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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian Financial Review](#)** (page 1) leads coverage reporting Health Minister Mark Butler has warned private health insurers they will be required to fund an additional \$1 billion a year to private hospitals if Labor wins the May 3 election, noting insurers urgently need to lift the benefits payment ratio, with the leading private hospital group calling for it to reach 88 per cent.
- **[The Australian Financial Review](#)** (page 12) reports the nation's leading pharmaceutical companies could be included in an expansion of the Trump administration's global tariffs, according to Health Minister Mark Butler, who says their initial exemption from Australia's 10 per cent tariff could be subject to a separate trade investigation.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 5) leads widespread coverage reporting youth mental health services will be the major beneficiaries of a Labor promise to add \$1 billion to mental health services if re-elected, offsetting the Coalition's promise to restore Medicare-subsidised psychology sessions from 10 to 20, after the service was cut by Health Minister Mark Butler.
- **[The Australian Financial Review](#)** (page 11) leads widespread coverage reporting the NSW Government has cancelled hundreds of elective surgeries as thousands of doctors defy an Industrial Relations Commission order and will go on strike from Tuesday to Thursday,

campaigning for a 30 per cent pay rise as opposed to the 10.5 per cent over three years offered by the state.

- **The Australian** (page 8) reports drones will be used to transport medical supplies to remote Aboriginal communities in West Arnhem Land in a proof-of-concept trial that could improve the efficiency of delivering healthcare to some of Australia's most remote regions.
- **The Sydney Morning Herald** (Online) reports the Victorian Government has delayed until 2027 a Royal Commission recommendation for paramedics to assume control from police over mental health callouts, meaning the change will occur four years later than originally proposed.
- **The Sydney Morning Herald** (page 15) reports the Department of Health is considering universal hepatitis B testing for people aged over 25 after 460 Australians died in 2023 from complications arising from the disease, with the majority succumbing to liver cancer.
- **SBS** reports one in three Australians aged 12-17 have engaged in some form of gambling, with underage gamblers losing \$18.4 million a year, according to research by The Australia Institute, with lead researcher Morgan Harrison warning that without intervention the behaviours could continue into adulthood and pose a risk to financial wellbeing and mental health.

## MINISTER BUTLER

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### Labor pledges \$1bn for more than 100 new or upgraded mental health centres across Australia

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 07/04/2025

More than 100 mental health centres will be opened or upgraded across the country under a mammoth

\$1 billion Labor election promise, as the Albanese government seeks to pivot the spotlight back onto Medicare. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler will also take aim at the Coalition's policy of giving Australians 20 Medicare subsidised mental health sessions — in a return to a Covid-era increase from the usual 10.

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## Australian Election 2025: Labor splashes \$1bn on the 'missing middle' of youth mental health

NEWS.com.au, Other, 07/04/2025, Nathan Schmidt

A "missing middle" in mental health care is forcing many young people into hospital, but Labor is pledging \$1 billion it hopes will change that. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler hit out at the Opposition, saying "Peter Dutton isn't ready for government or the hard work of policy development or reform, and nowhere is this clearer than in mental health.

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## 'More support for young people': Labor promises \$1 billion for mental health

SBS, Other, 07/04/2025, Sara Tomevska

The prime minister has made a major announcement about mental health funding, which the nation's peak mental health body has supported. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said that would only "repeat the mistakes of the past."

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## Psychologists now want 40 subsidised sessions

The Medical Republic, Other, 07/04/2025, Holly Payne

The Coalition may have pledged to double the number of sessions under Better Access, but Health Minister Mark Butler has made it clear that Labor will not follow suit. Despite what the Australian Psychological Society has called a "critical" workforce shortage, it wants to see the number of subsidised psychologist appointments quadrupled to 40 per person in some instances.

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### Supporting disaster-affected communities

Goondiwindi Argus, Other, 07/04/2025

Emergency service workers and volunteers are at the forefront of concerns regarding the mental health impacts of severe weather and natural disasters. [...] Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Ged

Kearney, noted that the Federal Government has long supported the mental health of disaster-affected communities through a range of targeted mental health packages.

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## DEPARTMENT

### **ABC, 7:30, 07/04/2025, Sarah Ferguson**

Interview with Angus Taylor, Federal Shadow Treasurer. Taylor comments on Opposition Leader Peter Dutton questioning the value of Federal Health Department and Federal Education Departments. He says his target is to allow natural attrition to get back to the size they were at in government.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### **City plan blindsides workers**

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 08/04/2025, Luke Griffiths, Page 1

Geelong council's aged care workers maintain they were "blindsided" by a recommendation that City Hall cease providing the service, as a hastily convened hearing before Australia's industrial umpire is confirmed. The Fair Work Commission will hear from Australian Services Union and City of Greater Geelong lawyers Tuesday morning after an urgent application claimed council had breached its obligations.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### **How Ozempic has changed weight loss**

ABC Online, Other, 07/04/2025

A new study from the University of Melbourne has examined how many Americans are taking GLP-1 medications like Ozempic without having diabetes. The number is somewhere between 800,000 and a million people.

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## Flying doctor service without the doctor

The Australian, General News, 08/04/2025, Penny Timms, Page 8

The roads of the Northern Territory can be treacherous even at the best of times. Throw in some estuarine wildlife and wet season downpours and they can quickly become impassable. [...] Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that while life expectancy has been improving for Aboriginal people living in the NT, the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous mortality remains. Chronic disease, including coronary heart disease, diabetes, dementia and mental health, are all concerns.

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## Hepatitis infections fuelling rise in liver cancer deaths

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 08/04/2025, Henrietta Cook, Page 15

A silent infection is fuelling a rise in liver cancer deaths around the country, prompting the federal Health Department to consider universal hepatitis B testing for people aged over 25. An estimated 460 Australians died from complications from chronic hepatitis B in 2023, up 11 per cent from 2017, according to new data from the Doherty Institute's World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Age \(Melbourne\)](#).

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## Only exercise twice a week? It might be good

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 08/04/2025, Rhys Blakely, Page 12

Cramming a week of exercise into one or two days may be as good for you as smaller doses spread more evenly. Researchers found that "weekend warriors" who logged at least 150 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity over a couple of days a week were about 30 per cent less likely to die early of cardiovascular disease and 20 per cent less likely to die of cancer compared with those less active.

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## Townsville mother shares excruciating five-month wait for cancer test

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 07/04/2025, Nikita McGuire

With two young children and her whole life ahead of her, Townsville mum Caz Price never expected to hear the words "you have breast cancer. After discovering a lump in mid-2023, Ms Price was thrown into a months-long battle — not just against cancer, but against long wait times and hefty costs for the scans and tests she desperately needed.

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## Alcohol causes cancer, and less than 1 drink can increase your risk - a cancer biologist explains how

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 07/04/2025, Pranoti Mandrekar

Alcohol, whether consumed regularly or only on special occasions, takes a toll on your body. From your brain and heart, to your lungs and muscles, to your gastrointestinal and immune systems, alcohol has broad harmful effects on your health — including causing cancer.

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## PRIMARY CARE

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## Grieving mum Nadine Lont calls for inquiry into Victoria's hospitals amid rise in medical negligence claims

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 07/04/2025, Alex White

Victoria's cash-strapped hospitals are being hit with a soaring number of medical negligence claims, and experts are raising major concerns over facilities being pushed to their limits. Multiple personal injury lawyers are reporting being "inundated" with a rising number of medical injury claims involving Victoria's public hospitals and health services.

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## Ramsay Healthcare chief says the age of AI care is coming

Australian Financial Review, Other, 07/04/2025, Paul Smith

More money should be spent on digital investments and artificial intelligence to help the overworked health system improve the services it offers, says Ramsay Health Care chief executive Natalie Davis.

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## Could the pharmacist in general practice model expand?

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 07/04/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

'Very collaborative and collegiate.' That is the verdict from Associate Professor Rashmi Sharma, Chair of the RACGP Expert Committee – Funding and Health System Reform, following the inaugural General Practice-Pharmacists Symposium, which discussed the role of pharmacists in general practice.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### \$1bn pledge for centres and services

The Australian, General News, 08/04/2025, Jack Quail, Page 4

Anthony Albanese has pledged that a re-elected Labor government would provide an extra \$1bn in funding for mental health supports, amid urgent demand for assistance and a shortage of psychologists and psychiatrists. The commitment, set to be announced by the Prime Minister in Sydney on Tuesday, includes \$500m allocated for a new network of 20 "youth specialist care centres" for young people with complex mental health needs.

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## Labor pledges \$1bn to boost mental health support

Daily Telegraph, General News, 08/04/2025, Madura McCormack , Page 7

More than 100 mental health support centres will be opened or upgraded across the country under a mammoth \$1 billion Labor election promise, as the Albanese government seeks to pivot the spotlight back on to Medicare. The largest mental health package of the campaign so far is designed to give Australians more places to get help for free while catering for different age groups and levels of need.

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## AFL drugs policy six words behind

Herald Sun, Sport, 08/04/2025, Jon Ralph, Page 50

The lives saved and careers restored through the AFL's illicit drugs code are being undermined by one six-word sentence. It is the query from AFL club doctors that can allow a small group of ratbags and scallywags to dodge a four-week suspension for a second strike.

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## Albanese pledges \$1b to fix youth mental health crisis

Australian Financial Review, Other, 07/04/2025, Tom McIlroy

Anthony Albanese will splash \$1 billion to help turn the tide on Australia's growing youth mental health crisis, promising a huge upgrade to free public support services if Labor wins the May 3 election.

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## Four-year delay in transferring power from police to paramedics for mental health callouts

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 07/04/2025, Kieran Rooney

A key royal commission recommendation for paramedics to take over mental health callouts from police has been delayed to 2027, four years later than the Victorian government promised. Labor had announced that paramedics would take over from police as the first responders to triple-zero calls for mental health crises from September 1, 2023, but cabinet delayed the reform that year, citing an inability to meet the timeline.

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## Labor pledges new Queanbeyan mental health clinic

Canberra Times, Other, 07/04/2025, Miriam Webber

The Albanese government will open or upgrade 31 centres offering walk-in mental health care if it is reelected on May 3. Canberra would not share in the money carved out for 31 Medicare Mental Health Centres, though Queanbeyan would receive funding to establish a new centre.

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## Labor pledges \$1bn to mental health, including new national youth network in wake of Liberals promise

West Australian, Other, 08/04/2025, Ellen Ransley

Labor will spend \$1 billion over the next four years on improving mental health services across the country if Anthony Albanese is re-elected, setting up an election battle over the issue. The significant announcement, to be made by the Prime Minister in Sydney on Tuesday, will include \$500 million to build a new network of 20 youth specialist care centres for young people with complex needs like personality disorders, eating disorders, and early psychosis.

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## The \$231 million cost to Australian teenagers that's 'alarming and

## shocking'

SBS, Other, 07/04/2025, Julia Abbondanza

Research suggests gambling behaviour among teens could continue into adulthood. Australians under the legal gambling age are losing a staggering \$18.4 million a year to gambling. [...] Harrington warns that without serious intervention, these behaviours could become entrenched and carry through into adulthood — posing risks to financial stability, mental health and wellbeing.

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## 18 months on from the Voice referendum, Indigenous mental health experts are pleading for respectful election campaign

National Indigenous Times, Other, 08/04/2025, Dechlan Brennan

After the damaging impacts on the mental health of First Nations communities during the Voice referendum, Indigenous leaders and mental health experts are calling on politicians and the media to adopt "respectful, inclusive language" during the federal election campaign.

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## The Stats Guy : Understanding the Australians hardest hit by our mental health problem

The New Daily, Other, 07/04/2025, Simon Kuestenmacher

When I am not busy writing columns for you, I travel around Australia where I explain at conferences what an industry, region, or company looks like through the demographic lens. I speak at well over 100 of such events each year and these days two topics are always on the agenda – AI and mental health.

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## Channel 9, Nine News Late, 07/04/2025, Tracy Vo

Labor will tomorrow promise to invest \$1 billion into mental health services. [...] This evening, unveiling plans to boost funding by \$1 billion for public mental health clinics providing more services for free. Close to three quarters of that money will go specifically towards youth mental health.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Surgeries cancelled in NSW as doctors strike

Australian Financial Review, General News, 08/04/2025, Paul Karp, Page 11

The Minns government in NSW is cancelling hundreds of elective surgeries in preparation for a three-day strike that could result in thousands of doctors walking off the job. The doctors' union plans a strike from today to Thursday.

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### Minister's pleas fail to avert doctors strike

The Australian, General News, 08/04/2025, Alexi Demetriadi, Page 2

Thousands of NSW doctors are set to go on strike for the first time in decades as the state Health Minister's pleas appeared to fall on deaf ears ahead of Tuesday's looming three-day walkout. The Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation is predicting many of its 9000 members to strike from Tuesday over a pay and conditions dispute with the NSW government, despite being ordered by the Industrial Relations Commission to refrain from industrial action.



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## Doctors' strike to hit surgeries

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 08/04/2025, Angus Thomson, Page 1

Hundreds of patients have been told their planned surgeries will not go ahead over the next three days as some of Sydney's busiest hospitals brace for an unprecedented doctors' strike. Yesterday, Health Minister Ryan Park asked all non-urgent patients to avoid emergency departments.

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## Hospitals 'in dark' on docs' strike

Daily Telegraph, General News, 08/04/2025, Madeleine Bower, Page 10

Health authorities have warned they have no idea how many doctors across NSW hospitals are set to strike over the next three days in their bitter wage dispute with the Minns government. Members of the Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation, which represents more than 9000 doctors in more than 30 public hospitals across NSW, will walk off the job from today until Thursday despite the Industrial Relations Commission last week ordering them to call off all industrial action for three months.

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## Strike today is keeping Illawarra doctors away

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 08/04/2025, Grace Crivellaro, Page 1

High-profile and experienced Wollongong doctor Professor Bruce Ashford has sounded the alarm, saying the public hospital system has hit "disaster" point as thousands across the state have vowed to strike for three days. Beginning today, it's the first strike in four decades for doctors, who are demanding a 30 per cent pay increase.

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## Health Minister issues warning to NSW doctors planning strike action

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 07/04/2025

New South Wales Health Minister Ryan Park has issued a warning against doctors planning to strike on Tuesday. This comes amid the state government offering a 10.5 per cent pay rise over three years, with an additional 4.5 per cent increase already given.

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

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## Doctors prepare to strike over Minns' policies, resources

The Mandarin, Other, 07/04/2025, Julian Bajkowski

State-salaried doctors and clinicians in dispute with the New South Wales Minns government over working conditions and pay have hit back at threats of disciplinary action as they prepare to take unprotected industrial action against their employer ahead of an unprecedented walk-out. Public health doctors across the state represented by the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation, branded as the Doctor's Union, said on Friday they would not be cowed by professional regulatory threats.

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## Thousands of NSW doctors to go on strike over the next three days

9News, Other, 07/04/2025, Josh Hohne

Thousands of NSW doctors will go on strike for three days, from tomorrow until Thursday, as their industrial dispute with the state government escalates over pay and staffing levels. Some specialist appointments for patients have been cancelled and hundreds of elective surgeries have been postponed.

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## NSW government wage offer a 'pay cut' as doctors prepare for three-

## day strike

ABC Online, Other, 07/04/2025, Brianna Parkins

Thousands of public hospital doctors are expected to walk off the job on Tuesday for the first time in decades over a pay and conditions dispute with the NSW government. Despite being ordered by the Industrial Relations Commission to refrain from any industrial action for three months, the Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation (ASMOF) is predicting many of their 9,000 members to strike across three days starting from April 8.

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## 'Disaster' point: Wollongong doctors striking for first time in 40 years

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 07/04/2025, Grace Crivellaro

A seasoned Wollongong doctor has sounded the alarm saying the public hospital system has hit "disaster" point as thousands across the state have vowed to strike for three days Beginning Tuesday, it's the first strike in four decades for doctors, who are demanding a 30 per cent pay increase to ensure the state can attract enough doctors to the public health system.

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## Why are doctors striking in NSW – and will it affect my hospital visit?

The Guardian, Other, 07/04/2025, Natasha May

The doctors' union has called a strike from Tuesday to Thursday this week amid breakdowns in pay negotiations with the NSW government. Here's what you need to know More than 5,000 public sector doctors in New South Wales , across different specialties and levels of seniority, are taking industrial action between Tuesday and Thursday.

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## Channel 7, Sunrise, 07/04/2025, Matt Shirvington and Natalie Barr

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has accused the union of putting patients in danger, as thousands of doctors plan to walk off the job later this week. NSW Doctors Union's Andrew Holland comments on the issues, mentioning chronic understaffing and excessive and unsafe working hours.

Also reported by: [Channel 7 \(Sydney\)](#).

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## ABC News, News Breakfast, 07/04/2025, James Glenday and Bridget Brennan

NSW residents are being urged to avoid unnecessary trips to emergency departments tomorrow, with public health doctors expected to strike. The Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation says some of its doctors will take industrial action this week amid stalled negotiations with the NSW Government over pay.

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## Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 07/04/2025, Holly Stearnes

Interview with Ian Lisser, Manager, Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation. Lisser discusses the upcoming industrial action by NSW doctors. He says at least 5,000 healthcare workers will participate. He adds the industrial action won't present patient safety risks.

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## Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 07/04/2025, Holly Stearnes

The Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation confirmed its members will walk off the job in pursuit of a 30 per cent pay rise over one year. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says increasing health workers' pay should not be determined by striking.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### **Sexual misconduct to be permanently listed on public register**

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 07/04/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

Health practitioners found guilty of sexual misconduct will have the finding permanently recorded on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (AHPRA) public register following the passing of new legislation last week. The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 was passed by the Queensland Parliament, the host jurisdiction for national law, paving the way for its introduction across all states and territories.

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### **NT government settles with Wadeye residents over discriminatory healthcare lawsuit**

ABC Online, Other, 07/04/2025, Jason Walls

Residents in the remote Aboriginal community of Wadeye have effectively settled a racial discrimination lawsuit with the Northern Territory government claiming they were unlawfully deprived of adequate healthcare. As part of the settlement the government has said it would endeavour to increase interpreters, allocate at least two full-time doctors and establish a local dialysis service in the community within three years.

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## Pilbara dialysis patients and health workers pleading for Newman hostel

ABC Online, Other, 07/04/2025, Alistair Bates and Charlie McLean

With two needles in her arm and blood pumping through a dialysis machine, Peggy Peterson shuts her eyes for a moment's respite. [...] The 58-year-old, an elder of the remote Jigalong community, requires life-saving dialysis three times a week.

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## Dialysis on Country changes lives on Mornington Island

National Indigenous Times, Other, 07/04/2025, Joseph Guenzler

For two years, Lardil man Frank Watt was forced to live more than 800km away from his home on Mornington Island to access life-saving kidney dialysis in Townsville. Like many Indigenous people with End Stage Kidney Disease (EKSD), Mr Watt faced long-term separation from his family and community to receive treatment.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### Babies at risk of virus

Herald Sun, General News, 08/04/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 6

The community rollout of Victoria's new RSV immunisation program for babies has been slowed by "limited supplies" after one week, but the government insists there are no shortages. General practice clinics were this week told to expect limited supply of nirsevimab, which provides long-acting protection from the common but sometimes life-threatening illness, respiratory syncytial virus.

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### Tourism hotspots hit with measles alert

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 08/04/2025, Blair Jackson, Page 12

A person infected with measles has travelled around popular Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast tourism spots, as health authorities warn people in those areas to watch for symptoms. The person arrived from overseas, the Queensland government says, as outbreaks of the disease run rampant across the globe.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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### Warning after adult infected with measles visited popular tourist spots in Queensland

The Courier Mail, Other, 07/04/2025, Rhiannon Lewin

Queenslanders are being told to remain vigilant after a person unknowingly infected with measles went to multiple tourist spots and stations among other places across the state. The alert was issued on Sunday evening after an adult with measles visited several businesses and locations across Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast between April 2 and April 5.

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### RACGP calls for action as flu cases reach record high

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 07/04/2025, Manisha Fernando

This year's early rise in influenza case numbers, coupled with decreased immunisation rates, has top health experts raising the alarm. With the 2025 influenza season on track to be the highest on record,

RACGP President Dr Michael Wright is calling on the community and GPs to 'work together and get vaccinated'.

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## Soaring flu cases prompt warning from nation's peak health bodies

Aged Care Insite, Other, 07/04/2025, Stefanie Schultz

Australians have been urged to get a flu vaccination as cases surge across the country, almost doubling in one state. The National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System reported there has been more than 46,300 cases of influenza across Australia this year to the end of March, representing an increase of about 50 per cent from this time last year.

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## Guild pitches for free flu shots

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 07/04/2025, Debbie Rigby

A state government is being urged to invest in community pharmacy-based flu vaccination program. With confirmed influenza cases significantly higher than this time last year, the Victoria state government is being encouraged to fund a free vaccination campaign through pharmacy.

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## Queenslanders urged to get free flu shot

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 07/04/2025

A large increase in the number of influenza cases across Australia demonstrates the importance of Queenslanders taking up their free flu shot, said Chris Owen, President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland. With a horror flu season predicted for this year, cases for the first three months are already more than 50 per cent up on last year's figures nationally.

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## ABC News, News Breakfast, 07/04/2025, James Glenday and Bridget Brennan

There have been more than 50,000 cases of influenza across Australia this 2025, prompting calls for people to get their flu vaccinations. Experts say the increase was in part due to testing becoming more widespread, but also because there is more flu circulating as well.

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### 'Swelling of airways': TGA recalls vitamins and perinatal products over dangerous potassium iodine error

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Too much iodine is toxic, and in the worst cases can cause the swelling of airways, cyanosis — a blueish discolouration of the skin due to poor circulation — a weak pulse, or coma, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) recall said.

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