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- The [Sunday Tasmanian](#) (page 1) reports that Tasmania's Liberal government has pledged to support Gidget House and Foundation's perinatal mental health services with funding for a four-year graduate program and free statewide telehealth should it win next week's election.
- The [Sunday Territorian](#) (page 3) reports that AHPRA has suspended a Northern Territory doctor who was employed by NT Health while facing multiple allegations of sexual assault.
- The [Sunday Tasmanian](#) (page 4) reports the Tasmanian Cancer Registry predicts that annual cancer diagnoses in the state will rise 30 per cent over ten years to hit 15 a day by 2032.
- The [Sun Herald](#) (page 6) reports that a lack of bone marrow donors particularly affects Australians from diverse ancestries who face a lower chance of a match. A Health Department spokesperson said efforts to grow and diversify Australia's donor registry are ongoing, with 6 per cent more donors from diverse backgrounds since 2023.
- The [Sunday Mail Brisbane](#) (page 8) reports that Cancer Council Australia is urging the Federal Government to follow the UK in considering putting explicit cancer warnings on alcoholic beverages. *Also reported by:* [Sunday Mail Adelaide](#), [Sunday Herald Sun](#), [Sunday Tasmanian](#), [Sunday Telegraph](#)

MINISTER BUTLER

Cancer therapy too harsh for kids

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/07/2025, Rachel Riley, Page 23

An alarming number of child cancer patients are forced to endure treatments designed for adults due to a critical gap in funding and research. [...] A spokeswoman for federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the government was investing \$143.4m to extend two world-leading precision medicine programs for children and adults with cancer.

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DEPARTMENT

A half-match transplant let Ismaeel live a full life

Sun Herald, General News, 13/07/2025, Penry Buckley, Page 6

When Javeria and Usman Ahmad's newborn son Ismaeel was diagnosed with a rare genetic immunodeficiency disorder, they rushed to proceed with a bone marrow transplant from Usman, even though, as a parent, he was only a "half match", bringing added risks. [...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health said it remained committed to "ongoing, collaborative efforts" to ensure the size and quality of the registry, pointing to a 6 per cent increase in donors with self-reported diverse ancestry since 2023.

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POPULATION HEALTH

It's so unfair that men die younger

Sunday Canberra Times, Relax, 13/07/2025, Page 18

I want to talk about "gender equity" - the part that never really seems to get mentioned: why do men die younger than women? It seems very unfair - inequitable in the current fashionable parlance. [...] First, the facts: the government's Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reported a month ago that a boy born now can expect to live until he is 81 and a girl until she is 85.

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Mitch Power Quick Shear event gets men talking about mental health

ABC Online, Other, 12/07/2025, Isla Evans and Floss Adams

Leigh Hickey is well versed in the demands of working as a shearer in rural Australia. The isolation of remote work and the entrenched culture of masculinity and toughness are among challenges workers face. [...] Suicide rates are higher in remote Australia than in the rest of the population, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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One in seven Australians are on this medication, but some have 'strange' symptoms coming off

SBS, Other, 11/07/2025, Madeleine Wedesweiler and Haylena Krishnamoorthy

Doctors say tapering plans to help Australians come off antidepressants are important as some people experience unpleasant withdrawal symptoms. [...] Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows nearly four million Australians — roughly one in seven — take antidepressants.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Weight off my mind

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/07/2025, Sue Bailey, Page 1

It was a chance comment from his gym coach that eventually led to Marc Hundleby's prostate cancer

diagnosis. [...] With prostate cancer the most prevalent cancer in Tasmania he wants men to have their PSA levels checked.

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The big C set to rattle healthcare

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/07/2025, Sue Bailey, Page 4

Projections ignite pressure on government to fund practical cancer prevention beyond strategy reports [...] The number of Tasmanians diagnosed with cancer is set to increase to 15 a day in the next seven years with prostate cancer the No.1 diagnosis. The Tasmanian Cancer Registry predicts the annual number of cancer diagnoses will rise from 4094 in 2022 to 5328 by 2032.

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Call for labels warning of booze link to cancer

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 13/07/2025, Thomas Henry, Page 8

Australia is under increasing pressure to follow the UK's move towards mandatory warnings on alcoholic beverages of the risk of cancer. Keir Starmer's government is considering a proposal for explicit health warnings floated by Britain's National Health Service (NHS) and the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF), representing dozens of medical organisations. [...] Buoyed by the move, the Cancer Council of Australia is ramping up its efforts to convince the Albanese government of the merits of such labelling.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#).

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Cairns skin clinic imports machine using lasers and AI to spare patients from needles, scars

ABC Online, Other, 12/07/2025, Christopher Testa

A skin cancer clinic is trialling emerging technology that helps identify skin cancers without the need for patients to go under the knife. Vin Rajeswaran decided to import the new machine, knowing the apprehension many of his patients felt at the thought of walking into his clinic. [...] Australia has one of the world's highest rates of skin cancer, with Cancer Council figures showing 99 per cent of cases are either basal cell or squamous cell carcinomas.

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

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Mental health commitment

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 13/07/2025, Alson Foletta, Page 1

Premier Jeremy Rockliff has announced a re-elected Liberal government would deliver a four-year program for graduate positions in Perinatal Mental Health at Gidget House services in Tasmania. "We want to support Gidget House and Foundation even further by supporting free telehealth available right across Tasmania," Mr Rockliff said in Launceston yesterday.

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

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Outside care no fix for abuse

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 13/07/2025, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 12

Out-of-home care can't be viewed as a magic fix for children who have been badly treated or abused in their own home, new research says. The Australian Catholic University study finds the mental health outcomes for children who go into out-of-home care is comparable to those with similar maltreatment experiences who remain at home.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#).

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Millennials struggle with stress

Sunday Times, General News, 13/07/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 16

The mental health of millennials has reached an all-time low, with more young workers than ever making the drastic decision to leave the workforce for good. Workers in their 30s making claims for total and permanent disability due to mental health meaning they feel they will never be able to return to work again has increased 732 per cent in the past decade.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

PM must stand up to Trump on the PBS

Sunday Examiner, General News, 13/07/2025, Craig Thomson, Page 31

It is not a conspiracy theory; Donald Trump has one of the great pillars of Australian society, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, firmly in his sights. He hates it because he feels it "rips off" American pharmaceutical companies. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese must make one thing clear: Mr Trump, hands off our Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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4ZZZ, Brisbane Line (Tuesday and Saturday), 12/07/2025

Interview with Medicines Australia CEO Elizabeth de Somer on the impact of the Trump administration's proposed 200 per cent tariff on Australian pharmaceuticals.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Accused doctor benched

Sunday Territorian, General News, 13/07/2025, Zizi Averill, Page 3

A senior doctor who was allegedly employed by NT Health while facing multiple sexual assault allegations has been suspended by the national regulatory board. The Northern Territory doctor – who cannot be named for legal reasons – has been listed as a suspended practitioner by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, meaning they cannot work as a medical professional in Australia.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Activity longevity secret

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 13/07/2025, Page 29

Adults who stay consistently active throughout their life can lower their risk of early death by up to 40 per cent, a global study led by the University of Queensland has found. Researchers summarised data of 85 studies from more than eight million people, finding lifelong physical activity reduced the risk of premature death, while inactive people who became active later in life could lower their risk by 2025 per cent.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Indigenous people less likely to be waitlisted for a kidney transplant

ABC Online, Other, 12/07/2025, Norman Swan and Olivia Willis

There's a gap in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are waitlisted for a kidney transplant. A study has found while eight per cent of non-Indigenous dialysis patients were waitlisted, just two per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients were.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Brendan Moylan urges early shingles treatment with free vaccine

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 12/07/2025, Lydia Roberts

When Northern Tablelands MP Brendan Moylan contracted shingles, he never imagined it would keep him out of parliament for 10 days. "It actually floored me, the little buggers hurt, but I'm on the mend now and slowly getting back into the swing of things" he said, speaking to the Leader on Friday, July 11.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Experts warn over risk with commonly used supplement

NEWS.com.au, Other, 12/07/2025, Claudia Poposki

A woman was one step away from going into liver failure after taking a popular supplement. [...] The Therapeutic Goods Association revealed there had been 18 reports of liver problems experienced by people taking products that featured Curcuma longa (turmeric) or curcumin up until June 29 2023.

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

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