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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Age](#)** (page 6) reports that parents who used fertility services report feeling angry and anxious due to recent incidents involving Monash IVF, including embryo destruction and wrong embryo transfers. National regulation of the sector will be considered as part of a rapid review announced by Health Minister Mark Butler last week.
- **[The Hobart Mercury](#)** (page 8) reports a Tasmanian widow has urged the federal government to address delays in providing home care packages following the death of her husband on the waiting list. Crossbench MPs and senators have written to Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler and Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae to fund new packages by July 1.
- **[The West Australian](#)** (page 1) reports WA Health figures reveal the state is suffering a large increase in flu cases with another spike expected in coming weeks. WA's low vaccination rate has been identified as a major driver.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 1) reports that the number of South Australian children using Ozempic to manage diabetes has increased by 900 per cent in three years, according to the TGA, raising concerns that children may be using controlled semaglutides for weight loss.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 7) reports that consumer group Choice has defended its rigorous testing process after sunscreen brands pushed back on its claims that 16 of 20 sunscreens

tested did not meet SPF 50 or 50+ branding, which are being investigated by the TGA.

- **The Herald Sun** (page 4) reports that over 1000 Victorian mental health workers have walked off the job to protest at Victorian parliament, calling for better pay and systemic reforms.
- **The Herald Sun** (page 8) reports that a new scheme launching today will provide subsidised products like bandages and dressings to eligible individuals through Medicare, saving about 20,000 Australians with chronic wounds up to \$4000 annually.
- **The Hobart Mercury** (page 5) reports that the Tasmanian Liberal government plans to introduce paramedic practitioner roles and allow them to prescribe medications, enabling more Tasmanians to receive immediate treatment at home, reducing ambulance transfers and easing pressure on emergency departments.
- **The Adelaide Advertiser** (page 10) reports that the South Australian Liberal Party announced a \$24 million trial proposal to increase doctor clinic hours to 8pm weekdays and add Sunday morning openings to tackle ramping and hospital delays.
- **The Daily Telegraph** (page 19) reports that Crescent Disability Services, a business linked to under-fire NDIS provider Cocoon, has been reported to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission over allegations it failed to meet service standards.

MINISTER BUTLER

Anger, mistrust builds in the wake of IVF mistakes

Age, General News, 18/06/2025, Wendy Tuoh, Page 6

Michelle Galea has one word for the spectrum of emotions swamping parents she knows who have used fertility services to create their families: "Anger." [...] This is on the table as part of a rapid review announced after federal Health Minister Mark Butler met state counterparts on Friday.

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

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Hobart Mercury, General News, 18/06/2025, Rob Inglis, Page 8

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Also reported by: [MyCity Logan \(Online\)](#), [MyCity Logan \(Online\)](#).

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Vape reforms ineffective?

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 17/06/2025, Page 1

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has refuted concerns that low pharmacy vaping uptake is driving an already-thriving black market. New data released by the TGA shows that around 40,000

nonprescription vapes were sold by pharmacists in the first seven months since the vaping reforms took effect (PD 01 Oct 2024).

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

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Sunscreen wars: Breaking down the furore Choice created over SPF brands

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 17/06/2025, Lauren Ironmonger, Jessica Yun & Cindy Yin

On Monday evening, consumer advocacy group Choice poured some oil on a fight it picked with some of Australia's most popular and reputable sunscreen brands. [...] When this masthead reached out to Health Minister Mark Butler's office to ask whether the TGA, part of the Department of Health and Aged Care, should conduct its own sunscreen testing, the inquiry was referred back to the TGA.

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

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Bulk-billing GP clinics around Australia listed

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 17/06/2025, Tamara McDonald

Access to general practices where all patients are bulk-billed fluctuates based on where you live, new analysis shows, and doctors hold concerns incoming reform will only reward those churning through appointments. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said he was "very confident" that a 90 per cent bulk-billing rate by 20230 target will be hit.

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

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The fresh cost of living blow every Australian paying for private health insurance needs to know about

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/06/2025, Stephen Johnson

Australians forking out for the highest level of private health insurance cover are facing double-digit hikes to their premiums. Health Minister Mark Butler this year approved a 3.73 per cent average increase in private health care premiums, that came into effect on April 1.

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Specialist doctors' exorbitant fees show 'system broken from start to end'

CathNews, Other, 17/06/2025, Rebecca Comini

About 1.9 million Australians are delaying or skipping critical medical care due to exorbitant fees for specialist doctors, a new report has found. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said private health insurers and specialists needed to do more to protect patients from exorbitant bills.

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Immunisation update – 18 June 2025

cesphn.org.au, Other, 17/06/2025, Rosy Mobbs

Vaccination providers are invited to join our Immunisation Working Group to share their valuable insights from a primary care perspective and provide ideas, feedback and suggestions on immunisation programs and strategies. [...] More than 60,000 pregnant women have received the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine Abrysvo since the launch of the Australian Government's free maternal RSV vaccination program in February of this year, the Hon Mark Butler MP (Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the NDIS) announced late last week.

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Mental health hit hardest amid exorbitant doctor fees

HealthTimes, Other, 17/06/2025

Psychiatry has topped the list of extreme fee-charging medical specialties, with those seeking vital mental health care among the hardest hit. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said private health

insurers and specialists needed to do more to protect patients from exorbitant bills.

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Low pharmacy vaping uptake fuels black market fears

HealthTimes, Other, 17/06/2025

Fewer than 200 non-prescription vapes are being sold through pharmacists each day, fuelling speculation a massive black market continues to thrive. [...] But Health Minister Mark Butler insisted the laws had been effective, because smoking prevalence data had Australia's rates at all-time lows across all age groups.

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Diagnoses in, now for action

Inside Story, Other, 17/06/2025, Lesley Russell

Outlining his government's "positive and ambitious agenda" at the National Press Club last week, Anthony Albanese reiterated a series of health policy commitments made during the election campaign: pledges to improve Medicare bulk-billing rates, limit pharmaceutical co-payments, build more urgent-care clinics, and launch a 24/7 health advice line and an after-hours GP telehealth service. [...] How health minister Mark Butler and his department tackle these recommendations during Labor's second term will give some indication of the willingness of the government and the bureaucracy to think long-term, view healthcare spending as an investment in productivity and the economy rather than a budget impost, listen to patients, carers and the public, and override the "sharp elbows and loud voices" of the medical colleges, the pharmaceutical industry and pharmacy groups, private health insurance funds and private hospitals.

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RACGP leaders discuss future of UCCs

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 17/06/2025, Karen Burge

An RACGP roundtable has agreed the college should advocate for creating clear standards for care in UCCs, with an increasing number of members working in the clinics. [...] Revealing the plans, Federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler said he is 'very confident' that Medicare UCCs are a 'new model of care for Australia'.

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WIN Canberra, WIN News, 17/06/2025, Bruce Roberts

A Grattan Institute report has found the high cost of care is stopping millions of Australians from seeing medical specialists. There are fears diagnoses will be missed and vital treatment will be delayed, putting lives at risk. In a statement, Health Minister Mark Butler said the Albanese government will help Australians find the best value when they need specialist medical advice and treatment by upgrading the Medical Costs Finder website.

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MINISTER WELLS

Premier David Crisafulli throws support behind Riverway Stadium upgrades

The Courier Mail, Other, 17/06/2025, Leighton Smith

Premier Crisafulli threw his support behind Riverway Stadium's upgrades to create a regional legacy for Brisbane 2032 Olympics. [...] He was hopeful that the federal government would come to the party with funds for Riverway Stadium's upgrade, saying that there had been "good will" regarding the games, and it was "handy" that the Federal Sports Minister Anika Wells was a Queenslanders.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#).

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New Aged Care Act delayed

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Page 4

The new Aged Care Act which was due to be implemented on 1 July will now be delayed to 1 November. [...] In an open letter to the aged care workforce, new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, has highlighted the government's commitment to working together with frontline aged care staff following the deferment of the start of the new Act by four months.

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WIN Hobart, WIN News, 17/06/2025, Bruce Roberts

Tasmanian widow Margaret Poulter has spoken out about the impact of the Federal Government's decision to delay the rollout of Home Care Packages. Independent MP Andrew Wilkie is calling on the Federal Government to plug the gap until the promised extra support is rolled out. In a statement, Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae said the program is currently operating at record levels with more than 100,000 Australians waiting for care.

Report continues on: [WIN Hobart \(Hobart\)](#).

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Power in our union

PSA CPSU NSW members came together to celebrate union power at the 2025 Annual Conference. [...] The following speaker was Emma McBride, the federal member for the Central Coast seat of Dobell.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Toronto's brief moment in national spotlight

Newcastle Herald, General News, 18/06/2025, Josh Leeson, Page 5

It's not every day that the acting prime minister of Australia walks into the Toronto Men's Shed flanked by uniformed security. [...] The acting PM was flanked by the Member for the Hunter, Dan Repacholi, who was last month appointed the special envoy for men's health.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Maitland Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Port Macquarie News \(Online\)](#).

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NBN Newcastle Hunter, NBN News, 17/06/2025, Natasha Beyersdorf and Gavin Morris

Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles and Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi have visited the Hunter to encourage more locals to get involved in initiatives like Toronto Men's Shed. It follows an \$8m federal funding to the Australian Men's Shed Association.

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ABC Newcastle, 17:00 News, 17/06/2025

Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi has visited Toronto Men's Shed with Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles this morning. He hopes to work on funding and policy reform to help men communicate more about their health.

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DEPARTMENT

Snap poll highlights demand for more urgent care clinics

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Page 4

A recent ANMF social media poll has highlighted the increasing reliance on Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, with more than half of respondents stating they had used one. [...] Once fully operational, four in five Australians will live within a 20-minute drive of a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, according to Department of Health and Aged Care analysis.

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Nurses contribute to accessible quality care in medicare urgent care clinics

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Page 5

An evaluation report of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs) shows they provide treatment for urgent

but not life-threatening illnesses and injuries and reduce visits to hospital emergency departments, as intended. The interim report, by the Department of Health and Aged Care, shows nurses' contribution in UCCs providing accessible quality healthcare.

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Council leaders converge in Canberra

Council, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 25

More than 1000 mayors, shire presidents, councillors and local government leaders from across the nation will converge in Canberra 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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National Personal Care Worker qualifications and training survey open

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation, Other, 17/06/2025

The Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is conducting a national survey to understand the qualification and training experiences of personal care workers in the aged care sector. The 10-minute, voluntary survey is for all paid workers who provide direct, hands-on personal care to older people in Australia, including: personal care workers/assistant; assistants in nursing; home care workers; community care workers; and support workers in aged care settings.

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Bowel cancer: preventable, detectable, but still under-screened

cesphn.org.au, Other, 17/06/2025, Rosy Mobbs

Bowel cancer is one of Australia's most preventable cancers, yet uptake of screening remains worryingly low. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website outlines the 5 steps, your practice can follow to help increase the bowel screening rates of eligible people in your community: Register for access to the National Cancer Screening Register Healthcare Provider (HCP) Portal.

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New aged care guidelines flip script from “doing for” to “doing with” seniors

Healthcare Channel, Other, 17/06/2025, Ritchelle Drilon

A fundamental shift in aged care philosophy is underway in Australia, with new clinical guidelines rejecting the traditional "managing decline" model in favour of actively restoring seniors' independence and life skills. [...] The guidelines were developed by a Flinders University team including Dr Claire Gough, Professor Stacey George, Professor Kate Laver, Dr Heather Block, Xing Lee, Shenelle Fernando, Annabelle Law, and Madi Chapman, with federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing funding.

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DoHDA seeks tenders for digital mental health service

Pulse+IT, Other, 17/06/2025

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing will hold an industry briefing session on June 26 for parties interested in its request for tender for delivery of the National Early Intervention Service – Digital Mental Health Service.

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Inaugural StewartBrown FY24 Retirement Living Performance Survey released

The Weekly Source, Other, 17/06/2025, Ian Horswill

The first annual Retirement Living Report joins the stable of detailed granular sector reports StewartBrown first established in 1995 with the Aged Care Financial Performance Report highly regarded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. For the first retirement survey, 79

retirement living operators participated, incorporating 455 individual villages with 31,000 village units, with the results analysed by StewartBrown .

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VACCINES

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Reform delays could save you thousands if you act soon

Age, Money, 18/06/2025, Aged Care Rachel Lane, Page 30

Less than a month out from its "once-in-a-generation" aged care reforms, the Albanese government has hit pause. The changes, originally set for July 1, have been delayed until November 1 giving a critical four-month window to act under the current, more favourable rules.

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

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Nurse navigation-Steering the patient onto the right course

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Rong Jiang & Juliana Friedrich, Page 34

Falls are prevalent within Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs), leading to significant hospitalisations, injuries, and mortalities. In response to a South Australian Coroner's Inquest in 2011, a recommendation was made to transfer aged care residents with suspected head injuries on blood thinners to hospitals for assessment.

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Mecwacare acquires second Altona home

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 17/06/2025

Victorian aged care provider mecwacare has acquired Allanvale Private Nursing Home, a 51-bed home in Altona Meadows. The acquisition will extend mecwacare's presence in Victoria's inner west, with the not-for-profit already operating the 60-bed Altona North home, mecwacare Squires Place.

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Raising the floor: Why is dementia training so undervalued in aged care?

HelloCare, Other, 17/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

In Australia, over 400,000 people are living with dementia, a number projected to double by 2050. As the prevalence of this complex condition grows, the aged care sector faces an urgent need to elevate its standard of care.

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Why Illawarra needs to address ageism, abuse in ageing society

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 17/06/2025

Elder abuse is becoming more prevalent across Australia, at the same time as the country's population rapidly ages. It is one of the reasons why Age Discrimination Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald says the community needs to address ageism, or discrimination because of age, which he describes as "rife" within society.

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Second chance at Mission Australia aged care home changed Lindsay's life

The Senior, Other, 17/06/2025, Rowan Cowley

Troubled by financial woes and a chronic health condition, Lindsay Martin struggled to make ends meet for 30 years following his divorce. At his lowest point, he found himself homeless and staying with his sister until he could find accommodation in a boarding home.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 17/06/2025, Kylie Baxter

Interview with Independent Member for Clark Andrew Wilkie on the Federal Government's decision to delay the rollout of Home Care Packages. Wilkie says there's currently about 300,000 aged care packages funded in Australia, but it's capped at that number. He notes that someone has to die or go into a residential aged care in order for a new person to get a package. He says the Federal Government has promised 83,000 additional aged care packages to meet the demand, but the rollout has been delayed to November.

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

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DISABILITY

Neglect claims hit NDIS biz

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/06/2025, John Rolfe, Page 19

Disabled people are being neglected by an NDIS business with ties to disgraced provider Cocoon, according to accusations made to authorities. Crescent Disability Services is also under investigation for allegedly failing to pay wages, The Daily Telegraph can reveal.

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

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Tip shop makes change after parents address sale of kids' disability equipment

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025, Madeleine Rojahn

When Bridget Lockley and her partner saw their local tip shop selling an adaptive children's bike, what could have been an opportunity instead left them outraged. [...] While she said navigating the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) could be "stressful", it had helped her family overcome barriers by covering expenses and providing essential supports.

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ABC Tropical North, 07:30 News, 17/06/2025

Allied health professionals are appealing to the Federal Government to reverse last week's NDIS pricing changes, warning they'll put vital services out of reach for people with disability. Therapists and peak bodies have raised concerns about the changes, which frees allied health rates, cut physiotherapy by up to \$10 an hour, and halve the rate therapists can charge while travelling to clients.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Partners key to social kids

Courier Mail, General News, 18/06/2025, Page 13

Parents who are happy in their partner relationship have children with stronger friendships in

adolescence, characterised by high levels of trust and communication. [...] The Australian Institute of Family Studies findings shows that children with strong, healthy peer relationships have better mental health outcomes.

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

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Impact of endometriosis laid bare

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Page 4

The rate of endometriosis hospitalisations among females aged 20-24 has doubled in the past decade, a new Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report has revealed. Endometriosis, an inflammatory condition where tissue similar to the lining of the uterus, grows outside the uterus, can be painful, affect fertility and lead to reduced participation in education, work and social activities.

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Nationwide scorecard on tobacco and vapes

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Page 5

A nationwide scorecard reveals a stark divide in states and territories in tackling tobacco and vapes, one year on from the federal government introducing world leading reforms. The Australian Council on Smoking and Health (ACOSH) scorecard measured progress across nine key areas, from cracking down on illegal sales and enforcing vape laws, to protecting kids from marketing and ensuring smoke and vape-free public spaces.

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A third of children worldwide forecast to be obese or overweight by 2050

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Page 5

One in six children and adolescents worldwide are forecast to be obese by 2050, according to a new study by Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), prompting calls for urgent action. Published in The Lancet, the research found a third of children or adolescents will be overweight (385 million) or obese (360 million) within the next 25 years.

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Latest rural snapshot shows higher death rates and dismal healthcare access

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Page 5

Rural, regional and remote Australians are dying at higher rates than their urban counterparts, with avoidable deaths in the regions nearly four times higher, according to recent National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) data. The Rural Health in Australia Snapshot 2025 shows the expectancy gap is stark, with men in very remote areas dying up to 13.6 years earlier and women up to 12.7 years earlier than those in metropolitan areas.

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Accessible, inclusive

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Page 11

Healthcare Nurse Practitioner Toni Slotnes-O'Brien works at the University of South Australia City West Health Clinic and has developed a nurse practitioner-led transgender and gender diverse clinic for people aged 18 years and over. The aim of the clinic in the primary care setting is to provide quality.

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Exploring barriers to antenatal education for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) women in a tertiary hospital setting

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Delnia Palani, Page 42

Women who identify as Culturally and Linguistically diverse (CALD), have long been acknowledged as experiencing poorer pregnancy outcomes compared to others. [...] Furthermore, the Australian Institute

of Health and Welfare indicate that more than a quarter (27%) of mothers who give birth in Australia were born in a mainly non-English speaking country.

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Volunteers stretched thin as rough sleepers left hopeless amid 'undersupply' of Queensland homes

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025, Lucy Loram

It's six o'clock on a Tuesday morning and Josie Street is loading her car, its bags overflowing with an assortment of biscuits wedged between eskies filled with sandwiches and cold water. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reported that the number of Australians accessing government-funded homelessness support was increasing by an average of 1.4 per cent annually.

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Ozempic use in kids skyrockets

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/06/2025, Danielle Gusmaroli, Page 1

The number of children injecting prescription drug Ozempic to manage diabetes has risen 900 per cent in three years in South Australia, prompting alarmed GPs to warn families to tackle diet before drugs. The startling jump in children as young as 12 being prescribed the anti-diabetes jab is revealed in data obtained by The Advertiser showing an increase from 11 to 111 between 2021 and 2024.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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The fitness factors that can make or break retirement

Sydney Morning Herald, Money, 18/06/2025, Katie Cunningham, Page 2

As Luigi Fontana sees it, "ageing doesn't start when you're 65 or 70 and you retire ageing actually starts in utero." Fontana, the scientific director of Charles Perkins Centre at the Royal Prince Alfred Clinic, whose work centres on health in our later years, says there's a growing body of research that shows what we do before procreation can affect the probability of our kids or grandkids developing a number of chronic diseases.

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

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'Brain is still going, but my body isn't'

Newcastle Herald, General News, 18/06/2025, Matthew Kelly, Page 3

He can't be with them, but Jeff McCloy has sent a message of thanks to everyone who will trek from Redhead to Newcastle today to support people facing motor neurone disease (MND). [...] There are more than 500 people in NSW living with MND, of which 60 to 80 are in the Hunter.

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Revisiting nephrology nurse training

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Kathy Hill, Page 24

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) in Australia affects one in 10 people over the age of 18.2 There has been a 30% growth in people receiving Kidney Replacement Therapy (KRT) in the last decade' for which specialist nursing care is required. Demand for nephrology nurses is increasing aligning with the increased case load and globally there is a shortage of trained nephrology nurses able to provide this care.

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'I've been hurt a lot': Surplus suffering in health services for people living with Functional Neurological Disorder

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Chloe Sinclair, Page 30

Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) is a common condition accounting for 1530% of acute neurological presentations to hospital.' It develops due to problems with the functioning and connectivity of the central nervous system without structural damage, and leads to involuntary motor, sensory, and/or cognitive symptoms.

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Chronic health

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Megan-Jane Johnstone, Page 47

Chronic pain in children is a significant yet under recognised global public health problem, with prevalence studies estimating that between 11% and 38% (mean 20.8%) of children live with chronic pain (pain lasting longer than three months). The prevalence of chronic paediatric pain in Australia mirrors these statistics, with Chronic Pain Australia (CPA) concurring that one in five children experience chronic pain across the nation.

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'Doctors dismissed me as lazy and obese. The truth led to four surgeries.'

Mamamia, Other, 17/06/2025, Nicole Madigan

Teresa Gambaro spent decades believing her body was the problem. As a federal politician, she spent long days on her feet, feeling the familiar ache in her legs and feet — brushing it off as part of the job.

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Sleep apnoea to worsen

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 17/06/2025

Sleep apnoea will become more common and more severe due to global warming, leading to increased health and economic burdens across the globe, Australian-led research published in Nature Communications suggests. Rising temperatures increase the severity of obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA), and under the most likely climate change scenarios, the societal burden of OSA is expected to double in most countries over the next 75 years, it said.

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What is metabolic syndrome – and do we really need to worry about it?

The Guardian, Other, 18/06/2025, Sarah Sloat

Metabolic syndrome is trending online. On TikTok, thousands of videos dissect the subject, also referred to as metabolic dysfunction or disorder .

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Sweaty and flustered, my breast cancer patient was experiencing hot flushes. The lack of good treatment is frustrating

The Guardian, Other, 18/06/2025, Ranjana Srivastava

Anti-oestrogen medication is the penicillin of oncology, but not enough attention is paid to the living horror that many patients experience as a side-effect. "Doctor, stop!" she abruptly commands me.

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Rude awakening coming for those who just want sleep

The New Daily, Other, 17/06/2025, Abe Maddison

In a wake-up call for untreated snorers, researchers have warned that sleep apnoea will become more common and more severe because of global warming. Rising temperatures will increase the severity of obstructive condition and its health and economic burdens are tipped to double in most countries over the next 75 years, the Flinders University study found.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 17/06/2025, James Glenday & Emma Rebellato

Consumer group CHOICE has defended its testing process after sunscreen providers lashed out against its recent findings over their SPF levels.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 17/06/2025, Melissa Downes

The world first trial of the ReCET procedure is offering hope to around 1.3 million Australians who are living with type 2 diabetes. Associate Professor Neale Cohen of the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute says the treatment will send an electric pulse into a patient's gut to reset the lining.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 17/06/2025, Leon Delaney

Interview with BMI Clinic gastroenterologist Dr Adrian Sartoretto on the world first trial of the ReCET procedure for people with type 2 diabetes. Sartoretto says this is a really exciting innovation. He notes that preliminary data from their first in-human study shows quite substantial improvements in long-term blood sugar control.

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2GB, Afternoons, 17/06/2025, Michael McLaren

Interview with St Vincent's Hospital's Director of Interventional Cardiology Services Professor David Muller on heart valve disease. McLaren says one in four deaths in Australia is cardiovascular disease-related, and it's estimated that heart failure costs the economy about \$3.1b annually. Muller says the disease is very common, particularly in the elderly.

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4BC, Afternoons, 17/06/2025, Sofie Formica

Interview with Austin Health's Head of Diabetes Professor Elif Ekinci on the world first trial of the ReCET procedure for people with type 2 diabetes. Ekinci says preliminary data from their first in-human study shows that people with diabetes had improvements in their glucose levels, insulin sensitivity and other glucose biomarkers.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 17/06/2025, Chris Bath

Interview with Cancer Council's Cervical Cancer and HPV Group chair Associate Professor Megan Smith on new National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance research into declining HPV vaccination rates. Smith says the vaccine is an effective way of preventing HPV and cervical cancer, and it's been offered as part of a school program in Australia for almost 20 years now. She notes that people may not be getting enough information to help them make a decision to get vaccinated.

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PRIMARY CARE

Proton therapy debacle exposed

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/06/2025, Belinda Willis, Page 4

An Auditor-General's report lists a litany of expensive mistakes leading to the failed attempt to install a lifesaving proton therapy unit for cancer patients at SAHMRI. The report showed the crucial decision of the state's health and medical research institute to buy a \$68m unit from ProTom led to a years-long failure to have the project completed.

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Bid to open SA GPs on Sunday

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/06/2025, Belinda Willis, Page 10

A Liberal government will increase doctor clinic hours to 8pm weekdays and add Sunday morning openings if it wins the state election in a bid to tackle ramping and hospital delays. In his state budget reply in parliament on Tuesday, Opposition Leader Vincent Tarzia revealed the plan would provide \$150,000 per clinic per annum if they stayed open longer in the two-year GP After-Hours Increased Access Trial.

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

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Student died from caffeine overdose

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/06/2025, Page 19

A woman died of a caffeine overdose, alone in her apartment waiting more than seven hours for an ambulance, a coroner has found. A Victorian coroner said the backlog of ambulances ramping at Melbourne hospitals and issues with the triple-0 triage system were factors in the death of biomedical science student Christina Lackmann in April 2021.

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

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Wound treatments now free

Herald Sun, General News, 18/06/2025, Robyn Riley, Page 8

Around 20,000 Australians will receive free chronic wound treatment through a new scheme to be launched on Wednesday. The Chronic Wounds Consumables Scheme will subsidise products including bandages and dressings for eligible people through Medicare, saving them each around \$4000 a year.

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

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Ambos to treat in our homes

Hobart Mercury, General News, 18/06/2025, Page 5

More Tasmanians needing urgent health care will be treated in their own homes, easing the strain on our ambulances and hospitals, the Tasmanian Liberals have pledged if re-elected. Premier Jeremy Rockliff has announced in a Tasmanian first, that a re-elected Liberal government would introduce paramedic practitioner roles and change the law to allow them to prescribe certain medications.

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Fake names for opioids

Hobart Mercury, General News, 18/06/2025, Genevieve Holding, Page 10

A woman who impersonated eight different people to 51 different doctors across Hobart, Bothwell and Launceston to score prescription opioid drugs has avoided jail, with a Tasmania judge stating she was at a "low-risk of reoffending". Jemica Louise Purdon, 35, pleaded guilty to 129 counts of fraud, each occurring on separate occasions between November 25, 2018, and April 25, 2021.

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42-month wait for boy to see specialist

West Australian, General News, 18/06/2025, Jessica Page, Page 3

A Perth mother has been told her nine-year-old faces at least a 42-month wait for a paediatrician, as he struggles to keep up in the classroom. Zhia Soo isn't the only parent facing a long wait to see a specialist with the Child Development Service in Armadale almost double the State's Nora of 22.8 months.

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Experts call to allow GPs to diagnose and prescribe for ADHD

Ballarat Courier, General News, 18/06/2025, Michelle Smith, Page 2

A push to allow GPs to diagnose and prescribe for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder would make a "critical difference" for local families, according to a ADHD practitioner. Families often wait months for an ADHD assessment, which can cost up to \$2000, creating "collateral damage" and leading to some going without a diagnosis, the medication and support they need.

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

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Wallets won't be needed for hospital parking plan

Border Mail, General News, 18/06/2025, Madilyn McKinley, Page 3

NSW Health Infrastructure has confirmed new parking next to Albury hospital will be unpaid. On Monday, it was announced both East Street and Borella Road nature strips will have permanent parking spaces built, however, plans as to what this will look like have not been confirmed.

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Make us a priority

Newcastle Herald, General News, 18/06/2025, Matthew Kelly, Page 1

The next stage of the John Hunter Hospital redevelopment, funding a new entertainment centre and the establishment of an international air freight hub at Newcastle Airport are among the region's key requests of the state government in next week's budget. [...] The \$835 million that has been provided for Stage 1 of the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct will expand and enhance critical care services that can't meet current demand.

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A brighter future

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 18/06/2025, Jill Poulsen, Page 1

Townsville kids will be the first in the state to get access to free health checks under a \$37.5m program to be revealed in next week's budget. Premier David Crisafulli will announce the start of the Healthy Kindy Kids program in Townsville today, where he will also reveal a \$30m housing boost for CopperString communities.

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Time to fix 'sub-standard environment'

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 18/06/2025, Sophia Baker, Page 3

The emergency department and intensive care units at a south-west hospital were described as failing "basic human rights" in 2022. Three years on, they're still waiting for funding to fix them.

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Unlocking potential: Rethinking how we deliver care

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Page 8

Access to essential healthcare is increasingly challenging, especially in rural and remote areas where GP shortages are leaving communities without vital medical services. By removing outdated restrictions and regulatory barriers that prevent nurses, midwives, and other healthcare professionals from working to their full scope of practice, could bridge critical gaps in care.

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Choosing the sex of an IVF baby is banned. Should it be?

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 17/06/2025, Angus Dalton

Should people undergoing IVF be allowed to choose the sex of their baby? That choice, called sex selection, is banned in Australia but back in the spotlight after California doctor Daniel Potter toured the country to promote his clinic last week.

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Ambulances queued outside Mount Gambier Hospital 'not ramping', SA premier says

South Australia's salaried doctors and paramedics unions say reports of potential "ramping" and staff shortages at the Mount Gambier Hospital need to be taken seriously. In the past week, photos of up to seven ambulances waiting outside the hospital, in the state's largest regional city, have been posted to social media.

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Couple ask Queensland Health Minister Tim Nicholls to intervene in dispute with Queensland Fertility Group

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025, Janelle Miles

A couple who conceived three sons through invitro fertilisation (IVF) wants Queensland's health minister to intervene in their dispute with the fertility giant involved, claiming a donor sperm mix-up involved two of their boys. Anastasia and Lexie Gunn said their two younger children were conceived using a different sperm donor to their eldest boy, even though they requested the same donor be used in all three cases.

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Is it time for a scope of practice revamp?

Medical Forum, Other, 17/06/2025

When the Scope of Practice review was published last year, dissenting views were heard loud and clear – some groups were keen to expand their scope while doctors had some reservations. We take a closer look at the ever-changing landscape of scope of practice.

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New scope expansion for pharmacists 'fragments care further'

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 17/06/2025, Jo Roberts

A State Election vow could see Tasmanian pharmacists paid to stay open longer and their prescribing powers expanded, raising RACGP concerns. A form of pharmacy prescribing is now available in every Australian state and territory.

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RACGP response - Ahpra review of National Prescribing Competencies Framework

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 17/06/2025

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) provided feedback on the review of the National Prescribing Competencies Framework. The framework describes competencies required to contribute to safe and person-centred prescribing.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Evenings, 17/06/2025, Kelly Higgins-Devine

Panel discussion with Queensland University of Technology's Professor of End-of-Life Law and Regulation Dr Ben White and Metro North Health's Voluntary Assisted Dying clinical nurse consultant Lisa Blyth. White says in Australia, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) is for people who have a terminal illness. He explains why people with severe depression could not access VAD.

Discussion continues on: [ABC Radio Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [ABC Radio Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#).

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

'Miracle I'm alive': Liquid drugs to ease agony of antidepressant withdrawal

The Australian, General News, 18/06/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 7

Anna King had been on antidepressants for almost 10 years when she decided the raft of side effects she was experiencing outweighed the benefits. But she had little idea how horrendous the process of attempting to come off the medication would turn out to be.

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Teenage girls' mental battle

West Australian, General News, 18/06/2025, Page 15

Teen girls and gender diverse teens are more likely to experience depression and anxiety over their high school years. University of Sydney research found high rates of depression, distress and anxiety across the board.

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

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Hanging points death toll 'unacceptable', attorney general Michelle Rowland says, urging states to review practices

The Guardian, Other, 18/06/2025, Ariel Bogle & Christopher Knaus

A Guardian Australia investigation revealed 57 inmates have died in 19 separate prisons using hanging points that authorities knew about. Michelle Rowland has described the "unacceptable" death toll linked to the continued presence of hanging points in Australian jails as "deeply concerning" and told state and territory governments to "review their practices".

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 17/06/2025, Sandra Sully

QIMR Berghofer researchers are warning that teenagers are particularly vulnerable to internet addiction. Because excessive exposure has been linked to an increase in mental health issues, QIMR Berghofer is hoping to use artificial intelligence to monitor teens' time online and determine when it becomes problematic.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 17/06/2025, Alicia Loxley & Tom Steinfert

Mental health workers have protested in Melbourne CBD, saying that a 3% pay offer is insulting to an industry dealing with a suicide rate that's more than double the road toll. They're accusing the Victorian Government of dividing the workforce, with funding and benefits for some and not for others.

Report continues on: [Channel 9 \(Melbourne\)](#).

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WIN Bendigo, WIN News, 17/06/2025, Bruce Roberts

This PTSD Awareness Month, the National PTSD Research Centre at the University of the Sunshine Coast has launched a new free online screening tool that will help users determine if they should consider seeking a diagnosis in just two minutes.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Why Australia needs a Commonwealth Chief Midwife

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Page 26

As the Labor Government begins its second term, midwives across Australia are rallying around a historic step: the appointment of a Commonwealth Chief Midwife. This proposal, championed by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) and allied organisations, has gained momentum following the Albanese Government's firm commitment to this role.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Walkout by health staff

Herald Sun, General News, 18/06/2025, Page 4

More than 1000 mental health workers have walked off the job to draw support for and awareness of the high suicide rates and poor conditions mental health workers face. After 11 months of industrial action across Victoria, mental health workers descended on the Victorian parliament on Tuesday, saying they've had enough and want the same pay for the same job, as part of their ongoing pay dispute.

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

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Non-compete clauses and other restraints of of trade

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Paul Yiallourous, Page 16

Even to those who follow the political cycle, one of the more unexpected announcements in the Federal Budget was the news that the Albanese Labor Government plans to ban non-compete clauses in employment contracts. Between tax cuts and student debt being slashed, you could have missed this tiny detail.

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Privacy in nursing and midwifery workplaces

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Rebecca Millar, Page 32

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Editorial

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Annie Butler, Page 1

We now look forward to working with the government to fulfil its election commitments to nurses, midwives, and the broader health and aged care sectors commitments that recognise the essential role of our workforce in delivering safe, high-quality care and driving real reform. Throughout the election campaign, the ANMF was proud to take a clear and political stand- not on behalf of any one party, but on behalf of our members.

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Nurses rally outside parliament after state government enforces injectables crackdown

Nursing Review, Other, 17/06/2025

Cosmetic nurses protested outside parliament in Brisbane on Tuesday following a state government-enforced crackdown on injectables. 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.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

It started as a medical device but now it's helping Aussie winemakers

Canberra Times, General News, 18/06/2025, Amy Martin, Page 17

If you asked Lark Hill Winery's Chris I Carpenter if he considered himself more of an artist or a scientist, his answer is split. [...] There's a reason why the Sentia looks so much like a glucose monitor, and it's because Universal Biosensors - the company behind it - started its journey by developing a blood glucose monitoring product for Johnson & Johnson.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 17/06/2025, Ashleigh Gillon

Professor Stephen Robson of Australian National University Medical School has suggested artificial intelligence will take the place of GP receptionists in the near future as it could record and analyse consultations while also making relevant referrals. He believes this will allow doctors to focus more on patients during appointments.

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3AW, Afternoons, 17/06/2025, Tony Moclair

Interview with Grattan Institute's Health Program senior associate Elizabeth Baldwin on the high cost of care in Australia. Baldwin says they've found that patients are facing a tough choice of either paying out of pocket for an immediate care or waiting for months, or even years, for an appointment in the public system. She notes that just 4% of about 1,500 specialists charge triple or more the Medicare schedule fee on average.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Health authority issues warning for suspended WA dentist Peter Terzi

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025

Patients of a suspended WA-based practitioner say they are angry after learning a dentist who could pose a "serious risk" to the public may still be practising. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) released the name of Peter Terzi in a statement on Monday in the interests of public safety.

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Peter Taylor: Suspended Perth dentist to face trial next year after regulatory body takes unprecedented step

West Australian, Other, 17/06/2025, Claire Sadler

A suspended Perth dentist accused of continuing to work while unregistered will face a two-day trial on three criminal charges next year. [...] While the allegations are yet to be tested in court, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency named Mr Taylor on Monday in its first ever public safety warning about a suspended practitioner.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Program helps remote NT kids get into the game

Northern Territory News, General News, 18/06/2025, Nathaniel Chambers, Page 9

The Active Regional and Remote Communities Program, which recently received \$4.4m in the NT

budget, has played a key role in engaging remote communities in sport. The ARRCP supports locally led sport, recreation and cultural activities to help children, young people and families lead healthy, active lives.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Lumos' FebriDx joins trial of antibiotic prescribing by GPs for respiratory infections

The Australian, Other, 17/06/2025

Lumos Diagnostics' rapid point-of-care diagnostic FebriDx will be used in an Australian university study aimed at reducing unnecessary antibiotic prescribing for respiratory infections in primary care settings. FebriDx, which is designed to differentiate between bacterial and non-bacterial acute respiratory infections, will be used as part of a major antimicrobial stewardship implementation trial led by the University of Wollongong (UOW).

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

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Recce secures \$30m debt facility to support Phase III trials

The Australian, Other, 17/06/2025

Developer of a new class of synthetic anti-infectives, Recce Pharmaceuticals is boosting its balance sheet securing a debt facility of up to ~\$30 million to support Phase III registrational trials in Indonesia and Australia. Recce Pharmaceuticals (ASX:RCE) secured a debt facility of up to ~A\$30m from global investment firm Avenue Capital Group with ~\$11.5m committed and a further ~\$19m available subject to drawdown conditions.

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

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'HIV-ending' drug could be made for just \$25 per patient a year, say researchers

The Guardian, Other, 17/06/2025, Kat Lay

A drug with the potential to "end the HIV pandemic" will launch in the US this week – as a new study reveals it could be sold for 1,000 times less than its possible price tag. Lenacapavir, given as a twice-yearly injection, can prevent someone from being infected with HIV, according to clinical trial results

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Weight loss jabs may achieve less drastic results outside trials, study suggests

The Guardian, Other, 17/06/2025, Nicola Davis

People using weight loss jabs shed far fewer pounds in the real world than in clinical trials, researchers have found. Jabs such as Wegovy and Mounjaro, which contain the drugs semaglutide and tirzepatide respectively, have transformed the treatment of obesity, with studies suggesting the former can help people lose up to 20% of their body weight after 72 weeks of treatment.

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The silent weight: Cultural bias and cultural load on the First Nations nurse

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Traci Travers, Page 24

As an Indigenous travel nurse working across many nations and countries, what Australia has to offer, working remotely in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities has brought privileges, most are not fortunate to experience. The unique challenges bring their own rewards that require an experienced skill set of patience, flexibility,.

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Midwifery and maternal health part 1

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Nina Sivertsen, Tahlia Johnson, Grete Mehus, Tove M Ness & Susan Smith, Page 44

An international, pan-Indigenous, and cross-cultural research team has examined Indigenous women's dissatisfaction with birthing experiences across both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. A recently published scoping review includes data from 1,437 women, 36 Elders, 14 fathers and family members, and 91 healthcare professionals, highlighting widespread dissatisfaction with birthing in mainstream maternity hospitals in Australia, Aotearoa (New Zealand), Canada, the US, Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland), and Sapmi (Norway).

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Birth alerts are meant to help children at risk of abuse. They are routinely used against Aboriginal mothers

The Guardian, Other, 18/06/2025, Sarah Collard

Medical professionals are required to report at-risk children to child protective services – but to some agencies 'just being Black's a risk'. Read more from our investigation into the maternal health and infant removal crisis facing First Nations women in Australia

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Flu season is twice as bad

West Australian, General News, 18/06/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 1

WA is in the grip of a brutal flu season with one in five people suffering from the virus ending up in hospital. And health figures show there have been 8083 recorded influenza infections in 2025, more than double the 3488 cases this time last year.

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Permanent pill testing site announced for Fitzroy after successful music festival trials

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025

The Victorian government has announced the location of the state's first permanent pill testing centre. The facility will open in August at 95 Brunswick Street in Fitzroy, in Melbourne's inner-north, from Thursdays to Saturdays.

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The HPV vaccine can prevent genital cancers, but fewer teens are getting the jab

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025, Caitlyn Gribbin & Rachel Carbonell

Christine Walters was diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer when her daughter was just a baby. "I

just remember looking at her and saying, you need to buy me more time.

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Meningococcal vaccination to prevent gonorrhoea — England's doing it, should Australia join in?

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/06/2025, Jamie Thannoo

The clues are in the names: *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Neisseria meningitidis* are genetically similar bacteria. That is why NHS England's world-first, free gonorrhoea vaccination program, targeting gay and bisexual men, will use GSK's meningococcal B vaccine, Bexsero.

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Antibiotics not for cold and flu: CDC

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 17/06/2025

Antimicrobial resistance is one of the biggest threats to human health, the Interim Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) warns. Patients suffering with respiratory infections are being urged to support efforts to curb unnecessary antibiotic use.

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Pill testing clinic set for entertainment hotspot

Canberra Times, Other, 17/06/2025, William Ton & Rachael Ward

A pill testing clinic under construction in the heart of a major shopping and entertainment precinct is set to open its doors within months. The service at Brunswick Street in Fitzroy in inner Melbourne will be near public transport, busy nightlife venues, healthcare providers, social services and housing commission towers.

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

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

Nursing Review, Other, 17/06/2025, Meru Sheel & Anita Heywood

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.

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Victoria to open Australia's second permanent pill testing site

SBS, Other, 17/06/2025, Deborah Groarke

Victoria has confirmed plans to open its first fixed pill-testing site in Fitzroy, one of Melbourne's most popular nightlife areas. The service will offer testing for most substances - and act as an early detection point for authorities on the lookout for highly dangerous synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and Nitazenes, which can be mixed with other drugs.

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Australia's first fixed pill testing site is opening in Melbourne

The Courier Mail, Other, 17/06/2025, Sarah Mitchell

After successful trials at music festivals across the state, Melbourne is getting its first permanent pill testing site. Open Thursdays to Sundays from August in the inner-north suburb of Fitzroy from August, the facility is close to nightlife, public transport, community health and social services.

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South Africa is at the heart of the HIV pandemic. What happens now the money has been cut?

The Guardian, Other, 17/06/2025, Rachel Savage

With 12% of the population living with the virus, Trump's sudden withdrawal of funding stands to undo decades of progress. Lebo is very afraid. She used to go to a clinic where sex workers such as her

could get HIV medication without facing discrimination.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 17/06/2025, Graeme Goodings

Interview with National Pharmacies chief pharmacist Bec Rogers on urging parents to vaccinate their children against the flu. Rogers says the uptake this year has been quite good. She notes that various factors affect parents' decision to vaccinate their children. She thinks the flu vaccine is really important for all age groups, particularly among older and younger people.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Sunscreen brand in a lather over low Choice rank

Australian Financial Review, General News, 18/06/2025, Carrie Lafrenz, Page 1

The effectiveness of Ultra Violette's products is under the spotlight after high-profile consumer advocacy group Choice accused the cult skincare brand of misleading customers.

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

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No slip in product testing: Choice

Courier Mail, General News, 18/06/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 7

Consumer group Choice has hit back at criticism over its investigation into sunscreen effectiveness, which found 16 of 20 products did not meet SPF 50 or 50+ claims, revealing the method undertaken to review the household products. [...] The consumer researchers were so rocked by their findings they called on the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to carry out their own compliance testing.

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

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6 things ANMF members should know about about artificial intelligence (AI)

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 31/05/2025, Paul Yiallourous, Page 6

In a rapidly evolving world of technology, AI is presenting us with an increasingly uncertain future. So much of what AI may be able to offer is unknown. [...] In Australia, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is responsible for approving and assessing the continued use of medicines and medical devices, which extends to programs and software used in medical settings.

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Recovery and revaccination of people experiencing chest pain post-mRNA COVID-19 vaccination in 2021

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2025, Renee Reynolds, Patrick Cashman, Jody Stephenson, Kirsten M Williamson, Nicholas Wood & David N Durrheim, Page 18

Vaccine adverse event surveillance systems include reports of people experiencing chest pain following mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, but medical investigations did not support a myocarditis/pericarditis diagnosis. [...] In Australia, two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines were granted provisional approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in 2021, tozinameran BNT162b2 (PfizerBioNTech) and elasomeran (Moderna mRNA-1273).

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Vape reforms ineffective?

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 17/06/2025, Page 1

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has refuted concerns that low pharmacy vaping uptake is driving an already-thriving black market. New data released by the TGA shows that around 40,000 nonprescription vapes were sold by pharmacists in the first seven months since the vaping reforms took effect (PD 01 Oct 2024).

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Dermatologist Ritu Gupta demands 'rigorous testing' after sunscreen review

The Australian, Other, 17/06/2025, James Dowling

A leading dermatologist has warned that when it comes to sunscreen, pricier does not always mean better, after consumer group Choice defended testing that found 16 of 20 common products fell short of their advertised SPF ratings. [...] The test results were referred to Australia's medical regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission.

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We were promised a crackdown on 'deceptive' influencer advertising. The ACCC has yet to deliver

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 17/06/2025

It started, like much of the zeitgeist since the invention of Instagram , with Kim Kardashian. [...] Not to mention, other agencies such as the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) having their own specific advertising codes potentially widens what the ACCC needs to consider.

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CHOICE backs testing of Aussie sunscreens which failed to meet SPF claims

7news.com.au, Other, 17/06/2025, Molly Magennis

An Aussie sunscreen brand challenged the results after one of its products massively missed the mark on protection. [...] De Silva called on the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to investigate the inconsistencies between its test results and the results the manufacturers achieved.

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Tiny fraction of non-prescription vape sales made through pharmacy

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 17/06/2025, Megan Haggan

The Daily Telegraph has published the results of a Freedom of Information enquiry under which it requested Therapeutic Goods Administration figures regarding the sale of vapes through pharmacy.

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Explosive TGA development after 16 of Australia's most trusted sunscreens failed SPF test in bombshell CHOICE report

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 18/06/2025, Cindy Tran

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will investigate CHOICE's bombshell report that revealed 16 out of 20 popular sunscreens failed to meet Australia's strict SPF 50+ regulations. The consumer watchdog tested 20 of the country's most trusted sunscreen products to see if they matched their SPF 50 claims on their labels.

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Weight loss jabs like Mounjaro now linked to more than a HUNDRED deaths, the UK's drug watchdog confirms

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/06/2025, Elen Johnston

Slimming jabs like Mounjaro and Wegovy have been linked to more than 100 deaths in Britain, it was revealed today. None of the fatalities, which have all been reported since the jabs were licensed for use in the UK, are proven to have been caused directly by the drugs.

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Low pharmacy vaping uptake fuels black market fears

HealthTimes, Other, 17/06/2025

Fewer than 200 non-prescription vapes are being sold through pharmacists each day, fuelling speculation a massive black market continues to thrive. [...] But Health Minister Mark Butler insisted the laws had been effective, because smoking prevalence data had Australia's rates at all-time lows across all age groups.

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More women are taking up bodybuilding — and illegal steroids

ABC Online, Other, 17/06/2025, Anastasia Safioleas & Jordan Bissell

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