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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The **[Saturday Age](#)** (page 1) reports that Victorians are waiting up to 11 months for public hospital scans due to staff shortages and limited imaging equipment, delaying diagnosis and treatment, with a federal health department spokesman saying there are currently 108 Medicare-eligible MRI machines in Victoria, with full Medicare eligibility for all metropolitan MRIs set by July 1, 2027.
- The **[Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 5) reports that a parliamentary inquiry in South Australia has heard residents detail their negative experiences with the Yorke and Lower North Health Network, with one family expressing their grief after their grandfather was wrongfully sent home from Wallaroo Hospital.
- The **[Hobart Mercury](#)** (page 1) reports that Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch acting secretary Phoebe Mansell has said state government cutbacks have led to critical food items, including bread, milk, juice, yoghurt and sandwiches, being frequently unavailable for patients at the Royal Hobart Hospital.
- The **[Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 8) reports that NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey has drafted new provisions to workers' compensation laws making it more difficult for people with psychological injuries to access long-term medical treatment and benefits.

- The [**Adelaide Advertiser**](#) (page 21) reports that SA Health Minister Chris Picton has indicated the state government may continue to use hotels to accommodate patients as it attempts to “fix” the ongoing issue of ambulance ramping, with new data showing 80 patients have used the Pullman Adelaide hotel on Hindmarsh Square over the last two months.
- The [**Herald Sun**](#) (page 34) reports that Catholic Health Australia has called for an expansion in hospital-in-the-home care, saying Australians’ access to home treatment is falling behind comparable nations.
- [**Northern Territory News**](#) (page 13) reports that more than a dozen sites around Australia are set to trial a world-leading experimental dementia drug designed to delay or even stop the onset of the disease, with RMH Cognitive Neurology lead Professor Amy Brodtmann, saying, if successful, it would “transform treatment”.
- The [**Herald Sun**](#) (page 30) features an opinion piece by Professor Alan Trounson AO from the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, in which he calls for an increase in funding for the treatment of ovarian cancer and endometriosis, saying the government needs to provide “clear direction and resources”.
- [**ABC News Online**](#) reports that health authorities have urged West Australians to vaccinate against influenza and RSV, after new data from the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance revealed the state had the lowest rate of flu jab uptake for people aged under 65.
- [**ABC News Online**](#) reports that representatives of Tamworth Regional Council and local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations on Friday officially launched an “historic” partnership aimed at embedding Closing the Gap targets into local government processes.

MINISTER BUTLER

Aly to be promoted into cabinet, PM calls for unity

AFR Weekend, General News, 10/05/2025, Phillip Coorey, Page 4

Mark Butler is expected to retain the health portfolio.

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Michelle Rowland could replace Mark Dreyfus as attorney general, as speculation over Labor reshuffle swirls

The Guardian, Other, 09/05/2025, Tom Mcilroy

Mark Butler, the health minister and a close ally of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, said he would serve in whatever role the prime minister offered him. He told Sky News he felt for Dreyfus and Husic after they were dumped from cabinet.

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If bulk billing is worth \$400k, the government should prove it

Health Services Daily, Other, 09/05/2025, Max Mollenkopf

I've heard that line dozens of times in private surgeon waiting rooms. No one flinches.. [...] Recently re-elected federal health minister Mark Butler suggested GPs could earn over \$400,000 a year by bulk billing alone.

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Things looking more positive for Butler as caucus meets

Health Services Daily, Other, 09/05/2025, Cate Swannell

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The Medical Republic, Other, 09/05/2025, Louise Stone

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 09/05/2025, Olivia Caisley

Interview with Health Minister Mark Butler. Compere mentions that Nationals Senator Matt Canavan is looking to run for the Nationals' leadership position. Butler ridicules both Sussan Ley and Angus Taylor, who he calls, are not offering a path forward for their party, in regards to their aim to run for the Liberals' leadership.

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Sky News Live, Newsday, 09/05/2025, Kieran Gilbert

Interview with Health Minister Mark Butler. Butler points out that they still have much more to do in Medicare. He states that their caucus is currently diverse from ethnic backgrounds and age spectrum.

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MINISTER WELLS

Labor's caucus cruelty as Marles wields knife to be liquidator in chief

The Saturday Age, General News, 10/05/2025, David Crowe, Page 13

Mark Dreyfus took a phone call on Wednesday night that made it clear he would lose his job within days. [...] As recently as January, for instance, Queensland Right member Anika Wells was promoted into cabinet in her portfolio of aged care.

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DEPARTMENT

Patients waiting months for vital medical scans

The Saturday Age, General News, 10/05/2025, Henrietta Cook, Page 1

Victorians are waiting almost a year for medical scans at public hospitals due to staff shortages and a lack of imaging equipment. [...] The union blames the delays on a national shortage of radiographers, radiologists and sonographers, as well as the federal health department not granting enough MRI licences.

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Opinion: 'care' is now a non-negotiable for village operators – and Government

The Weekly Source, Other, 09/05/2025, Lauren Broomham

Assisted living is emerging as the sustainable future for retirement and aged care providers – but fixing the home care crisis must be the priority. [...] From 1 July, the Department of Health and Aged Care will begin trialling Shared Care in retirement villages – pooling Home Care Package funding to pay for shared services like an on-site nurse.

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Almost 500 WA GPs to pay back money incorrectly claimed through Medicare

Medical Forum, Other, 09/05/2025

A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Aged Care told Medical Forum more than 5800 letters were being sent to health practitioners around the country in regard to "potential non-compliance". A total of 488 of those letters are destined for WA GPs.

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VACCINES

Port Hedland council debates COVID-19 motion at May meeting

West Australian, Other, 09/05/2025, Cain Andrews

The debate around the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines reared its head once again at the Town of Port Hedland ordinary council meeting on May 7. While debating a motion to accept the minutes of the annual general electors' meeting in March, Cr Camilo Blanco put forward an alternative motion that would see several motions from that meeting return to the council for debate.

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The difference between aged care homes, retirement villages

Daily Liberal, General News, 10/05/2025, Noel Whittaker, Page 59

From 1 July, aged care homes will be allowed to charge an exit fee - up to 10 per cent over five years. It's another step towards making them look more like retirement villages. Ironically, over the past decade, many retirement villages have been trying to look more like aged care homes. Both offer accommodation and some level of support, but the similarities end there.

Also reported by: [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#).

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Lead the change toward holistic care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/05/2025, Natasha Egan

Delivering a holistic approach to healthy ageing requires a shift in thinking in the aged care sector, but the results will be worth it, says Bond University's Dr Justin Keogh. [...] "To be healthy, you need to look at not just the absence of disease, but other aspects of physical, mental, social, and maybe spiritual health, for different people," he said.

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Inside Seasons Seniors' Living's bold push to reshape assisted living in Queensland

The Weekly Source, Other, 09/05/2025, Lauren Broomham

As traditional aged care models struggle to keep up with rising demand, Queensland-based Seasons Seniors' Living is doubling down on its flexible, integrated approach – rolling out a \$400 million pipeline of new assisted living communities across the state. Seasons Seniors' Living is betting on assisted living as the future of retirement living – and it's putting that vision into action with a major \$400 million pipeline of new developments across Queensland.

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Automation: the new financial future for aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 09/05/2025, Lauren Broomham

As the aged care sector prepares for the shift to the new Aged Care Act, funding and financial management are emerging as critical pressure points for providers. With tight margins and increased administrative burden, the drive to automate financial processes has become more than a convenience – it's now a strategic imperative.

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So you want to deliver assisted living? Seven strategies for success

The Weekly Source, Other, 09/05/2025, Lauren Broomham

From defining your model to mastering integration, here's what it takes to make assisted living work. As residents enter retirement villages later in life and with higher care needs, the demand for accommodation options that go beyond traditional independent living is growing. Assisted living is emerging as a key growth area – but it's not without its challenges.

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Executive spotlight

The Weekly Source, Other, 09/05/2025, Lauren Broomham

Over 3,000 operators provide retirement living, aged care and support in the home to more than 1.5 million older Australians. 360,000 staff and 100,000 suppliers are engaged every day. It's a \$30 billion a year sector delivering vital services for our older citizens.

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This common condition may lead to a 25 per cent higher chance of developing dementia, study shows

For many Australians, there is a condition commonly found on the legs. These are generally considered a nuisance but otherwise harmless—or are they? New research suggests that these could be a warning sign of something far more serious: a significantly increased risk of dementia.

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How Labor's big win could change aged care for you and your loved ones

Your Life Choices, Other, 09/05/2025, Don Turrobia

If you or someone you love is navigating the aged care system, you've probably heard a lot of promises over the years. But with Labor's recent election win, we're finally seeing some of those promises turn into action—and the changes could have a real impact on your daily life.

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POPULATION HEALTH

What it's really like on the Fast 800 diet

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/05/2025, Michael Bachelard, Page 39

It wasn't an instantaneous realisation. There had been signs. I was only looking at myself front-on in the mirror to maintain the illusion that I was still trim. The waist size in my pants had crept up. And I'd avoid glancing sideways at shop windows as I passed.

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Flu jab rates too low

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 10/05/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 22

Perth Children's Hospital infectious diseases physician Chris Blyth has urged parents to get their children vaccinated against the potentially deadly respiratory diseases RSV and influenza as more cases are expected in the coming weeks. Between April 28 and May 4, the number of influenza cases increased by 45 per cent on the previous week to 308 cases while there were 82 people with RSV in the same week more than the same time last year.

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Knives out over cookbook scandal

Canberra Times, Panorama, 10/05/2025, Lauren Samuelsson, Page 34

The recipe was criticised as dangerous. The president of the Public Health Association of Australia said it contained over 10 times the safe daily amount of vitamin A for babies. The book's publication was delayed and the recipe modified before the book was released.

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It's a crime to keep locking up our kids

Canberra Times, General News, 10/05/2025, Juliana Warner, Page 43

Jurisdictions around the country are proving how tough they are by locking up children. [...] New data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows that in 2023-24, four in five, or 80 per cent, of young people in detention on an average day were actually unsentenced - that is their participation in a crime had not yet been proven in a court of law.

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Sexually transmitted diseases on the rise

Border Mail, General News, 10/05/2025, Taylor Dodge, Page 29

Women of reproductive age across the Riverina are being urged to keep on top of their sexual health testing with syphilis and gonorrhoea rates on a steep incline. Murrumbidgee Local Health District

clinical nurse consultant Lauren Coelli said there was an upward trend in syphilis and gonorrhoea nationally, statewide and at a local level, with chlamydia notifications remaining at a steady high.

Also reported by: [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#).

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How the Ozempic hormone works – and ways to increase it naturally

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/05/2025, Emily Craig

They have been the most talked-about drugs of the past decade, maybe even the century.

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RSV and Flu season: WA health experts warn vaccination rates lagging behind rest of country ahead of winter

West Australian, Other, 09/05/2025, Claire Sadler

WA health experts have sounded the alarm with the State's flu and RSV vaccination rates lagging behind the rest of the country in the lead up to winter. Perth Children's Hospital infectious diseases physician Chris Blyth has urged parents to get their children vaccinated against the potentially deadly respiratory diseases RSV and influenza as more cases are expected in the coming weeks.

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#).

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Rachel Matthews: As birth rate drops, a reminder that motherhood isn't womanhood

West Australian, Other, 09/05/2025, Rachel Matthews

Australia's fertility rate sits at a historic low of 1.6 births per woman, part of a global shift. In Japan, 27 per cent of women aged 40–44 are childless; in Germany, 21 per cent. Yet cultural scripts lag. A 2023 Melbourne University study found 68 per cent of childless women over 40 face assumptions they're "lonely" or "selfish", compared to just 12 per cent of men.

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West Australians urged to book free flu vaccination as state lags behind rest of country

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2025, Cason Ho

Health authorities are urging West Australians to vaccinate against influenza and RSV, as the state lags behind the rest of the country in flu jab uptake. WA has the lowest percentage of people under the age of 65 who have received the flu vaccination, according to data from the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance.

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Ultrasound diagnosis could lead to faster treatment of endometriosis

The Guardian, Other, 10/05/2025, Natasha May

People showing symptoms suggestive of endometriosis should be offered diagnosis options such as ultrasound so they receive treatment sooner, according to updated guidelines. Endometriosis can take years to be diagnosed, as it has previously required waiting for a surgical procedure to make the diagnosis.

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RFDS warns of booming flu season

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 09/05/2025, Em Jensen

As the state sees flu cases exceed 20,000, the Royal Flying Doctor's Service is urging the public to get vaccinated to help stop the spread this flu season. Between January 1 and April 6, 2025, New South Wales has reported 20,350 laboratory-confirmed influenza cases, even before 'flu season' begins.

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Vaccines 'are more effective' if given in the same arm

Medical Forum, Other, 09/05/2025

A study led by the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and the Kirby Institute at the University of New South Wales has found booster vaccinations to be more effective when administered in the same arm as the initial dose. Published in the journal Cell, the new insight could help improve future vaccination strategies.

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More families now able to access flu vaccines from pharmacists across NSW

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 09/05/2025

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) welcomes the New South Wales Government announcement allowing pharmacists to administer influenza vaccines to people from two years of age, calling on all health care professionals to play their role in boosting immunisation rates across the state. With influenza coverage declining for those aged 6 months to 5 years, all qualified immunisers, including GPs, nurse practitioners and pharmacists, play an important role in encouraging influenza vaccine uptake, making sure our most vulnerable are protected.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Meet our miracle mums

Daily Telegraph, Weekend, 10/05/2025, Lisa Mayoh, Page 1

It was always Savannah Mckell's dream to become a mum. But, diagnosed with cystic fibrosis as a child, she knew it wasn't going to be easy.

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

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Suffering in silence: Women deserve nation's help

Herald Sun, General News, 10/05/2025, Alan Trounson, Page 30

Ovarian cancer and endometriosis are critical women's health issues that carry devastating effects. Yet despite their widespread impact, both conditions face a lack of funding, research and treatment options.

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'There is something very special about Jenny'

Herald Sun, Weekend, 10/05/2025, Lauren Wood, Page 6

Dr Jenny Senior, one of Melbourne's most experienced breast surgeons, who treated pop star Kylie Minogue 20 years ago, is retiring. She shares memories of the job she's been passionate about for more than 50 years and encourages women who find a lump in their breast to see a doctor immediately and not be scared as breast cancer's survival rate is high if found early.

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

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Dad feels let down by system

Courier Mail, General News, 10/05/2025, Mikaela Mulveney, Page 33

A Gold Coast dad believes he has been "failed" by the health system after receiving a throat cancer diagnosis despite regular check-ups for a prior cancer. Father of three Tristan Stokes, 37, was diagnosed with spinal cancer in 2013 and had to have a vertebrae removed.

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Heart health checks ticking along

The team at Ontario Medical Clinic have put aside dedicated appointment times this month to focus on patients' cardiovascular health. The clinic has made heart health checks a priority during May, to align with Heart Week, a national heart health campaign.

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Professor Richard Scolyer reveals update on brain cancer

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Heath Parkes-Hupton

A renowned pathologist whose inspiring battle against brain cancer saw him honoured as Australian of the Year has revealed his “worry” at new scans. Professor Richard Scolyer was diagnosed with an aggressive tumour in 2023 was “patient zero” in undergoing experimental treatment for his “incurable” cancer.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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What it's like to have myalgic encephalomyelitis, aka chronic fatigue

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Miriam Adler

Independent research has found we have reduced oxygen transfer to our cells, mitochondrial dysfunction which affects our ability to make energy, and many more broken body systems. They are finding more disease pathways all the time.

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

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'Difficult days ahead': former federal MP announces she is battling cancer

Canberra Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Carla Mascarenhas

Former Victorian federal MP Dr Katie Allen is battling a rare cancer called cholangiocarcinoma. Dr Allen made the announcement on social media on May 8, just days after unsuccessfully contesting the seat of Chisholm in the federal election.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#).

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Former Australian of the Year shares 'worrying update' after revealing his brain cancer is back - and shares his life advice with just months to live

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Olivia Day

Top cancer researcher Professor Richard Scolyer has said he's 'worried' about the results of the first MRI scan he's had since his stage four brain cancer returned. The 2024 Australian of the Year, 58, was diagnosed with an 'incurable' grade four brain cancer in June 2023 after he suffered headaches and seizures while on holiday.

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Many Australians unaware of blood cancer symptoms, research finds

SBS, Other, 09/05/2025, Peggy Giakoumelos

The Leukaemia Foundation says one in 12 people in Australia are at risk of being diagnosed with a blood cancer, but a lack of awareness about symptoms means many cancers go undiagnosed for longer periods. The Foundation says blood cancers are likely to overtake other cancers by 2035.

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Unleash heart health ‘secret weapon’: Guild

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/05/2025, Megan Haggan

Guild president calls for an end to the "postcode lottery" when it comes to heart health access This

Heart Week (5-11 May) the Pharmacy Guild of Australia is pressing State and Territory governments to allow community pharmacists to take a more active role in heart health management.

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GP tool aims to reduce time to pancreatic cancer diagnosis

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/05/2025, Morgan Liotta

A new digital clinical decision tool is hoped to support 'faster, more confident' decision-making and aid early diagnosis. While signs of pancreatic cancer may be subtle, recognising them in combination can aid earlier investigation or referral, an expert says.

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PRIMARY CARE

NDIS firm's victims left on the street

Weekend Australian, General News, 10/05/2025, David Murray, Page 1

Three women with complex disabilities, each requiring around-the-clock care, went out one morning in 2023 for their regular hydrotherapy session with their team of support workers. When they arrived back to their single-level, purpose-built house just hours later, they found they no longer had a home.

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

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Challenge of the albanese ascendancy

Weekend Australian, General News, 10/05/2025, Paul Kelly, Page 1

The remarkable election result signals long-term political and cultural ramifications Australian life and politics have entered a new experiment. [...] Albanese talked up his second-term agenda based on practical progressivism Labor as the party of opportunity, of private investment, of the energy transition, greater housing supply and density, in addition to universal services represented by Medicare.

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My dad's death will not be in vain

Weekend Australian, General News, 10/05/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 8

Roy Mariathas has lost his faith. It was shattered in an intensive care unit, as his mother wailed and his father's life ebbed away in a maelstrom of blood, fear and panic. It was April 2016 and Gragery Mariathas Rasiah was lying unconscious, hooked up to a heartlung machine, his chest and abdomen still open from marathon heart surgery.

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'I'm an optimist': health chief's hospital hopes

AFR Weekend, General News, 10/05/2025, Michael Smith, Page 37

The man who runs one of Australia's biggest hospital operators reckons he has a cure for an ailing system, and it doesn't involve more beds.

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

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The longest wish list

The Saturday Paper, General News, 10/05/2025, Frank Bongiorno, Page 11

To be fair, the government has already put a fair bit on the table. None of it amounts to structural reform. There is a boost of \$8.5 billion to Medicare intended to make bulk-billing more readily available, as well as an expansion of the urgent-care clinic network and telehealth services.

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Low-key locals wore out shoe leather to snap up Libs' seats

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/05/2025, Alexandra Smith, Page 10

In southern Sydney, David Moncrieff, the new federal Labor MP for Hughes, and Zhi Soon, now the Labor member for the neighbouring electorate of Banks, have two things in common. [...] He says Labor's commitment to roll out more urgent care clinics was popular in Banks a "tangible" policy, he says but Soon believes his lifelong ties to the electorate won him the seat.

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Mushroom accused's son talks

The Saturday Age, General News, 10/05/2025, Erin Pearson, Page 1

The son of alleged mushroom lunch killer Erin Patterson described the relationship between his parents as "very negative". Patterson's parents-in-law, Don and Gail Patterson, and Gail's sister, Heather Wilkinson, died from mushroom poisoning after eating a lunch of beef Wellington at the accused woman's Leongatha home on July 29, 2023.

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For one week a month I'd be in agony ... it was brushed off

Herald Sun, General News, 10/05/2025, Ashleigh Gleeson, Page 30

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Associate Professor Magdalena Simonis said it was important that doctors checked someone's history before prescribing oral contraceptives. "If they have a history of depression, mental health issues or Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder then they might be really sensitive to the progesterone in the pill," she said, adding it was not common and many women took the pill safely without complications.

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Less home care factor

Herald Sun, General News, 10/05/2025, Page 34

Australians' access to hospital-in-the-home care is falling behind comparable nations. Catholic Health Australia says 5 per cent of Australian patients are treated at home compared with 20 per cent in the UK.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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Stitches and then death of grandpa

Adelaide Advertiser, Edition Changes, 10/05/2025, Erin Jones, Page 5

A family's grief over their grandfather who died after he was sent home from Wallaroo Hospital with "a couple of stitches" after a serious head injury is among harrowing experiences with Yorke Peninsula health services detailed to a parliamentary inquiry. Residents told of experiences with the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network in a bid for more staff and expanded services, particularly at the 21-bed Wallaroo Hospital.

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

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'Perfect' five-star solution to ease ramping crisis

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 10/05/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 21

Ashleigh Mann is one of dozens of people enjoying health care in a five-star hotel courtesy of SA Health as part of the state government's attempts to "fix" ambulance ramping. Ms Mann, 46, from Richmond, fell at home and spent nine days in the Royal Adelaide Hospital with a fractured femur.

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

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'He just wants to provide love': pooches helping patients

Canberra Times, General News, 10/05/2025, Megan Doherty, Page 5

A five-year study has revealed therapy dogs who spend time in the intensive care unit of the Canberra Hospital lower the anxiety of patients and may also have a role to play in pain management. Therapy dogs have been used in the hospital since 2018, paid for by the Canberra Hospital Foundation.

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Mater staff in firing line

Newcastle Herald, General News, 10/05/2025, Donna Page & Jessica Belzycki, Page 1

After five assaults in 24 hours in the emergency department, which has left one nurse still off work, staff at Calvary Mater Newcastle have had enough. In the same 24 hours this week, there were nine code blacks called in the ED, a desperate cry for security in response to a potentially dangerous situation.

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Vital to think 'outside the box' on parking

Weekend Post, General News, 10/05/2025, Leena Singh, Page 6

On any day, upwards of 2000 people may clock in to work at our hospital, made up of clinical, operational and administrative staff, all of whom put in a mammoth effort to ensure the hospital can effectively care for the thousands of people who visit us daily and the more than 500 people who stay with us. The unfortunate truth is, there just isn't enough vacant land to provide car parking for everyone.

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The five key moments that won Labor the election

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/05/2025, Ronald Mizen

The Medicare bulk billing announcement in Launceston in late February was not originally part of Labor's plans, according to one strategist.

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South Australia using luxury hotel to manage overflow of hospital patients

9News, Other, 09/05/2025, keziah Sullivan

A floor of a luxury Adelaide hotel is being used to house hospital patients as the state's health system struggles to deal with increased pressures. [...] However, the South Australian branch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) is concerned about the approach.

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Paramedics claim supporting a controversial new trial will put crucial specialists at risk

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Caitlin Powell

A paramedic was running on fumes after working 14 hours e-mail NSW paramedics have refused to take part in a pilot initiative aimed at offering a 'rapid response' for mental health patients. The action has been launched by the NSW Ambulance's Mental Health Clinician Responder Team (MHCRT).

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Pharmacy has more to offer

Shepparton News Online, Other, 09/05/2025, Sharlene Baldo

In response to the dire need for medical services, a statewide initiative that aims to test the expanding role of community pharmacies will continue in Victoria. Data from Insightfully reveals 19 per cent of regional Victorians are waiting over three weeks to see a GP, with 15 per cent resorting to emergency departments for help with everyday conditions.

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Apology issued after ambo wait

NSW Ambulance has publicly apologised after an elderly Tocumwal man waited 40 minutes for emergency care. Peter Enever, 81, was looking for garden fittings in his neighbour's shed when he collapsed and smacked his head on the concrete floor.

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Timeframe put on hospital building construction, but can this date be met?

The Border Mail, Other, 09/05/2025, Anthony Bunn

On-site works to erect a new building on the north-east corner of Albury hospital are tipped to begin next month, according to official documentation released on Friday, May 9. The review of environmental factors report for the Northeast building near the corner of Borella Road and East Street outlines project details and coincides with public consultation sessions planned for Albury and Wodonga shopping centres on Thursday, May 15.

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Australia's first 'Dr Pharmacy' course set to launch in WA

Medical Forum, Other, 09/05/2025

With the roles of many pharmacists evolving beyond simply dispensing medication, UWA has developed an Australian-first program specifically for pharmacists to deliver more specialised services, but doctors remain concerned. The university will offer Australia's first Doctor of Pharmacy Practice, a one-year online program designed specifically for registered pharmacists seeking to enhance their qualifications and expand their scope of practice.

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Street Side Medics expands GP-led clinics

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/05/2025, Michelle Wisbey

Chronic disease screening, immunisations, pathology, surgical procedures and referrals to other specialists – the GPs at Street Side Medics offer a life-saving service for those who are often forgotten. The not-for-profit, GP-led mobile medical service provides healthcare for people experiencing homelessness.

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Channel 9, A Current Affair, 09/05/2025, Deborah Knight

A new healthcare pilot programme in Vic is bringing frontline medical treatment. The programme aims to give patients a greater sense of security and is freeing up hospital beds.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 09/05/2025, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

Nine News shows the Pullman Hotel in Adelaide, which is being used as an "overflow" for the crowded hospitals. Dr John Williams, Australian Medical Association, says this is not a long-term solution, as SA needs more aged care beds.

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

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Laws that 'led to self-harm' may get tougher

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/05/2025, Michael McGowan, Page 8

NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey is proposing to toughen workers' compensation laws he vowed to repeal before the last state election, despite previously describing them as "arbitrary" and warning they were leading people to self-harm. Despite pushback from unions, medical experts and the legal

fraternity, the government yesterday released the draft of its bill to overhaul workers' compensation laws.

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Compo's not so easy for workers

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/05/2025, Elizabeth Pike & James O'Doherty, Page 5

Compensation payments for psychological injuries will cut off two and a half years earlier unless an injured worker can prove they will be significantly impaired for life under a plan to overhaul the workers compensation scheme. [...] According to the exposure draft, payments for psychological injuries also would be cut off after two and a half years unless a worker has an "impairment" threshold greater than 30 per cent.

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Ambos fight mental health care unit

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/05/2025, Page 15

Some of NSW's most specialist paramedics have launched workplace action as the paramedics union seeks to challenge the rollout of a new mental health unit trial it claims will put staff safety at risk. Paramedics have vowed not to support the Mental Health Co-Response Team trial, due to start on May 12, including the reallocation of resources or participating in training, saying it would redirect specialised operations paramedics away from critical rescue and high-risk responses.

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'It's a tough world at the moment'

Canberra Times, General News, 10/05/2025, Lanie Tindale, Page 32

When Ben Alexander started to struggle with his mental health, his former employer referred him to psychological help. The former Brumbies player managed to prevent a downward spiral in his mental health, but hundreds of Canberra men have not been as fortunate. More than twice as many males died by suicide in the ACT between 2019 and 2023 than females.

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

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Mental health message on the road as advocate tours film

Central Western Daily, General News, 10/05/2025, Jamieson Murphy, Page 13

The stigma around mental health is "still alive and well" in part of regional Australia, mental health advocate Craig Hamilton says as he prepares to take his documentary on a rural road show. Dungog was be the first stop for The Promise, before film airs in Orange (May 15), Bathurst (May 16) and Dubbo (May 17) over three consecutive nights, in partnership with the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP).

Also reported by: [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#).

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League-wide push catalyst to 'drive change'

Western Advocate, General News, 10/05/2025, Bradley Jurd, Page 3

Lewis Bird is well aware victims of domestic violence or people struggling with their mental health often feel alone. He's seen it first hand. Mr Bird has come across some of the NRL's biggest names doing it tough while in his former job as the wellbeing officer at the Parramatta Eels.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#).

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Paramedics union claims new mental health trial will put 'crucial' specialists at risk

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Nathan Schmidt

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Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Colac Otway mayor says fire service levy will put farmers mental health at risk

Northern Territory News, Other, 09/05/2025, Eddie Russell

Colac Otway mayor Jason Schram has slammed a proposed state government tax, saying the financial burden could increase the rate of suicides amongst already struggling farmers. It comes a week after Geelong mayor Stretch Kontelj wrote to Premier Jacinta Allan urging her to not to implement the emergency services and volunteers fund set to take effect in July.

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Joel Cauchi called police 15 months before the Bondi Junction attack. Officers say it was a 'missed opportunity'

The Guardian, Other, 10/05/2025, Jordyn Beazley

Of the five Queensland police officers who appeared before the inquest this week, two had responded to Cauchi's call for help the day he alleged his dad stole his knives. They were each asked by senior counsel assisting Peggy Dwyer SC if they agreed with a psychiatrists assessment that this moment was a "missed opportunity". They all did.

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Donate to increase support for farmers

Shepparton News Online, Other, 09/05/2025

his tax time, Rural Aid is calling on every Australian to take action to support farmers. Its No Farmer Stands Alone campaign asks Australians to make a donation to help fund programs critical for ongoing mental health services, offer crisis counselling, and ensure farmers have someone to turn to when it matters most.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 09/05/2025, Leon Delaney

Interview with Ben Gathercole, CEO, Menslink. Compere says the ACT Government has announced that a Legislative Assembly Committee inquiry that aims to look at the high rate of male suicides. Gathercole points out that any deaths from suicide are horrible, no matter the gender. He explains that there's currently no defining reason why suicide rates are high, but there are stacking small reasons.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Conscience for Greens, not for our midwives

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/05/2025, Vikki Campion, Page 31

Humans have done the most atrocious things when they have been denied the ability to follow their conscience. Yet, politicians next week will get a conscience vote on whether to stop doctors and midwives from using their consciences on whether a late-term abortion is medically required.

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

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Hunger pains

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/05/2025, David Killick, Page 1

Patients calling Uber Eats Shock claims of food shortages on wards as state cutbacks bite Hungry

patients at the Royal Hobart Hospital are resorting to ordering food deliveries by Uber Eats after government cutbacks stripped ward pantries bare. [...] Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch acting secretary Phoebe Mansell said nurses and midwives were reporting critical items like bread, milk, juice, yoghurt and sandwiches were frequently unavailable, leaving patients without appropriate nutrition.

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Nurses bring life to their own nursery

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 10/05/2025, Page 9

Five Ayr Health Service nurses have welcomed new babies within the space of eight weeks, with another expected to arrive "any day". Ayr Health Service acting nurse unit manager Ainsley Ferrando said the "Ayr-mazing" coincidence was an "exciting time for the whole service" in the Burdekin.

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Hospital's walk of shame

Weekend Post, General News, 10/05/2025, Emma Cam, Page 1

Nurses in Cairns are considering quitting their jobs because they don't feel safe walking to their cars, with one woman treated in emergency after she was attacked. Of the 530 nurse respondents in a recent survey by the Nurses' Professional Association of Queensland, a shocking 50 per cent reported no external security measures in place, such as duress alarms.

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Ayr Health Service: Five Burdekin nurses welcome five new babies

Cairns Post, Other, 09/05/2025

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Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Great jobs within reach

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/05/2025, Lauren Ahwan, Page 70

Most Australians would be surprised by the range of careers that don't require a university degree, says Indeed career expert Sally McKibbin. [...] In NSW, for example, paramedics can choose to undertake either a degree or a one-year on-the-job training program. In all other states, a degree is mandatory, McKibbin says.

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

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Remote health still in sickly state

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 10/05/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 34

The number of specialists working in rural Western Australia has increased in the last year but more remote communities are still missing out. According to a Rural Health West survey, medical specialists based in rural WA rose to 205 in 2024, up from 193 the previous year.

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

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For Steven, and all paramedics

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 10/05/2025, Madilyn McKinley, Page 56

If passed by NSW Parliament, Steven's Law would mean an offender who has assaulted a frontline worker would serve a minimum of 12 months imprisonment. It could be served as a suspended sentence if government courses and programs to address potential drug, anger and mental health issues were completed.

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AMA 2025 Health Check: Regional junior doctors report fatigue, pay issues and support gaps in survey

West Australian, Other, 09/05/2025, Josephine Hingst Geraldton

WA's junior doctors have delivered a sobering assessment of working conditions across the WA Country Health Service, with a new report revealing widespread fatigue, patchy supervision and safety concerns in regional hospitals. The 2025 Health Check, released by the Australian Medical Association (WA), highlights serious issues facing junior medical staff working in rural and remote areas, with the latest data from 1500 doctors in training revealing little has changed since 2024.

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Doctors experience bullying, discrimination and burnout at WA hospitals

Medical Forum, Other, 09/05/2025

One in three junior doctors in Western Australia have experienced bullying, discrimination or sexual harassment at work, a new report has found. AMA (WA) surveyed 1500 doctors in training at nine employers across the State.

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First in-depth look at IMG expedited pathway's popularity

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/05/2025, Karen Burge

Six months after the controversial pathway launched for GPs, AHPRA has offered an insight into the scheme's impact and registration numbers. New figures show just how many SIMGs have been fast-tracked into general practice under the AHPRA pathway.

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Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/05/2025, Michelle Wisbey

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

What Labor's emphatic win means for your money

AFR Weekend, Smart Money, 10/05/2025, Lucy Dean & Andrew Hobbs, Page 29

It will also cut the costs of medicines listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from \$31.60 to \$25.

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ASX medtechs transforming brain diagnostics for better outcomes

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Nadine McGrath

From sporting fields to ambulances, ASX medtech innovators are pushing brain diagnostics beyond hospital walls. They are reimagining how we detect, monitor and understand brain health using real-time technologies that bring speed, precision and accessibility to the front lines of care.

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

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Long 'shopping list' as pharmacy programs agreement discussed

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/05/2025, Megan Haggan

Second Voices in Agreement session held as collaborative recommendations take shape Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) has discussed preliminary recommendation themes as the Voices in Agreement series turned attention to primary care. This discussion was part of its co-governance role toward a new pharmacy programs agreement which complements last year's 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA), says

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'We know what we're made of and we know our worth'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/05/2025, Megan Haggan

In a fiery speech to consultant pharmacists, Dr Fei Sim has outlined the challenges facing this sector and why decision-makers need to see what is "common sense" to pharmacists Pharmaceutical Society of Australia national president Dr Fei Sim acknowledged the "positive vibe" at this year's consultant pharmacist conference (CPC25) in Adelaide – but said there

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Qld pharmacy pilot milestone

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 09/05/2025

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland President Chris Owen announced yesterday that 100 community pharmacists across Queensland are now fully trained and authorised to participate in the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot. "This means there are now 100 communities across the state that have another option when it comes to receiving treatment for everyday conditions like ear infections, hormonal contraception, nausea and vomiting, and mild skin conditions," Owen said.

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Championing access to core palliative care medicines

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 09/05/2025

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is continuing its leadership in quality use of medicines as part of a new consortium led by Palliative Care Australia, set to deliver targeted education to prescribers, pharmacists and aged care nurses on critical palliative medicines. [...] PSA National President Associate Professor Fei Sim FPS said the consortium builds on PSA's continued leadership in quality of use of medicines, ensuring that pharmacists are equipped to support and meet the complex needs of palliative care patients.

Also reported by: [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 9, Today , 09/05/2025, Sarah Abo & Karl Stefanovic

Interview with John Kehoe, Economics, The Australian Financial Review. Compere says US President Donald Trump's trade war could be de-escalating after a successful meeting between Trump and the UK PM. Kehoe says the Americans want things like the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme being wound back to make it easier for Americans to sell their biosecurity restrictions.

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Matildas heading to Bunbury

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 10/05/2025, Amber Lilley & Josh Kempton, Page 1

The West Australian can reveal the national women's soccer team is expected to face Panama in Bunbury on July 5. A link to a Ticketmaster page promoting tickets for the date, and details of a 2.30pm kick-off, can be found online, but a "page not found" error blocks any further information. It is understood an announcement by the State Government confirming details of the game is imminent.

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Destiny's devil

Hobart Mercury, Weekend, 10/05/2025, Duncan Abey, Page 1

Almost as soon as AFL club presidents voted unanimously to grant Tasmania the league's 19th licence in May 2023, doubts began emerging about the island state's ability to attract and retain young athletes from around Australia. What began as whispers became mainstream news when Hawthorn skipper James Sicily told a radio interview: "I couldn't imagine myself living there. It would be hard."

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High hoops for new sports centre

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/05/2025, Sue Bailey, Page 5

A new \$28m sports centre at Claremont has moved a step closer with the government lodging a development application with the Glenorchy City Council. Sports Minister Nick Duigan said the DA lodgement highlighted the importance of the facility for local athletes and sporting clubs as well as the wider Glenorchy and Hobart communities.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Trial of dementia drug here

Northern Territory News, General News, 10/05/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 13

A world-leading experimental dementia drug designed to prevent the disease before it begins will be trialled in Australia for the first time from next month. Local researchers will test whether a new injectable drug can delay or even stop the onset of Alzheimer's disease when given to patients before they begin having noticeable symptoms.

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

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Group tests Tourette treatment

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 09/05/2025, Wade Stephens

Medicinal cannabis oil produced in Mildura has been used in a trial exploring treatment options for young people with Tourette Syndrome symptoms. Ten participants, aged 12 to 18 took part in a randomised, placebo-controlled crossover trial, under the supervision of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Howard urges Labor pokies crackdown

AFR Weekend, General News, 10/05/2025, Greg Bearup & Zoe Samios, Page 3

Indigenous leaders and gambling experts said most punters and patrons in IRIS' two Alice pubs were Indigenous. IRIS rejects the claim.

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How a Sydney billionaire struck gold in the Alice

AFR Weekend, General News, 10/05/2025, Greg Bearup & Zoe Samios, Page 32

A broad cross-section of people say poor and disadvantaged Aboriginal people are, overwhelmingly, the punters gambling in the Todd Tavern and the Gap View.

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

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Storm now unwelcome

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 10/05/2025, Ben Talintyre, Page 5

The Melbourne Storm has paid a price for its last-minute axing of the Welcome to Country ceremony at its NRL Anzac Day fixture, with major partner Victorian Aboriginal Health Services (VAHS) cutting ties with the club. VAHS said it would no longer partner with the Storm due to the club's "lack of respect and cultural sensitivity".

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Eight social homes for Greater Bendigo

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 10/05/2025, Ben Silvester, Page 3

The state government will spend \$153 million to build 348 social homes for Indigenous Victorians across the state, including in Bendigo. Homes Victoria data showed Indigenous Victorians were 10 times more likely to be waiting for social housing, compared to non-Indigenous people.

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

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'Once a nurse, always a nurse'

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 10/05/2025, Emma Downey, Page 15

When June McCauley began nursing, Gough Whitlam was Australia's Prime Minister, everyone was listening to the iconic Aussie rock band Sherbet, and bay gelding Think Big won the first of two consecutive Melbourne Cups. This year, she marked 40 years working with Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD), and while today she works in Aboriginal health in Gunnedah, her first 15 years were spent as a nurse.

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'Driving real change': Historic Mara Ngali agreement signed

The Tamworth Aboriginal community has marked a historic moment by signing the Mara Ngali Agreement between Tamworth Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (TACCO) and Tamworth Regional Council (TRC). Mara Ngali, which means "our two hands" in Gomerioi, is the first time in Australian history that a local council has signed a formal partnership with an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation to work together on Closing the Gap.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#).

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'You're a nobody': Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price in hotel confrontation

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, News.com.au

Liberal Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price has told an Aboriginal activist and mother of seven she is "nobody" after the woman confronted her in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel in Adelaide. The extraordinary scene unfolded in Adelaide on Thursday night as Senator Nampijinpa Price, who is tipped to run for the position of the Liberal Party's deputy leader, checked into the hotel on her way to Canberra.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Inmate hospitalised after alleged jail bashing, police investigation under way

Canberra Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Bageshri Savyasachi

A Canberra jail inmate has been in hospital for six days after he was allegedly assaulted by other detainees, an ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) spokesman said, confirming public claims. He said the man was seriously injured as a result of the alleged assault on Saturday, May 3, at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

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Cop tells arrested Aboriginal boy: 'You wouldn't have the guts to neck yourself'

Canberra Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Tim Piccione

Only months earlier, an ACT watch house police officer allegedly punched a 13-year-old Aboriginal girl in the face. The matter is now the subject of civil action and a complaint to internal investigators.

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Tamworth Regional Council signs 'historic' deal with Aboriginal communities to close the gap

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2025, Tahnee Jash & Liana Boss

Tamworth has become the first Australian town to launch a "historic" partnership between the local council and Aboriginal organisations that will embed Closing the Gap targets into local government processes. The Mara Ngali partnership — meaning "two hands" in the language of the Gomerioi people — was officially signed on Friday by representatives of Tamworth Regional Council and local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations.

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'Missed opportunities' for urgent psychiatric assessment of teen, coroner finds

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2025, Jordanna Schriever

A First Nations teenager experiencing mental ill-health who took his own life after being released on home detention bail "would have been better placed had he not received bail" and remained in prison, a coroner has found. The teen died on September 14, 2019, just three days after being released from the high dependency unit (HDU) in Yatala Labour Prison, in Adelaide's north, on September 11, 2019.

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Mansell calls for resurrection of national Treaty talks following Labor's landslide win

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Callan Morse

Following Labor's resounding federal election win, prominent Tasmanian Aboriginal figure Michael Mansell has called on prime minister Anthony Albanese to resurrect national Treaty talks. In acknowledging the Voice to Parliament referendum loss "spooked the Albanese government into dropping its promise for a Treaty," the former Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council chair and longtime activist says Labor's landslide election result provides an opportunity "to get Treaty talks back front and centre".

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Hundreds of new homes for Indigenous Victorians

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Dechlan Brennan

The Victorian government has announced that hundreds of new homes will be built for Indigenous people in Victoria. Part of the government's big build, Housing Minister Harriet Shing said on Friday more than \$153 million will be invested to deliver up to 348 new homes in Victoria.

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Multimillion dollar grant backs Aboriginal-led study into child injury prevention

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Joseph Guenzler

An Aboriginal-led study aiming to reduce injury rates and improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children has received a \$5 million National Health Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grant. The research, led by Flinders University, will focus on children aged 0 to 16 years who are disproportionately affected by injury, which remains the leading cause of death and third leading cause of disease burden for children in Australia.

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Proposed Katherine prison camp an “expensive and misguided” approach

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Dechlan Brennan

The building of a new prison in the Northern Territory has been labelled an "expensive and misguided" approach to the overcrowding crisis. Since being elected last year under a "tough on crime" mantra, the new CLP government has enacted sweeping bail laws, increasing the number of inmates in NT prisons dramatically, with 2,822—more than one per cent of the NT's population.

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NSW bail laws are seeing Aboriginal children locked up for crimes which don't attract jail sentences

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Dechlan Brennan

A year on from contentious bail laws being introduced in New South Wales, Aboriginal children are being locked up for crimes which don't attract jail sentences. The new bail laws introduced last year outraged youth and Indigenous advocates, as well as many in the NSW Labor party, and were labelled a "devastating betrayal of Aboriginal children in NSW" by Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) NSW chief executive Karly Warner.

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New mural highlighting Indigenous culture unveiled at Sydney's Heart Research Institute

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Phoebe Blogg

An engaging new mural highlighting Indigenous culture, community connection, and heart health was unveiled at the Heart Research Institute (HRI) in Newtown, Sydney this week. Officially unveiled on Wednesday, the new mural showcases the work of several talented First Nations creatives.

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Celebrating First Nations women leading with heart and culture

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Nicole Brown

First Nations leadership doesn't always come with a title or a spotlight — it's often felt in the quiet strength of our Elders, the fierce determination of our women, and the cultural obligation we carry to give back to our communities. As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, we walk in the footsteps of those who came before us — matriarchs who held our families, fought for justice, and kept culture alive through generations of resistance.

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Ida West scholarships support future Tasmanian Aboriginal healthcare workers

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/05/2025, Callan Morse

Ten Tasmanian Aboriginal healthcare students have been announced as recipients of the Ida West Health Scholarship in recognition of their commitment to community and caring for others. The scholarship, named after Elder and author Aunty Ida West, provides financial assistance to Tasmanian Aboriginal students completing a formal qualification at university or vocational education in a health and or human services related field.

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Pharmacy Daily, Other, 09/05/2025

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has announced the appointment of a new leadership group for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Practice (ATSIPP) Community of Specialty Interest (CSI) will be chaired by respected pharmacist and proud Nywaigi Mamu woman, Chastina Heck.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

The little-known sexually transmitted disease that can cause infertility - and it's on the rise in Australia

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/05/2025, Harrison Christian

Genital mycoplasmas linked to infertility Aussie study will test a new treatment e-mail Aussie researchers are testing a new treatment for a little-known and asymptomatic STD that has been linked with unexplained infertility. More than 200 couples will take part in the study by the University of Western Australia , with a focus on the STD bacteria, genital mycoplasmas.

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Pharmacists to play role in free Mpox vax campaign

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/05/2025, Sara Murdock

Community pharmacies to boost access to Mpox vaccines in Victoria as part of state government immunisation campaign. At-risk Victorians can now visit pharmacies across the state to access free Mpox vaccination services under a temporary program announced by the Allan government.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 09/05/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

Doctors and experts are warning tonight that flu and RSV cases are soaring, as they are concerned that the number of West Australians who are getting vaccinated is falling behind.

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Charges upgraded for 26-year-old Perth man's alleged role in illicit tobacco smuggling syndicate

West Australian, Other, 09/05/2025, Jessica Evensen

A Perth man has had his charges upgraded after officers seized \$1.2 million in cash following an investigation into an illicit tobacco smuggling syndicate. The Australian Federal Police say the 26-year-old was allegedly trafficking illicit tobacco from interstate, before selling them in Perth stores and sending the profits back to an eastern states crime syndicate.

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Perth teenagers buying vanilla extract in bulk from supermarkets to get drunk

West Australian, Other, 09/05/2025, Hannah Cross

The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code stipulates any food or beverage containing more than 1.15 per cent alcohol by volume must be labelled as such. Not only does vanilla extract contain alcohol, it has a higher alcohol content than other, more commonly abused supermarket items, like mouthwash which can have an alcohol content of between 20 and 27 per cent.

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Food operators encouraged to take leap with new food safety program

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 09/05/2025, talkUrl coralComments

Food operators in Bundaberg are being encouraged to join the council's food safety initiative in a bid to ensure safety for the region's diners. Think Food Safe is a voluntary program which entitles participating businesses to enjoy discounted licence fees and reduced council inspections.

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