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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Canberra Times](#)** (page 9) reports that Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's announcement of his government's \$1 billion mental health package, presented alongside Health Minister Mark Butler and psychiatrist and advocate Pat McGorry, was interrupted by a climate protestor claiming that the government was worsening the youth mental health crisis by condemning young people to a "lifetime of climate disaster".
- **[The Guardian](#)** (online) reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has criticised the Coalition's plan to double the number of mental health sessions covered by Medicare, arguing that the extra demand it would create for private psychologists would result in tens of thousands of Australians getting "no help at all".
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 2) reports that an Australian Dental Association survey has revealed that a majority of Australian seniors can't afford vital dental treatments, leading to a significant increase in the projected number of over-65s presenting to emergency departments with severe tooth pain.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 3) reports that an Australian-led study of adolescents found excessive and problematic social media use is linked to lower breakfast intake and higher consumption of sweets and sugary drinks, along with lower fruit and vegetable intake.

- [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 9) reports that NSW doctors began a three-day strike yesterday, leading to widespread cancellations of elective surgeries and emergency bed closures as the union pushes for a 30% pay increase. Hospitals have offered junior doctors up to \$2000 per day to work during the industrial action.
- [The Herald Sun](#) (page 11) reports that leading health agencies and experts have expressed concern Victoria's health system is at risk of collapse as they call on the state and federal governments to provide a significant funding boost.
- [The Courier Mail](#) (page 13) reports that Hepatitis Australia has called for nationwide, universal testing for hepatitis B for all Australians over 25, citing the virus' significant role in the country's rising liver cancer deaths.

MINISTER BUTLER

Popular urgent care clinics to get boost

Newcastle Herald, General News, 09/04/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 5

High demand for the bulk-billed urgent care clinics at Charlestown and Lake Haven has prompted the Albanese government to expand them. Health Minister Mark Butler announced the move in an election commitment yesterday morning.

Also reported by: [Cessnock Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Macleay Argus \(Online\)](#), [Great Lakes Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Minister asked about Bondi Junction massacre

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 3

As many as 230,000 Australians with severe mental health issues are not getting the help they need through the NDIS or other scheme. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler made the comment when asked whether the government's \$1bn mental health commitment would help prevent another Bondi Junction massacre.

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'Sick of asking': Why 21-year-old Alexa interrupted Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's press conference

Canberra Times, Other, 08/04/2025, Dana Daniel

The protester who interrupted Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's press conference on Tuesday has accused his government of "hypocrisy" for failing to address the anxiety felt by young people about the existential threat of a warming planet. [...] The Prime Minister, standing in front of a green Medicare backdrop alongside Health Minister Mark Butler and Former Australian of the Year and psychiatrist Pat McGorry - the executive director of youth mental health charity Orygen - did not look amused.

Also reported by: [Great Lakes Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [St George & Sutherland Shire Leader \(Online\)](#), [Moree Champion \(Online\)](#), [Maitland Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Singleton Argus \(Online\)](#).

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Albanese tears up recalling family friend's mental health struggle as he launches \$1bn pledge to boost funding

The Guardian, Other, 08/04/2025, Henry Belot

Anthony Albanese became visibly emotional while recalling the mental health struggle of a family friend who nearly died, as he launched Labor's \$1bn pledge to boost access to treatment and counselling. [...] The health minister, Mark Butler, said the Coalition's previously announced competing policy, of doubling the number of Medicare-backed mental health sessions, would "create a bottleneck that means tens of thousands of Australians get no help at all" by "piling more demand on private psychologists".

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Prime Minister Anthony Albanese pledges \$1 billion for mental health

services

7news.com.au, Other, 08/04/2025, Josh Martin

A billion dollars will bolster Australia's mental health services, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced on Tuesday. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has used the announcement to criticise the Coalition.

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Labor pledges \$1 billion to new and upgraded mental health services over four years including youth care centres

Sky News Australia, Other, 08/04/2025, Gemma Crotty

Labor is pledging \$1 billion to mental health with a new package over four years to deliver more than 100 new or upgraded mental health centres. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler warned this would only repeat past mistakes, after Labor halved the figure in 2022 to help more Australians.

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Labor's billion-dollar boost opens mental health debate

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 08/04/2025, Andrew Brown

Australians look set to receive more access to mental health services regardless of who wins the election. [...] But Health Minister Mark Butler said the coalition pledge would not ease pressure on the mental health system.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Tasmanian Examiner \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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New headspace mental health service touted for Port Stephens

Newcastle Weekly, Other, 08/04/2025, Rod Thompson

In the midst of a billion-dollar promise to future-proof health services, a new headspace clinic will be established in Port Stephens. Minister for Health Mark Butler and Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride visited the region on Tuesday 8 April to formally announce Labor's commitment to helping vulnerable residents.

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Labor announces funding for additional mental health places backed by Medicare

PS News, Other, 08/04/2025, Andrew McLaughlin

Federal Labor has announced it will inject more than a billion dollars into the mental health system if it is returned to government in the 3 May federal election. A joint announcement from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Health Minister Mark Butler, and Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride said the policy will see additional funding allocated for more people to seek public mental health treatment covered by Medicare.

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RACGP 'disappointed' by \$1-billion mental health promise

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/04/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

Labor's Federal Election commitment to create 'more free mental health services' includes new dedicated walk-in clinics, but the college fears this will only further fragment care. [...] However, Federal Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler said the Federal Government's new funding commitment would provide a comprehensive, complex care service for young Australians for the first time.

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More Medicare mental health clinics ... that don't bill Medicare

The Medical Republic, Other, 08/04/2025, Holly Payne

Federal Labor has earmarked a further \$1 billion for mental health if they win a second term, almost a quarter of which will go toward expanding Medicare Mental Health Centres to "take pressure off" Better

Access. [...] Federal health minister Mark Butler has long maintained increasing the number of subsidised sessions alone will only serve to make waitlists longer and gap fees higher.

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Channel 9, Today , 08/04/2025, Karl Stefanovic & Sarah Abo

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, on the \$1 billion health boost announcement. Butler states it will be part of their election costings which reflects the budget management approach they've had for the last three years. He notes it's an important investment in the mental health of Australians, particularly young Australians, because they know if it's not caught early, if people aren't getting the sort of free support in their community that the investment will deliver, people often get more unwell and end up having to be cared for in a more expensive part of the system.

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 08/04/2025, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, discussing Labor's \$1b pledge to expand Medicare mental health services, including \$200m for the expansion of 58 Headspace clinics. He acknowledged the worsening mental health crisis among the youth, especially after the pandemic, hence the need to expand beyond traditional GP visits. Butler notes the importance of addressing the "missing middle," or young people with complex conditions like psychotic disorders and eating disorders who fall between primary care and acute hospital services.

Interview continues on: [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#).

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4BC, 10:00 News, 08/04/2025

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says a mental health boost to Medicare will focus on young Australians. Labor has announced a \$1b pledge to expand Headspace clinics, with Butler highlighting the investment as a key pillar of Australia's future health system.

Also reported by: [3AW \(Melbourne\)](#).

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ABC Radio Melbourne, 10:00 News, 08/04/2025

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has revealed that Labor will make mental health care more affordable with a new \$1b election pledge. If elected, Labor promises to enhance access to mental health services by building or upgrading free mental health centres and headspace locations.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Canberra \(Canberra\)](#).

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ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 08/04/2025, Chris Bath & Dom Knight

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, defending Labor's \$1b pledge to expand mental health services through Medicare, Headspace, and specialised youth services. He acknowledges the ongoing shortage of mental health professionals and says the Federal Government has initiatives to increase training positions for psychologists and psychiatrists. Butler rejected calls to reinstate the Coalition's 20 subsidised therapy sessions, arguing it would worsen bottlenecks without workforce expansion.

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

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

Energy savers for Aussie healthcare

EcoGeneration, General News, 01/04/2025, Page 53

Australian healthcare providers will have access to lower-cost loans for energy savers including rooftop solar, electric vehicles, and electric vehicle (EV) chargers under a new \$20 million investment. [...]

"Australia's healthcare providers deliver life-saving services across our communities, but they also need energy-saving technologies to help our health system meet the challenges of climate change," Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney said.

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Calls to prioritise rural, remote and First Nations healthcare

Goondiwindi Argus, Other, 08/04/2025

There's an increasing pressure on political parties to prioritise healthcare for rural, remote, and First Nations communities as election looms. [...] Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care and Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Ged Kearney, emphasised the Federal Government's commitment to protecting and strengthening Medicare for all Australians.

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DEPARTMENT

Potential for upcoming 'horror' flu season

Falling influenza vaccinations due to "vaccine fatigue and misinformation", combined with the high risk of a horror flu season, could result in more Mallee lives being lost from flu and other respiratory diseases this year. [...] Information about the flu, Covid-19 and RSV vaccines, including who should get vaccines, can be found on the Department of Health and Aged Care's website.

Also reported by: [Murray Pioneer \(Renmark\)](#)

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Support at Home offers more support

Glasshouse Country News, General News, 08/04/2025, Page 20

Support at Home is the new in-home aged care program developed by the Australian Government, bringing together existing programs from July 1 2025. [...] More information about these changes can be found through the Department of Health and Aged Care website at <https://www>.

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Access delays for aged care

Yorke Peninsula Country Times - Kadina, General News, 08/04/2025, Rachel Hagan, Page 11

Accessing aged care support has become a nightmare for southern Yorke Peninsula residents with many being told they could be waiting a year for help, despite multiple providers waiting for more work. [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care said the staged approach would give providers time to change their business systems, and avoid disruptions for clients.

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Mandatory hep B testing for those over 25 could become a reality, for this scary reason

Herald Sun, Other, 08/04/2025, Sarah Mitchell

More Australians die from hepatitis B-related illness each year. [...] Alongside these findings, the Department of Health and Aged Care is considering offering universal 'hepatitis B testing with informed consent for adults', according to a draft online.

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

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Dutton is kind of right: we can abolish the Education dept, but for different reasons

Great Lakes Advocate, Other, 08/04/2025, Crispin Hull

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton is right: there should be some serious rethinking about the role of the federal Department of Education, which he says does not run one school. [...] Opposition Leader Peter Dutton has questioned the federal Health Department.

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Psychologist training pathway review launched

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 08/04/2025

To reduce workforce shortages while maintaining current high standards of the profession, a review of the way psychologists are educated and trained in Australia has been launched. [...] This review — funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care — will have simplifying this process as its focus.

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4BC, 07:30 News, 08/04/2025

SMH's The Age says the Federal Health Department is proposing a universal offer to help Australians over the age of 25 have access to immunisation protection from hepatitis B.

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VACCINES

How scientists are planning to stop long COVID in its tracks

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 08/04/2025, Angus Dalton

It started with an infection so bad Phoebe regularly blacked out. "I wasn't able to move, my heart rate was really high," the 24-year-old from Melbourne, who was diagnosed with long COVID after a severe infection in February 2022, says.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Backflip looms on aged care

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 09/04/2025, Luke Griffiths, Page 1

Geelong council appears likely to turn its back on a recommendation to exit aged care in the face of community and employee backlash, as one insider describes City Hall's handling of the issue as "an absolute mess". Ahead of a Fair Work Commission hearing on Tuesday, Mayor Stretch Kontelj said Deakin ward colleague Andrew Katos would introduce an alternative motion at a meeting that was planned for Thursday.

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New online resource for care quality monitoring

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 08/04/2025

A new online resource to help track and understand the quality of care across different care domains is available for aged care providers, researchers, government bodies and families. The Australian Consortium for Aged Care has launched a free and accessible online resource to support the measurement and evaluation of quality of care experienced by older people.

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ANMF backs Fair Work investigation into 20 aged care providers

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 08/04/2025

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has welcomed the Fair Work Ombudsman's targeted investigations into 20 aged care providers across the country. The FWO last week revealed it is investigating 20 organisations – a mix of residential aged care providers, home care organisations, and digital platforms that provide home care workers – to ensure staff including nurses and AINs/PCWs are receiving the right pay and entitlements.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Truck trade-in anti-pollution scheme reviewed

Age, General News, 09/04/2025, Kieran Rooney, Page 1

A \$15 million truck trade-in scheme that promised to reduce pollution in Melbourne's inner west has not paid a single grant in its 18 months of existence, with the only two applications to the program rejected. [...] Opposition environment spokesperson Brad Rowswell said Melbourne's inner west had some of Australia's highest rates of asthma and lung disease, both of which could be linked to air pollution.

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Scrolling link to bad diet in teens

Overuse of social media apps has been directly linked to an overload of sweets, sugary drinks or skipping breakfast in adolescence, Australian researchers have found. Associate Professor Asaduzzaman Khan from the University of Queensland's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences led a team that analysed data from the Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children survey involving 222,865 adolescents from 41 countries.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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Illegal tobacco trade set to overtake legal sales

C&I, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 59

International crime groups will become the largest supplier of tobacco in Australia, surpassing legal, regulated sales by next year, a new report has found. The study, conducted by Tulipwood and commissioned by the Australian Association of Convenience Stores (AACS), predicts illicit tobacco consumption will exceed that of government-regulated products by 2026-27.

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Proposed rehabilitation centre in Victoria's north-west divides community

ABC Online, Other, 08/04/2025, Nethma Dandeniya

Seven years ago, Patsy Miller was at work in her small town of Merbein in Victoria's north-west when she received the heartbreaking news that a "young man" had died nearby. [...] After more than a decade of lobbying from residents struggling with the fallout of alcohol and drug use in Victoria's north-west, the state government has funded a \$36 million, 30-bed rehabilitation centre in the Mallee town.

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Melbourne's Catholic churches worth \$3.3 billion, Yoorrook truth-telling inquiry told

ABC Online, Other, 08/04/2025, Kate Ashton

Melbourne's Catholic church buildings are worth more than \$3 billion, according to documents made public by Victoria's truth-telling inquiry. [...] Aboriginal people in Victoria access homelessness services at 15 times the rate of non-Indigenous Victorians, according to the latest data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

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Doctors warn of 'public health emergency' as silent crisis grips Australia: 'Knowing the subtle symptoms will save your life'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 08/04/2025, Elise Wilson

Australia is grappling with an alarming health crisis, one that remains dangerously under the radar for millions of Australians. Tiredness, UTIs and high blood pressure seem relatively harmless, but these symptoms could be your body's way of telling you something more serious is going on.

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More “workable solutions” for remote groceries needed, Central Australia commerce roundtable says

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

An industry roundtable focusing on food security in Central Australia has said there needs to be an improvement in the supply chain "from freight to fridge" to better support affordable groceries in remote Australia. Attended by more than 30 people from the grocery, transport, and freight industries, as well as federal Opposition spokesperson for Indigenous Australians and NT senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, and federal Labor MP Marion Scrymgour, the Alice Springs Remote Food Security Roundtable noted a basket of essential groceries that costs an average of \$44.70 in the cities can cost up to \$99.38 in remote Territory communities.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/04/2025, Peter Mitchell

Researchers at the University of Melbourne launched a website aimed at helping parents who want to consider IVF treatment. The first of its kind in Australia, the website offers scientific-backed information on the costs and risks of the procedure. Dr Sarah Lensen, one of the researchers, say misinformation on the treatment is prevalent online with a study by the university revealing 77% of websites offering IVF services contain misleading or false information.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/04/2025, Peter Mitchell

A new study has raised alarm bells over the link between social media use and a child's poor diet. University of Queensland assoc prof Asad Khan says social media encourages children to develop unhealthy eating habits like drinking more sugary beverages, eating more sweets, and skipping breakfast. Brisbane Roar footballer Chelsea Blisset, who once had eating disorders as a child, is now using her platform to promote healthy diets to her young fans.

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Bushfire smoke risks

Herald Sun, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 11

Bushfire smoke increases people's risk of being hospitalised for respiratory conditions and asthma, and may increase it more than other types of air pollution, according to research. The Australian-led study, which the authors say is the largest study on the links between wildfire-specific fine particulate matter and respiratory hospitalisations, included data from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, New Zealand, Vietnam, Thailand and Taiwan.

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Cystic fibrosis: new treatments, new challenges

Medical Forum, Other, 08/04/2025

Once upon a time doctors could only give children with cystic fibrosis a slim chance of surviving past young adulthood. Thanks to new treatments and more holistic care, the prognosis has changed, but that is presenting new challenges.

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2GB, Afternoons, 08/04/2025, Michael McLaren

Interview with Kidney Health Australia clinical director Breonny Robson, discussing a sharp rise in chronic kidney disease rates in Australia, with at least 3 million people now inflicted with the disease—an increase of 1 million in just over a decade. Low public awareness and increasing rates of key risk factors such as obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure contribute to the rise, says Dr Robson. She stresses the need for early detection through blood, urine, and blood pressure tests to prevent many cases from progressing to kidney failure.

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PRIMARY CARE

Bore war fires up

Courier Mail, General News, 09/04/2025, Clare Armstrong, Page 1

The first big shots have been fired in the federal election campaign as both leaders went on the attack during their head-to-head debate last night. [...] Asked by a voter during the debate if there was any

way to stop GP gap fees, the PM spruiked his \$18.5bn investment to triple the bulk-billing rate, which has been matched by the Coalition.

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Visiting hours limited

Courier Mail, General News, 09/04/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 11

Health Minister Tim Nicholls has banned the Opposition health spokesman from visiting hospitals, saying it's because he visits too often. Mark Bailey says Mr Nicholls must have something to hide as he denied him access to Bundaberg Hospital, Ipswich Hospital and the Princess Alexandra Hospital's spinal injuries unit in the past three weeks.

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

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Long in the tooth pain

Herald Sun, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 2

At least one in two senior Australians are delaying dental appointments, with the majority revealing they can't afford vital treatment. The damning New Australian Dental Association survey comes as emergency department presentations for painful dental issues among over 65s are projected to soar over the next three years.

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

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Hospital system critical

Herald Sun, General News, 09/04/2025, Shannon Deery, Page 11

Victoria's health system is at breaking point with the state and federal governments facing urgent calls to find hundreds of millions of dollars to save it. Ahead of next month's state budget, leading health agencies and experts have warned that without a significant funding boost, the system will collapse.

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Clinic of tragedy winds up

Herald Sun, General News, 09/04/2025, Sarah Perillo, Page 15

A Melbourne abortion clinic banned from performing surgeries following the sudden death of a patient has collapsed into liquidation owing more than \$1m. Narre Warren South mother of two Harjit Kaur died shortly after a pregnancy termination surgery at Hampton Park Women's Health Clinic in January last year.

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

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Patients left in limbo

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/04/2025, Madeleine Bower, Page 8

More than 480 cancer patients had their chemotherapy appointments cancelled yesterday after doctors walked out of hospitals across the state in a bitter wage dispute with the Minns government. Additionally, more than 370 patients had elective surgeries canned and 3020 outpatient appointments were cancelled, with the number likely to increase over the next two days, as doctors continue to strike until tomorrow night.

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

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Cancelling elective surgery 'last resort'

Canberra Times, General News, 09/04/2025, Lanie Tindale, Page 10

Cancelling elective surgeries in Canberra's public hospital system should be a last resort even when surgeons want to prioritise emergency cases, the ACT Health Minister says. Orthopaedic surgeons who resigned from the public health system said a new administrative system was overriding their decisions at the expense of patients.

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

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Bulk-billing blow as clinic enters voluntary administration

Canberra Times, General News, 09/04/2025, Lanie Tindale, Page 10

A 100 per cent bulk-billing general practice clinic servicing some of Canberra's most vulnerable has entered voluntary administration after struggling to raise money and hire doctors. The Interchange Health Cooperative in Tuggeranong was placed into voluntary administration under RSM Australia partner Jonathon Colbran and director Adam Cormack on Monday.

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

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MP dishes on hospital pass

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/04/2025, David Killick, Page 8

A requirement that hospital staff get written permission from their CEO to supply patients with an icy pole or other simple comfort foods has been branded "a crude penny-pinching measure" by an independent MP. Member for Franklin David O'Byrne tabled a list of Hospitals South "non-standard food items" in state parliament on Tuesday.

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

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Cold-hearted costs in care

Hobart Mercury, Editorials, 09/04/2025, Page 20

At a time when compassion should guide healthcare decisions, a directive requiring southern Tasmanian hospital staff to seek CEO permission before offering patients a Milo, icy pole, or even a slice of white bread, feels like a cruel misstep. Labelled a "crude penny-pinching measure" by independent MP David O'Byrne, the policy spotlights a worrying trend in public health management cutting comfort to cut costs.

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Flight's forever home hopes upended

Burnie Advocate, General News, 09/04/2025, Sarah Fittock, Page 3

Rod Flight hoped that after decades away from the North-West Coast he could return to live close to family and in peace. [...] But his dreams of living on the Coast came crumbling down in March after he was admitted to the North West Regional Hospital [NWRH]. Despite the high standard of care delivered by staff, he said there were a number of necessary facilities that were either missing or unable to be used.

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What's causing headaches for Australian doctors

The Australian, Other, 08/04/2025, Steve Robson

Melbourne family doctor Karen Price had a shocking experience recently. [...] Dr Price, a former president of the College of GPs, was highlighting what has become a common problem in the doctor-patient relationship : a breakdown in trust.

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Abortion was made legal six years ago. So why has a new fight erupted?

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 08/04/2025, Frances Howe

Despite being legalised six years ago, abortion is once again being debated in the NSW parliament. Greens health spokesperson Dr Amanda Cohn has introduced a bill in the upper house that would amend several aspects of the state's abortion law.

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Duty of care: where does a nurse's responsibility end?

Aged Care Insite, Other, 08/04/2025, Scott Trueman

The potential liability of health services, hospitals, day surgeries and clinics does not, depending on the nature of the treatment or care provided, cease upon physical discharge or a patient leaving the facility. If any treatment or care has had an "adverse" and/or "debilitating" effect on a patient's level of functioning, cognition and/or "debilitating" effect on a patient's level of functioning, cognition and/or consciousness, it becomes a matter of determining what potential harm is reasonably foreseeable thereafter.

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Expired medicines should be kept 'under lock and key'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/04/2025, James Tsaoucis

Return of Unwanted Medicines (RUM) bins continue to pose an issue for pharmacy owners and pharmacists. VPA inspectors have observed instances where filled RUM bins were stored in "unsecure" locations such as storerooms with unrestricted access, the regulator noted in a recent communication.

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Take us off the bench: Twomey

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/04/2025, James Tsaoucis

Community pharmacists are ready to step in to assist patients in NSW, as hospital doctors take industrial action in a dispute with the state government, Pharmacy Guild of Australia national president, Professor Trent Twomey says.

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World Health Day family focus

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 08/04/2025

World Health Day yesterday kicked off a year-long campaign on maternal and child health, with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia recognising the role of community pharmacists in supporting families to get the healthcare they need. Titled 'Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures', the World Health Organization's campaign will urge governments and the health community to ramp up efforts to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths, and prioritise women's longer-term health and wellbeing.

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PSA brings together health sector leaders for programs roundtable

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 08/04/2025

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) welcomes attendees to its sector-wide roundtable today in Canberra, bringing together over 20 pharmacy, practitioner representatives, medical, health and consumer groups from across the country to shape an upcoming agreement on pharmacy programs with the Australian Government.

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First guidance for complex UTIs in kids

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/04/2025, Morgan Liotta

The first guidelines specifically for complicated infections cover diagnosis and management according to determining features. UTI in children is a common patient presentation, with girls more likely to present with the infection.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

It says we are not alone

John Lush has seen it all across his 57 years of crop farming on the outskirts of Mallala. [...] Recent figures reveal suicide rates among farmers in Australia is up to 94 per cent higher than non-farmers, with one farmer on average dying by suicide every ten days.

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Climate protesters interrupt the PM again

Canberra Times, General News, 09/04/2025, Kat Wong & Andrew Brown, Page 9

A climate activist has gatecrashed the Prime Minister's announcement on youth mental health, accusing him of failing young Australians. Anthony Albanese was unveiling a \$1 billion package, which included a boost in the number of Medicare mental health centres and additional services for young people, when a protester burst into the press conference yesterday.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#).

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Mental health support is welcome and vital

Courier Mail, Editorials, 09/04/2025, Page 22

There are few more important issues facing our community particularly post-Covid than the issue of mental health. So it was good to see Prime Minister Anthony Albanese make it front and centre of the federal election campaign yesterday with a \$1bn package over four years to open or upgrade more than 100 mental health service centres.

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Health clinics for all

Herald Sun, Editorials, 09/04/2025, Page 22

On the face of it, the promise by federal Labor to create more than 100 mental health centres nationwide is a welcome step to address a genuine demand for people in need. Mental wellbeing has become recognised as a very real health issue in the past few decades, but treatment services have generally not kept pace.

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Posing a solution to PTSD

West Australian, General News, 09/04/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 16

A Perth researcher is investigating whether the key to helping those suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder could be as simple as doing the downward dog. Danielle Mathersul is examining how the use of yoga and other trauma-focused therapies could ease PTSD symptoms, particularly in veterans and emergency services workers.

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Mental health funding promise

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 12

Anthony Albanese has delivered an emotional and personal message on mental health, as Labor pledged \$1bn for new and upgraded Medicare Mental Health Clinics and Headspace, specifically targeted at young Australians. In a press conference marred by questions of economic management and a screaming Rising Tide protester, when asked about his discussions about mental health with his own son, Mr Albanese spoke about the plight of a friend's niece decades earlier.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#).

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Diggers get back to their best

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 5

A James Cook University researcher and Army veteran behind an innovative program, which combines physical fitness and mental wellbeing, has issued a call to arms for Townsville veterans wanting to get back to their best. The Veterans' Individualised Physical Education, Rehabilitation, Recovery and

Reintegration program, or VIPER3, combines free physical training and mindfulness sessions to improve both physical and mental health outcomes for veterans, who have been wounded, injured or developed an illness as a result of their service.

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Psychiatrist Pat McGorry's concerns about how ADHD is diagnosed

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/04/2025, Pat McGorry

The world of psychiatry has been unexpectedly turned upside down. In the past, due to stigma and neglect, people were not particularly keen to be "labelled" with a psychiatric diagnosis. People felt ashamed and were often shunned.

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

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The mental health policies of Labor and the Coalition explained

ABC Online, Other, 08/04/2025, Paige Cockburn

Australia is at the pointy end of a mental health crisis. Psychological stress is mounting, particularly among younger Australians.

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Stressed, scared, overwhelmed: the election issues weighing on young Australian voters

The Guardian, Other, 09/04/2025, Rafqa Touma & Ima Caldwell

More than 900 young people tell Guardian Australia they worry about money, housing and healthcare – and feel a sense of dread about the climate emergency, social cohesion and rise of the far right "There is a general sense – it sounds melodramatic – of, well, the world is ending, we have no way to deal with that, so we are just going to get on with life," Axel says.

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Channel 10, The Project, 08/04/2025, Sarah Harris, Waleed Aly, Sam Taunton, & Kate Langbroek

Interview with Youth Mental Health Service executive director Prof Patrick McGorry, discussing the rising number of Australians diagnosed with ADHD. Coupled with the broader rise in youth mental health issues, Prof McGorry expresses concern over the already strained mental health system where financial incentives for private psychiatrists create a market that favours positive diagnoses.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 08/04/2025, Laura Jayes

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced on the campaign trail \$1 billion, if re-elected under Labor to improve mental health services across the country. It provides free centres where Australians can go in if they need mental health support.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Territory-wide Drive, 08/04/2025, Lara Stimpson

Interview with Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists president-elect Dr Astha Tomar, discussing Labor's \$1b pledge to boost mental health services. Dr Tomar welcomes the development but says years of underinvestment means more gaps in the workforce need to be filled first. She calls for specialised mental health practitioners for Aboriginal communities in the NT where long waitlists for psychiatric and psychological services are the norm.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 08/04/2025, Leon Delaney

Interview with Catholic Health Australia health policy director Dr Katharine Bassett, discussing Labor's \$1b pledge to boost mental health services. She welcomes the development but stresses that chronic workforce shortages remain a major issue. Dr Bassett suggests expanding the roles of GPs and

psychologists to maximise existing resources while longer-term workforce solutions are developed. She also wants restrictions on overseas-trained doctors and psychiatrists to be eased to allow them to work in underserved metropolitan areas.

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4BC, Afternoons, 08/04/2025, Sofie Formica

Interview with autism researcher Dr Heather Way, discussing the rising number of Australians diagnosed with autism as part of Autism Awareness Month. Aside from the role of epigenetics and better awareness, Dr Way attributes the growing number of diagnoses to modern environmental factors such as toxins, pesticides, and Wi-Fi exposure. She also mentioned the gut-brain connection, suggesting that a restored gut balance can improve social interaction and resilience.

Interview continues on: [4BC \(Brisbane\)](#), [4BC \(Brisbane\)](#).

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 08/04/2025, Kylie Baxter

Interview with Mental Health Council of Tasmania CEO Connie Digolis, discussing Labor's \$1b pledge to boost mental health services. She welcomes the development but questioned whether it will have any practical impact. Digolis says Tasmania has a shortage of mental health practitioners, which could pose challenges to the fund's implementation. She stresses the need to build up the mental health workforce first before making any service expansions.

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

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Junior doctors offered \$2k to break strike

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/04/2025, Angus Thomson, Page 9

NSW hospitals are offering to pay junior doctors more than \$2000 a day to work during a three-day strike as thousands walked off the job demanding better pay and conditions, leading to widespread elective surgery cancellations and emergency bed closures. About 3500 members of the Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation (ASMOF) NSW began their 72-hour industrial action yesterday with rallies outside NSW Health headquarters in St Leonards, Westmead Hospital, and two regional hospitals.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).

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Doctors in NSW walk off the job

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/04/2025, Blair Jackson, Page 18

Doctors are walking off the job for three days in NSW public hospitals. The doctors say they can be paid 20 to 30 per cent more in Queensland or Victoria and are hoping to win pay rises like the state's police, public servants, paramedics and teachers in the past 18 months.

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

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Doctors are tired of 'systemic failures'

Newcastle Herald, General News, 09/04/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 3

Hunter doctors say they're striking to highlight "unsafe working conditions, chronic under-resourcing and systemic failure" in the hospital system. Doctors' union members - on strike from yesterday to tomorrow - are also pushing for better conditions.

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'They are on \$38 an hour for a 14-hour shift': doctor to quit

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 09/04/2025, Emma Downey, Page 1

Morgan has wanted to be a doctor from the time she was 10 years old - this week Dr Morgan will walk away from her job at Tamworth hospital and seek employment in an entirely different field. "I have an absolute fascination with the human body and how it goes wrong and what we can learn, and do about that," she said.

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Graduate nurses face frustration in gaining registered nurse experience

Aged Care Insite, Other, 08/04/2025, Dianne Juliff

There are challenging times ahead for the nursing workforce due to the increasing global nursing shortage and the continued marked attrition rate of newly graduated registered nurses. A recent study on the lived experience of nine male West Australian GRNs in their first year has revealed that two of them, James and Oliver (not their real names), had trouble securing GRN positions post-graduation.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 08/04/2025, Sandra Sully

Public hospital doctors across NSW left their jobs on Tuesday after talks between them and Premier Chris Minns collapsed. The doctors demand a 30% pay raise, but the Premier says he needs more time to come up with an acceptable solution. Health Minister Ryan Park admits the State Government couldn't immediately accommodate the union's demand for a 10% pay raise for junior doctors.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/04/2025, Angela Cox and Mark Ferguson

Some public hospital doctors in NSW made threats to move to Queensland for better pay after negotiations between the doctors' union and the State Government collapsed on Monday night. Premier Chris Minns admits there is no money to grant the doctors' requests for a 30% pay raise.

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

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SBS, World News Australia, 08/04/2025, Janice Petersen

Public hospital doctors in NSW defied orders from the Industrial Relations Commission not to launch strike action and walked off their jobs on Tuesday as they fought for a 30% pay raise and better working conditions. NSW Premier Chris Minns says the industrial action puts patients at risk. Health Minister Ryan Park says 371 elective surgeries were cancelled, 21 beds were closed, and more than 400 outpatient clinics had to close for the day. The doctors union, ASMOF, says urgent care and safe practice won't be impacted by the action.

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2GB, Drive, 08/04/2025, Clinton Maynard

Interview with NSW Health Minister Ryan Park, providing an update on the impact of the NSW public hospital doctors strike. He says 370 elective surgeries were cancelled, 21 beds were closed, and more than 3000 appointments at outpatient clinics had to be called off. Park expressed willingness to return to the negotiating table and find an amicable solution to the doctors' demands.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 08/04/2025, Chris Bath & Dom Knight

Live cross with ABC News reporter Alexander Lewis from Sydney. He provides an update on the impact of the NSW public hospital doctors strike. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says 370 elective surgeries were cancelled and 21 beds were closed—20 of them in emergency rooms across the state.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Permira's I-MED back on the block

The Australian, Business News, 09/04/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 16

Parties are back looking at Permira's I-MED, say sources, after the sale process for the \$3bn healthcare operator was paused late last year. [...] Private equity firms have been interested in the sector, in the hope that the growing use of artificial intelligence can create greater earnings opportunities.

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

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Woolworths buys into telehealth consultations with \$70m start-up

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 09/04/2025, Paul Smith, Page 17

Woolworths has become the lead investor in a funding round for Hola Health, allowing the supermarket giant's customers to book virtual appointments with doctors and earn loyalty program points doing it.

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‘Our systems are constantly catching up’

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/04/2025

Pharmacists are facing "cognitive overload" dealing with multiple software programs and the increasingly complex needs of patients, a pharmacist warns. New technologies including electronic prescribing are "amazing", but will not solve all the problems pharmacists face, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia senior pharmacist, Peter Guthery says.

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Tasmanian obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Brett Daniels suspended, investigation underway

ABC Online, Other, 08/04/2025, Georgie Burgess

A Hobart obstetrician and gynaecologist who has been working in Tasmania for more than 20 years has had his registration suspended by the medical industry's regulatory body while it investigates complaints. [...] The ABC has spoken to two patients who say they made complaints to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) about Dr Daniels.

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Regional Victorian chiropractor suspended over long sexual affair with

patient

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/04/2025, Craig Dunlop

The patients of a womanising chiropractor in regional Victoria will likely never know his that he had a years-long sexual tryst with a patient, despite him admitting to flagrantly breach of professional standards. [...] Lawyers for the medical regulator, AHPRA, said the chiropractor's conduct was especially disgraceful because the woman had told him she was going through a troubled period in her life.

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Sex with patient's wife: nurse faces tribunal

Aged Care Insite, Other, 08/04/2025, Scott Trueman

If a nurse has an intimate, consensual relationship with a patient, it is deemed unacceptable to the profession. [...] Noteworthy are sections of JX's complaint to AHPRA: "My wife ... has been greatly affected by my accident and the damage it has done to my body, and sex was never going to be the same again, so all of this has been on her mind.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Get tested for hepatitis B

Courier Mail, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 13

Hepatitis Australia is calling for a nationwide rollout of hepatitis B testing for people over 25 after new data confirmed the silent role of the virus in Australia's rising liver cancer deaths. Without treatment, one in four people with chronic hepatitis B will die from cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Retail Pharmacy \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 7, Seven News, 08/04/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

Hepatitis Australia renews calls for a nationwide rollout of hepatitis B testing for people aged 25 and over as they are the most vulnerable to undiagnosed infection. The group says universal testing is needed to fight the rising number of liver cancer deaths.

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Updated Illicit drugs policy back in play

Adelaide Advertiser, Sport, 09/04/2025, Josh Barnes, Page 61

Outgoing AFLPA boss Paul Marsh is hopeful of negotiating a way out of ongoing negotiations with the AFL over a new drugs policy before he swaps footy for cricket. [...] Marsh said the players were still waiting on details from Sport Integrity Australia after it believed the AFL provided a list of players for target testing.

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AFL drug tests still imperfect

Herald Sun, Editorials, 09/04/2025, Page 22

The AFL's controversial illicit drugs policy has had its critics since its introduction more than 20 years ago. About 100 players were granted secret immunity from the AFL's three-strike policy, it was revealed last year.

HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Biotechs in science friction

West Australian, Business News, 09/04/2025, Cheyanne Enciso, Page 22

A group of WA biotechs have urged the State Government to match the existing Federal research and development tax incentive in a move they believe would be certain to attract and retain talent.

Spearheading the call is Brian Leedman, the boss of telehealth startup BlinkLab and co-founder of the formerly ASX-listed ResApp bought by US pharmaceuticals giant Pfizer in 2022 for \$179 million.

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Diabetes drugs offer new hope for Australians with dementia

Newcastle Herald, General News, 09/04/2025, Page 10

Diabetes medications, including a popular weight loss drug, are offering new hope for more than 400,000 Australians living with dementia. Promising research published in the JAMA Neurology finds newer diabetes drugs, including Ozempic, are linked to lower risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Also reported by: [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#).

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Shingles vaccine linked to dementia risk reduction

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/04/2025, Jo Roberts

The new research found those vaccinated had their risk of new dementia diagnoses reduced by 20% over seven years. Experts say it is important for GPs to discuss the risk of shingles with patients and encourage vaccination, especially among women.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Leading with culture

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/04/2025, Thomas McLean, Page 4

About \$7.4m has been awarded to three Indigenous researchers for their projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. It comes as part of a \$15.6m fund awarded to Flinders University by the National Health and Medical Research Council, the main statutory authority of the federal government responsible for medical research.

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

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Calls for parties to invest in Indigenous health workforce, UN Declaration before election

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

The Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) have announced their priorities for the upcoming election, as the health gap for Indigenous Australians compared to their non-Indigenous colleagues fails to close. The latest data showed that despite improvements, closing the gap in life expectancy within a generation by 2031 would not be met, whilst the number of Indigenous people dying from rheumatic heart disease (RHD) remains exponentially larger than non-Indigenous people.

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Concerns over pace of flu vaccine roll out for vulnerable people

Canberra Times, Other, 08/04/2025, Carla Mascarenhas

An infectious disease physician says the pace of the flu vaccine rollout for vulnerable groups is "disappointing" amid concerns the 2025 season will be the worst yet. It comes as a NSW Health spokesperson told ACM the distribution to aged care residents could take up to four weeks and the roll-out began in mid-March.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Andrew Ngeow: Vaccination is the only preventable measure for sickness

West Australian, Other, 08/04/2025, Andrew Ngeow

It is widely considered that immunisation is one of, if not the most effective, measures in the prevention of disease. In Australia, widespread vaccination programs began nearly 100 years ago, in 1932.

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Parents warned to be on alert as risk increases for Japanese Encephalitis this school holidays

7news.com.au, Other, 08/04/2025, Sarah Keszler

Health experts are warning parents to be vigilant this school holidays due to the rise of a potentially deadly virus found in Queensland. The state's health department warned that the risk of contracting mosquito-borne illnesses, such as Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV), has grown due to recent weather situations in the state, including devastating flooding in central and outback regions.

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Two kids have died in the Texas measles outbreak. Could that happen here?

9News, Other, 08/04/2025, Rebecca Masters

Measles alert after infectious person visits tourist spots. Declining childhood vaccination rates could increase the risk of measles outbreaks in Australia over the next couple of years, an infectious diseases expert has warned. [...] More information about measles can also be found on the Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) website.

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

Nursing Review, Other, 08/04/2025, 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 Victoria calls for free flu shots

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 08/04/2025

With around double the number of flu cases already recorded in Victoria compared to the same time last year, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Victoria Branch, is urging the State Government to fund a free flu vaccination program in community pharmacies for this and future flu seasons.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Isotretinoin PI/CMI warnings upgraded

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 08/04/2025

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has advised that the product information (PI) and consumer medicine information (CMI) leaflets for acne medication isotretinoin (Roaccutane and generics) contain updated safety information with regards to mental health and sexual disorders.

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