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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **The Australian** (page 1) reports the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne has refused to answer questions posed by News Corp about its gender-affirming care standards, while Health Minister Mark Butler says he is awaiting a National Health and Medical Research Council review before examining future potential policy.
- The **Sydney Morning Herald** (page 1) reports private healthcare operator Healthscope says it is prepared to hand Northern Beaches Hospital over to the State Government, while NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey has moved to assure taxpayers they will not be "shortchanged" by the move. *Also reported by:* [Australian Financial Review](#), [The Australian](#), [Canberra Times](#), [The Guardian](#)
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- The **Canberra Times** (page 1) reports a Canberra-based bulk billing general practice has entered voluntary administration, closing unexpectedly leaving patients concerned about their access to healthcare.

- The [Daily Telegraph](#) (page 1) reports the NSW Crime Commission, NSW Police and the National Disability Insurance Agency yesterday raided a home in Sydney's northwest amidst allegations the owners were behind \$40 million worth of fraud committed through the NDIS.
- The [Daily Telegraph](#) (page 5) reports the mother of a two-year-old who died of Pompe disease has criticised the Federal Government for not moving to have it included in the newborn screening program soon enough, but Health Minister Mark Butler said the government had delivered on its commitment. *Also reported by:* [Herald Sun](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Hobart Mercury](#).

## MINISTER BUTLER

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The Australian, General News, 11/04/2025, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

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### Labor's 'broken' pledge on sick kids

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/04/2025, Jade Gailberger, Page 5

Babies are not being screened for 80 rare and life-threatening conditions three years after Labor promised to do so with the mum of a deceased baby saying the government hasn't failed to deliver the commitment in her son's name. [...] But Health Minister Mark Butler rejected accusations Labor had broken its election Nate Primmer pledge, saying the government "has delivered on our commitment".

*Also reported by:* [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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### Snack-pack mental health makes staff happy

Australian Financial Review, Other, 10/04/2025, Alexandra Cain

Near-perfect employee engagement scores and staff who have enhanced skills to manage their mental health fluctuations are the happy dividends from Fujifilm Australia's well-thought-through webinar series, Bento Box. Fujifilm Australia is the winner of thi...

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### New \$70m boost for NT health and aged care services

Canberra Times, Other, 11/04/2025, Tess Ikonomou

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### Young survivors say cancer does not end with remission

Canberra Times, Other, 11/04/2025, Rachel Jackson

Youth cancer survivor Dawson Sorby said words cannot describe how it felt to go into remission. His cancer was gone, but treatment was far from over. [...] A spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler

said Labor recognised the significant impact cancer has on adolescents and young adults, underlining investments that "put young people at the front and centre of support services and treatment".

Also reported by: [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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## **CQUniversity Cairns CBD campus receives additional funds for 'health and engineering' wing**

Cairns Post, Other, 10/04/2025, Arun Singh Mann

A \$37.5m health wing will be built at CQUniversity's new campus to address severe workforce shortages, both major parties have promised. [...] Prime Minister Anthony Albanese pledged an additional \$27.5m towards CQUniversity while at Green Island with Leichhardt candidate Matt Smith, senator Nita Green, health minister Mark Butler and TTNQ chief executive Mark Olsen.

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## **Cancer patients wait for facial prosthetics funding ahead of election**

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Nick McLaren

Tracey David has a simple message for the politicians and bureaucrats who have so far refused to approve funding for her prosthetic nose. "We are not cosmetic, we are not looking to enhance our face. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the federal government launched an independent review into the availability of prostheses programs to identify gaps in coverage.

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## **Health Minister Mark Butler provides an update alongside Albanese in Queensland**

Sky News Australia, Other, 10/04/2025

Health Minister Mark Butler has provided an update while speaking alongside Anthony Albanese in Green Island, Queensland. Up Next

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## **The early bird gets the worm in lung cancer screening**

Oncology Republic, Other, 10/04/2025, Lincoln Tracy

A new UK study has found an association between chest x-ray usage and lung cancer outcomes in general practice. Practices with higher chest x-ray use detected lung cancer earlier than practices with lower usage, leading to better outcomes for patients, UK research has shown. [...] Australia is set to launch a national, risk-based lung cancer screening program later this year, after Federal health minister Mark Butler announced the scheme in 2023.

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## **Why the Australian government is set to mandate fee transparency for specialists**

Spa+Clinic, Other, 10/04/2025

Health funds welcome plan to reveal thousands of specialist doctors' fees for the first time . Around 11,000 specialist doctors in Australia will soon be required to publicly disclose their fees on the Government's Medical Costs Finder website, marking a significant step towards greater transparency in healthcare pricing. Following persistent advocacy from health funds and patient groups, Health Minister Mark Butler has announced that doctors (including surgeons and anaesthetists) will be mandated to list their charges.

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## **New mental health services for remote Australia**

WEB Indigenous Business News, Other, 10/04/2025, Peter Rowe

"What this will do is make sure that more Australians, particularly more young Australians, can get the help they need with this card here – their Medicare card," Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said. The election pledge includes the creation of 21 new and upgraded mental health centres, alongside 20 specialised youth care centres and training opportunities for 1,200 new mental health professionals.

"Of the new Headspace services, two of them will be established in remote communities," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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## WIN Toowoomba, WIN News Darling Downs, 10/04/2025, Steve Hart

PM Anthony Albanese has unveiled millions of dollars of funding for his campaign in Cairns, with a priority on health and the environment. They are promising to deliver a \$27.5m health and engineering wing at the CQ University's Cairns campus, and Health Minister Mark Butler says the investment will see more health workers trained locally.

Also reported by: [Seven Cairns \(Cairns\)](#).

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## Channel 7, National News At Noon, 10/04/2025, Natarsha Belling

US President Donald Trump's tariffs continue to be the highlight of the election campaign today, with both PM Anthony Albanese and Opposition leader Peter Dutton looking to prove that they are the one that can best negotiate a deal. Health Minister Mark Butler says Dutton has a desire to see an "Americanised" version of Australia's healthcare system.

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

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## ABC News, Mornings, 10/04/2025, Gemma Veness

Press conference with Health Minister Mark Butler about the Australian standards of care governing the treatment of gender dysphoria by young people. Butler explains that he has read media reports of the Family Court judgement but hasn't had a chance to read it. He adds that he has asked the National Health and Medical Research Council to start a formal review of the clinical guidelines around gender-affirming care.

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## MINISTER WELLS

### Extra help for those with severe dementia

Bendigo Times, General News, 11/04/2025, Adam Carswell, Page 9

Bendigo Health has opened a new nine-bed Specialist Dementia Care Program unit at Simpkin House in North Bendigo. More than \$4 million in funding from the Federal Government will allow the unit to provide care for people with "very severe" symptoms of the condition, such as physical aggression or other challenging behaviours, until 2028-29. [...] Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells said specialist dementia care is essential to supporting people living with the condition, their families and carers, to get high-quality, skilled and dementia-informed aged care services.

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### Labor plan to paint the Coalition as Don's Party

Cairns Post, General News, 10/04/2025, James Morrow, Page 27

To borrow an old line about God, if Donald Trump did not exist then Anthony Albanese would have to invent him. Because with three and a bit weeks to go before polling day, the arrival of Donald Trump on the scene and the market chaos following his "Liberation Day" tariffs has been manna from heaven for Labor. [...] The next day aged care minister Anika Wells was on with Andrew Clennell, who bailed her up on Labor's trying to paint Dutton as Dickson's answer to Donald Trump.

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## Swifts may have new home

Ipswich News Today, Other, 10/04/2025

A new home for Swifts Rugby League Club following their exile from Boovale could be on the cards with the Labor Government announcing on Wednesday a \$4.5 million promise to build a new home of rugby league in Ripley. The facility would host Swifts and support other sports thanks to the construction of two full-size rectangular fields, a clubhouse, lighting, irrigation, four hard courts, 100 car park spaces, a community centre, a playground and a drainage/ [...] Federal Minister for Sport Anika Wells joined Mr Neumann at the Montereia site to make the announcement.

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## What Australia Wants: Anika Wells answers listeners aged care and sport questions

4BC, Other, 10/04/2025, Peter Fegan

The Federal Election is less than four weeks away and there are still plenty of questions around policy, energy, and the cost-of-living. 4BC Breakfast's What Australia Wants welcomed Federal Sport and Aged Care Minister Anika Wells to answer questions directly from 4BC listeners.

Also reported by: [Helloleaders.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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## 4BC, Breakfast , 10/04/2025, Peter Fegan

Interview with Federal Aged Care and Sport Minister Anika Wells. Wells states the Federal Government has delivered the biggest aged care reforms in 30 years. She notes the key recommendation out of the Royal Commission into Aged Care is for a new Aged Care Act that is based on the rights of people. Wells adds some of those reforms that have come in already look like, 4.8 million minutes of care for residents of aged care every single day, which has been in place for a couple of years.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

### Free walk-in centres to open

Moreton Daily, Other, 10/04/2025

Three new free walk-in Medicare Mental Health Centres (MMHCs) are to open in the Moreton Bay region from July. Based in Caboolture, Redcliffe and Strathpine, the MMHCs will give support, assessment and care to those in distress or mental health care needs. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride said the new MMHCs will help residents "access support, closer to home".

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

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## Call to prioritise rural, remote and First Nations people

Goondiwindi Argus, General News, 11/04/2025, Gladys Barreta, Page 39

There's increasing pressure on political parties to prioritise healthcare for rural, remote, and First Nations communities as election looms. Recent investments in healthcare across Australia have highlighted a critical gap in the focus on rural, remote, and First Nations healthcare, underscoring the urgent need for change. [...] 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.

Also reported by: [Western Downs Today \(Western Downs\)](#), [Maranoa Today \(Maranoa\)](#).

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## VACCINES

### Palmer-supported vaccine injury case 'incoherent'

Canberra Times, Other, 10/04/2025, Miklos Bolza

"Unintelligible" allegations in a class action supported by Clive Palmer over claimed COVID-19 vaccine injuries have been thrown out. The lawsuit, filed by three men on behalf of all Australians adversely affected by COVID-19 vaccines, seeks damages from the federal government which approved the Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca jabs.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#).

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Cash injection may not save respite centre

Canberra Times, General News, 11/04/2025, Lanie Tindale and Dana Daniel, Page 8

A cash injection from the federal government would not necessarily save a respite centre due to close in June, the ACT government has appeared to warn. Independent ACT senator David Pocock said he has written to the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader asking them to save a respite home set to be closed by the ACT government.

## PM's plans for health revealed

Northern Territory News, General News, 11/04/2025, Gary Shipway, Page 7

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has jetted in to Darwin to unveil Labor's health and aged care plan for the Territory, which includes \$60m to be used in partnership with an aged care provider to support the delivery of a residential care home for the Darwin region. The Health and Aged Care Plan also includes an upgraded Medicare Mental Health Centre in Alice Springs, a Headspace Plus and a Youth Specialist Care Centre in Darwin.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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## Facts fight over Taser cop ruling

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 11/04/2025, Clareese Packer and Rhiannon Lewin, Page 4

Prosecutors will push for the former police officer convicted over the death of 95-year-old nursing home resident Clare Nowland to be sent to jail, arguing they did not agree he honestly believed his actions in tasering her were necessary. Senior Constable Kristian White, 34, was called to Yallambee Lodge nursing home in Cooma on May 17, 2023, to assist with Mrs Nowland, who a nurse had described as being a "very aggressive".

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## Coalition election win could cause loss of hundreds of jobs at agency scrutinising aged care mistreatment, modelling says

The Guardian, Other, 11/04/2025, Henry Belot

Hundreds of jobs could be lost at the government agency responsible for investigating allegations of serious wrongdoing and mistreatment in aged care homes if the Coalition wins the election, the public sector union has warned. The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has hired more than 500 public servants since the 2022 election to deal with a backlog of complaints from residents and to resolve a "staggering" number of real, potential or perceived conflicts of interest involving consultants paid millions of dollars to conduct audits in homes.

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## Older Australians can't afford good dental health: Survey

Aged Care Insite, Other, 10/04/2025, Stefanie Schultz

A new survey has revealed that Australians over 65 are skipping dental treatments, resulting in the demographic having worse oral health than the rest of the nation. The finding comes from the Australian Dental Association's (ADA) annual study, in which 25,000 people were quizzed on their dental habits.

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## Pathways receives tick for new seniors precinct

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/04/2025

Development approval for Pathways Cremorne brings more aged care and housing options for Cremorne's ageing population. Pathways Residences has announced that development approval has been granted for Pathways Cremorne, an integrated, heritage-sensitive and future-focused aged care and seniors living precinct in Sydney's lower North Shore.

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## Support at Home reform: are you implementation-ready?

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/04/2025

Struggling to prepare for Support at Home? Here's your 10-step action plan to get ready. With less than 90 days to go, here's what providers should be working on now. With the Support at Home program set to launch on 1 July 2025, home care providers across Australia are asking themselves an important question: "Are we where we should be?"

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## Rauland announces new CEO

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/04/2025

Jacqueline Leeds has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of care technology company Rauland Australia and New Zealand. Digital health technology company Rauland Australia and New Zealand has appointed Jacqueline Leeds as the new chief executive officer to lead the organisation's next phase of growth and expansion.

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## Senior dental scheme urgent, research shows

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/04/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Barriers to oral healthcare are leading to older people being hospitalised for largely preventative problems and researchers are concerned it is the tip of the iceberg. Research involving 360,305 people who were living in residential aged care in Australia between 2017 and 2020 – completed by the Registry of Senior Australians research centre – has revealed that one in five residents have a significant oral health problem and little access to dental services.

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## Aged care data and AI top digital health experts' election issues

InnovationAus, Other, 10/04/2025, Joseph Brookes

Digital health experts have called on the winner of next month's federal election to act on a mess of aged care data, untapped artificial intelligence and a national workforce that's unprepared for technological change. The issues must be addressed, the Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre (DHCRC) says, or Australia's health system will struggle to keep up with a wave of digital health challenges and opportunities.

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## St Bart's lodges \$69M homeless residential aged care and community housing project in East Perth

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

Not For Profit St Bart's Aged Care Services has lodged plans with the City of Perth council to develop a seven-storey, 80-bed residential aged care facility and adjacent eight-storey mixed use development including 56 one-bedroom social housing apartments. The combined project, in East Perth, 6km east of the Perth CBD, is expected to cost \$69 million with \$39 million allocated to the residential aged care home and \$30 million for the social housing development.

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## Ageing Australia want the Federal Election spotlight on aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

Three weeks out from the Federal Election, Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson has emphasised the aged care sector is not 'fixed' as the Labor Government had promised before the 2022 election with more work to be done. How does Tom plan to keep aged care on the political radar?

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## Specialist five-bed hospital unit in Western Sydney for aged care residents

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

A specialist unit at Blacktown Hospital emergency department for patients admitted from residential aged care now sees 90% of patients return to their aged care home within 24 hours, down from an average stay of seven to 10 days previously. The Integrated Geriatric Emergency Medicine (iGEM) unit creates an environment more appropriate for older patients, including those with dementia, with low noise levels and calming music, and higher nurse-to-patient ratios.

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## Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission forecasts 400% increase in



## revenue from aged care registration fees

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC) quietly released a 32-page consultation paper last month outlining plans to expand and increase the fees charged to aged care providers to fully recover the costs of delivering regulatory activities under the new Aged Care Act, which comes into force on 1 July.

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## City of Greater Geelong Council pauses transferring home care services after widespread protest

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

After City of Greater Geelong council announced on 2 April, it was considering handing its home care services over to specialist local providers, protests from the community, unions and members of State Parliament has delayed a final decision. A Fair Work Commission meeting scheduled for today (Thursday 10 April 2025) for worker consultation on the proposed home care exit has been deferred until May to give workers more time to respond.

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## Ageing Australia slams Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission's proposed fee hike

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

The peak body for aged care providers says the proposed changes to fees the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC) will charge providers for delivering regulatory activities are too complex and represent a "significant increase". The higher fees, outlined in a 32-page consultation paper the ACQSC released last month, will result in the ACQSC collecting an estimated \$48 million in 2025-26, compared with \$12 million in 2024-25, a 400% increase.

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## Dr Rodney Jilek's Community Home Australia to open 20-studio dementia home in Sydney

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

The dementia care and disability support provider has announced plans to develop 'Kora House', a four-storey, 20-studio supported living facility across the road from Westmead Hospital, 26km west of Sydney's CBD, for both NDIS participants and older Australians living with dementia self funding their care.

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## Aged Care Industry Labour Agreements require review: NoosaCare CEO Grant Simpson's 'political wishlist'

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

The Aged Care Industry Labour Agreements (ACILAs), introduced by the Labor Government, are costly and the structure is "limiting", says the CEO of two aged care homes on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. NoosaCare, which has an ACILA in place, has approval to recruit only two Personal Care Workers (PCWs) per year, its CEO Grant Simpson told The Weekly SOURCE for our political wishlist series in which we ask aged care leaders ahead of the 3 May Federal Election what they would like to see prioritised by the next elected Government.

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## Limits on End-of-Life Pathway under Support at Home could leave some without care in final days

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

Dr Peter Allcroft, Chair of Palliative Care Australia (PCA), has raised concerns about what happens when someone outlives their package under the new Program. The palliative care packages will provide \$25,000 to those who have three months or less to live to help them stay at home for as long as possible from 1 July and can be spent over 16 weeks.

## News Corp goes to town on Star Ratings data showing residents at 8% of aged care homes never feel safe

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Caroline Egan

February Star Ratings data from the Department of Health and Aged Care (DOHAC) revealed that residents at 220 aged care homes reported they never feel safe. Two of those aged care homes received an overall Star Rating of 5, which is the highest available.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Being able to build active transport into our daily lives will be better for our health and for our city

Hobart Mercury, General News, 11/04/2025, Anna Johnston, Page 16

Re-engineering the way we live to include incidental exercise will make cities a nicer place to be, writes Dr Anna Johnston. A recent trip to the US reminded me what is at stake in the debate about our urban landscape and how we travel through it. Los Angeles is a city dominated by cars to the detriment of the city's beauty, and the way of life and health of the people who live there.

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### Shocking death stats Action call after shocking death stats

Burnie Advocate, General News, 11/04/2025, Sean Ford, Page 1

Residents of a regional council area tend to die nearly nine years younger than Australians as a whole. Figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showed West Coast residents who died in 2023 had a median (mid-point) age of 70.8.

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### Comedian's epic comeback to gross heckle

Adelaide Now, Other, 10/04/2025, Claudia Poposki

A comedian has been praised for how she handled a man who heckled her, with many calling him out for "mansplaining". 2 min read April 9, 2025 - 4:43PM Today's News Headlines: Anthony Albanese wins 44 per cent of People's Forum audience [...] In Australia, one in three women opted for caesareans in 2022, as per the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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

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### Alison Evans: Gaps in sexual assault services are failing regional women

West Australian, Other, 10/04/2025, Alison Evans

It's a new dawn for the incoming Cook Government with a massive health portfolio shake-up and a newly minted health minister. And Sexual Assault Awareness month is a pertinent time to point out that a shake-up is also sorely needed in how the Government funds sexual assault services, particularly in regional areas.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### 'Total larrikin' will be missed

Daily Mercury, General News, 11/04/2025, Luke Lay, Page 11

A dearly loved truck driver and community stalwart is being remembered as someone who "would bend over backwards for you" after the 70-year-old died of a rare mosquito-borne disease. Kevin Yarrow's tragic death on March 28 was the second caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus in Queensland and the first in the Mackay region since it was detected earlier this year.

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## **MLG shows its commitment to helping combat skin cancer**

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 11/04/2025, Jessica antoniou, Page 3

More regional communities across WA will be able to access free skin cancer screenings after a Kalgoorlie-Boulder mining services contractor signed a five-year deal to support the Lions Cancer Institute. MLG Oz has committed \$100,000 to funding the institute's new custom mobile skin screening bus, which will provide free skin cancer checks to communities across remote WA.

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## **Molly Kochan wants sex. There's just one problem.**

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 10/04/2025, Mercedes Maguire

Molly Kochan has just found out she has cancer. But what she does next turns the usual narrative about terminal illness on its head. [...] Her team's research has informed patient guidelines around cancer and sex for Cancer Council Australia, which resulted in an 80-page booklet called Sexuality, Intimacy and Cancer, which is now available in every Cancer Council clinic and hospital around Australia.

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## **Imogen survived cancer as a kid, her diagnosis haunts her as an adult**

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/04/2025, Emily Kowal

When 20-year-old Imogen Clements beat cancer for the first time when she was 11, she thought she was in the clear. Instead, she faced years of tests, a rediagnosis at 16 and having to live with being known as "the cancer kid". The Sydney woman has come to realise that even though she might have survived her childhood diagnosis, the impacts of cancer will follow her throughout her life. It's why she is fighting for greater funding and awareness into the long term impacts of cancer, especially on youth.

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## **Family's bid to raise awareness of long QT syndrome after eight-year-old son suffers heart attack and near-drowning**

The Courier Mail, Other, 10/04/2025, Samantha Scott

When eight-year-old Jeziah failed to surface while playing in a friend's pool, the rush to save his life from a nearly catastrophic heart attack began. Now, his parents say the road to recovery will be long, after an undiagnosed medical condition was uncovered.

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## **Frank's fighting on**

Shepparton News Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Emily Donohoe

Born at just 25 weeks old, Frank and his twin brother, Luka, were among the youngest patients in the NICU in May 2022. Now close to three years old, Frank is full of energy, loves his tractors and will take every opportunity to be outside — much like any of his peers. It is hard to fathom the toddler weighed in at just 601g when born to parents Amie McGillivray and Florio Skratulja.

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## **Proactive prevention of cardiovascular disease**

Medical Forum, Other, 10/04/2025

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of mortality and is responsible for a significant number of deaths and disabilities that are largely preventable. It kills one in every four Australians. Breakthrough therapies and advanced risk prediction tools offer remarkable possibilities of prevention, yet basic proven interventions often fail to reach many who need them most. Addressing the challenges we face in delivering proven preventive care is as crucial as identifying new treatments.

## Rheumatoid arthritis: A chronic condition in search of new treatments

The Senior, Other, 10/04/2025, Anthony Caggiano

Rheumatoid arthritis can be a painful and debilitating disease, but researchers, including Associate Professor Sarah Jones, are working on ways to find new treatments. "We have a new starting point and something new that we can try out," she said. Associate Professor Jones, who leads a research laboratory at Monash University, is working on finding a treatment for patients that would otherwise need to use steroids, but wouldn't have the side effects.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Plea to close gap on remote health

Northern Territory News, General News, 11/04/2025, Thomas McLean, Page 9

When Susi Tegen, the chief executive of the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA), even begins to think about the quality and accessibility of healthcare in the remote Northern Territory, she is almost immediately overcome by anger. "It's actually outrageous when you really think about it," Ms Tegen told the NT News.

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### Private operator retreats from Sydney hospital

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/04/2025, Angus Thomson and Max Maddison, Page 1

Taxpayers will not be left shortchanged by any deal to take over the public arm of Northern Beaches Hospital, NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey says, after its private operators announced they were willing to return the hospital to public hands following months of intense community scrutiny. Healthscope chief executive Tino La Spina said yesterday it was clear the public-private partnership was incompatible with the state government's objectives amid widespread community concern sparked by the death of two year-old Joe Massa.

*Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Australia\)](#), [The Australian \(Australia\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#).*

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### Concerns over workforce, bulk-billing

Launceston Examiner, General News, 11/04/2025, Annika Rhoades, Page 6

Tasmania's peak medical bodies say the federal budget "missed the mark" and failed to listen to what regional Australian healthcare needs are. The new federal budget was handed down on March 25, with \$8.5 billion to be injected into general practice and Medicare - the single biggest injection into Medicare since its inception 41 years ago.

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### Mega plans to shape the Coast

Sunshine Coast Daily, General News, 11/04/2025, Jorina Maureschat and Chloe Grimshaw, Page 14

Amid a steady-growing population on the Sunshine Coast, massive development proposals have poured in over the years to guide the region into the future. From hospitals to housing developments, these projects are already in construction, have received a green tick of approval or are still awaiting verdict from Sunshine Coast Council.

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### Hospital mystery

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 11/04/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 1

Queensland treasurer and Toowoomba South MP David Janetzki says the government will deliver the

city a new hospital, but can't reveal when the next package of major works will be released. Unions and local federal election candidates have heaped more pressure on Mr Janetzki and the LNP.

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

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## Patients pay for surgery instead of using private health insurance

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/04/2025, Ashleigh Gleeson

Amid long public waitlists and the increasing cost of Gold cover, people are forking out thousands for surgery in the private system. What's the pros and cons? Patients are opting to fund their own surgery in private hospitals as more people downgrade from the top tier of health insurance as premiums rose again this month

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## Labor pledges to open Medicare mental health centre in Bunbury as part of \$1 billion commitment

West Australian, Other, 10/04/2025, Ezra Kaye

Labor have pledged to open a Medicare mental health centre in Bunbury as part of their \$1 billion commitment over the next four years to roll out free public mental health care facilities across the country. It follows a promise from Labor on Tuesday to invest \$225 million into 31 new and upgraded Medicare mental health centres — eight of which will be in WA.

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## Regional leaders welcome Coalition election campaign pledge for future fund, call for more detail

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Nathan Morris and Catherine McAloon

Regional leaders are welcoming a key Coalition election pledge to channel money into much needed services through a \$20 billion future fund, but questions remain about how and when the fund will deliver dollars to the bush. The Regional Australia Future Fund (RAFF) is one of two new funds the Coalition outlined plans for this week , using money from windfall receipts — where revenue raised from commodities exceeds what was projected.

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## 2CC, Canberra Live, 10/04/2025, Leon Delaney

ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith says cancelling elective surgeries in our public hospitals should be a last resort amid several staff resignations. It comes after the orthopaedic surgeons who resigned from the public health system said a new administrative system was overriding their decisions at the expense of patients.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Magic in these mushrooms

Herald Sun, General News, 11/04/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 13

A novel form of magic mushrooms will be used to treat Melburnians with eating disorders in a world-first trial. Scientists hope their new psychedelic drug, which is delivered through an IV drip, can treat binge-eating disorder, a debilitating condition that attracts far less research investment than other illnesses.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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## New unit is in the 'home stretch'

The local health district has reassured residents a new hospital ward will have enough staff to operate at maximum capacity from the first day it opens. Tamworth's developing mental health unit finished its major structural works yesterday, but with psychiatrists resigning en masse and thousands of doctors on strike, concerns have been raised about who will actually run the three-storey building.

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## Training on offer for those who can help

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 11/04/2025, Alistair Finlay, Page 5

A regional health service is offering training to people so they can help others challenged by suicide. Murray Primary Health Network are offering the opportunity for people to undertake the Black Dog Institute-backed Question. Persuade. Refer., or QPR, program. The online course seeks to prepare people who may come across those at risk of self harm or taking their own life and help guide them towards professional interventions.

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

### Townsville health service changes incident response policy after nurse assaulted

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Chloe Chomicki and Georgia Loney

An investigation into the sexual assault of a Townsville University Hospital nurse has found some clinical staff view unsafe patient behaviours as "just part of the job". When the nurse was assaulted by a patient, who was known for "verbal and physical aggression", there was no clear procedure for staff to follow.

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### 'Essential healthcare': Health organisations call for equitable and improved access to abortion

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 10/04/2025, Anmj Staff

About one in three Australian women live in regions where no local GP provides medical abortion, while many public hospitals that provide maternity and women's health services do not provide abortion care. These significant barriers to abortion access have driven 40 of the country's health and medical organisations, including the ANMF, to today call on all candidates and political parties running at next month's federal election to reveal to voters where they stand on supporting and strengthening this essential healthcare.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Doctors' orders

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 11/04/2025, Nadine Morton, Page 1

Hospital doctors will return to work today, following a three-day strike over pay and conditions within the NSW health system. And with the backdrop of a federal election campaign, it's put the heat on the state Labor government to act, including minister Ryan Park.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Crikey \(Online\)](#), [The Mandarin \(Online\)](#), [Aged Care Insite \(Online\)](#).

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## **Flexibility, pay and modern workspaces are keys for attracting in-demand healthcare employees**

Australian Financial Review, Other, 10/04/2025

This is sponsored content for MoleMap Healthcare workers are looking for flexible working arrangements, a commitment to gender pay equity and modern, up-to-date working spaces when considering where they want to work. The priorities are outlined in resear...

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## **Future doctors gain hands-on experience in the Pilbara**

West Australian, Other, 10/04/2025

The newest crop of eager medical students from Karratha's Rural Clinical School of WA are rolling up their sleeves and diving into valuable training experience in the Pilbara. Seven second-year students are undergoing the school's year-long program, gaining experience in areas like paediatrics, Indigenous health, obstetrics, gynaecology and more.

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## **Channel 10, The Project, 10/04/2025, Sarah Harris, Waleed Aly, Nick Cody, and Susie Youssef**

NSW doctors are on strike due to debilitating understaffing and comparatively low pay. NSW Premier Chris Minns does not want the strikes to go ahead as the disruption is causing elective surgeries and treatments to be cancelled.

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## **2GB, Mornings, 10/04/2025, Mark Levy**

The Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation is going on strike for a third day as they demand a 30% pay increase for all doctors. The NSW Government said they can't go anywhere near 30%, but has now come back to the negotiating table.

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## **TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS**

### **These complementary therapies may soon be eligible for private health insurance rebates**

Medicine Today, Other, 10/04/2025, Jon Wardle

Private health insurers may soon be able to offer rebates for seven complementary therapies previously prohibited. This includes some movement therapies – Pilates, yoga, tai chi and Alexander technique, which teaches body awareness and posture – as well as naturopathy, shiatsu (Japanese massage) and Western herbal medicine.

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### **Safer, better hospital prescribing in Qld**

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/04/2025

Queensland is introducing state-wide Collaborative Pharmacist Medication Prescribing (CPMP), allowing pharmacists to prescribe certain medicines in collaboration with a doctor or nurse practitioner in both public and private hospitals. Changes to the Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Regulation 2021 will pave the way for the statewide rollout of CPMP.

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## **MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH**

## Promises come too late

Canberra Times, General News, 11/04/2025, Lanie Tindale, Page 1

The billions of dollars pledged during the election campaign to boost bulk billing rates have come too late for Fallon de Smet. She is one of scores of patients left wondering where their next GP visit will come from after a Tuggeranong bulk-billed practice abruptly closed its doors this week.

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

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## The cost of living, Medicare and renewables on agenda

Daily Mercury, General News, 11/04/2025, Luke Lay, Page 10

The candidates for the electorates of Dawson have revealed their top priorities ahead of the federal election. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese officially called the election for May 3 kicking off local campaigns with cost-of-living becoming a key election issue for most candidates.

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## MyMedicare promises better health care. But only 1 in 10 patients has signed up

Aged Care Insite, Other, 10/04/2025, Jialing Lin

MyMedicare is a scheme that encourages patients to register with a regular GP practice to improve their health. But few patients have enrolled. Since its launch in October 2023, only about 10 per cent of patients have signed up. The Albanese government's 2023-24 budget allocated \$19.7 million over four years to implement MyMedicare. So if we are to get value for money from the scheme, we need to find out why patients are not signing up, and address any barriers to them doing so.

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## Health sector faces rising phishing threat

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 10/04/2025

Healthcare providers are likely to see a surge in phishing attacks as use of electronic health records increases, an underwriter warns. Cybercrime across the digital healthcare sector is surging, insurance company CFC reports. The underwriter noted in its Digital healthcare report 2025 that "with the expansion of interconnected healthcare platforms, attack surfaces are widening

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Woman has wrong baby in IVF bungle

Age, General News, 11/04/2025, Brittany Busch, Page 1

A woman impregnated through IVF has given birth to a stranger's baby following an embryo mix-up at a fertility clinic. Monash IVF said in a statement yesterday that it became aware of the incident at one of its Brisbane clinics, in which the embryo of one patient was incorrectly implanted into another patient, in February, after which it notified the affected families.

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

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### Raid on NDIS riches

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/04/2025, Josh Hanrahan, Page 1

NDIS businesses set up to apparently help some of the most vulnerable members of Australian society were allegedly used to purchase \$40m in assets for their directors, including buying an incredible 36 houses across the state. Jaideep Singh and Harmeet "Harry" Singh's alleged fraud scheme came to a head yesterday when investigators from the NSW Crime Commission, NSW Police and National Disability Insurance Agency raided a home in Sydney's northwest, before the Crime Commission put



restraining orders on the three-dozen homes across Sydney and in towns including Dubbo, Orange and Tamworth.

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## **Mother can't turn her son into girl**

Courier Mail, General News, 11/04/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 2

A bombshell family court ruling that awarded a father sole custody of his son after his mother supported the boy using puberty blockers could open the floodgates to parents against sex hormones battling for their children before a judge, an expert says. Federal and Family Court judge Andre Strum made the unprecedented move of slamming the country's guidelines for pediatric gender affirming treatment during the custody battle for a 12-year-old boy, whose mother believes is gender dysphoric and wants him to be prescribed puberty blockers.

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## **Inquest told girl should have been taken to hospital**

Border Mail, General News, 11/04/2025, Page 3

A coroner has called for changes to NSW Ambulance protocols following the tragic death of a seven-year-old girl at Albury hospital. The girl had been assessed by paramedics on September 15, 2019, but they did not transport her to hospital despite her having a highly elevated heart rate.

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## **'Good job': Victorian GP touched, sexually harassed medical student**

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/04/2025, Sarah Booth

A doctor who inappropriately touched a medical student multiple times while patients were in the room with them, and exploited their "power imbalance", is still allowed to practise medicine. A doctor inappropriately touched a medical student multiple times while patients were in the room with them and exploited their "power imbalance", a tribunal has found. [...] But the panel found Dr Epa's responses when interviewed by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency were "vague, contradictory and unconvincing".

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## **SA man's high-priority surgery repeatedly cancelled in lead-up to his death, inquest hears**

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025

A man who died from post-surgery complications had his high-priority cardiac surgery repeatedly cancelled — but could have survived if it was performed sooner, an inquest has heard. The death of 62-year-old Petar Josipovic at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on September 14, 2023, is being investigated at an inquest before South Australian State Coroner David Whittle.

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# **HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES**

## **Courts call time on gender-dysphoric 'experiments'**

The Australian, General News, 11/04/2025, Patrick Parkinson, Page 11

It began as a compassionate solution to the difficulties that trans people had in being accepted as the sex with which they identify. A Dutch doctor came up with a solution to block puberty, so a male's voice would not drop, nor would he develop male facial hair.

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## **Prescribing puberty blockers to trans teenagers is not as morally or medically contentious as it seems**

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Rach Cosker-Rowland

At the end of January, Queensland paused the provision of puberty blockers for new trans teenage patients while a review is conducted. The Australian subsequently published an open letter to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese calling for a nationwide pause on puberty blockers for trans youth.

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## SPORT

### Allan lashes Tigers, AFL over Balta optics

The Australian, General News, 11/04/2025, Mitch Clarke, Page 3

Premier Jacinta Allan has criticised the AFL and Richmond Football Club, demanding they issue a please explain over their decision to consider letting Noah Balta play football this weekend. The 25-year-old footballer has pleaded guilty to a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm following an incident outside the Mulwala Water Ski Club and will be sentenced on April 22.

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### Radical changes to Los Angeles Olympics boost Aussie medal hopes

The Australian, Sport, 11/04/2025, Julian Linden, Page 24

Superstar Kaylee McKeown could be the big winner out of a radical overhaul of the Olympic Games program for Los Angeles in 2028 that gives Australia's medal hopes a massive boost in the pool while raising the prospect of golf's super siblings Min Woo Lee and Minjee Lee joining forces on the fairway. As revealed by The Australian a year ago, World Aquatics has been negotiating behind the scenes to persuade the International Olympic Committee to add 50m "form stroke" races in backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke to the Olympic program.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#)

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### 9.99!

Courier Mail, Edition Changes - Metro, 11/04/2025, Scott Gullan, Page 1

Only two Australians had broken the magical 10-second 100m barrier in any conditions, until Gout Gout did it twice in the space of two hours. The remarkable 17-year-old clocked 9.99sec in the heat and then backed it up with the exact same time in the final of the U/20 100m at the national championships on Thursday.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Perth\)](#)

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### Report 'tainted'

Hobart Mercury, General News, 11/04/2025, David Killick, Page 1

The Tasmanian Planning Commission's report on the proposed Macquarie Point stadium is fatally flawed by bias and the government has no confidence in its findings, Premier Jeremy Rockliff says. In state parliament yesterday, Mr Rockliff said the report drew heavily on the findings of a report by economist Nicholas Gruen, who met stadium opponents shortly before his appointment.

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### Here for the long run: Bells ring as registrations double

Ballarat Courier, General News, 11/04/2025, Adam Spencer, Page 3

The Ballarat Marathon is officially the fourth-largest full marathon in the country, with entries for this year's event almost doubling across all distances. The news came as the marathon was officially launched at Grampians Health Ballarat Base Hospital yesterday - two weeks out from the two-day event on April 26 and 27.

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## Closure of sports facilities at Toronto brought forward

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/04/2025, Josh Leeson, Page 6

Workers Tennis Club president Bruce Hall says his members are dealing with the shock of learning that the Lake Macquarie suburb's only tennis courts will be torn up ahead of schedule. The Toronto Workers Club (TWC) board told its tennis and bowls sub-clubs on Wednesday that the closure of the facilities would be brought forward from June 30 to April 23 due to geotechnical and preliminary site investigations needed for their proposed redevelopment of the site.

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## A sporting chance

Sunshine Coast Daily, General News, 11/04/2025, Madeline Grace, Page 9

Despite growing up in regional Australia with a physical disability, Kurt Fearnley said he always felt loved by his family and community. They lifted him up. Continuously reassuring him that he was enough and capable of greatness. Fearnley was raised to push his limits and strive for success. No obstacle, visible or hiding in the shadows, stood a chance in his race to glory.

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## 'Premier international location': The \$1.55m facelift that can put Canberra on the map

Canberra Times, Other, 10/04/2025, David Polkinghorne and Caden Helmers

The National Hockey Centre will get a \$1.55 million facelift and an international-standard pitch if Labor are re-elected in the federal election. It would see the Carter field - the main pitch at the Lyneham facility - upgraded to the same surface used for the hockey at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### DNA clues to cancer risk

West Australian, General News, 11/04/2025, Page 12

DNA testing to pick up men in the top 10 per cent of genetic prostate cancer risk could help detect cases of prostate cancer that other screening might miss. The University of Melbourne and UK Institute of Cancer Research study found that when men with a genetic risk score in the top 10 per cent were invited to undergo further testing, prostate cancer was detected in about 40 per cent of cases.

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### Country West Aussies join concussion study

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 11/04/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 2

A groundbreaking national study tracking concussion recovery across the country has been expanded into regional WA, with the hope it will stop people "slipping through the cracks". More than 180,000 concussions are experienced each year in Australia yet its not known whether recovery is different for the general population compared to sportspeople.

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

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### Calls for AF screening

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 11/04/2025, Page 5

Screening for both hypertension and an irregular heartbeat in routine medical checks could prevent thousands of strokes, heart failure cases and potentially even dementia. A new report from the Heart Research Institute highlights the strong link between hypertension (high blood pressure) and atrial fibrillation (AF), a condition where the heart beats irregularly or rapidly, which are two of the most significant risk factors for stroke.

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## Improving health at the heart of it

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 11/04/2025, Wade Stephens, Page 3

Some of the country's leading heart disease prevention researchers visited Mildura this week to detail a new initiative called CAD Frontiers. Cardiologists and researchers are hoping to reshape the detection and treatment of coronary artery disease in rural and regional communities.

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## Textbook play

Cairns Post, General News, 11/04/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 1

A \$37.5m health wing will be built at CQUniversity's new campus to address severe workforce shortages, both major parties have promised. CQUniversity was allocated \$50m towards the new CBD campus in the federal budget but earlier this year called for both sides of politics to fund the additional wing.

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

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## 'Screams stay with me': Dutton opens up on suicide toll

Canberra Times, Other, 10/04/2025, Andrew Brown

Peter Dutton has recalled responding to suicides as a police officer as he unveiled further funding promises for mental health. Campaigning in Melbourne on Thursday, the opposition leader pledged a coalition government would set aside \$15 million for research into suicide prevention.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#)

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## Recce raising up to \$15.8m for Phase III trials

The Australian, Other, 10/04/2025

Funding to support Phase III clinical trials for diabetic foot infections and acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections Private Australian-based investor has subscribed for \$5 million shares via a placement A\$10.8 million entitlement offer has been launched at \$0.

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## A 30-second pulse check could prevent more strokes. So why don't we do it?

The Australian, Other, 10/04/2025, Stephen Lunn

It's the lethal one-two that can hasten stroke, heart failure and dementia. But while GPs routinely test for high blood pressure, they too often neglect the other killer punch, atrial fibrillation, even though it is detected with a simple, 30-second pulse check.

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## New painless, quick test for endometriosis 'closer'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/04/2025, Robyn Riley

Instead of expensive and painful surgery, testing menstrual blood in this way has been shown to detect whether a woman has the debilitating condition endometriosis. Robyn Riley Exclusive A simple and painless test for endometriosis is a "big step closer" after Australian researchers confirmed for the first time that a non-invasive test can detect the chronic inflammatory disease sooner, allowing for earlier treatment.

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## La Trobe University kicks off \$5b rebuild

Real Estate Source, Other, 10/04/2025, Marc Pallisco

Construction has started to rebuild La Trobe University's Bundoora campus as a \$5 billion education and innovation hub supported by private-sector product, specifically residential, retail and offices. Also designed with public transport, including a tram – the first building, a healthcare campus to serve the public (artist's impression, top) – carries an end value of \$82 million.

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## Indigenous researcher to lead CQUniversity's Jawun Institute

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/04/2025, Joseph Guenzler

Gugu Badhun woman, Professor Yvonne Cadet-James has been appointed Director of the Jawun Research Institute at CQUniversity. Hailing from the Upper Burdekin region of northern Queensland with a background as a nurse, midwife, educator and public health researcher, Professor Cadet-James brings more than 20 years of experience in health and education, and will lead the Jawun team in applied research focused on Indigenous communities.

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## Wrong meds lead to falls

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/04/2025

Psychotropic medicines commonly prescribed for older people in aged care homes to treat mental health conditions may cause loss of balance and lead to unnecessary falls and injuries, with researchers saying the medications need to be reviewed. Using data from 23 residential aged care facilities in Sydney caring for more than 3,000 older people, the team from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation at Macquarie University found 40% of aged care home residents were given "potentially inappropriate" psychotropic medicines such as benzodiazepines, antipsychotics and antiparkinsonian agents over a two-year period.

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## 3AW, Mornings, 10/04/2025, Tom Elliott

A simple and painless test for endometriosis is said to be a big step closer, with Australian researchers confirming for the first time a non-invasive test can detect the debilitating condition sooner.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Aboriginal peak body says NT's new DV approach 'risks taking backward step'

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Sam Parry

The Northern Territory government has scrapped a forum that provided policy advice on the prevention of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV), reconstituting the panel along government and non-government lines. Created in 2019 as part of the then-Labor government's 10-year domestic violence strategy, the DFSV Advisory Forum met quarterly and allowed frontline organisations to share information with government departments.

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### HeartKids urges bipartisan support for investment to tackle childhood-onset heart disease

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/04/2025, Giovanni Torre

In the lead into the federal election, HeartKids has urged the government and Opposition to pledge funding for four priority areas to reduce the impact of childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD) on 1,000,000 Australians, among which Indigenous children and youth are over-represented.

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### System is failing people suffering acute mental health issues - WA prisons inspector warns

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/04/2025, Giovanni Torre

A report from WA's Inspector of Custodial Services, Eamon Ryan, has found that crisis care units in the

state's prisons are not meeting the needs of inmates who are suffering acute mental health issues. The findings come after two Indigenous deaths in custody in WA prisons in the past five weeks.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### Lax on vax raises alarm

Herald Sun, General News, 11/04/2025, Page 13

Health experts are sounding a warning over growing vaccine complacency as Australia braces for what could be its worst flu season in five years. Vaccination rates plummeted in 2024 only 61 per cent of high-risk individuals received the jab and the number of recorded cases soared.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#)

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### Easter long weekend travellers warned with 13 confirmed measles case in WA

West Australian, Other, 10/04/2025, Sofia Fimognari

The West Australian measles outbreak has now reached 13 confirmed cases, with The Department of Health warning Easter long weekend travellers. So far, eight cases are linked to the South West, and two of the 13 confirmed cases acquired the illness while on overseas travel.

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### 'Severe' flu epidemic coming our way: Cooma GPs

Monaro Post, Other, 10/04/2025

A Cooma medical practice has responded to Australian Medical Association (AMA) predictions of a 'horror flu season' by announcing it will offer free flu vaccinations for everyone to help protect the local community. Monaro Medical Practice owner, Dr Domonic Manassa, echoed AMA warnings that more people would be at risk of serious illness or death from respiratory diseases like influenza, COVID-19 and RSV this winter as a result of a reduction in flu vaccination rates.

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### Doctors urge travellers to stay vigilant as global outbreak of measles makes its way to Australia

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025

Be alert but not alarmed. That's the message from doctors as Australia deals with a local surge of measles, sparked by a global rise in cases amid declining childhood vaccination rates. A little more than three months into 2025, Australia has already recorded 52 measles cases for the year, including 20 in New South Wales, 14 in Victoria and 13 in Western Australia.

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### Health alert for Sydney after six hospitalised with potentially deadly disease

SBS, Other, 10/04/2025

The disease has a fatality rate of about 10 per cent. Six people have been hospitalised as hundreds of thousands are warned to monitor for symptoms after a Legionnaires' disease outbreak in Sydney's busy city centre.

Also reported by: [9News \(Online\)](#)

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### 'I struggle to understand vague excuses such as vaccine fatigue'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 10/04/2025

There's no room for complacency when it comes to vaccination, Guild leader says Pharmacists are

being urged encourage patients to get vaccinated for influenza, as case numbers rise across the country. In a post on LinkedIn, Pharmacy Guild of Australia Western Australia branch president, Andrew Ngeow, noted that there has been a decline in uptake

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## **SBS, World News Australia, 10/04/2025, Janice Petersen**

There's been a surge of cases of measles in Australia, with doctors warning people across the country to stay vigilant. Early symptoms to watch out for include fever, a cough, runny nose and sore red eyes before a red rash appears, particularly in our region.

*Also reported by: [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#).*

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## **ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 10/04/2025, Kylie Baxter**

Interview with Kristine Macartney, Director, National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance. Compere mentions that the National Health Department has issued a new warning about a measles outbreak. Macartney points out that measles is a contagious virus and it causes nasty illnesses such as fever, rash, cough, pneumonia, and even potential brain inflammation in young children.

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# **THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION**

## **Woman has stranger's child after IVF error**

The Australian, General News, 11/04/2025, James Dowling, Page 1

Monash ivf has mistakenly implanted a woman with the wrong embryo, causing her to give birth to a stranger's child, in a case of "human error" in a shocking mixup that is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia. The world-leading clinic apologised on Thursday following revelations it had unwittingly implanted a Brisbane woman with an embryo belonging to a different donor couple, in a "distressing" mistake that was not discovered until months after the baby was born. [...] The genetic test was supposed to be a world-leading innovation for the privately owned clinic after it successfully carried out the first human IVF pregnancy in 1973, but exposed the company to massive risk after documents provided to the Therapeutic Goods Administration showed the test's accuracy rate may have been artificially inflated by doctors who "may have ...

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## **Children's hospital silent on gender care policy**

The Australian, General News, 11/04/2025, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

One of the nation's top children's hospitals has refused to publicly defend its treatment standards for patients questioning their gender, following calls for the "concerning" guidelines to be repealed after a Family Court judge criticised them for unconditionally affirming a child's chosen identity. [...] Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney, however, refused to walk back from comments she made earlier this year describing the standards of care as "excellent".

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

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## **Vaccines a welcome breakthrough for persistent UTIs**

The Australian, Other, 10/04/2025, Michael Gannon

Urinary tract infections are an unpleasant affliction for a significant minority of reproductive-age women. While ascending infection and sepsis from pyelonephritis (kidney infection) are uncommon, cystitis (bladder infection) is a significant cause of distress, pain and absenteeism from work. [...] They are available only under the Special Access Scheme and thus require an application to the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

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## ADHD patients driving 50km for meds, shortage to get worse

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/04/2025, Sarah Booth

Psychiatrists warn patients are rationing crucial drugs with shortages set to get worse and Ritalin now affected. See the list. [...] The TGA alert said the pharmaceutical company Novartis notified them this month.

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## Channel 9, Nine News, 10/04/2025, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

A global shortage of ADHD medications is set to get worse, with manufacturing issues disrupting supply overseas and in Australia. experts fear patients could skip taking crucial medications such as Ritalin and Artige after the TGA issued an alert that supply would be impacted over the next two weeks.

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### Longevity doctor spills on the popular milk she never drinks: 'Wow I had no idea'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/04/2025, Cindy Tran

If skim milk has always been your go-to because you think it's the 'healthier' option, you might actually be better off drinking full cream instead. Longevity doctor Poonam Desai, from New York, has revealed why she recommends her patients with no dietary restrictions drink regular cow's milk instead of the skim alternative.

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### NSW EPA traces Belubula River PFAS contamination to composting facility

ABC Online, Other, 10/04/2025, Xanthe Gregory and Joanna Woodburn

A four-month investigation into the discovery of "forever chemicals" in a New South Wales river has identified a composting facility as a major contamination source. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) began an extensive testing program of the Belubula River in the state's central west after PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, were detected last year.

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### ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 10/04/2025, Chris Bath / Dom Knight

Interview with Professor Mainak Majumder, Monash University. Compere says Monash University has announced a breakthrough that can remove forever chemicals like PFAS from drinking water. Majumder points out that current water-filtering tools only remove the bigger PFAS molecules but leave behind the smaller ones that could also be harmful.



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