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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 1) reports that new guidelines will require health warnings to be printed on the butts of individual cigarettes starting April next year. The regulations, released on October 30, had been proposed by Health Minister Mark Butler as early as November of 2022, but manufacturers worry that they will not have time to implement the new labels.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 4) reports that Health Minister Mark Butler will today announce an expansion of the OurFutures online education program which will be used to educate year 7 and 8 students nationwide about the health risks of vaping. Mr Butler said that "Modern and innovative solutions" would be required to avoid a new generation becoming addicted to nicotine.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 1) reports that nurses and midwives in NSW will go on strike today for 24 hours after Premier Chris Minns refused to budge on his offer of a 10.5 per cent wage increase unless other savings could be found. *Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [ABC Online](#), [The Guardian](#)*
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 1) reports that a court was shown video footage of the moment 95-year-old aged care resident Clare Nowland was tased by a NSW police officer, resulting in her death. Mrs. Nowland was wielding a steak knife, which prosecutors claim she attempted to throw at a nurse. *Also reported by: [7 News](#)*

- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 1) reports that the inquest into the April 13 Westfield Bondi Junction mass-stabbing incident has heard that killer Joel Cauchi had his schizophrenia medication reduced and ultimately stopped by his psychiatrist in 2019 despite concerns from family and police about his worsening mental health. *Also reported by: [Canberra Times](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [The Guardian](#)*
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 4) reports that Victoria will crack down on its illegal tobacco trade by introducing a new licensing scheme with the toughest penalties in the nation, becoming the last state in Australia to do so. *Also reported by: [The Age](#), [Herald Sun](#), [9 News](#), [ABC Online](#), [The Guardian](#)*
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 5) reports that the federal Greens have proposed \$1 billion in funding over the next decade to ensure all public hospitals, including remote and regional hospitals, can provide abortion services to patients. *Also reported by: [The Age](#)*
- **[Northern Territory News](#)** (page 4) reports that the Northern Territory's first medical school, the Charles Darwin University School of Medicine, will have its opening delayed from 2025 to 2026 to allow for additional course planning and the completion of the new Better Health Futures building.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 6) reports that Ambulance ramping at South Australian hospitals dropped for a third consecutive month to 2,983 hours in October, the lowest October figure seen in the state since 2021.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 7) reports that new data from AHPRA reveals that Australian health regulators received over 19,000 complaints against healthcare workers in the last financial year, representing a 14 per cent annual increase. Two per cent of inquiries resulted in de-registration of practitioners.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 8) reports that a \$2 billion deal made by the Morrison government with Moderna to manufacture mRNA vaccines in Australia will be investigated by the Australian National Audit Office as the American pharmaceutical company races to produce its first onshore product within its 2024 deadline.

MINISTER BUTLER

Students get facts on vapes

Herald Sun, General News, 13/11/2024, Jade Gailberger, Page 4

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No butts, you're warned

Herald Sun, General News, 13/11/2024, Angira Bharadwaj, Page 4

Individual cigarettes must have health warnings printed on the butt by April next year to be sold in Australia, a requirement insiders say will only push more smokers to black market tobacco. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler flagged a similar policy in 2022 but the draft regulations were not released until October 30, with 10 days for consultation.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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Council seeking answers to PFAS

Blue Mountains Gazette, General News, 13/11/2024, Tom Walker, Page 18

Blue Mountains councillors have declared their response to reports of PFAS chemicals in local water - and the path begins with a search for answers. [...] The council will also write to Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler and Susan Templeman MP, requesting timely completion of the review of PFAS levels in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Tough penalties under laws to tame tobacco turf war

Ballarat Courier, Other, 12/11/2024, Callum Godde

Dodgy traders busted selling black market cigarettes and vapes will face Australia's toughest penalties under long-awaited Victorian laws to curb a raging tobacco turf war. [...] In May 2023, federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced the tax on tobacco would increase five per cent each year for three years from September 1, 2023.

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Govt ad blitz to promote bulk-billing and urgent care clinics

Australian Doctor, Other, 12/11/2024, Antony Scholefield

The Federal Government is funding an advertising blitz that encourages patients to search for bulk-billing GP clinics. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler has been keen to tout the impact of tripling bulk-billing incentives in November 2023.

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Aged care minister Mark Butler dodges, deflects, then admits to service cuts

HelloCare, Other, 12/11/2024, Jakob Neeland

In a recent radio interview with ABC Adelaide's David Bevan, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler found himself on the defensive over upcoming aged care reforms. The new legislation, intended to overhaul aged care services for seniors remaining at home, has faced scrutiny due to proposed caps on vital support services like gardening and cleaning.

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Scope of Practice Review report advocates for expanded practice models

Optometry Australia, Other, 12/11/2024

Optometry Australia welcomes the final report of the Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce – Scope of Practice Review, which has been provided to the Federal Minister for Health, Mark Butler. This report presents important developments for allied health professionals, including optometrists.

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RSV vax on NIP

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2024

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed yesterday's announcement by Federal Health Minister Mark Butler to offer pregnant women free access to the RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccine, Abrysvo. "Vaccines are vital for patient safety, and Abrysvo is critical in preventing RSV-related hospitalisations in babies," National President of the Guild, Trent Twomey, said.

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Bulk-billing improvement claims hold up

The Medical Republic, Other, 12/11/2024, Holly Payne

GPs appear to be picking up what the government is putting down when it comes to bulk billing under 16s and over 65s – and it's been just enough to lift the overall bulk-billing rate. Medicare's quarterly statistics to September 2024 have arrived, confirming federal Health Minister Mark Butler's announcement last week that bulk-billing rates have turned a corner.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Ross Solly

Interview with Dr Nicole Higgins, President, Royal Australian College of GPs, regarding a plan announced by Minister Mark Butler to let patients bypass their GP to get a specialist referral is causing

concern amongst doctors. Higgins says there is genuine concern about increasing waiting lists and increasing costs to patients. She adds it will potentially blow out the budget for taxpayers, but at the same time not acknowledge that a lot of that stuff can be managed in general practice or primary care and not need to go up and see more expensive specialists.

Interview continues on: [ABC Radio Canberra \(Canberra\)](#).

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MINISTER WELLS

Pivoting from critic to a leader is tough

Courier Mail, Editorials, 13/11/2024, Page 24

No doubt it is very exciting after years of politicking in opposition to finally get your hands on the keys to government and full access to the details of all the outrages you have spent years trying to expose. [...] In his first meeting with federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King and federal Sport Minister Anika Wells, Mr Bleijie as the state Infrastructure Minister asked them to consider revisiting the deal that splits the costs of \$7bn in planned venues spend between the two levels of government.

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

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Paralympics Australia locks in permanent CEO after predecessor's mysterious pre-Games exit

nine.com.au, Other, 12/11/2024, Zachary Gates

Paralympics Australia has settled on a permanent chief executive officer following the mysterious departure of Catherine Clark only a month out from the Paris Games. [...] Australia's Minister for Sport Anika Wells announced on the cusp of the Paris Paralympics that medallists would receive the same financial rewards as Olympic medallists: \$20,000 for winning gold, \$15,000 for silver and \$10,000 for bronze.

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Aged care fees to stay lower for sexual abuse survivors

Canberra Times, Other, 12/11/2024, Dominic Giannini & Andrew Brown

Elderly sexual abuse survivors will be able to keep lower aged care fees despite any redress payments after changes to how assets are counted. [...] Age care reforms before parliament would give older people, including sexual abuse survivors, the right to access trauma-aware and healing-informed services, Aged Care Minister Anika Wells said.

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Paralympics Australia Announces Cameron Murray as Chief Executive Officer

Paralympics Australia, Other, 12/11/2024, Hody Hong

Paralympics Australia is excited to announce the appointment of Cameron Murray as the new Chief Executive Officer following his successful tenure acting in the role since July 2024. [...] Mr Murray said

the Federal Government's recent funding commitment delivered by Minister for Sport, Anika Wells, to address inequities for Para-sports in the high-performance system will help ensure Paralympics Australia achieves this commitment.

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DEPARTMENT

Syphilis infections rise

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 13/11/2024, Wade Stephens, Page 8

Syphilis infections are rising across the Far West Local Health District, prompting a plea from health professionals to prioritise sexual health. [...] According to Federal Department of Health figures, between April and June 2024, the greatest proportion 69 per cent of overall cases were reported in non-Indigenous men, who largely resided in major cities.

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COVID-19 Response Inquiry Report comprehensive despite limited terms of reference

The Mandarin, Other, 12/11/2024, Andrew Podger

Reading both 'Australia's Pandemic Exceptionalism' and the official COVID-19 Response Inquiry Report is essential for anyone likely to have responsibility for planning for or responding to any future pandemic. My recent review of Steven Hamilton and Richard Holden's book Australia's Pandemic Exceptionalism highlighted its 'convincing, frank and honest account' in just over 200 pages, and encouraged the Health Department in particular to listen to its lessons.

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VACCINES

Morrison government's \$2b vaccine deal blasted

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, Paul Sakkal & Liam Mannix, Page 8

Australia's audit office will probe the Morrison government's \$2 billion deal with US pharmaceutical giant Moderna to set up vaccine manufacturing in Australia, with the firm racing to meet its promised timeline as its spurned local rival begins shipping its COVID jabs overseas. Sources familiar with the

project said Australian vaccine manufacturer CSL had offered to make inoculations here for a much cheaper price but lost out on the contract to Moderna, which does not yet have regulatory approval to produce the vaccines in its factory.

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

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Video reveals tasing

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, Sarah McPhee, Page 1

Family members of greatgrandmother Clare Nowland gasped as a court was shown video of the moment the 95-year-old was Tasered by a policeman, having been repeatedly told to drop a knife and warned "you keep coming, you're going to get Tased". Senior Constable Kristian James Samuel White has pleaded not guilty to the manslaughter of Nowland, who was Tasered while standing with her walking frame inside the Yallabee Lodge nursing home in Cooma on May 17, 2023. Nowland died in hospital seven days later.

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Small agency broke procurement rules

Canberra Times, General News, 13/11/2024, Connor Pearce, Page 5

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission mischaracterised half of all consultancy contracts in a year, as the small agency becomes one of the largest spenders on consultancies across the entire APS. The results of a compliance review of consultancy contracts for the 2022-23 financial year are included in the commission's annual report.

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

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'Got her': Jury watches confronting moment NSW cop tases 95-year-old woman at aged-care home

7news.com.au, Other, 12/11/2024, Miklos Bolza

An aged-care resident armed with a steak knife was told she was 'going to get tased' before a police officer fired his weapon on her. A police officer told an elderly woman with dementia symptoms they were "not playing this game" before he tasered her in dramatic footage played to his criminal trial.

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International study led by Queensland University finds link between frailty and dementia

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2024, Molly Slattery

A new study linking frailty to an increased risk of developing dementia gives "new hope" early intervention can prevent the syndrome, researchers say. The project, led by researchers at the University of Queensland, tracked 20 years of data from 30,000 patients across the world.

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Newcastle Herald, Other, 12/11/2024, Andrew Brown & Dominic Giannini

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All about prescribing cascades in long-term care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/11/2024

What is a prescribing cascade? A prescribing cascade begins when a medicine causes an adverse drug reaction that is mistaken for a new medical condition, leading to the prescription of another, often unnecessary, medicine.

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'We've got the program, we've got the funding...'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2024, Philip Smith

The aged care onsite pharmacist program "is a great idea and it's a great new career direction," according to a leading pharmacist in the medicine reviews space.

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Increased frailty linked to dementia onset: Study

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/11/2024, Chelsea Heaney

The analysis of data from almost 30,000 participants emphasises the need for early intervention options, authors say. The study said frailty is not merely a consequence of undetected dementia but contributes to its onset.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Catherine Murphy & Bridget Brennan

Interview with Amanda Rishworth, Social Services Minister, on the Federal Government, saying redress payments to child sexual abuse survivors will no longer be counted in means tests for residential aged care. Rishworth says it is an important measure because there were a lot of survivors who had been caught up in it and were paying higher aged care residential fees because their redress payment was included in that assets test.

POPULATION HEALTH

Tobacco laws a 'game changer'

The Australian, General News, 13/11/2024, Tricia Rivera, Page 4

Victoria will have the harshest penalties for criminals in the illegal cigarette trade under a proposed "game changer" tobacco licensing scheme that will also bring the state in line with the rest of the country and crack down on organised crime. Premier Jacinta Allan announced her government would establish a strict tobacco licensing scheme that increased police powers to raid and seize illegal products from suspected retailers as well as to create a tobacco regulator with dedicated inspectors.

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

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Facing the chop chop: Up to 15 years' jail for illegal tobacco sellers

Age, General News, 13/11/2024, Carla Jaeger, Page 5

A licensing scheme to tackle the booming illicit tobacco trade will bring Victoria into line with the rest of Australia, after more than 100 firebombings targeting cigarette shops around the state. Premier Jacinta Allan laid out the details of the scheme yesterday with a bill to be brought to the Victorian parliament, eight months after promising the change in March and over two years since the government received reform recommendations.

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

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Heads butt over new smoke laws

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2024, Angira Bhgaradwaj, Page 1

Individual cigarettes must have health warnings printed on their butts by April next year - a move insiders say will push more smokers towards the tobacco black-market. Industry sources fear manufacturers will be unable to overhaul supply chains in time to meet new government regulations, which were only released for consultation on October 30.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Licences to smoke out organised crime gangs

Herald Sun, General News, 13/11/2024, Carly Douglas & Regan Hodge, Page 4

Authorities hope a tobacco licensing scheme dubbed "the toughest in Australia" will smoke out organised crime, but police warn that cigarette turf wars are far from over. The state government introduced legislation for the long-awaited scheme on Tuesday aiming to end the raging battle for control of the illicit tobacco trade that has resulted in 114 fire-bombings and spread to other states.

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

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Will smoke clear?

Herald Sun, Editorials, 13/11/2024, Page 22

Victoria will soon have a new tobacco licensing scheme the Allan government promises will be the "toughest in the nation". Bizarrely, until now the state has been the only jurisdiction left in Australia in which anyone can sell tobacco without being registered or licensed.

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Mission with a vision

Border Watch, General News, 13/11/2024, Caroline Hammat, Page 4

Newbery Park Primary School is the first in Millicent to benefit from the Children's Vision Screening Program under the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP). 29 students participated in the vision screening which includes four different testing stations.

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Allan talks up tough illegal tobacco laws

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 13/11/2024, Page 12

Victorians who trade in black market tobacco and vapes will face jail time and potential fines of \$1.7 million under planned new laws. Premier Jacinta Allan yesterday announced her Labor Government would introduce long-awaited legislation to Parliament to establish a tobacco licensing scheme amid Victoria's tobacco turf war.

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Victoria promises 'toughest penalties' in the country amid escalating tobacco trade war

9News, Other, 12/11/2024, Allannah Sciberras

The Victorian government is set to implement the toughest penalties in the country, introducing legislation into parliament to combat the rising illegal tobacco trade. Premier Jacinta Allan said the legislation would establish a tobacco business licensing scheme, meaning retailers could be refused a licence based on previous history.

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Victoria promises the toughest penalties in the country and a new licensing scheme for tobacco retailers

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2024

The Victorian government is promising the toughest penalties in the country as it introduces legislation into parliament to combat the illegal tobacco trade. The state government plans to establish a tobacco licensing scheme for retailers, give police more power and resources to crack down on illegal sellers, and establish a new tobacco regulator with dedicated inspectors.

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Victoria seeks to snuff out tobacco wars with nation's 'toughest' cigarette sales rules and 'fit and proper persons' test

The Guardian, Other, 12/11/2024, Benita Kolovos

Victorian tobacco shop owners will need to pass a "fit and proper persons" test and a dedicated regulator will enforce new rules – with jail time and fines of up to \$1.7m for those who breach them – under a long-awaited licensing scheme described by the state premier as the "toughest" in the country.

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Victorian government to introduce tough new tobacco store licensing scheme in crack down on organised crime

Sky News Australia, Other, 12/11/2024, Patrick Hannaford

The Victorian government is introducing a tobacco store licensing scheme in an attempt to crack down on organised crime making millions off the illicit trade. The new regulatory scheme is part of a suite of measures being introduced in order to combat the underground war that rival organised crime groups are waging over control of the illicit tobacco market, with more than 100 arson attacks having been carried out over the past two years.

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Inaugural Cholesterol Awareness Week

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2024

This week, some of Australia's leading heart health charities - Hearts4heart, Heart Support Australia, and Heartbeat of Sport - have united to launch the country's first Cholesterol Awareness Week (11-17 Nov). The initiative aims to raise awareness of high cholesterol, a condition affecting around 2.1 million Australians and known as the 'silent disease' because it often presents no symptoms.

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'Sleep psychologist' directory to assist with de-prescribing

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/11/2024, Morgan Liotta

The newly launched provider registry helps GPs refer insomnia patients to CBT – in a move away from prescribing benzodiazepines. Many people take sleeping pills to treat insomnia, instead of the first-line clinical recommendation of cognitive behavioural therapy.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Catherine Murphy & Bridget Brennan

A global study has found a frail person is 40% more likely to develop dementia. Researchers from the University of Queensland say people who maintain better general health later in their lives are more likely to preserve their brain health. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare says dementia is the second leading cause of death for all Australians.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Sammy J

The Victorian government's long-awaited illicit tobacco bill is being plugged as including the toughest penalties in the country. Vic Premier Jacinta Allan promised in March the bill would be introduced by the end of this year, with two sitting weeks remaining and police investigating more than 100 firebombing attacks linked to the illegal tobacco trade. The bill will include extra powers that would allow police to target organised crime kingpins and is expected to incorporate a tobacco shop licencing scheme.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

How Reena found relief when GPs hesitated to treat her

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, Kate Aubusson, Page 7

Reena Murray was 36 when hot flushes started washing over her with overwhelming intensity. In a one-two punch, the chemotherapy that treated her breast cancer had triggered early onset menopause, and her doctors were reluctant to prescribe hormone therapy for fear of fuelling her cancer.

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

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Fighting to help others with Type 1 Diabetes

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 13/11/2024, Christine Schindler, Page 1

Year 12 graduate Fred Turner will celebrate his formal at the end of the week, and then go to Rainbow Beach for schoolies. As the Toowoomba Anglican School rugby player makes plans for end of year celebrations, his blood glucose is being constantly monitored by a device that is connected to a pump, which injects insulin into his body as needed.

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Put a spring in your step

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 13/11/2024, Jami Roberts, Page 10

Podiatrists are urging North Queenslanders living with diabetes to prioritise their foot health, as leg amputations caused by diabetes-related foot disease (DFD) are 10 times higher in regional areas. National Diabetes Feet Day on November 12 sheds light on this significant health issue affecting more than half a million Australians.

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

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'Chop my leg off': Osher Gunsberg documents his dramatic battle with chronic pain

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 12/11/2024, Bridget McManus

Osher Gunsberg wants more people talking about chronic pain, which will affect an average of one in five Australians. Drawing on his experiences following a hip replacement in 2020, the former Bachelor Australia host presents Osher Gunsberg: A World of Pain .

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How many calories does walking actually burn?

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/11/2024, Sarah Mitchell

Can a walk be as good as a high-intensity workout? [...] According to the Heart Foundation, 'walking for an average of 30 minutes or more a day can lower the risk of heart disease, stroke by 35 per cent and Type 2 diabetes by 40 per cent'.

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

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Rural palliative care to get a voice: UniSA

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2024

Researchers at the University of South Australia (UniSA), and Flinders University, are investigating the end-of-life care experiences of rural South Australians to enhance palliative care access and delivery. Funded by The Hospital Research Foundation Group, the 'My Story, Our Journey' project aims to understand rural patients' unique needs and improve available supports.

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Study links childhood asthma to memory difficulties

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/11/2024, Manisha Fernando

It found patients had a lower ability to remember specific events, but one GP urged caution, warning it may create 'unnecessary concern'. [...] According to the National Asthma Council of Australia, asthma is one of the nation's most prevalent chronic diseases , with around 2.8 million people living with the condition in 2022.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Catherine Murphy & Bridget Brennan

Interview with Kara Cook, Cancer Council Advocate, regarding 'When Mitzi the Fogle Got Cancer', a free children's book and animation developed by the Cancer Council Queensland trying to address the

issue of confronting cancer in an age-appropriate and honest way. Cook says the book will feature emotions that every child and every family travels through a cancer journey.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 12/11/2024, Andrew Lofthouse & Melissa Downes

The findings of a new dementia study have scientists hopeful of identifying those in danger before the onset of symptoms. The Australian research found a key lifestyle change linked to an increased risk of developing the debilitating disease. They discovered frailty levels increased nine years before a dementia diagnosis.

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PRIMARY CARE

Greens vow \$1bn to boost abortion access

The Australian, General News, 13/11/2024, Rosie Lewis, Page 5

The Greens have pledged \$1bn over a decade so that all public hospitals especially in rural and regional areas can provide abortion services, in a policy move designed to pressure Labor ahead of the federal election to commit to universal reproductive healthcare. After abortion became part of election campaigns in Queensland and the US, and Peter Dutton warned his MPs not to be distracted by the issue, the Greens declared it "must not be a culture war or a postcode lottery".

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

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Debt extension lets Healthscope thrash out deals

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 13/11/2024, Michael Smith, Page 19

Lenders to private hospital operator Healthscope have given the company five months' grace to negotiate better funding deals from health insurers after agreeing to a waiver that extends the life of Healthscope's \$1.6 billion loan.

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NIB warns of 10pc fall in profit as Kiwi claims soar

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 13/11/2024, Michael Smith, Page 20

Private health insurer NIB warned full-year earnings will fall as much as 10 per cent this year due to mounting losses in its New Zealand business, where soaring claims are rendering it unprofitable over the December half.

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

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Greens weigh into abortion debate, vowing \$100m to support hospital care

Age, General News, 13/11/2024, Natassia Chrysanthos & Olivia Ireland, Page 10

The Greens will keep abortion on the federal election agenda with a \$100 million funding pledge to give public hospitals more resources to perform terminations, as new polling shows most Australians want abortion laws left intact. Their policy will push Labor to reveal its own plans for improving access to terminations after a messy political debate, fuelled by the United States election, raised fears that Australia's abortion laws could be unwound.

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

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Ambo ramping on the downhill

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 6

Ramping dipped just under 3000 hours in October which the state government welcomed as the best October figure since 2021 and the third successive monthly fall. The 2983 hours of patients stuck in ambulances in hospital carparks waiting to be unloaded into emergency departments, tying up paramedics from other calls, compares to 3106 hours lost in September, 5284 hours in August and the record 5539 hours lost in July.

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

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Still a long way from a health "fix"

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 13/11/2024, Page 18

Ramping is falling, but don't pop the champagne corks just yet. It is falling from a record high of 5539 hours in July, and was still almost 3000 hours in October.

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Glad hospital abortion access now restored

Central Western Daily, General News, 13/11/2024, Phil Donato, Page 3

Whether any of us agree with it or not, abortions are a now lawful medical procedure. The Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 was vigorously debated in both houses of the NSW Parliament.

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In better time

Shepparton News, General News, 13/11/2024, Kate Walters, Page 1

Ambulances responded to nearly 100,000 code one, urgent incidents in Victoria between July and September this year. Code one is the second highest priority call for ambulances and can cover a range of conditions, including patients with chest pain or difficulties breathing.

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Ambulance ramping at lowest level in more than a year in South Australia

9News, Other, 12/11/2024, Gus Macdonald

South Australia has recorded its most promising ambulance ramping data in more than a year in what the government says is a sign the state's healthcare system is on the right track. New figures released today showed ramping is down 46 per cent since the depths of winter.

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Private health insurance is a dud. That's why a majority of Australians don't have it

The Guardian, Other, 12/11/2024, Greg Jericho

Right now final submissions are being made by private health insurers to the government for an increase in insurance premiums next year. In light of reports they are seeking increases above 5%, it is worth remembering that private health insurance is a terrible way to deliver good health outcomes.

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Govt ad blitz to promote bulk-billing and urgent care clinics

Australian Doctor, Other, 12/11/2024, Antony Scholefield

The Federal Government is funding an advertising blitz that encourages patients to search for bulk-billing GP clinics. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler has been keen to tout the impact of tripling bulk-billing incentives in November 2023.

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Retail workers suffering 'serious mental and physical harm'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2024, Megan Haggan

A coalition of retail stakeholders including the Pharmacy Guild have banded together to combat what

they call "alarming levels of abuse, violence and the use of weapons against workers".

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Bulk-billing improvement claims hold up

The Medical Republic, Other, 12/11/2024, Holly Payne

GPs appear to be picking up what the government is putting down when it comes to bulk billing under 16s and over 65s – and it's been just enough to lift the overall bulk-billing rate. Medicare's quarterly statistics to September 2024 have arrived, confirming federal Health Minister Mark Butler's announcement last week that bulk-billing rates have turned a corner.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 12/11/2024, Rosanna Mangiarelli & Will Goodings

SA's ramping crisis is showing signs of further improvement with wait times decreasing for the third time in a month. The figures were released as the SA Government talked up its expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre, but the Opposition says there's still a long way to go.

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2CC, Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Nicole Higgins, President, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, on the Federal Government announcing \$174.5m to provide free RSV vaccinations. Higgins says the vaccine program protects mums and bubs and it'll be given between 24 and 36 weeks of pregnancy. She adds those vaccines cost about \$350 and it is beyond the reach of most people, so it is great news that the Government is going to subsidise it.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Craig Zonca & Loretta Ryan

Interview with Murray Watt, Qld Senator, on Queensland Labor underlining new Medicare billing data, which shows that Federal Labor's record investments in bulk billing created an additional 1.1 million bulk billed GP visits for Queenslanders in just one year. Watt says they will need to keep investing in Medicare to turn around some of the cuts that were impacted over the last ten years or so. He adds it's an important cost of living measure and it's also incredibly important for Qld's public hospitals and emergency departments as well.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Breakfast, 12/11/2024, Ross Solly

Doctors have warned that a plan to let patients bypass their GP to get a specialist referral could lead to a US-style health system and longer waits for specialities in high demand, which has reignited a turf war with advocates who say it would save patients time and money and lead to better health outcomes. Patients are currently ineligible for a Medicare rebate for many specialist appointments unless they have a referral from a GP. Still, under this proposed shake-up made public last week by the Federal Government, patients would be able to get a referral from other medical professionals, including physiotherapists and midwives and they wouldn't need to return to their doctor.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Principals hail social media 'age of consent'

The Australian, General News, 13/11/2024, Natasha Bitá, Page 7

School principals have hailed the federal government's plan to ban social media for under-16s, as the opposition agreed to pass legislation by Christmas. Australian Government Primary Principals

Association president Pat Murphy said half of primary school students in years 5 and 6 were engaging regularly on social media sites.

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Can't visualise in your mind's eye? You're not alone

Australian Financial Review, General News, 13/11/2024, Yolanda Redrup, Page 36

People worry that when their loved ones die, they'll slowly stop being able to picture them in their mind's eye. Imagine never being able to do that in the first place.

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Westfield killer had his meds stopped

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, Perry Duffin, Page 1

Shock evidence about Westfield Bondi Junction killer Joel Cauchi has been revealed at the first hearing into his stabbing rampage, including that his psychiatrist wound down his medication before his mental health deteriorated, forcing his fearful parents to confiscate his hunting knives. Cauchi, 40, killed six people in the April 13 attack: Ashlee Good, Jade Young, Dawn Singleton, Yixuan Cheng, Faraz Tahir and Pikria Darchia.

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Month-long inquest into rampage

Canberra Times, General News, 13/11/2024, Page 9

Missed opportunities to stop a mass stabbing at a major shopping centre will be probed at an inquest as family of those killed heard the attacker stopped receiving treatment for serious mental illness years earlier. Joel Cauchi fatally stabbed six people and wounded about a dozen others in the violent attack during Saturday trade at the busy Westfield Bondi Junction in Sydney's eastern suburbs in April.

Also reported by: [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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We're ready for a break

Herald Sun, General News, 13/11/2024, Page 14

Fifty-five per cent of Australian workers are more willing to take a career break now than they were before the Covid-19 pandemic. The Robert Half research also reveals 59 per cent would use a career break to prioritise their mental health and 50 per cent would spend quality time with family.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Families 'just want to know what happened'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/11/2024, Steve Zemek, Page 15

Bondi Junction killer Joel Cauchi stopped taking antipsychotic medication almost five years before he fatally stabbed six people during the shopping centre attack, an inquest has been told. An inquest will next year examine the events that led up to Cauchi going on a rampage through the Westfield shopping centre on a Saturday afternoon in April this year, including his mental care and contact with police in the years preceding.

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

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New mental health centre to cater for criminal patients

Newcastle Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 5

Designs for a new mental health centre at Maitland Hospital have been released, prompting calls for the site to have adequate natural areas to foster healing. Services will be moved to the Maitland site from Morisset Hospital, a huge parcel of lakefront land worth millions.

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Hot days tied to suicidal thoughts in youths

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 13/11/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 6

Almost 6000 young people aged 12 to 24 presented to emergency departments for mental health problems in Hunter New England in 2022-23. The figure amounted to a rise of 33 per cent in a decade.

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Scared of saying the 'wrong' thing? Here's how to reach out to people in hard times

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2024, Elfy Scott

Australians have been reporting increasing levels of psychological distress in recent years. According to the Suicide Prevention Australia Community Tracker, over the past two years, more than 70 per cent of Australians have consistently reported feeling higher levels of distress than usual because of social and economic circumstances.

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Bondi Junction killer stopped mental health treatment years before attack, inquest hears

SBS, Other, 12/11/2024

An inquest will examine the Bondi Junction attack with the aim of preventing a similar tragedy. Issues including whether early intervention could have prevented the attack will be probed.

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Bondi Junction killer's mental health deteriorated after stopping medication, hearing told

The Guardian, Other, 12/11/2024, Daisy Dumas

A coroner's court has heard that it took just three minutes for homeless and mentally unwell man Joel Cauchi to fatally stab six people and injure 10 more in a frenzied attack in a Bondi Junction shopping centre on 13 April. [...] He had received mental health treatment until 2020, and had stopped taking medication for his schizophrenia in 2019, counsel assisting Dr Peggy Dwyer SC told the court.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

NSW nurses strike heaps pressure on Minns

Australian Financial Review, General News, 13/11/2024, David Marin-Guzman, Page 12

Up to 65,000 NSW nurses and midwives are set to walk off the job today in a strike for pay rises including 15 per cent in one year, as the Minns Labor government tries to avoid a broader wages blowout after handing police a massive salary increase.

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

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Nurses' fury over premier's pay stance

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, Max Maddison & Angus Thomson, Page 1

The NSW government has become engulfed in a wages battle on multiple fronts as nurses prepare to embark on a 24-hour strike furious at an offer well below the \$700 million deal struck with police. With

nurses striking from their first shift today, hospitals were bracing for longer emergency department wait times and the postponement of up to 700 planned surgeries.

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

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NSW nurses want a better pay deal and have a strong case

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/11/2024, John Buchanan, Page 16

Nurses in NSW deserve our support as they prepare to strike today. When it comes to underpayment, they've been given a raw deal. From 2012 to 2023, their wages were suppressed by the Coalition's 2.5 per cent cap on public sector pay.

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

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The doctors are waiting

Northern Territory News, General News, 13/11/2024, Sierra Haigh, Page 4

The Northern Territory's first medical school has been met with delays after a national body blocked its accreditation for a further 12 months. The Charles Darwin University medical program will take its first intake of students in 2026 not 2025, as previously announced in August.

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

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NSW braces for double strike

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/11/2024, Alexandra Feiam, Page 5

NSW residents are facing days of chaos as two major unions prepare to strike over pay disputes with the state government. Today, more than 50,000 nurses and midwives plan to strike for 24 hours, while the NSW railway union is also threatening to walk off the job tomorrow following failed discussions with the state government over increased wages.

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

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Only with your help can we save lives

Courier Mail, General News, 13/11/2024, Tayla Couacaud, Page 13

LifeFlight is calling on Queenslanders to dig deep to help raise \$1m for an around-the-clock doctor service for critical care. Fundraising will go towards supporting increased rostering.

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NSW nurse union lashes out against government over 15pc pay rise refusal on eve of planned strike

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2024, Xanthe Gregory

On the eve of further industrial action, the NSW nurses union has lashed out at the government's refusal to meet a one-off 15 per cent pay rise demand, despite the historic wage offer handed to police this week. Staff with the NSW Nurses & Midwives' Association (NSWNMA) will strike for 24 hours from 6:30am tomorrow, with rallies being held from Lismore to Moruya and right outside of Sydney's Parliament House.

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'Very clearly gendered': NSW nurses and midwives furious over pay offer disparity ahead of 24-hour strike

The Guardian, Other, 13/11/2024, Mostafa Rachwani

Nurses and midwives across New South Wales are "infuriated" ahead of a 24-hour strike on Wednesday, days after NSW police won a pay deal that will see wages rise by up to 40%. The NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA) has been negotiating with the state government since

April, with the government not budging on a blanket 10.5% pay rise offered over three years for all NSW public-sector workers.

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ACCPA requests small delay in nurse pay rise

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/11/2024

The peak body tells the Fair Work Commission it can no longer support a 1 January 2025 start date because more time needed. Aged care providers need at least four months to implement any increase to nurses' wages from the final determination, the provider peak body has told the Fair Work Commission.

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Gender pay disparity still rife in nursing

Nursing Review, Other, 12/11/2024, Stefanie Schultz

New data has shown that the gender of an Australian nursing graduate has a profound effect on how much they will be paid and how quickly their career will progress. Researchers from Edith Cowan University (ECU) have published The gender pay gap in the Australian nursing workforce: A retrospective observational study, examining the ongoing disparity experienced by female nursing graduates across all Australian universities.

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Commission says NSW nurses' strike "unnecessary"

Nursing Review, Other, 12/11/2024, Stefanie Schultz

New South Wales public sector nurses and midwives are preparing to walk off the job again in the latest union-led industrial action for higher wages. The NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association has warned that its members will commence a 24-hour strike at the beginning of the morning shift tomorrow, Wednesday 13 November, "to demand the NSW government value our professions".

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Scope of Practice Review report advocates for expanded practice models

Optometry Australia, Other, 12/11/2024

Optometry Australia welcomes the final report of the Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce – Scope of Practice Review, which has been provided to the Federal Minister for Health, Mark Butler. This report presents important developments for allied health professionals, including optometrists.

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Channel 9, Today, 12/11/2024, Karl Stefanovic & Sarah Abo

Several unions will walk off the job over the coming days across NSW. Nurses and midwives will conduct a 24-hour strike over wages tomorrow.

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2GB, Drive, 12/11/2024, Chris O'Keefe

Interview with Shaye Candish, General Secretary, NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, on thousands of nurses striking for 24 hours across NSW tomorrow, hoping to secure a 15% pay rise. However, Premier Chris Minns says he's not going to give nurses a pay rise anywhere close to the deal that he struck with the police and he is sticking to the NSW Government's previous offer of 10.5% over three years. Candish says their members are infuriated because they are being treated very badly by Minns and the NSW Government.

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Sandoz pushes for biosimilars uptake

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2024

Sandoz, a biosimilar and generic medicines company, is marking Global Biosimilars Week (GBW) by highlighting the growing impact of biosimilars on healthcare worldwide. Despite their advantages, data shows biosimilar uptake in Australia remains among the lowest in the OECD, with usage rates under 25%, compared to more than 90% in countries like the UK, Netherlands, and Denmark.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

LTR Pharma joins with leading men's health group to launch telehealth platform

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/11/2024

LTR Pharma has inked a deal with a leading men's healthcare group to establish an online men's health platform to provide Aussie men with convenient access to healthcare professionals, therapeutic services and prescription treatments. LTR Pharma (ASX:LTP) has announced it has entered a strategic joint venture with the privately-owned Restorative Sexual Health Clinic (RSHC) to establish a men's health platform, which will see it capitalise on the rapidly growing telehealth market.

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

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'Convenient', but also potential for misuse

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2024, Philip Smith

Direct-to-consumer electronic prescription services may present benefits such as convenience but there are also multiple drawbacks, according to a new qualitative study from the University of Queensland's School of Pharmacy.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

More health workers face beefs

Herald Sun, General News, 13/11/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 7

Complaints against healthcare workers rose by 14 per cent last financial year. More than 19,000 complaints about 15,000 health practitioners were made to various regulators, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's annual report says.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Social media ban shows politicians don't trust parents to raise kids

Australian Financial Review, General News, 13/11/2024, Constantine Frantzeskos, Page 39

If Canberra truly wanted to support families, it would invest in digital literacy. In technology, there's a term PICNIC "problem in chair, not in computer".

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Self-test for cancer blasted

Courier Mail, General News, 13/11/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 13

Plans to roll out cervical cancer screening at retail pharmacy stores have been slammed by the state's peak medical body with fears the program could put women at risk. Priceline has announced the pilot program will allow women to self-test for the human papillomavirus (HPV) an infection that causes almost all cervical cancers and have results analysed.

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

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Water meet goes down the drain

Cairns Post, General News, 13/11/2024, Samuel Davis, Page 1

A Far North mayor's decision to meet with the chief health officer rather than community health experts on water fluoridation has backfired with the outgoing Dr John Gerrard cancelling his meeting at late notice.

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Uninformed council

Cairns Post, General News, 13/11/2024, Page 14

Local government are responsible for water fluoridation decisions if satisfied that it in the best interests of community, according to the Water Fluoridation Act 2008. Queensland Health and other health authorities are advocating for Cairns Regional Council to reinstate water fluoridation, offering education and assistance to assist the decision making process.

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Even exercise has a gender gap

Australian Financial Review, Other, 12/11/2024, Danielle Friedman

After a full Saturday shuttling her two kids to soccer and play-dates across Manhattan, Neha Ruch, 39, finally carved out a few precious minutes to exercise at 6.15pm.

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SPORT

Nothing short of prosecution is going to stop this plague

Canberra Times, General News, 13/11/2024, Zoe Wundenberg, Page 14

Gambling in sport has been a controversial topic for many years, with Australians losing more money to gambling per capita than any other nation in the world. [...] But it's something that should be front and centre of these considerations alongside the harm caused through addiction and childhood exposure: the impact of gambling-associated abuse that players cop.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).

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Pivoting from critic to a leader is tough

Courier Mail, Editorials, 13/11/2024, Page 24

No doubt it is very exciting after years of politicking in opposition to finally get your hands on the keys to government and full access to the details of all the outrages you have spent years trying to expose. [...] In his first meeting with federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King and federal Sport Minister Anika Wells, Mr Bleijie as the state Infrastructure Minister asked them to consider revisiting the deal that splits the costs of \$7bn in planned venues spend between the two levels of government.

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

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Pride in sport

Northern Territory News, Editorials, 13/11/2024, Page 28

Attempts to divide give more exposure to movement celebrating culture and diversity The Waratah Football Club was dealt a sponsorship blow when Encore Pilates and Wellness revoked their funding over taking part in Pride matches.

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New survey looks at the price to play sport

Ballarat Courier, General News, 13/11/2024, Michelle Smith, Page 2

The cost of playing sport is under the spotlight as rising cost of living puts pressure on families and threatens the future of community clubs. As people decide where to spend their discretionary dollars, some choose to drop costly sports, reducing the number of members at some clubs and putting them at risk of closure.

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Call to keep eyes on kids around pools

Daily Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2024, Page 6

Nearly 20 kids aged under four are dying by drowning each year, as parents are urged to constantly supervise their children when they're in the backyard pool. Royal Life Saving Australia has delivered that message while launching its campaign of what it predicts to be a busy peak swimming period.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Sunraysia Daily \(Mildura\)](#).

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Paralympics Australia locks in permanent CEO after predecessor's mysterious pre-Games exit

nine.com.au, Other, 12/11/2024, Zachary Gates

Paralympics Australia has settled on a permanent chief executive officer following the mysterious departure of Catherine Clark only a month out from the Paris Games. [...] Australia's Minister for Sport Anika Wells announced on the cusp of the Paris Paralympics that medallists would receive the same financial rewards as Olympic medallists: \$20,000 for winning gold, \$15,000 for silver and \$10,000 for bronze.

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Paralympics Australia Announces Cameron Murray as Chief Executive Officer

Paralympics Australia, Other, 12/11/2024, Hody Hong

Paralympics Australia is excited to announce the appointment of Cameron Murray as the new Chief Executive Officer following his successful tenure acting in the role since July 2024. [...] Mr Murray said the Federal Government's recent funding commitment delivered by Minister for Sport, Anika Wells, to address inequities for Para-sports in the high-performance system will help ensure Paralympics Australia achieves this commitment.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

University examines retracted research

Age, General News, 13/11/2024, Liam Mannix, Page 10

Several scientific papers by two of Australia's leading cancer researchers are being investigated by the University of Newcastle after research integrity concerns were raised. A paper co-authored by the pair was retracted in September after a review concluded some images purporting to show the results of different experiments were copies.

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

Lethal disease cure

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2024, Page 13

A team of researchers has for the first time cured patients with a lethal skin disease in a breakthrough that could lead to an approved curative therapy for the deadly condition. Toxic epidermal necrolysis is a rare but potentially fatal disease with limited treatment options.

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

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Standing desks won't make you healthier. Here's what experts suggest instead

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 12/11/2024, Gretchen Reynolds

Sitting for long hours is bad for our health. Standing up may not be much better, though. A large new study of more than 83,000 adults found that standing for more than two hours a day – as many people with standing desks do – didn't protect against the cardiovascular risks of too much sitting.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

NT Supreme Court ruling strengthens call for safe water in remote Indigenous communities

National Indigenous Times, Other, 12/11/2024, Rhiannon Clarke

In the wake of a landmark Northern Territory Supreme Court ruling, calls for safe drinking water are intensifying in remote Aboriginal communities after high fluoride levels were found to impair cognitive development in children. A low dose of fluoride in drinking water has therapeutic purposes and reduces the likelihood of certain conditions, many of which require treatment with antibiotics, but the Central Australian communities of Nyirripi and Alpururulam (Lake Nash) have reported fluoride levels in their water that exceed the World Health Organisation's safe limit, prompting concerns over children's health and demands for swift governmental action.

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\$9.6 million federal boost announced for food security in remote communities

National Indigenous Times, Other, 12/11/2024, Giovanni Torre

The federal government is investing \$9.6 million to improve food security for First Nations people in remote communities. The government said on Monday night it has worked with state and territory governments to identify the remote community stores most in need of immediate support ahead of the upcoming emergency season, with projects to be tailored to local need.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Warning over killer bacteria

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/11/2024, Emily Kowal, Page 17

A two-year-old NSW girl was given just a 50 per cent chance of survival after contracting a bacterial infection that is spiking in Australia, with doctors warning that children under five are most at risk. Dubbo toddler Farah Elsayed almost died after contracting a serious infection caused by the pneumococcal bacteria, which lives in the nose and throat and is responsible for a range of diseases.

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

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

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Syphilis infections rise

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 13/11/2024, Wade Stephens, Page 8

Syphilis infections are rising across the Far West Local Health District, prompting a plea from health professionals to prioritise sexual health. [...] According to Federal Department of Health figures, between April and June 2024, the greatest proportion 69 per cent of overall cases were reported in non-Indigenous men, who largely resided in major cities.

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Global pandemic treaty negotiations to conclude by May, WHO says

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 12/11/2024, Bhanvi Satija & Puya Singh

Talks aimed at reaching a global agreement on how to better fight pandemics will continue into next year and are expected to be completed by the next World Health Assembly in May, the World Health Organization said on Monday. "Member states are working to conclude a global pandemic agreement as soon as possible," said Anne-Claire Amprou, co-chair of the agency's Intergovernmental Negotiating Body that is leading the talks.

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What's behind this year's historic pertussis outbreak?

Australian Doctor, Other, 12/11/2024, Mohana Basu

Experts predicted a bad year for pertussis but not the scale of the outbreak. A record-breaking 42,428 pertussis cases have been notified this year compared with the previous high of about 39,000 in 2011 and a mere 2454 cases last year.

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RSV vax on NIP

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2024

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed yesterday's announcement by Federal Health Minister Mark Butler to offer pregnant women free access to the RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccine, Abrysvo. "Vaccines are vital for patient safety, and Abrysvo is critical in preventing RSV-related hospitalisations in babies," National President of the Guild, Trent Twomey, said.

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Funding boost to tackle discarded needles and launch exchange program in Broome

West Australian, Other, 12/11/2024

Amid rising concerns over discarded needles in WA's North West, the State Government has allocated funding to the shire of Broome to bolster clean-up efforts and establish a needle exchange program. Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson outlined the Government's plans to ramp up patrols and expand the Needle and Syringe Program in Parliament on Tuesday, following a surge in used needles being found in Broome's public spaces.

FOOD STANDARDS

Trump health revolution

The Australian, Business News, 13/11/2024, Robert Gottlieb, Page 20

There is a good chance that out of the US presidential election will come dramatic change in the way ultra-processed foods are made and marketed in the US, Australia and the rest of the world.

Spearheading the drive for that change, Robert Kennedy Jr helped deliver President Trump a clear win.

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Council seeking answers to PFAS

Blue Mountains Gazette, General News, 13/11/2024, Tom Walker, Page 18

Blue Mountains councillors have declared their response to reports of PFAS chemicals in local water - and the path begins with a search for answers. [...] The council will also write to Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler and Susan Templeman MP, requesting timely completion of the review of PFAS levels in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

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Alert issued after testing detects PFAS in NSW village water supply

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 12/11/2024, Finn Coleman

PFAS has been detected in a NSW Riverina community's water supply but residents have been assured there is no cause for concern. Riverina Water said there had been a low-level detection of PFAS substances in the Tarcutta's water supply but the water was safe to drink and within all health guidelines.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

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