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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 1) reports the Queensland government stated that nurses and midwives will lose backpay from April 1, 2025, if they take protected industrial action on or before May 30 in response to the latest wage proposal. The Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union criticised the offer, stating it "includes many reductions in existing conditions and would currently see hundreds of members' pay go backwards over the life of the agreement." *Also reported by: The Daily Telegraph, The Mercury, Townsville Bulletin*
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 5) reports that the recently re-elected MP for New England Barnaby Joyce announced he will undergo an operation on Monday after being diagnosed with prostate cancer and he encouraged men to get a prostate-specific antigen blood test. *Also reported by: The Courier Mail, Herald Sun, The Advertiser*
- **[The Age](#)** (page 2) reports that ophthalmologists are warning parents against unproven eye exercises to treat reading difficulties, saying that "behavioural optometry" therapies may delay access to evidence-based treatments for children with dyslexia.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 9) reports that newly elected MP for Dickson Ali France called on the Queensland government to proceed with the delayed \$ 1.8 billion cancer centre, saying it could have improved care for her son, who died of leukaemia. The Sangster review recommended re-

evaluating the cancer centre and development of a business case. *Also reported by: The Daily Telegraph, The Mercury, Northern Territory News*

- **The Herald Sun** (page 15) reports that University of Queensland researchers, supported by a \$1.6 million NHMRC grant, are developing a wearable X-ray device using quantum dot hybrid glass technology to improve lung screening for babies and children.
- **The Herald Sun** (page 15) reports that Victorian anaesthetist Dr Priya Rao will present a new framework and post-birth check-in tool called PILAR at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists this week, aimed to help anaesthetists support women with psychological birth trauma.
- **The West Australian** (page 10) reports the WA government will expand its Virtual Emergency Department as part of a \$47 million investment to reduce pressure on Perth hospitals. The upgrade will enable adult Healthdirect callers to be referred to a virtual doctor without needing to visit the ED.
- **The Cairns Post** (page 3) reports that Far North Queenslanders are being encouraged to get a heart health check, as around 2.5 million Australians are at risk of heart attack or stroke within five years, often without symptoms. This is in line with the Heart Foundation's Heart Week national awareness campaign.
- **The Daily Telegraph** (online) reports that doctors said the nasal strip trend on TikTok, which claims to improve breathing and reduce snoring, may temporarily help with nasal congestion or hay fever, but provides only "symptomatic relief" and the studies on the product were done in a "controlled environment".

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Can't afford more cuts to health care

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 05/05/2025, Mark Butler, Page 22

At the election last weekend, Australia faced the clearest possible choice. On the one hand, a stronger Medicare under Labor. And on the other, more cuts to Medicare under Peter Dutton. Over 40 years ago, the Labor Party introduced Medicare with the promise of making health care "cheaper, simpler and fairer".

*Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).*

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### Keep Medicare envy of world

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 05/05/2025, Anne Ruston, Page 22

Australians are rightly proud of Medicare. [...] Health minister Mark Butler and Senator Anne Ruston at the National Press Club in Canberra.

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### Major Medicare change coming for Australians after Anthony Albanese's historic election win: What you need to know

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 04/05/2025, Cameron Carpenter

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will invest \$204.5million into a new, free nationwide health advice line aimed at easing pressure on hospitals. [...] 'Whether you need expert health advice or reassurance, the registered nurses at 1800-Medicare will be there all day, every day, to provide advice and refer you to the health service you need – whether that's your regular GP, the local hospital or a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic,' Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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## MINISTER WELLS

### King's hope for WA support in new-look ministry

West Australian, General News, 05/05/2025, Dylan Caporn & Katina Curtis, Page 2

Victory celebrations will come to an abrupt end on Monday when Labor's factions start scrambling on for two vacant positions in Anthony Albanese's second-term ministry. [...] Aged Care and Sports Minister Anika Wells' elevation earlier this year in Mr Shorten's place means there are no vacant spots around the Cabinet table, so both will likely be in the outer ministry.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Thenightly.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### The maze of red tape that is the aged care system

Sunday Territorian, Business News, 04/05/2025, Noel Whittaker, Page 36

Regardless of who forms government, aged care is shaping up as a major battleground. Operators are struggling to stay afloat, while families trying to navigate the system find it a maze of red tape.

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**Demographer Bernard Salt says the challenge ahead is the arrival of the 'wall' of baby boomers**

Australia's health and aged care infrastructure will face testing times with the arrival of a "wall" of baby boomers reaching their 80s over the next decade, according to leading demographer Bernard Salt. Mr Salt said Australia had gone some way to preparing for the tsunami of people born after 1946 who are reaching an age when they will increasingly rely on medical services and aged care.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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## Suggestions to improve MyWay+ for seniors ignored, inquiry told

Canberra Times, Other, 04/05/2025, Jasper Lindell

Not one suggestion to improve the launch of a new public transport ticketing system for older passengers was taken up by transport officials, the peak body representing older people in Canberra has said. Council on the Ageing ACT chief executive Jenny Mobbs said the council had met with Transport Canberra to go through issues with the MyWay+ system that would be challenging for seniors during the swap over.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Roll your own as 'tobacco truck' crashes

Daily Telegraph, General News, 05/05/2025, Jack Nivison, Page 3

Police have allegedly discovered more than \$500,000 worth of illegal tobacco in a truck that rolled in northern NSW. Officers discovered more than 100 boxes of loose-leaf tobacco when they were called to the scene on the Pacific Hwy near Tucabia, east of Grafton, about 4am on Sunday.

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### Big fines to smoke crims

Courier Mail, General News, 05/05/2025, Page 13

Queensland businesses caught selling illicit nicotine products, including trendy "nicotine pouches" with names such as "lip pillows" and "upper deckies", now face massive fines of up to \$161,300 under tough new regulations tabled in state parliament this week. The Tobacco and Other Smoking Products and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025, tabled last Tuesday, dramatically hikes penalties for supplying, possessing or promoting illegal tobacco and vapes.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Gaps in health system means one in five Aussie children are in pain

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/05/2025, Robyn Riley

Experts say urgent action is needed to fix "significant gaps" in global health systems because children are suffering chronic pain unnecessarily – including in Australia. An estimated one in five Australian children live with chronic pain, usually caused by conditions such as juvenile arthritis, fibromyalgia (long term widespread body pain) and headaches.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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### Tap water 'not safe to drink' in West Central Highlands towns

Ballarat Courier, Other, 04/05/2025

Residents in two West Central Highlands towns are being advised that their tap water is 'not safe to drink'. It is impacting a region about 70 kilometres northeast of Ballarat, with the community in Guildford, Kennedys Gully, Strathloddon and Yapeen told they 'must boil tap water before drinking' it.

## Health sector could address high prevalence of intimate partner violence

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025

This week, the MJA published new evidence of the national prevalence of intimate partner violence (IPV). The survey of a representative sample of 8500 Australians adds new knowledge about the prevalence and nature of physical, psychological and sexual violence between intimate partners aged 16 years and over in Australia.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### Barnaby reveals prostate cancer as he retains his seat

Daily Telegraph, General News, 05/05/2025, Rhiannon Lewin, Page 5

Former deputy prime minister Barnaby Joyce has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. The Nationals MP was quietly preparing for cancer surgery on Saturday night as his supporters were celebrating his retention of the seat of New England.

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

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### France pushes for cancer centre

Courier Mail, General News, 05/05/2025, Chris Burns, Page 9

"Dutton Slayer" Ali France has called on Premier David Crisafulli to push ahead with a specialist cancer centre she says would have improved outcomes for her late son. Henry France died at 19 last year after an 18month battle with leukaemia, during which time he gave his blessing for her to run against Opposition Leader Peter Dutton for the third time.

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

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### Racer saved by routine heart check with GP

Cairns Post, General News, 05/05/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 3

Far North Queenslanders are being urged to book in a heart check after an Atherton man's trip to the GP saved his life despite having no symptoms. [...] The Heart Foundation's national awareness campaign Heart Week runs from May 5 until May 11.

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

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### Check your pressure

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 05/05/2025, Page 11

Australians are being urged to roll up their sleeves and check their blood pressure during May as part of a national call to action to reduce the risk of stroke. Stroke Foundation's month-long campaign, Australia's Biggest Blood Pressure Check, encourages Aussies of all ages to get a health check to determine if they have high blood pressure (hypertension).

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### 'Humbled' Barnaby ready to serve

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 05/05/2025, Emma Downey, Page 2

You could have been forgiven for expecting a jubilant incumbent Member for New England. [...] According to the Cancer Council, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia.

## 'Men, get checked': Barnaby Joyce to undergo surgery for prostate cancer

Canberra Times, Other, 04/05/2025, Saffron Howden

High profile Nationals MP Barnaby Joyce is urging men to get their prostate checked as he heads into surgery after an early cancer diagnosis. [...] According to the Cancer Council, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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## Barnaby Joyce to undergo surgery after being diagnosed with early stage prostate cancer

The Guardian, Other, 04/05/2025, Alan Vaarwerk

A day after being re-elected to his seat of New England, the Nationals deputy leader, Barnaby Joyce, announced he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will undergo surgery on Monday. The former deputy prime minister, 58, told the ABC he had not experienced any symptoms, but that his doctor had recommended he take a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test.

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## Early specialist and endoscopic referral could improve outcomes for patients with gastro-oesophageal cancer

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025

The incidence of types of stomach and oesophageal cancers is rising in Western societies and younger populations, making these conditions significant public health issues. In Australia, in 2024 the age-standardised incidence for stomach cancer was 7.6 per 100 000 persons and 5.1 per 100 000 persons for oesophageal cancers.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Warnings on dyslexia eye exercises 'myth'

Age, General News, 05/05/2025, Bridie Smith, Page 2

Parents are being cautioned against falling for the "myth" that eye exercises can treat children struggling with reading, as experts warn the unproven treatments are a waste of money that could harm students' academic progress. Eye and vision exercises, using coloured lenses, wearing weak glasses and even hopping on one leg towards a target are among the therapies advocated by a branch of optometry known as behavioural optometry, which links "eye tracking" issues to reading difficulties such as dyslexia.

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### Birth of new way on trauma

Herald Sun, General News, 05/05/2025, Robyn Riley, Page 15

One in three mums suffers psychological trauma due to childbirth, but experts say there is hope if it is identified early and compassionately managed. Victorian specialist anaesthetist Priya Rao will present a framework for her colleagues, along with a post-delivery "check in" tool called PILAR, at an international conference in Queensland on Tuesday.

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## ED care in a patient's own home

West Australian, General News, 05/05/2025, Jessica Page, Page 10

Expert emergency care could be just a video call away, under a State Government plan to ease pressure on Perth hospitals. A major upgrade of the WA Virtual Emergency Department will be announced on Monday, as part of a \$47 million funding boost, with all adult callers to the 24/7 Healthdirect helpline to be referred to WAVED without needing to attend an ED.

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## Medicare and health focus put Labor in the driving seat what now?

Sunday Tasmanian, Edition Changes, 04/05/2025, Page 2

A second-term Albanese government promises to deliver interesting times for Tasmania, with two more local voices inside the Labor Party room but presenting fresh challenges for the state government. As the count continued on Saturday night, it became apparent early on that the sentiment of voters was against Liberals, and their leader Peter Dutton.

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## Charlie takes a stand against 'harmful' school practices

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 05/05/2025, Jonathon Magrath, Page 5

A 12-year-old Bendigo student is campaigning to end "ableist" teaching practices which he says are harmful to many neurodivergent children. Charlie, an autistic and ADHD student, said the practice of "whole body listening" made school difficult for him, leading to anxiety and not wanting to go to school.

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## The companies that are winners and losers from Labor's landslide victory

Australian Financial Review, Other, 04/05/2025, Elouise Fowler

Labor's decisive return to government in a landslide victory, which has positioned it strongly for a possible third term, means Australian companies can expect more industrial relations and environmental legislation reforms.

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## Fad or fix?: Experts split on health benefits of nasal strips

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/05/2025, Tyson Jackson

It was a TikTok trend that has now become the hot wellness trend of 2025 – but experts and devotees are divided over whether taping is a fad that will stick. Placed over the bridge of your nose, mouth or even both, either before bed or during exercise routines, taping regimens have flooded social media, with influencers and even professional athletes claiming it can help fix mouth breathing, stop snoring or improve skin elasticity.

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

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## New service to help Tasmanian GPs respond to patients experiencing family and sexual violence

The Mercury, Other, 04/05/2025, Amelia Swan

A new pilot program to assist GPs and medical practice staff in identifying and supporting patients experiencing family and sexual violence will be rolled out across Tasmania this week. The free service, commissioned by Primary Health Tasmania under federal government funding, brings together Engender Equality, Laurel House, and the Sexual Assault Support Service to support practice staff in the next steps of their patient's care.

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## State Government to announce upgrade to WA Virtual Emergency Department as part of \$47m funding boost

West Australian, Other, 05/05/2025, Jessica Page

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## What changes in Australia under an Albanese Labor government after election wipe-out

NEWS.com.au, Other, 04/05/2025, Duncan Evans, Jessica Wang, Hannah Moore & Joseph Olbrycht-Palmer

Anthony Albanese will lead a majority Labor government in a second term after securing a convincing majority in the federal election. [...] \$8.5bn to boost bulk-billing: Labor has made an \$8.5bn Medicare pledge aimed at supercharging bulk-billing rates at GPs.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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## What are Labor's core values, and what have they promised?

ABC Online, Other, 04/05/2025

Labor will form a majority government after Anthony Albanese claimed a historic second term as prime minister in the federal election. [...] Throughout Albanese's time on the campaign trail, there was one little thing that rarely left his side: a Medicare card.

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## 'We must be alert to complacency': inside Victoria's push to extend abortion access

The Guardian, Other, 04/05/2025, Benita Kolovos

In a grey Monday morning outside the State Library in Melbourne's CBD, there's little to suggest anything out of the ordinary – no protests, no placards, no media. But stream of women – and a few men – are making their way inside for what is, in fact, a landmark event. "How extraordinary it is," says former Victorian health minister and MC Jill Hennessy, "to come to a symposium about abortion as healthcare in the state of Victoria, [and] that this isn't some secret meeting held down in an underground tunnel where women plot to ensure our health rights are recognised."

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## People are 'microdosing' weight-loss drugs. A GP explains what to watch out for

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025

Injectable medications originally developed for the treatment of diabetes are also effective for weight loss, and have surged in popularity for this purpose around the world. In Australia, Ozempic is approved for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, while Wegovy is approved for weight management.

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## Mandatory reporting: still a barrier to treatment for mental health

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025

Despite changes to mandatory reporting obligations in 2018, many Australian doctors remain hesitant to seek treatment for mental health concerns, fearing they might be reported to the regulator. Dispelling this perception is vital to ensure doctors seek treatment when they need it.

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## Re-evaluating antidepressant prescribing in primary care

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025



Antidepressants are being overprescribed, but there is limited guidance for general practitioners or their patients when it comes to stopping the medication. A perspective published in the Medical Journal of Australia has called for a re-evaluation of antidepressant prescribing in primary care.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 04/05/2025, Fauziah Ibrahim & Celina Edmonds

Interview with Monash University's Centre for Health Economics professor Anthony Scott, discussing the viability of Labor's healthcare-related election promises and how those will be implemented. On mental health, Prof Scott welcomes the funding pledges but stresses the need for more mental health professionals. He also discussed concerns by GPs who deem bulk billing not financially rewarding despite Medicare's aim to reduce patient costs. Prof Scott says Medicare needs to adapt to changing demographic and structural changes, which it has failed to do so for the past 40 years.

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

### Oh baby, thanks to midwives

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 05/05/2025, Jessica Antoniou, Page 2

A pilot program enabling nurses to train as midwives while remaining in their workplaces has proven successful for nurses across WA, including one Esperance local who has shared her journey for International Day of the Midwife. After working as a nurse for 14 years, Eleanor Jones acted on her dream to become a midwife and studied midwifery thanks to WA Country Health Service's pilot program which started in February 2023.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Government threatens nurses

Courier Mail, General News, 05/05/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 1

The Queensland government has threatened to strip tens of thousands of frontline nurses and midwives of their backpay if they dare exercise their legal right to protected strike action. The Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union slammed the "unprecedented" ultimatum that resulted from the latest wage negotiations that have continued two months after their contract expired.

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### Cash boost coming for millions of Australians after Anthony Albanese wins the election: What you will be getting

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 04/05/2025, Stephen Johnson

Aussies are set to get a cash boost following Labor's resounding election victory. Increasing its majority in parliament thanks to its massive win, Labor has gained a second term with a plan to enable all first-

home buyers to get into the property market with a five per cent mortgage deposit - regardless of their income.

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## Shepparton's healthcare housing on the way

Shepparton News Online, Other, 04/05/2025, Monique Preston

Work is under way at Goulburn Valley Health to build 33 apartments to house healthcare professionals. Victorian Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes visited the Monash St site on Friday, May 2, to see how works were progressing on the apartments.

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## TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

### Government lists life-changing epilepsy drug fenfluramine on PBS

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/05/2025, Holly Truelove

Four year-old Layla's cheeky grin hides the battle she's bravely fought for almost her entire life, but now there's an extra reason to smile. The little girl was diagnosed with Dravet syndrome, a rare form of epilepsy, after experiencing her first seizure during a nappy change aged just 5½ months old.

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### Channel 10, 10 News First (Weekend) , 04/05/2025, Chris Bath

The anti-epileptic seizure drug fenfluramine has been added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, effective 1 May. Paediatric neurology research chair Prof Ingrid Scheffer says it's the result of a 10-year push to include it in the scheme. Channel 10 spoke with the family of Baby Layla, who suffers from Dravet syndrome—a severe form of epilepsy. They're glad families who are in a similar situation will no longer have to pay \$60,000 per year to treat their children.

*Report continues on:* [Channel 10 \(Perth\)](#).

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### Deepfake technology exploited a well known endocrinologist's trust and authority. Can the industry avoid deepfakes?

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025

Late last year, an AI-generated video faked the image of a well known endocrinologist and spread dangerous medical advice on Facebook. [...] It is possible that a person makes a complaint to the TGA or to AHPRA [the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency] that I was promoting clinical falsehoods.

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## SPORT

### Legal bid to stop Games stadium in its tracks

The Australian, General News, 05/05/2025, Mackenzie Scott, Page 9

Opponents of the Olympic stadium planned for Brisbane's Victoria Park plan to pursue legal action to stop construction despite new Queensland laws designed to fast-track and protect key Games projects. The Crisafulli government on Thursday introduced changes to the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021 to override council and state planning laws, claiming it is needed to ensure the \$7.1bn rollout of venues is not impeded ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympics.

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### River ceremony out for Brisbane Games: Liveris

Australian Financial Review, General News, 05/05/2025, James Hall & Zoe Samios, Page 15

Athletes cruising along the Seine, acrobats on water and chaotic riverbank crowds were a spectacular and revolutionary way to open last year's Olympic Games, setting a new bar for host cities to showcase.

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### Howzat! \$2m cricket boost

Northern Territory News, General News, 05/05/2025, Gera Kazakov & Nathaniel Chambers, Page 3

Northern Territory cricket is getting a multimillion-dollar boost for the next four years, in what the sport's boss is calling a "huge day for cricket". Announced at Albrecht Oval in Larapinta, west of Alice Springs, on Friday, the NT CLP government will commit \$2m in funding to the sport over the next four years.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Just don this X-ray blanket ...

Herald Sun, General News, 05/05/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 15

University of Queensland researchers will kick off the first phase of development of a wearable X-ray aimed at making lung screening more comfortable for babies and young children. Using light conversion technology made of flexible glass material, Associate Professor Jingwei Hou developed an image detector to create accurate pictures of children's lungs.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Construction work begins on new community health centre at Warrawong

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 04/05/2025, Natalie Croxon

Construction has started on the new Warrawong Community Health Centre, a hub that will bring together multiple services under one roof. The new centre is part of the \$780 million new Shellharbour

Hospital and integrated services project, and will be located at the northeast corner of the Port Kembla Hospital site.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### **What is responsible for the extraordinary melioidosis season in Cairns this wet season?**

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 05/05/2025

Melioidosis is endemic in Cairns, with the number of cases increasing since 2015 (here and here). This year, however, there has been an extraordinary season, with more than four times the number of cases in Cairns already than in any prior year.

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