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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 1) reports Eureka Group has been referred to the ACCC over “unreasonable” rent hikes given to retirement village tenants, with the Tenants Union of Tasmania claiming Eureka had falsely advertised “affordable accommodation” for pensioners and disability residents..
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 1) reports researchers in Melbourne have developed a blood test to detect the presence and stage of Alzheimers, with 92 per cent accuracy recorded in the trial's 388 participants and researchers expecting the test could revolutionise Alzheimer diagnoses once approved by the TGA. *Also reported by:* [Courier Mail](#), [Geelong Advertiser](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin](#), [Hobart Mercury](#).
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 4) reports budget cuts to accommodation for fly-in-fly-out anaesthetists at Dubbo Base Hospital has led to the temporary workforce threatening to boycott the hospital entirely, saying the hospital-owned accommodation isn't sufficient.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (online) reports the remote Northern Territory community of Borroloola will get a new health hub containing a dialysis clinic, pharmacy and child and family services thanks to \$13.5 million in federal funding. Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Ged Kearney said, “The new renal dialysis facility means Borroloola residents can spend less time travelling for

treatment, and more time with their families and loved ones". *Also reported by:* [Northern Territory News](#), [Cairns Post](#)

- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 7) reports HCF has agreed to pay \$900 per day for customers who receive private rooms in public hospitals to avoid tax hikes introduced by the NSW government in lieu of the payment. *Also reported by:* [Australian Financial Review](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#)
- **[The Hobart Mercury](#)** (page 8) reports the Tasmanian government is being called on to fund a specialist nurse for neuroendocrine cancer, as recommended by a Senate Inquiry in February, with 25,500 Australians affected by the disease and over 60 per cent of patients not diagnosed until it has become a stage four disease.

MINISTER BUTLER

HCF bows to pressure on NSW hospital rates

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 28/10/2024, Michael Smith, Page 21

Australia's third-largest health insurer HCF has bowed to pressure from the Minns government and agreed to double the amount it pays for its members to use single rooms in NSW public hospitals as part of a stoush splintering the insurers.

Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#).

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Slug on private health insurers will sicken NSW patients

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 28/10/2024, Nick Coatsworth, Page 24

The NSW government's legislation on private health insurers, which passed through parliament on Friday, is a disturbing strategy that uses privately insured patients as a bargaining tool in a dispute between insurers and government. [...] The federal government, particularly Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Health Minister Mark Butler, should have intervened to prevent this measure from progressing.

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Lagging on issue of grave importance

Newcastle Herald, General News, 28/10/2024, Page 16

Who would have thought, given the impact of COVID-19, that the Albanese government would drag its heels for so long on the Australian Centre for Disease Control it promised to deliver in its first term. [...] Given there is bipartisan and crossbench support, Mr 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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Anthony Albanese urged to copy populist Queensland Labor policies

The Australian, Other, 27/10/2024, Geoff Chambers, Michael McKenna & Greg Brown

Anthony Albanese is facing internal pressure to unveil populist cost-of-living measures that federal MPs and union leaders say rescued Queensland Labor from a near wipe-out, amid growing concerns over the party's appeal in the regions after voters north of Brisbane swung hard behind the Liberal National Party. [...] Mr Albanese, Health Minister Mark Butler and senior ministers will launch a national blitz this week selling Labor's economic and health policies, ahead of new inflation data being released on Wednesday.

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We've had Medicare for 50 years, but where's the dental care?

Region Riverina, Other, 27/10/2024, Jen White

Have you been to the dentist lately? If you haven't, you're not alone, according to the latest national report on dental health in Australia. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has indicated there are no plans to

include dental in Medicare in the near term.

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Swift Street Antenatal Clinic earns top gong as Medicare Champion

dubbophotonews.com.au, Other, 28/10/2024, David Dixon

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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MINISTER WELLS

Crisafulli presses PM on funding

Australian Financial Review, General News, 28/10/2024, James Hall, Page 9

Incoming Queensland premier David Crisafulli has already lobbied the prime minister to restore a greater funding share for major infrastructure projects and has invited the federal government to be more involved in planning the 2032 Brisbane Olympi...

Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [South Western Times \(Online\)](#), [Busselton Dunsborough Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [North West Telegraph \(Online\)](#), [Great Southern Herald \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#).

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Games plan by March

Courier Mail, General News, 28/10/2024, Taylah Fellows, Page 11

Premier-elect David Crisafulli used his first conversation with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to discuss the delivery of Brisbane's Olympic and Paralympic Games. [...] "I spent a considerable amount of time talking to the Prime Minister about that, and we intend to speak directly to the Sports Minister, who is a Queenslander and I reckon we can get a good outcome," he said.

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

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Borroloola Central: New health and service hub slated for remote NT community

Herald Sun, Other, 27/10/2024, Fia Walsh

A new multipurpose service centre in the Roper Gulf community will include a government service hub,

child and family centre and renal dialysis clinic helping patients access lifesaving treatment closer to home. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Ged Kearney, said helping people access dialysis near home meant better quality of life.

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

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DEPARTMENT

Labor ad blitz targets top voter concerns

The Australian, General News, 28/10/2024, Tom Dusevic, Page 2

The Albanese government is on a messaging blitz, increasing by one-third media spending on advertising campaigns last financial year, to spruik the revamped stage three tax cuts, cost-of-living relief for families, and failed referendum for an Indigenous voice. [...] The Department of Health and Ageing is spending \$5m on media to promote the availability of 60day prescriptions on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, \$2.6m for a Star Ratings system to compare the quality of aged care providers, and \$7.4m on a new phase of the youth vaping education campaign.

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

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Rent rises sparking a blue-rinse Eureka rebellion

The Australian, General News, 28/10/2024, Simon Benson, Page 2

This is the blue rinse rebellion that Eureka never foresaw. As with many older Australians of modest means, Leanne Crawford was lured by the promise of affordable living when she moved into Eureka Group's Launceston community three years ago.

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

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Canberra's retirement villages urged to be more transparent about where fees are going

ABC Online, Other, 27/10/2024, Lottie Twyford

While they're billed as safe, independent and often luxurious living for older Australians, retirement villages have also been described as engaging in "corporatised elder abuse". They have been accused of leaving residents financially worse-off when they leave, and having complex contracts.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Plan to make real move on tobacco wars

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 28/10/2024, Elizabeth Henson, Page 7

Proposed laws that would give the Consumer and Business Affairs Minister the power to shut down shops suspected of selling illicit tobacco products signify a "significant step forward" in the fight against South Australia's lucrative underground market, the Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette Commissioner says. Meanwhile, a peak national retail body says the mooted legislation would make a "significant dent" in the state's illegal tobacco and vape trade.

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Individual genome diets, do they work?

Northern Territory News, General News, 28/10/2024, Ashley Lowe, Page 21

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.

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Family matters

Central Western Daily, General News, 28/10/2024, Carla Mascarenhas, Page 1

Jane Morris spent more than \$80,000 to create her now much-loved eight-year-old daughter. Ms Morris from Spring Hill, experienced several devastating miscarriages before she explored In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF).

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#).

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Reborn abortion debate could terminate a viable Dutton government

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 27/10/2024, Palme McGuinness

When Mad Katter the Younger put abortion on the agenda ahead of the Queensland election, did he dream of terminating an unborn government? His words seriously damaged Queensland Opposition Leader David Crisafulli as well as the federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton.

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In tick season, dogs aren't the only victims: What you need to know

The New Daily, Other, 27/10/2024, John Elder

You may see reports that Sydney vets are warning of a severe tick season, on the back of a wet summer. In a report from the ABC, a group of veterinarian clinics in Sydney warned that "this year's tick season is expected to be one of the worst yet".

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Cancer survivor's plea for more state funds

Hobart Mercury, General News, 28/10/2024, Stephanie Dalton, Page 8

Rob Hammond has witnessed first-hand the deadly consequences of neuroendocrine cancer after the disease killed his brother and sister. [...] " Neuroendocrine Cancer Australia chief executive Meredith Cummins said the disease was treatable when caught early, but of the 25,500 Australians living with NETs, more than half were initially misdiagnosed.

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Cats star's skin cancer shock

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 28/10/2024, Abby Walter, Page 1

A former AFLW Cats player is encouraging people to be sun smart and get their skin checked after a melanoma was cut out of her leg in the final trimester of her pregnancy. [...] Professor Anne Cust, chair of Cancer Council's National Skin Cancer Committee, said new data from the council reinforced Australians were not doing enough to protect themselves in summer.

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Prostate cancer is surging in the middle-aged: Now experts say there's a simple solution that can save your life. This is what every man needs to know...

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 27/10/2024, Luke Chafer & Meike Leonard

When Jack Eckersall found himself unable to get through the night without going to the loo at least four times, he knew something was wrong. At first he assumed that he was just drinking too much water, but within a few weeks the former chef could barely get through an hour without having to pee.

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'My twin boys are inseparable, but I'm watching one of them deteriorate before my eyes.'

Mamamia, Other, 27/10/2024, Nicole Madigan

"i want to go home, Mummy ," says eight-year-old Jobe. He's distressed and overwhelmed. "Take me home," he pleads.

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PRIMARY CARE

Health insurer buckles to Minns

Daily Telegraph, General News, 28/10/2024, Madeleine Bower, Page 7

One of four major private health insurers at war with the Minns government over whether they should pay a fee for patients who use private rooms in public hospitals has caved to pressure and agreed to pay the bill. Not-for-profit health insurer HCF has written to the NSW government, "reluctantly" agreeing to pay almost \$900 a day for customers who get a private room when admitted to a public hospital.

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Defence Health stuff-up

Canberra Times, General News, 28/10/2024, Connor Pearce, Page 1

A transformational technology project that was meant to improve health insurance services for current and former Defence members and their families has been beset by problems and a lack of functionality, leading to a 3000 per cent increase in complaints to the Commonwealth Ombudsman. Dubbed Project DELTA, the IT upgrade was rolled out in 2023, and promised members of Defence Health - a private health insurer for Defence personnel, suppliers and their families - "the largest technology transformation in private health insurance in Australia".

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Health chief's protest warning

Northern Territory News, General News, 28/10/2024, Fia Walsh, Page 7

NT Health told a union to rein in protesters unhappy with the government, leaked emails have revealed, prompting concerns of "Orwellian" overreach. Protests were planned against Health Minister Steve Edgington (pictured) by doctors concerned about the health impacts of some of the CLP's crime and alcohol policies.

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Rebel rousing

Northern Territory News, Editorials, 28/10/2024, Page 12

Another day, another sector expressing its deep misgivings over the CLP government's plan, which it says will return the Territory to its former glory. First it was the paediatricians and children's advocates over the reduced age of criminal responsibility.

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It's time to flip script

Daily Advertiser, General News, 28/10/2024, Finn Coleman, Page 1

The percentage of people who can't afford to visit a GP in the Riverina region has increased, but a Wagga GP said it's not too late for the government to take action and increase patient rebates. A report commissioned by peak social services body NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS) and conducted by the University of Canberra, Access Denied: Australians Locked Out of Quality Healthcare has revealed the situation of primary health NSW.

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Dominant win for Watts

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/10/2024, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

If Saturday night's results should tell us anything, it's that Toowoomba residents want an LNP government to deliver results for them and it should put all our MPs on notice. Voters overwhelmingly sent this message with their ballots in the city's three seats, leading to enormous swings to Trevor Watts, David Janetzki and Pat Weir that in some cases were historic.

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'Starve yourself': weight stigma harms health treatment

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 28/10/2024, Caitlin Powell

For more than two decades, Lorna Berry has been told to lose weight to treat polycystic ovary syndrome. "One doctor said, 'Well, just starve yourself'," the 54-year-old told AAP.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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One easy way to relieve pressure on Australia's medical system? Stop ghosting your GP

The Guardian, Other, 27/10/2024, Michael Burge

The last time I went to see my GP – a 220km round trip from my rural home town – I noticed a sign at reception telling clients that the reason it was so difficult to get a timely appointment was because 154 of us hadn't shown up for booked consults during the month of July. It stuck in my craw because it's now standard to experience a weeks-long wait for a GP appointment at every clinic across this region, if you can even get into one.

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Hold my beer: new premier hits ground running after win

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 27/10/2024, Savannah Meacham & Fraser Barton

Celebratory beers have been cut short by Queensland's next premier, but predecessor Steven Miles is "off to the pub" after his election loss. Liberal National Party leader David Crisafulli spent little time toasting his success, going straight to work as he looked set to form a majority government and end Labor's nine-year reign.

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

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Queensland Premier-elect David Crisafulli has promised ambulance ramping will be given treatment to try and cure the health system. He says within 100 days, doctors and nurses will back in charge of hospitals.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Simone thought she was exhausted and 'burnt-out'. But her high-functioning anxiety was going unnoticed

The Guardian, Other, 28/10/2024, Ashwini Padhi

High-functioning anxiety is a term that describes a paradox faced by many. On the outside someone may appear to have everything under control, but inside they're battling a relentless undercurrent of worry, fear and doubt.

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Budget cuts lead to threat of boycott by fly-in doctors

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 28/10/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 4

Fly-in-fly-out anaesthetists are threatening to boycott Dubbo Base Hospital because of a cut to their accommodation budget, potentially disrupting surgeries and services at a regional hospital heavily reliant on a temporary workforce. Western NSW Local Health District emailed visiting medical officers (VMOs) last week, telling them the hospital would only house temporary staff in apartments, units and a motel owned by the hospital, and would not pay for the accommodation of their choice.

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

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Concerns over international doctor fast-track pathway

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 28/10/2024

GP and rural health colleges have raised concerns over the readiness of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (AHPRA) new fast-track pathway for rural doctors. The expedited program launched on 21 October 2024 and aims to increase the number of GPs to address critical health shortages.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Pregnant woman with breast cancer crowdfunds \$62,000 for life-saving drug now listed on PBS

7news.com.au, Other, 27/10/2024, Caleb Taylor

Naama Carlin's life was turned upside down when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021. [...] Carlin's life was turned on its head even further when she was recommended the possibly life-saving drug Keytruda by her oncologist, but was then forced to crowdfund \$62,000 as it wasn't listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for the cancer with which she had been diagnosed.

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SPORT

Our burning desire for Ashes return

Daily Telegraph, Sport, 28/10/2024, Dean Ritchie, Page 48

After a 22-year hiatus, an old fashioned Kangaroo tour to contest the Ashes in England is being planned for the end of next season the first since 2003. It is likely the tour would comprise three Tests against England.

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Let the games begin

Courier Mail, General News, 28/10/2024, Madura McCormack , Page 1

Premier-elect David Crisafulli has promised a plan for venues at the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games that Queenslanders will be proud of as he sets off on a 100-day race to deliver on his long list of election pledges. Mr Crisafulli revealed he had already discussed Games venues with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese yesterday, during a call where he also raised the need for a better and safer Bruce Highway.

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

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Aussie researchers 'revolutionise' Alzheimer's tests

Daily Telegraph, General News, 28/10/2024, Suzan Delibasic, Page 3

A simple and cost effective blood test will be able to detect Alzheimer's disease quicker and more accurately, Australian researchers have found. The Daily Telegraph can reveal Australian researchers

have evaluated a new diagnostic blood test for Alzheimer's as part of a new study and found it to be a reliable measure of the disease's presence and stage.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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Teenagers' brains are damaged by cannabis

West Australian, General News, 28/10/2024, Page 8

Teenagers who smoke cannabis may be damaging the lining of their brains, research shows. Those who had smoked cannabis before the age of 16 had a thinner cerebral cortex the outermost layer of the brain than those who had not, Canadian researchers discovered.

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Tracing cancer links

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 28/10/2024, Page 14

A new study has found molecular markers identified in blood at birth could identify links to later development of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), which is the most common cancer type that affects children. The International Agency for Research on Cancer study found tracing the cancer back to birth could uncover promising biomarkers for prevention and targeted treatment of childhood leukaemia.

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New model for improving cardiovascular outcomes for patients

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 28/10/2024

The national Cardiovascular Health Leadership Research Forum: a new data-driven model placing research at the centre of improving patient outcomes. Each year, more than \$14 billion is spent by the federal government on the direct health costs of cardiovascular disease, a leading cause of death and disability in Australia.

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2GB, Healthy Living, 27/10/2024, Dr Ross Walker & Ned Green

Interview with world-leading osteoarthritis expert, rheumatologist, and researcher Prof David Hunter about his research on osteoarthritis. Hunter says they have a range of clinical trials going on at the moment, including one where they recruit people for a combination supplement called ATLAS.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Clinic to begin kidney treatment on country

Northern Territory News, General News, 28/10/2024, Fia Walsh, Page 5

A new multipurpose service centre in the remote Northern Territory community of Borroloola aims to improve access to services, including helping those with chronic kidney disease access treatment closer to home. The federal government has granted the McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust \$13.5m for community development in Borroloola.

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

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Voice referendum a missed opportunity?

Shepparton News, General News, 28/10/2024, Page 9

October 14. A date that for many people will not mean much. But for others, it is a date that was deeply

hurtful and represented a missed opportunity for our nation.

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Remote residents appeal to federal government to raise welfare payments as kids go hungry

ABC Online, Other, 27/10/2024, Jane Bardon

Leaders of a remote Northern Territory Indigenous community are pleading with the federal government to match a commitment to dialysis treatment by addressing soaring food prices that make healthy eating all but impossible. Residents in Borroloola, off the Gulf of Carpentaria, about 970 kilometres south-east of Darwin by road, have welcomed the Commonwealth's commitment to build a new \$13 million dialysis clinic in the community if it is re-elected – one of 30 promised for remote areas around Australia.

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Involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents in primary health care services

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 28/10/2024

Providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents with accessible, culturally safe primary health care is vital in optimising the future health of Indigenous Australians. A perspective published in the Medical Journal of Australia has found that 80% of excess mortality among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents is preventable within the current health system.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Researchers strive towards a vaccine for melioidosis, as northern Australia prepares for the wet season

ABC Online, Other, 27/10/2024, Isabella Tolhurst

It's the quiet killer that lurks in northern Australian gardens. Melioidosis is a bacterial infection spread through contact with contaminated soil, water, or even air.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Australia 'horrible' at getting drugs to patients

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 28/10/2024, Michael Smith, Page 19

Christian Behrenbruch, the co-founder and chief executive of \$7 billion cancer diagnostic giant Telix Pharmaceuticals, has lashed out at Australia's ability to make next-generation drugs available and claimed the market here is three to five years behind ...

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

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Influencers say this patch can help you live a healthier life. Experts aren't so sure

SBS, Other, 27/10/2024, Madeleine Wedesweiler

They're being promoted by some as tools that can help you lose weight, cure fatigue and live a healthier life. [...] Veron said: "Vively is a wellness app and as such is exempt from the TGA, similar to a Fitbit or Oura ring.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Kids turning to 'heavy duty' drugs

Western Advocate, General News, 28/10/2024, Page 5

Children in far west NSW as young as nine-years-old are taking illegal drugs and then getting caught up in the criminal justice system, an ongoing crime inquiry has heard. Mission Australia far west NSW team leader Erin Reberger said the drugs circulating among young people in the far west was "quite scary".

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

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Strong support for health and welfare responses for minor drug possession says two-thirds of NSW voters

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 27/10/2024

Uniting NSW.ACT, is showing 66 per cent of voters in key NSW seats support a health and welfare response to minor drug possession. Thousands of voters across five key metropolitan and regional NSW electorates (Kogarah, Bankstown, Penrith, Lismore, Tamworth) were surveyed.

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