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- **[The Australian](#)** (page 1) reports that the Family Court has ruled in favour of a father who sought to delay his child's gender-affirming treatment, criticising the treatment model of the Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital and the Australian Standards of Care and Treatment Guidelines for not recognising children's capacity to make life-altering medical decisions.
- **[The Canberra Times](#)** (online) reports that the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service is under investigation for allegedly misusing grant funding for overseas trips. Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler confirmed that his department was investigating the matter, but emphasised that the majority of Aboriginal Medical Services offer "outstanding" care for Indigenous Australians.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 1) reports that a parliamentary inquiry into Ambulance Victoria, investigating a toxic culture, poor management, and burnout, has begun in secret, in a move that has angered some of the agency's employees.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 5) reports that Queensland nurses and midwives wore pink and distributed pamphlets to their patients as part of their industrial action on Thursday, warning that protests would continue in the weeks to come unless the Crisafulli government fulfils its election promise to provide nurses with nation-leading pay and conditions.

- [The Courier Mail](#) (page 3) reports that two more locally acquired malaria cases have been identified in Far North Queensland, bringing the state's total number of yearly infections to 71.
- [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 3) reports that NSW Police Minister Yasmin Catley stated that police cannot be expected to regulate the growing tobacco black market, after Treasurer Jim Chalmers said that the federal government would not consider reducing the tobacco excise.
- [The West Australian](#) (page 3) reports that new international research has highlighted the inadequate treatment of eating disorders, particularly anorexia nervosa, due to outdated methods and a focus on physical symptoms over psychological impacts.
- [The Australian Financial Review](#) (page 5) reports that under a new scheme introduced by the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Sports Foundation, Australians will be able to make tax-deductible donations to provide financial support to athletes in underfunded Summer and Winter Olympic sports.
- [ABC Online](#) reports that the United Kingdom's pharmaceutical regulator has warned users of weight-loss drugs such as Ozempic that they can reduce the efficacy of oral contraceptives, resulting in unwanted pregnancies.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Judicial ire for 'flawed advocacy'

The Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Christine Middap, Page 1

Michelle Telfer was a young paediatrician at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne in 2012 when she was asked to make what would become a life-changing decision. [...] In January this year, federal Health Minister Mark Butler asked the National Health and Medical Research Council to review the clinical treatment guidelines for trans and gender diverse children and adolescents, and to develop new national guidelines.

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### Gender care integrity: judgment day arrives

The Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

Australia's foremost gender medicine expert and the lead author of the nation's guidelines on gender-affirming care, Michelle Telfer, was excoriated by a Family Court judge for giving misleading evidence in support of a mother who wanted her child to be prescribed puberty blockers, in a judgment that has called into question the integrity of treatment of gender-dysphoric children. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler earlier this year asked the National Health and Medical Research Council to undertake a comprehensive review of the Australian Standards of Care and Treatment Guidelines and to develop a new national framework.

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

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### Butler downplays costing concerns, spruiks benefits

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/06/2025, Page 5

Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler has insisted the new Aged Care Act will be fairer for everyone amid concerns over rising home care costs and the sector's ability to adapt to the changes by the specified deadline. Mr Butler said the new laws will offer a number of benefits for home care recipients, like lowering wait times for new applicants, increasing the number of support homes available, and offering additional funding for home modifications.

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## The new business model used by black market vendors to sell illicit tobacco and vapes

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Ali Moore

Black market vendors of tobacco and vapes are dropping pamphlets in letterboxes and approaching people while posing as sales representatives to continue their illicit trade. [...] The Chief Executive of the Australian Association of Convenience Stores Theo Foukkare told Ali Moore this new business model is more widespread than authorities realise, with even the Health Minister Mark Butler admitting he "hadn't heard" of such cases.

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## Uniting Care to cut 120 Queensland jobs ahead of aged care reforms

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Meghan Dansie

Frail and elderly Queenslanders relying on in-home nursing care will be impacted by a new round of job cuts to Uniting Care services. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the delay to enacting the reforms would ensure "all of the systems are in place to deliver a smooth transition to the new laws".

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## Aged care reforms pushed to November

Financial Standard, Other, 05/06/2025

The government is delaying the implementation of the new Aged Care Act until November 1 following widespread concerns that stakeholders weren't given enough time to prepare. [...] "The Albanese government has made no secret of the fact that this is an incredibly ambitious reform," ministers for health and ageing Mark Butler said.

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## Uniting Care to slash 120 jobs in preparation for Aged Care Act

HelloCare, Other, 05/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

Uniting Care, a major provider of aged care services in Australia, has announced plans to cut approximately 120 jobs from its Blue Care community services division in Queensland. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler told the ABC that the postponement would ensure "all of the systems are in place to deliver a smooth transition to the new laws."

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## Tailem health lifeline cut

Murray Valley Standard, Other, 05/06/2025

The Murraylands Medical Centre in Tailem Bend will close its doors this Saturday, June 7, sparking concern among local residents and prompting calls for urgent community advocacy. [...] "We will do all we can to advocate on behalf of the community, we strongly encourage you to raise your voice directly with Mark Butler MP, Minister for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/06/2025, Anastasia Tsirtsakis

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## Out-of-pocket costs mean fewer Aussies can afford specialists

The Medical Republic, Other, 05/06/2025, Caitlin Wright

A report has found Medicare is not keeping pace with the rising cost of medical practice and Australia's health will suffer. [...] Federal health minister Mark Butler was asked about a rebate rise to address out-of-pocket fees for specialist appointments last month.

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## Aged care reforms delayed after sector raised survival issues

Your Life Choices, Other, 05/06/2025

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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## Channel 10, The Project, 05/06/2025, Georgie Tunny, Waleed Aly, Susie Youssef & Sam Taunton

Interview with Rohan Pike Consulting director and former federal police officer Rohan Pike on Australia's tobacco tax. The country's tobacco tax is being blamed for fuelling a black market as smokers turn to cheaper illegal options. The federal government says lowering the tax will not solve the problem, with the Health Minister Mark Butler saying countries with cheaper cigarettes still face black market activity. Pike agrees with NSW Premier Chris Minns and says cutting the tax could help, though how much it should be reduced needs more research.

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

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## ABC Radio Melbourne, Drive, 05/06/2025, Ali Moore

Interview with Australian Association of Convenience Stores CEO Theo Foukkare on the illegal tobacco trade in Australia. Moore plays an excerpt of caller Sam's concern about door-to-door tobacco and cigarette sales. She also plays an excerpt of Health Minister Mark Butler's response, saying it's the first he's heard of door-to-door sales and links the issue to organised crime and big tobacco. Foukkare calls out the government's efforts, claiming that despite major spending, illegal products remain widely available.

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

## ABC Radio Melbourne, Drive, 05/06/2025, Ali Moore

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler on the government's delayed aged care reforms. Butler explains the reforms require major changes to IT and systems across both government and providers. He believes the four-month delay is supported by both aged care advocates and service providers.

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

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## **ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE**

### **2BS, Brekky with Pecky, 05/06/2025, Kerry Peck**

Interview with Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride. McBride talks about the opening of the Bathurst Medicare Mental Health Centre. She notes in communities like Bathurst, it has been hard to get the support that people need close to home and affordably. McBride adds with the centres, they're a drop-in centre where someone can walk in, and don't need a referral

from the GP or an appointment, and residents will be able to get supporting care tailored to their needs when they walk in.

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## ABC Western Plains NSW, 06:30 News, 05/06/2025

Free walk-in mental health clinics across the Central West will soon have virtual access to psychologists and psychiatrists. Medicare Mental Health Centres have recently opened in Bathurst and Young, while a site in Dubbo will be operating in a few weeks. The Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health Emma McBride has visited the Bathurst location to mark its opening and she says the virtual network of specialists will be connected in coming months.

Also reported by: [ABC Central West NSW \(Orange\)](#).

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## ABC Central West NSW, Breakfast, 05/06/2025, Alex James

Interview with Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride. McBride says the Medicare Mental Health Centres are putting mental health into the heart of Medicare and quality care right into the centre of communities. She notes someone can walk in and they won't need a referral from a GP, although referrals are welcome. McBride adds it's opened extended hours to be flexible to meet people's needs.

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## DEPARTMENT

### Group welcomes vax query

Bundaberg Today, General News, 06/06/2025, Tahlia Facer, Page 4

The community members who rallied for Bundaberg Regional Council to write letters pertaining to vaccine safety have expressed their heartfelt thanks to the elected representatives who supported the motion at last Tuesday's ordinary meeting. [...] The Australian Government's Department of Health and Aged Care maintains that vaccination remains the most important measure to protect those at risk of severe disease from Covid-19.

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### Shining a light on importance of men's health

Western Weekender Penrith, General News, 05/06/2025, Ally Hall, Page 11

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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## Care recipients may have to choose between vital services

The Senior - QLD, General News, 05/06/2025, Page 4

The federal government's new Support at Home program is set to come into effect on July 1 but providers say under the program's co-contribution model, care recipients who were assessed after September 12, 2024, could be asked to pay more than 20 per cent of their weekly income to cover the costs of services they need to live at home. [...] According to the federal government's health department website, the co-contribution model has been developed in line with recommendations by the Aged Care Taskforce.

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## Support strain

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/06/2025, Rowan Cowley & Anthony Caggiano, Page 1

Post-election, the federal government will have its work cut out for them with once-in-a-generation changes to the Aged Care Act weeks away. [...] The Department of Health and Aged Care told The Senior it was working with the aged care sector to make sure older people and providers were "well prepared" to transition to it.

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## Aged care sector reacts to reform delay

Aged Care Insite, Other, 05/06/2025, Stefanie Schultz

A collective sigh of relief was heard across the Australian aged care sector yesterday as the Albanese government announced it will delay the commencement of the new Aged Care Act until November 1. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing says it listened to experts and the aged care sector in making the decision to defer reform, so with less than 30 days left before the Act was due to commence, providers have been given a four month reprieve.

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## Beyond clinical care: The aged care workers supporting communities in crisis

Helloladers.com.au, Other, 05/06/2025, Alex Jacobs

In February, record-breaking monsoonal flooding left much of northern Queensland reeling. [...] Tracy Huegill, Aspen Medical's Clinical Governance Manager – Service Delivery, was part of the 24-person surge workforce team contracted by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to provide support to the residential care homes.

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## **Specialist Training Program delays could hurt rural and regional posts**

Oncology Republic, Other, 05/06/2025, Mariella Attard

It may not be under threat, but the delay is causing problems. [...] The STP is also "undergoing a period of reform and review, informed by an independent evaluation of the program undertaken in 2024/2025", a Department of Health, Disability and Ageing spokesperson told HSD

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## **Feeling unwell? Here's what to do if you have COVID or the flu**

The Australian Women's Weekly, Other, 05/06/2025, Ashleigh Austen

The rules around isolating have changed, but knowing when to stay home – and for how long – still matters. [...] The official advice from Australia's Department of Health and Aged Care is to stay home if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, particularly if you test positive for COVID.

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## **“Don't take the foot off the pedal”: aged care leaders respond to reform delay**

The Weekly Source, Other, 05/06/2025, Caroline Egan

While aged care providers are breathing a collective sigh of relief following the Government's decision to delay the new Aged Care Act by four months, Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson is urging caution: "Keep going. [...] Russell Bricknell, CEO of Western Australia Not For Profit Juniper, told The Weekly SOURCE, "The Government chose an artificial date to start [the reforms] without thinking about what effort was involved and I think that's impacted both the Department [of Health, Disability and Ageing] and providers.

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## **VACCINES**

### **Queensland Police Service reinstate jobs of those who refused Covid-19 vaccination**

The Courier Mail, Other, 05/06/2025, Thomas Chamberlin

Police officers who refused to get the Covid-19 vaccination – who took the issue to a tribunal after

being sacked – are starting to return to their jobs. Solicitor Justin Sibley said 15 officers represented by his firm in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal had been reinstated.

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

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Changing face of care

Cairns Post, General News, 06/06/2025, Molly Frew, Page 14

A Queensland provider has re-established various First Nations aged care facilities in the Gulf region, with their "culturally attuned" approach allowing elders to remain better connected to community and country. Queensland-based not-for-profit Selectability took over management of three residential care facilities in September 2023, upgrading and restaffing services in Normanton, Mornington Island and Doomadgee.

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### 'We really need to talk about death more'

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 05/06/2025, Natasha Egan

Being comfortable talking about death and consistent terminology will help aged care staff improve the final stage of older people's lives, says Kate Weger. Better dying is an important concept, Hartmann head of clinical and governance Kate Weger has told around 250 people at the recent Positive Ageing Summit.

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### Summerset partners with Health Metrics

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 05/06/2025

New Zealand-based aged care provider Summerset is marking its expansion into the Australian sector with a partnership with care platform Health Metrics, which will be rolled out across its six sites once construction is completed. Aged care software platform Health Metrics has partnered with New Zealand-based aged care provider Summerset to introduce the eCase management system across Summerset's new Victorian aged care homes and retirement villages.

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### Aged Care providers will need to improve food standards under new laws

The Senior, Other, 05/06/2025, Rowan Cowley

Better nutrition, more personal choice and more social opportunities are at the centre of new laws that will aim to revolutionise food service in aged care. Providers will be obligated to meet higher standards surrounding the quality of food, nutrition, and the overall dining experience when the new Aged Care Act comes into effect on November 1

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### SATURDAY 100th issue reimagines care: Can your home be the new hospital?

The Weekly Source, Other, 05/06/2025, Lauren Broomham

With aged care under strain and hospitals stretched thin, Amplar Health is leading a quiet but powerful revolution: delivering hospital-level care at home. In the special 100th issue of SATURDAY, CEO Robert Read shares how virtual nurses, hotel recovery suites, and in-home hospital care are reshaping the future for ageing Australians – and why Government is paying close attention.

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**ABC Newcastle, Breakfast, 05/06/2025, Paul Culliver**

Interview with Laura Haylen, Director of Aged Care, Catholic Health Australia. Haylen says she is relieved with the delays around implementing significant aged care reforms. She notes it's an important step in terms of making sure they get the eform right. Haylen adds the Aged Care Act introduces an important rights-based approach to delivering care, and there will also be a new set of aged care quality standards.

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## ABC Radio Melbourne, Drive, 05/06/2025, Ali Moore

Interview with Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson on the government's delayed changes to aged care and home care packages. Symondson says the biggest change in the packages is the new co-payments for certain services. He says people already in the system before the changes are not affected, adding that new users after 1 November will need to make those contributions.

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## ABC Radio Perth, Statewide Mornings, 05/06/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Regular Segment: Money Matters with financial planner Nick Bruining discussing the government's delayed aged care reforms. Bruining explains that the reforms would significantly increase costs for consumers, especially in residential aged care. He also says that despite the delay, the government has not changed any of the planned cost increases.

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## DISABILITY

### Banned director 'flagged in 2021'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 06/06/2025, Julie Cross & John Rolfe, Page 12

A now banned director who was allowed to run an NDIS company claiming \$50m of taxpayer funds a year, was flagged as personally unsuitable by the disability watchdog back in 2021. Muhammad Latif was banned last week from providing services to the NDIS, after it was alleged in court papers that his company made NDIS claims for prisoners and dead people.

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

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### Police custody death fury

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

200 gather at parliament as officers accused of using force over 'de-escalation' Territory police have been accused of failing to choose "deescalation over death" after a young Indigenous man with a disability was forced to the ground by police at an Alice Springs supermarket. [...] Kumanjanyi White was living in 24/7 supported NDIS care and under a public guardianship order.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Police 'can't regulate' tobaccoists

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/06/2025, Max Maddison & Penry Buckley, Page 3

NSW Police Minister Yasmin Catley has warned that law enforcement officers cannot be expected to regulate the ballooning tobacco black market and conceded it was not clear how many tobaccoist retailers would sign up to a new licensing scheme. After Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers on Wednesday ruled out scaling back the tax on tobacco which has rocketed from 26 cents per cigarette in 2010 to \$1.37 in September 2024 the debate has shifted to who should take on greater responsibility for tackling the explosion of illicit products.

## Call to accelerate e-scooter bans

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Dylan Caporn, Page 1

Local councils and the State Government are under pressure to ban hireable e-scooters, after the City of Perth removed them from the CBD following the death of pedestrian Thanh Phan this week. [...] Royal Perth Hospital trauma service head surgeon Dieter Weber told The West Australian he believed all councils should pull their scooters off the streets.

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## 'Oversize' fee: burial costs on the rise

The Senior - QLD, General News, 05/06/2025, Saffron Howden, Page 6

Coffins and grave sites are quietly getting larger to accommodate bigger bodies - and cemeteries are having to charge more to cover the extra costs. [...] In 2022, 66 per cent of adults in Australia were overweight or obese - about 13 million people - according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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## Australian kids BYO lunches to school. There is a healthier way to feed students

Canberra Times, Other, 05/06/2025, Miriam Williams, Liesel Spencer & Katherine Kent

Australian parents will be familiar with this school morning routine: hastily making sandwiches or squeezing leftovers into containers, grabbing a snack from the cupboard and a piece of fruit from the counter. This would be unheard of in many other countries, including Finland, Sweden, Scotland, Wales, Brazil and India, which provide free daily school meals to every child.

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

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## Tobacco tax to stay high despite black market fears

7news.com.au, Other, 05/06/2025, Alex Mitchell

Treasurer Jim Chalmers ruled out changing the tobacco excise. 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.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, Evenings, 05/06/2025, Renee Krosch

Interview with Public Health Association of Australia CEO Prof Terry Slevin on the rising cases of e-scooter injuries. Krosch says e-scooter rules and attitudes differ widely across Australian cities, with some embracing them and others banning them. Slevin says this variation is typical of the Australian federated system. He says there is still a lack of data on the actual harms caused by e-scooters, which makes it harder to develop a unified national approach.

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

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## ABC Radio Perth, Statewide Mornings, 05/06/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with AMA WA president Dr Michael Page on the rising cases of e-scooter injuries. Page says at least one major injury from e-scooters is admitted daily to Royal Perth Hospital's trauma unit. He says councils enabling hire schemes for tourists, intoxicated people, or inexperienced riders should consider their legal risk. He says the City of Perth's decision to suspend the program is right, but believes more decisive action is needed.

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## Channel 9, Nine News, 05/06/2025, Michael Thomson

The City of Perth suspends public e-scooter hire in the CBD following the death of pedestrian Thahn

Phan. AMA WA president Dr Michael Page says injuries from e-scooters are a major public health issue and urges councils to reconsider the value of these programs.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### A simple test could save a life

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 06/06/2025, Page 55

Is the world pumping too much iron? June 1 marks the beginning of World Haemochromatosis Week. [...] Haemochromatosis is the most common genetic disorder in Australia causing the body to absorb too much iron from food.

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### The true costs of cancer

The Senior - QLD, General News, 05/06/2025, Eileen Wood, Page 10

When Kate Browne's husband asked her for a divorce she was blindsided as are many women faced with this situation. But for Kate, the situation was especially harrowing as she was also struggling with a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment which had stripped her of energy and confidence.

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### Millions in west do not know they have aggressive fatty liver disease, study says

The Guardian, Other, 05/06/2025, Anna Bawden

More than 15 million people in the US, UK, Germany and France do not know they have the most aggressive form of fatty liver disease, according to research. Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) – the formal name for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease – occurs in people who drink no or minimal amounts of alcohol whose liver contains more than 5% fat.

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### Channel 7, Seven News, 05/06/2025, Peter Mitchell

Australian company INOVIQ develops a new blood test that accurately detects ovarian cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages. INOVIQ CEO Dr Leeearne Hinch says the test could save the lives of many women around the world.

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

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## PRIMARY CARE

### How was this allowed to happen? Ruling raises some important questions on gender medicine

The Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Bernard Lane, Page 7

Medicalised gender change for distressed minors, driven by puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, is experimental treatment. Since 2019, jurisdictions as different as Finland, Florida, Sweden and England have independently put these hormonal treatments to the gold-standard test; in each case, systematic reviews of the evidence have shown it to be very weak and uncertain.

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

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### Healthscope back in the sights of private equity

Three Sydney-based private equity firms are taking on not-for-profit operators to buy hospitals within Healthscope, ahead of a sale process set to begin soon. The Pacific Equity Partners-owned business Healthe Care is understood to be interested in 12 hospitals in the portfolio that includes 37 operations, while also now showing interest are smaller rivals Genesis Capital and Mercury Capital.

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## Ambos slam secrecy

Herald Sun, General News, 06/06/2025, Shannon Deery, Page 1

A long-awaited inquiry into the embattled Ambulance Victoria has begun in secret with all evidence to be taken behind closed doors. In a move that has angered many Ambulance Victoria employees who want to blow the whistle publicly on what they describe as a toxic culture that has devastated the agency, the parliament's inquiry has decided to hear evidence in private.

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

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## \$700m more to finish hospital

Daily Telegraph, General News, 06/06/2025, Madeleine Bower, Page 3

The new Bankstown Hospital will have an additional \$700 million pumped into the facility in response to rising construction costs. The new hospital, which has already cost \$1.3 billion, will blowout to \$2 billion, with additional funds to be allocated in this month's budget.

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## Dying man left in a hospital corridor

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Jessica Page, Page 18

Doctors warn bed block is taking an unprecedented toll as it was revealed a terminal cancer patient spent two days on a trolley bed in Midland Hospital. The 57-year-old's wife made a plea to politicians to act faster to boost hospital capacity, after watching her husband's physical and mental health deteriorate in full view of the public.

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

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## We're in a sick state

Cairns Post, General News, 06/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 15

Sick Queenslanders living in large cities and towns are forced to pay thousands of dollars to travel to specialist appointments in Brisbane as the medical experts are retiring, resigning or cannot be lured away from the state's capital. Securing an appointment with neurologists, psychiatrists, paediatricians, gastroenterologists, and endocrinologists is becoming more difficult for regional patients and the Australian Medical Association is calling for the government to urgently invest in incentives for specialist doctors so that all Queenslanders can receive proper health care.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#).

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## NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee reveals next steps in Voluntary Assisted Dying inquiry

Northern Territory News, Other, 05/06/2025, Fia Walsh

The parliamentary committee tasked with inquiring into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory has revealed details of its plan to deliver on the mammoth task set by the Country Liberal government. Last month rising political pressure led the CLP to order the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (LCAC) to hold an inquiry into a comprehensive VAD report prepared in 2024.

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## Deadline set for latest VAD report, so what will it bring to light?

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Adam Steer

The deadline for the latest report in VAD has been set for September. It comes some 30 years after Voluntary Assisted dying was first legislated in the Northern Territory, and behind every other jurisdiction in the country, so the question must be asked - what is the delay, and what don't you know yet?

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### **Sky News Live, Credlin, 05/06/2025, Peta Credlin**

Interview with academic psychiatrist Dr Andrew Amos on concerns raised over gender-affirming care guidelines in Australia. Credlin says there is growing concern in Australia about gender-affirming care, especially following the Cass Review in the UK. She adds that the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners features gender-affirming care in its latest GP training materials. Amos criticises the inclusion of the 'gender unicorn' graphic, calling it an activist tool rather than a medical one. He says this type of training could mislead GPs and expose them to legal risk if harm results from following flawed advice.

*Interview continues on: [Sky News Live \(Sydney\)](#).*

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### **ABC Radio Darwin , Drive, 05/06/2025, Liz Trevaskis**

Interview with Royal Darwin Hospital director of nursing and midwifery Emma Divilly on the closure of Darwin's private hospital maternity ward. Trevaskis says the Royal Darwin Hospital has become the only birth option for mothers in the area due to the closure. Divilly says they have planned since February and made arrangements with private obstetricians to continue care in the public system.

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### **2CC, Canberra Live, 05/06/2025, Leon Delaney**

Interview with Private Healthcare Australia CEO Dr Rachel David on how rising costs are causing fewer Australians to see medical specialists. Delaney says Medicare data shows a 10% drop in Australians seeing medical specialists over the past five years, despite a 7% rise in population. David says surveys from La Trobe University and the ABS show that cost is a major barrier for 10% to 20% of patients.

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### **6PR, Drive, 05/06/2025, Oliver Peterson**

Interview with Private Healthcare Australia CEO Dr Rachel David on how rising costs are causing fewer Australians to see medical specialists. Peterson says Medicare data shows a 10% drop in Australians consulting medical specialists over five years, despite population growth and rising appointment costs. David says the decline in consultations has not reversed since the pandemic. She urges patients to discuss cost with their GP if referred, as financial barriers are preventing people from getting the care they need.

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## **MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION**

### **Treatment not fit for purpose**

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 3

Eating disorder sufferers face "unacceptably poor outcomes" due to outdated treatment that has a limited effect and a focus on physical symptoms to the exclusion of psychological impacts, a report has found. The study, from Australian research institute and mental health charity Orygen and co-authored by Harvard Medical School and King's College London, found that despite increasing rates of anorexia nervosa, particularly in young people, treatment options were limited.

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## One family's pain showcases gaps in eating disorder care

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 13

Perth dad John, not his real name, is a former senior police officer who has witnessed devastating trauma. But nothing could prepare him for seeing his teenage daughter in hospital for urgent treatment for an eating disorder last year.

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## The mental health condition that is not being treated correctly

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/06/2025, Wendy Tuohy, Page 21

Deanna De Cicco Carr has an early memory of being at a friend's birthday at the age of 10 or 12 and adults shaming kids for eating party food. [...] She cannot pinpoint the moment life-threatening anorexia nervosa began, putting De Cicco Carr (at the time) among the 27 per cent of Australian eating disorder patients who are aged 10-19.

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## High cost of wellbeing

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 06/06/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 10

The Health and Wellbeing budget scrapes in at \$9.99bn, with \$1.9bn in new spending over five years, but will swell to almost \$10.5bn over the next three years. But the forecast figures do not factor in blowout costs.

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## ADHD treatments are changing lives

Burnie Advocate, General News, 06/06/2025, Joshua Hutchinson, Page 10

Roommates Sinead Kaegi-Norris and Jaclynn Culham have both been diagnosed with ADHD in the past few months. The two women, both in their early 20s, say their lives have improved significantly since they've been medicated for the condition.

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## 'He hates me': Aussie mums share the pain of an ADHD child's meltdown

The Courier Mail, Other, 05/06/2025, Ginger Gorman

"He told me I should die, and he hopes I die. He said I should just kill myself," says mum-of-four Anne about her ADHD son. [...] Despite appearances, extreme verbal abuse and threats by children with ADHD are not usually intentional cruelty.

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

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## Eating disorder research and funding falling behind

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Humyara Mahbub

New research published today is calling for a drastic re-think of how we research and treat eating disorders with current treatments for anorexia nervosa now decades old and only effective in about half of all patients. Breakthroughs have been few and far between in recent years and the need for updated funding and treatment has never been more critical with anorexia nervosa having one of the highest premature death rates of any mental illness.

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

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## Action stations as nurses fly pink flag

The Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Mackenzie Scott, Page 5

Queensland's nurses and midwives donned pink shirts and handed out pamphlets to patients on Thursday as the union launched industrial action after negotiations with the Crisafulli government stalled over its commitment to "nation-leading pay and conditions". More than 45,000 frontline health workers took protected action for first time in 23 years, with the secretary of the Queensland Nurses and Midwife Union, Sarah Beaman, saying protests would escalate in coming weeks if the government didn't honour its commitment to workers.

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

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## Nurses warn pink protest for better pay could escalate

Canberra Times, Other, 05/06/2025, Savannah Meacham

Nurses are expected to escalate their protest for better pay over the coming weeks as union members take industrial action for the first time in two decades. Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union members began protected industrial action on Thursday, wearing pink into hospitals to voice their demands.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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## First strike in decades on the cards for public nurses, midwives

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 05/06/2025, William Davis

Public nurses and midwives will strike for the first time in decades if key demands are not met by the Queensland government. The health workers wore pink today and aired their concerns about pay and conditions on the job.

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## Medical imaging nurses strike over pay and apron compensation

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 05/06/2025, Gemma Carter & Erin Bahlmann

Epworth medical imaging workers in Geelong have gone on strike demanding better pay and an allowance for the lead aprons they must wear. Emily Rouhan, one of six nurses who stopped work for four hours on Thursday, said the 10kg aprons that protect them from radiation exposure were "awkward and heavy".

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## Australian healthcare workers sign open letters calling on government to sanction Israel

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Nabil Al Nashar

More than 1,000 Australian health professionals have signed two open letters calling on the government to sanction Israel and stop the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. One of the letters was organised by Wollongong pharmacist Yossra Aboulfadl.

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## Queensland nurses and midwives take industrial action for the first time in 23 years

9News, Other, 05/06/2025

Queensland's nurses and midwives are taking industrial action for the first time in 23 years in a bid for better pay and conditions. The Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union voted in favour of industrial action, with about 55,000 to begin stage one by donning pink and starting conversations with patients today.

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## **Channel 10, 10 News First, 05/06/2025, Sharyn Ghidella**

Qld nurses and midwives begin industrial action for the first time in 23 years, calling for nation-leading pay and improved conditions in their next enterprise agreement. The union says members will walk off the job, but patient care will not be affected.

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## **Channel 7, Seven News, 05/06/2025, Max Futchter & Katrina Blowers**

Thousands of nurses and midwives begin protected industrial action in every public hospital, with the union rejecting the Crisafulli government's wage offer. Qld Health Minister Tim Nicholls says the government will continue negotiations with the health workers.

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## **Channel 9, Nine News, 05/06/2025, Alison Ariotti**

Qld nurses and midwives take industrial action for the first time in over 20 years, starting with a pink-themed campaign in hospitals. They speak with patients about their push for better pay and conditions as part of stage one. If negotiations fail, stage two will involve work bans on tasks unrelated to direct patient care.

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## **4BC, Afternoons, 05/06/2025, Sofie Formica**

Interview with Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union secretary Sarah Beaman on their planned industrial action. Formica says the state's nurses and midwives argue that the government has failed to deliver on its promise of nation-leading wages. Beaman says the offers put forward not only fall short on pay but also try to weaken basic rights and entitlements.

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## **TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS**

### **Australia needs to consider environmental impacts in healthcare decisions and planning**

AHHA (Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association), Other, 05/06/2025

Australia's healthcare system, like many other industries and services, is a significant contributor to national greenhouse gas emissions. [...] 'We have a clear pathway to include environmental impacts through Health Technology Assessment, but we're not taking full advantage of the opportunity.'

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### **Arrotex Xobet topical CS now PBS-listed**

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/06/2025

Arrotex Pharmaceuticals has launched topical corticosteroid Xobet (clobetasol propionate 0.05%), which was recently listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). The treatment is the most potent topical corticosteroid listed on the PBS, and provides a first-line treatment option for atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, lichen sclerosus/planus, alopecia areata, and discoid lupus erythematosus.

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## **MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH**

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Italian osteopath practising in Canberra sexually assaulted patient, civil tribunal finds

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Tahlia Roy

Italian citizen Daniele Caminiti was found to have sexually assaulted a patient before boarding a flight to Italy just days after his workplace began an investigation and a subsequent police report was made. [...] Court documents show an Australian Border Force officer confirmed to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency that Mr Caminiti "departed the country bound for Italy on 9 April 2022".

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### Sydney plastic surgeon, Dr Tobias Pincock, blames shocking drug test result on bagels

The Mercury, Other, 05/06/2025, Robert White

A scandal-plagued Sydney surgeon has once again been hauled in front of medical authorities, this time after testing positive for a slew of illicit drugs. [...] Australia's medical regulator, the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC), on Tuesday released its findings from a tribunal held in late 2024, which investigated a complaint against Dr Pincock.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Michael Farrelly: Hormone clinics owner banned after 18 complaints to Health Care Complaints Commission

The Mercury, Other, 05/06/2025, Inasha Iftexhar

A man behind a series of controversial Australian testosterone and hormone therapy clinics has been permanently banned from providing health services after over a dozen patients reported serious side effects. Michael Farrelly, also known under various aliases including Vergel Page and Mikael Wolfe, operated businesses including Climax Clinic, Australian Institute of Sports Science and Peak Performance Clinic.

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

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## HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

### Mental health needs to find its Slip, Slop, Slap moment

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Chris Gambian, Page 64

As Australians, we get proactive health. Our response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic led the world. "Slip, slop slap" has become ingrained in our culture. It's time now that we applied that same thinking and energy to our mental health crisis.

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### This new cancer screening program is set to save countless lives

The Courier Mail, Other, 05/06/2025, Mia Erickson

Despite being the fifth most common cancer to be diagnosed in Australia, lung cancer is by far the deadliest, boasting the highest mortality rate year on year. [...] But now, a new national lung cancer screening program is set to address the need for earlier diagnosis and intervention, launching July 1 of this year.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 05/06/2025, Sandra Sully

The Lung Foundation calls out NSW Premier Chris Minns' idea to lower the federal cigarette tax to address the black market. The foundation says states should focus on increasing enforcement instead.

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## Sky News Live, Sharri, 05/06/2025, Sharri Markson

Panel discussion with Nationals Senator Matt Canavan and GXO Strategies director Cameron Milner on the call for the federal government to reduce its cigarette tax. Milner says the tax is now high enough to attract organised crime. He believes more should be spent on prevention, policing, and healthcare.

Panel discussion continues on: [Sky News Live \(Sydney\)](#).

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## SPORT

### Help Aussie Olympians go for gold, and get a tax break too

Australian Financial Review, General News, 06/06/2025, Zoe Samios, Page 5

Australians will be able to make tax-deductible donations to aspiring Summer and Winter Olympians under a new scheme designed to provide financial support for low-income athletes.

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### NRL's bold Olympics dream

Courier Mail, General News, 06/06/2025, Greg Stolz, Page 1

The NRL has formally thrown its hat into the ring for a spot at the 2032 Brisbane Olympics and Paralympics. Games organising committee boss Andrew Liveris revealed on Thursday he had held talks this week with NRL powerbrokers Peter V'landys and Andrew Abdo about the potential for some form of rugby league - likely touch football - to be played at the Games.

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

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### Knockout

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Jessica Page, Page 1

Controversial bare-knuckle boxing has suffered a knockout blow with plans to host its first Australian event in Perth rejected. Sports Minister Rita Saffioti, who had said it wasn't her "cup of tea", backed the Combat Sports Commission's decision that it was not satisfied the event "met the required criteria".

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### Tasmania's own goal opens door to WA team

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Aaron Patrick, Page 12

The chance of WA getting a third AFL team was thrust on to the national agenda on Thursday by a series of bizarre events on the east coast. With the introduction of a Tasmanian team in 2028 dependent on a new \$950 million stadium being built in Hobart, the sensational dismissal of Tasmania's State Government meant all bets were off, given any new election would be largely fought on the issue.

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### AFL Commission to discuss Devils licence amid delay fears, chaos

Age, Sport, 06/06/2025, Sam McClure & Alexander Darling, Page 40

The AFL Commission will meet next week to consider the repercussions for the Tasmania Devils of yesterday's no-confidence vote against premier Jeremy Rockliff, which set the island state on course for a snap election and left the league's 19th team in peril. On another day of upheaval in Tasmanian parliament, the vote was tied and the Labor speaker used her casting vote to pass the no-confidence motion.

## News Corp bosses boycott Origin as V'landys fires up at drugs poll

Sydney Morning Herald, Sport, 06/06/2025, Michael Chammas, Page 44

Senior executives and editors at News Corp boycotted the offer of NRL hospitality at last week's State of Origin match in Brisbane amid a war of words with ARL Commission chairman Peter V'landys. V'landys expressed frustration and displeasure with the editors of The Daily Telegraph, The Courier Mail and CODE Sports over the contents of a recently released series about rugby league playeragents titled "The Deal Makers".

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## Run It Straight turns brute force into entertainment, with fatal consequences

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Melissa Maykin

For Onehunga Mata'uiau, rugby has always been about skill, discipline, and controlled contact. That's why the former Manu Samoa player and seasoned coach sees the Run It Straight craze sweeping Pacific communities as a dangerous distortion of the game he loves.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Nuclear cancer fight win

The Australian, Business News, 06/06/2025, Robert Gottliebsen, Page 21

Australia and Israel have combined their cancer-fighting expertise to take global nuclear medicine a significant step forward. The breakthrough comes in prostate cancer, but confirms that nuclear medicine is emerging as a new way of treating many cancers.

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

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### 'I was going downhill fast': breast cancer drug gives hope

Newcastle Herald, General News, 06/06/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 9

Mayfield's Madelaine Atkins has a new lease on life from a drug trial that aims to treat advanced breast cancer. She's been part of the FINER clinical trial through the Newcastle-based Breast Cancer Trials for three and a half years.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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## New Proteomics blood test unlocks better oesophageal cancer detection

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 05/06/2025, James Pearson

Newly published results from ASX-listed diagnostics trailblazer Proteomics International Laboratories have unveiled stunning new clinical findings for its simple PromarkerEso oesophageal cancer blood test, opening the way for the innovative blood test to be commercially released. The test's accuracy was demonstrated in a 259-person study across three patient groups in Australia and the United States.

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## Breakthrough in search for HIV cure leaves researchers 'overwhelmed'

The Guardian, Other, 05/06/2025, Kat Lay

A cure for HIV could be a step closer after researchers found a new way to force the virus out of hiding inside human cells. [...] Now researchers from the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity in

Melbourne, have demonstrated a way to make the virus visible, paving the way to fully clear it from the body.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Self-determination, unity ignite brighter Indigenous future

The Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Duane Fraser, Page 11

From the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait to Kati Thanda (Lake Eyre) and the Victorian Assembly of First Nations, traditional owner alliances are standing shoulder to shoulder, forging new coalitions and asserting collective authority over country. [...] Our young people are still far more likely to face jail or the despair that leads to suicide, and they die, on average, nearly a decade earlier than their non-Indigenous mates.

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### Noongar Wardandi health worker Oceania Harris is leading by example

National Indigenous Times, Other, 05/06/2025, Giovanni Torre

Oceania Harris has worked hard to blaze a trail for herself and to set a strong example to her five children and her community. The Noongar Wardandi woman from Busselton in the south west of Western Australia, she works in the local hospital looking as an Aboriginal liaison officer, and will soon transition back into her previous role as an Aboriginal health practitioner.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### Malaria outbreak bites

Courier Mail, General News, 06/06/2025, Page 3

An outbreak of a potentially fatal disease continues in Queensland as authorities race to investigate two more locally acquired cases, bringing the total number of infections this year to 71. Queensland Health confirmed a second locally acquired infection was recently identified in the Torres Strait Islands local government area.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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### Queensland Health investigating second locally acquired malaria case in the Torres Strait Islands

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Claudia Williams

Queensland Health is investigating two cases of locally acquired malaria as the state's total number of infections this year rises to 71. In its latest notifiable conditions report, Queensland Health says a second locally acquired malaria case was recently identified in the Torres Strait Islands local government area.

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### Not the time to 'ease off' flu jabs: Guild

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/06/2025, Megan Haggan

More than one million Queenslanders have already received their influenza vaccine since the free flu program began in March. But with hospital admissions on the rise and 37 flu-related deaths already recorded this year, Queenslanders are being encouraged not to become complacent.

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## GPs call for release of Qld drug report

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/06/2025

The Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) has called on the Qld Govt to publicly release an independent, taxpayer-funded evaluation of the state's drug testing sites. The Qld Govt controversially closed the drug testing service two months ago (PD 09 Apr), and has refused to confirm whether it will release the findings of the evaluation, which was commissioned by the former Labor Government at a cost of \$453,286.

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## The rapidly changing landscape of RSV protection

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/06/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

It took many decades for RSV vaccines to arrive in general practices. But why did it take so long and what impact are they having now?

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## England is launching a gonorrhea vaccine. Is Canada next?

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 05/06/2025

England will soon begin administering a vaccine to high-risk individuals that may reduce their chances of contracting gonorrhea, but a similar program is not yet in the cards for Canada. According to studies cited by England's National Health Service, the 4CMenB vaccine, which is presently used in Canada for immunization against meningitis B, has an effectiveness of 32.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### Health Check: Medical device makers Trump drug developers in volatile US healthcare climate

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 05/06/2025, Tim Boreham

Relative to drug developers, medical device makers have outperformed amid the turmoil of the Trump administration's healthcare reforms. [...] This week, the local Therapeutic Goods Administration followed suit.

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

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### UK medicine regulator warns that women taking Mounjaro, Ozempic need to use effective contraception

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025

The warning comes after the agency received 40 reports relating to unintended pregnancies while using such weight loss drugs. Women in the UK have been urged to use effective contraception if they are using weight loss drugs after dozens of reports of unintentional pregnancies from people taking the medication.

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### Contraception warning over weight-loss drugs after dozens of pregnancies

The Guardian, Other, 05/06/2025, Tobi Thomas

Women using weight-loss drugs have been urged to use effective contraception after dozens have reported becoming pregnant while taking the medication. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued its first alert to the UK public regarding contraception and weight-loss medications after it received 40 reports relating to pregnancies while using drugs such as Ozempic, Wegovy and Mounjaro.



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## Vitamin B6 class action

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/06/2025

Melbourne-based law firm Polaris Lawyers is investigating a potential class action on behalf of anyone who has suffered injuries after taking Blackmores vitamin supplements containing higher than recommended levels of vitamin B6. [...] "We are aware of reports that excessive levels of B6 in over-the-counter supplements may have caused lasting injuries to hundreds of Australians," said Polaris Founder and Director Nick Mann, referring to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) database of adverse event notifications.

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## Sky News Live, Sharri, 05/06/2025, Sharri Markson

Markson is joined by journalist Ros Thomas. Markson raises concerns about Ozempic's broader effects, mentioning psychiatrist Dr Sally Kelderman, who suggests the drug may dampen all types of desire by altering the brain's single reward system. Thomas says new research shows semaglutide, Ozempic's active ingredient, acts not just on the stomach but also in the brain's pleasure centre.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

### Why a new psychedelic age is dawning in America

Australian Financial Review, Other, 05/06/2025, Elaine Moore

One chilly Saturday night, a group of volunteers stood at the door of a heavily graffitied building in downtown San Francisco and welcomed visitors into a "plant" ceremony that they promised would heal bodies and souls.

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### Dangerous drug cocktail found to be circulating as counterfeit Xanax in Canberra

ABC Online, Other, 05/06/2025, Emmy Groves

A dangerous drug cocktail has been found circulating in Canberra for the first time, sold as a counterfeit prescription anxiety medication. The ACT government's health directorate issued a public health alert on Thursday, explaining the combination had been discovered in a crushed pill portion presented to the city's free drug-checking service, CanTEST, as a Xanax bar.

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## AICIS

### Research reveals toxic risk to firefighters

West Australian, General News, 06/06/2025, Bethany Hiatt, Page 28

Many WA bush firefighters have not worn adequate respiratory masks or properly washed clothing permeated with hazardous chemicals, research has found. Edith Cowan University researcher Kiam

Padamsey investigated potential harms faced by about 20,000 volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and 700 Parks and Wildlife Service firefighters, finding many had a poor understanding of the risks.

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## **Former Lib behind firefighter protection laws Chris Back 'disappointed' at compo call for firey Matthew Petch**

West Australian, Other, 05/06/2025, Bethany Hiatt

One of the architects of Australian laws ensuring firefighters get compensation if they develop cancer says he is "surprised and disappointed" that a WA volunteer with a rare and aggressive cancer is battling for timely recognition. As revealed by The West Australian, the struggle for volunteer firefighter Matthew Petch to get workers compensation has highlighted a discrepancy between protections given paid firefighters compared with volunteers.

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