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- The **[Saturday Paper](#)** (page 1) reports the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme has been frozen since statements made by US President Donald Trump in May, with some companies allegedly waiting to list new products in the hopes they will be able to raise prices, industry sources say.
- The **[Saturday Age](#)** (page 1) reports a meeting of health ministers Friday has agreed to a rapid review of Australia's IVF sector and the creation of an independent national accreditation body, following a string of high-profile failures by clinics. *Also reported by:* [Herald Sun](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Weekend Australian](#), [Canberra Times](#), [ABC Online](#), [The Guardian](#)
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- The **[Herald Sun](#)** (page 7) reports Victoria's Ambulance system is plugging gaps in the state's health system rather than tending to genuine emergencies, a State Parliamentary inquiry into the sector has been warned.
- The **[Weekend Australian](#)** (page 9) reports the Members Health Fund Alliance has called for an overhaul of Federal Government systems setting the price for the private hospital sector's

MINISTER BUTLER

Parents' anxiety after embryo bungles

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/06/2025, Stephen Lunn, Page 21

Radio host Jase Hawkins may have summed up the feelings of many parents or prospective parents this week when he spoke about the latest embryo mix-up by leading fertility clinic Monash IVF, its second reported bungle in the past two months. [...] "These cases are just shocking, deeply distressing, and undermine confidence in the system," federal Health Minister Mark Butler told ABC radio on Thursday.

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

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PBS listings frozen over Trump's executive order

The Saturday Paper, General News, 14/06/2025, Jason Koutsoukis, Page 1

Industry sources reveal drug companies have stopped negotiating listings on the PBS and in some cases are considering not listing in Australia as they seek to lift profits under Trump. [...] "And companies may delay application for both product registration in Australia through the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and also reimbursement through the PBS of new medicines as they seek to avoid us referencing to prices that undervalue innovation and affect global prices."

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Common sense goes up in smoke as cigarettes war delights crims

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/06/2025, Vikki Campion, Page 23

Talk about biting the hand that feeds. Instead of Health Minister Mark Butler cracking down on crime gangs selling illegal tobacco, his department is forcing small business and family-owned corner stores to bin hundreds of thousands of dollars of smokes which are until July 1 perfectly legal stock.

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

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IVF baby bungle nearly cost us our son

Courier Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 8

A Queensland mother at the centre of an IVF baby swap scandal has written to the Federal Health minister demanding national legislation to regulate the troubled fertility industry, revealing her 11-year-old son had attempted to end his life due to the trauma. [...] The pair's plea to Health Minister Mark Butler comes in the wake of this week's resignation of Monash IVF CEO Michael Knaap after two cases of devastating mix-ups at the leading fertility clinic.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Independent IVF regulator vital

Courier Mail, Editorials, 14/06/2025, Page 82

Australians going through the often gruelling IVF process deserve to have confidence in the system. [...] The consequences of which have been devastating on their family as Anastasia shared in a letter to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler revealing one of her primary school-aged sons had attempted suicide.

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

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IVF system fails to pass the pub test, minister says

Canberra Times, Other, 13/06/2025, Allanah Sciberras and Rachael Ward

Australia's IVF accreditation system fails to pass the pub test, a government minister has said, as discussions continue following multiple embryo mix-ups at one of the nation's largest fertility providers. State and territory health ministers met with their federal counterpart on Friday, where it was agreed that a rapid nationwide review would begin to consider establishing an independent accreditation body. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, who used IVF to welcome his third child, described the two recent embryo mix-ups as "frankly shocking".

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

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'Rapid review' of IVF ordered by nation's health ministers following Monash IVF disaster

Herald Sun, Other, 13/06/2025, Sarah Booth

Following Monash's catastrophic IVF bungle, Australia's Health Ministers have gathered in an urgent meeting to discuss what comes next. Australia's Health Ministers have ordered a "rapid review" of IVF regulation but Queensland has blocked efforts to create an independent regulator, Victoria says. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler had earlier vowed regulation of the sector would be on the agenda, while Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas said she would push for an independent national accreditation scheme.

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Explosive claims nurses are burnt out while patient care is compromised at Peel Health Campus

Perth Now, Other, 13/06/2025, Rachel Fenner

An explosive leaked letter from a senior staffer at Peel Health Campus claims patients are being left without care and staff are suffering from widespread burnout. The letter, addressed to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and the State Government, was received by the Mandurah Times last week.

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Minister urged to prevent NDIS crisis

The Bridge Local News, Other, 13/06/2025, Deb Lucas

National Disability Insurance Scheme participants in Gippsland will be cut off from allied health providers under cuts proposed by the Albanese Government. Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has written to the Minister for Health Mark Butler, urging him to intervene in a plan to continue freezing the rates of pay for allied health providers and cut their travel allowance in half.

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Monash IVF Chief Executive resignation prompts calls for national IVF regulations

ABC Online, Other, 13/06/2025, Elena Kontogianni

As the Minister for Health and Aging Mark Butler meets State health ministers in Melbourne, there are calls to try and find commonality between state regulations on IVF, following the resignation of Monash IVF Chief Executive Michael Knaap, in the wake of a second incident of sending the wrong embryo to the wrong patient.

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New immunisation plan targets children among falling vaccine rates

ABC Online, Other, 13/06/2025, Freya Michie

The federal government's new National Immunisation Strategy has promised to focus on improving access to vaccines and reducing vaccine hesitancy. Health Minister Mark Butler's five year plan comes at a time when vaccination rates among children and adolescents are declining post-COVID19.

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'That child is not a product': how IVF big business plays on hope of people desperate for a family

The Guardian, Other, 14/06/2025, Tory Shepherd

IVF is "big business" and experts are concerned about conflicts of interest between profit-making and helping families have children. [...] The federal health minister, Mark Butler, said IVF "delivers joy to thousands of families" but that some were losing confidence in the system.

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Australia's 'very distressing' vaccination rates and what the government is doing about it

SBS, Other, 13/06/2025, Cameron Carr

A national immunisation strategy has been launched to increase access to vaccines and build trust with vulnerable communities. The declining rates of vaccination in Australia are "very distressing", according to one immunologist, as the federal government looks to tackle declining immunity. Health Minister Mark Butler launched the national immunisation strategy on Thursday, which aims to increase vaccine uptake and foster community trust.

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ICYMI: gaps in immunisation strategy, conference news, re-writing COVID history and upcoming events not to miss

Croakey, Other, 13/06/2025, Melissa Sweet

As vaccination rates in Australia continue to decline, in line with global trends in the fallout from COVID-19, Australia has a new national immunisation strategy, intended as a "roadmap" for improving uptake over the next five years. Launching the strategy this week, Minister Mark Butler warned that "Australia is going to continue to experience increasingly more severe outbreaks, preventable deaths, significant demand on health services and reduced productivity unless action is taken now to increase vaccination coverage and turn around these disturbing trends".

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No truth in claims Labor is taxing sugar

WEB OZ Arab Media, Other, 13/06/2025

The Labor government is not introducing a sugar tax, despite claims circulating on social media. Health Minister Mark Butler has confirmed a sugar tax isn't government policy. "BREAKING NEWS," a graphic shared on Facebook reads, "Labor to tax sugar instead of making health food more affordable." "Another tax from Labor. This time it's sugar," reads the caption on a post sharing the same image.

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ABC News, ABC News at Noon, 13/06/2025, Casey Briggs

Vic Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas is calling for a national regulation of IVF at a meeting with State and Federal counterparts. This comes after a new case of embryo mix-up involving Monash IVF was seen, prompting the resignation of its CEO, Michael Knaap. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says these companies deliver 20,000 IVF babies every year, so due to the recent incidents, a lot of people will be worried, and what they need to do is deal with the cracks in the system, such as a lack of transparency.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Radio Melbourne \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Channel 7, National News At Noon, 13/06/2025, Natarsha Belling

Panel discussion with Christopher Rudge, Deputy Director at Sydney Health Law, Sydney University, and Amelia Oberhardt, journalist. Compere says State Health Ministers will be meeting up with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler as they look to discuss regulations within the fertility industry, after two incidents of embryo mix-ups involving Monash IVF. Oberhardt explains that Monash IVF is a publicly listed company and is required to disclose incidents and mistakes to both shareholders and board members.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 13/06/2025, James Glenday and Emma Rebellato

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, speaking about restoring trust in Australia's IVF system after a second case of embryo mix-up. Butler points out that he and his wife have had a third IVF baby, and the trust that people have to provide to IVF companies is quite large. He explains that these companies deliver 20,000 IVF babies every year, but he's aware that due to the incidents, couples would be worried about the IVF system, which is why they need to fix the "cracks" in the system and provide better transparency to couples undertaking IVF services.

Also reported by: [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#).

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 13/06/2025, Matt Shirvington and Monique Wright

Panel discussion with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and Shadow Finance Minister James Patterson, speaking about PM Anthony Albanese receiving pressure regarding his upcoming discussions with US President Donald Trump and a discussion about AUKUS. Butler mentions that it's not at all surprising that a new government would review an existing project, and they've done so through their Defence Strategic Review. He maintains that the government will fully cooperate with the review into the AUKUS deal, as the government did with the British deal review.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

ABC Northern Tasmania, Drive, 12/06/2025, Evan Wallace

Interview with Assistant Minister for Women, Indigenous Health and Aged Care Rebecca White. White points out that she has a lot of things to learn upon taking on her new role, and the best experience so far is the humbling experience of being elected in the first place.

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Slim pickings

Weekend Australian, Magazine, 14/06/2025, Nikki Gemmell, Page 11

All around me, changing eating habits. In restaurants, at dinner parties, among friends and with acquaintances barely known as I pass them in the street. First the friend: "If I hear 'What's for dinner?' [...] Bring on the self-described "big unit" that is Hunter MP Dan Repacholi, who's refreshingly open about his weight-loss medication.

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

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DEPARTMENT

Why private hospitals pay up to \$25,000 more for implants

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/06/2025, Helen Trinca, Page 9

Australian patients are suffering from the "blatant exploitation" of the private hospital system by multinational medical manufacturers, the head of a peak health insurance body says. Matthew Koce, chief executive of the Members Health Fund Alliance, said a federal government system that set the prices of more than 10,000 individual implants, such as pacemakers and hip implants, was costing the private sector up to \$1bn a year.

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

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

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Supporting dads for strong family futures

Tumut & Adelong Times, General News, 13/06/2025, Page 6

During Men's Health Week, global parenting advocates and the team behind the Triple P Positive Parenting Program are urging dads, stepdads, grandfathers, father figures, and all parents to take a moment to focus on their mental health and wellbeing not just for themselves, but for the benefit of their entire family. [...] The delivery of the Triple P Positive Parenting Program to parents and carers across Australia is supported by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program.

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Anglicare SQ opens new SDCP unit

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/06/2025

People in Southport living with dementia who exhibit severe behavioural and psychological symptoms can now access a new Specialist Dementia Care Program unit, delivered by Anglicare Southern Queensland. [...] An additional \$5.2 million in funding for Anglicare SQ from the Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing will go towards the establishment of SDCP units at the E.M Tooth Residential Aged Care Home in Manly and the Symes Thorpe Residential Aged Care Home in Toowoomba.

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Countdown to National Assembly

More than 1200 mayors, shire presidents, councillors and local government leaders from across the nation will converge in Canberra this month for the 31st National General Assembly (NGA). [...] Keynote speakers for the forum include leading social commentator and demographer Bernard Salt, National Rural Health Commissioner Professor Jenny May and road safety expert Kenn Beer.

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Upcoming chronic disease MBS changes – what you need to know

Medical Forum, Other, 13/06/2025

GP clinics will need to be prepared come July 1 when changes to Medicare chronic disease management items are enacted. [...] According to the Department of Health and Aged Care the changes aim to not only simplify arrangements but promote continuity of care, encourage the regular review of chronic condition management plans and support communications between a patient's multidisciplinary care team.

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Not-for-profit aged care, disability service provider to shut in weeks

The Senior, Other, 13/06/2025, Michelle Smith

An aged care and disability service provider will close in July citing "financial challenges facing the organisation" into the future, after 70 years of service. [...] "We are working closely with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the National Disability Insurance Agency, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and other key stakeholders to ensure the seamless transition of our customers and staff to trusted and quality accredited providers."

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ABC Radio Sydney, 19:00 News, 13/06/2025

Interview with Professor Michael Kidd AO, Medical Officer, Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing, speaking about the National Lung Cancer Screening. Kidd explains that people who have been significantly exposed to cigarette smoking in the past would be assisted by their GPs based on how many years they have been smoking. He explains that those with lung issues who suffer from overexposure to asbestos aren't common to a larger number of people, so they are not seeing large numbers of cases involving lung concerns involving asbestos poisoning.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#)

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ABC Northern Tasmania, Drive, 12/06/2025, Evan Wallace

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

A healthy exercise in prevention

The Nightly, General News, 13/06/2025, Sarah D Lorenzo, Page 37

Dementia is the leading cause of death for Australian females, it makes up 12.2 per cent of female

deaths. But dementia is growing significantly and is now really a global health concern. In 2021 it was estimated that 57 million people were living with dementia and 60 per cent of those are in low and middle income countries. Every year 10 million more cases are diagnosed globally.

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Major milestone for health campaign

Central Western Daily, General News, 14/06/2025, Tanya Marschke, Page 4

After a 10-year fight to improve end-of-life services in Orange, Jenny Hazelton is "relieved and excited" by a major development in the saga. Mrs Hazelton is the president of Orange Push for Palliative and welcomes the news that construction is starting on the expansion of inpatient palliative care at Orange Hospital.

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Relationships Australia sounds the alarm on rising elder abuse

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/06/2025, Gabriel Fowler, Page 10

Relationships Australia has issued a poignant reminder on the eve of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day of the unacceptably high incidence of neglect and mistreatment of older people. About 15 per cent of people aged over 65 experience abuse, the organisation says, upon launching a policy paper that sounds the alarm. Elder abuse, which can be psychological, financial, or physical, is on the rise, and one in two perpetrators is a family member.

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Mayor homes in on golden oldies to call Uralla home

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 14/06/2025, Lydia Roberts, Page 4

A new England town is hanging its hope for the future on the older generation. Uralla Shire Mayor Robert Bell wants retirees and others aged over 55 to call his town home. As part of Uralla's 20-year housing strategy, Mr Bell says building accommodation for downsizers could be a way of freeing up homes for young families, too. No spring chicken himself Mr Bell, aged 69, says Uralla holds many attractions for oldies.

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Annecto announce community service closure

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 14/06/2025, Denika Anderson, Page 2

Aged care and disability support provider Annecto will be ceasing community services next month after more than 70 years of operation. The decision has followed consultation with stakeholders about service model shifts and financial challenges within the sector that the organisation would have to face in the future.

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Industry REC-ognition for service and delivery

EcoGeneration, General News, 01/06/2025, Page 30

Fresh off the stage at the Smart Energy Gala Dinner, Melbourne Energy Group has every reason to celebrate. When commercial solar installer Melbourne Energy Group was awarded the REC Commercial Installation of the Year ANZ Excellence Award at the recent Smart Energy Gala Dinner in Sydney, it represented a nod to its growing reputation for delivering highquality, technically robust solar projects across Australia.

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Allied health exercise groups

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 36

The delivery of group exercise programs by health services with the intention of maintaining and/or improving the physical health of older Australians is a well-established service. There is, however, a scarcity of literature related to applying a valuebased health care lens when evaluating group programs in a community-health setting.

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Supporting women to find work in regional aged care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/06/2025

RSL LifeCare has received \$170,000 in grant funding to boost employment of women in aged care in regional Australia. In a bid to support more women in regional New South Wales to become qualified carers for veterans and seniors, RSL LifeCare has been awarded \$170,000 in funding for the Empowering Women, Supporting Veterans & Seniors program.

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Let's stop navel-gazing

Health Services Daily, Other, 13/06/2025, Cate Swannell

Irony, thy name is aged care. Aged care is not pleasant. Not for anyone. It absolutely should be for residents. Too often, it is anything but. It's very often not pleasant for aged care workers – largely underpaid (though improving), often overworked (again, improving) and caring for people who are increasingly complex, challenging, and downright cranky.

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DISABILITY

'Absolute miracle' just keeps defying all odds

Courier Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 33

A Brisbane teenager given a 1 per cent chance of survival after a horror quad bike accident has opened up about how his family were told to "say their goodbyes" as he had just six hours to live. [...] "After that, I was put on to the NDIS ... and now I am kind of creeping up to just polishing everything off." Josh still struggles with double vision after the accident, which is part of the reason he wanted to challenge himself to complete Fred's Big Run for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

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

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NDIS funding changes: What new rules mean for Aussies

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 13/06/2025, Zoe Smith

In the biggest shake-up of the scheme, different funding periods have been introduced to new and reassessed plans. In a move that will have a huge impact on how participants budget their money, funding periods will now be set at three months rather than 12 months. The NDIS said the change, which was implemented last month, will help participants avoid overspending or running out of funds.

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A guide to the NDIS for over-50s, and how needs may change

The Senior, Other, 13/06/2025, Anthony Caggiano

Some people think as soon as you hit 65 a person is kicked off the NDIS, while others think being aged 52 means they're not eligible - here we debunk some of the myths around ageing with the National Disability Insurance Scheme The NDIS can help people get the support they need through government monetary help, which allows them to spend more time with family and friends, work, volunteer and develop skills, plus improve their quality of life.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Taking pains

AFR Weekend, Life and Leisure, 14/06/2025, Luke Benedictus, Page 6

Fifteen years ago, Trent Scanlen was struggling with persistent back pain. As an active 34-year-old, he assumed it was collateral damage from all the jujitsu and Muay Thai kickboxing he was doing.

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Follow-ups for bowel tests

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/06/2025, Page 37

More than one in 20 Australians who participated in bowel-cancer screening in 2023 returned a positive result that warranted further testing. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare says 41.7 per cent of the 6.3 million Australians invited to participate in the screening in 2022-23 took up the offer, with 6 per cent returning a positive screening result.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Australian Journal of Pharmacy \(Online\)](#), [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#).

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Working on the 'M' word

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/06/2025, Lauren Ahwan, Page 95

Discrimination fears around menopause in the workplace Aussie women fear their career will suffer if they talk about menopause at work but experts warn staying silent could cause even greater harm. Exclusive findings from a national study reveal menopause and perimenopause remain taboo topics in the workplace, with almost threequarters (73 per cent) of women uncomfortable discussing their symptoms with colleagues.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#).

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Heart to Hart

Herald Sun, Weekend, 14/06/2025, Matthew Johnston, Page 1

Maternal and infant wellbeing specialist Dr Amber Hart, known to clients as the 'mother whisperer'. is helping restore the village vibe' to infant care. [...] In 2022, the latest available figures from the federal government's Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the average had fallen to 2.5 days.

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Aussies live long lives

Courier Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Page 3

Australia has one of the longest life expectancies in the world. Australia has the fifthlongest average lifespan of the 185 countries analysed by Compare the Market from World Health Organisation data at 83.10 years. Overall, Australia was 13th in the active vitality index, which scores countries based on average life expectancy, average healthy life expectancy, and physical activity levels.

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Decision on next stage of centre

Daily Liberal, General News, 14/06/2025, Ciara Bastow, Page 12

A development application for stage two works of the Dubbo Residential Rehabilitation Centre has been put before Dubbo Regional Council. An outcome is expected by today (June 14). As part of the \$3.6 million stage two works, there will be the construction of the western residential wing, which provides accommodation for up to eight clients at a time.

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

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Everyone wins from investment in housing

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 14/06/2025, Amanda Winks, Page 69

When i set out to write this piece, my first step was a callout to the Housing Trust team seeking ideas and inspiration. Within minutes, a suggestion popped up in our team chat (thanks Nat! [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's 2023 National Social Housing Survey confirms this with 80% of social housing tenants reporting economic, health and social improvements.

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Men, get checked: 'If I can save just one person, that's all I need'

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 14/06/2025, Emma Downey, Page 1

You may or may not agree with his political leanings, but Barnaby Joyce has some poignant advice for Australia's men, particularly those who have reached, or are approaching, the other side of 50. After his much-publicised brush with prostate cancer, the 58-year-old warns men to prioritise their wellbeing by booking a GP visit and not to dismiss stubborn symptoms. His advice comes as Australia marks Men's Health Week, which ends on Sunday, June 15.

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

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True potential to transform lives

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 14/06/2025, Mark Powell, Page 11

I recently had the opportunity to join WRAD Health Board Chair Helen Taylor and fellow board member Carolyn Monaghan on a site visit to Odyssey House Victoria, a highly respected residential rehabilitation program. Our experience there was both eye-opening and affirming, giving us real insight into the power and potential of therapeutic communities to transform lives.

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More Australians turn to crowdfunding to help cover medical costs

Newcastle Herald, Other, 13/06/2025, Gabriel Fowler

Many Australians may be one medical diagnosis away from financial stress or homelessness, according to GoFundMe data citing \$70 million donated to medical fundraisers in 2024. That makes medical treatment the largest category on the GoFundMe crowdfunding platform with more than 30 medical fundraisers launched across the nation every day.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

I never thought I'd get to 250 runs

Daily Telegraph, Edition Changes, 14/06/2025, Angira Bharadwaj, Page 15

On March 10, former Australian of the Year and renowned cancer researcher Professor Richard Scolyer revealed his doctors had told him he likely had just three months left to live after his aggressive brain tumour returned. Three months and four days later, he will today complete his 250th parkrun, the Saturday morning 5km events for runners, that Mr Scolyer has used as his reprieve from life where his days are filled with painful, exhausting treatment.

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Gabba turns blue for fight against MND

Courier Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Georgia Clelland, Page 25

The Brisbane Lions are calling on Queensland footy fans to embrace a different kind of team colour this weekend for a good cause. In a special round 14 clash against the GWS Giants at the Gabba this Saturday, the Lions will once again throw their support behind Fight MND, raising awareness and funds for motor neurone disease research.

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Oh brothers, the support is a life-saver

Northern Territory News, General News, 14/06/2025, Nathaniel Chambers, Page 1

At just 10 weeks old Moses Wigness Jr was fighting for his life after being born with a life-threatening congenital heart defect. The condition required open heart surgery he could not receive in the Territory. But a transport incubator donated by the Humpty Dumpty Foundation allowed him to travel safely to Melbourne and safely complete the operation.

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

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WA health professionals cancer care trailblazers

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 14/06/2025, Cheyanne Enciso, Page 161

Two WA health professionals knew they needed to revolutionise the way chemotherapy and immunotherapy were administered after spending years observing cancer patients in waiting rooms struggling with fatigue. Registered nurse Lorna Cook and oncology pharmacist Julie Adams founded home chemotherapy service Chemo@home about 12 years ago with the belief that treatments could be administered safely and comfortably in a patient's home.

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

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Breakthrough tool aims to help prevent chemo overdoses

Ballarat Courier, General News, 14/06/2025, Page 16

For every 10 colorectal cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, six do not receive the correct dose. Helga Renz was one of them. Instead of healing, the chemotherapy meant to save her life brought on severe side effects, some so debilitating she could not finish her treatment. Though she now considers herself lucky to have survived both the cancer and its aftermath, the 70-year-old grandmother describes the experience as deeply traumatic.

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

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Scammed before cancer blow

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/06/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 5

Six months before Jenny Egan was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer, she was scammed out of \$223,000. Ms Egan, 64, was diagnosed on her birthday on May 7. She saw her doctor that day, who told her "there's a mass on your lung". "I was devastated," said Ms Egan, of Fishing Point in Lake Macquarie. She connected on social media with a man from the US last year.

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Mum, charity join push for heart care

Weekend Post, General News, 14/06/2025, Emma Cam, Page 5

A mother of a child with a heart condition says the state government must deliver a second cardiologist for Far North Queensland immediately after the Cairns Hospital submitted its business case earlier this year. Tegan Catalano's four-year-old daughter Violet is among those struggling with limited access to specialist care. Violet was born with a rare and life-threatening congenital heart condition and her complex recovery continues to require consistent monitoring.

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Firey's home gutted

Weekend Post, General News, 14/06/2025, Page 6

Tablelands volunteer firefighter Rob Doyle has "suspicions" about how his home burned down while he received cancer treatment, following recent break-ins at his property. The emergency services veteran, who has served the Ravenshoe community for more than four decades, was at hospital when his renovated 1910 timber house on Grigg St went up in flames.

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What makes genuine co-design verses tokenistic co-design?

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 30

I have frequently referred to the Spinal Cord Injury Service Delivery Model undertaken by Queensland Health as one of the best examples of true codesign that I have ever had the benefit of being involved with. I would like to reflect on what made this project so genuinely 'codesigned', and not just a tokenistic application of the term, which is sadly, commonplace today.

The heart of the matter

Shepparton News Online, Other, 13/06/2025, Lua Ikenasio

After attending the 2024 Shane Warne Legacy Health Check, Campaspe Shire councillor Paul Jarman left the check-up determined to make a change. Although he knew his health wasn't in prime condition before the check-up, the results revealed he was unknowingly cutting his life short by neglecting his physical wellbeing. Cr Jarman said the health check motivated him to get fit in order to achieve a younger estimated heart age.

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Reinventing himself through art: Jim Dalton's journey of resilience and gratitude

Shepparton News Online, Other, 13/06/2025

The power of art to move human emotions has been evident since the first people expressed themselves on cave walls. Art can educate, inspire, anger, torment; it can incite revolutions or move people to joy or tears. It can also help heal. Benalla's Jim Dalton's life took a turn at age 59 when he suffered a stroke.

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Devastating new blow for cancer-stricken ABC radio legend James Valentine after he had his oesophagus surgically removed

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 13/06/2025, Antoinette Milienos

ABC star James Valentine has revealed he will starting chemotherapy and immunotherapy after doctors discovered his cancer has spread. The ABC Radio Sydney Afternoons presenter was diagnosed with cancer in March last year. The following month he had most of his oesophagus removed, along with a quarter of his stomach, after doctors found a four-centimetre tumour where his oesophagus and stomach met.

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Tragic twist of fate that set Ananda Lewis and countless others on path of deadly alternative cancer treatments

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 13/06/2025, Emily Joshu Sterne and Luke Andrews

A Covid-era rule may have played a role in the tragic death of former MTV star Ananda Lewis who lost a seven-year battle with breast cancer this week at age 52. Lewis - who rose to fame as a video jockey for MTV - revealed last year that she was unable to get a mastectomy during lockdown in 2020 because California hospitals deemed it a non-emergency. At that time, a rule emphasized using hospital space for Covid patients with severe illnesses instead of those needing 'non-essential' or 'elective' procedures.

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More Australian men to be tested for prostate cancer in world-first reforms

9News, Other, 13/06/2025, Gabriella Rogers

More men will be tested for prostate cancer as part of world-first reforms to boost early detection. There are 26,000 new cases each year in Australia and about a third are diagnosed late. A steering committee was formed to revamp 2016 testing guidelines, which were deemed too confusing, out of date and inadequate. Following consultation with leading experts and the public, the changes will be put to the National Health and Medical Health Research Council for approval.

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Industry expert says Aussie sunscreens still pass the test despite Choice Report

4BC, Other, 13/06/2025, Sofie Formica

Recent testing by Choice has raised eyebrows as it was revealed that 16 out of 20 sunscreens didn't meet their advertised SPF50 claims. That includes some big-name brands, even ones sold by the

Cancer Council. John Staton has spent over 50 years in product development and two decades in sunscreen testing.

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'My daughter was diagnosed with cancer at 2. Here's what I wish someone had told me.'

Mamamia, Other, 13/06/2025, Erin Huckle

Imagine wishing for the noisy daily stresses of family life — the tantruming kids, messy walls and noisy sibling warfare. For Beth Thomas, the wish for this brand of family chaos felt very real after her daughter Edwina was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer when she was just two.

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PRIMARY CARE

New body to oversee IVF

The Saturday Age, General News, 14/06/2025, Grant McArthur, Page 1

A new independent national accreditation body will oversee Australia's fertility industry amid concerns IVF clinics have committed more errors than previously reported. After a series of high-profile bungles by Monash IVF, Australia's health ministers yesterday agreed to a rapid review to determine the best model for an independent accreditation body for the assisted reproductive technology sector.

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

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\$100m health centre launches

Courier Mail, Home, 14/06/2025, Page 2

Demographer Bernard Salt offered insights into the demographic shifts driving demand for healthcare services in Brisbane at a breakfast event attended by leading medical and healthcare providers, specialist clinicians and medical service operators. The event celebrated a new healthcare centre to be delivered for Brisbane's northside, the \$100m Windsor Health Quarter on Lutwyche Rd, which is due for completion in 2027 and will feature 12 Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) apartments.

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Ambo service's failures laid bare

Herald Sun, General News, 14/06/2025, Alex White, Page 7

Victoria's ambulance service is facing a storm of criticism after a parliamentary panel was told of its "crushing" failures, including non-lifethreatening call-outs, such as an ingrown hair, being prioritised over serious, fatal incidents. The Victorian parliament's inquiry into Ambulance Victoria continued on Friday, with Union Secretary Danny Hill delivering damning evidence.

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

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Brett's selfless gift

Ballarat Courier, General News, 14/06/2025, Michelle Smith, Page 1

Ballarat grandfather Brett Harrison was one of the first Australians to donate his organs after ending his life through voluntary assisted dying. Motor neurone disease had robbed the 57-year-old of control of everything apart from what happened to him at the end of his life.

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Time for a health service clean-out

Border Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Page 32

Mushrooms, sadly, have been a topic of armchair forensic discussion and analysis recently. And the heads of Albury Wodonga Health have arrogantly embraced this same mushroom theme/attitude

towards the Albury-Wodonga and regional inhabitants. Keep us in the dark and feed us truckloads of BS. No comment around a code yellow ... really, then arrogantly ignoring the pleas of the locals around the urgent need for a new greenspace hospital. There appears to be no accountability mechanism in situ with these same hospital executives, board, etc, etc.

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MLHD split 'won't fix the underlying issues'

Daily Advertiser, General News, 14/06/2025, Maryam Sulaiman, Page 5

Wagga MP Joe McGirr says a proposal to divide the Murrumbidgee Local Health District "doesn't address the underlying issues". Dr McGirr was speaking to the Daily Advertiser after Murray MP Helen Dalton put forward a bill in NSW Parliament for 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.

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Tighter rules for fillers and face fixers

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 14/06/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 24

It may not show on their wrinkle-free faces, but operators within the Gold Coast's multimilliondollar cosmetic injectables industry are extremely worried. New national guidelines on non-invasive procedures like Botox and fillers have rattled practitioners, with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency cracking down on "batching" and boosting training as it moves to tighten oversight of the \$4.1bn sector.

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Healthscope receivership prompts AHHA Ltd call for health system reform

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 9

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association Limited, Tony Farley said that the announcement about Healthscope's financial troubles should provide governments with the opportunity to think carefully about the sustainability of our health system and how public health care is funded and delivered.

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Petition to state government as Mildura revealed as ground zero for Victoria's escalating hospital crisis

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 13/06/2025, Stuart Kavanagh

A public hospital in the state's north is the epicentre of Victoria's battling health system, with bed shortages, emergency code yellows fuelling public outrage and calls for urgent government assistance. At the Parliamentary Accounts and Estimates Committee inquiry into the 2025–26 Budget on Tuesday, Mildura Nationals MP Jade Benham blasted Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas, demanding answers on the shortage of emergency department beds after a recent code yellow at Mildura Base Public Hospital.

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Patients recover in city hotel as hospitals struggle with bed block

The Senior, Other, 13/06/2025, Anthony Caggiano

South Australia's idea of an out-of-hospital health service at a city hotel is showing signs of helping reduce bed block A total of 104 of the 127 patients who have used the Transition Care Service at the Pullman Adelaide hotel have been discharged since it started in February.

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Obsession and perfectionism: Elite sport fuels fire of eating disorders

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/06/2025, Lauren Ironmonger, Page 40

Four years ago, footballer Katrina Gorry, then 28, announced she was expecting her first child. She also went public about her struggle with anorexia. "I felt by speaking out, maybe I could help other athletes and let them know it's OK to go through something like that, and there's support around you," says the Matildas midfielder. In the years since, buoyed by the support of others, speaking about her battle with anorexia has become easier. She was particularly moved by a 16-year-old fan who saw herself in Gorry's story.

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

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"My attitude stinks and I'm working hard to change it"

Daily Telegraph, Weekend, 14/06/2025, Nikki Osborne, Page 4

"Take a concrete pill and harden up" is the Aussie motto. Contrary to our ancestors, the whingeing Poms, we appear to have adopted the attitude that admitting to any struggle is a sign that you are failing in life. There's no doubt that we see "acting emotional" or "seeing a therapist" as being self indulgent and simply not the Aussie way to be. It's annoying and weak.

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

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Ohhh .. that makes so much sense now

Daily Telegraph, Weekend, 14/06/2025, Lisa Mayoh, Page 14

Finding out she was neurodivergent aged 30 explained a lot for mum of three Ashlee Law, now a specialist in the field and keen to help other late-diagnosed autistic women or, in her words, the 'neurospicy' After living life feeling "different", Port Macquarie mum Ashlee Law discovered she was autistic at the age of 30, after her three children's own autism and ADHD diagnoses. As a child, she was always the social butterfly, creative and mostly cheerful, yet tagged as "overly emotional" and a "daydreamer".

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

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Plea to tackle eating disorder crisis

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 14/06/2025, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 31

Australia's peak body for eating disorder specialists has urged the State Government to support more training for primary care providers, amid growing concerns undiagnosed and misdiagnosed patients are missing out on vital early intervention. In response to a series of articles in The West Australian exposing WA's eating disorder crisis, the Australia & New Zealand Academy for Eating Disorders this week wrote to WA Health Minister Meredith Hammat and WA Mental Health Commissioner Maureen Lewis proposing a potential solution.

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

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Inside men's pain

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 14/06/2025, Jessica antoniou, Page 1

For Men's Health Week, Kalgoorlie Miner journalist Jessica Antoniou has surveyed almost 30 men in the region about their physical and mental health. The conclusion? Many keep their pain locked up because they fear being open about it but those who take action are so glad they did.

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

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'It can be pretty lonely'

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 14/06/2025, Zac Lowe, Page 60

Cody Byrne understands the battle with mental health all too well. The Dungowan Cowboys forward,

who is currently recovering from a hamstring injury incurred during their trial match against the Muswellbrook Rams, told the Leader that he is no stranger to dealing with his own demons.

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New safety plan for city

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 14/06/2025, Nikita Mcguire, Page 4

In a bid to tackle issues around Townsville including anti-social behaviour, homelessness, graffiti and community safety, while also considering mental health and wellbeing, Townsville City Council is planning to adopt it's new safety plan. After conducting community engagement activities such as the Liveability Survey in 2024 and the Wellbeing Survey in 2025, Acting Mayor AnnMaree Greaney said the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan was formed by responses from residents on their top safety concerns.

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

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North Brisbane safe space network

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 40

A proven, peer-led model delivering value-based mental health care and saving lives in North Brisbane and Moreton Bay. As commissioners of health services, our responsibility is clear: invest in models of care that deliver high-quality outcomes, are cost-effective, and respond meaningfully to the needs of our communities.

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Kirkstall's Sue Cody speaks about eating disorders in menopause

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 13/06/2025, Katrina-Lovell

Sue Cody's first developed an eating disorder at 22 but when the Kirkstall woman hit peri-menopause, it spiralled out of control and led to a four-week Melbourne hospital stay. Mrs Cody - who describes herself as being in "quasi-recovery" - decided to openly share her story after answering the call to help set up a new program through Eating Disorder Victoria which has put the spotlight on menopause.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

A mother's worst nightmare: Yasmine's story and the reality of preterm birth

West Australian, Other, 13/06/2025

Born 15 weeks early, Ava weighed little more than a tub of butter when she came into the world. Her tiny hands were no bigger than her parents' wedding rings and her fragile little body could fit in the palm of their hands. Born weighing 580 grams, she was small yet mighty enough to tackle the complex challenges a marathon 101-day stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit would bring for the brave micro preemie.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

From strength to strength

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 14/06/2025, Peter Farago, Page 22

Deep interest in a landmark riverbank property demonstrates Geelong's growing maturity as a market in the eyes of major property players, the agents handing the sale have revealed. [...] New data shows people moving from capital cities to live in Geelong is the biggest portion of the region's population

growth. Healthcare is Geelong's biggest employment sector, with 30,000 workers from doctors and nurses to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) staff and aged care, now representing 17 per cent of the workforce.

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Top honour for 'marvellous' GP

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 10/06/2025, Allan Murphy, Page 5

A "true gentleman" who dedicated his life to helping others has been acknowledged in this year's King's Birthday Honours with the posthumous awarding of the Medal of the Order of Australia. The death of Dr John Dyson-Berry in September last year was followed by an outpouring of gratitude for a "special" and "wonderful" man and a "marvellous" doctor whose encouragement and tutorship of others was the catalyst of many dedicated local GPs and decadeslong friendships.

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Rock & a hard place

Weekend Post, General News, 14/06/2025, Emma Cam, Page 1

Healthcare workers are calling for shorter operational hours in Yarrabah as they continue to face dangerous rock attacks during their daily commute. Workers say authorities have failed to implement adequate protective measures despite ongoing safety concerns, with the stress and anxiety impacting their ability to provide adequate care. A source said the latest emergency services vehicle to be targeted was a Queensland Ambulance vehicle hit with rocks last week.

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The Victorian Virtual Specialist Consults

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 13

2025 Winner of the Innovation Award for Value-Based Health Care The Victorian Virtual Specialist Consults (VVSC) is a first of its kind service in Australia. VVSC utilises video co-consultation with community providers to provide timely and equitable access to specialist expertise across the state.

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Rethinking the health workforce

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 33

The health workforce is the cornerstone of any healthcare system. As global health systems grapple with increasing demand, the workforce's role becomes even more critical in delivering care and shaping how that care is accessed, experienced, and sustained.

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Health professional support a key response to family, domestic and sexual violence

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 43

For the first time, primary health care professionals will receive free, tailored, ACT-specific training to recognise and respond to early signs of family, domestic, sexual violence and child sexual abuse (FDSV). FDSV, including child sexual abuse are serious public health issues that can cause significant physical, emotional, psychological and financial harm.

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Docs attack 'dangerous experiments' in pharmacist prescribing

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/06/2025, Megan Haggan

The Australian Medical Association has made a submission to the consultation of the revised National Prescribing Competencies Framework in which it reiterates its longstanding opposition to pharmacists working at expanded or full scope of practice.

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WA doctors recognised in King's Birthday Honours

Medical Forum, Other, 13/06/2025

A number of Western Australian doctors and medical professionals were among the 830 Australians on this year's King's Birthday Honours list Announced in conjunction with the King's Birthday holiday as it was celebrated on the east coast, a total of 67 people from WA were given additional titles.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Lilly drops push for Ebglyss PBS listing

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/06/2025

Eli Lilly will not proceed with plans to have its targeted IL-13 inhibitor, Ebglyss (lebrikizumab), listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), due to the reimbursement terms offered by the federal government.

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'No wrong door' for vaccination: Sim

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/06/2025, Megan Haggan

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has renewed its call for national harmonisation of pharmacist immunisers' scope, echoing recommendations made in the National Immunisation Strategy 2025-2030 released on Thursday (12 June 2025).

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Welcome to the second coming of My Health Record

Australian Doctor, Other, 13/06/2025, Paul Smith

Why did anyone think 100 million PDFs would be a good idea? Doctors have long asked an existential question about My Health Record. [...] This is an interview with Peter O'Halloran, chief digital officer with the Australian Digital Health Agency.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

NDIS auditor a fraudster

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/06/2025, Julie Cross, Page 33

A woman who audits NDIS companies on behalf of the disability watchdog is a convicted fraudster who narrowly avoided jail. Lisa Scully was a manager at Newcastle City Council when she was caught fraudulently approving invoices and accepting gifts including an oven and a coffee machine from a software company she awarded a tender.

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

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Dongara emergency department nurse banned after admitting thefts of morphine and Panadeine Forte

West Australian, Other, 13/06/2025, Laura Newell

A former Dongara registered nurse has been banned from practising for 18 months after admitting to stealing pain relief drugs from the emergency department he worked at. Gary Shane Stevenson was a clinical nurse at the Dongara Health Service when he "misappropriated" pain medications 34 times

between September 2021 and April 2022 and entered false or misleading entries in controlled drug registers.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Anger at fertility blockers

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 14/06/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 11

Victoria has accused Queensland of blocking a push for an independent federal IVF body after a string of embryo bungles raised questions about the effectiveness of self-regulation. Australia's Health Ministers agreed to commission a "rapid" three-month review into regulation options including the creation of an independent accreditation body at a national meeting in Melbourne on Friday.

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Australia's health system is world classbut big reform is essential

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Nearly Every, Page 6

By nearly every international measure, Australia has one of the best performing health systems in the world. Yet most Australians remain largely unaware of this. That's understandable. Health care is deeply personal, and when care is delayed, disjointed or something goes wrong, no amount of positive statistics offers comfort. And while it's right that inquiries and investigations follow serious failures, there's a risk that we lose sight of the broader truth: most of the time, for most people, the system works, and it works well.

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Re-election brings fresh momentum for health reform, says AHHA Ltd

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 9

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association Limited (AHHA Ltd) congratulated the Australian Labor Party on its re-election and welcomed returning Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Health was a central issue throughout the 2025 Federal Election campaign, and voters made clear their expectations for a healthcare system that is fair, accessible, and responsive to the needs of individuals and communities.

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Why value-based healthcare must become the norm, not the exception

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 26

You'll be hard pressed to find a bigger advocate of value-based healthcare. It just so happens that my first non-clinical role in health was as a project officer implementing the Leading Better Value Care program in NSW. As I sat in the audience at the 2025 AHHA Value-Based Care Congress I was both inspired by the incredible work underway, and a bit frustrated. I fully support the principles of value-based healthcare, but I must admit that I find it frustrating that we still treat 'value' as an add-on, something separate and elusive, rather than integral and non-negotiable.

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Where is prevention and health equity for value-based health care?

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 28

The 2025 Value-Based Health Care Congress held in Naarm brought together consumers, policydecision makers, health services managers, and frontline healthcare workers to share knowledge on how much has progressed in delivering outcomes and quality care that matter most to consumers in an optimally efficient way. Many initiatives are supported by enabling digital health technologies and are data driven.

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SPORT

Horse whip vid leads to rider ban

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/06/2025, Rory Williams, Page 15

Olympic equestrian Heath Ryan has been suspended from competition and dropped by at least two major sponsors after disturbing footage emerged on Thursday showing him whipping a horse 42 times during a training session. Equestrian Australia confirmed it had received a formal complaint from a member of the public and had launched an investigation, resulting in a decision to provisionally suspend Ryan from competition.

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

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Premium position liked sport redefines top design

Courier Mail, Home, 14/06/2025, Stephen Nadin, Page 1

A pickleball court is one of the many leisure attractions for residents at a Spring Hill project, writes Stephen Nadin. The Oria development at Spring Hill will be launched to market this month as property developers take notice of an emerging sport and its hopeful inclusion in the Brisbane 2032 Olympics. The project is the first proposal in Queensland to incorporate pickleball into a common area of an inner-city multi-level residential community.

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Stop playing games

Courier Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Rachel Riley and Hayden Johnson, Page 1

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has cast doubt over the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games venue plan by suggesting Melbourne could still host tennis and rowing be relocated from Rockhampton to Sydney. The state government has been quick to slap down Mr Albanese's suggestions, declaring all events will be held in Queensland.

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

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Sold! Why Ashes tour is hottest ticket in Australia

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Edition Changes, 14/06/2025, Jackson Barrett, Page 24

It's the hottest ticket in town. So hot that if you don't get in quick, you won't get in the door. More than five months out from the first ball of Optus Stadium's The West Test, the opening day is racing towards a sell-out. It means as the curtain is lifted on this year's blockbuster Ashes series between the sport's great rivals Australia and England Perth will blow its Test match attendance records out of the water.

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Aussie sporting clubs step up to tackle violence culture

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 14/06/2025, Sebastian Tan, Page 24

NRL and A-League clubs are among sports organisations taking a bigger step to address domestic, sexual and family violence. Ahead of an expected surge in domestic violence around State of Origin on Wednesday, a \$500,000 NSW Government partnership with clubs and industry partners was unveiled on Friday to raise awareness and change perceptions on violence.

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

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Cats kick goals with wellbeing project

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 14/06/2025, Will Keech, Page 3

Local students have had the pleasure of meeting some of their idols, with Cats players paying a visit to celebrate some good news. Connor O'Sullivan and Mark O'Connor, pictured above chatting to Lara Primary School's captains, visited the school this week to celebrate an independent study that revealed

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Birthing study reveals 'safest time' to have a baby

Weekend Australian, General News, 14/06/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 9

When Kiara Raffa was offered a planned induction of labour at 39 weeks with her fifth child, she was in floods of tears as she grappled with fear and anxiety. "I was absolutely petrified," the 36-year-old Perth mother says. "I'd been told numerous times how painful labour after an induction was. I was very against having an epidural. I was petrified of the medication that they put in the drip with the induction. All of those fears created so much anxiety for me."

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Cancer drug trial for Canberra Hospital

Canberra Times, General News, 14/06/2025, Steve Evans, Page 4

The brilliant scientists at the Australian National University are about to start a trial of a revolutionary new drug they've developed which may control or even cure a range of currently untreatable cancers. It's early stages - there is no miracle cure yet - but some patients at Canberra Hospital who have not responded to chemotherapy, radiotherapy or immunotherapy will be offered the new drug which has shown very hopeful results in laboratory tests.

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

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New cancer hope

Herald Sun, General News, 14/06/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 1

A "game-changing" Australian blood treatment has been shown to triple cancer patients' chances of survival, being cancer-free and avoiding lifelong complications. Research by Melbourne's The Alfred hospital and Monash University has revealed leukaemia patients can avoid a serious complication under the new treatment, which changes a key part of blood stem cell transplants using an existing, affordable drug.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Project looks into diabetes in pregnancy

Launceston Examiner, General News, 14/06/2025, Annika Rhoades, Page 2

Diabetes in pregnancy can have far-reaching complications for mothers and babies, but a research project in Launceston wants to make sure pregnant women in Tasmania get the best care possible. The retrospective study will use old Launceston General Hospital (LGH) records and data collected from 2014 to the present time to create an intervention model at the hospital.

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New findings push for better kid's healthcare

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 14/06/2025, Em Jensen, Page 14

Researchers at the University of South Australia are calling for improvements in regional healthcare for children living remotely, following new research from the university's academics. In a study bringing together literature from around the globe, researchers determined that applying a strategy developed specifically for different rural areas and based on needs of the community, healthcare on the whole can be improved.

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Perth trial brings wonder drug hope

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 14/06/2025, Angela Pownall, Page 16

A new clinical trial to treat Parkinson's disease will start in Perth next year using a drug currently under investigation as a groundbreaking treatment for Alzheimer's disease. Probuticol, a drug originally used in the 1980s to treat cardiovascular disease and lower cholesterol, has since been found to have potent anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant effects on the brain.

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

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Cone snail toxins to be used in mental health drug research project

Cairns Post, Other, 13/06/2025, Catherine Duffy

The Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation has given \$260,000 to researchers to advance medical treatment and services in the region, including using a deadly sea creature's venom to treat mental health issues. Research into using a deadly sea creature's venom to combat mental health issues will be boosted through the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation's donation of \$260,000 to advance medical treatment and services in the region.

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Rural GP-based study finds familial hypercholesterolaemia underdiagnosed and undertreated

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025, Melanie Hinze

A retrospective study of five rural GP clinics in South Australia has revealed significant underdiagnosis and undertreatment of patients likely to have familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH). Published in Heart, Lung and Circulation, researchers examined electronic health records (EHR) in the five rural clinics for 165 patients identified as having cholesterol levels above 7.

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Eating disorder study: volunteers sought

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025

Researchers from QIMR Berghofer and InsideOut Institute are seeking more than 4000 Australian adults with lived experience of an eating disorder to take part a study to identify genetic variants to calculate an individual's risk of developing an eating disorder. The Eating Disorders Genetics Initiative 2 (EDGI2) aims to determine genetic and environmental risk and protective factors that influence the development of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge-eating disorder and avoidant/

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Endometriosis associated with premature and early menopause

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025, Melanie Hinze

Women with endometriosis are more likely to undergo surgical menopause and experience menopause at a younger age than women without endometriosis, according to a large pooled cohort study. The international study, published in Human Reproduction, analysed data from 279,948 women across five longitudinal cohort studies conducted in the UK, Australia, Sweden and Japan between 1996 and 2022.

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GP intervention increases long-acting reversible contraceptive continuation rate

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025, Rebecca Jenkins

A GP-based intervention increases the rate of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) continuation and reduces unintended pregnancies and abortions, an Australian longitudinal study finds. LARC methods, such as hormonal intrauterine devices (IUDs) and contraceptive implants, were the most effective form of reversible contraception and their increased use was known to reduce the rate of unintended pregnancies and abortions, researchers wrote in the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

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Potential role for metformin in reducing pain in patients with knee osteoarthritis

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025, Emily Lathlean

A randomised clinical trial by Australian researchers has found metformin to be helpful in reducing osteoarthritis-related knee pain in patients with overweight or obesity. In the trial, published in JAMA, 107 patients with a body mass index of 25 kg/m or higher and aged over 40 years were randomised and assigned to receive metformin (2000 mg/

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Varenicline significantly improves vaping cessation outcomes in youth, finds study

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025, Melanie Hinze

Varenicline, in combination with behavioural counselling, significantly improves vaping cessation rates in adolescents and young adults, a US randomised trial has found. Published in JAMA, the trial included 261 participants aged 16 to 25 years who vaped nicotine daily or near-daily and were motivated to quit.

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Herpes zoster virus vaccination: positive effects seen on CVD risk and dementia diagnoses

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025, Rebecca Jenkins

Immunisation against herpes zoster virus (HZV) may significantly reduce cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk for up to eight years, according to a large study of older adults. Cardiovascular (CV) events were often recognised as potential complications of HZV infection, and although previous research had suggested that immunisation with a live HZV vaccine lowered CVD risk, these studies were limited by small sample sizes.

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Send flu patients to study

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 13/06/2025

A major study involving universities around Australia is utilising pharmacies to recruit people with flu-like symptoms, with the aim of understanding how common these persistent illnesses are. Led by the University of Melbourne, the Doherty Institute, the Kirby Institute at UNSW Sydney and the University of Adelaide, the landmark OUTPOST study will use this information to inform clinical practice and improve health and wellbeing.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Australian Health Review: New collection Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

The Health Advocate, General News, 01/05/2025, Page 8

The Australian Health Review released a new collection of articles focused on the health and wellbeing of First Nations Australians, 'Beyond Closing the Gap'. 'This collection highlights the pressing health challenges facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, while also showcasing policy and service innovations aimed at improving health outcomes and equity,' says Dr Son Hall, Editor-in-Chief of Australian Health Review.

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"Our people are dying": Human Rights Commissioners call for urgent reform following Indigenous deaths in custody

National Indigenous Times, Other, 13/06/2025, Dechlan Brennan

All seven Commissioners of the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) have joined forces to call for sweeping reforms in response to the continuing crisis of Indigenous deaths in custody. The recent deaths of 24-year-old Warlpiri man Kumanjayi White — who had a disability and was living in supported accommodation — and 68-year-old Wadeye Elder TN have prompted national outrage and renewed scrutiny of the justice system.

Also reported by: [National Indigenous Times \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Jab's big impact revealed

Courier Mail, General News, 14/06/2025, Iwan Jones, Page 29

A vaccine targeting a serious respiratory illness that hits infants hard has resulted in a 75 per cent reduction in babies hospitalised with the virus. Queensland's chief health officer has praised the new immunisation program that has protected hundreds of Queensland babies from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), as flu and Covid-19 cases spike with the onset of winter.

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

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Health alert as disease found

Hobart Mercury, General News, 14/06/2025, Sue Bailey, Page 3

The first cases in Tasmania this year of the potentially fatal meningococcal disease have been detected prompting a warning to be alert for symptoms. Doctors have warned meningococcal is difficult to diagnose and renewed calls for a free vaccination for the B strain. Only one case of meningococcal disease was detected in Tasmania last year.

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

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Calls for caution as JEV heads south

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 14/06/2025, Patrick Tucker, Page 11

With Japanese encephalitis virus, or JVE, is spreading further in parts of Victoria and New South Wales, health experts are warning the risk is much higher than previously considered. Recent outbreaks along the Murray Valley region have increased risk of contracting the disease and people are being encouraged to visit their local GP for vaccination.

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

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Perth Airport named measles exposure site after highly infectious virus confirmed in overseas traveller

West Australian, Other, 13/06/2025, Hannah Cross

Travellers and visitors to Perth Airport last week have been urged to monitor for measles symptoms after a case was confirmed in an overseas traveller. The person was infectious on board Qantas flight QF10 from London to Perth — a near 18-hour flight — which landed at Perth International Airport on June 6, about 11.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Low influenza and COVID vaccination rates spark concern as flu season kicks off

ABC Online, Other, 13/06/2025, Olivia Willis

The number of Australians vaccinated against influenza is "worryingly low", health experts say, as new data reveals the winter flu season has begun. Since mid-May, flu cases have increased in most parts of

the country , following a record-breaking number of infections earlier in the year that had recently plateaued.

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Time for action on harmonisation

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 13/06/2025

The Australian Government has released its new National Immunisation Strategy to guide Australia's fight against vaccine-preventable diseases over the next five years, with pharmacists playing a key role in workforce objectives. The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has renewed calls for national harmonisation of pharmacist immunisers' scope, saying now is the time for action. [...] The strategy is one of the first deliverables of the interim Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC), with the PSA welcoming the CDC's backing of pharmacists' full scope vaccination.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 13/06/2025, Max Futchter and Katrina Blowers

The newly introduced Qld vaccination programme is aiming to reduce the number of babies and children needing hospital treatment for RSV. In January to June 2025, the number of babies under six months that needed assistance in the hospital fell by 75%; however, other illnesses like COVID and flu are starting to spread.

Also reported by: [Channel 10 \(Perth\)](#).

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

PBS listings frozen over Trump's executive order

The Saturday Paper, General News, 14/06/2025, Jason Koutsoukis, Page 1

Industry sources reveal drug companies have stopped negotiating listings on the PBS and in some cases are considering not listing in Australia as they seek to lift profits under Trump. [...] "And companies may delay application for both product registration in Australia through the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and also reimbursement through the PBS of new medicines as they seek to avoid us referencing to prices that undervalue innovation and affect global prices."

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TGA to review Choice findings

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/06/2025

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will investigate reports that several popular sunscreen products fall short of their claimed Sun Protection Factor (SPF) protection.

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

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Tirzepatide for sleep apnoea

Medicine Today, Other, 13/06/2025

The TGA has expanded the indications for tirzepatide to include the treatment of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnoea in adults living with obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²). Tirzepatide, a long-acting glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide and glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist, is the first medication indicated for obstructive sleep apnoea in Australia.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Booze ads shouldn't be able to flow freely on our TVs

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/06/2025, April Long, Page 44

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. When we talk about alcohol ads on television, we're not talking about harmless marketing. We're talking about messages that reach into Australian homes, living rooms and seep into young minds.

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