



Australian Government
Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

TODAY'S NEWS

Tuesday, 10th June 2025

[Minister Butler](#) | [Minister Wells](#) | [Minister McAllister](#) | [Minister Rae](#) |
[Assistant Minister McBride](#) | [Assistant Minister White](#) | [Special Envoy Repacholi](#)
| [Department](#) | [Vaccines](#) | [Ageing and Aged Care](#) | [Disability](#)
| [Population Health](#) | [Cancer, Hearing and Chronic Conditions](#) | [Primary Care](#)
| [Mental Health and Suicide Prevention](#) | [Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office](#) |
[Health Workforce](#) | [Technology Assessment and Access](#)
| [Medicare Benefits and Digital Health](#) | [Benefits Integrity](#) |
[Health Systems Strategies](#) | [Sport](#) | [Health Economics and Research](#)
| [First Nations Health](#) | [Interim Australian CDC](#) | [Therapeutic Goods Administration](#)
| [Office of Drug Control](#) | [Food Standards](#) | [AICIS](#)

LINKS

[Click here to view full print articles in this report](#)

[Click here to view front pages of today's newspapers](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 7) reports that the NDIA has been criticised by dietitians and physiotherapists, who said clients were being denied essential support, resulting to more people with disability turning to hospitals “as they have nowhere else to go in the community.” This was after Health Minister Mark Butler appeared to have step back from the planned July 1 start of the “foundational supports” rollout.
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 4) reports that New Zealand’s Associate Minister of Health Casey Costello said the country’s cigarette smoking decline is due to its regulation of vaping products, and criticised Australia’s response to illicit tobacco. Health Minister Mark Butler said the smoking and vaping laws are effective and focused on “making sure young people didn’t get addicted to vapes.”
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 7) reports that professor Toby Coates, director of kidney and pancreas islet transplantation at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, presented results from a three-year trial using NovoSorb BTM, an artificial skin polymer developed by former RAH Burns Unit director John Greenwood, that may offer a potential cure for Type 1 diabetes.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 3) reports the NSW government will allocate \$492 million in the 2025–26 state budget to build a modern Health Pathology Statewide Hub in western Sydney, replacing the outdated Westmead Hospital laboratory.

- **The Daily Telegraph** (page 4) reports that a study by iSelect found that 70 per cent of Australians took at least one fake sick day last year, and these “sickies” were estimated to cost businesses \$7.3 billion yearly in lost productivity. *Also reported by: The Herald Sun, The Courier Mail, The Advertiser*
- **The Australian** (page 3) reports that Operation Redress found that 98 per cent of 100 non-surgical cosmetic websites may be violating advertising rules by using banned terms like “dermal filler” and “Brotox” for prescription-only medicine. *Also reported by: The Daily Telegraph*
- **The Herald Sun** reports (page 1) that an Australian Catholic University study found that excessive screen time in children may lead to behavioural and emotional issues, including anxiety and aggression.
- **The Herald Sun** (page 13) reports that researchers from Cabrini Cancer and Monash University's Biomedicine Discovery Institute are developing lab-grown mini tumours, called organoids, using ovarian cancer patients' cells to personalise treatment and help develop new drugs.
- **ABC Online** reports that Toowong Private Hospital in Brisbane will close this week after nearly 50 years, with the Australian Private Hospitals Association blaming health funds of “rapacious profiteering”, while insurers say that a new mental health care funding model is needed.

MINISTER BUTLER

NDIS cuts 'forcing patients into hospitals'

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, Sarah Ison, Page 7

Dietitians and physiotherapists are accusing the National Dis-ability Insurance Agency of wrongly knocking back many of their clients' supports, claiming they are now seeing an increase in people with disability presenting at hospital as a consequence of having "nowhere else to go". The alarm was raised in the wake of Health Minister Mark Butler last month appearing to distance himself from the original start date for the phased rollout of "foundational supports" which refer to a separate set of health and education services for those who are no longer eligible for the NDIS from July 1.

Also reported by: The Australian (Online), The Australian (Australia).

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Legal vapes can put the smokes out

Daily Telegraph, Edition Changes, 10/06/2025, James Willis, Page 4

A New Zealand government minister has heralded her nation's significant drop in daily cigarette smokers, which she believes is overwhelmingly linked to the decision to regulate vaping products. [...] Responding to the criticism, Health Minister Mark Butler insisted "Australia's worldleading smoking and vaping legislations are working".

Also reported by: Daily Telegraph (Sydney), Daily Telegraph (Sydney).

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Calls for changes to mental health funding as Toowong Private Hospital announces closure after nearly 50 years

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2025, Janelle Miles & Emma Pollard

The financially strapped Toowong Private Hospital in Brisbane will close this week amid concerns seven other private mental health hospitals across the country are at "imminent" risk of collapse. [...] He said the Toowong hospital had opened its books to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler more than two years ago to explain a shortfall in its funding.

[Read More](#)

Aged Care reforms are too important to be rushed

Catholic Health Australia, Other, 09/06/2025

Last week the Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler MP and the new Aged Care Minister Sam Rae MP announced that the commencement date of the new Aged Care Act will be delayed to 1 November

2025. This announcement comes after months of advocacy by CHA and its members raising concerns about the significant challenges being faced by both older Australians and providers in transitioning to the new Act, including the new Support at Home program.

[Read More](#)

ABC, ABC News, 09/06/2025, Jessica Van Vonderen

Outraged former patients and supporters are rallying for Toowong Private Hospital which is set to close this week. Greens MP Michael Berkman is calling on Queensland Government to step in and purchase the hospital. This comes as the Australian Private Hospitals Association has warned another seven psychiatric hospitals on the verge of collapse, and are urging insurance companies to pay hospitals more. The association's Brett Heffernan comments on the issue. Meantime, Health Minister Mark Butler says he's called for insurers to urgently increase the amount they pay out for hospital services.

[Play Now](#)

ABC News, ABC News Hour, 09/06/2025, Lorna Dunkley

Toowong Private Health Hospital in Brisbane will close within days. Greens MP Michael Berkman is calling on Queensland Government to step in and purchase the hospital. This comes as the Australian Private Hospitals Association has warned another seven psychiatric hospitals on the verge of collapse, and are urging insurance companies to pay hospitals more. The association's Brett Heffernan and Dr Rachel Davis from Private Healthcare Australia comment on the issue. Meantime, Health Minister Mark Butler says he's called for insurers to urgently increase the amount they pay out for hospital services.

[Play Now](#)

ABC Radio Brisbane, Afternoons, 09/06/2025, Katherine Feeney

Panel discussion with Jackie Trad, former Labor Deputy Premier of Queensland and Sallyanne Atkinson AO, former Liberal Lord Mayor of Brisbane. Trad and Atkinson comment on the closure of Toowong Private Hospital this week. Feeney plays a clip of an interview with PM Anthony Albanese where he commented on the issue, and he said Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has looked at the funding of private hospitals, and notes health insurers need to pay additional money for the private health care that's provided.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

MINISTER WELLS

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

MINISTER MCALLISTER

Reform talks heat up as disability ministers tackle NDIS overhaul

The Indian Sun, Other, 09/06/2025

Ministers from every state and territory gathered in Adelaide on 6 June for the latest Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC), where the future of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) took centre stage. [...] The meeting, chaired by Senator Jenny McAllister, tackled several critical pieces of the reform puzzle: how to make the market for disability services fairer, how to ensure taxpayer money is well spent, and how to roll out early intervention services that don't force people to jump through endless bureaucratic hoops.

[Read More](#)

ABC Western Queensland, Breakfast, 09/06/2025, Danny Kennedy

Since a major review called for an overhaul of how disability support should be provided 18 months

ago, participation rates are highest among six-year-olds, of whom 11%. Disability Minister Mark Butler and NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister met their state counterparts on Friday to progress planning on a new disability system called Foundational Supports which was recommended by the 2023 review and agreed to by the states.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

MINISTER RAE

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

ABC News, News Breakfast, 09/06/2025, James Glenday and Bridget Brennan

Interview with Dan Repacholi, Federal Labor MP for Hunter and Special Envoy for Men's Health. Repacholi discusses Men's Health Week and the mental health of Australian boys and men. He says he works with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and try to make a difference in men's health. Repacholi also comments on the issue of suicide being the leading killer of men under 65yo.

Continuing report on: [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#).

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

DEPARTMENT

King's Birthday honours 2025: Public servants celebrated, gong for ex-PM

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2025, Melissa Coade

Forty-two meritorious Public Service Medals (PSMs) have been awarded to public servants across the country for the King's Birthday. [...] Dr Bridget Gilmour-Walsh for outstanding public service in the development of new legislative regulation on vapes.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

VACCINES

Doctors alarmed at surge of sicknesses

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 5

A surge in acute respiratory infections are filling hospital beds in Australia. The Australian Medical Association is urging people to prioritise conversations with their GP about vaccination against Covid-19, influenza and RSV, particularly for those at greatest risk.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

New coronavirus HKU5-CoV-2 only 'one small step from spilling over into humans' say scientists

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/06/2025, Merryn Johns

A major new type of coronavirus may only be "a small step away from spilling over into humans", scientists have warned - sparking fears of another pandemic. Scientists believe the variant, called HKU5-CoV-2, may infect a broader range of animals than Covid-19 and may have more potential for jumping between species, the latest research shows.

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

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

AGEING AND AGED CARE

Join us in taking a stand against abuse of older people, and create a better society for us all

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/06/2025, Brigid Wilkinson, Page 16

This month, Tasmanians across the state will come together for a vital cause the Walk Against Elder Abuse. This is the 10th anniversary of the walks in Tasmania, and we will be reflecting on 10 years of effort towards ending elder abuse on our island, through our lifelong respect programs and the annual walks.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Minns needs to do more on elder abuse epidemic: report

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/06/2025, Madeleine Bower

A staggering 15 per cent of elderly people in Australia are currently experiencing abuse, according to a new report that warns the state lacks the services needed to combat the silent epidemic. A new policy paper to be released by Relationships Australia NSW (RANSW) on Monday has found despite evidence of rampant elder abuse across the state, the NSW government has made minimal investment to combat the scourge in the last 10 years.

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

[Read More](#)

We need better evidence to shape a high quality aged care workforce

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 10/06/2025

Care minute targets for Australian residential aged care homes were introduced in October 2022 following recommendations from the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, and became mandatory in October 2023. For each of the 2600+ aged care homes nationally, specific care minute targets are assigned based on the assessed care needs of their residents.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

Alternative school criticised over autism support failures

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 09/06/2025, Sarah Lansdown

Neurodivergent students have been expelled, excluded or forced to find other schools after their parents say a small Canberra private school failed to provide adequate support for their needs. [...] Blue Gum Community School in Hackett says they are doing everything they can to cater for the needs of children with disabilities and that only one student has been expelled due to safety obligations to other students and staff.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

POPULATION HEALTH

Austrac to stop chop-chop

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, Eric Johnston, Page 1

The nation's powerful financial crime fighting agency has been drafted in to help fight the war on illegal tobacco, using its cutting edge intelligence and monitoring systems to track hundreds of millions of dollars in cash generated by crooks. Austrac is putting real-estate transactions, privately owned ATMs, cryptocurrencies, lawyers and car dealers under scrutiny to track the large amount of cash generated by illegal tobacco sales which can help tip off police.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Ride to work better for the brain than walking

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/06/2025, Robyn Willis, Page 16

Kieran Burns was looking for ways to improve his fitness a few years ago when he noticed the tower block he worked in at Barangaroo had showers and bike storage in the basement. A keen cyclist, he started riding to work and he has been using pedal power to get to the office ever since.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Most Aussies fake sickies, new study finds

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/06/2025, Emma Kirk, Page 4

A whopping 70 per cent of Australians faked a sick day at work in the past year when they were not actually unwell, a new study has found. It is estimated "sickies" cost Australian businesses \$7.3bn a year in lost productivity across 24.6 million days off. It is estimated "sickies" cost Australian businesses \$7.3bn a year in lost productivity across 24.6 million days off.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Screens a 'vicious cycle'

Herald Sun, General News, 10/06/2025, Rebecca Borg, Page 1

Parents should think twice before using mobile devices to quickly soothe toddlers after new research found this practice could contribute to a "vicious cycle" of behavioural issues. Children who turn to screens as a coping mechanism may increase their risk of developing aggression, anxiety, -depression and attention difficulties.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Tonnes of tobacco seized in operation

Herald Sun, General News, 10/06/2025, Jon Kaila & James Willis, Page 8

Authorities have discovered a massive tobacco crop the size of 456 tennis courts at a property northeast of Shepparton. The huge haul, spanning nearly six acres and weighing more than 20 tonnes, was uncovered during Operation Ocean, with search warrants being executed on Thursday (June 5).

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Don't leave kids to own devices

Herald Sun, Editorials, 10/06/2025, Page 22

The social and behavioural impacts of digital screens and our continuous connectivity are only now starting to be properly understood. There is no doubt the digital revolution has transformed the real world.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Changing attitudes towards alcohol ads

Canberra Times, General News, 10/06/2025, April Long, Page 16

New proposed rules for free-to-air television in Australia could allow alcohol advertising from 10am even on weekends and during school holidays. As someone with lived experience of intergenerational addiction, I'm speaking out about this because this isn't just irresponsible, it's dangerous.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Research is his passion

West Australian, General News, 09/06/2025, Page 8

Medical research is Professor Timothy Jones' life passion. His career has spanned over three decades, with interest areas in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes research.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

\$4.4m tobacco haul

Shepparton News, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 5

About \$4.4 million of allegedly illegal tobacco growing at a property northeast of Shepparton, has been seized. The Australian Taxation Office, with support from Victoria Police, searched a property on Thursday, June 5, where they found more than 20 tonnes of allegedly illegal tobacco being grown.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

\$4.4m illegal tobacco crop seized near Shepparton

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/06/2025, Tallis Miles

Authorities have seized and destroyed more than 20 tonnes of illicit tobacco valued at over \$4m from a property northeast of Shepparton in Victoria's Goulburn Valley. Police executed a search warrant on June 5 at the property, revealing a mature tobacco crop spanning nearly 2.4ha, plus several trays of tobacco seedlings.

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

[Read More](#)

How life will change for millions of Aussie from July 1

NEWS.com.au, Other, 09/06/2025, Nathan Schmidt

From minimum wage increases to a crackdown on tobacco, a number of changes will come to effect for millions of Australians from July 1. State and federal governments typically use the new financial year as a starting point for a range of regulatory and legislative changes.

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

[Read More](#)

Snakes, spiders and mould confront residents after NSW Mid North Coast floods

Mud and mould are not the only issues facing people returning to home after major flooding on the New South Wales Mid North Coast. Clybucca resident Julie Botfield was evacuated by boat with two of her children and their dogs during the height of the flooding in late May.

[Read More](#)

Domestic violence can affect victims' brain health for life, study suggests

The Guardian, Other, 10/06/2025, Tobi Thomas

Women who are victims of domestic violence are at a higher risk of traumatic brain injury and mental health conditions for many years after the abuse has ended, a study has found. Almost one in three women around the world experience domestic violence, and researchers say the impact on mental health – such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) – can last for decades.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Medical dream team working to find cure for diabetes

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 7

From the horror of the 2002 Bali bombings a story has emerged of friendship, ingenuity and innovation, with the near death of a footballer leading to a medical breakthrough that is revolutionising patient care. It involves four men from very different backgrounds who have now become mates, and whose extraordinary and accidental collaboration is giving hope to diabetes sufferers worldwide – even promising a potential cure for Type 1 diabetes.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Push for diabetes subsidy

Courier Mail, General News, 10/06/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 11

A lifesaving technology for managing type 1 diabetes must be subsidised by the federal government, Queensland researchers have urged. [...] The current funding model placed AID systems out of reach for most Australians, with Diabetes Australia reporting fewer than 20 per cent of Australians with type 1 diabetes were using an AID system in July last year.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Cancer cures get personal

Herald Sun, General News, 10/06/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 13

A Melbourne laboratory is successfully growing mini -tumours from patients' own cancer cells in a bid to ensure women get matched to the best possible treatment. The goal is to create a process whereby doctors can use test-tube tumours to run a mini, personalised drug trial for each ovarian cancer patient.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Bombshell claim about King's cancer battle

West Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 9

King Charles' cancer is incurable, a report has claimed. The 76-year-old monarch is likely to die "with" and not "of" cancer. The report confirms what many suspected Charles' cancer is treatable but not curable, which is the case for many older individuals battling the disease, renowned royal correspondent and the editor of the UK Daily Telegraph, Camilla Tominey, reported.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

'Silent crisis': half of Aussie men delay health checks

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2025, Allanah Sciberras

Cost pressures drive Australian men to delay health checks and stretch their medication, with research revealing half postpone medical appointments. About one in 10 men have also reduced or skipped prescribed doses to make their medication last longer, according to findings released by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

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

[Read More](#)

Sydney family in new health fight after parents and cousin diagnosed with different cancers

7news.com.au, Other, 09/06/2025, Bryce Luff

A Sydney family dealt three health blows in recent years is preparing for another cancer fight. Ross Taylor, 35, will start chemotherapy this week after he was diagnosed with stage four Hodgkin lymphoma.

[Read More](#)

SA researchers expand baby heel-prick screening to help find rare conditions

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2025, Olivia Mason

When Max was three days old, he was diagnosed with a rare and life-changing condition called phenylketonuria, commonly known as PKU, through a newborn blood screening test. The condition is one of more than 30 which can currently be detected in newborns through heel-prick blood samples to help identify and treat serious health conditions early.

[Read More](#)

SBS's Insight accused of betraying people living with chronic fatigue syndrome who appeared on program

The Guardian, Other, 09/06/2025, Amanda Meade

People living with ME or chronic fatigue syndrome who appeared on SBS's Insight program have accused the broadcaster of betraying them in the final cut, which presented what they claim is a potentially harmful and unscientific narrative and favoured a person who said she had "cured herself" by "listening to her body". The SBS ombudsman is investigating their individual complaints, as well as one from Emerge Australia, the national advocacy body for patients with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS).

[Read More](#)

ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 09/06/2025, James O'Loughlin

Interview with Anne Savage, CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation, about Men's Health Week. Savage comments on Prostate Cancer Foundation's survey, which revealed about half of men surveyed had delayed or avoided seeing a healthcare professional due to costs.

Continuing interview on: [ABC Radio Sydney \(Sydney\)](#).

[Play Now](#)

4BC, Drive, 09/06/2025, Gary Hardgrave

Interview with Anne Savage, CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation, about Men's Health Week. Savage comments on latest men's health report has found around 51% of men have delayed or avoided seeing a healthcare professional due to concerns about costs.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

State-backed insurer slugs customers

Age, General News, 10/06/2025, Kieran Rooney, Page 1

A new charge will be heaped on customers of Victoria's state-backed insurer to repair the agency's ailing finances. The "capital management charge" raises the prospect of premium price hikes on people building new homes and on parts of the public service.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Bug lab to keep pathogens in check

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/06/2025, Kate Aubusson, Page 3

The Minns government will spend almost half a billion dollars to build a state-of-the-art pathology service in western Sydney with an upgraded high-security lab for testing dangerous infectious diseases to prepare for future pandemics. The 2025-26 state budget will include \$492 million for the NSW Health Pathology Statewide Hub, including replacing an outdated laboratory at Westmead Hospital that was built half a century ago.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

FIFO service

Cairns Post, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 12

A charity service's call for a fly-in fly-out pediatric cardiologist service is not outlandish, and should be investigated. Children in Far North Queensland are currently being served by one respected doctor, Benjamin Reeves, with more than 250 children waiting to be seen.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

DV victims are living with untreated concussion: experts

Newcastle Herald, General News, 10/06/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

Women who get concussion from being strangled and beaten are missing out on medical care, domestic violence experts say. Those affected were often too afraid, traumatised and poor to access healthcare.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Concussion for DV victims under radar

Newcastle Herald, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 18

The problem of women and children suffering concussion from domestic violence has gone under the radar for years. With a greater spotlight on the issue of gendered violence, more buried truths are being brought to the surface.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

WA woman unable to legally undergo IVF in home state became 'reproductive refugee'

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2025, Andrew Hanlon

As a professional woman in her 30s who was not yet sure if she wanted to have children, Jane* decided to freeze her eggs to give her future self the choice. Four years later, she decided the time was right.

[Read More](#)

Whistleblowers say warnings about patient safety at Northern Beaches Hospital were ignored

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2025, Hannah Meagher

Whistleblowers from Sydney's Northern Beaches Hospital say repeated warnings about unsafe conditions have been ignored for years, as internal documents reveal a system in crisis. Senior doctors have raised alarms about dangerously low levels of junior medical doctors, inadequate equipment, and failing technology since 2018.

[Read More](#)

Thousands of Australians are receiving ECT without consent every year

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2025, Geraden Cann

Rebecca* remembers fighting her clinical team all the way to the theatre, shouting the electroconvulsive therapy she was about to receive was against her will. "I felt completely helpless, that my body wasn't my own. I felt like I was in a movie," she said.

[Read More](#)

Townsville University Hospital: Paige Gillman battles back after NQ pony club accident

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 09/06/2025, Cameron Bates

An adorable North Queensland girl who suffered critical injuries in a horror horse-riding accident has bravely battled back after a year of care at Townsville University Hospital. Bluewater couple Ellen and Alex Gillman knew their lives had changed forever when darling daughter Paige, aged just seven, was left with multiple crush injuries that included a collapsed lung, serious lacerations and four broken ribs after a freak accident involving a gate at her pony club in May last year.

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

[Read More](#)

GPs will be a great help for managing ADHD medications. But many patients will still need specialists

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 10/06/2025

The New South Wales government this week announced reforms that will allow some GPs to treat and potentially diagnose attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This aims to make ADHD care more accessible and less expensive and follows changes in Western Australia and Queensland, which have increased GPs' role in diagnosing and prescribing for ADHD.

[Read More](#)

GPs' care to communities in the spotlight

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2025

GPs past and present have received recognition for their community service and professional achievements in the 2025 King's Birthday celebrations. A line-up of almost 20 GPs shared the spotlight on this year's list, earning recognition among 830 Australians honoured for their contributions to society.

[Read More](#)

ABC, 7:30, 09/06/2025, David Speers

Doctors have given evidence on the issues within Northern Beaches Hospital. This comes as the family of Joe Masser went public earlier this 2025 after his tragic death following delays in care at the hospital. The NSW Government immediately proposed a ban on on any future public private hospital partnership, and NSW Health Minister Ryan Park hopes the legislation, named Joe's Law, would serve as a reminder that legislators should keep hospitals in public hands.

Continuing report on: [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#).

[Play Now](#)

Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 09/06/2025, Cheng Lei

Interview with Associate Professor Emma Kennedy AM, Member of the Order of Australia, GP. Kennedy comments on the issue of inequity in the health healthcare access. She also recalls working with Flinders University and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to improve the training opportunities for students.

[Play Now](#)

4BC, Afternoons, 09/06/2025, Sofie Formica

Interview with Dr Carol Douglas, Queensland Palliative Medicine Training Pathway. Douglas recalls noticing the lack of specialists in Queensland, and adds there isn't a system to attract, recruit and develop the palliative medicine workforce in the state.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

JCU's Jennifer Gaskin: How mindfulness is helping stop police burnout in Queensland

The Courier Mail, Other, 09/06/2025, Emma Cam

Anxiety and poor sleep are two critical factors driving police officer burnout but mindfulness meditation is showing significant promise as a remedy, according to new research from James Cook University. Studies from 11 countries, including the USA, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany and Brazil, found structured meditation practices can significantly reduce anxiety and improve sleep quality among officers.

[Read More](#)

ABC News, ABC News, 09/06/2025, Lorna Dunkley

Toowong Private Health Hospital in Brisbane will close within days, going into administration after almost half a century. It sees about 3,000 patients each year, including veterans and emergency workers.

[Play Now](#)

Channel 7, Seven News, 09/06/2025, Max Futchter and Katrina Blowers

Fifty-eight patients, including war veterans, have only days to seek new mental healthcare as Toowong Private Hospital is set to close on Wednesday. Greens MP Michael Berkman is calling on Queensland Government to step in and purchase the hospital. Salute for Service CEO Marc Diplock also comments on veterans' need for mental healthcare.

[Play Now](#)

Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 09/06/2025, Cheng Lei

Interview with Dr Alan Ralph, clinical psychologist and head of training with Triple P, about men's mental health. Ralph cites a range of reasons as to why few men open up about their emotions, including the cost of living.

[Play Now](#)

2CC, Canberra Live, 09/06/2025, Rod Henshaw

Interview with Tony FitzGerald, head of Kids Helpline. FitzGerald comments on International Men's Health Week and the issue of few young men seeking help with their mental health. He discusses the importance of looking after the mental health of men and young men.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

HEALTH WORKFORCE

Prescription for confusion: Title is more than a label, say doctors

Australian Financial Review, General News, 10/06/2025, Julie Hare, Page 6

The all-too-common question "Is there a doctor in the house?" is about to become more difficult to answer as pharmacists join the growing list of professions given special exemptions to use the title.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Fury at minister over pay rise 'cost'

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/06/2025, Kate Aubusson, Page 1

The NSW mental health minister has been accused of misleading the public after internal documents suggest boosting the pay of the state's public hospital psychiatrists would cost hundreds of millions less than the \$700 million taxpayer price tag. Presentation slides delivered by NSW Health's chief medical workforce adviser show that giving staff specialist psychiatrists a 25 per cent pay rise to fill 416 positions would cost an additional \$24.9 million annually from 2025.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Research is his passion

West Australian, General News, 09/06/2025, Page 8

Medical research is Professor Timothy Jones' life passion. His career has spanned over three decades, with interest areas in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes research.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Are pharmacists the next cosmetic injectors?

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 09/06/2025, Chloe Hava

Some pharmacists have recently pondered the possibility of administering cosmetic injectables such as Botox and dermal fillers, reaching out to PSA's Pharmacist to Pharmacist Advice Line for guidance. 'Now that pharmacists are injecting more medicines, and we have up-skilled to be able to do that, the next question on a lot of pharmacists' minds is, "what about cosmetic injectables"?' said Pooja Jadeja MPS from PSA's Pharmacist to Pharmacist Advice Line

[Read More](#)

Queensland Guild welcomes Hannah Knowles as PSA Queensland President

Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Other, 09/06/2025

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland congratulates Brisbane pharmacist Hannah Knowles on her election as President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's (PSA) Queensland Branch. Queensland Guild Branch President Chris Owen welcomed Ms Knowles, saying her appointment comes at a pivotal time for the profession.

[Read More](#)

Nineteen GPs named in King's Birthday Honours

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2025

The Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) has warmly congratulated the 19 GPs and their families named in the King's Birthday 2025 Honours List. In 2025, the list recognises 830 Australians, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Channel 9, Today , 09/06/2025, Karl Stefanovic & Jayne Azzopardi

Interview with Arthur Sinodinos, Australia's former Ambassador to the United States. Sinodinos comments on PM Anthony Albanese's possible meeting at the G7 Summit this week. He says Albanese doesn't want to give away Australia's biosecurity laws, media regulation laws, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

BENEFITS INTEGRITY

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

SPORT

Bomber cops two games for front-on hit

The Australian, Sport, 10/06/2025, Jon Ralph, Page 24

Essendon star Sam Durham has been suspended for two weeks for his reckless front-on hit on Adam Cerra that had a shocking aftermath, with the Carlton player staying on the ground for almost another quarter of an hour rather than be immediately removed from the field for assessment. In a huge blow for the Dons' finals hopes, the Bombers dropped to 10th place on the AFL ladder after Sunday night's eight-point loss to Carlton and they will be without Durham for clashes with fourth-placed Geelong and the resurgent Dockers at Optus Stadium.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Moore fool you

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/06/2025, James O'Doherty, Page 1

A senior bureaucrat warned sport codes not to be "fooled" by Premier Chris Minns' plans to hack Moore Park Golf Course in half, saying "there is nothing in this for -community sport". The warning is contained in secret internal emails released via an order of parliament, which suggest building new sport facilities would require "mass tree clearing" that would be rejected by the community.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Half a park is less than none

Daily Telegraph, Editorials, 10/06/2025, Page 38

This is it. This should be game over for Premier Chris Minns' plans to hack Moore Park Golf Course in half.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

MPs want AFL boss powwow

Hobart Mercury, General News, 10/06/2025, David Killick, Page 1

A group of 21 local, state and federal politicians have written to the AFL CEO seeking a meeting to discuss renegotiating the agreement between the league and the Tasmanian government. The letter to AFL boss Andrew Dillon is signed by six Greens state MPs, six independent state MPs, Green and independent senators, JLN MP Andrew Jenner, Senator Jacqui Lambie, as well as federal member for Clark MP Andrew Wilkie and the mayors of Hobart and Glenorchy.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Athletes expose the reality of fighting for survival in the UFC

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2025, Lesley Robinson

At one of the first cage fighting shows in Australia, a 12-year-old boy saw his future in the brutal and bloody sporting battle. "When I told my dad that I wanted to do it professionally, I got a bit of a hiding," Tyson Pedro recalls.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Trump's Harvard freeze hits Australian research

Australian Financial Review, General News, 10/06/2025, Trudy Harris, Page 5

Donald Trump's gutting of Harvard University's funding is set to have a ripple effect on Australia's research into multiple sclerosis at a critical time for studies into the debilitating disease, which affects tens of thousands of Australians.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Exercise keeps the brain fit

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, James Dowling, Page 1

Keeping fit is good for your brain, not just your waistline, Australian research has shown, offering benefits for cognitive health and brain mass not linked to body weight. A Monash University study published in Nature Scientific Reports suggested mid-life and older adults could prioritise their cognitive health by exercising for fitness, not just to lose weight, after finding a correlation between physical activity and brain volume.

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

New test for coeliac diagnosis

Age, General News, 10/06/2025, Angus Dalton, Page 1

It's a terrible dilemma. Sick of suffering diarrhoea, fatigue and bloating, people who suspect they might have coeliac disease give up gluten and begin to feel better.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Ride out dementia risk

Courier Mail, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 5

Cycling to work could be a way to reduce dementia risk. Researchers including University of Sydney scientists looked at data from 479,723 people over a 13-year follow-up period and found that cycling to work, or mixed cycling (cycling along with other modes of transport), was associated with a lower incidence of allcause dementia.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Depression milestone

Courier Mail, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 8

Medical researchers at QIMR Berghofer have achieved a significant milestone in the treatment of depression. Over the past three years, the team has treated individuals with depression by scanning their brains via MRI then offering 20-30 personalised brain stimulation treatments over several weeks.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Blood clot missing link

Herald Sun, General News, 10/06/2025, Page 6

Australian scientists have uncovered the "missing link" in the way the small blood vessels in the body can become blocked in many conditions, including heart attacks, stroke, sepsis and severe Covid-19. The researchers, including scientists from The University of Sydney looked at tissue samples from people who had severe Covid-19 and found that damage to the inner lining of blood vessels, known as the endothelium, causes the destruction of red blood cells.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Electric fans can prevent extreme heat-related illness, research shows

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 10/06/2025

Using electric fans before air conditioners not only protects against heat-related illness, but is cheaper and more energy efficient, which researchers say is increasingly crucial for vulnerable populations as the world grapples with climate change. Global heat-related mortality is estimated to be about 489 000 deaths per year, and these numbers are estimated to rise with changing weather patterns associated with global warming.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Indigenous 'cultural safety' law shift

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, Ellie Dudley, Page 1

Judges in the nation's largest criminal jurisdiction should consider allowing cases involving Aboriginal Australians to be heard in a closed court or before a female judicial officer in order to enhance "cultural safety", according to provisions inserted into a NSW bench book. The Equality Before the Law bench book, which was compiled by the state's judicial watchdog and acts as an overview of legal procedure for judges, instructs judicial officers to be wary of their own unconscious racial and cultural biases when presiding over trials that involve Indigenous people.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Indigenous-led event highlights health challenges experience by women in remote Queensland communities

National Indigenous Times, Other, 09/06/2025, Callan Morse

An inaugural Indigenous-led event has highlighted the health challenges experienced by women living in isolated parts of Far North Queensland. Hosted by Aboriginal-owned Embley Contracting, the University of Queensland (UQ), Queensland Health, the Western CapeHER Women's Health Forum took place in the Napranum community near Weipa, Cape York last week.

[Read More](#)

'Astounding' negligence revealed: governments turn blind eye to staggering prison death toll

The Guardian, Other, 10/06/2025, Christopher Knaus & Ariel Bogle

A staggering 57 Australians have killed themselves in the past two decades using hanging points in prisons that authorities knew about but failed to remove, a Guardian investigation has found. In a five-month review of 248 hanging deaths in Australian jails, Guardian Australia identified 19 correctional facilities where inmates died after governments and authorities failed to remove known ligature points within cells.

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Measles cases are surging globally. Should children be vaccinated earlier in Australia?

SBS, Other, 09/06/2025, Anita Heywood & Meru Sheel

Measles has been rising globally in recent years. There were an estimated 10.3 million cases worldwide in 2023, a 20 per cent increase from 2022. Outbreaks are being reported all over the world including in the United States, Europe and the Western Pacific region (which includes Australia). For example, Vietnam has reportedly seen thousands of cases in 2024 and 2025.

[Read More](#)

Social science data and its importance in responding to pandemics

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 10/06/2025

With the threat of H5N1 avian influenza looming, it is essential people working at the human-animal interface are prepared and protected. Although the federal government invested heavily in a post-pandemic response after the COVID-19 outbreak, a perspective published today in the Medical Journal of Australia argues that more needs to be done to increase Australia's preparedness for an avian flu outbreak.

[Read More](#)

Polio at our doorstep: assessing Australia's risk amid Papua New Guinea's outbreak

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 10/06/2025

A recent outbreak of polio in Papua New Guinea raises concerns about the potential spread to neighbouring countries, including Australia. On 16 May 2025, the World Health Organization declared a polio outbreak in Papua New Guinea (PNG) after detecting circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) in wastewater samples from Port Moresby and Lae.

[Read More](#)

RACGP calls for at-risk patients to receive RSV vaccine

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2025

The RACGP is urging federal, state, and territory governments to provide free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccinations to all at-risk groups, highlighting inconsistency across the country. In the wake of RSV Awareness Week and as Australia surpasses 60,000 RSV cases this year, the RACGP is calling on governments to expand their programs to include all patients identified as being at risk in the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

[Read More](#)

ABC Radio Canberra, 08:00 News, 09/06/2025

Federal Health Department data has revealed the ACT has more than halved its caseload for RSV this 2025 compared to 2024. This comes as a free maternal and infant immunisation programme for RSV rolled out nationally earlier this 2025, but the uptake varies from more than 37% of babies under eight months in Queensland to around 10% in the ACT and just over 6% in Victoria.

[Play Now](#)

[Back to Top](#)

THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Beauty sites flouting the TGA's rules

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2025, Penny Timms, Page 3

Analysis of 100 non-surgical cosmetics websites has found a stunning 98 per cent to be in apparent breach of strict national advertising rules, with almost every site using words such as dermal filler, or wrinkle-reducing injections, which are expressly banned for prescription-only medicine. [...] The researchers searched 34 terms prohibited by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, the nation's drug regulator.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Giving the needle to brotox

Daily Telegraph, General News, 10/06/2025, Ashleigh Gleeson & Taylor Penny, Page 7

Cosmetic websites breach advertising codes by using slang to promote injectables 'Lip filler', 'Brotox' and 'face slimming' are some of the blatant terms being used to promote injectables online, with new analysis finding as many as 98 per cent of cosmetic industry websites may be breaching strict advertising rules. [...] Operation Redress co-director Michael Fraser said it showed the Therapeutic Goods Administration had room for improvement in enforcing advertising rules.

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

[Read Plain Text](#) [Read More](#)

Cosmetic clinics on brink, prices to surge amid injectables crackdown

The Courier Mail, Other, 09/06/2025, Tayla Couacaud

Cosmetic nurses are warning an injectables crackdown enforced by the Queensland Government could lead to higher prices and patients risking products from a "black market". The latest move to tighten regulations has prompted some clinics to pause injectable services while they assess compliance with new interpretations of the Medicines and Poisons Act.

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

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

FOOD STANDARDS

No relevant coverage

[Back to Top](#)

AICIS

Approach to forever chemicals 'piecemeal, inadequate'

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2025, Tess Ikonomou

Australia should set up a nationally coordinated program to determine the extent of contamination by forever chemicals to better understand health risks, the nation's distinguished scientists say. A

parliamentary inquiry is examining the regulation and management of PFAS and is holding a public hearing in Canberra on Tuesday.

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

[Read More](#)

[Back to Top](#)

Prepared by Isentia

Subject to copyright. For internal use only.

See [Copyright Terms of Use](#)

