024

An Australian-first study has lifted the lid on how couples living with rheumatoid arthritis cope with the debilitating disease finding that those who cope with problems together had less psychological distress and better relationships. The study, published in The Journal of Rheumatology examined dyadic coping – when a couple engages in joint problem solving, joint information gathering, or the sharing of feelings and mutual commitment – from both partners' perspectives using a sample of 163 couples.

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Type 2 Diabetes in decline: But not for all Australians

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 24/10/2024

The incidence of type 2 diabetes in Australian adults has been declining since 2010, but the same cannot be said of Australian adults born in Asia, North America, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands. A new paper published in Medical Journal of Australia found that although the incidence of type 2 diabetes continued to decline among Australian adults during 2010-2019 across all age, sex, socio-economic disadvantage and remoteness groups, incidence increased among people from particular ethnic backgrounds.

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'Wellness guru' Simone Laubscher linked to Elle Macpherson exposed for claiming fake UNSW medical qualifications

Sky News Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Reilly Sullivan

Elle Macpherson is facing fresh fallout for her controversial cancer claims after a "wellness guru" linked to the Aussie supermodel was exposed for misrepresenting her medical qualifications. Macpherson, 60, was diagnosed with HER2 positive oestrogen receptive intraductal carcinoma seven years ago but only revealed her diagnosis for the first time in September in her autobiography.

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Channel 7, The Latest: Seven News, 24/10/2024, Tim McMillan

News Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine glioma, or Dipg, is the world's deadliest and most aggressive form of cancer in children. For kids diagnosed with it, their life expectancy on average is between 9 and 11 months.

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PRIMARY CARE

State needs fresh start after dispiriting election race

The Australian, Editorials, 25/10/2024, Page 10

While Newspoll suggests the Queensland election race is tightening, the state's Labor government, after almost a decade in office, is on track to be banished on Saturday. [...] Ambulance ramping and poor school results are endemic.

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Liberal MP defends health insurers from government bill

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/10/2024, Kishor Napier-Raman & Stephen Brook, Page 4

The company has been rather vocal in its support for the Minns government's legislation to force private health insurers to pay their hospital bills in full. Healthscope chief executive Greg Horan recently accused insurers such as BUPA of "bleeding hospitals dry". The first thing you see on the company's website is a banner laying into big health insurers.

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Regional health cops raw funds deal

Age, General News, 25/10/2024, Chip Le Grand, Page 1

Regional hospitals are receiving less government funding than their city counterparts to perform the same surgeries and provide equivalent health services, prompting rural doctors to warn of a deepening, city-country healthcare divide. Victoria's unpublished, activity-based funding formula for public hospitals this financial year, confirmed to The Age by the Department of Health, shows that for the first time the state's six regional hospital networks are being paid at a lower rate than their city counterparts to provide the same care.

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Hospital IT meltdown a 'patient risk'

West Australian, Edition Changes, 25/10/2024, Jessica Page, Page 3

The outage affected hospitals across WA, which had to revert to pen and paper on Wednesday night when bed management systems, digital medical records and other clinical and non-clinical applications shut down suddenly. Most systems were not restored until 6am on Thursday. "(It was a) nightmare," one hospital source said.

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Accolades for dedicated team providing compassion, care and integrity to enable death with dignity

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Robyn Maggs, Page 16

My mother died peacefully in my home. My father died a hard death in one of Tasmania's best palliative care wards. I sometimes wonder how many Tasmanians are actually aware that we now have, fully implemented, some of the best voluntary assisted dying legislation in Australia.

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\$269m vs \$90m for us

Daily Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Fergus Gregg, Page 1

The LNP has promised to spread around more smaller amounts of funding to local sport and community clubs as Labor bets big on a new satellite hospital and significant upgrades to the Peak Downs Highway. And in good news for Mackay, some important projects would be funded regardless of who wins.

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GP visits out of reach for many

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Kate Mcilwain, Page 1

Shocking new figures reveal the Illawarra is worse off than any other region in NSW when it comes to struggling residents going to the doctor. The research shows the number of people who can't afford to visit a GP in the Illawarra has risen 600 per cent in the past four years with one-third of patients delaying or avoiding seeing their doctor due to cost, compared to just 10 per cent of people in NSW.

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Qld election: Three strikes drug rule to be struck out by LNP

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Madura McCormack

Queensland's progressive three-strike drug possession laws will be repealed under an LNP government Opposition Leader David Crisafulli has confirmed. The party is also adamant pill testing will not take place at Schoolies this year if they win government on the weekend, despite the peak body representing doctors asking for the initiative to stay amid concerns over a synthetic opioid currently in circulation.

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

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Labor's record means it's time to give the LNP a go

The Courier Mail, Other, 24/10/2024

Queenslanders have warmed to Steven Miles, but based on Labor's track record it is time to give the other mob a go, writes the editor. [...] Labor's biggest achievements in office have been restricted to social reforms, from the legalisation of abortion and sex work to the green-lighting of voluntary assisted dying.

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

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WA hospitals including Fiona Stanley and Royal Perth sent offline by IT meltdown

West Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Jessica Page

WA hospitals were forced to revert to paper overnight after a widespread IT meltdown that impacted emergency departments across the State. Multiple emergency department sources have told The West Australian that bed management systems, digital medical records and medication tracking were unavailable from 7.45pm on Wednesday.

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

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Fire Rescue Victoria and union clash over unprotected industrial action in Melbourne's CBD

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Richard Willingham

Firefighters rallied in FRV uniform and used some vehicles as well, prompting a memo to all staff from FRV Commissioner Gavin Freeman hitting out at the use of FRV appliances. "Blocking Melbourne's streets and a public transport route to major hospitals with appliances funded by Victorian taxpayers was a misuse of public resources," he wrote in a memo seen by the ABC.

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Queensland is at a crossroads – but a Labor defeat won't guarantee an easy run for the LNP

The Guardian, Other, 24/10/2024, Paul Williams

A YouGov poll published last weekend, also suggesting a recovery for Steven Miles, indicates Labor's primary vote, at 38%, is ahead of the LNP's 34 per cent across Brisbane. There's little doubt fears over a potential repeal of abortion (and voluntary assisted dying) laws have dampened Crisafulli's appeal among moderate Brisbanites.

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Groceries or medication - More people struggling to pay for healthcare

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 24/10/2024, Lydia Roberts

Angus Moore is typical of one in five residents in Tamworth, who face the tough decision of buying either food or medications. Mr Moore, who has borderline personality disorder, admits to forgoing some essential medicines to afford groceries.

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Grieving Queensland mum seeks answers one year after baby daughter's tragic death at Redcliffe Hospital

The young Queensland woman lost her firstborn hours after delivery at Redcliffe Hospital — north of Brisbane — on September 11 last year. Baby Thea was whisked away for resuscitation and Flaskett believes midwives lost precious minutes struggling to change an empty oxygen tank.

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No. of people who can't afford a visit to the GP doubles

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/10/2024, Stefanie Schultz

Data has revealed a large increase in the number of people living in New South Wales who cannot afford to visit their GP. The NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS) report Access Denied: Australians Locked Out of Quality Healthcare, conducted by the University of Canberra, shows that the percentage of people avoiding the doctor due to cost has more than tripled.

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Doctors can help in partner abuse

Medical Forum, Other, 24/10/2024

A patient screening program designed by a Perth sexual health clinic is helping to better support survivors of reproductive coercion and abuse. Under the program, all people aged 16 years and over visiting Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ) in Northbridge are asked to complete a screening questionnaire in a private area to determine their exposure to violence.

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GPs take a stand for 'housing first' in healthcare

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/10/2024, Chelsea Heaney

The RACGP has honed in on policy changes it says are needed to support GPs working with patients experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. The RACGP advocates for 'the explicit inclusion of GP expertise in policy spaces where decisions about housing and health are being made'.

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RACGP calls for regulation overhaul amid growing complexity

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/10/2024, Michelle Wisbey

It says significant changes are needed to complaints handling, accreditation and governance, as a review works to 'streamline and harmonise'. The Complexity Review's first consultation paper was released last month and included actions to strengthen the National Scheme.

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Call to action: Future Leaders wanted

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/10/2024, Michelle Wisbey

The RACGP has continued its search for the next generation of leaders, with applications now open for a nationwide development program. The 2025 RACGP Future Leaders Program is designed to help GPs develop their skills and abilities in influencing the future of general practice.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 24/10/2024, Andrew Lofthouse & Melissa Downes

Queensland Opposition leader David Crisafulli is clashing with medical experts over the state's controversial pill testing service. [...] That is despite Queensland's top doctors at the Australian Medical Association calling on him to reconsider following the recent detection of a deadly drug.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 24/10/2024, Lucy Breadan

Pre-recorded interview with Dr Tim Senior, Chair of the Specific Interests Poverty and Health Group, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Senior points out that whether the scurvy is related

to poverty or whether it's related to the previous surgery, it's one of the things that this case report does is making them think this is something that they are seeing this more on residential aged care facilities.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Support flies high at airport

Daily Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 11

A Mackay mum is lauding a new airport program aimed at better supporting customers with invisible conditions such as autism, dementia and anxiety. Corissa Ivory said navigating noisy, bright and unfamiliar environments could be challenging for her 12-year-old son Logan and their family.

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Andrews rally forces staff to work at home

Age, General News, 25/10/2024, Broede Carmody & Rachel Eddie, Page 9

Psychiatrists and support workers for some of Victoria's most vulnerable young people have been told to work from home to avoid anti-Daniel Andrews protesters rallying against the former premier's appointment as chair of a mental health board. The staff advice, from research and clinical care institute Orygen, to avoid their Parkville site today, could force them to reschedule appointments or move them online, Health and Community Services Union state secretary Paul Healey told The Age.

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Bid to build equality

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 6

One in 10 women are being harassed out of the construction industry, a new study has revealed. [...] "My depression was exasperated, and I was always exhausted," one worker told researchers from consulting firm TDC Global, which surveyed 654 women across the country.

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

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Gotcha to get Gus full time

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/10/2024, Jonathon Moran, Page 18

Veteran broadcaster Gus Worland hasn't missed a beat since announcing he would be wrapping up as co-host of Triple M's The Rush Hour at the end of the year. After calling time on his 16 years at the radio station, Worland is ready to get stuck into his youth mental fitness charity Gotcha4Life full time.

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Show some charity, Dan

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 25/10/2024, Fergus Ellis, Page 1

Daniel Andrews will get \$75,000 a year for his new role as chairman of a youth mental health service but has refused to say if he will donate it to charity even though he already pockets a generous taxpayer-funded parliamentary pension. Orygen's appointment of the former premier has drawn outrage, with mental health advocates saying it's a "slap in the face" due to his Covid lockdowns.

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

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Fresh schizophrenia hope

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/10/2024, Toni Penny, Page 12

Researchers from Deakin University's Institute for Mental and Physical Health and Translation (IMPACT) have received \$5m in funding through the 2024 National Health and Medical Research

Council's (NHMRC) Synergy Grants scheme to help lead the discovery of new treatments for schizophrenia. SYNDICAT led by Deakin Distinguished Professor Michael Berk and Professor Ken Walder recognises schizophrenia as one of the most debilitating chronic brain disorders in the world and aims to discover new treatments to reduce the individual, social and economic burden, including a high prevalence of homelessness, suicide and illness.

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Museum ready for memories

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/10/2024, Christine Schindler, Page 6

A beautiful old building that was home to the first regional Queensland medical superintendent and a mental health treatment pioneer, has been restored and is now ready to house the stories it contributed to the region. [...] While mental health care has come a long way since then and even today continues to develop best practices, Dr Hogg was known for applying transformative ideas to the institution, regarding the residents as his patients, rather than inmates who belonged in cells.

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Lockdown Dan's new 'mental health' role an insult to Victorian parents

The Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Peta Credlin

Last week, news seeped out that former Victorian premier Daniel Andrews had been controversially appointed chair of the leading youth mental health service, Orygen. The backlash was harsh and immediate. And for me, it came with a personal insight into the trauma this announcement has inflicted on families impacted by decisions he made in government.

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Daniel Andrews protest forces mental health staff to work from home

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/10/2024, Broede Carmody

Psychiatrists and support workers for some of Victoria's most vulnerable young people have been told to work from home to avoid anti-Daniel Andrews protesters rallying against the former premier's appointment as chair of a mental health board. The staff advice, from research and clinical care institute Orygen, to avoid their Parkville site on Friday could force them to reschedule appointments or move them online, Health and Community Services Union state secretary Paul Healey told The Age.

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Pamila-Raye Jetta: Woman faces court over alleged attack of toddler at shopping centre in East Victoria Park

West Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Emily Moulton

The woman arrested over the shocking attack on a toddler at an East Victoria Park shopping centre will remain behind bars but in a specialised mental health unit, a court has been told. Pamila-Raye Jetta appeared in Perth Magistrates Court on Thursday charged with assaulting the two-year-old while she was being held in her mother's arms as they walked through the Park Centre just after 11am on Tuesday.

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Increased heat linked to suicidal thoughts in the young

Canberra Times, Other, 24/10/2024, Adrian Black

The number of young Australians presenting to hospital with suicidal thoughts or behaviour increases during hotter weather. University of NSW-led research found suicidal emergency department presentations by 12 to 24-year-olds increased by 1.3 per cent for every one degree rise in daily mean temperature.

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

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Why Aussies are calling Dan Andrews' new job at Orygen a 'slap in the face'

A youth mental health service has been forced to warn staff to work from home due to a public backlash protesting the appointment of former premier Dan Andrews to a lucrative role. Mr Andrews, who suddenly quit as Victorian premier a year ago is set to become the chairman of not-for-profit youth mental health service Orygen, which will reportedly pay him around \$75,000 a year to attend six scheduled meetings every 12 months.

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Pamila-Raye Jetta faces court over alleged toddler attack in Perth shopping centre

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, David Southwell

A woman accused of attacking a toddler will remain behind bars in a specialised mental health unit after she appeared court. Dressed in a blue boiler suit, Pamila-Raye Jetta, 21, appeared in Perth Magistrates Court charged with assaulting a two-year-old girl as she was carried by her mother through Hawaii's Park Centre shopping mall at East Victoria Park on Tuesday.

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Black puppy to spark depression talk

Medical Forum, Other, 24/10/2024

GPs will play a key role in a new WA campaign to improve the care of people with depression and prevent suicidal behaviour. The WA Primary Health Alliance campaign 'Depression starts small, get help before it grows' aims to raise awareness of the early symptoms of depression and promote help seeking behaviours among patients.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Midwifery workforce in 'crisis'

Burnie Advocate, General News, 25/10/2024, Duncan Bailey, Page 2

A new report has found that Australia's midwifery workforce is in "crisis". The 2023-24 Midwifery Futures Project says there are not enough midwives or current midwifery students in the pipeline to meet future needs, especially if they are not supported to stay in the profession.

Also reported by: [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#)

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New nurses arrive in district

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 25/10/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

The first of more than 140 overseas nurses have begun work in the Hunter-New England health district. The registered nurses were recruited from the United Kingdom and Ireland. [...] Director of Nursing and Midwifery at Tamworth hospital, Michelle Keir said, "We've welcomed over two dozen overseas nurses to our hospital so far, who are all settling well into the community and enjoying their new lifestyle and nursing roles."

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Decline in patient numbers blamed for closure of Gosford Private Hospital's maternity ward

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Sarah Forster & Shauna-Foley

A steep decline in patient numbers is being blamed for the closure of the only private maternity ward on the New South Wales Central Coast. [...] NSW Nurses and Midwives Association general secretary Michael Waites raised concerns about increased pressure on midwives.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

RFDS seeks volunteers

Shepparton News Online, Other, 24/10/2024

Flying Doctor Community Transport is a service available at 10 sites across Victoria, at no charge to eligible clients — including in Cobram in partnership with NCN Health. Using engaged volunteers from the community, the Flying Doctor is helping rural Victorians with limited transport options access the health care they need

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Back of the class? Which medical colleges are rated worst by their own registrars?

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/10/2024, Carmel Sparke

Just over half of physician trainees felt their exams reflected their curriculum as one of the markers of their training experience. Australia's medical colleges have been given C and D grades by the doctors they are training, according to an AMA report card released earlier this week.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Guild issues scam warning

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/10/2024, Nicholas O'Donoghue

Pharmacy owners urged to be vigilant of potential scammers Criminals impersonating bank staff are "actively" targeting community pharmacies, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia warns. In an alert to members, the Guild's Queensland branch warned pharmacy owners that "highly skilled scammers" are attempting to con staff.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Need a doctor after hours? There's a new free telehealth option

Ballarat Courier, General News, 25/10/2024, Michelle Smith, Page 1

People living in Ballarat and western Victoria now have access to a free after-hours GP telehealth service to help patch a critical gap in the region's health system. "It is recognised that there is a lack of after-hours GP services in western Victoria this is especially true in rural and remote areas," Western Victoria Primary Health Network chief executive Craig Wilding said.

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Virtual heart health service expands to Goldfields communities

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 24/10/2024, Carwyn Monck

The WA Country Health Service announced on Wednesday it had expanded its Heart Health Support Service. Chief executive Jeff Moffet said expanding virtual models of care to more regional areas was important to meet the growing needs of country communities.

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Govt decision to tie care plan rebates to MyMedicare will 'punish special interest GPs'

A GP with a non-accredited solo practice says the MyMedicare patient enrolment scheme is fragmenting care and hurting special interest GPs. Rebates for level C and level D phone consultations are restricted to practices where patients are registered under MyMedicare, as are the tripled bulk-billing incentives on level C-E video consultations.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Ashpreet Kaur has appeal against theft conviction struck out

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/10/2024, Alexander Blain

A former aged care worker convicted of stealing from elderly clients to buy luxury goods has lost a late bid to appeal her conviction. Ashpreet Kaur, 24, appeared in the County Court at Geelong on Thursday to appeal the conviction she received over the thefts.

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

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

For Penny, an organ transplant was a matter of the heart

Shepparton News, General News, 25/10/2024, Taylah Baker, Page 14

Right now, more than 1800 Australians are waiting for a life-saving transplant, and an additional 14,000 are on dialysis, many of whom would benefit from a kidney transplant. Hundreds needlessly die each year while languishing on the waiting list, a reality particularly vexing because these deaths are preventable.

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

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SPORT

Crisafulli squanders lead but LNP on track for knife-edge victory

The Australian, General News, 25/10/2024, Michael Mckenna, Sarah Elks & Lydia Lynch, Page 1

David Crisafulli is poised to become Queensland's next premier in a knife-edge win, squandering a decisive lead in a campaign derailed by attacks on the Liberal National Party's stance on abortion and his small-target strategy. [...] Mr Crisafulli has been criticised for running a small-target strategy, with a focus on tackling youth crime, and for failing to explain his position on central issues such as nuclear energy, the Brisbane 2032 Olympic stadiums, pumped hydro and, crucially, abortion.

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Housing fund 'a bid to sandbag key seats'

The Australian, General News, 25/10/2024, Jack Quail, Page 4

The second stream of Labor's program will similarly allocate funding to state, territory and local governments but for community amenity projects, such as playgrounds, sporting facilities and libraries, as well as enabling infrastructure. The same selection processes will apply.

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Bookies pull \$150m in ads before crackdown

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 25/10/2024, Sam Buckingham-Jones, Page 20

Australia's major wagering firms have carved a \$150 million hole in the advertising market as they preemptively pull back spending while the government mulls whether to ban online betting ads entirely.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Medtech darling Vaxxas launches \$100m raise to fund trials

Australian Financial Review, Other, 24/10/2024, Sarah Thompson, Kanika Sood & Emma Rapaport

Home-grown medtech Vaxxas [...] has launched a monster \$100 million private round to bankroll clinical trials of its top-three products.

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Rex airs bid to sell ambulance flights firm to cut debt

West Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Jack Gramenz

Embattled regional airline Rex will offload a business providing air-ambulance services in two states in a bid to free up tens of millions of dollars to pay down debts, pending approval. The airline's administrators announced the agreement to sell Pel-Air to an entity of Japan Post-owned Toll Holdings for about \$47 million on Thursday afternoon.

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

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Top cop nominated for Australian of the Year after family tragedy

Canberra Times, Other, 25/10/2024

The Supportive Oncology Research Group, started by Hannah in 2020, has so far received over \$12 million in funding. This includes \$4.2 million from the Medical Research Future Fund for two landmark trials in Australia.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

King misses chance to get real on big issue

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/10/2024, Danielle Wood, Page 16

It is clear the impacts of colonisation on our country and communities are neither resolved, nor in the past. Someone was always going to do it. Someone was always going to say it. And this time around, it was Senator Lidia Thorpe.

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Getting Indigenous kids back into sport

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 25/10/2024, Nathan Spicer, Page 47

The Richmond Football Club's Indigenous Institute Korin Gamadji and Catherine McAuley College came together last week for an AFL 9s event between students. Up to 100 students from six schools in Richmond's next-generation academy zone area, which includes Bendigo, made the trip to CMC's Cooluck Campus for the tournament.

World-first Aboriginal bone health research to draw data from newly painted Kalgoorlie-Boulder medical scanner

West Australian, Other, 24/10/2024, Anneke de Boer

World-first research into Aboriginal bone health will draw data from a medical scanner in Kalgoorlie-Boulder which has been newly painted to make it more welcoming. The bone mineral densitometry scanner — largely used to diagnose and manage osteoporosis — will be used to collect information for a Monash University study investigating why Indigenous Australians have a higher risk of fractures.

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

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Why footy star Nicho Hynes has teamed up with Archibald Prize winner Blak Douglas to tell his story about growing up Aboriginal

ABC Online, Other, 24/10/2024, Daniel Herborn

Rugby league star Nicho Hynes vividly remembers the day at school when he saw Aboriginal dancing for the first time, performed by his friend Bruce. "Me and my mate Coop were leaving class and going to an end-of-year talent show, when we heard Bruce dancing, singing the songs and doing the clapsticks," Hynes says.

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Energy giant targeted in bid to stop fracking pipeline

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/10/2024

Traditional Owners, doctors and scientists have joined environment and human rights organisations in signing a letter calling on APA Group to end its plans to build a pipeline enabling gas fracking in the Northern Territory. [...] The proposed pipelines would unlock emissions from the Beetaloo Basin, 500km south-east of Darwin, that are unsafe and incompatible with APA's climate goals, Market Forces campaigner Rachel Deans said.

Also reported by: [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Research targets impact of 'Colonial Load' on Indigenous academics

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/10/2024, Joseph Guenzler

Indigenous academics are being invited to participate in new research aimed at helping universities reduce 'colonial load'. The study, led by Arrernte woman Dr Vicki Pascoe, an academic at CQUniversity, seeks to evaluate how Indigenous academics are managing the burden of colonial work within regional Australian universities.

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Breaking barriers as Curtin University's first Indigenous professor of nursing

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/10/2024, Rhiannon Clarke

Professor Anne-Marie Eades made history as Curtin University's first Indigenous Professor of Nursing. Her appointment not only marks a personal achievement but also represents a significant milestone for Indigenous representation in healthcare leadership.

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Reviving Indigenous games proves a tough contest for spirited promoter of culture

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/10/2024, Andrew Mathieson

A proud dad of three steeped in traditional teachings of culture has been on the lookout to revive Indigenous sports that were nearly lost during colonisation. Yorta Yorta, Gunai Kurnai and Muthi Muthi man Paul Briggs runs an Aboriginal enterprise that builds strong relationships in communities and focuses on the cultural education sector, while delivering opportunities for new learnings through Indigenous sports and activities.

'It's not free speech when you're a Black woman': Lidia Thorpe calls out fellow politicians

SBS, Other, 24/10/2024, Anna Henderson & Madeleine Wedesweiler

Lidia Thorpe told SBS News that calls for her to step down as a senator, following her admission she may not have sworn allegiance to the British royal family, amount to "just another day in the colony". Independent senator Lidia Thorpe says Black people in Australia are used to being shut down as she remains defiant in the face of criticism.

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Governments must halt the rivers of grog to help prevent violence against women

SBS, Other, 24/10/2024, Donna Ah Chee

Donna Ah Chee, CEO of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress says enabling access to cheap alcohol will increase violence. The Prime Minister's recent acknowledgement of alcohol as a priority at the National Cabinet meeting on the prevention of gendered violence is welcome.

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How HammondCare's Dementia Support Australia came to the aid of aged care resident on remote Mornington Island

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/10/2024, Caroline Egan

On a remote island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, 1000km southeast of Darwin, is Mornington Island, with a total population of 1,000. The island is the traditional home of the Lardil people. Kuba Natha Hostel is the only aged care home on Mornington Island, and home to a dozen residents. 17 staff operate on a fly in and fly out basis.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Resistance to daptomycin in near-untreatable superbug caused by a different antibiotic, study finds

The Guardian, Other, 24/10/2024, Charlotte Thou

The rise of an almost untreatable superbug has been linked to a common antibiotic, an Australian-led study has found. The study – published in Nature – found that rifaximin, an antibiotic used to treat liver disease, causes resistance to another antibiotic, daptomycin.

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Vaccine storage concern

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/10/2024

Health officials are calling for urgent government action to tighten scrutiny on vaccine storage, which costs taxpayers more than \$22 million per year in wastage and causes serious public health issues. The calls follow an incident at a Sydney general practice last week, which identified more than 1,200 patients at risk of failed or ineffective vaccines administered due to improper storage between Dec 2019 and Jul 2024.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Paracetamol to have fewer pills per pack as TGA reforms roll out nationally

9News, Other, 24/10/2024, Mikala Theocharous

The common painkiller paracetamol, used in millions of households across Australia every day, is now being sold in smaller amounts ahead of wider changes around the drug coming into effect next year. [...] The TGA commissioned an independent report into paracetamol overdoses, which led to the changes being recommended.

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Vape seizures continue

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/10/2024, Alex Fitzgerald

Authorities have seized 600,000 "tobacco sticks", tobacco products and nicotine vaping products as part of the ongoing multi-agency operation to combat the illicit supply of tobacco. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) announced that eight individuals were charged by Victorian Police following an investigation.

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TGA stamps out illicit vape activity in Vic

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/10/2024

The Therapeutic Goods Association (TGA) has been working with the Victorian Police to dismantle the state's illicit vape and tobacco supply chain. As part of an ongoing investigation into a significant crime syndicate involved in the illicit tobacco market, the regulatory body helped the Victorian Police conduct more than 27 search warrants across the state, resulting in the arrests of eight people this week.

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New Panadol packs arrive in pharmacies

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/10/2024

New Panadol pack sizes are set to begin rolling out in pharmacies across Australia this month, in line with the Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) upcoming scheduling changes (PD 18 Apr). In an effort to minimise the risk of harm from intentional misuse, packs of paracetamol products available for self-selection will contain a maximum of 16 tablets in WA and Queensland, and a maximum of 50 tablets in all other states and territories.

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2GB, Afternoons, 24/10/2024, Michael McLaren

Interview with NSW Health Minister Ryan Park. Park mentions that there are facing some big challenges when it comes to e-cigarettes and the access to illegal tobacco in NSW. He points out that what they can control is a number of elements to weaken these such as things that they have announced today like three parts on the reform. Park says they also alert other authorities such as the Australian Taxation Office perhaps the Federal Police and the TGA on these particular changes.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Crisafulli to cancel 3-strike drug law

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Queensland's progressive three-strike drug possession laws will be repealed under an LNP government, Opposition Leader David Crisafulli has confirmed. The party is also adamant that pill testing will not take place at Schoolies this year if they win government on the weekend, despite the peak body representing doctors asking for the initiative to stay amid concerns over a synthetic opioid that is currently in circulation.

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

FOOD STANDARDS

Contamination in bin system

Border Watch, General News, 25/10/2024, Page 57

A recent kerbside bin audit undertaken by Rawtec and Dynamic 3E on behalf of the City of Mount Gambier identified that more than half the general waste stream could be diverted away from landfill with food organics making up 27 per cent of the average residential general waste bin. Residential waste was audited from a representative sample of the community across the three bin system including general waste, recycling and food organics/garden organics (FOGO) with results indicating contamination in all kerbside streams was above reasonable levels.

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'We need gas': APA rejects calls to abandon Beetaloo

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Leading scientists and activists have been pushing APA's largest shareholders to use their holdings to push the company to abandon plans to develop gas pipelines in the Beetaloo Basin, where there are concerns over the climate, groundwater and health effects of fracking in the region. Last week, the company's security price slumped to a 10-year low after it was revealed its largest shareholder, UniSuper, was looking to offload \$500m of shares via a block trade.

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Drinking water safety guidelines in Australia revised based on “human health considerations”

SBS, Other, 24/10/2024, Ricky Kusumo

Revised drinking water guidelines in Australia have been released for public consultation. The update includes tougher standards on the permissible levels of so-called forever chemicals or PFAS in tap water - based on the latest scientific evidence and international guidance on human health considerations.

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