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- The [Weekend Australian](#) (page 1) reports former AFL player Shane Tuck has been diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, but years after his suicide his family are criticising the League for failing to implement the recommendations of an inquiry into the condition.
- The [Northern Territory News](#) (page 1) reports over 60 mothers and families have had their care transferred to the Royal Darwin Hospital with the closure of the Darwin Private Hospital's maternity ward on Friday, June 6. *Also reported by:* [Northern Territory News](#)
- The [Saturday Age](#) (page 3) reports Mildura Base Public Hospital has criticised the Victorian State Government over a lack of funding it says has constricted bed numbers and prevented them from keeping up with growing patient demand.
- The [Northern Territory News](#) (page 3) reports the Northern Territory's parliamentary committee into voluntary assisted dying laws has met twice and says it plans to release a public consultation paper "as soon as possible".
- The [Saturday Age](#) (page 5) reports over 193 hospital errors led to 112 deaths across Victoria over the 2023-24 financial year, the state's annual "sentinel events" report has revealed.
- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 7) reports a US government request for Australia to accept beef from cattle slaughtered in the US but sourced in third countries is being considered, Health Minister

MINISTER BUTLER

'Vital' to know who makes the calls on gender

Weekend Australian, General News, 07/06/2025, Ellie Dudley, Sarah Ison and Mackenzie Scott, Page 7

A former Family Court judge says it is "absolutely vital" jurists follow the example of judge Andrew Strum in making public the names of institutions treating gender dysphoric children, adding that it is critical parents are aware of the range of opinions on the efficacy of treatment. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, who this year announced a review into the frameworks surrounding the treatment of gender dysphoric children, on Friday refused to offer fresh comment on Justice Strum's judgment.

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

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Reign over but kingmaker lives on

Canberra Times, General News, 07/06/2025, Dana Daniel, Page 35

His Senate crossbench clout may be gone, but David Pocock remains a force to be reckoned with. ACT independent senator David Pocock is so popular that some voters outside of Canberra complain about not being able to vote for him. [...] Senator Gallagher joined with her lower house ACT Labor colleagues and Health Minister Mark Butler, 12 days out from the election, to pledge \$24.3 million to boost access to bulk-billing GPs and build more aged care respite beds.

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

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PM urged not to 'trade away' beef

Canberra Times, Business News, 07/06/2025, Page 43

Australia is being warned not to sell out its beef farmers as the prime minister confirms he will not compromise the nation's biosecurity protections in tariff talks. The federal government is considering granting more American beef producers access to the local market as Anthony Albanese seeks to strike a tariff deal in a potential meeting with US President Donald Trump. [...] Though US beef is up for discussion, Health Minister Mark Butler expressly ruled out bargaining with Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Michael West Media \(Online\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#).

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No trading our beef security

Courier Mail, General News, 07/06/2025, Joseph Olbrycht-Palmer, Page 7

Anthony Albanese has ruled out weakening Australia's strict biosecurity laws to secure a carve-out from sweeping US tariffs. The US has been pushing for Australia to loosen rules on American beef imports as the Albanese government vies for an exemption from both the Trump administration's baseline 10 per cent levies on foreign goods and the 50 per cent imposts on steel and aluminium. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said a request to accept beef from cattle slaughtered in the US that originated in third countries was being considered.

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

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Senator expresses concerns for critical health service funding

Hobart Mercury, General News, 07/06/2025, Alison Foletta, Page 18

A Tasmanian senator has raised concerns over a critical health service losing funding. Liberal senator Wendy Askew said City Mission's health service, Mission Health, was at risk of closure, with its federal funding due to expire this month. [...] The senator has urged federal Health Minister Mark Butler to provide funding and also asked newly elected Bass federal member Jess Teesdale to take action.

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Probe launched into health service's use of grant funding

Daily Liberal, General News, 07/06/2025, Ciara Bastow, Page 2

The alleged excessive spending of senior leadership at an Aboriginal health service is being examined by health authorities as Indigenous people across Dubbo demand answers. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler said his department is actively investigating to ensure funding is being appropriated correctly in line with their grant agreements.

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

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Greg Little

Stawell Times News, General News, 06/06/2025, Ceo Grampians, Page 13

In less than a month, one of the biggest reforms to aged care in Australia's history will begin: the rollout of the Support at Home program. It's meant to simplify how older people receive support in their own homes. [...] The Minister responsible, Mark Butler, must act quickly to fix this or risk pushing older Australians out of the system altogether.

Also reported by: [Ararat Advocate \(Ararat\)](#).

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Access for US beef is on the tariff negotiation table

Canberra Times, Other, 06/06/2025, Kat Wong

Australia is considering allowing US beef imports as it seeks to strike a tariff deal with Donald Trump, provided it doesn't compromise national biosecurity protocols. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is preparing for a potential meeting with the US president shortly after he granted the UK an exemption to his supercharged tariffs. [...] Though US beef is up for discussion, Health Minister Mark Butler expressly ruled out bargaining with Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Nats leader fears US beef deal will butcher biosecurity

Canberra Times, Other, 06/06/2025, Kat Wong and Andrew Brown

Allowing us beef to enter Australia to avoid tariffs imposed by Donald Trump would pose a significant risk to farmers, the prime minister has been warned. The federal government is considering granting more American beef producers access to the local market as Anthony Albanese seeks to strike a tariff deal in a potential meeting with the US president. [...] Though US beef is up for discussion, Health Minister Mark Butler ruled out bargaining with Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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

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Australia won't be mooved on biosecurity over beef tariffs as G7 meat-up likely for Trump and Albanese

Thenightly.com.au, Other, 06/06/2025, Nicola Smith and Jackson Hewett

The politically sensitive meat industry has returned to focus as Prime Minister Anthony Albanese prepares to meet US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Canada later this month. If the meeting goes ahead, the Trump administration's sweeping global tariffs will be high on the agenda, and reports suggest Australia could leverage small, safe changes to its import ban on some slaughtered beef from the US to secure an exemption. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler weighed in on Sunrise.

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Major call on cigarettes amid black market fears

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/06/2025, Nick Wilson and Alex Mitchell

The Labor government will not review a tax on Australia's cigarettes despite fears surging prices are contributing to the black market trade. [...] Following the budget figures, Health Minister Mark Butler announced a \$156million investment to assist state and federal agencies in cracking down on illicit tobacco.

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Paying more for less: The emergency of health insurance

The New Daily, Other, 06/06/2025, Brett Heffernan

It takes a feat of financial gymnastics to suggest health insurers paying out more than last year makes hospitals better off, Brett Heffernan says. It's the industry's favourite tactic of squinting, looking at data sideways and telling anyone who'll listen it is doing the right thing. [...] Two months ago, federal Health Minister Mark Butler publicly put the health insurance industry on notice, recognising that its profits are up, its management fees are up, but the ratio of benefits paid to hospitals has fallen.

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More people taking sick leave as Australia braces for 'nasty' flu season and new Covid strain

NEWS.com.au, Other, 06/06/2025, Chantelle Francis

The number of Aussies taking sick leave has sharply risen as the country braces for a "nasty" winter flu season and a new Covid subvariant takes hold. Chantelle Francis The number of Aussies taking sick leave has sharply risen as a new Covid subvariant takes hold and the country braces for a "nasty" winter flu season. [...] Health authorities are now speaking out with a push for booster jabs Health Minister Mark Butler has urged older people, in particular, to get vaccinated and younger people to consider getting a booster too.

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Ahead of sonographers' conference, concerns raised about non-medical pregnancy ultrasounds

Croakey, Other, 06/06/2025, Alison Barrett

Workforce pressures, scope of practice, and critical regulatory issues are some of the topics up for discussion at the 31st Annual International Conference of the Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) in Naarm/Melbourne from 13-15 June. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler recently told ABC TV's 7.30 show that the growing practice had gone under the radar of the Department of Health and Ageing because these are non-medical procedures that don't involve Medicare benefits or private insurance payments.

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Global plan to address climate change and health has a critical gap

Croakey, Other, 06/06/2025, Melissa Sweet

Significant developments in climate health policy at global, national and state levels are reported below. Alison Barrett also puts some questions to the Australian Government. [...] Will Minister Mark Butler personally take responsibility for the National Health and Climate Strategy, as per this recent call by the Climate and Health Alliance?

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Are upcoming changes to pathology bulk billing enough?

Medical Forum, Other, 06/06/2025

A prominent Perth pathologist has warned changes to bulk billing rates for pathology services coming into place next month would mean bulk billing as a rule rather than the exception will come to an end. Pathologist and AMA (WA) President Dr Michael Page told Medical Forum that if rebates for pathology services were not raised soon, operators would have little choice but to increasingly implement out-of-pocket charges. [...] In a radio interview in May, Health Minister Mark Butler described the campaign as "pretty dishonest".

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Breaking news: 83,000 Home Care Packages the latest aged care measure to be delayed

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

In a further twist for Australia's aged care sector, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, has said the rollout of 83,000 new Home Care Packages – originally scheduled to commence on 1 July 2025 – will now be delayed until 1 November 2025. The delay aligns with the newly announced postponement of the Aged Care Act and the Support at Home program, which were also pushed back four months to give providers and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing more time to prepare, as reported by The Weekly SOURCE on Wednesday (4 June).

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120 Australian are losing their jobs before aged care reforms?—here's why

Your Life Choices, Other, 06/06/2025, Don Turrobia

Providing compassionate support to our senior community members is a cornerstone of Australian society, enabling many to live independently within their own homes. However, circumstances can arise that pose challenges to the delivery of such essential care. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the delay in rolling out the new system is to ensure 'all of the systems are in place to deliver a smooth transition to the new laws'.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 06/06/2025, Matt Shirvington and Natalie Barr

Panel discussion with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and Liberal Senator Jane Hume, speaking about possible changes to biosecurity laws to bring American beef into Australia. Butler mentions that they have always made decisions based on the country's interests, citing examples related to American pharmaceutical companies and PBS.

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MINISTER WELLS

"Everyone loves him"

Canberra Times, Sport, 07/06/2025, Caden Helmers, Page 56

Valetini's sights are set on the qualifying final Brumbies star opens up about possible sabbatical [...] Whether he's won a trophy with the Wallabies or he is presenting gold jerseys to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Peter Dutton or Anika Wells, you could be flat out finding a picture of Valetini smiling.

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

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Tech service giants carve out \$67m more from delayed aged systems

InnovationAus, Other, 06/06/2025, Joseph Brookes

Multi-national tech service suppliers for the government's \$1.2 billion aged care digital uplift booked lucrative extensions worth at least \$67 million just months out from the planned go live date. The technology launch has since been pushed back as part of a delay to the landmark aged care reforms revealed this week. [...] Earlier this year, then-Aged Care minister Anika Wells shifted from a hard July 1 deadline for the switchover to a staged roll out, in part because of the technology challenges.

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Aged Care Minister addresses workforce in open letter following delay of new Aged Care Act

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 06/06/2025, Anmj Staff

In an open letter to the aged care workforce, new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, has highlighted the government's commitment to working together with frontline aged care staff following the deferment of the start of the new Aged Care Act by four months from 1 July to 1 November.

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Aged care reforms take shape but with slight delay

Your Life Choices, Other, 06/06/2025, Abegail Abrugar

Changes that have been carefully considered are now moving closer to implementation, promising to reshape how care is delivered and experienced. The Hon Sam Rae MP, the new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, has shared an open letter addressing these upcoming developments.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Sunshine Coast's Medicare Mental Health Centre opens new location

Noosa Today, Other, 06/06/2025

The Sunshine Coast Medicare Mental Health Centre has officially opened the doors to its new, purpose-designed location, giving locals a more welcoming and permanent place to get free mental health support. [...] The Centre was officially opened on Thursday 29 May by Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Rural and Regional Health Minister, Emma McBride.

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I think my colleague is abusing a work policy

The Saturday Age, Business News, 07/06/2025, Jonathan Rivett, Page 7

I work in the medical field and I have a colleague who is claiming long COVID exemptions. They no longer work during certain times. Aside from long COVID, my colleague seems fit and well. This exemption has led to grinding yet unspoken resentment. This doesn't seem fair, as our colleague does not appear medically or psychologically incapacitated when they work their favourable shifts. What are your thoughts?

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

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Survivors' tales

Weekend Australian, Magazine, 07/06/2025, Bernard Salt, Page 31

They're an elite group of Australians, officially estimated this year to number 7,544, who are living not so much among us but in specialist accommodation facilities with restful, soothing names. I am speaking of course of centenarians Australians aged 100-plus. By the late nineties there's roughly a one-in-three chance of making it to the next year. To have won this lottery every year across the late nineties is both good fortune and good management by the community, the family and the centenarian.

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Attend Warrigal's free Aged Care Pathways seminar

Canberra Times, General News, 07/06/2025, Page 44

Navigating the aged care system can feel overwhelming, with complex decisions, service options and financial considerations. Warrigal's free community Aged Care Pathways seminar is designed to help individuals, carers and families better understand their choices and confidently take the next step. Held on Thursday, June 26 from 11am to 1pm at the Hellenic Club of Canberra, this event brings together aged care professionals, financial experts, and community support organisations, all in one place.

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Sunassist put future protections in place

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 07/06/2025, Denika Anderson, Page 3

Sunassist have reduced some services, particularly with relation to aged care residents, in an effort to ensure the not-for-profit's future. The organisation has been in operation since 1981, providing services to assist people to live as independently as possible, the majority of which is delivered by volunteers.

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Frailty needs to be addressed as a health issue, not an age issue

The Australian, Other, 06/06/2025, Elsa Dent

Frailty isn't just an issue for the elderly – it's a warning for all of us. When we think about ageing, most of us picture it as something that happens far off in the future, something to worry about later. But the truth is, the way we age is shaped much earlier than we realise.

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Delayed Act not celebrated by all

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

Stakeholders are sharing their reaction on the delayed start date of the new Aged Care Act, and while most have welcomed the news, others have questioned what it means for those who were ready for 1 July. Following the government's shock announcement on Wednesday that the new Aged Care Act will be delayed until 1 November, providers, peak bodies and consumers are making their feelings known.

Multi-age friendships bloom in garden

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 06/06/2025

A gardening initiative between an aged care home and neighbouring college in Queensland's Buderim has seen relationships between the residents and students blossom. An intergenerational gardening program between not-for-profit aged care and community services provider Lutheran Services' Immanuel Gardens Aged Care at Buderim and the neighbouring Immanuel Lutheran College has broken down the barriers of age differences in the Queensland town.

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Providers should not delay preparations

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

The ACT's new start date does not mean providers should relax, advises Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson, who tells AAA he plans to use the additional time to address pressing home and residential issues ahead of the transition. Soon after Ageing Australia chief executive officer Tom Symondson delivered the CEO address to aged care providers at the peak's state conference in Melbourne on Wednesday, he addressed them again in the exhibitor showroom during morning tea to tell them the new Aged Care Act would now start in November.

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Characteristics of multidisciplinary care

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

Allied health professionals embedded into teams, adequate funding, no restrictions on the frequency of services and working to a full scope of practice are among the elements of successful collaborative approaches, sector told. A greater focus on multidisciplinary and comprehensive care and reablement and restorative care through that multidisciplinary approach are among the opportunities for allied health under the new Aged Care Act, says Christina Wyatt.

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ARIIA's new advisory group to guide aged care collaboration

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 06/06/2025, Alex Jacobs

Aged Care Research & Industry Innovation Australia (ARIIA) is establishing an Advisory Group to guide the initiatives of its recently launched Aged Care Collaborative, a \$3 million fund to support projects that encourage the sector to work together to solve complex, sector-wide workforce challenges.

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Property developer revises proposed \$170M seniors' living development in Sydney's Inner South

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

Corio Projects has proposed the demolition of existing buildings to make way for an integrated seniors' living development in Rosebery, 6km south of Sydney's CBD. The development includes 170 independent living units and a 34-bed residential aged care facility.

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Inside Amplat Health's bold plan to reshape Australia's healthcare system

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

With hospitals under strain and demand for care rising, Amplat Health CEO Robert Read is driving a national shift – scaling virtual, home-based, and preventative care to ease pressure on the system and improve patient outcomes. By combining data, technology, and multidisciplinary teams, Amplat is creating scalable alternatives to hospital care.

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Rethinking healthcare at home: why Amplar Health is building the future for ageing Australians

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

Australia's population is ageing fast. Hospitals are under pressure. And traditional models of care just aren't keeping up. Enter Amplar Health, led by CEO Robert Read – a Medibank company reimagining how, where, and when healthcare is delivered. From hotel-based recovery to virtual aged care nursing and hospital-level treatment at home, Amplar is leading a quiet revolution. And it's exactly the kind of bold thinking Australia needs.

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Navigating the new Aged Care Act: key challenges – and how to get ahead

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

The introduction of the new Aged Care Act on 1 November 2025 marks a historic shift for Australia's aged care system. In the DCM Group's latest webinar, sector leaders offer practical insights, expert strategies – and a roadmap for success. The countdown is on. From 1 November 2025, aged care providers across residential and home care will enter a bold new era with the rollout of the new Aged Care Act. It's the most transformative reform since 2011 – and the first 100 days will be a pivotal window to set the tone for long-term success.

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Opinion: Four years on from the Royal Commission – where's the national strategy?

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

It's been four years since the Aged Care Royal Commission delivered its Final Report. A historic moment for the sector – and a moment many hoped would mark the start of a new era. But in 2025, aged care still feels like a system trying to fix itself from the outside in. This 100th edition marks a milestone – and offers a moment to reflect on the four years since we concluded our coverage of the Royal Commission.

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Resident-to-resident aggression is common in nursing homes. Here's how we can improve residents' safety

Your Life Choices, Other, 06/06/2025

The Coroners Court of Victoria is undertaking an inquest into the deaths of eight aged care residents across six facilities, over a nine-month period in 2021. Each death occurred after an interaction between residents, known as resident-to-resident aggression.

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DISABILITY

Families in 'anguish' as NDIS agency accused of 'fighting' participants, not helping

ABC Online, Other, 06/06/2025, Nas Campanella and Evan Young

Aimee and Mark Freeman have always been grateful for the support of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Thanks to the scheme, their 19-year-old daughter Bianca — who lives with a severe intellectual disability, is non-verbal and needs assistance to do most tasks — was able to start attending TAFE, join a social group and continue to build her own life.

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ABC, ABC News, 06/06/2025, Nakari Thorpe

NDIS participants say individual plans are being reviewed with little or no warning, and many are losing

support. It comes after the agency that runs the scheme recruited more than 1000 staff since 2024 to deal with the backlog of claims amid cost-saving changes.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Together, apart

Weekend Australian, Magazine, 07/06/2025, Ros Thomas, Page 26

Married? Separated? It's a hellish sort of limbo for the loving partners of dementia patients For Janet Green, Friday nights now bring with them an acute sense of loneliness. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's summary report of 2022, there are 433,300 Australians living with dementia.

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

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Bad science has warped ideas about black mould

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/06/2025, Angus Dalton, Page 29

Mould of any colour can release toxins, but we just don't know how much of it makes us sick, writes Angus Dalton. We inhale about 15 cubic metres of air every day, and you can bet that air contains a good dose of mould spores. We live in a fungal world, and mould in particular grows in at least 30 to 40 per cent of our homes and office buildings.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#).

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The butt of bad joke

Daily Telegraph, Edition Changes, 07/06/2025, James Willis and Rory Williams, Page 13

Here are the images that show how badly Australia is being annihilated in the war on -illegal tobacco. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the number of daily smokers in Australia has declined from 11 per cent in 2019 to 8.3 per cent in 2023, however this has been offset by at least 700,000 people using vapes and e-Cigarettes.

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WSU and Healthy Male urge men to see their GP this Men's Health Week

Nepean News, General News, 06/06/2025, Page 7

Western Sydney University and Healthy Male have joined forces to encourage the men in our lives to take a proactive approach to their wellbeing with one clear message: See Your GP. With research showing that about two-thirds of Australian men delay seeing a doctor when something doesn't feel right, the campaign aims to make regular visits to the doctor a normal part of men's lives not something to avoid.

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Australian doctors raise alarm over electric scooter crash carnage

The Australian, Other, 06/06/2025, Duncan Evans

Doctors across the country are growing increasingly alarmed about the scale of carnage from electric scooter crashes, with one trauma specialist saying his team now confronts "terrible injuries" daily. Professor Dieter Weber, head of trauma services at Royal Perth Hospital, told the ABC's Stateline program this week that his doctors confronted "broken bones, significant internal organ injuries, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries", often leaving patients with "lasting lifelong effects".

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

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Interview with James Gillespie, CEO, Cleanbill. Compere mentions that, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, back in 2024, there was a significant increase in Australians paying to see specialists. He states that there's been a 100% increase in specialist fees over the past eight years, according to a breakdown by Cleanbill. Gillespie explains that people often use GPs as a way to get a referral to go elsewhere to get permission to seek assistance for what patients need.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Tuck's legacy: not mental health, it's brain damage

Weekend Australian, General News, 07/06/2025, Jessica Halloran and Stephen Rice, Page 1

At first, the voices in Shane Tuck's head spoke to him like angels. But as the months wound on, they became sinister beings and soon they began to tell him to take his life. [...] Fay makes it clear her son did not have "mental health battles" because unbeknown to him and his loved ones at the time his brain was "ravaged" with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a disease experts say was caused by his 173-game AFL career.

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Acting fast sees stroke victim out in no time

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Jonathon Magrath, Page 4

Twenty-four hours after being treated for a stroke, John Dale was back on his feet; a "phenomenal" outcome that a Bendigo neurologist put down to recognising symptoms straight away. The retired Moama truck driver was going about his usual morning routine at home when he fell forward and "everything started spinning".

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'Do the test': Rachel's bowel cancer plea

Newcastle Herald, General News, 07/06/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 14

Swansea's Rachel Rizk had a few unused and expired bowel cancer screening kits sitting in her cupboard. She ordered another one and put it on her dressing table. "I'd look at it every day and say I'll do that tomorrow," Ms Rizk said. "My biggest message is I want everyone to please do the test. Take the stigma away." Ms Rizk was diagnosed with bowel cancer at age 55, after seeing her doctor for erratic bowel movements. She had surgery in March.

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

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Mum wins prestigious GC Aussie of the Year

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 07/06/2025, Crystal Fox, Page 3

Two-time cancer survivor fights for cure A Queensland mother and two-time breast cancer survivor has won the Gold Coast Australian of the Year award. Gold Coast mum Dr Robyn Cameron took out the prestigious gong, making her one of the four Gold Coasters who were honoured at the city's annual Australian of the Year awards on Thursday night. Madeline Dr Cameron was first diagnosed with breast cancer when she was 38 and raising her two young children aged five and eight.

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

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Key takeaways from world's largest cancer conference in Chicago

The Guardian, Other, 06/06/2025, Andrew Gregory

Doctors, scientists and researchers shared new findings on ways to tackle cancer at the 2025 American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting, the world's largest cancer conference. The event in Chicago, attended by about 44,000 health professionals, featured more than 200 sessions on this year's theme, Driving Knowledge to Action: Building a Better Future. Here is a roundup of the key studies.

PRIMARY CARE

Healthscope's receivers have one job maximise the sale price for lenders

Sydney Morning Herald, Business News, 07/06/2025, Colin Kruger, Page 2

If we are to believe the words of former Qantas high-flyer and current Healthscope boss Tino La Spina, there remains no love lost between the failed private hospital operator and private health insurers like BUPA a potential suitor whom La Spina accuses of playing a role in Healthscope's collapse last month. La Spina describes as "abhorrent" the way private health insurers underfunded private hospital operators like Healthscope and were now allegedly trying to "pick it up on the cheap when they ...

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

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'Challenges': Hospital's funds lesson for Allan

The Saturday Age, General News, 07/06/2025, Henrietta Cook, Page 3

The board of Mildura Hospital has lashed out at the Allan government over its lack of funding to expand beds at the regional health service and says it "can no longer meet the growing demand" from patients. The intervention comes after The Age revealed that hundreds of patients at Mildura Hospital have been languishing in the emergency department for more than 24 hours, with scores waiting 48 hours and one 85-year-old woman dying.

Also reported by: [Sunraysia Daily \(Mildura\)](#).

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Nitschke's deadly trio

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/06/2025, Sophie Elsworth, Page 30

Euthanasia campaigner Philip Nitschke is pushing to bring three controversial new death devices to Australia, including a ticking-time bomb implant which turns lethal when a dementia patient decides to clock off. Right to Life campaigners have described the innovation as "a chilling inversion of medicine's duty to care" but the Australian physician says the only barrier he sees is our assisted suicide laws.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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\$9bn is all well and good, but what about ramping?

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, At Large, Page 35

An extraordinary \$9bn extra has been ploughed into the state's health system, yet the core promise that propelled the Malinauskas government to power remains stubbornly unfulfilled. Labor's flagship vow at the 2022 state election was to "fix the ramping crisis", yet the continuing problem of ambulances waiting to offload patients at emergency departments has been well documented.

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

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Assisted dying debate deepens

Northern Territory News, General News, 07/06/2025, Fia Walsh, Page 3

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 to hold an inquiry into a comprehensive VAD report prepared in 2024.

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Dying kids score a win over NIMBY 'disgrace'

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 07/06/2025, Jessica Page, Page 7

John Carey has stepped in to take the fate of parkland next to a children's hospice in Swanbourne out of the hands of the local council, branding its objections "nimbyism" at its worst. The Perth Children's Hospital Foundation's plans to transform what it called a "dust bowl" into a better, greener, view for sick and dying kids have been blocked by the City of Nedlands, which owns Allen Park.

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Mayor backs plan to split health service

Daily Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Anthony Bunn, Page 15

A proposal to divide the Murrumbidgee Local Health District will be scrutinised by a parliamentary committee after a bill was debated in the NSW parliament. Murray MP Helen Dalton wants the Wagga-based hospital authority to be split and a new Western Riverina Local Health District created to cover Griffith, Leeton, Deniliquin, Barooga, Berrigan, Finley and Tocumwal.

Also reported by: [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#)

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Air conditioning upgrades underway

Launceston Examiner, General News, 07/06/2025, Annika Rhoades, Page 4

Long-awaited upgrades to the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) heating and air conditioning systems have started, the health department has confirmed. It comes after the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) Tasmanian branch accused the state government of dragging its heels, with work expected to begin in April.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Lack of sleep top worry for fly in, fly out workers

AFR Weekend, Companies and Markets, 07/06/2025, Mark Wembridge, Page 27

Sound levels, poor noise insulation highlighted in survey. The Pilbara resources giants might be steeling themselves for industrial action in iron ore's heartland, but their fly in, fly out workers have something else playing on their minds getting...

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Turning point in treating at-risk transgender youth

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 07/06/2025, Page 12

Family Court judge Andrew Strum's judgments in the case of a biologically male 12-year-old known as Devlin are set to be a turning point in managing a complex issue. Devlin's mother believes the child to be gender dysphoric and that they should be prescribed puberty blockers; the child's father wanted to hold treatment and "let the child be the child".

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Chatbot helped talk Kelly back to health

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/06/2025, Lauren Ironmonger, Page 37

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 began 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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Not just a fussy eater

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 07/06/2025, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 14

A little-known eating disorder that often begins in childhood is on the rise in WA, characterised by an avoidance of and aversion to food that is not related to body image or weight concerns. Dietitians and psychologists have reported increased referrals for patients with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder, which can lead to significant weight loss and nutritional deficiencies as severe as those experienced by anorexia nervosa sufferers.

Also reported by: [The Nightly \(None\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Important to help Lifeline assist others

Border Mail, General News, 07/06/2025, Page 22

Sometimes the helpers need help. Many news reports include 13 11 14 at the end when the content may be sensitive or upsetting. This directs people to Lifeline, Australia's largest suicide prevention service provider. A call comes in to that number every 28 seconds as more than one million Australians reach out to Lifeline for support each year. It's so important to make sure those calls can be answered.

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Des Houghton: Net Zero messages causing mental illness in teens

The Courier Mail, Other, 06/06/2025, Des Houghton

Is the jump in mental illness among Australian teenagers the fault of climate change alarmists? Probably. Cultural Marxists have embedded themselves in our high schools and universities and they are telling wide-eyed youngsters that they have no future. Global self-destruction is imminent, they are told.

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Parenting in the climate crisis: how to raise kids who care about the environment

The Guardian, Other, 07/06/2025, Megan Holbeck

Although it's unfair, it's young people (and the generations to come) who will have to deal with fallout from the climate crisis. So how do you talk to young people about living sustainably and raise knowledgeable kids who care about the future of the planet? [...] Zena Burgess, CEO of the Australian Psychological Society, emphasises the importance of action and taking individual steps that build a community of people making positive progress. This is echoed by Lee and Gameau, and reflects Bob Brown's catchphrase: action is the antidote to despair.

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GP ADHD training to be delivered 'as soon as possible'

Medical Forum, Other, 06/06/2025

Western Australia's Minister for Health has confirmed that training for GPs to be able to provide increased support to those with ADHD is currently being formulated. This is the next step in delivering the government's commitment to give GPs the ability to diagnose ADHD and treat patients with the neurodevelopmental condition.

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What do you know about tic-related disorders?

Medical Forum, Other, 06/06/2025

Dr Melissa Licari, senior research fellow at The Kids Research Institute Australia, said negative experiences in accessing care contribute to poor mental health outcomes in patients with tic disorders. New research led by Perth-based The Kids Research Institute Australia has provided insight into the burden of Tourette syndrome and other tic-related disorders.

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Headspace model faces 'significant challenges': RACGP

The Medical Republic, Other, 06/06/2025, Holly Payne

Opening more Headspace clinics is unlikely to be fix that the struggling youth mental health system needs. The RACGP has taken aim at Commonwealth-funded youth mental health foundation

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

No more ward for mums

Northern Territory News, General News, 07/06/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 1

June 6 marks the closure of the private maternity ward at Darwin Private Hospital, with 61 mums and their families having their care transferred to Royal Darwin Hospital. Since the financially troubled private hospital operator Healthscope announced the closure of the ward in February, NT Health and private insurers have been working to provide the affected families with other options.

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

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Helping hand for mums

Northern Territory News, General News, 07/06/2025, Aden Hill, Page 3

Territory mums living in remote areas are receiving the feedback and support they need through a revolutionary online mothers' group program, which has just opened up scholarships. [...] Mums in the NT can access the Motherland Village for free through a national scholarship fund, while the charity also has the support of the Territory's Humpty Dumpty Foundation for women who give birth at Katherine Hospital.

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Imaging nurses walk off job

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Gemma Carter and Erin Bahlmann, Page 23

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 protected them from radiation exposure were "awkward and heavy".

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'Need a pay rise': Aussies shocked by nurse's salary

NEWS.com.au, Other, 06/06/2025, Ally Foster

A young nurse, who works up to 16 hours a day, has shocked social media users after revealing how much she gets paid. She was recently stopped on the streets of Brisbane for an interview by jobs app, Getahead, where she revealed she earns \$78,000 a year working as an enrolled nurse. The worker is on the verge of finishing her registered nursing degree and plans to either continue working in her current hospital or become an army medic.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Working to keep young doctors in Bendigo

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Tom O'Callaghan, Page 3

Dr Jake French would love to stay in Bendigo, but the young medico could face some tough choices in a little over a year. The Bendigo Hospital worker must soon choose what he will specialise in and may have to take what's on offer in Melbourne, with all its traffic.

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Passionate GPs key to future of rural Tasmanian health

Launceston Examiner, General News, 07/06/2025, Annika Rhoades, Page 4

Beaconsfield could have been left without a doctor, had a Launceston GP not taken over the Beaconsfield medical practice in 2024. Under the new ownership of Dr Prasanth Reddy, it expanded to a five-doctor practice and was named Tasmania's general practice of the year in September.

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Local finalists in rural health awards

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 06/06/2025, Denika Anderson

Some of Sunraysia's rural and regional healthcare workers have been announced as finalists for the 2025 Victorian Rural Health Awards. On of those on the list is Ontario Medical Clinic general practice pharmacist Brooke Shelly who's been nominated for outstanding contribution to rural allied health, while the clinic as a whole also nominated for outstanding contribution by a rural multidisciplina...

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Innovative pharmacists recognised at PSA awards

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 06/06/2025

A group of pharmacists known for championing patient care were honoured at the PSA Victorian Pharmacy Awards last week. The awards, which were presented by Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) Victorian President Dr Amy Page FPS, also recognise leadership and excellence in pharmacist practice.

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Guild Group's MedAdvisor stake diluted

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

A specialist arm of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia has seen its voting power in MedAdvisor reduced after it passed on a recent capital raise. Guild Group Holdings Limited has had its voting power reduced from 18% to just over 15%, a notice on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

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Star Discount Chemist teams up on travel

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/06/2025

Star Discount Chemist has announced the launch of a new, streamlined online travel medicine service designed to make expert care more convenient and accessible for South Australians heading overseas. Developed in collaboration with Glide Online Travel Clinic, and directed by Infectious Diseases Physician Dr James Knox, the service combines telehealth consultations with local pharmacy support to provide the preventive support travellers need.

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Summit bigger than ever

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/06/2025

With only four weeks to go until the Pharmacy Careers Summit on Fri 04 Jul 2025, Heidi Dariz, General Manager at Raven's Recruitment, spoke to Pharmacy Daily about the buzz surrounding this year's event. "When we first envisaged the Summit, we knew it would be valuable for pharmacists at all stages of their careers - but the level of engagement and support from across the pharmacy sector has genuinely exceeded our expectations," Dariz said.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

'Complex' US trade deal will take time

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Business News, 07/06/2025, Danielle Le Messurier and Matt McKenzie,

The chief economist at the nation's biggest bank has warned an Australian trade deal with the US could be some time away given the complexity involved and America's push for increased market access. [...] "There are obvious areas for co-operation (critical minerals), but addressing key US asks around market access for US beef exports, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, regulation of US tech companies and defence spending won't be easy."

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UK medicine regulator issues contraception warning to women taking weight loss jabs

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/06/2025

The UK's medicine regulator has warned against taking "skinny jabs" to fight weight loss if trying to get pregnant or while breastfeeding because of their unknown effects on babies. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) said popular jabs like Ozempic and Wegovy "must not be taken during pregnancy, while trying to get pregnant, or during breastfeeding".

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Sandoz calling for biosimilar policy reforms

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/06/2025

Sandoz, a global leader in generic and biosimilar medicines, has released new whitepaper outlining a vision for improving healthcare sustainability in Australia, including how policy reforms could save the PBS up to \$75 million per biosimilar therapy while significantly expanding patient access and reducing healthcare costs.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 06/06/2025, Matt Shirvington and Natalie Barr

Women who are under the influence of weight-loss drugs Ozempic and Mounjaro are being advised not to rely on oral contraception due to a spike in unplanned pregnancies. The Australian Medical Association is yet to issue a warning to Australian women on the matter.

Also reported by: [Channel 9 \(Perth\)](#).

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 06/06/2025, Tom Connell

Interview with Matt Thistlewaite, Assistant Foreign Affairs & Trade Minister, speaking about bringing in American beef in Australia and changes in biosecurity laws. Thistlewaite guarantees everyone that they will not be compromising any of Australia's biosecurity laws to bring in American beef, like they did so in regards with the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Sharing by default will need to capture the non-Medicare economy

Health Services Daily, Other, 06/06/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

If you're going to insist that everyone inside Medicare shares their data meaningfully, it can only be a matter of time before the government applies the same sharing mandate to the rapidly expanding private provider ecosystem. If you're following the trajectory of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's "sharing by default" program – whereby the government is co-ordinating a transformation of our health system technology base so all providers are able to share meaningful data in near real time – you might be surprised at just how fast things are moving, so far without the need for a lot of heavy-handed legislation, which is what occurred in the US to get software vendors to change.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Death not in vain: Joe's Law means lives will be saved

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/06/2025, Elouise Massa, Page 34

On Thursday night, the NSW parliament passed "Joe's Law", named after my son Joe, who died in the Northern Beaches Hospital last year after a series of catastrophic medical errors. We were moved to tears listening to members of parliament endorse the bill and share their own insights.

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

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Hospital errors linked to more than 100 deaths

The Saturday Age, General News, 07/06/2025, Broede Carmody, Page 5

Three Victorian patients died or were seriously harmed after receiving surgery on the wrong part of their body last financial year. Two others were left with lifethreatening complications because foreign objects such as surgical sponges, cotton swabs or clamps were unintentionally left inside them at the end of an invasive procedure.

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

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Doctor speaks up over surgeries

Central Western Daily, General News, 07/06/2025, Bradley Jurd, Page 4

Phil Donato has called for a full investigation into the allegations some cancer surgeries are being recategorised so Orange Hospital doesn't breach policy. Orange surgeon Dr Rob Knox last week went public with allegations of systemic mismanagement at Orange Hospital, one of the largest public hospitals in the Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD).

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Laser eye surgery complications in Australia: Patients reveal side effects

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/06/2025, Ashleigh Gleeson

Australians have spoken about side effects they claim are related to laser eye surgery. It comes after a police officer in the US suicided following complications from LASIK. [...] The nation's health watchdog, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, estimates it received up to five complaints about LASIK surgery in the last five years.

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'I will make this really ugly for you guys'

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

"Would you like fries with that?" a pharmacist, who has since had his registration cancelled over a \$2m PBS fraud, asked his patient before swearing at her. The case of a pharmacist who left S8 medication unattended (and incorrectly dispensed), swore at and threatened patients, has been heard by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Health department amends published blood review information

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 06/06/2025

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has amended its published update on the review of National Blood Arrangements following alarm at the inclusion of specific funding decisions on individual

SPORT

Fans soon forget stadium blowouts

AFR Weekend, General News, 07/06/2025, Michael Bleby, Page 10

When the final siren blows and the fans embrace, in joy or grief, a community's journey in opposition to a sporting stadium is usually long forgotten. The planning disputes, arguments about funding and where the money could be better spent, and ...

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No theory's out of bounds on 'ump'

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Andrew Rule, Stephen Drill and Michael Warner, Page 1

Until he reportedly turned up in hospital last night following a road crash in country Victoria, if anyone knew where Troy Pannell was, or even if he was alive, they were not saying. Pannell's mother certainly has no idea where the former AFL umpire had gone. This is not a shock, as Pannell told his boss she was dead.

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Raiders legend will lead the Bears out of hibernation

Canberra Times, General News, 07/06/2025, Page 54

After unveiling Mal Meninga as the Perth Bears' inaugural head coach, the club's chief executive says criticism of the NRL's startup franchise is proof they are on the right track to winning new supporters in the AFLmad west. At a press conference at League Central in Sydney yesterday, Meninga signed a three-year contract with the Bears, who will enter the NRL in 2027.

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

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Games will save Vic Park, not destroy it

Courier Mail, General News, 07/06/2025, Des Houghton, Page 64

I walked through a tree last week and dreamed of the Brisbane I love in all its Olympic glory. In my crystal ball it was 2032 and I saw Gout Gout and Lachlan Kennedy running the 100m final. The Brisbane Olympic stadium looked magnificent. In my mind's eye I saw Premier Sam O'Connor and Governor Stephen Conry thank the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority for all its hard work. (David Crisafulli had retired from politics and returned to journalism as editor of The Australian).

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Rowing's 'toxic' row

Daily Telegraph, Sport, 07/06/2025, Emma Greenwood, Page 102

Two Olympians involved in rowing's disastrous Paris campaign have lifted the lid on the sport's toxic culture, claiming athletes were exposed to an environment in which they "hurt you on purpose". The pair outlined several issues in the training, selection and performance sphere, from petty levels of control, to regimens that led to the physical and mental breakdown of athletes.

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

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Basil's ban call too far for Premier

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 07/06/2025, Jessica Page, Page 16

Roger Cook rejected calls for a blanket ban on bare knuckle fighting, a day after plans to hold Australia's first event in Perth were knocked back. The Premier defended the process that dragged on

for weeks amid mounting pressure from the Opposition and the Australian Medical Association.

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

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 06/06/2025, James Glenday and Emma Rebellato

The AMA welcomes the decision made by the Combat Sport Commission in regards to rejecting an application for a bare-knuckle boxing tournament in Perth.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

We may finally be able to rid the world of the mosquito scourge but should we?

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/06/2025, Dino Grandoni, Page 30

They buzz, they bite, and they cause some of the deadliest diseases known to humanity. Mosquitoes are perhaps the planet's most universally reviled animals. If we could zap them off the face of the Earth, should we? The question is no longer hypothetical. In recent years, scientists have devised powerful genetic tools that may be able to eradicate mosquitoes and other pests once and for all.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#).

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MND link to medications

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 07/06/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 2

People who use psychiatric medications for mental illness are more likely to develop the most common form of motor neurone disease, a study has revealed. The research out of Sweden compared the use of anxiolytics, hypnotics or sedatives, and antidepressant medications often used to treat anxiety and depression among 1057 people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in Sweden and more than 5000 without the condition.

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

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Sepsis relief from statins

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Page 26

Statins could help improve treatment for patients with life-threatening sepsis. A Tianjin Medical University General Hospital team in China looked at data from 6070 critically ill patients with sepsis who received standard care with statins, and the same number who received the care without statins.

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

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P2Y12 drugs vs aspirin

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 07/06/2025, Page 7

Health P2Y12 drugs could be better than aspirin in preventing heart attack and stroke in patients with heart disease. P2Y12 drugs are commonly given to patients alongside aspirin as a "dual therapy", and patients are often switched to aspirin-only after a few months.

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'Overwhelmed': Major breakthrough from Aussie researchers in HIV study

Adelaide Now, Other, 06/06/2025, Blair Jackson

Aussie researchers have made a huge step in the fight to eliminate one of the most notable viruses of

the past 40 years. less than 2 min read There could be 2,000 new HIV infections a day across the world and a ten-fold increase in related deaths if funding frozen by the United States is not restored or replaced, the United Nations AIDS agency said on Monday.

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

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Not eating enough of certain food during pregnancy may raise chance of baby being intersex

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 06/06/2025, Sadie Whitelocks

Not getting enough iron during pregnancy could raise the risk of babies being born intersex, a study suggests. Scientists have found for the first time that pregnant mice deficient in the mineral are more likely to give birth to males who have female genitalia. This deficiency during pregnancy is most often caused by a lack of iron in the diet, which can naturally come from eating iron-rich foods like red meat, red kidney beans, edamame beans, chickpeas, nuts and leafy green vegetables.

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Boosting pregnancy trial participation

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/06/2025

The European Medicines Agency has released a guideline for public consultation providing recommendations on how to include and/or retain pregnant and breastfeeding people in clinical trials. If adopted, it will mark a change in paradigm in the development of medicines in pregnancy and breastfeeding, which generally excludes pregnant and breastfeeding people from clinical trials, leaving the safety of these medicines unknown.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Dedicated Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan to be rolled out in New South Wales

National Indigenous Times, Other, 07/06/2025, Callan Morse

The New South Wales Government's standalone Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan has been commended as a "positive first step" by the Aboriginal Legal Service of NSW and the ACT. Backed by an initial \$2 million investment in the state's upcoming budget, the plan responds to calls from the Aboriginal community for a dedicated response to domestic, family and sexual violence in Aboriginal communities across New South Wales.

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Indigenous leadership critical to solving the mental healthcare crisis

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

Australia is facing a mental health workforce crisis that disproportionately affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, a leading Indigenous mental health service warns. Wakai Waian Healing - a 100 per cent Torres Strait Islander-owned psychology and counselling service based in Queensland - notes that while First Nations people comprise nearly four per cent of the population, less than one per cent of registered psychologists identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Queensland authorities investigating two new locally-acquired malaria cases

A second resident has contracted malaria in the Torres Strait local government area, according to state government. Investigations into the two cases are ongoing. Authorities have identified 71 malaria cases in Queensland, of which 97 per cent were overseas acquired. The cases were predominantly acquired in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

First comes Ozempic then the scalpel

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/06/2025, Danielle Gusmaroli, Page 68

Surge in demand for surgery to fix saggy skin after weight loss Demand for cosmetic procedures to fix Sydneysiders' saggy skin and lost facial fat associated with weightloss drugs has risen among beauty practitioners and plastic surgeons. [...] A Therapeutic Goods Administration spokesman said while it would "not be appropriate to comment on the popularity of specific treatments.

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

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Brad champ on a roll

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 32

Former Crows club champion Dr Matthew Liptak's revolutionary skate-like rehabilitation device has catapulted on to the world stage, with early investors being offered a stake to raise \$5m. The MAXM Skate is a rehabilitation device and digital program for those recovering from knee surgery and injury. [...] It was approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration as a medical device after successful clinical trials.

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Surgery risk flagged by TGA for popular drugs

Daily Advertiser, General News, 07/06/2025, Ayden Dawkins, Page 13

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.

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Aussies back pharmacy-restricted vapes: Research

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

Almost half of young people strongly support the pharmacy-only sale of vapes, a report shows The latest NAB Health Insights Report surveyed Australians about how they score their own health and their views on measures to support it. The research found younger people were more likely to see vaping as a safer alternative to smoking,

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RSV vaccinations for WA babies to remain free for another year

Medical Forum, Other, 06/06/2025

The State Government has announced it will continue its free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunisation program for babies for another year. WA became the first state in the country to provide free RSV immunisation to infants in 2024 when it rolled out the vaccination program to administer Beyfortus (nirsevimab).

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Call for action on unethical prescribing of medicinal cannabis

Doctors have called for action to be taken to stop unethical prescribing of medicinal cannabis. The RACGP has said it is aware of such practices and called for investigations into the issue. [...] The AMA has said Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) data shows one Australian medical practitioner had treated more than 31,000 patients with medicinal cannabis within six months Department of Health and Aged Care figures show more than 305,000 prescriptions were written for medicinal cannabis products in Australia in the last six months of 2024.

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3mL Ozempic pens to replace 1.5mL

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 06/06/2025

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has advised there is a new 3mL presentation of Ozempic (semaglutide) 0.25mg/ 0.5mg pre-filled pen now available and listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). It will gradually replace the 1.5mL presentation of the pre-filled pen, which will be discontinued in Dec 2025.

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Concerning roadside find reveals dangerous trend landing Aussies in hospital

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 06/06/2025, Brianne Tolj

The 3.3-litre cylinders featuring eye-catching graphics and the phrase "experience heaven on earth" horrified a passerby in Melbourne this week, not only because they had been illegally dumped , but due to the danger of their contents. [...] Under Australian Consumer Law, the sale of nitrous oxide for legitimate purposes is legal, however the gas was reclassified as a Schedule 6 poison by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in 2022, requiring all canisters to feature a warning label.

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IKEA recalls popular snack over contamination fears

9News, Other, 06/06/2025, Emily Bennett

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