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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 3) reports that the South Australian government has faced backlash for banning advertisements for fortified soy milk and rice cakes on public transport, labelling the household staples as "junk food". The Australian Association of National Advertisers has urged the government to adopt the Nutrient Profiling Scoring Criteria developed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand.
- The **[Courier Mail](#)** (page 2) reports that an independent inquiry into allegations of data manipulation and unnecessary sedation of mental health patients in Queensland hospitals has been launched by the state government.
- The **[Cairns Post](#)** (page 8) reports that the drug Kisqali will be available under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to women diagnosed with early breast cancer who are at risk of disease recurrence.
- The **[Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 12) reports that on Monday, 10,000 people presented to emergency departments in Sydney battling winter illness, Health Minister Ryan Park said. Latest data from NSW Health shows a 31 per cent of influenza cases in the week ending June 21 and COVID by 17.5 per cent.
- The **[Northern Territory News](#)** (page 1) reports that residents of the Northern Territory are being urged to get tested for STIs due to a spike in syphilis cases. The outbreak has been branded as a "real public health crisis" by the AMA.

- The [Pilbara News](#) (page 7) reports that healthcare access for Aboriginal people in the Pilbara is set to be upgraded with a partnership between Rio Tinto and the Pilbara Aboriginal Health Alliance (PAHA). Over a five-year period Rio Tinto will support the delivery of community-led health services.

MINISTER BUTLER

Fine print in govt's \$50m boost to ACT hospitals

Canberra Times, General News, 02/07/2025, Dana Daniel, Page 4

The Albanese government is scrambling to safeguard Labor's credentials as the party of universal healthcare after the Barr government unveiled its shock health tax. [...] "All governments agreed that a long-term funding agreement for public hospitals ... would be tied to cooperation around NDIS rules reform and the development of a system of foundational supports," Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said on Wednesday.

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NDIS cuts 'hurting' kids NDIS cuts taking toll on children: psychologist

Newcastle Herald, General News, 02/07/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 1

Children as young as four in the Hunter Region are missing out on early intervention due to NDIS cuts, Newcastle psychologist Jacqui Smith says. [...] NDIS Minister Mark Butler said "negotiations on foundational supports with the states are ongoing and we are working to finalise them as soon as possible".

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Meredith Hammat on her plans for healthcare in WA

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 8

We need to plan wisely, manage resources responsibly, and keep reforming so the system can keep up with the growing demand. [...] Now that the Federal election is over, I look forward to engaging with the reappointed Federal Health Minister Mark Butler to advocate strongly that WA receives its fair share of funding commitments, including the expansion of GP training places, junior doctor rotations in primary healthcare and an increase in Commonwealth Supported Places.

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Melissa Price blasts NDIS reforms as blow to remote providers

West Australian, Other, 01/07/2025, Natasha Clark

Member for Durack Melissa Price has slammed upcoming changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, warning the reforms will hurt regional WA's practitioners and their clients. [...] In response, Ms Price said she and the Coalition have written to the Minister for Disability and the NDIS, Mark Butler, calling for a three-month deferral of the changes to allow proper planning and consultation.

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Tasmanian urgent care clinic gets expanded hours.

Tasmanian Examiner, Other, 01/07/2025

The federal government has followed through with its commitment to expand the Launceston Medicare Urgent Care Clinic's services, with a clinic doctor saying the practice expects to double the number of patients it cares for. Promised on February 25, 2025, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the federal government would provide extra funding to expand the clinics' opening hours, which will now run from 9am to 8pm.

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Australian-made health innovations get green light with gov't support

Australian Manufacturing, Other, 01/07/2025

The Australian Government has announced a \$12 million investment to support the development of new Australian-made medical devices and medicines aimed at improving the treatment of

cardiovascular disease and diabetes. [...] "This funding will support exciting new treatment and management options for Australians with cardiovascular disease and diabetes," said Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler.

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Greens outrage and more federal funding begs the question, why an ACT health tax at all?

WEB Region Canberra, Other, 01/07/2025, Chris Johnson

It's the first of July and the Federal Government is tripping over itself to make sure everyone knows just how much is changing from today that's designed to make Aussie lives that little bit better. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler wouldn't support the levy when asked about it last week, but instead defended the Federal Government's contribution to the ACT health system.

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Steel slashes health levy, hits big employers in deal with Greens

WEB Region Canberra, Other, 01/07/2025, Ian Bushnell

Canberra homeowners will only have to pay a \$100 health levy and corporate payroll tax will be adjusted to make up the difference after the ACT Government abandoned its full Budget measure and struck a deal with the ACT Greens before the 1 July implementation date. [...] Canberra Liberals leader Leanne Castley said Canberrans were still stuck with paying a \$100 "health tax" that breached the principle of universal healthcare, according to Federal Labor Health Minister Mark Butler.

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As one door closes, another opens for longer

Health Services Daily, Other, 01/07/2025, Amanda Sheppeard

A week after the Mount Gambier Urgent Care Clinic closed, health minister Mark Butler has announced another is expanding its opening hours.

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Butler advised to end the talkfests

The Medical Republic, Other, 01/07/2025

In a ministerial advisory document released through Freedom of Information, DoHDA secretary Blair Comley said 'more doing, less reviewing' would be a 'good mindset'. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's secretary has urged federal health minister Mark Butler to curb the commissioning of new inquiries, citing the strain on departmental resources and the risk of overwhelming bureaucrats.

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Your Life Choices, Other, 01/07/2025, Don Turrobia

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Private Health insurer Bupa repays millions over incorrectly rejected claims

Your Life Choices, Other, 01/07/2025

One of Australia's largest private health insurers has paid back millions of dollars to thousands of members who had hospital claims incorrectly rejected. [...] 'Private health insurers must do better' Health Minister Mark Butler said the government supported the ACCC's action against Bupa.

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How Bupa Health Insurance 'duped' thousands over medical claims – were you affected?

inkl.com, Other, 01/07/2025

Bupa acknowledged the failings on their side and has begun compensating customers, hospitals and medical providers. [...] The case has drawn sharp criticism from across the board, including from Australian Health Minister Mark Butler, who called Bupa's actions 'deliberate' and 'unacceptable'.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 01/07/2025

A breakthrough breast cancer drug, Kisqali, has been added to the PBS to treat the most common form of early breast cancer. The daily pill reduces the risk of recurrence by stopping new cancer cells from growing, offering hope especially for women under 50. Health Minister Mark Butler said the treatment would otherwise cost around \$140,000.

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Channel 7, National News At Noon, 01/07/2025, Natarsha Belling

Interview with IVF patient advocate Anastasia Gunn about a donor sperm mix-up involving Queensland Fertility Group. Gunn discusses how two of her three sons were conceived using a different donor than requested, calling for retrospective legislation, federal oversight, and transparency. She cites Health Minister Mark Butler's lack of access to RTAC audit data as evidence of accountability gaps.

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Koori Radio, Blackchat, 01/07/2025, Lola Forester

Health Minister Mark Butler says it's important for people on the NDIS aren't paying more for therapy and supporting than they would have paid in the health or aged care system.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Action shouldn't require tragedy: regional doctors

Euroa Gazette, General News, 02/07/2025, Page 11

Doctors have welcomed an updated plan to improve maternity care in regional areas. [...] Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride said the report gave governments, health services, and clinicians a valuable set of guiding principles.

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More patients to be treated as Launceston urgent care clinic extends hours

WEB Pulse Tasmania, Other, 01/07/2025

The Launceston Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has extended its opening hours, with the change expected to double the number of patients that can be treated. [...] Assistant Federal Health Minister Rebecca White said many of the cases seen at the clinic would otherwise end up in the emergency department.

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WIN Hobart, WIN News, 01/07/2025

Launceston's urgent care clinic is extending its hours from today, opening 9am to 8pm daily, to improve access to non-emergency care and ease pressure on hospitals. Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White says the clinic has taken incredible strain off Launceston's emergency department, with half its patients likely to have otherwise gone there.

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ABC Radio Hobart, 15:00 News, 01/07/2025

Launceston's urgent care clinic has begun operating under extended hours, now open daily from 9am to 8pm. Federal Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White says the clinic is one of the busiest in the country and is helping ease pressure on the Launceston General Hospital's emergency department.

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DEPARTMENT

Promise "failed", says MP

Pakenham Gazette, General News, 02/07/2025, Corey Everitt, Page 2

Local MP Jason Wood has called out the federal government's broken promise of delivering funding to the Upper Beaconsfield Pavilion redevelopment after questions have been left unclarified for months. [...] Cardinia Shire Council and the office of La Trobe MP Jason Wood have both corresponded with the federal government over the delivery of a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Health to the project.

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Fraud claim investigation Fraud investigation

SE Voice, General News, 01/07/2025, Son Said, Page 1

SA Police are investigating an alleged multi-million-dollar fraud at a Mount Gambier medical practice. [...] A Department of Health, Disability and Ageing spokesperson said the department is committed to working closely with CSAPHN to re-establish urgent care services for the Mount Gambier community as soon as possible.

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MBS changes

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 4

GP clinics will need to be prepared come 1 July when changes to Medicare chronic disease

management items are enacted. [...] According to the Department of Health and Aged Care the changes aim to simplify arrangements, promote continuity of care and encourage regular reviews of chronic condition management plans.

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Health Minister Meredith Hammat refuses to admit to 'hidden waitlist' as elective surgery queue takes a cut

West Australian, Other, 01/07/2025, Hannah Cross

More West Australians than ever are being admitted for their long-awaited elective surgeries after the Department of Health recorded its highest number of admissions in a week. Health Minister Meredith Hammat revealed in Budget Estimates on Tuesday there were 4145 elective surgery admissions for the week ending June 22, 11 per cent above the 18-month average.

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Inside aged care: what our elderly Australians are eating may shock you

The Border Mail, Other, 01/07/2025, Carla Mascarenhas

Nutritionist and senior research fellow with the University of Melbourne, Dr Sandra Iuliano, told ACM that food quality varied greatly in aged care homes around Australia. [...] A federal Health Department spokesperson told ACM that older Australians had worked their whole lives, "so they deserve tasty, nutritious food that improves their quality of life in aged care."

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

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Half of people entering aged care could be asked to pay more

Bendigo Advertiser, Other, 02/07/2025

Approximately half of new residents entering aged care will be asked to pay more under sweeping reforms the federal government says are essential to the sustainability of the sector. [...] A Department of Health and Aged Care spokesman said the funding changes will play a key role in helping providers deliver a higher standard of care and making the sector more financially viable.

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'Will take away the unknown': Cancer screening program which will save thousands launches today

9News, Other, 01/07/2025, Sarah Swain

Lung cancer kills more Australians than any other type of cancer, and now those most at risk of developing it can benefit from the first new national cancer screening program in 20 years. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing in partnership with Cancer Australia, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation is delivering the scheme.

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Game changer in pain management

australian.physio, Other, 01/07/2025, Melissa Mitchell

A suite of online modules designed to transform the way pain is understood and managed will be available to clinicians across the country this month. Developed over five years through a Federal

Department of Health and Aged Care grant Online Pain Education Network (OPEN) clinical pain management training is intended to reduce variation in care and promote interdisciplinary collaboration.

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Shuhyta new Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette Commissioner

WEB Newsreel, Other, 01/07/2025

Previously the Assistant Secretary, Primary Care Strategy/Access and Integration at the Department of Health and Aged Care, Ms Shuhyta takes over from interim ITEC Commissioner Erin Dale who has been establishing the Office of the ITEC Commissioner over the past 12 months. Federal Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke said the ITEC Commissioner would coordinate national efforts to combat the threat of illicit tobacco and e-cigarettes to the Australian community.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

How moving into aged care can boost your pension

Sydney Morning Herald, Money, 02/07/2025, Rachel Lane, Page 1

The move into aged care sparks a flurry of financial decisions none more emotionally charged than what to do with the family home. To preserve their investments (after all, that's what provides their income) many people sell the home to pay for aged care.

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Voters need to ask the health question

Launceston Examiner, General News, 02/07/2025, Paul Lup, Page 11

As Tasmania approaches its second state election in less than two years, voters should be asking one critical question of every candidate: how will you do health differently? [...] Our aging population draws down heavier on the acute health system, consuming exponentially more of the health spend. This underlines the importance of targeted interventions and prevention measures to address healthcare needs, as many of these cases are driven by chronic illness that are largely preventable.

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Inclusion has to go further than strategy

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Inclusion is necessary to deliver quality care, panellists on day 2 of Ageing Australia's Sydney conference have reminded delegates, but top-down organisational change is necessary for it to go beyond the performative. For inclusion to be truly meaningful it needs to be written in more places than

just the strategic plan, Accessible Diversity Services Initiative non-executive director Krista O'Sullivan has told delegates at the Ageing Australia NSW/ACT state conference at the Sydney Hilton.

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Aged care costs set to climb: New \$750K limit raises big questions for older Australians

HelloCare, Other, 01/07/2025, Janine Yeates

From 1 January 2025, the maximum amount aged care providers can charge for accommodation — without needing special approval — will jump from \$550,000 to \$750,000. It's the largest increase in more than a decade, and it's already stirring fresh worries about how older Australians will manage the rising cost of care.

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4BC, Drive, 01/07/2025, Gary Hardgrave

Interview with Dementia Australia Executive Director Services, Advocacy and Research Kaele Stokes about the new Tell TiNA app. Stokes discusses how the app supports healthcare workers by assessing their dementia care skills and helping meet new aged care quality standards. She also highlights the importance of workforce education, early diagnosis, and lifestyle factors in reducing dementia risk.

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DISABILITY

Care 'at risk'

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 02/07/2025, Carwyn Monck, Page 1

Goldfields allied health providers say cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme pricing arrangements, including slashed travel funding, will make it unviable to provide care in rural and remote locations. But the National Disability Insurance Agency says consultation with participants found that "excessive" travel claims were "draining participants' plans" and the changes will offer "better value" for people living with a disability.

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Disability gain from more 'forever homes'

West Australian, General News, 02/07/2025, Page 35

More cutting-edge housing for people living with disability has opened in Perth. Disability housing provider Habilitas has worked with KPA Architects to provide the latest development in Gosnells.

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POPULATION HEALTH

A weighty issue

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 24

Rates of overweight and obesity in Australians since the 1990s have skyrocketed and men have been leading the charge. [...] According to the most recent data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, two-thirds of adults about 13 million people were overweight or obese in 2022, a significant increase from 56% in 1995.

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Closing fertility knowledge gaps new insights for GPs

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Dr Jesse Clifford, Page 31

From prescribing contraception and treating sexually transmitted infections, to arranging referrals to fertility specialists and obstetricians, reproductive health appointments are common in primary care. However, given the timepressured nature of consultations, it can be challenging for a GP to delve deeply into a patient's understanding and knowledge of fertility.

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I can see seven smokes shops from my bus stop - governments must act

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2025, Becky Freeman

The issue of illicit tobacco is ramping up across Australia. We know that retailers, particularly tobacconists, are openly selling illicit cigarettes and are deliberately under-cutting public health efforts to help people quit smoking.

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How is alcohol regulated and consumed in Australia?

SBS, Other, 01/07/2025, Zoe Thomaidou

In Australia, alcohol is often portrayed as part of social life—especially at BBQs, sporting events, and public holidays. [...] Alcohol harm is one of the country's major long-standing health challenges, with current data released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare confirming that alcohol remains the leading cause for drug treatment.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 01/07/2025

Tobacconists in NSW are now required to obtain a \$1,100 licence and undergo criminal checks under new laws targeting illicit tobacco sales. Health Minister Ryan Park says NSW is the last state to introduce such a scheme, with heavy fines for breaches. The Opposition wants tougher penalties, including jail terms and forced business closures.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 01/07/2025, Craig Reucassel

The Australian Government's new tobacco licensing scheme comes into effect from today. It means retailers and wholesalers wanting to sell tobacco or even non-tobacco smoking products have to apply for a licence.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Breast cancer drug put on PBS

Cairns Post, General News, 02/07/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 8

For the first time in Australia, a drug that can delay the growth of tumours is available under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to women diagnosed with early breast cancer who are at risk of disease recurrence. Until today, only those with metastatic disease that had spread to other parts of the body were able to access Kisqali, but now patients with no spread but have been diagnosed with lymph-node-positive disease are eligible.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Mobile breast screening service in town

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 02/07/2025, Isabella Davis, Page 3

Women aged 40 and over can access free mammograms when BreastScreen WA's mobile service visits Coolgardie, Leonora, Laverton and Wiluna in the next month. A mammogram is a breast X-ray that can detect 70 to 90 per cent of breast cancers.

Win for cancer patients Less need to travel for cancer treatment

Burnie Advocate, General News, 02/07/2025, Rodney Woods, Page 1

Burnie's Grant Howe said he has been through "some pretty dark times", having to travel to Melbourne for throat and neck cancer treatment. Mr Howe was speaking after Premier Jeremy Rockliff announced that a re-elected Liberal government would commit a further \$117 million to fully fund and fasttrack stage one of the North West Hospitals Masterplan, which includes more cancer dialysis and diagnostic services.

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Prostate check changes

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 4

Draft clinical guidelines for the early detection of prostate cancer have been released, with significant changes to how GPs approach screening. The draft guidelines aim to support early detection of prostate cancer on a national scale.

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A masterclass in urology

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 5

A GP Urology Masterclass, hosted by Perth Urology Education and Research, was held on 7 June, covering topics such as prostate cancer, immunotherapy, ARPIs and radiopharmaceutical therapies. Speakers included Perth Urology Clinic urologists, endocrinologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists and nuclear medicine physician.

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High costs delay men's care

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 5

New research from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia has found men are delaying GP visits and cutting back on medication to save money. The charity's annual Men's Health Report found 51% of the 1,300 respondents had avoided seeing a healthcare practitioner due to cost, one in 10 had skipped prescribed medication to make it last longer and 57% said healthcare is 'expensive' or 'very expensive'.

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The National Lung Cancer Screening Program: a revolution in lung cancer

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Professor Fraser Brims, Page 38

Lung cancer accounts for approximately 9% of all new cancer diagnoses and nearly 18% of all cancer-related deaths. [...] Ensuring equitable access to screening across to the hardest to reach populations, including Aboriginal communities and those in rural areas, is a key priority for Cancer Australia.

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Addressing anal cancer among gay and bisexual men

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Associate Professor Jonathan Hallett, Dr Jenny McCloskey & Dr Daniel Vujcich, Page 40

Despite Australia's world-leading initiatives in HPV prevention, a critical gap remains in our healthcare approach that requires urgent attention. This is the disproportionate burden of anal cancer among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM).

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Infective endocarditis in low-risk patients

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Kaushalendra Rathore, Page 42

Infective endocarditis (IE) is an uncommon but fatal infection that targets the endocardium, especially around the inlet-outlet cardiac valves. In 90-95% of patients aetiology is bacterial and the rest can be a fungal organism.

Dr Boreham's Crucible: 'Better not louder', Audeara is tuned in to the global audiology market

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/07/2025, Tim Boreham

Audeara has developed headphones that adjust the volume and other levels to the wearer's individual profile. [...] The ASX-listed Audeara (ASX:AUA) has developed headphones that adjust the volume and other levels to the wearer's individual profile, with the help of algorithmic-based technology.

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Some Aussies will now be eligible for free lung cancer screenings

The Courier Mail, Other, 01/07/2025

From July 1, Australians with a high risk of developing lung cancer can be screened for the disease free of charge. Lung cancer is the fifth most common cancer and the leading cause of cancer death in Australia.

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Breast Cancer Trials launches campaign for NRLW Magic Round

Newcastle Herald, Other, 01/07/2025

Pink rugby's were tossed around at McDonald Jones Stadium on Tuesday, July 1, to launch the official match day charity partner for day one of the NRLW Magic Round. Newcastle-based Breast Cancer Trials has been conducting world-leading and life-saving clinical trials research for the treatment, prevention and cure of breast cancer for more than 45 years.

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Australia's life expectancy gap narrows but men in disadvantaged areas dying almost seven years earlier

The Guardian, Other, 02/07/2025, Cait Kelly

Australia has made progress in reducing socioeconomic inequalities in life expectancy but men living in disadvantaged areas are still dying almost seven years earlier, a new report from the Australian National University has found. The study's lead author and ANU demographer, Sergey Timonin, said the gaps in life expectancy between the most advantaged and disadvantaged areas stopped widening just before the Covid pandemic began and did not significantly worsen during the lockdown years.

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Oral CMV Tx PBS listed for transplant patients

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2025

Livtency (maribavir) is now listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for adult patients with post-transplant cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection or disease who are resistant, refractory or intolerant to one or more prior therapies. CMV infection or disease has a major impact on morbidity and mortality in organ or bone marrow transplant recipients, and may lead to loss of the transplanted organ and failure of the graft.

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Changing the future of youth who have type 2 diabetes

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2025, Farrah Rodrigues, Hazel Clothier, Malcolm Clark, Emily Papadimos, Jim Buttery & Danielle Longmore

Type 2 diabetes (T2D) in Australia has reached a crisis point; it is the fastest growing chronic, non-communicable disease. The July 2024 Parliament of Australia report underscored the urgency of addressing this issue, 1 reflecting recommendations from the Diabetes Australia 'State of the Nation 2024' report.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 01/07/2025

Researchers have made a world-first breakthrough in profiling cancer tissue, using cutting-edge 3D mapping technology to analyse every cell in a tumour. The global study is led by a team at the Wesley Research Institute to help doctors tailor personalised treatments and improve survival rates. The technology is now also benefiting patients with lung, bladder and skin cancer.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 01/07/2025

A new national lung cancer screening program will launch this month, targeting people aged 50 to 70 with a significant history of smoking. The initiative is aimed at those without symptoms and is expected to save around 12,000 lives over the next decade.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Evenings, 01/07/2025, Spence Denny

Interview with Australia & New Zealand Sarcoma Association CEO Dr. Denise Caruso about sarcoma. Caruso explains that sarcomas are malignant cancers of the bone and soft tissue that can occur anywhere in the body. She notes that while sarcomas are rare and often lack genetic or environmental causes, they account for 20% of cancers in young people and have low long-term survival rates.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 01/07/2025, Kylie Baxter

Interview with Director of Prevention and Quit Tasmania at Cancer Council Tasmania Abby Smith about the new National Lung Cancer Screening Program. Smith discusses eligibility criteria, history of heavy tobacco use, and recent smoking status. She highlights that lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Tasmania and says the program can help detect cancer early when treatment is most effective.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 01/07/2025, Leon Compton

Interview with Australia & New Zealand Sarcoma Association CEO Dr. Denise Caruso about sarcoma. Caruso discusses how sarcomas are rare cancers of the bone and soft tissue that can occur at any age. She outlines signs to watch for such as persistent lumps or pain, and explains that treatment typically involves surgery, while research is now focusing on precision and immunotherapy.

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

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 01/07/2025, Graeme Goodings

Interview with University of South Australia Dr. Hunter Bennett about rheumatoid arthritis. Bennett discusses the benefits of blood flow restriction training, a novel form of low-load resistance exercise that can improve strength and mobility without aggravating joint pain. He says early results are promising and hopes future research will enable safe use in home settings.

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Dexus pauses redemptions on \$1.5bn healthcare fund amid valuation dispute

The Australian, Business News, 02/07/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 14

The Dexus Healthcare Property Fund provides institutional investors access to an open-end vehicle with Australian healthcare properties that are set for longterm growth. It has 11 assets worth \$1.5bn and targets annual returns of 7.5 per cent. However, it is understood a dispute over a South Australian

property, Australian Bragg Centre, has prompted the fund to pause redemption payments, despite investors still being able to claim them.

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Policy is a life-saver

Courier Mail, General News, 02/07/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 1

Health Minister Tim Nicholls says a move to link emergency department KPIs to funding incentives is backed by doctors, confirming hospitals may lose cash if they don't transfer patients to wards on time. Mr Nicholls said the policy change would "save lives" by incentivising hospitals to reduce ambulance ramping.

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

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Labor slams health order

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 02/07/2025, Nikita Mcguire, Page 4

Labor has slammed the government for "failing Townsville's health care", saying the LNP's introduction of an emergency department directive has been deemed "dangerous" by nurses and doctors at Townsville University Hospital. Opposition Treasury spokeswoman Shannon Fentiman and health spokesman Mark Bailey said on Tuesday that a health directive beginning on July 1 would "punish busy hospitals" by cutting funding if they had patients staying more than 24 hours in the emergency department.

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Health insurer fined, misled members

Cairns Post, General News, 02/07/2025, Cameron Micallef, Page 3

Private health insurer Bupa has been fined \$35m after conceding it engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct to talk more than 4000 Australians out of claiming hospital treatments. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on Monday said Bupa admitted to the breaches after telling customers they were not entitled to private health insurance benefits for their claims, even though they were entitled to make a claim.

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Power moves: leadership shake-up in NT business, government

Northern Territory News, General News, 02/07/2025, Fia Walsh, Page 10

With Palmerston Council chief executive Luccio Cercarelli poached by the government after almost seven years, the council appointed longtime local government figure Andrew Walsh to the top job. [...] John Zorbas was named the new Australian Medical Association NT president he is a specialist emergency doctor and intensive care doctor at the Royal Darwin Hospital, and a former AMA Western Australia junior doctor of the year.

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

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Health awards open for regional communities

Yorke Peninsula Country Times - Kadina, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 15

Regional South Australians are being encouraged to recognise the contribution, innovation and dedication of local health professionals and organisations by nominating them for the 2025 National Rural and Remote Health Awards. The inaugural awards were presented by Rural Health Pro at Parliament House, Canberra in 2023.

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ADHD training on its way

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 5

WA's Minister for Health Meredith Hammat has confirmed training for GPs to provide increased support to those with ADHD is currently being formulated Ms Hammat confirmed to Medical Forum that the Department of Health was working with the RACGP on the rollout of a GP ADHD training certification

program. While a date has not been announced for the training to begin, Ms Hammat said it would be rolled out 'as soon as possible'.

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Commonwealth gives ACT hospitals 16% funding boost

The Mandarin, Other, 01/07/2025, Melissa Coade

The ACT's health levy backflip coincides with record-breaking federal hospital funding and a quietly strategic \$50m boost for the territory's strained system. An additional \$50 million will flow to hospitals in the ACT health system, with an announcement coming as the territory government backed down on its controversial decision to charge residents an annual \$250 'health levy'.

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New hospital support: Murray backs Edward River in efforts to relieve regional pressures

Shepparton News Online, Other, 01/07/2025, Zoe McMaugh

Two local councils are now actively calling for the NSW Government to invest in a new hospital in Deniliquin. On the back of a fresh campaign for a new hospital from Edward River Council, neighbouring Murray River Council has thrown its support behind the lobbying attempts.

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Ambulance targets not met across Mitchell

Shepparton News Online, Other, 01/07/2025, Billie Davern

52.3 per cent of Code 1 emergencies in the Mitchell Shire are responded to within AV's 15-minute target. The most recent Ambulance Victoria (AV) performance report indicates that targets are not being met across the region.

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When the time comes to die, what end-of-life care would doctors choose for themselves?

The Guardian, Other, 02/07/2025

Palliative care decisions are sensitive and complex, but the desire for a good death is as universal as the fact of dying. [...] Researchers surveyed 1,157 doctors including GPs, palliative care physicians and other medical specialists working in diverse areas including Canada, Belgium and Italy, as well as the American states of Oregon, Wisconsin and Georgia, and the Australian states of Victoria and Queensland.

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Women and babies could die due to midwife cuts at Sydney's RPA hospital, staff warn

The Guardian, Other, 01/07/2025, Kate Lyons

Midwives at one of Sydney's largest hospitals have warned women and babies could die in light of cuts to the number of midwives staff deployed across the birth and delivery unit. Hospital staff say 20 full-time equivalent roles have been removed from across the women and babies service at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) hospital in Camperdown, including five from the midwifery group practice (MGP), effective from Tuesday.

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Bridport, Strahan GP clinics close temporarily due to seasonal doctor shortage

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2025, Brooke-Van, Sarah-Aitken & Leon Compton

Ochre Health's clinics in Strahan and Bridport in northern Tasmania have temporarily closed this week because the operator has been unable to secure locums. The Bridport clinic is also in need of a permanent doctor.

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WA regional hospitals hit record high for ambulance ramping hours

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2025, Ezra Kaye & Bridget McArthur

Ambulances in regional Western Australia spent more than 240 hours waiting outside hospitals to transfer patients last month — an average of eight hours a day. The June figures from St John represent a new high for regional ramping, surpassing the previous record of 222.

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Barriers for patients and GPs to MS-2 Step

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2025, Jo Roberts

Access to medical abortion remains a challenge to people facing geographical and economic barriers. Yet, according to a new study, financial disincentives for GPs providing such care is also fuelling access issues.

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Bupa fined \$35m for 'misleading or deceptive conduct'

Nursing Review, Other, 01/07/2025

Private health insurer Bupa has been fined \$35m after conceding it engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct to talk more than 4000 Australians out of claiming hospital treatments. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) said in a statement on Monday that Bupa admitted to the breaches after telling customers they were not entitled to private health insurance benefits for their claims, even though they were entitled to make a claim.

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Bladder cancer drug on PBS

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2025

Bristol Myers Squibb Australia has today announced that Opdivo (nivolumab) for use in combination with cisplatin and gemcitabine is now available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for the first-line treatment of eligible patients with unresectable or metastatic urothelial carcinoma.

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QLD pharmacy services permanent

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2025

Queenslanders now have permanent access to a broader range of health services for everyday conditions through participating community pharmacies, making it easier for them to receive timely care close to home. "With the permanency of these services confirmed, more community pharmacists are expected to undertake the additional training required to provide them," said Qld Branch President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Chris Owen.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Creeps in the classroom

Daily Telegraph, General News, 02/07/2025, Suzan Giuliani, Page 1

Working with Children Checks are being granted to sex offenders and criminals so they can teach in classrooms and alongside minors, through successful appeals to the state's administrative tribunal. [...] Reasons given by NCAT for approving applicants include mental health evaluations, posing a low risk to children and time since the last offence.

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'Just no evidence of data deceit'

Courier Mail, General News, 02/07/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 2

The state government has refused to launch an independent inquiry into shocking allegations of data

manipulation and unnecessary sedation of mental health patients in Queensland hospitals. More than 100 nurses at Gladstone and Rockhampton Hospitals blew the whistle on the dangerous tactics allegedly being employed to skew ramping figures and emergency department wait times.

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

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'Shambles': Department faces pressure over procurement

Canberra Times, General News, 02/07/2025, Miriam Webber, Page 5

The Attorney-General's Department is under pressure following a damning audit report that found the procurement of crucial child sexual abuse services had been delayed by a slew of compliance and integrity issues. Greens justice spokesperson, David Shoebridge, wrote to Attorney-General Michelle Rowland on June 26, after the report was published, calling for "a complete restart of these procurement processes with appropriate integrity measures in place".

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A symptom of social media

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Page 1

There's a darker side to social media that GPs and other health practitioners must contend with its detrimental impact on people's mental health. The rise of social media has its perks; people are more connected, it's a useful marketing tool and, if you're like me, a great way to switch off your brain.

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Keeping watch on mental health support for men

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Dr Michael Kyron, Page 28

For many men, talking about mental health is incredibly difficult but new technologies like smartwatches offer a new window of opportunity, writes Dr Michael Kyron, Interim Director, Suicide ROMR Prevention and Resilience Research Centre. Stigma, social expectations, and a reluctance to appear vulnerable often mean that men's emotional struggles go unspoken.

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The untapped power of mental health OTs

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Michelle Oliver, Page 32

For patients who may not feel ready to see a psychologist, GPs should consider referring to a mental health OT, writes Michelle Oliver. When a patient sits across from you, grappling with their mental health, your role as a GP is to guide them toward the right support.

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Is enough being done?

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Dr Matt Clifford & Dr Will Ormiston, Page 35

Last month saw a challenge to do 3214 push-ups in 23 days. The unusual number caught my eye it represented one push-up for every death by suicide in Australia in 2023.

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ADHD and men in Australia

Medical Forum, General News, 01/07/2025, Matt Tilley, Page 44

ADHD has rightly gained much attention in recent years, with around one in 20 Australians receiving a diagnosis. Presentation is marked by a persistent pattern of hyperactivity/impulsivity and/ or inattention negatively impacting the persons executive function and day-to-day experiences. In adults, disruptions and difficulties are typically seen with the person's personal relationships and work experiences.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

New pay claim for health workers

Daily Telegraph, General News, 02/07/2025, Madeleine Bower, Page 9

Allied Health professionals are the next public sector group in the state seeking a pay rise, opening up the prospect of another wage battle for the Minns government. The Health Services Union (HSU) is seeking a complete overhaul of more than 40 different employee awards covering more than 25,000 allied health workers.

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App tool for dementia

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 02/07/2025, Page 3

A new app-based tool available from Dementia Australia will help support people working in health, disability and aged care to provide quality care for people living with dementia. Dementia Australia executive director of services, advocacy and research Kaele Stokes said the tool called Tell TiNA would help workers and providers to assess the skills they need to better support people living with dementia and meet the Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards that begin from November 1, 2025.

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

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Labor questions the LNP's commitment to fee-free TAFE funding in Qld

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 01/07/2025, Samuel Davis

Aspiring nurses, builders and disability support workers are set to miss out on fee-free TAFE places after 30,000 positions weren't funded by the Crisafulli government in last week's budget, deputy opposition leader Cameron Dick says. But premier David Crisafulli has dismissed Labor's claims as part of a "scare campaign" dating back to the state election in October.

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Skills funding for aged care nurses

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2025

Nurses working in Victorian aged care homes will have access to a three-day workshop on conducting comprehensive health assessments from August thanks to a \$3.8 million Commonwealth grant. La Trobe University has secured a \$3.8 million funding injection to boost the skills of thousands of nurses working Victorian residential aged care homes as part of a \$144 million Commonwealth investment in the state over four years.

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Paid clinical placements a 'positive first step', says ANMF

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 01/07/2025, Robert Fedele

From today, nursing and midwifery students across Australia can apply for the \$331.65 per week Commonwealth Prac Payment (CPP) to manage the significant financial costs of undertaking their mandatory clinical placements. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) was instrumental in advocating for the CPP to help alleviate widespread 'placement poverty' experienced by students due to a range of out-of-pocket costs associated with placements including travel and tolls, accommodation, parking and uniforms.

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Qld budget bad news for frontline workers who want a pay rise

Nursing Review, Other, 01/07/2025, Stefanie Schultz

The Queensland state government is staring down a \$1.2bn wage bill blackhole after using a rejected

pay offer to underpin its budget. Frontline workers, like police, teachers, nurses, and firefighters, are fighting for pay bumps as high as 8 per cent, with pressure mounting on the state government to strike a deal with just weeks left on existing wage deals.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 01/07/2025, Katrina Blowers

The Crisafulli Government has until tonight to make a new pay offer to Queensland nurses and midwives or face escalating work bans. The Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union is demanding a 13% pay rise, but the government is offering 11% over three years, prompting threats of strike action from Monday.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 01/07/2025

Queensland's industrial relations court has been called in to mediate a pay dispute between Queensland Health and Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union. It comes days before planned mass strike action, with the union demanding a 13% pay rise over three years. The state's offer of a 3% increase in 2025 and 2.5% the following year was rejected.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 01/07/2025, Steve Austin

Interview with AMAQ Wellbeing Chair for the Committee of Doctors in Training Dr. Emma Hodge about the Commonwealth Prac Payment. Hodge mentions the financial pressures of medical students undertaking unpaid clinical placements. She argues that medical students should also receive support to ensure equity and address workforce shortages.

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ABC Radio Perth, Mornings, 01/07/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with Australian Medical Students Association president Melody Ahfok about the Commonwealth Prac Payment. Ahfok discusses the exclusion of medical students from the scheme despite completing over 2,000 hours of unpaid mandatory placement. She highlights the financial strain on students, who often have to relocate and forgo work to meet academic obligations.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

National Pharmacies' new CEO

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2025

National Pharmacies has appointed business and retail industry leader Mark Smith as its new Chief Executive Officer, commencing 28 Jul. Smith has held senior positions with major Australian and international retailers, starting his career with UK supermarket giant Tesco, which incorporates pharmacies and optical services into many of its stores.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

With cyber-attacks on the rise, how safe is your super?

Sydney Morning Herald, Money, 02/07/2025, Katie Cunningham, Page 2

In 2023, Latitude Financial had 14 million customer records stolen from its system in a cyber-attack. In 2024, a hack on Medibank resulted in the personal details of 9.7 million customers being published on

the dark web. In April, it was Australian Super who became the target of cyber criminals, with a combined \$500,000 stolen from four of its members.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Blow out illegal ciggies

Daily Telegraph, General News, 02/07/2025, James Willis, Page 7

A major taskforce has been announced to combat NSW's illicit cigarette and vaping black market. The Minns government has confirmed that the unit will feature representatives from Police, Health, Fair Trading, Liquor and Gaming and the Department of Communities and Justice.

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Anti-grog register to stay in the Goldfields

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 02/07/2025, Neil Watkinson, Page 1

The State Government on Tuesday said two independent evaluations had found widespread support for the register, including from WA Police, local governments, health service providers, and the liquor and hospitality industries. The register aims to reduce alcohol harm in the banned drinker areas of the Kimberley, Pilbara, Goldfields and Carnarvon-Gascoyne Junction.

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Calls for Government action to tackle crisis level of drug deaths after Penington Institute findings

West Australian, Other, 02/07/2025, Dylan Caporn

A new snapshot by the Penington Institute found while overall numbers of drug-induced deaths fell slightly in 2023, there was a growing share of those over 50 dying from unintentional overdoses. The 2272 Australians killed by an overdose in 2023 marked a 10th consecutive year of more than 2000 deaths — roughly the equivalent of a Boeing 737 once a month — and almost twice the national road toll of 1315.

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Early to bed, early to rise makes you healthy, Monash University researchers find

West Australian, Other, 01/07/2025, Dylan Caporn

Early to bed, early to rise, makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise the truism goes, but Australian scientists have found a link between people who do not stay up late and better physical activity. Now researchers at Monash University have found the optimal bed time for those looking to increase exercise and physical activity when you wake is 9pm.

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WA liquor restrictions returning mixed results, independent review finds

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2025, Alistair Bates

The West Australian government has defended its hardline liquor restrictions after an independent review found the scheme had "mixed" results in reducing alcohol-related harm. The report's release

comes as state parliament debates a new bill looking to lock in the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) and other measures across a large swathe of regional WA.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Aussie PE in the mix for CMAX

The Australian, Business News, 02/07/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 14

Bids for Blackstone's clinical trials business CMAX are believed to be due in coming days and so far Australian private equity firms are being tipped as suitors. Sources say Crescent Capital spin-off Genesis Capital is shaping up as a likely candidate, and Crescent may take a look, although CMAX could be too small for the Sydney-based buyout fund.

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

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Australian study unlocks cancer survival secrets

The Australian, Other, 01/07/2025, Natasha Robinson

The cellular keys to cancer survival and treatment resistance have been unlocked by Australian scientists in a world-first study that mapped thousands of proteins and gene messages from single-tissue slides. Scientists from the Wesley Research Institute's Queensland Spatial Biology Centre used three-dimensional tissue mapping technology – which is able to map the cancer tissue microenvironment in an extraordinary level of detail – to identify specific immune cells that were linked to cancer patients living longer with their disease in remission.

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Melbourne breast cancer trial to test Optiscan imaging device

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2025, Belinda Hickman

Melbourne Hospital clinical trial of its innovative precision surgery and digital pathology imaging devices, aiming to improve a common breast cancer surgery. The groundbreaking clinical study will utilise Optiscan's InVue microscopic precision surgery device, as well as its InForm digital pathology imaging system, to create a new, improved treatment regimen for breast cancer patients.

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\$6M boost to drive industrial-scale Proteomics facility in WA

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2025, Belinda Hickman

Proteomics International will expand its Perth facility into a national diagnostics hub using a \$6 million funding boost to develop a new protein biomarker analysis platform for industrial-scale precision medical and agricultural screening. The company will partner with The University of Western Australia (UWA), the Western Australian Government and life science research collaborator BioPlatforms Australia to develop its world-class Perth facility.

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Optiscan begins breast cancer study in Melbourne

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/07/2025

Optiscan has initiated its first in-human breast cancer study at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, marking the start of patient recruitment for real-time margin assessment post-lumpectomy. The 50-patient study will utilise Optiscan's (ASX:OIL) innovative InVue precision surgery and InForm digital pathology imaging devices, with data from the study to be used in US FDA regulatory submissions for both devices.

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Australian native bees could prove a key asset in the fight against antimicrobial resistance, according to recent research from the University of Sydney. The honey from these cute little critters has antimicrobial properties that remain effective even after heat treatment and long-term storage.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

'Violent, illegal, stolen': Yoorrook verdict

The Australian, General News, 02/07/2025, Damon Johnston & Ryan Bourke, Page 5

Sweeping changes to Indigenous control of land and a share of revenue generated from natural resources have been recommended by the Yoorrook Justice Commission's final report, which declares Victoria was not "discovered by the British" or "founded by settlers". One hundred recommendations have been included in the final report covering policy areas including education, justice, health, housing and employment which was tabled in parliament late on Tuesday and called for wholesale changes and acknowledgment that the "sovereignty of First Peoples in Victoria has never been ceded and continues to exist".

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

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Yoorrook report delivers hard truths

Age, General News, 02/07/2025, Chip Le Grand, Page 12

The final recommendations of the Yoorrook Justice Commission call for fundamental change across nearly every major area of public policy in this state. From how the water and land is managed, to the administration and governance of critical services in health, education, criminal justice and family violence and down to the number of houses built through existing government programs, the Yoorrook recommendations offer a radical blueprint for Aboriginal self-determination.

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Partnership to improve health of Indigenous

Pilbara News, General News, 02/07/2025, Madelin Hayes, Page 7

A new partnership between Rio Tinto and the Pilbara Aboriginal Health Alliance (PAHA) is set to transform healthcare access for Aboriginal people in the Pilbara. [...] Construction of the facility is supported by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

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The disease impacting Indigenous kids' development

The Border Mail, Other, 02/07/2025, Keira Jenkins

More than a third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children experience "fluctuating" ear disease, where the infection in the middle ear can change over time, making it more difficult to detect, clinical data from Hearing Australia shows. Persistent trouble with their ears affects eight per cent of these kids.

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Series shines light on Indigenous cancer prevention and care

National Indigenous Times, Other, 01/07/2025, Giovanni Torre

Disparities in cancer morbidity and mortality among First Nations peoples and the importance of access to quality rural health care are the focus of a new series featuring researchers from the Western Australian Centre for Rural Health at the University of Western Australia.

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Strength, resilience and self-determination: the power of the community

controlled model

Croakey, Other, 01/07/2025, Melissa Sweet

Our final report from a recent Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council conference shares ten key takeaways, ranging from the importance of succession planning to addressing racism and the wider determinants of health, and the power of Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Blak excellence. [...] She welcomed the tripartite approach that led the program, with the Department of Health and Aged Care in partnership with Cancer Australia and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (NACCHO): "I think it's how all new programs should be run."

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Influenza battleground

Daily Telegraph, General News, 02/07/2025, James Willis, Page 12

The state's hospitals are responding to a surge of new patients, as influenza season reaches its peak. With workplaces across Sydney battling winter illness, Health Minister Ryan Park said 10,000 people presented to emergency departments on Monday alone, which he described as "extremely high".

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Health crisis 'taskforce' Syphilis cases double

Northern Territory News, General News, 02/07/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 1

Territorians are being urged to get tested for STIs as syphilis cases have spiked dramatically in the Northern Territory. So much so, that an incident management team (IMT) has been commissioned by NT Health acting chief health officer Dr Paul Burgess in an attempt to drive numbers down.

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Urgent health warning issued for Sydney after person with measles returns from Vietnam

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 01/07/2025, Caitlin Powell

Thousands of people in Sydney have been warned to stay alert for signs and symptoms of measles. NSW Health issued the urgent warning on Monday after a person who had returned from Vietnam, where there is a large outbreak, and visited the city while contagious.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

No data on illicit vape sales: TGA

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 01/07/2025, Riccardo Seeber

Regulator dismisses reports that it estimates more than 10 million illicit vapes are sold nationally every month. Reports suggesting that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) believes in excess of 10 million illegal vapes are sold across the country "are incorrect", the regulator says.

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TGA strengthens medical device safety

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2025

New measures introduced by the Australian Government will enhance the identification and management of safety concerns related to medical devices, from consumer level devices such as CPAP machines and blood glucose monitors, to hospital equipment and medical implants. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will now receive clearer identification and more detailed information about devices, allowing it to respond more quickly as and when issues are found.

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

MP, ex-mayor on same page over shops concern

Border Mail, General News, 02/07/2025, Anthony Bunn, Page 5

Greater controls over the location of tobacco and vaping stores should be pursued, Albury state and local government representatives believe. MP Justin Clancy and former mayor Kylie King were responding to Dean Street retailer Barry Young calling for a licensing system for tobacco and vape vendors, which would allow for better planning oversight.

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'Boeing 737' full of Aussies dying of drug overdoses every month, researchers say

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2025, Rachel Carbonell & Caitlyn Gribbin

There have been more than 2,000 fatal overdoses in Australia for the tenth year in a row, according to a new analysis by the Penington Institute. The non-profit drug research and advocacy group's CEO, John Ryan, said an early preview of its annual overdose report, due later this year, revealed there was 2,272 fatal overdoses in 2023, equating to an average of 189 per month.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Ads ban hits rice cake and soy milk

The Australian, General News, 02/07/2025, Andrew Hedgman, Page 3

The South Australian government has come under fire after officially banning advertisements for fortified soy milk and rice cakes on public transport, labelling the household staples as "junk food". [...] The AANA has urged the government to adopt the Nutrient Profiling Scoring Criteria developed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand, an independent federal agency that guides national food standards.

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Aldi, Tesco and Sainsbury's to introduce major change to store layouts

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/07/2025, Angharad Carrick

Supermarkets will reportedly be required to make significant changes to their stores as part of a government crackdown on obesity. The Government plans to introduce a health food standard for supermarkets to make the average shopping basket 'slightly healthier' and ease pressure on the NHS.

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Coles recall popular product after it was contaminated by cancer-causing chemicals

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 01/07/2025, Caitlin Powell

Coles' own-brand peanut butter has been urgently recalled after it was contaminated by liver cancer-causing chemicals. The 1kg tubs of both the smooth and crunchy Coles Peanut Butter, marked with the date February 5, 2027, have been sold across Australia in supermarkets and online.

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

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