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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Northern Territory News](#) (page 3) reports that federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced on Wednesday the Albanese government will delay the rollout of aged care reforms by four months to give providers more time to prepare.
- [The Australian](#) (page 3) reports that medical researchers in Australia have identified a link between organ failure and long Covid, in a study that has implications for people who suffer strokes and heart attacks as scientists look to develop better treatments.
- [The Australian](#) (page 3) reports that world-first research led by the Melbourne-based Peter Doherty Institute have made a significant step towards an HIV cure, which involves delivering an mRNA-based therapy direct to cells, with the breakthrough being made while working on a therapy for Covid-19.
- [The Age](#) (page 4) reports that Mildura Base Hospital's ED has declared an internal emergency this week, citing delays in patient treatment due to lack of beds and staff, with a leaked document revealing long wait times and overcrowding in the department.
- [The Courier Mail](#) (page 5) reports that tens of thousands of Queensland nurses and midwives will go on strike today for the first time in over 20 years after months of wage negotiations ended in failure.

- [The Courier Mail](#) (page 10) reports that the Coalition has criticised the federal government for its delay in rolling out aged care reforms, saying it has caused unnecessary “stress and uncertainty” for older Australians, while Aged Care Minister Sam Rae defended the move, saying Labor had “taken on board” the feedback from providers.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 19) reports that Australian Immunisation Registry data shows only 15 per cent of babies under eight months have received an RSV immunisation, with Victoria recording the lowest rate at 6.2 per cent.
- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 7) reports that the Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved a commonly used weight-loss drug to treat moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnoea in adults with obesity, a debilitating condition which affects about 780,000 Australians.
- The [Australian Financial Review](#) (page 9) reports private health insurers are calling for changes to out-of-pocket costs to cover specialist consultations outside of hospitals. The Australian Medical Association said that insurers were not paying enough to cover in-hospital specialist costs, while the Medicare rebate had also fallen behind inflation.
- The [Northern Territory News](#) (page 12) reports that the grandfather of a 24-year-old Indigenous man who died after being restrained by police in the Alice Springs, has questioned why he was not with his NDIS carers at the time of the incident.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Labor's aged-care reforms face delay

Northern Territory News, General News, 05/06/2025, Joseph Olbrycht-Palmer, Page 3

The Albanese government is pumping the brakes on aged care reforms to give providers more time to prepare. [...] But after months of warnings from the sector, Mark Butler announced on Wednesday Labor was pushing the start date back by four months.

*Also reported by:* [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [MSN Australia \(Online\)](#).

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### Urgent care clinics are saving millions of dollars

Coast Community Pelican Post, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 28

The Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Umina Beach has treated more than 16,733 patients since opening in 2023. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said in two short years, Medicare Urgent Care Clinics had become a vital part of Australia's health system.

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### New voice in Canberra vows to deliver for Lyons

East Coast View News, General News, 01/06/2025, Rebecca White, Page 12

It is incredibly humbling to receive such a show of support from across the community, and I feel huge pride to be representing our wonderful state in Canberra. [...] As Assistant Minister I will work to support the efforts of Minister for Health Mark Butler, and Minister for Women Katy Gallagher, as we implement our agenda from the election, including a record investment in Medicare to expand bulk-billing to make more GP appointments free, as well as continue the good work that started over the past three years.

*Also reported by:* [Tasman Gazette \(Taranua\)](#).

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### Let's talk about GLP-1 drugs for weight loss

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/06/2025, Samantha Crawford, Page 59

GLP-1 medicines, also known as GLP-1 receptor agonists (RAs) are a class of drugs primarily used to treat type 2 diabetes and, in some cases, obesity. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said: "Australians should be able to have faith in the medications they use, including compounded medicines.

## Aged care backflip to cost taxpayers \$900m

The Australian, Other, 04/06/2025, Sarah Ison

Labor's four-month aged care delay will cost taxpayers \$900m and is being described by the Coalition as "an embarrassing backflip" that followed intense upheaval in a sector warning for months the government's reform timeline was impossible. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said Labor had made "no secret" of the fact that the proposed changes represented incredibly ambitious reforms.

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## Labor delays start date for aged care changes, costing budget \$1 billion

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 04/06/2025, Natassia Chrysanthos

Treasurer Jim Chalmers has admitted delays to his government's aged care reforms will cost the budget almost \$1 billion, after Labor deferred the introduction of higher resident fees, new home care packages and stronger regulatory powers until the end of the year. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler conceded providers and older Australians needed more time to prepare for the system, which will reboot the home care scheme and change how fees are structured for new aged care residents.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#).

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## Butting out: Parliament House crackdown on political puffers

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 04/06/2025, Kishor Napier-Raman & Gemma Grant

Lung lollies are practically extinct in parliament, where anyone under 35 has switched to the also restricted vapes (despite Health Minister Mark Butler's best efforts to ban a product available at every convenience store in the country).

Also reported by: [WA Today \(Online\)](#).

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## Going, going, gone: Lawyer X offloads luxury Melbourne penthouse

The Age, Other, 04/06/2025, Gemma Grant & Kishor Napier-Raman

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

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## Coalition warning: Aussies with milder disabilities at risk of 'falling through the gaps' in NDIS

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Clare Armstrong

Australians with milder disabilities not eligible for the NDIS are at risk of "falling through the gaps" as they wait for a deal on foundational supports, the Coalition has warned. [...] But neither issue remains resolved, with Health and NDIS Minister Mark Butler saying last month he was working to finalise deals "over the course of the rest of the year".

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

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## Labor's aged care sector reforms pushed back until November 1

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Clare Armstrong

Sweeping changes to Australia's aged care sector have been pushed back after Labor gave in to concerns from the sector. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler said the government had made "no secret" it was an "incredibly ambitious reform".

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

## **Aged care reforms delayed after sector raised survival issues**

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Stephanie Dalzell

The biggest reforms in aged care in about three decades have been delayed by a few months, as the federal government moves to allay concerns from the sector, which had been sounding the alarm about the "drop dead" issues involved for providers if they had pressed ahead. [...] Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler said the government had listened to the sector in providing the extension.

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## **More Australians can't afford specialist fees. Experts say it's 'not in the spirit of Medicare'**

The Guardian, Other, 05/06/2025, Natasha May

The cost of an initial dermatology appointment is now up to nearly \$300 on average, new data shows. It reflects a broader problem: that Medicare rebates are not keeping up with the pace specialist fees are rising. [...] The health minister, Mark Butler, said the private health sector, including insurers and specialists, "need[s] to do more to protect patients for exorbitant bills".

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## **Chalmers says cheaper cigarettes will not solve illegal tobacco boom, dismissing NSW premier**

The Guardian, Other, 04/06/2025, Anne Davies, Benita Kolovos & Patrick Commins

MJim Chalmers says making cigarettes cheaper will not solve the booming trade in illegal tobacco, dismissing the call by the New South Wales premier, Chris Minns, to slash taxes on smoking. [...] On Wednesday, Chalmers joined the federal health minister, Mark Butler, in rejecting the view that cheaper cigarettes would solve the growing black market for tobacco.

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## **'It's a shame': Radio insiders' sad update on Kate Ritchie... Plus, Grace Tame's Strava reveals more than just her running route and how a Sky News shocker went to air**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 05/06/2025, Jo Scrimshire

We revealed in April the former journo had scored some early runs on the board by strong-arming health Minister Mark Butler into taking an interest in the lack of federal funding for people with stomas.

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## **Until November — new Aged Care Act delay campaign claims win**

agedhealth.com.au, Other, 04/06/2025

On the day of the announcement, Rae released an open letter to aged care providers that outlines how the new Aged Care Act brief deferral will impact providers and the sector. It is available to read here, via the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website. (An open letter to older people was also released.).

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## **Call to bring measles vaccine forward amid global surge**

Allergy and Respiratory Republic, Other, 04/06/2025, Amanda Sheppard

Australian experts say babies as young as four months may need protection, as cases rise and most lose immunity before the current vaccine schedule begins. [...] Speaking on ABC Radio National this morning, federal health minister Mark Butler said described MCRI's research as "incredibly interesting".

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## **Aged Care Act delayed four months**

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 04/06/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones & Natasha Egan

Anthony Albanese has announced a delay to the commencement of the new Aged Care Act weeks out from the initial scheduled date, with 1 November the new kick off date. [...] "The Albanese Government

has made no secret of the fact that this is an incredibly ambitious reform," said Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler.

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## Healthscope collapse shows up failure of privatised health

Green Left Weekly, Other, 04/06/2025, Jim McIlroy

New South Wales Coalition and Labor governments have, for decades, allowed health care to become a profit-seeking industry. [...] Federal health minister Mark Butler told the ABC on May 26 the government would not bail out Healthscope.

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## Aged Care Act postponed to November: Can government mend its failings?

HelloCare, Other, 04/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

The Australian Government has deferred the new Aged Care Act from 1 July 2025 to 1 November 2025, a decision announced by Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae at the Ageing Australia Victoria State Conference to cheers of support earlier today. [...] Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler stressed that the deferral ensures "all operational, digital, and legislative pieces are in place" for an orderly rollout.

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## Relief or regret? Aged Care Act delay divides opinions

Helloleaders.com.au, Other, 04/06/2025, Alex Jacobs

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced on 4 June — just 27 days before the milestone date — that the new Act and Support at Home program will be delayed until 1 November, 2025. [...] "It is for these reasons, OPAN reluctantly supports the delay announced by the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Disability and the NDIS Mark Butler and the Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae today," Mr Gear said.

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## Free GP Heart Health Checks extended for three years

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 04/06/2025

To help combat Australia's biggest killer, heart disease, the federal government has secured funding for another three years of free checks. The free Heart Health Checks are available to Australians aged 30 years and older from their GP. "About 2.5 million Australians have a high chance of suffering a heart attack or stroke in the next five years, and many don't know it," Australia's Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler said.

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## New Aged Care Act delayed to November following sector calls for more preparation time

Inside Ageing, Other, 04/06/2025, Amy Clarke

The Australian Government has announced a four-month delay to the commencement of the new Aged Care Act, pushing its implementation from 1 July to 1 November 2025. [...] Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler echoed the sentiment, calling the reform "once-in-a-generation" and "ambitious," noting the delay will ensure all operational, digital and legislative components are in place.

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## HTA Implementation Group ticks off 15 recs

MedNews, Other, 04/06/2025, Megan Brodie

The Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) tasked with advising Health Minister Mark Butler.

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## Federal Government delay new Aged Care Act to ensure 'an orderly

**transition'**

Starts at 60, Other, 04/06/2025, Matthew Hart

In a move welcomed by many within the aged care sector, the Albanese Government has announced a delay to the rollout of the much-anticipated new Aged Care Act, citing the need for additional preparation time to ensure a seamless transition. [...] Speaking on the decision, Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler acknowledged the scale of the reform and the need for a considered rollout.

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## **Bupa to buy Healthscope 'over my dead body': CEO**

The Medical Republic, Other, 04/06/2025, Caitlin Wright

The private hospital operator's Tino La Spina has reportedly made an extraordinary statement in an online briefing to staff. [...] He may have a supporter in federal health minister Mark Butler who said last week that he also remains sceptical of health insurers owning hospitals.

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## **"Admission of failure": Opposition slam Govt's delay to new Aged Care Act**

The Weekly Source, Other, 04/06/2025, Caroline Egan

Shadow Minister for Health, Aged Care and Sport, South Australian Senator Anne Ruston, has criticised the Government's decision to delay the implementation of once-in-a-generation aged care reforms by four months. Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, and Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, announced earlier today (Wednesday 4 June) that the 1 July start of the new Aged Care Act will be delayed until 1 November 2025.

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## **Channel 7, Seven News, 04/06/2025, Peter Mitchell**

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler admits the government's aged care reform timetable was too ambitious. He delayed the implementation of key reforms until November to give aged care service providers more time to adjust to the changes.

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## **ABC Radio Brisbane, 14:00 News, 04/06/2025**

Sweeping aged care reforms have been delayed as the Federal Government moves to put concerns in the sector to rest. The law changes address recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission, but the sector criticised the short timeframe. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the Federal Government has decided to push back the start date to November from July.

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## **ABC Radio Melbourne, 17:00 News, 04/06/2025**

Federal Shadow Health Minister Anne Ruston called her government counterpart's decision to delay aged care sector reforms "an embarrassing backflip." Recommendations by the Royal Commission into Aged Care were supposed to take effect in July but Mark Butler decided to push it back to November to give service providers more time to cope.

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## **ABC Radio Sydney, Nightlife, 04/06/2025, Chris Taylor**

Federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler says the government's decided to push that back now to November. "We need to think about a delay of a few months to ensure that all of the systems are in place to deliver a smooth transition to the new laws and also that older Australians are fully informed informed about what those new laws will mean for them".

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## MINISTER MCALLISTER

### Families love the Longreach way of life, except for a lack of disability services

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Hannah Walsh

Federal NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister said the government was engaging communities to trial new ways of delivering services and addressing gaps. "We want all NDIS participants to access the reasonable and necessary supports they need, no matter where they live," she said.

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

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### ABC Ballarat, Australia Wide, 04/06/2025, Sinead Mangan

University of Queensland senior nursing & midwifery lecturer Dr Kathy Ellem calls for the Federal Government to change how the NDIS operates in rural areas, arguing that its market-based model doesn't work in remote communities. In a statement, Federal NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister says the government is working with communities to trial new service delivery models and address existing gaps.

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### ABC Radio Brisbane, Evenings, 04/06/2025, Kelly Higgins-Devine

Interview for people living with disability in the bush. Limited choice and control over services and accommodation options has them asking hard questions, like whether they stay in their hometown or move to the city. [...] In a statement, the federal NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister told the ABC the government is engaging communities to trial new ways of delivering services and addressing gaps.

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## MINISTER RAE

### Age care delays to cost \$900m

Courier Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Clare Armstrong, Page 10

Labor has been accused of causing unnecessary "stress and uncertainty" for older Australians through its botched rollout of aged care reforms, which have now been delayed by four months at a hit to the budget of \$900m. [...] Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said Labor had "taken on board" the feedback from aged care providers and older Australians and formed the view the "best option" was to delay the changes.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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### New minister 'listens' to concern, delays start of Aged Care Act

Newcastle Herald, General News, 05/06/2025, Desiree Savage, Page 18

Once-in-a-generation changes to the aged care sector have been put on pause by the federal government to allow more time for service providers and clients to prepare. The new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, released an open letter to aged care providers yesterday signalling he would defer the start of the Aged Care Act from July 1 to November 1, 2025.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

## Labor delays start date of major aged care reforms

Aged Care Housing News, Other, 04/06/2025

Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae talks about delaying the start date of the aged care.

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## SBS, World News Australia, 04/06/2025, Ricardo Goncalves

Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae insists Labor is committed to making Australia's aged care system more sustainable amid a four-month delay in the implementation of reforms to November. New entrants to the aged care system will have to pay more for non-clinical services if they have the means.

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## ABC Radio Canberra, Drive, 04/06/2025, Georgia Stynes

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## DEPARTMENT

### Free dental care extended for struggling Australians Free dental care extended for struggling Australians

7news.com.au, Other, 04/06/2025, Cara Wood

One in nine children aged 5 to 14 have never seen a dentist. As health costs continue to rise, eligible individuals can benefit from free dental care, including check-ups, cleans, fillings, and extractions. [...] "The Australian Government acknowledges the importance of accessing affordable dental services and the role good oral health plays in supporting general health and wellbeing," a Department of Health, Disability and Ageing spokesperson told 7NEWS.com.au

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## COVID-19 cases in aged care homes surge 50 per cent in one week

The Weekly Source, Other, 04/06/2025, Caroline Egan



There were 903 COVID-19 cases among aged care residents in the week to 29 May 2025, up from just 600 the previous week, according to the latest data from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DOHDA). Cases among staff rose 40% to 315. According to DOHDA, Residential Gardens in NSW recorded 56 cases over the week, while Regis Frankston and Regis Ontario in Victoria reported 49 and 48 cases respectively.

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## **Peak bodies respond to Government's delay of new Aged Care Act**

The Weekly Source, Other, 04/06/2025, Ian Horswill

The aged care sector's peak bodies have been intensely lobbying the Australian Government and its Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to explain it was not fit and proper for implementation. "This decision is the result of months of intense discussions and calls for practical timelines for the sector.

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## **Shining a light on men's mental health**

The Western Weekender, Other, 04/06/2025, Ally Hall

Men's Health Week runs from June 9 to 15 and spotlights the key health challenges faced by men and boys across Australia. Western Sydney University (WSU) plays a large role in the awareness-raising week alongside Healthy Male with funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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## **New audit reaffirms Health Department's Meals on Wheels failings**

Aged Care Housing News, Other, 04/06/2025

The national audit office has slammed the federal Health Department for its poor management.

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## **Until November — new Aged Care Act delay campaign claims win**

agedhealth.com.au, Other, 04/06/2025

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## **PHN partners with voice AI-powered tool to close vaccination gap**

Allergy and Respiratory Republic, Other, 04/06/2025

Implementation and ongoing development of the toolkit will be overseen by the National PHN Cooperative Allied Health Framework Implementation Group, which includes PHN representatives, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's chief allied health officer, and regular input from allied health peak bodies.

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## **TGA taking Philips Australia to court over CPAP foam**

Allergy and Respiratory Republic, Other, 04/06/2025, Mariella Attard

The Department of Health, Disability and Aged Care filed papers with the Federal Court of Australia this week alleging that Respiroics knew by mid-2019, if not earlier, that the machines they manufactured posed a health risk, but PEAL continued to supply them until at least June 2021, when their parent company, Royal Philips, issued a global recall.

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## Breaking news: Government delays new Aged Care Act until November 1, 2025

Hellolleaders.com.au, Other, 04/06/2025, Alex Jacobs

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is delaying the new Aged Care Act, making the sudden revelation at the Ageing Australia Victoria State Conference on Wednesday morning. With four weeks until the expected 1 July commencement date, the new Act will now come into effect from 1 November, 2025.

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## VACCINES

### 'Covid link' health breakthrough

The Australian, General News, 05/06/2025, James Dowling, Page 3

Researchers have discovered a breakthrough link between organ failure and long Covid after overcoming contentious Covid-era autopsy regulations and one of the medical profession's most high-profile legal disputes. A seven-year Australian study with implications for strokes and heart attacks has "imagined the unimaginable" in discovering how coagulated red blood cells can clog blood vessels in the same manner as traditional blood clots, laying the groundwork for future treatment.

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

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### Strain on the system

Ballarat Courier, General News, 05/06/2025, Michelle Smith, Page 1

A new covid strain is threatening to unleash a winter wave of the virus as natural immunity wanes and vaccine booster rates remain low. The rate of infections across Australia of the NB.1.8.1 COVID variant has soared in recent weeks, becoming the dominant strain in Western Australia and accounting for more than a third of infections and rising in Victoria and NSW.

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### Covid, flu Qld: Onslaught of viruses crueling blood donations

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton & Isabella Pesch

As Queensland stares down a horror flu and Covid-19 season, the impact is being felt in another vulnerable sector of the health system. Blood donors are pulling out of their scheduled appointments at unprecedented rates due to the impact of cold and flu leaving stocks of the most in-demand blood type dangerously low.

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

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## Here are the current rules on isolating when you're sick this flu season

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Amy Sheehan

I don't know about you, but the times of having to quarantine due to COVID-19 feel like a distant memory. [...] There have been more than 65,000 cases of COVID-19 so far this year nationwide, more than 81,000 Influenza cases and 50,000 cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), according to the Australian Respiratory Surveillance Report.

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## Rural COVID vax concern

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 04/06/2025

Pharmacists practicing in remote and isolated towns across Australia have expressed concerns around the ongoing viability of COVID vaccination services following cuts to payments for COVID vaccination administration to align with NIPVIP rates, with rural loadings no longer applying. The Pharmacy Program Administrator (PPA) announced that from 01 Jul 2025, the payment for administering vaccines will be \$20.05 regardless of location.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Australia's economy will be stuck in the slow lane unless these two things change

Australian Financial Review, General News, 05/06/2025, John Kehoe, Page 1

Productivity is going backwards in the non-market government sectors such as healthcare, aged care, disability support and public administration.

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### Aged-care reform delay cost

Herald Sun, General News, 05/06/2025, Clare Armstrong, Page 4

Labor has been accused of causing "stress and uncertainty" for older Australians through its delayed rollout of aged-care reforms, which have been delayed by four months at a hit to the budget of \$900m. The Albanese government's decision to push back the start date of the "once-in-a-generation" changes to November 1 has been welcomed by agedcare providers.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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### Younger generations are less likely to have dementia, according to new study

The Courier Mail, Other, 04/06/2025, Sarah Mitchell

Dementia is typically associated with older people, but new research suggests recent generations may not develop the illness as early as previous age groups. They're less happy than previous generations, more overworked, struggle to find work-life balance and are constantly told social media is ruining their attention span, and yet, younger generations are less likely to get dementia according to a new study.

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### Alzheimer's wonder drug: Once-a-day pill could halt disease

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 04/06/2025, Greg Stolz

Six Queenslanders are taking part in an international clinical trial for what's being billed as a potential holy grail treatment for Alzheimer's disease, with more participants being sought. The trial of the drug, Emestedastat, is being conducted by Sydney-based biotech company Actinogen Medical, which has spent the last decade developing the pill originally discovered by researchers at the University of Edinburgh.

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

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## Total dependency is no-one's goal, say consumers

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 04/06/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Older people want to age well, and providers have to meet them in the middle by delivering person-centred and rights-centred care that doesn't teeter into well-intentioned ageism, summit hears. The afternoon session of day 2 of the Positive Ageing Summit delivered a welcome consumer perspective on holistic ageing by self-described social justice warrior and "heretic" Vector Consultants director Judith Leeson and Council of Elders chair Anne Burgess.

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## Reforms weeks away but awareness lacking

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 04/06/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Providers are concerned not enough people in the broader community know about the upcoming reforms, or what it means for them, but still hope the new Aged Care Act will allow them to leave a positive legacy across the care sector. There needs to be a targeted campaign reminding Australians the aged care reforms are just weeks away, Council of the Ageing Victoria Ben Rogers told the Ageing Australian Victorian state conference audience, as while he estimates 50 per cent of people know there's a new Aged Care Act, 50 per cent don't, or they don't know what it means for them.

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## Australian nursing homes: Are they ready for the bariatric care challenge?

HelloCare, Other, 04/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

In a quiet Australian nursing home, Mary\*, a 72-year-old resident with a body mass index (BMI) of 45, faces daily struggles that many of us might overlook. Transferring from her bed to a wheelchair requires two staff members and a specialised hoist — equipment her facility only recently acquired after years of underfunding.

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## Fiji a "growth area" for aged care workers under PALM scheme

The Weekly Source, Other, 04/06/2025, Caroline Egan

Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong said plans are underway to boost the number of aged care workers coming to Australia under the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme, noting aged care is a growing focus of the program. Visiting Fiji as part of a tour of the Pacific, Senator Wong said Australia wants to "improve skills acquisition" from the region.

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## NSW to challenge sentence in aged care Taser death case

The Weekly Source, Other, 04/06/2025, Caroline Egan

The NSW Director of Public Prosecutions Sally Dowling SC will personally appear in the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal later this month to argue the sentencing of former NSW police officer Kristian White was "manifestly inadequate". White was found guilty of the manslaughter of 95-year-old aged care resident Clare Nowland in November 2024, and was handed a two-year community correction order in March this year.

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## Northern Melbourne Council approves four-storey aged care development - but do they have an operator?

The Weekly Source, Other, 04/06/2025, Caroline Egan

The local Council has approved plans to build a medical and aged care complex on a 4.5ha vacant site in Whittlesea, on the northeastern outskirts of Melbourne, 40km from the city centre. The plans include a four-storey aged care home, three-storey medical centre, one- to two-storey retirement village, and two commercial sites.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 04/06/2025, Peter Overton

The current Commonwealth Home Support and Home Care Packages programs will remain until November. It comes after key reforms to the aged care sector, originally scheduled for July, were moved to November.

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## **ABC Radio Adelaide, Evenings, 04/06/2025, Spence Denny**

News The peak body for aged care providers says it's relieved the federal government's delaying its aged care reforms, arguing some organisations wouldn't have otherwise been able to cope. The government's announced it'll push back the implementation of the reforms from July until November in response to the sector's concerns.

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## **DISABILITY**

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## **POPULATION HEALTH**

### **Breakthrough blood cell link to long Covid**

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 05/06/2025, James Dowling, Page 3

Researchers have discovered a breakthrough link between organ failure and long Covid after overcoming contentious Covid-era autopsy regulations and one of the medical profession's most high-profile legal disputes. A seven-year Australian study with implications for strokes and heart attacks has "imagined the unimaginable" in discovering how coagulated red blood cells can clog blood vessels in the same manner as traditional blood clots, laying the groundwork for future treatment.

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### **Hopes rise for finding HIV cure**

The Australian, General News, 05/06/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 3

Australian researchers have taken a major step towards an HIV cure by devising a method to deliver an mRNA-based therapy direct to cells to expose the dormant virus where it hides. Major advances in HIV treatment in recent decades have seen antiretroviral therapies suppress the deadly virus to undetectable levels in sufferers, but a cure has proved elusive

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### **Can't get a good night's sleep? AI may know why**

Australian Financial Review, General News, 05/06/2025, Euan Black, Page 36

Sleep apnoea could affect as much as 30 per cent of the population, but a range of apps are helping understand it.

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### **Jim ignores smoking gun**

Daily Telegraph, General News, 05/06/2025, James Willis, Page 5

Chris Minns has been abandoned by his federal counterparts, with Treasurer Jim Chalmers ignoring the Premier's SOS to lower the spiralling tax rate on cigarettes and declaring he was "not convinced" cutting the excise would end the sale of illegal tobacco. With Mr Minns flagging the possibility of police needing to play a larger role in the tobacco war, The Daily Telegraph can also reveal the store opposite NSW parliament has escaped with a warning after it was exposed selling illegal smokes and vapes earlier this week.

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

## RSV vax relief for bubs

Herald Sun, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 10

The number of Australian babies admitted to hospital with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) has nearly halved following the nationwide rollout of free maternal and infant RSV immunisations. In April 2025, just 84 babies under six months of age were admitted to major Australian hospitals with severe RSV compared with 165 in April 2024, the Immunisation Foundation of Australia says.

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

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## Tobacco licensing 'all puff'

Herald Sun, General News, 05/06/2025, Jon Kaila, Page 11

The Victorian tobacco licensing scheme will have just 14 -officers to patrol all of Victoria, an area the equivalent size of Great Britain. On Wednesday, Jacinta Allan's government released new details about the state's licensing scheme, saying it would -deliver "boots on the ground" enforcement from February 2026.

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

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## Risk in skipping dentist

Courier Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 7

Poor oral health is keeping hospital emergency wards buzzing. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data shows dental conditions contribute to 24 per cent of acute potentially preventable hospitalisations, second behind urinary tract infections (25 per cent).

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#).

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## Qld, roll up your sleeves

Courier Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton & Iabella Pesch, Page 17

Queensland blood donors are cancelling appointments at unprecedented rates due to winter colds and flu, leaving stocks of the most in-demand type dangerously low. Blood stocks are so low, even emergency services personnel are rolling up their sleeves to help refill supplies.

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## RSV babies 50pct less

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 6

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## Tobacco levies burn resources

The Nightly, General News, 04/06/2025, Aaron Patrick, Page 14

Jim Chalmers today dismissed some common sense about the illegal tobacco trade from the NSW Premier, who blamed a crime wave on tax increases that have driven cigarettes to as much as \$75 a packet. "I'm not proposing to cut taxes on cigarettes to make them cheaper for people," Dr Chalmers said.

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

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## Is red meat bad for you? It depends who funded the study

The Australian, Other, 04/06/2025, Rhys Blakely

The debate over red meat and cardiovascular health has rumbled on for decades. Although the link between heart disease and sausages, bacon and other processed meat is well established, the picture for unprocessed red meat is murkier. Some studies warn of health risks, others find no significant impact; a few even hint at benefits.

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## **Cannabis for pelvic pain? As more women are diagnosed, endometriosis treatment is changing**

The Australian, Other, 04/06/2025, Magdalena Simonis

The incidence of endometriosis in Australia is now one in seven women and girls, but the diagnosis is being made more quickly. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2025 report says it now takes about six years for a woman to be diagnosed – about half the time it took back in 2018, when the National Action Plan for Endometriosis was launched.

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## **'Crazy': NSW Premier Chris Minns blames tobacco excise for thriving illegal trade**

The Australian, Other, 04/06/2025, Hannah Wilcox

Chris Minns has again slammed the annual tax increase on cigarettes and blamed it for the rise in black market tobacco across the state. The NSW Premier spoke to KIIS radio's Kyle and Jackie O days after he called on the federal government to consider lowering the tobacco excise.

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

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## **Tobacco tax to stay despite black market fears**

Canberra Times, Other, 04/06/2025, Alex Mitchell

A tobacco tax that's helped drive Australian cigarette prices to world-leading highs won't be lowered despite suggestions it has aided a rampant black market. Treasurer Jim Chalmers ruled out changing the tobacco excise on Wednesday, dismissing NSW Premier Chris Minns' call that lower prices could help curb surging levels of illegal tobacco in the community.

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

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## **E-scooter injuries at Sunshine Coast Hospital trigger calls for ban**

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Madeline Grace & Josh Dye

Parents and public health experts are calling for e-scooters to be banned for young people, with Australian-first figures highlighting the huge number of children injured or maimed while riding. The report, published today in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, is the first to measure the number and severity of e-scooter injuries affecting Australian children.

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## **A dubious report on medical abortion was cited in NSW Parliament. Where did it come from?**

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Kate Tan

Multiple members of NSW Parliament have cited a flawed US report on the safety of a medical abortion pill, during the parliamentary debate on a bill to expand abortion access in the state. The bill, which has passed both houses of parliament, allows nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives to prescribe abortion medication for early-stage pregnancies.

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## **Endometriosis linked to premature and early menopause**

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 04/06/2025, Tracy Levett-Jones, Aletha Ward & James Bonnamy

Women who suffer from endometriosis have an increased risk of premature and early menopause,

both naturally and surgically, University of Queensland researchers have found. A comprehensive international study found women with endometriosis are at seven times the risk of surgical menopause (involving the removal of both ovaries) and face a higher risk of premature menopause (before age 40) or early menopause (between ages 40-44).

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## New cannabis boss

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 04/06/2025

Cannabis Council Australia, the national peak body for the medicinal cannabis sector, has announced the appointment of Lisa Penlington as its inaugural Chief Executive Officer. Penlington's career spans over 25 years in health policy, governance and stakeholder engagement, including with physician peak bodies.

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## Managing allergies in the allergy capital

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/06/2025, Tracey Cheung, Page 41

Australia is the allergy capital of the world, the Centre for Food Allergy reports, with more than five million people in this country living with allergies. Australia also has the highest rates of childhood food allergy globally, with one child in every classroom impacted.

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## Mounjaro approved to treat sleep apnoea

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 04/06/2025, Karen Burge

Sleep health experts welcome the approval of the first medicine indicated to treat obstructive sleep apnoea in patients with obesity. Many people with obstructive sleep apnoea go without treatment due to a lack of effective medicines, says the Sleep Health Foundation.

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## Are you a natural short sleeper? Why some people need less sleep than others

SBS, Other, 04/06/2025, Kelly Sansom & Peter Eastwood

Scientists call this the natural short sleep phenotype — a biological trait that allows people to get all the benefits of sleep in less time. In 2010 researchers discovered genetic mutations that help explain this phenomenon.

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## 'Delusional': Victorian government ridiculed after revealing plan to have just 14 inspectors enforce new tobacco licensing scheme

Sky News Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Patrick Hannaford

Victoria's new tobacco licensing scheme has been ridiculed by opposition and crossbench MPs after the Allan government revealed there would be just 14 inspectors to enforce new laws. Premier Jacinta Allan's government is implementing a licensing scheme as part of its attempts to combat the state's ongoing illicit tobacco wars.

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## Channel 10, 10 News First, 04/06/2025, Jennifer Keyte

Victorian Opposition Leader Brad Battin criticised the Allan Government's tobacco licencing scheme, arguing the measure is too late. He also questioned why there are only 14 officers to patrol 1300 stand-alone tobacco stores in the state. Parking officers will also be drafted in to do tobacco policing jobs.

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

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## Channel 7, Seven News, 04/06/2025, Max Futchter & Katrina Blowers

Queensland doctors want to ban children under 16 from riding e-scooters after a world-first study into



injuries. A two-year research by the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health revealed 1 in 10 injuries to be life-threatening or potentially life-threatening, while over 1/3 suffered broken bones. The Sunshine Coast Emergency Department alone saw 76 children with e-scooter injuries. State Health Minister Tim Nicholls called on those pushing for the ban to make them to the inquiry.

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## **SBS, World News Australia, 04/06/2025, Ricardo Goncalves**

There are calls to ban children under 16 from using e-scooters in Queensland and WA following the results of a world-first study into e-scooter injuries. New research by the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health showed that of the 176 cases in the Sunshine Coast Hospital alone, over 40% were not wearing a helmet and over 1/3 exceeded the 25kph speed limit.

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## **CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS**

### **New lung cancer screening program aims to save 12,000 lives over next decade**

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Rachel Carbonell & Alison Branley

Radiation oncologist Shalini Vinod said more women died of lung cancer than breast cancer and more men died of lung cancer than prostate cancer. She said not only was lung cancer Australia's deadliest cancer, killing almost 9,000 people a year, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer was just 26 per cent, compared to breast cancer, which was 92 per cent.

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### **Getting to the heart of the matter**

Education Matters, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 34

The statistics are stark: eight babies are born every day in Australia with a congenital heart condition; four lose their life under the age of one every week. Sadly, heart disease is the leading cause of death for infants in Australia. Critically, 50 per cent of these eight babies will require life-saving heart surgery, which can only be performed in four major cities: Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth.

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### **Building safer and inclusive school environments**

Education Matters, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 49

Educators and childcare providers can feel unsure or unprepared when it comes to supporting a child with epilepsy. Currently, only a small portion of schools across Australia have participated in Epilepsy Action Australia's training courses for epilepsy and seizure first aid. With over 9,600 schools nationwide?, imagine the difference it would make if every educator had the knowledge and confidence to create a safe and supportive space for these children.

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### **Proactive around prostate issues**

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/06/2025, Margaret Mielczarek, Page 50

When it comes to the sensitive topic of prostate health, community pharmacies are uniquely positioned to support men with early intervention, trusted advice, and accessible healthcare. Here, we delve into this key role in engaging in open, honest, judgement-free conversations, raising awareness and promoting proactive management of prostate-related conditions.

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### **Blood test detected Paul Saunders' prostate cancer**

Cairns Post, Other, 04/06/2025, Erin Bahlmann

Barwon Heads man Paul Saunders says a blood test saved his life. The 68-year-old said he was

shocked when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2020.

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

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## Maria is boxing her way through Parkinson's

The Senior, Other, 04/06/2025, Lisa Edser

When Maria was told she had Parkinson's disease in late 2017, it was no surprise she decided to fight for her health. Maria joined a boxing and exercise class in 2018 and told The Senior she notices the benefits.

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## ABC, ABC News, 04/06/2025, Jeremy Fernandez

News Lung cancer is Australia's deadliest cancer, killing nearly 9,000 people annually. 15,000 people are diagnosed each year and just 26 per cent live for a further five years. But it's hoped this new screening programme will turn that figure around. It's estimated the screening will identify an extra 1,500 cases of lung cancer annually.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 04/06/2025, Chris Bath & Dom Knight

Interview You're with Chris Bath on 702 ABC Radio Sydney. There is a new weapon in screening Australians for the nation's deadliest cancer.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Revelations of death cap cook and the hungry public gobbles it up

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 04/06/2025, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

Triple-murder accused Erin Patterson has for the first time publicly accepted her beef Wellington meal that killed her elderly relatives must have contained death cap mushrooms, after admitting to foraging and dehydrating wild fungi. Ms Patterson, giving evidence at her murder trial, told the court she would find mushrooms in the wild, dry them out, cook them in butter and eat them, saying they were "very healthy".

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### How specialist fees hurt private hospitals

Australian Financial Review, General News, 05/06/2025, Michael Smith, Page 9

Private health insurers say the out-of-pocket cost of seeing a specialist doctor has become so expensive many Australians are deferring critical medical care.

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

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### Despair, pain and fury at hospital's ED wait times

Age, General News, 05/06/2025, Henrietta Cook, Page 4

Hundreds of patients are languishing in Mildura Base Hospital's emergency department for more than 24 hours, with one elderly woman dying following a lengthy wait in a corridor. This week, the regional hospital in Victoria's north-west declared an internal emergency due to its inability to treat patients in a timely manner.

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### Is that how you poisoned my parents?

Herald Sun, General News, 05/06/2025, Laura Placella, Miles Proust & Brooke Grebert-Craig, Page 1

Mushroom cook Erin Patterson 'panicked' after her estranged husband accused her of poisoning his parents with a deadly beef wellington meal, a jury has heard. Ms Patterson took to the witness box in her own triple-murder trial for the third day in a row, admitting foraged mushrooms may have been in the meal she served her in-laws.

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

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## Doctors send strike threat

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 05/06/2025, Brad Crouch & Belinda Willis, Page 1

Elective surgery is being cancelled as the health system buckles under demand, while it faces the prospect of a doctors' strike as pay negotiations stall and the government needs to negotiate three quarters of the state public sector's new workplace agreements before next year's election. Doctors stressed that a strike was the last resort and industrial action would try to minimise the impact on patients, but added their "dedication to duty is being exploited".

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## Flu cases skyrocket across SA

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 6

South Australia is facing its worst flu season in years, as cases surge in the first week of winter. In the past week, more than 460 cases of flu have been recorded, bringing the total cases reported this year to more than 5000.

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## Code yellow ends as hospital 'stabilised'

Border Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Madilyn McKinley, Page 3

The code yellow alert that had been issued for Albury Wodonga Health was stood down yesterday morning. The health organisation made the decision to halt the internal emergency for access and flow challenges across the hospitals, which was first called at 6pm on Monday.

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

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## Residents call to halt building homes on old hospital site

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 05/06/2025, Glen Humphries, Page 3

All work on redeveloping the old Bulli Hospital site should cease until parking problems are addressed, a planning panel heard. The Southern Regional Planning Panel held a public hearing into a development application from Landcom to subdivide the hospital site, build internal roads and stormwater infrastructure.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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## Lex's Legacy: Family takes up MND battle

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 05/06/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 5

To most residents, Lex Bailey was a titan of Toowoomba business, a pillar of the community and someone who embodied all things great about the Garden City. [...] In the end, the legendary philanthropist and grazier opted for voluntary assisted dying due to his body's deterioration.

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## How pharmacists with GPs are transforming care

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/06/2025, Melody Mulgari & Dr Ganesh Naidoo, Page 46

Advanced Pharmacy Australia, in partnership with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), launched the Medication Management at Transitions of Care Resource Kit.3 This tool was designed to keep doctors, hospital pharmacists, and patients connected during care handovers, particularly post-hospital discharge. RACGP President Dr Michael Wright describes the kit as a vital safety net.

## 'She can't be unmedicated': The effect of the ADHD drug shortage on Aussie families

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Ginger Gorman

Dr Brad McKay, a Sydney-based GP, says shortages of ADHD meds have been worsening since the pandemic. "Medication shortages became noticeable during the COVID-19 pandemic and are ongoing. The TGA currently lists nearly 400 medications that are in short supply."

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

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## Dr Nick Yim, aims to hold governments accountable in his second term as president for Australian Medical Association Queensland

The Courier Mail, Other, 04/06/2025, Emma Cam

Queensland's peak medical body is calling on the state government to deliver a long-term workforce plan to tackle critical doctor shortages in rural and regional areas, warning current conditions are unsustainable. Australian Medical Association Queensland re-elected president Dr Nick Yim said any solution must include expanding specialist training in the regions and prioritising rural applicants in selection processes.

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

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## New ambulances set to arrive across Cape York

The Courier Mail, Other, 04/06/2025, Samuel Davis

Health workers in a remote Far North indigenous community will respond faster to medical emergencies with a new ambulance to be used for time-critical patients. A hospital-based ambulance has been delivered to Hope Vale, around 200km north of Cairns in southern Cape York, with Mapoon, Lockhart River, Aurukun and Kowanyama, to receive ambulances of their own soon.

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

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## BKFC Perth: Headline act revealed as Government ignores pleas to call off Australia's first bare knuckle fight

West Australian, Other, 04/06/2025, Jessica Page & Caleb Runciman

An ex-criminal jailed for robbing a drug dealer, who later became a champion powerlifter, is set to headline the event — scheduled for RAC Area on July 19 — that the Australian Medical Association has labelled a "blood sport". The announcement was made in the early hours of Wednesday by the Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship, as the State Government dismissed repeated calls for it to intervene.

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## Queensland's puberty blockers review panel criticised for lacking gender experts and trans lived experience

The Guardian, Other, 05/06/2025, Andrew Messenger

Transgender advocates have criticised the panel assembled to conduct the Queensland government's review of puberty blockers for lacking experts in gender affirming care and people with lived experience of trans healthcare. The state government opened its independent review of stage 1 and stage 2 hormone therapies in Queensland's public paediatric gender services to public submissions last week, but kept the panel conducting the review secret.

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## Anthony Albanese joins calls to axe ultra-violent Aussie fighting event featuring 181kg man mountain who was jailed for robbing a drug dealer

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Ed Carruthers

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has weighed in on a debate surrounding plans to host a

bare-knuckle fight night at the RAC Arena in Perth. [...] Mr Albanese, though, is one who has expressed concerns over the event, after the Australian Medical Association appeared to criticise the event while WA opposition also blasted the event.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### **Anorexia a deadly illness but treatment is lagging**

Age, General News, 05/06/2025, Wendy Tuohy, Page 1

Anorexia nervosa is considered the mental health condition with the highest mortality rate, in part because only about half of patients respond to treatment methods developed decades ago. Up to 10 per cent of those with the disease lose their lives to it within 10 years of getting it, and up to 20 per cent will pass away because of it within 20 years.

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### **Depression diet link**

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 13

Low-calorie diets have been linked to a higher risk of symptoms of depression. Scientists from the University of Adelaide were part of a study using survey data from 28,525 adults 8 per cent reported depressive symptoms, 8 per cent were on a low-calorie diet, 3 per cent a diet that aimed to restrict a nutrient (such as salt or cholesterol) and 2 per cent an established diet, generally for diabetes management.

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### **Tackling childhood trauma in schools**

Education Matters, General News, 01/07/2025, Ben Lohmeyer, Page 55

Dr Ben Lohmeyer, from the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work at Flinders University, is leading a two-year project that will include schools across Adelaide. As debates continue in Australia on the merits of national strategies for keeping students safe, such as school bullying policy and social media bans, experts at Flinders University are leading a project creating Trauma Aware School Villages a new model aimed at tackling childhood trauma in schools.

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### **'It gave me hope': How a single AI session put Kelly on a path to eating disorder recovery**

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 04/06/2025, Lauren Ironmonger

Thirty-three-year-old Kelly has struggled with an eating disorder for most of her life. But it's only in the past few years, with the help of AI, that the tide started to turn. As a child, Kelly, who is using a pseudonym for privacy reasons, developed Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID), meaning she significantly limited the volume or kinds of food she consumed.

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### **Respect Victoria challenges men to question masculinity stereotypes in new ad campaign**

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Tamara Oudyn

These pressures are fleshed out in a new campaign by Respect Victoria that has boiled down 18 months of research and conversations with Victorian men. It found that men who subscribed to macho stereotypes that included aggression, suppressing emotion and hypersexuality were 17 times more likely to commit gendered violence.

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### **Calorie-cutting diets could be tied to worsening depression, study**

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9News, Other, 04/06/2025

Cutting your calories down too far could be linked with worse depression symptoms, new research suggests. A study published Tuesday in the journal BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health looked at data from more than 28,000 adults from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which surveyed participants on their diet quality and depressive symptoms.

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## Channel 9, A Current Affair, 04/06/2025, Allison Langdon

On Wednesday's edition of A Current Affair, the program takes a look into the NSW Government's decision to allow GPs to diagnose and treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or ADHD. The measure aims to reduce lengthy waitlists, costs, and travel times because it's no longer an exclusive domain of psychiatrists and paediatricians. Royal Australian College of GPs NSW chair Dr Rebekah Hoffman believes the measure will speed up care. However, Prof Patrick McGorry criticised the decision, arguing ADHD is overdiagnosed and has even become fashionable.

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## Seven Orange, Seven Local News, 04/06/2025, Nick Hose

Medicare opened a new mental health centre in Bathurst after the Panorama Clinic relocated to Orange. Federal Assistant Health Minister Emma McBride says GP referrals and mental health plans will not be required for patients seeking services. Western Primary Health Network CEO Brad Porter hopes that a secondary clinic in Dubbo, opening in a fortnight, will help fill demand. Medicare centre manager Barbara Geddes says the Dubbo clinic will have bigger staffing as it is twice the size of Bathurst's.

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

### Nurses to strike for first time in decades

Courier Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 5

For the first time in more than two decades, tens of thousands of nurses and midwives will strike across all Queensland public hospitals and health facilities. The action beginning on Thursday will include members donning pink clothing and handing out information pamphlets at every public hospital and health service stretching between Cape York and Coolangatta.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Channel 10, 10 News First, 04/06/2025, Tiffany Warne

More than 2000 workers across Adelaide's major hospitals are set to walk off their jobs in the next three days amid a pay dispute. Healthcare workers, including psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, radiographers, and dietitians from the RAH, Queen Elizabeth, Noarlunga, Lyell McEwin, and Repat hospitals demand a 25% pay raise. Health Service Union SA secretary Billy Elrick says vacancies of up to 50% must be resolved as the union claims SA's allied health workers are the lowest paid in Australia.

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### Channel 9, Nine News, 04/06/2025, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

Some elective surgeries in Adelaide hospitals have been cancelled ahead of a strike action by doctors over pay. The Health Services Union says they're angry over an unresolved pay deal after the State

## TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

### **Cosette ends \$672m Mayne Pharma deal as legal challenge looms**

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 05/06/2025, Michael Smith, Page 16

Pharmaceutical giant Cosette has terminated its \$672 million takeover bid for Mayne Pharma.

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### **Vital Signs Podcast: Breakthrough brain scanning technology overcoming diagnostic hurdles**

The Australian, Other, 04/06/2025, Nadine Mcgrath

In this episode Nadine chats to Gordon Haid the Global Neuro-Imaging Business Director of Compumedics (ASX:CMP) , a medical device company focused on diagnostic tech for sleep, brain and blood flow monitoring. Founded in 1987, Compumedics' strategy was initially focused on developing its core competency, Sleep Diagnostics.

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### **Biosimilars: costs and administrative burden are stopping uptake**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 04/06/2025, Chris Brooker

A new industry report calls for measures to improve access to biosimilar medicines in Australia. The level of uptake of biosimilar medicines in Australia is well below the average across the Organisation of Economic CO-operation and Development (OECD), says a new report that aims to galvanise efforts to improve usage of these medicines.

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## MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

### **Telecare stays in Stanhope**

Shepparton News Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Jemma Jones

Telecare has pledged to serve the Stanhope community for at least another year, bringing vital local healthcare to a town previously without a GP. The Stanhope Health Telecare Clinic, launched in August 2024, not only met the critical need for a local GP, but also pioneered a state-first hybrid model, combining in-person and online appointments for rural communities.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### **Rape-accused doctor fails to overturn practising suspension**

Canberra Times, General News, 05/06/2025, Tim Piccione, Page 5

A prominent Canberra doctor accused of sexual and physical assaults has failed to overturn a suspension barring him from practising medicine. [...] Despite later being granted bail on conditions allowing him to work in a restricted and supervised capacity, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency suspended the physician's registration.

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## Shrink banned for affair

Courier Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Vanda Carson, Page 9

A "manipulative" Queensland psychologist has been banned from working in the field for a year after he was found guilty of misconduct for having a sexual relationship with a vulnerable woman days after treating her as patient. In their written reasons handed down on May 23, the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal concluded that Woolloongabba psychologist Matthew William Hand should be suspended over the inappropriate relationship, and a second liaison with a teen fitness trainer half his age who was recovering from eating disorders.

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## SPORT

### Aussie press 'banned' from London Test fest

The Australian, General News, 05/06/2025, Jacquelin Magnay, Page 3

The Australia government has done a deal to host the Australian men's cricket team at Australia House in London but only a -foreign outlet, the BBC, is -allowed to report on it. The Australian high commission will be spending part of its hospitality budget on Cricket Australia to host a two-hour -soiree, including a panel discussion between members of the team and the BBC, but the government has told Australian reporters they cannot report on it.

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### State of crisis on Rocky poll path

The Australian, General News, 05/06/2025, Matthew Denholm , Page 6

Some Liberals floated the idea of concessions to win back crossbenchers, such as dropping the government's privatisation -agenda or even the Hobart AFL stadium. Approaches to independent Craig Garland and JLN MP Andrew Jenner who, with independent Kristie Johnston, are backing the motion were rebuffed, with both suggesting it was too late.

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### New push for blind teams at Games

Sydney Morning Herald, Sport, 05/06/2025, Tom Decent, Page 45

A push for blind cricket to be included in the 2032 Paralympics is gathering momentum, with International Paralympic Committee president Andrew Parsons confirming a gold medal match at the Gabba is a possibility. Test spinner Nathan Lyon put the issue on the agenda last year, saying he wanted the country's best blind cricketers to be given the chance to compete at a home Paralympics.

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### Ashes pre-sale breaks records but leaves fans frustrated

Age, General News, 05/06/2025, Hannah Kennelly, Page 16

Cricket Australia claimed a record pre-sale on Tuesday for this summer's highly anticipated Ashes Test



series, but diehard fans were left waiting in long queues and complaining of technology glitches. Cricket Australia chief executive Todd Greenberg previously said the pre-sale would be the biggest in the country "since Taylor Swift was here".

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## Boxing Day Test bowled over

Herald Sun, General News, 05/06/2025, Peter Rolfe, Page 3

Cricket fans have hit Boxing Day Test tickets for six, with a record number of seats sold to the famous Melbourne match since being released. The Herald Sun this week revealed the cost of tickets to the Ashes blockbuster would this year be increased by -between \$10 and \$96 across different categories.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury\\_\(Hobart\)](#).

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## Aussies banned from Olympics over new swimming law

The Courier Mail, Other, 04/06/2025, James Dampney

Swimming's governing body has announced a blanket ban on any competitor that has taken part in the so-called "Steroid Games". Officially called the Enhanced Games, the multi-sport event founded by Australian businessman Aron D'Souza enables athletes to take performance enhancing drugs and compete in banned suits, scheduled to be held in Las Vegas next year.

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

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## Australian Olympians set to be banished under strict new World Aquatics rule targeting Enhanced Games

7news.com.au, Other, 04/06/2025, Glenn Valencich

Ariarne Titmus has spoken out against the doping-fuelled Enhanced Games on the day it emerged swimming's global governing body had taken action against anyone involved in the event. The Australian legend's former teammate James Magnussen, a three-time Olympic medallist, was the controversial concept's most visible figure prior to its launch last month.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Firebird getting through trials

Courier Mail, General News, 05/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 8

On her journey to become a Queensland Firebird Abigail Meafou has gone through her fair share of team trials but her day job exposes her to a very different set of trials. The vibrant 27-year-old works as a research assistant for Mater helping to run vaccine clinical trials for Mater's Director of Infectious Disease expert, Professor Paul Griffin.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Eviction notice for 'in the room' elders

The Australian, General News, 05/06/2025, Paige Taylor, Page 1

One of Australia's best-known elders, Pat Anderson, says time is up for the select Indigenous Australians who have been "in the room" with governments for -decades. "The same people have spoken for mob, both in transparent and non-transparent ways, and have been the designated drivers of various policy agendas for 30, 40 years," Ms Anderson said.

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## \$70k boost to remote areas

Northern Territory News, General News, 05/06/2025, Aden Hill, Page 5

Eight rural and remote communities in the Northern Territory will share in more than \$70,000 in grants to help fund local projects. The grants, which are part of the strengthening rural communities program run by the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR), will allow communities to fund vital programs, including financial literacy and improving local emergency response capabilities.

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## Police investigating if 'any criminality' during death in custody

Northern Territory News, General News, 05/06/2025, Gera Kazakov & Zizi Averill, Page 12

NT Police are investigating if "any criminality was involved" in the death in custody of a young Aboriginal man who was restrained to the ground by two cops. On Wednesday, NT Police said the investigation was continuing into the death in custody of 24-year-old Kumanjayi White, after he was restrained by two plain-clothes police officers at the Alice Springs Coles on Tuesday, May 27.

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## Carers 'absence' quizzed in death of disabled man, 24

Northern Territory News, General News, 05/06/2025, Zizi Averill & Gera Kazakov, Page 12

A young Aboriginal man who died after being restrained by police in the Alice Springs Coles had a history of being "undermedicated and undertreated" while in the care of a major disability service. On Monday, disability-support service Life Without Barriers confirmed 24-year-old Kumanjayi White was one its Alice Springs clients, remembering him as a "much-loved son, brother, grandson, friend and a community member".

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## Calls persist for external probe into death in custody

Canberra Times, Other, 04/06/2025, Lloyd Jones

Canberra should withhold funding from a territory government until it allows an independent inquiry into the death in custody of a young man living with disability, a key Aboriginal authority says. Kumanjayi White died shortly after being forcibly restrained by two plain-clothes police officers at a supermarket in Alice Springs on May 27.

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

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## Kumanjayi White had a history of being 'under medicated and under treated' for his disability before death in custody

Northern Territory News, Other, 04/06/2025, Zizi Averill

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## Indigenous policy 'at one of its lowest points', Uluru Dialogue co-chair warns

National Indigenous Times, Other, 04/06/2025, Dechlan Brennan

Indigenous policy is at one of its lowest points, according to Uluru Dialogue co-chair Pat Anderson AO, who has called for generational renewal and a shift in who leads national conversations on Aboriginal

affairs. Speaking at the 2025 AIATSIS Summit on Wednesday, Ms Anderson urged Elders to "step aside" to "make room for the next generation.

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## New technology playing key role in improving Indigenous eye health in remote communities

National Indigenous Times, Other, 04/06/2025, Callan Morse

Cutting-edge medical technology is being used to dramatically improve health outcomes for Indigenous people in remote communities. The devices, some powered by artificial intelligence, include an inexpensive TGA-approved portable eye screening system known as the TeleEye Scan which was recently evaluated over an extended period at two remote communities in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### RSV protection rates fall despite free jabs

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 05/06/2025, Angus Thomson, Page 19

Thousands of babies are heading into winter without full protection against RSV despite mounting evidence that free immunisations have led to fewer children ending up in hospital with the common but occasionally severe illness. Only 15 per cent of babies under eight months had received an RSV immunisation, data from the Australian Immunisation Registry shows.

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

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### Victorian researchers stop antibiotic-resistant superbugs

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Robyn Riley

Victorian researchers are improving the treatment of deadly superbugs in a world-first study labelled a "significant" game-changer by clinicians. Researchers used genomics, the study of bacteria's genes, to precisely treat patients with dangerous bacterial infections suspected of having traits that made the bug resistant to antibiotics.

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

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### South Australia possibly facing a record flu season as cases surge in first week of winter

Adelaide Now, Other, 04/06/2025, Emily Griffiths

South Australia is facing potentially its worst flu season in years, as cases surge in the first week of winter. In the past week, more than 460 cases of flu have been recorded, bringing the total cases reported this year to more than 5000.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Tackling vaccine hesitancy – what can GPs do?

Medical Forum, Other, 04/06/2025, Jaya Dantas

As vaccine hesitancy and misinformation drive a surge in illness, new tactics are needed to restore trust in vaccinations, writes Curtin University Professor of International Health Jaya Dantas. Health practitioners are bracing for a horror flu season in 2025 amid falling immunisation rates.

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### Call for free RSV vax for those at risk

This Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Awareness Week, GPs are urging federal, state, and territory governments to make the RSV vaccination free for at-risk groups and protect society's most vulnerable. Australia has passed 60,000 RSV cases this year so far, with more than half of reported cases occurring in babies and children aged under four and almost 20% among over 60s.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### TGA approves weight-loss drug Mounjaro for sleep apnoea

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 05/06/2025, Michael Smith, Page 19

The country's medicines regulator has approved the use of a GLP-1 weight-loss drug to treat people with sleep apnoea for the first time.

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### Shot in arm for sleep woes

Herald Sun, General News, 05/06/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 7

A popular weight-loss jab has been approved to treat a common sleep disorder in Australia after a ruling by the medicine regulator. The Therapeutic Goods Administration has given Mounjaro, also known as tirzepatide, the green light to treat moderate to severe obstructive sleep -apnoea in adults with obesity.

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Australian Financial Review, Other, 04/06/2025, Michael Smith

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### Weight-loss jab approved to treat common sleep disorder

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Jack Nivison & Sarah Booth

The Therapeutic Goods Association has given Mounjaro, also known as tirzepatide, the green light to treat moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnoea in adults with obesity. Mounjaro, developed by Eli Lilly, was one of the first GLP-1 receptor agonists — a class of drugs initially developed for type II diabetes that became popular as 'off-label' weight-loss drugs — approved in Australia to specifically treat obesity.

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

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### TGA to approve new sleep apnoea drug with some users reporting weight loss

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/06/2025, Jack Nivison

A popular weight-loss jab has been approved to treat a common sleep disorder in Australia, after a new ruling by the medicine regulator. The Therapeutic Goods Administration has given Mounjaro, also known as tirzepatide, the green light to treat moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnoea in adults with obesity.

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## Philips Electronics faces legal action for selling allegedly 'unsafe' breathing devices

ABC Online, Other, 04/06/2025, Paige Cockburn

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has started legal proceedings against tech giant Philips Electronics over allegations the company unlawfully sold assisted breathing devices in Australia. The devices were used by many people with sleep apnoea and were subject to a global recall in 2021 due to the risks associated with the foam used in the products.

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## First medicine to treat sleep apnoea approved for use by the TGA

9News, Other, 04/06/2025, Emily McPherson

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved the first medicine to treat sleep apnoea. Mounjaro, which has the active ingredient tirzepatide, is widely used to treat type 2 diabetes.

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## Ozempic and Wegovy flagged by TGA as a surgery risk for users

Daily Liberal, Other, 04/06/2025, Ayden Dawkins

Surgery risks have been highlighted in a new warning for users of popular diabetes and weight-loss drugs, including Ozempic and Wegovy. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) said there was a "known potential" for these medicines to delay the passage of food through the stomach which adds a "potential risk" for patients under general anaesthesia or deep sedation.

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

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## Diabetes medicine approved to treat sleep apnoea

Australian Seniors News, Other, 04/06/2025

A medicine widely used to treat type 2 diabetes and obesity can now also be used for obstructive sleep apnoea, a debilitating sleep disorder affecting hundreds of thousands of Australians. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) today expanded the usage of Mounjaro (tirzepatide) to include the treatment of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnoea in adults living with obesity.

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## TGA takes sleep device supplier to court

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 04/06/2025, Kate Cowling

The regulator alleges select breathing and sleep devices supplied by Philips didn't meet safety standards The Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA) has begun Federal Court proceedings over a series of Philips' breathing-related medical devices sold a few years ago, which it alleges didn't meet Australian safety and performance standards.

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## TGA takes Philips to court

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 04/06/2025

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has commenced proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia against Philips Electronics Australia Limited for the alleged unlawful supply of medical devices that did not meet Australian safety and performance requirements. These included devices used in the home for sleep apnoea and breathing difficulties.

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## TGA takes Philips to court over unsafe sleep and breathing devices

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 04/06/2025

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has commenced Federal Court action against Philips Electronics Australia Limited (PEAL) for the alleged unlawful supply of medical devices that failed to meet Australian safety and performance standards. The action relates to devices used in the treatment of sleep apnoea and assisted breathing, supplied between 2 June 2019 and 13 October 2022.

## TGA approves first-ever medicine for sleep apnoea

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 04/06/2025

Eli Lilly Australia's Mounjaro (tirzepatide), a medication commonly used for the management of type 2 diabetes and obesity, has now been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for the treatment of moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA) in adults with obesity.

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### Channel 10, 10 News First, 04/06/2025, Jennifer Keyte

The Therapeutic Goods Administration approved weight loss and diabetes drug Mounjaro to treat sleep apnea. It follows a world-first study by sleep experts at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research that shows a 60% reduction in sleep apnea after taking Mounjaro for a year, as noted by researcher Ron Grunstein.

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### Channel 7, Seven News, 04/06/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

The Therapeutic Goods Administration approved weight loss and diabetes drug Mounjaro to treat sleep apnea. Woolcock Institute of Medical Research researcher Ron Grunstein says sleep apnea, particularly moderate to severe, is linked to weight. The drug is not listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme because of its side effects. Patients are urged to see their doctor first before using the drug.

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### Channel 9, Nine News, 04/06/2025, Alicia Loxley & Tom Steinfort

The Therapeutic Goods Administration approved weight loss and diabetes drug Mounjaro to treat sleep apnea. Mounjaro's active ingredient, tirzepatide, helps sufferers reclaim their sleep. Woolcock Institute of Medical Research researcher Ron Grunstein says taking Mounjaro for a year led to a 60% decrease in sleep apnea.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

### Push for release of Queensland drug testing report

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 04/06/2025, Morgan Liotta

The RACGP is urging the State Government to release an evaluation showing harm-reduction outcomes and reassess a decision to close 'lifesaving' drug-testing sites. Queensland was the first Australian jurisdiction to introduce an ongoing drug-testing service, but one of the sites has now closed after funding was cut.

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