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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the National Disability Insurance Agency has called for Health Minister Mark Butler and NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister to remain on timeline for NDIS rollouts despite the lack of support from the disability community.
- **[The ABC \(online\)](#)** reports that the Therapeutic Goods Authority and Australian Border Force have seized over 10 billion vapes since the implementation of a ban at the start of 2024, with an estimated value of \$500 million seized. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has said the introduction of import controls on vaping products have contributed to the decline in the youth vape rate.
- The **[Courier Mail \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Metro North hospitals in Queensland have postponed all non-emergency surgeries for 48 hours after emergency departments reached capacity due to rises in flu and Covid-19 admissions.
- **[The Age \(page 1\)](#)** and the **[Herald Sun \(page 1\)](#)** report that in a study published today, Australian and UK-based researchers used a three-person IVF technique to avoid children born to mothers with mitochondrial DNA mutations from inheriting disabilities or dying; local regulators do not currently issue licenses for the procedure.
- **[The Age \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the Australian Labor Party and the Coalition have offered bipartisan support for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, coming as the US Government threatened to implement a 200 per cent tariff on Australian-manufactured medicines.

- The [**Sydney Morning Herald \(page 6\)**](#) reports that NSW health authorities are investigating how a man died to bat lyssavirus despite being treated with an prophylaxis immunoglobulin injection by health officials over eight months ago, questioning how the injection failed to work.
- [**The Australian \(page 7\)**](#) reports that the Australian Medical Association and other health bodies have called for the Federal Government to offer subsidised respiratory syncytial virus vaccines to aged-care residents, coming as 15,000 Australians over 65 contracted the virus this year.
- The [**Adelaide Advertiser \(page 10\)**](#) reports that the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation have called for the South Australian Government to end internal ramping in hospital emergency departments and to mandate 24/7 senior clinician rostering to assist with patient discharge.
- [**The ABC \(online\)**](#) reports that general practitioners have welcomed changes that allow them to diagnose ADHD in Australians, but have warned that patients will still be charged with out-of-pocket costs unless changes are implemented that would increase rebates for longer consultations.
- [**The ABC \(online\)**](#) reports that a Queensland research team has discovered that administering a TB vaccine directly into the lungs of a patient could deliver stronger protection to the disease, coming as 189 Australians in North Australia contracted the disease in 2023.

MINISTER BUTLER

Don't cave: 'critical' NDIS decree

The Australian, General News, 17/07/2025, Sarah Ison, Page 1

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Butler's vape ban may lead to worse outcomes

Hobart Mercury, General News, 17/07/2025, James Campbell, Page 32

A year ago Health Minister Mark Butler was busy doing the rounds of television and radio studios boasting about how his ban on recreational vapes was paying dividends.

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

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Vaping rates on way down but black-market sales a concern

Daily Liberal, General News, 17/07/2025, Sebastian Tan, Page 7

[...] Health Minister Mark Butler said education and prevention campaigns also helped deter people from taking up vaping or smoking.

Also reported by: [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Call for diabetes subsidies

Whyalla News, General News, 17/07/2025, Neralie Bailey, Page 2

[...] The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport adopted an inquiry into Diabetes in May 2023, following a referral from the Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler MP.

Also reported by: [Port Augusta Transcontinental \(Port Augusta\)](#), [Port Pirie Recorder \(Port Pirie\)](#).

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GP wound care bandaid

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Antony Schölefield, Page 2

[...] The scheme received its official launch from Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler in June.

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All assessment and no action

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 19

Seventy reviews is essentially two reviews a month every month for Mark Butler's entire tenure as health minister. That a bureaucrat feels there are too many reviews and not enough actions tells us everything we need to know about the worst health minister in living memory.

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AMA, Labor MP Michael Freeland calls for sugar tax on sweetened drinks

The Australian, Other, 16/07/2025, Jessica Wang

[...] Health Minister Mark Butler said Labor had ruled out a potential levy or tax, and said the government's priorities were on "front-of-pack labelling" and working with companies to reduce the amount of sugar in foods.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Vape use among teens dropping for the first time as government regulation stems access

West Australian, Other, 16/07/2025, Hannah Cross

[...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said "vaping rates for young Australians have now turned the corner".

Also reported by: [Bunbury Herald \(Online\)](#), [Geraldton Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Harvey-Waroona Reporter \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#).

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More than 10 million vapes seized in Australia since import ban

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Sophie Landau

[...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said import controls contributed to the decline in youth vaping rates.

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Health Minister Mark Butler admits new childcare legislation too little, too late

NEWS.com.au, Other, 16/07/2025, Hannah Wilcox

Speaking to Today 's Sarah Abo on Wednesday, Minister for Health Mark Butler said "urgent legislation" will be introduced when Parliament resumes next week.

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Cancer Australia launches research program targeting early-onset cancers

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 16/07/2025

Health Minister Mark Butler has launched the Cancer Australia Research Initiative, a new program designed to address emerging needs in cancer research.

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Teens turning away from vapes

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/07/2025

[...] Federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler said the Government's tough reforms to vaping legislation are 'making a difference' to vaping rates.

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Home Care Package waiting list climbs to 88,000 with data three months out of date

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

[...] 10 Independent MPs and Senators wrote an open letter to Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler and Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae, calling for the immediate release of 20,000 Home Care Packages last month.

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ABC News, Mornings, 16/07/2025, Gemma Veness

Veness is joined by ABC reporter Olivia Caisley. It has been about a year since Australia introduced some of the toughest anti-vaping laws in the world, including disposable vapes not being allowed to be sold. Since that time, the TGA and Australian Border Force have seized about 10m disposable vapes. Last year, about 7% of teenagers said yes to whether they have a friend who vapes, a reduction compared to the 15% who said yes two years previously, which Health Minister Mark Butler says is a sign that the Albanese government's legislation has worked.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 16/07/2025, James Glenday and Emma Rebellato

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, about the vape crackdown. Butler states when they came to government three years ago, the rates of vaping were skyrocketing. He adds what they've seen since they took tough action is they've seized millions, but also fewer young people are vaping and smoking cigarettes as well.

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Channel 10, 10 News: Lunchtime, 16/07/2025, Angela Bishop

The Australian Border Force has revealed almost 10m illicit vapes have been intercepted since January 2024, as young people report a decline in interest in the habit. Health Minister Mark Butler says it is harder to get your hands on a disposable vape. He says that has led to a very significant increase in the price of vapes where they are still accessible, which is having an impact on young people.

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Channel 7, National News At Noon, 16/07/2025, Natarsha Belling

Belling is joined by 7News health editor Jennifer Bechwati. New research shows that vaping rates among children, particularly those between 14 and 17, have declined, falling from 17% at the start of 2023 to 14% in April this year. A record 10m vapes have been seized since January last year, worth a combined street value of \$500m, as part of the federal government's crackdown on vapes. Health Minister Mark Butler says vaping rates were exploding year on year when they were coming to government and now the peak of vaping is over.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 16/07/2025, Michael Thomson

The latest data shows vaping rates among children aged 14 to 17 have dropped by 3% since 2023, while it is down by 2% for 18- to 24-year-olds. Health Minister Mark Butler says year-on-year vaping rates were increasing at alarming rates, and school communities were telling them that vaping had become the number one behavioural concern.

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Channel 9, Today , 16/07/2025, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, about 800 more kids getting tested for STIs. Butler says Education Minister Jason Clare said that when Parliament resumes in next week, they will be introducing urgent legislation to make sure childcare centres have those obligations around safety of children and regulations of workers. He adds state ministers have been talking to them over recent weeks about how we they can bolster powers and give parents more confidence in what is otherwise a very good and important system for young Australians.

Interview continues on: [Channel 9 \(Sydney\)](#).

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Hope 103.2, 11:00 News, 16/07/2025

The latest data from the Cancer Council's Generation Vape survey shows rates for people aged over 15 have dropped by more than a third. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has told the ABC education and prevention campaigns are showing tangible results.

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Smooth FM 95.3, 11:00 News, 16/07/2025

The latest data from the Cancer Council's Generation Vape survey shows overall rates for people aged over 15 has reduced by more than a third. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says fewer are vaping and smoking and the exposure they get through social media to pro-vaping ads is more than halved.

Also reported by: [FIVEAA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Triple J, 11:00 News, 16/07/2025

Health Minister Mark Butler says he is confident Australia has overcome the peak of vaping, amidst data showing rates are dropping. The federal government says more than 10m illicit vapes have been seized by authorities since the start of 2024, and new data indicates vaping rates are no longer increasing among young Australians.

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Triple M Newcastle, 11:00 News, 16/07/2025

Vaping data shows a 3% decline among 14- to 17-year-olds over the past two years, while rates for people aged over 15 have fallen by more than a third. Health Minister Mark Butler tells Nine the federal government's crackdown is working.

Also reported by: [Triple M Karratha \(Karratha\)](#), [Triple M Gold Coast \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Triple M Geraldton \(Geraldton\)](#), [Triple M Albany \(Albany\)](#).

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2SM, 14:00 News, 16/07/2025

The ban on disposable vapes came into effect a year ago, with vaping rates of those aged between 14 and 17 falling almost 3% over the past two years. Rates for those over 15 also declined by over a third. Health Minister Mark Butler says the seizing of over 10m vapes has made a big difference.

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2SM, 12:00 News, 16/07/2025

Health Minister Mark Butler is adamant the PBS will remain in place. He says they are protective of the PBS and in no way will they be willing to negotiate around it, as it gives Australians access to cutting-edge medicines at affordable prices.

Also reported by: [2BS \(Bathurst\)](#), [Cruze FM 93.5 \(Port Macquarie\)](#).

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4BC, 09:00 News, 16/07/2025

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have dropped by over a third. Butler states education and prevention campaigns are showing tangible results.

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6PR, 07:30 News, 16/07/2025

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ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt, Breakfast, 16/07/2025, Bransen Gibson

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ABC Radio Brisbane, 11:00 News, 16/07/2025

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler voices confidence that vape use has peaked in the country, as the Federal Government says over 10 million illicit vapes have been seized since the crackdown on unauthorised sales in 2024. Butler highlights that interceptions at the border and enforcement across the country continue to disrupt supply.

Similar coverage by: [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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ABC Radio Brisbane, 06:30 News, 16/07/2025

New data from Generation Vape shows a drop to 7.6% from 14.9% in vape use among young Australians, as the Health Department cracks down on banned vapes after the introduction of laws that only allowed them to be sold at pharmacies last year. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says over 10 million illicit vapes have been seized by the Australian Border Force and Therapeutic Goods Administration in the last 12 months.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Canberra \(Canberra\)](#), [ABC Radio Perth \(Perth\)](#), [ABC Sunshine Coast \(Sunshine Coast\)](#), [ABC Radio Sydney \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC Radio Melbourne \(Melbourne\)](#).

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ABC Radio Perth, Mornings, 16/07/2025, Geraldine Mellet

Interview with Cancer Council's Generation Vape project chief investigator Assoc Prof Becky Freeman on the vaping behaviour and their attitudes of young people, aged 14 to 17. Mellet says Freeman stood alongside Health Minister Mark Butler today at his press conference addressing vaping laws. Freeman says in 2022 people would say, 'All my friends vape,' and fast-forward to a year post the reforms, fewer children vape. However, she acknowledges that the problem has not gone away.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

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Haines meets with local NDIS providers over pricing changes

Yea Chronicle, General News, 16/07/2025, Page 7

[...] Prior to the changes coming into effect, Dr Haines wrote to the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Senator Jenny McAllister, about her concerns over the pricing changes and requested a meeting to discuss the issues.

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NDIA under fire after cutting client's NDIS access following talkback segment

Communitydirectors.com.au, Other, 16/07/2025

[...] They have also requested access to all legal advice related to these actions, and for an urgent roundtable between disability representative organisations, the NDIA acting CEO and senior staff, and NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

EOIs invited for Terrigal Urgent Care Clinic

Coast Community Pelican Post, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 29

[...] Assistant Minister and Member for Dobell Emma McBride said clinics at Lake Haven and Umina had seen more than 25,000 patients.

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DEPARTMENT

Call for RSV vaccine subsidies for elderly as severe hospitalisations on rise

The Australian, General News, 17/07/2025, James Dowling, Page 7

[...] "The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing will actively work with vaccine sponsors following a positive PBAC recommendation."

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

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How artificial intelligence can improve dementia detection

Berwick Star News, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 7

[...] The project was supported by grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Medical Research Future Fund, and the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Cries for help over 'Ozempic poisoning'

Broome Advertiser, General News, 17/07/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 4

[...] The Department of Health and Aged Care figures are thought to be the result of off-label prescribing by doctors, which occurs when drugs are prescribed to treat conditions other than those approved by the TGA.

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Gap in care

Colac Herald, General News, 16/07/2025, Naomi Newcombe, Page 1

[...] A Federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing spokesperson said four CHSP providers were selected for the Colac Otway shire based on their "existing service delivery, performance and footprint across the Barwon-South Western Aged Care Planning Region".

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New Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) provider for West Wimmera

Nhill Free Press, General News, 16/07/2025, Page 3

[...] West Wimmera Health Service has accepted a funding offer from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care to take over the service delivery throughout West Wimmera Shire.

Also reported by: [Australian Rural & Regional News \(Online\)](#).

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Childhood vaccinations on a steady decline

Yea Chronicle, General News, 16/07/2025, Page 7

[...] For more information the new National Immunisation Strategy for 2025-30 visit the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing at health.gov.au

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Ozempic use in children surges

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Jamie Thannoo, Page 3

[...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing says 625 prescribers wrote 2832 PBS scripts for Ozempic for under18s between 2020/21 and 2023/24.

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Bridging the COPD care gap within reach

Allergy and Respiratory Republic, Other, 16/07/2025

[...] The Quality Use of Medicines in Chronic Airways Disease Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Home care waitlist climbs to 87,500

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/07/2025, Natasha Egan and Katarina Lloyd Jones

[...] Data released by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing this week shows the number of older people waiting for a home care package at their approved level has grown to 87,597.

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Taking the first steps into pharmacist prescribing

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 16/07/2025, Chloe Hava

[...] I always look forward to hearing from Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary for Health Resourcing at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing – who's participating in the first Policy Panel on Friday morning Professor Bruce Warner, Honorary Professor of Pharmacy Policy and Practice at the University of Nottingham in the UK, will also be sharing his experiences from an international perspective.

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Home care: Waitlist grows while hopes fade

HelloCare, Other, 16/07/2025, Jakob Neeland

[...] The latest Home Care Packages Program Data Report, released by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, shows a 6,000-person increase in the waitlist from January 2025, when Senate hearings reported 81,000 people waiting.

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Aged care incentive exceeding goals despite bad reviews

The Medical Republic, Other, 16/07/2025, Holly Payne

[...] A spokesman for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing confirmed with The Medical Republic that it had projected 89,000 patients would be registered for GPACI in its first year, with that number rising to 97,000 in total registered by the end of the incentive's second year.

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The delicate art of running a government-mandated digital health monopoly

The Medical Republic, Other, 16/07/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

[...] Two years ago, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DOHDA) put a tender out to run an electronic script exchange (eRx) for all MBS scripts – which is most scripts – and between the only two companies that were at that point running exchanges – Fred IT and MediSecure – Fred IT won the day.

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Elderly couple conduct their own observations in assessment as Single Assessment System uses phone calls to clear backlog

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

[...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing told The Weekly Source there remains a backlog of assessments referred before 1 January 2025 and still outstanding as of 30 June 2025, however, more than 90% have been completed.

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Consultant Liquid Interactive gets nearly \$30,000 per working day to operate and update My Aged Care for reforms

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDAC) has awarded digital consultants Liquid Interactive a \$476,432 extension on its contract to "operate and enhance" My Aged Care, the consumer portal for aged care services, making the total contract worth \$27 million.

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Govt funding for care management “far exceeds” cost to home care providers

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing's Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2023-24 showed EBITDA for home care increased 77% over the year to \$4.88 per care recipient per day driven by improved results for the bottom three quartiles.

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Elderly couple conduct their own observations during assessment as Single Assessment System moves to phone calls to clear backlog

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

[...] According to a spokesperson for the Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing, there were still assessment referrals issued before 1 January 2025 in progress as of 30 June 2025, however, more than 90% have been completed.

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Residential aged care providers using funding for care minutes to boost profits

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

"Providers not meeting their care minute targets are likely to report higher care profits", the Department of Health and Aged Care states in its 120-page Financial Report on the Aged Care Sector 2023-24.

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Only 38% of For Profit aged care homes comply with mandatory care minute targets

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

There are still 231 aged care homes - nearly 10% of all homes in Australia - that are more than 30 minutes short of complying with the Government's compulsory targets of 200 care minutes per resident per day, with 40 minutes delivered by a Registered Nurse (RN), according to the Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing's latest dashboard, which shows data for the March 2025 quarter.

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ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt, Breakfast, 16/07/2025, Bransen Gibson

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler on the vape crackdown. Gibson says now the Health Department has been trying to crack down on the importation of banned vapes into Australia after introducing laws that only allow the sale of smoking products at pharmacies. Butler says when they came to government three years ago, vaping rates every year were skyrocketing. He says since they took action, fewer young people are vaping and smoking and they are being exposed to fewer positive messages about vaping.

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 16/07/2025, Chris Mitchell

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

VACCINES

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Support provider Mable puts up for sale sign with \$1bn tag

The Australian, Business News, 17/07/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 14

Mable, provider of independent support workers, has flyers out in the market for its sale process. But sources are questioning when and if the group will become profitable as its owners are insisting that potential buyers outlay \$1bn for the operation.

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

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Seniors' boosts in aged care pledges

Hobart Mercury, General News, 17/07/2025, David Killick, Page 4

[...] Premier Jeremy Rockliff says the Liberals had a four point plan to support seniors including appointing a Minister for Ageing to cabinet.

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

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Dementia is not a normal part of ageing ...

SBS, Other, 17/07/2025, Sri Dean

In early July, IKAWIRIA (Indonesian Community Association of Victoria) invited Dementia Australia to give a talk to its members about dementia - when people should be concern, how to reduce the risk and how to find support.

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Warramunda Village expands to meet aged care demand

Shepparton News Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Ryan Bellingham

Warramunda Village is weeks away from completing a new residential care suite as part of renovations to the Saunders St wing.

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Free RSV vaccine for aged care residents

Shepparton News Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Pip Turton

The Victorian Government has launched Australia's first free respiratory syncytial virus vaccination program for residents in public sector aged care facilities.

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Driving and independence for older adults

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/07/2025, Beth Cheal

The decision to withdraw a driver's licence is complex and high-stakes, but fair and effective medical fitness-to-drive assessments are essential to protecting all road users, writes Dr Beth Cheal.

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Find a Carer appoints new CEO

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/07/2025

Brad Kearns has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of online care marketplace Find a Carer.

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Whyalla aged care upgrades increase to \$22M

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/07/2025

The federal government has provided Helping Hand with a \$5 million boost in funding to support the expansion and upgrade of its Whyalla aged care homes.

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Giving older people a voice

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 16/07/2025, Jodie Wolf

When an older person loses their voice, their sense of self is also jeopardised. An aged care project underway is developing resources to help.

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StewartBrown: Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission's liquidity standards modelling out of date and revenue driven

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

The trusted aged care accountants, who have been a leading voice in the debate on new liquidity standards to start with the new Aged Care Act on 1 November, have warned the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission's amended liquidity ratios could still constrain investment in new aged care beds - though bed shortages are arguably the most pressing issue facing the sector today.

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Woolworths' aged care plans for Coorey, Noosa, QLD, advance

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

Australia's largest supermarket operator Woolworths, which recorded net profit after tax of \$1.7 billion in 2023-24, has plans to develop its site in Cooroy, 135km north of Brisbane, including a proposal to build a 120-bed aged care home, now at public notification stage.

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Infinite Care's first VIC aged care home receiving strong interest 3 months from opening and plans to expand

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

Construction of ma Financial Group's residential aged care operator's first Victorian aged care home is progressing according to schedule, with Infinite Knoxfield now expected to welcome its first residents in mid to late October 2025.

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ASX-listed InteliCare begins AI care platform trial with Over 65s operator mecwacare

The Weekly Source, Other, 16/07/2025, Caroline Egan

[...] The trial , announced in May, will initially involve the deployment of InteliCare's remote data monitoring and predictive analytics platform into the aged care home, as the ASX-listed tech platform looks to expand its footprint in the aged care sector.

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So who's running the NDIS

Courier Mail, General News, 17/07/2025, Julie Cross, Page 17

Disability providers are calling for more transparency about who is in charge of the beleaguered \$48.5bn National Disability Insurance Scheme after discovering two different stand-in executives had been at the helm in the past six weeks.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Teens buy illegal vapes

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 17/07/2025, Page 7

More than a third of teenagers who vape have admitted to buying the harmful products illegally from tobacconists and shops that continue to flout tighter restrictions.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Vaping rates on way down but black-market concerns linger

Canberra Times, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 9

Shifting social norms are slowing the number of young people being hooked on vapes, but Australia isn't out of the woods yet, an expert has warned.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).

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Young teens vaping less

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 3

Vaping rates among 14-17 year-olds in Australia are falling. Some 18 per cent of that cohort vaped in early 2023, but that has now dropped to 15 per cent, the Generation Vape study led by Cancer Council with the University of Sydney has found.

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Understandable impacts on birth rates

Newcastle Herald, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 14

[...] According to a report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, in 2024-25, more than one in four Australian households were considered to be in "housing stress", which means they were spending more than 30 per cent of their disposable income on housing-related costs.

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Western suburbs walk-in vaccination service axed

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 16/07/2025, Broede Carmody

[...] National full vaccination coverage for one-year-olds fell by 0.35 per cent – to 92.14 per cent – in the 12 months to December last year, according to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data.

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Childcare workers still don't have to take sleep safety training

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Adele Ferguson

Despite repeated warnings from experts and a formal recommendation from the NSW coroner more than three years ago, safe sleep training isn't mandatory for childcare workers.

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New asthma treatment effort with MiDAS tool for comorbidities

Newcastle Herald, Other, 16/07/2025

Treating the comorbidities of people with asthma can help ease the effects of their disease, Professor Vanessa McDonald says.

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Continued vaping at follow-up 'problematic'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 16/07/2025

Vaping devices could help people of lower socioeconomic background quit smoking, an Australian randomised controlled trial has found. Vaporised nicotine devices are more effective than nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) for smoking cessation among low socioeconomic groups, according to the trial led by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at UNSW Sydney.

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Top Aussie athlete reveals how a virus left her unable to walk or talk before doctors finally solved the health mystery after two years of torture

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 16/07/2025, Andrew Prentice

A track athlete who previously represented Australia at the Commonwealth Youth Games has urged people to 'live each day like it is your last' after being diagnosed with autoimmune encephalitis.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

GDM update raises thresholds

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Mohana Basu, Page 4

Mohana Basu the first update to gestational diabetes guidelines in a decade has raised the glucose thresholds for diagnosis, aiming to reduce over-medicalisation for women with low-risk pregnancies.

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Cancer risk sperm donor

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 16

The sperm of a prolific donor carried an undetected genetic cancer risk, which was only discovered when 10 of the 67 known children he fathered developed cancers.

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How do you make GLP-1 RAs worth other people's money?

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Mohana Basu and Paul Smith, Page 46

There are many wondrous things about GLP-1 receptor agonists, not least their capacity to cripple national health budgets.

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'It's no longer just about the right to sight, but the right to good sight'

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 16/07/2025, Brad Lockyer

This month is National Eye Health Awareness Month, also known as JulEYE, a time to think about your vision and the health of your eyes.

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'Come and see us – it could save your life'

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/07/2025

[...] ' The RACGP's call comes as a recent analysis by Diabetes Australia found the condition now

costs the health system \$9.1 billion each year – up from \$3.4 billion estimated in 2020–21.

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4BC, Breakfast , 16/07/2025, Dean Miller

New data reveals teen vaping rates are beginning to trend downwards. Latest report from the Cancer Council reveals vaping numbers among children aged 14 to 17 have fallen by nearly 3% since 2023.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 16/07/2025, Kylie Baxter

Interview with endocrinologist Assoc Prof Roland McCallum on diabetes. McCallum says type 1 diabetes is where your body attacks itself and destroys the production of insulin from the pancreas and tends to happen in younger people. He says type 2 diabetes is what most of the diabetes population have, maybe 80%. He says it is more genetics and then lifestyle and weight.

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PRIMARY CARE

Healthscope has plan to rescue itself

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 17/07/2025, Michael Smith, Page 13

Healthscope management is preparing to put a proposal to lenders that will see the country's second-largest hospital operator restructured into a not-for-profit company to reduce payroll tax payments and retain its network of 37 hospitals.

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

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Healthscope may switch to a not-for-profit

The Australian, Business News, 17/07/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 14

McGrath Nicol, Healthscope's receiver, will receive early offers next week from parties interested in buying all or parts of the country's second largest private hospital operator.

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Shock as town to lose only GP clinic

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 17/07/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 10

Peterborough faces losing its sole GP clinic with Goyder's Line Medical set to close from August 8 due to workforce shortages.

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

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Nurses sick of corridor care

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 17/07/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 10

The nurses union is demanding an end to "internal ramping" and "corridor care" as the health system struggles to cope with demand.

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

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Fragile but 'fit to sit' in ED for five hours

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 17/07/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 11

A triple kidney transplant survivor was deemed "fit to sit" after being taken by ambulance to the Royal Adelaide Hospital by ambulance with severe abdominal pain, nausea and dehydration.

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

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Surgery cancelled

Courier Mail, General News, 17/07/2025, Jackie Sinnerton and Chris Burns, Page 1

Non-urgent surgeries at Metro North hospitals have been postponed for at least 48 hours as emergency departments overwhelmed by a spike in flu and Covid19 cases hit capacity.

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

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Cook needs dose of reality

West Australian, General News, 17/07/2025, Jessica Page and Claire Sadler, Page 3

Roger Cook has been branded as "totally out of touch" after he claimed WA's health system is performing well despite ambulance response times falling to alarming lows.

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Premier insists WA health system is performing well

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 17/07/2025, Jessica Page, Page 3

Roger Cook insists the State's health system is "performing well" and that spare capacity is not required, despite ambulance response times falling to alarming lows this week.

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Aggro over Allambi move

Launceston Examiner, General News, 17/07/2025, Annika Rhoades, Page 1

A Launceston resident and an independent MP have expressed concerns over the relocation of medical services from the proposed hospice centre.

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Doctors await fate of GP outpatient fix

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Rachel Carter, Page 1

A pilot of GPs working in outpatient clinics that successfully reduced waitlists has stopped for no clear reason, GPs say.

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Warning over COPD misdiagnosis

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Jamie Thannoo, Page 5

Jamie Thannoo a 31% collapse in spirometry testing rates and ballooning scripts for triple therapy suggest COPD cases are being missed and patients incorrectly treated, experts say.

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Reality bytes and virtual success

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 19

The four-hour idea itself has merit, but its blunderbuss implementation led to widespread game playing and rushed care, with the predictable dire consequences for some patients.

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Surgeries cancelled at Brisbane hospitals as flu, COVID fill beds

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 16/07/2025, William Davis and Rosanna Ryan

Surgeries across four hospitals on Brisbane's northside have been put on hold, as a serious spike in flu and COVID-19 cases fills beds.

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Surgeries cancelled across four northside hospitals

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 16/07/2025, Rosanna Ryan

Surgeries across four hospitals on Brisbane's northside are on hold amid a surge of patients arriving at emergency departments.

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Premier gives hospital system a pass, despite alarming missed ambulance targets

West Australian, Other, 16/07/2025, Jessica Page

Roger Cook insists the State's health system is "performing well" and that spare capacity is not required, despite ambulance response times falling to alarming lows this week.

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

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Elective surgeries put on hold at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Prince Charles Hospital amid spike in flu cases

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Ned Hammond

Elective surgeries will be paused at two of Queensland's biggest hospitals for 48 hours due to emergency departments being "overwhelmed" by flu and COVID cases.

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HotDoc telehealth pilot suspended

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 16/07/2025

Five months after it was launched to address the 'challenge of timely access', the pilot has been suspended following GP concerns.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 16/07/2025, Ashleigh Gillon

Gillon is joined by Sky News reporter Aspen Blomfield. Labor leader Dean Winter has proposed 10 fully bulk-billed GP clinics across Tas in an initiative he calls TassieDoc. The premier has agreed to five of those clinics.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Breakfast, 16/07/2025, Ryk Goddard

The Tasmanian branch of the Australian Medical Association says it's concerned about state-owned bulk billing GP clinics being set up in urban areas. Tas Labor proposes to set up 10 clinics if it's elected, while the Liberals have pledged to set up five.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Rising claims put TPD cover in 'death spiral'

Australian Financial Review, General News, 17/07/2025, Lucy Dean, Page 1

Surging mental health claims are partly to blame for a 54 per cent jump in premiums for total and permanent disability insurance over the past five years, with the average policy now costing nearly \$2000 a year.

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Suicide sparked by daily stresses

Courier Mail, General News, 17/07/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 14

Suicide ideation in the state is driven by everyday life stresses rather than mental illnesses, as shock new data shows that one in eight Queenslanders have had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year.

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

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Help is available, just reach out

Courier Mail, Editorials, 17/07/2025, Page 20

Increasing numbers of Queenslanders, overwhelmed by the stresses of modern living, are contemplating suicide.

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

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Greens propose big mental health boost for schools

Burnie Advocate, General News, 17/07/2025, Sean Ford, Page 6

Vanessa Bleyer said Tasmanian students were waiting more than 100 days to see a school psychologist and the rate of young people with mental health issues was growing.

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Inside the heartbreaking epidemic killing 100 people an hour

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 16/07/2025, Dvir Abramovich

Every single day, 100 people are dying from one insidious condition. So why is nothing being done about it?

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

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More GPs to diagnose ADHD

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Kate Ohalloran

In most states, GPs are getting new powers to diagnose ADHD and prescribe medication. It's hoped the changes will reduce the burden on specialists, who've seen a surge in demand.

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GPs welcome ADHD reforms but say cost and prescription barriers remain

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Kate Ohalloran

When GP Naomi Rutten found out she would soon be able to diagnose patients with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), she was "delighted".

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Super funds urged to make faster payouts as mental health insurance claims see 'unprecedented spike'

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Nassim Khadem

Mental health illness is now the main reason for total and permanent disability (TPD) claims, with consumer advocates warning insurers and superannuation funds may be dragging out insurance payouts for people with mental illness.

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The fight is still real

Shepparton News Online, Other, 16/07/2025

Mental health champion Daniel Hately and his stepsister and co-organiser of the You Matter Too concert, Bronte Huggins display the new Fight Is Real merchandise on offer every Saturday and Sunday at Waldrons IGA Corowa starting from July 19 with all proceeds going to the Black Dog Institute.

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Link between depression and unexplained jet lag symptoms discovered in new Australian study

9News, Other, 16/07/2025

A Sydney-based study of 69 young people who have sought mental health care discovered almost a quarter showed jet lag symptoms without having travelled across time zones.

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Keeping watch on mental health support for men

Medical Forum, Other, 16/07/2025

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 Prevention and Resilience Research Centre.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 16/07/2025, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins

The circadian rhythm regulates cycles of being alert and falling asleep. Whether disruptions in this rhythm is linked to depression, researchers delve deeper by taking measurements from 69 young people who sought mental health care. The study found 23% of patients had body clocks so out of sync it resembles jet lag. The findings could open up new avenues for treatment.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Birth trauma 'dismissed, shrouded in secrecy'

Canberra Times, Other, 16/07/2025, Maeve Bannister

Women who experience birth trauma are reporting high levels of unmanaged pain and physical injuries leading to significant mental health impacts.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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Privacy in nursing and midwifery workplaces

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 16/07/2025, Rebecca Millar

If you are in a public place whilst reading this, particularly if you are in a metropolitan city, chances are you will be sitting in a place where your every move – and word – is being captured by CCTV.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Veteran nurse who's cared for generations of Queenslanders

Courier Mail, General News, 17/07/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 3

Janet Ezzy, 77, is celebrating 60 years as a nurse and she is believed to be the longest serving in Australia.

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

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TAFE nursing eases cost pain

Cairns Post, General News, 17/07/2025, Molly Frew, Page 4

More than 6000 students have enrolled in fee-free TAFE courses in Cairns since 2023, as paid placements for eligible students begin.

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Double the celebrations for rescue chopper

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 17/07/2025, Emma Downey, Page 2

Should you be involved in a serious accident in a remote location in the northern half of NSW, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service (WRHS) might be the difference between your life and death.

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High-handed or high standards?

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 19

'If you identify me, I'm finished': The IMG surgeons surviving life under RACS This article is excellent and too long coming.

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Justice gone wrong? The unusual case of Lucy Letby

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Rachel Carter, Page 20

The murder convictions of neonatal nurse Lucy Letby have been branded by her supporters as a gross miscarriage of justice, one of the worst in UK legal history.

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IVF nurses walk off the job at Queensland clinics

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 16/07/2025, Catherine Strohfeldt and Courtney Kruk

Specialist IVF nurses walked off the job at clinics in Brisbane and Mackay on Wednesday afternoon over failed pay negotiations with one of Australia's largest fertility treatment providers.

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Alarming spike in urgent ambulance calls across Victoria

The Courier Mail, Other, 16/07/2025, Olivia Shying

Geelong's most highly trained paramedics are struggling to fill shifts as Victorian paramedics respond to an additional 100 life-threatening emergency calls each day since April.

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

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Deadly Outstanding Workforce Leadership (OWL) Research Program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 16/07/2025, Roianne West and Monica Lawrence

Evidence-based practice is crucial for ensuring the best patient outcomes, and as Australia's largest and most diverse health workforce, involved in almost all sectors of healthcare delivery, it is of great importance that nurses and midwives are equipped to apply evidence-based practice.

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Terang Mortlake Health Service makes virtual transition

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 16/07/2025, William Stanley

Terang and Mortlake Health Service is moving to a nurse-led model of care and patients will only be able to access doctors online through the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department.

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Cochlear chief joins R&D tax shake-up call

Australian Financial Review, General News, 17/07/2025, Patrick Durkin and Michael Smith, Page 6

Cochlear chief executive Dig Howitt has urged the Albanese government to abolish the \$150 million threshold on its research and development tax incentive as a simple and easy way to quickly boost business innovation and investment.

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Another day, another Trump trade threat

Australian Financial Review, International News, 17/07/2025, Jessica Gardner, Page 9

Washington | Another day, another off-the-cuff tariff announcement from US President Donald Trump that will upset the productivity of government ministers, company executives and trade officials alike.

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

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No chill pill for Pfizer over PBS

The Australian, General News, 17/07/2025, James Dowling and Noah Yim, Page 7

Multinational conglomerate Pfizer has accused the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme of "under-valuing" medical products in a submission to the Productivity Commission, echoing the push by American pharmaceutical lobbyists for the subsidy program to be targeted in tariff negotiations.

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

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Trump's pharma threats unite Labor and Coalition

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 17/07/2025, Nick Newling, Page 11

US President Donald Trump's threat to bring forward planned tariffs of up to 200 per cent on pharmaceuticals by a year to the end of the month has united Labor and the Coalition in their defence of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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

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Labor, Coalition unite over US drug tariffs

Age, General News, 17/07/2025, Nick Newling, Page 1

Labor and the Coalition have united in their defence of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme after US President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs of up to 200 per cent on medicines as soon as next month.

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Both parties promise to expand pharmacists' role

Hobart Mercury, General News, 17/07/2025, Elise Kaine, Page 4

Access to medicines will be faster and easier under the next government, as Tasmanian Labor plans to expand the role of pharmacists if elected.

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Trump tariff threats a hollow ploy on Aussie 'big pharma'

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 17/07/2025, Umain Ghori, Page 10

[...] He's using these threats to arm-twist countries such as Australia into making concessions, particularly around our Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

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Donald Trump's 200pc tariff on pharma could send local biotechs offshore, says AusBiotech boss

The peak body for Australia's life sciences industry has flagged concerns Donald Trump's pharmaceutical tariff threat could force more local biotechs and medical technology firms to move operations overseas.

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [The Nightly \(None\)](#)

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'Hands off': Premier Roger Cooks says PBS not a bargaining chip amid Donald Trump's latest tariff threat

West Australian, Other, 16/07/2025, Cheyanne Enciso

Premier Roger Cook has warned Donald Trump to keep his "hands off" Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, saying the government's subsidies are "not up for negotiation" amid the latest round of tariff threats from the US president.

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It's easier than ever for Aussies to buy weight loss drugs online. Experts say there should be more checks in place

9News, Other, 16/07/2025, Maddison Leach

Doctors push for weight loss drugs to be added to the PBS Fill out a questionnaire, send a few photos, answer a call from a doctor.

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PD breaking news – Guild congratulates Tasmanian Labor on pharmacy support policies

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 16/07/2025

The Tasmanian Labor Party today announced policies that include expanded scope and increased access, hailed by the Guild as "a massive win for patients".

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Make specialists charging 'extreme fees' pay back Medicare rebates?

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Paul Smith, Page 5

Specialists routinely charging so-called 'extreme fees' should be forced to pay back all Medicare funding at the end of the year, a new report says.

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Sports physicians get higher MBS rebates

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 8

Australia's 172 sports and exercise physicians have been reclassified as consultant physicians, increasing the Medicare funding for their initial consultations from \$98.95 to \$174.50.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Avoid 'dollmaker' ads

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Antony Scholefield, Page 9

[...] Ads that mention individual doctors or nurses should include their AHPRA number, whether doctors have general or specialist registration and whether nurses are ENs or RNs, the guidelines add.

ED accused of doctoring books

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 14

A hospital is under investigation after clerical staff were accused of doctoring data to hit ambulance ramping targets.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Doctor makes Hedland pitstop on fundraiser flight across Australia for children's rare disease centre

West Australian, Other, 16/07/2025

A senior neurologist at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital made a stop in Port Hedland on June 7 as part of a solo fundraising flight across Australia.

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

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Laura Ryan leads 75km Trek the Trail fundraiser for cancer exercise support

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 16/07/2025, Bella Munro

After going through chemotherapy, radiation, and multiple surgeries a Toowoomba cancer survivor said exercise was one of the few things she felt she could control.

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3AW, Drive, 16/07/2025, Heidi Murphy

Interview with Cancer Council's Public Health Committee chair Anita Desai on vaping rates. Murphy says the latest reports from the Cancer Council reckon vaping numbers among kids aged 14 to 17 have fallen by nearly 3% in the past two years, and overall rates for people aged over 15 have reduced by more than a third. Desai says this data shows that they are turning a corner and are starting see very positive and early declines in vaping use among teenagers.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

'Three-parent' babies deliver hope

The Australian, General News, 17/07/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 7

Australian scientists leading a proposed clinical trial testing a radical new IVF procedure are hailing the announcement of the birth of eight babies in the UK after mitochondrial donation as providing vital impetus for the fast-tracking of the research in Australia.

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Three-person IVF in bid to avoid disability

Age, General News, 17/07/2025, Liam Mannix, Page 1

Australian and British scientists have revealed the births of eight babies using a cutting-edge and controversial three-person IVF technique.

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

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One baby, 3 parents

Herald Sun, General News, 17/07/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 1

Australia is on track to create a baby with three people's DNA as early as next year, after Britain revealed eight such children had been born through the technology.

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

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Paying staff to research what they like? Ancient history, pal

The Australian, Other, 16/07/2025, Stephen Matchett

Academics are losing their jobs at universities across the country. Many genuinely don't get why it is happening or understand that the risk of unemployment is what taxpayers in the private sector live with as businesses fail and skills demand change.

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Health Check: Lumos shares 150pc brighter after company-making US diagnostics deal

The Australian, Other, 16/07/2025, Tim Boreham

In one of the "largest distribution deals of its type" by an ASX-listed point-of-care diagnostics company, minnow Lumos Diagnostics (ASX:LDX) has inked a US compact worth up to US\$317 million (\$487 million) over six years.

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

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Melbourne woman's body the second to be cryogenically frozen by Southern Cryonics

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025

In a nondescript facility near Holbrook in New South Wales, a woman's body has been cryogenically frozen in the hope that science will one day revive her.

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How this doctor's year abroad in Australia led to a research career that has reshaped international guidelines

Australian Doctor, Other, 16/07/2025, Ciara Seccombe

Wins in her research career lessens the sting from disappointing clinic days. Professor Britta Regli-Baronin Ungern-Sternberg von Purkel arrived in Australia with her husband in 2006 for a one-year stay.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Elder's concerns for mental health of Indigenous man in high-security prison

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025

An Aboriginal Elder says an Indigenous man is "suffering mentally and physically" inside South Australia's high-security prison, and is concerned that without intervention he could become "another death in custody".

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First Nations hepatitis B risks revealed in study

Shepparton News Online, Other, 16/07/2025

The impacts on liver health from a unique strain of chronic hepatitis B, which predominantly affects First Nations people, have been revealed in a study.

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Koorie Heritage Trust awarded grant for new First Nations men's cultural project

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/07/2025, Dechlan Brennan

The Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT) has been awarded the 2025 Exhibition Development Fund for its upcoming project, Journey Among Men.

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Indigenous health body calls for greater investment in community-led diabetes care

National Indigenous Times, Other, 16/07/2025, Dechlan Brennan

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has used Diabetes Awareness Week to call for urgent and sustained investment in community-led solutions to tackle diabetes in Indigenous communities.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Deadlier than Covid and admissions on the rise, yet RSV vaccine costs \$320

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 17/07/2025, James Dowling , Page 7

Respiratory syncytial virus is sending more people to hospital and has proved deadlier than either flu or Covid, the latest government data shows.

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Experts investigate man's bat virus death

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 17/07/2025, Angus Thomson, Page 6

Health authorities are investigating how NSW North Coast tradie died from a rare bat lyssavirus despite being treated for a bite he received more than eight months ago.

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What is it and are you in danger?

Daily Telegraph, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 5

What is Australian bat lyssavirus (ABLV)? Lyssavirus is a fatal disease transmitted from infected bats to humans when the virus in bat saliva enters the body through a bat bite or scratch.

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RSV med findings

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Mohana Basu, Page 2

Widespread use of nirsevimab in infants may reduce RSV-related hospitalisations by more than half, Australian findings suggest.

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Myalgic encephalom yelitis/ chronic fatigue syndrome

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 33

Dr Natalie Eaton-Fitch (PhD) (left) Post-doctoral research fellow, National Centre for Neuroimmunology and Emerging Diseases, Griffith University, Gold Coast, Queensland,

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Group A strep: a post-COVID threat

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Page 42

With global reports of invasive strep A on the rise, we review the recent epidemiology, state of surveillance and control of the disease in Australia.

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Doctors say it's not too late for a flu shot as the ACT stares down record influenza cases

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025

The ACT looks set to record its worst flu season, with Canberra general practitioners seeing a recent spike in influenza cases.

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Queensland research finds inhaled vaccine effective tuberculosis protection

ABC Online, Other, 16/07/2025, Meghan Dansie

A research team from north Queensland has found delivering the tuberculosis (TB) vaccine directly to the lungs could create stronger protection against the world's deadliest infectious disease.

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Health officials scramble to contain outbreak of contagious disease after Qantas staff member tested positive

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 16/07/2025, Ashley Nickel

An outbreak of one of the world's most contagious diseases, measles, has popped up in regional Western Australia with a Qantas flight attendant now infected.

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Winter warning: Meningococcal cases rising as experts urge vigilance

SBS, Other, 16/07/2025, Mahnaz Angury

Jacob Blackwell was a healthy 23-year-old until meningococcal disease changed everything. As winter sets in, experts are calling for greater awareness of the signs.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Evenings, 16/07/2025, Kelly Higgins-Devine

Interview with Mater Health Services infectious diseases director Prof Paul Griffin on flu cases. Griffin says there is currently a very high number of flu cases and hospitalisations. He says part of the reason hospitalisations are so high is that vaccination rates are lower than they should be, despite the government funding it for everybody. He says people have lost appreciation for how significant the flu is and there is misinformation about vaccines.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Apple now alert to sleep apnoea

The Australian, Business News, 17/07/2025, Jared Lynch, Page 15

Apple has launched a new sleep apnoea detection feature in Australia, winning praise from doctors and sleep disorder specialists, as it deepens its push into the \$100bn health tracking market.

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

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A boost for gut from poo cure

Herald Sun, General News, 17/07/2025, Tamara McDonald, Page 7

Poo transplants are being used to help people battling painful gut conditions that are on the rise in Australia, with the treatment being tested for a range of illnesses including long Covid.

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

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New sleep tech coming to a watch near you

West Australian, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 10

[...] The Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved software from Apple and Samsung to detect and analyse bedtime breathing disturbances.

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Smart ways to watch for sleep apnoea disorders

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 4

[...] Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved smartwatch software from Apple and Samsung to detect and analyse bedtime breathing disturbances.

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Cancer Council slapped over sloppy SPF

Australian Doctor, General News, 18/07/2025, Jamie Thannoo, Page 9

[...] Choice says the dismal results including one sunscreen it said had a sun protection factor (SPF) of 4 mean the TGA should conduct its own testing and stop relying on company submitted reports from credentialled laboratories.

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Daily pill for GLP-1 RAs?

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Eli Lilly is preparing a TGA application for an oral GLP-1 receptor agonist to treat early diabetes following publication of phase III trial results.

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Tryptamine strengthens clinical team ahead of world-first IV-infused psilocin trial

The Australian, Other, 16/07/2025

A highly credentialed scientist in pharmaceutical nanotechnology, Professor Marcel Mozafari has joined Tryptamine Therapeutics (ASX:TYP) as a senior formulation scientist in a full-time capacity.

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Why some men trying for a family are ditching their hair loss treatments

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 16/07/2025

Soon after Will Stone and his wife, Brittany, got married in 2021, they started trying to have a baby. But early attempts didn't pan out, and by the next year, they went in for testing.

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Biocurious: with fresh grant funding, Emvision's Emu stroke device won't take a step backwards

The Mercury, Other, 16/07/2025, Tim Boreham

. A fresh \$5 million government grant takes Emvision's cumulative non-dilutive funding to \$25 million. The company is trialing its Emu stroke detection device with a view to FDA clearance

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Time to see a doctor? Watches to track sleep disorder

Canberra Times, Other, 16/07/2025, Jennifer Dudley-Nicholson

[...] Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration has for the first time approved smartwatch software from Apple and Samsung to detect and analyse bedtime breathing disturbances.

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Newcastle Cr Declan Clausen welcomes Lifeblood donor changes

Newcastle Herald, Other, 16/07/2025

[...] Lifeblood has made changes to blood and platelets donation eligibility, with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) recently approving a submission to remove gender-based sexual activity rules.

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Sleep apnea detection comes to Apple Watch for Australians

9News, Other, 16/07/2025, Trevor Long

[...] Approved by Australia's health regulator the TGA, the Apple Watch is able to monitor disturbances during the night to give notifications to the wearer of a potential sleep apnea diagnosis.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Canberra is a 'leader' in drug harm reduction - why don't we have a safe injection room?

Canberra Times, Other, 16/07/2025, Lanie Tindale

It has been 33 years since Marion McConnell's son died of a heroin overdose, but she still wonders how his life might have turned out.

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FOOD STANDARDS

A sweet levy on sugar

Daily Telegraph, General News, 17/07/2025, Page 6

A sugar tax on soft drink, sweetened juice and cordial is being backed as a way to reduce soaring rates of obesity and diabetes.

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Artificial sweetener found in Diet Coke and chewing gum could trigger puberty early, study suggests

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 16/07/2025, Emily Stearn

Children who consume a diet packed with sweeteners may be at higher risk of reaching puberty earlier, concerning research suggests.

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