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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The **[Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 12) reports that out of the over 1600 aged care and NDIS patients currently in the NSW public hospital system, 1131 have remained hospitalised beyond their estimated discharge date, with many waiting for the Federal Department of Health to organise funding or a care home before being discharged. A spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler said that the Federal Government is working with the NSW Government to understand barriers to discharge for older patients and to develop solutions.
- The **[West Australian](#)** (page 1) reports that elderly patients wait an average of fourteen days after being medically discharged to be transferred to an aged-care service. The WA Government has called on the Federal Government to do more on aged-care hours.
- The **[Herald Sun](#)** (page 6) reports that the Victorian Government has entered into a \$5 million deal with BioNTech and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to launch a new clinical trial platform, which would provide cancer patients with access to new treatment options.
- The **[Courier Mail](#)** (page 7) reports that the Australian Cancer Research Foundation Centre for Optimised Cancer Therapy will open in Brisbane today, which will use advanced genomic technologies to analyse how tumours react to treatments.
- The **[Canberra Times](#)** (page 9) reports that WorkSafe ACT has issued up to 80 improvement notices and five prohibition notices to the Canberra Health Services in the last five years, with

only a single one still in place as of August 1, 2025. Since late 2023, a sharp rise in assaults against Canberra ED staff has been recorded.

- The [West Australian](#) (page 12) reports that the latest data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has found that there are 9467 people in Western Australia that were identified as homeless with a further 13,142 at risk; there has been a 150 per cent rise in the number of homeless women since April 2022.
- [The ABC](#) (online) reports that a survey conducted by both Jean Hailes for Women's Health and Migraine and Headache Australia have found that one in three Australian women experience migraines, worse than the previously estimated 20 per cent.
- [The ABC](#) (online) reports that figures from the World Health Organisation suggest that cases of dengue fever in the Pacific are at their worst since 2016, with up to 19,000 cases recorded last month. A mosquito release program using Wolbachia bacteria in Far North Queensland was effective in reducing transmission, but the same method may be challenging to replicate in the Pacific region.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### NDIS patients left in limbo

Daily Telegraph, General News, 06/08/2025, Jake McCallum, Page 12

Thousands of NDIS and aged care patients are being left stranded in their hospital beds for up to 11 weeks after they expected to be discharged, jamming the state's hospitals, as the Commonwealth health department drags its feet. [...] A spokesman for Federal Health Minister Mark Butler could not explain the reason for the delay, but said the federal government "doesn't want Australians to spend longer in hospital when they can be receiving care back at home or in aged care".

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

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### Who's right on bulk-billing?

Lilydale Star Mail, General News, 05/08/2025, Callum Ludwig, Page 2

A new report by healthcare directory Cleanbill has indicated that the expansion of the Bulk Billing Incentive might not see a massive uptick in fully bulk-billing clinics, but the Australian Government has been quick to disagree and slammed it as inaccurate. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DOHDA) has access to official Medicare data for more than 140,000 million GP services each year, including where the service was provided and any fees charged if the service wasn't bulk billed, as well as Medicare data from 6500 general practice clinics enrolled in the Practice Incentives Program.

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### Mental health advocate cycles into The Entrance North

Coast Community News, Other, 05/08/2025

Western Australian sheep shearer turned mental health advocate Lenny Deacon will arrive on the Central Coast on August 24 as part of his extraordinary solo cycling journey around Australia to raise \$1M for mental health research. [...] Since departing Bunbury, WA, in November 2024, Deacon has cycled more than 7,000km, crossing the Nullarbor, popping in to Kangaroo Island and Tasmania, and most recently visiting Canberra, where he met with Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler to advocate for national mental health reform.

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### When the GP bill lands in your rates notice: Regional residents are paying twice to access healthcare

Countryman, Other, 05/08/2025, Melissa Price

Do you know any other service where you have to pay twice just to access it? [...] Last week, I delivered a speech in Parliament on this issue and wrote directly to Federal Health Minister Mark

Butler, urging him to act.

Also reported by: [Bunbury Herald \(Online\)](#), [Geraldton Guardian \(Online\)](#), [South Western Times \(Online\)](#),

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## Medicines continue to become cheaper

Grapevinenewsonline.com, Other, 05/08/2025

The last time PBS medicines cost no more than \$25 was 2004 – more than 20 years ago. [...] Minister for Health Mark Butler said, "The Albanese Government has been focused on delivering cheaper medicines for Australians.

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## Renewed calls to subsidise insulin pumps and glucose monitors for diabetics

Your Life Choices, Other, 05/08/2025

"i get out of bed and work out how many grams of carbs I'm going to be eating for breakfast, then I put those carbs into my insulin pump, which will deliver my insulin to me," she said. [...] In a statement, a spokesperson for Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the government was carefully considering the report of the diabetes inquiry.

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## ABC Radio Melbourne, 07:00 News, 05/08/2025

Health Consumer Forum Elizabeth Deveny calls on Federal Health Minister Mark Butler to provide better protection for people needing artificial eyes, ears, and noses.

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## MINISTER MCALLISTER

### Attorney-general shares updates on disability discrimination, public interest disclosure laws

Australasian Lawyer, Other, 06/08/2025, Bernise Carolino

Australia's government recently announced that it released an issues paper seeking submissions on reforms to the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and tabled the Commonwealth ombudsman's first six-monthly report on the operation of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 (PID Act). [...] "We know people with disability must be at the centre of the review of the Disability Discrimination Act," said Jenny McAllister, NDIS minister, in the media release.

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### Senate seeking input for 2 aged care inquiries

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 05/08/2025, Natasha Egan

The Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs are accepting submissions for the inquiry into the impact of home care delays along with a new inquiry into provisions of other legislation to support the new Aged Care Act including accommodation payments. [...] They were introduced to the Senate and read a second time by Labor's Senator Jenny McAllister on Thursday 31 July 2025.

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## MINISTER RAE

### Rev up hospital upgrades

West Australian, General News, 06/08/2025, Jessica Page, Page 13

Roger Cook finally said it. Now the question is whether anyone in Canberra was listening when he directed a brick their way. [...] "Every day an older Australian spends in hospital when they should be in a more appropriate environment puts more pressure on their wellbeing and more pressure on the hospital system that supports them," Sam Rae said.

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## Uber rich WA must put crucial emergency department projects on fast track

Countryman, Other, 05/08/2025, Jessica Page

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## Minister: “We're getting on with the job” of aged care reform

Healthcare Channel, Other, 06/08/2025, Ritchelle Drilon

The federal government has released the final draft of the Aged Care Rules that will underpin Australia's new Aged Care Act, scheduled to take effect on 1 November 2025. [...] Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae said the early release of the rules would help facilitate a smooth transition across the sector.

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## SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

### NBN Central Coast, NBN News, 05/08/2025

Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi visited Black Wolf Barbers in Erina to support efforts to break the stigma around men's mental health. The barbershop, which has raised over \$5,000 for the Black Dog Institute, offers a safe space for men to talk, with Repacholi highlighting a \$1 billion national investment in Medicare mental health clinics, including new sites in Tuggerah and West Gosford.

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## DEPARTMENT

### Who's right on bulk-billing?

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## Food fight

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/08/2025, Carla Mascarenhas, Page 1

For the first time, what aged care residents are eating for dinner will come under the spotlight. The introduction of new laws for the sector will instil more regulations on nutrition and give more rights to residents and loved ones to complain.

Also reported by: [The Senior - TAS \(Hobart\)](#), [The Senior - QLD \(Brisbane\)](#), [The Senior - WA \(Perth\)](#).

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## Health group finds itself in court over staff issue

Aged Care Housing News, Other, 05/08/2025

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is set to face a s.372 claim.

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## The future of PHNs is data, but maybe not in the way they once envisaged

Health Services Daily, Other, 05/08/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

At today's PHN Showcase in Sydney it was clear that DoHDA and the AIHW want to partner with PHNs to develop cohesive primary care data standards and a minimum dataset resource for the country.

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## Free nurse training program launched amid workforce crisis

Healthcare Channel, Other, 06/08/2025, Ritchelle Drilon

A fully funded national training program is aiming to stem the looming shortage of aged care nurses across Australia by equipping early-career nurses with the skills and support they need to thrive in the sector. [...] Funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the ACTTP is available in every state and territory and is open to both registered and enrolled nurses entering or transitioning into aged care roles.

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## A surge in cancer cases – are we prepared?

Medical Forum, Other, 05/08/2025

Bowel cancer survivor Cherie Salter urges people to speak to their GP about bowel symptoms. Is WA ready for the projected surge in cancer cases? [...] In November 2024, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said many healthcare providers were already issuing program kits directly to patients but encouraged more practices to bulk order test kits and speak to eligible patients about screening.

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## PBAC grappling with thorny issues

Pharma In Focus, Other, 05/08/2025

An update from PBAC Chair, Professor Robyn Ward, after the Committee's July meeting has revealed three of the toughest questions facing pharma, remain unanswered. [...] Work by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing on equitable access to medicines for the treatment of obesity - requested by the Minister earlier this year - remains "ongoing".

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## Rethinking institutional reform, part 1: When systems fail, who has the right to fix them, and what does it cost?

The Mandarin, Other, 05/08/2025, David Schmidtchen

Defence says it wants evolution, not revolution. But is gradual reform enough in an era of rising strategic risk? [...] The departments and agencies responsible for aged care, childcare, disability support, housing, energy, and more face similar pressures. Additionally, every enterprise is grappling with the pervasive and unpredictable impacts of AI and cybersecurity.

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## Give primary care back to the states, says Norman Swan

The Medical Republic, Other, 05/08/2025, Cate Swannell

The broadcaster, headlining day one of the AIDH's HIC2025 conference next month, says we're not at the top of the mountain, but we can see how to get there. Physician, journalist and broadcaster Dr Norman Swan believes the Australian healthcare system has a mountain to climb in order to be fit for purpose, but the goals are known, attainable and don't require radical change.

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## New era for sex, gender diversity in medical research

The Medical Republic, Other, 05/08/2025, Holly Payne

Federally funded Australian researchers and research organisations are being "strongly encouraged" to ensure that study populations more accurately represent the breadth of sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientations present in Australian society. The joint statement from the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, which was published last week, seeks to improve "knowledge of research gaps related to historical underrepresentation of sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation in various research fields and topics".

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### This fee victory for residents may not be all upside

Sydney Morning Herald, Money, 06/08/2025, Rachel Lane, Page 1

Confusion is rife following a recent Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) decision that found exit fees charged by land lease company Lifestyle Communities to be unlawful. Justice Ted Woodward determined that exit fees must be known and calculable when the land lease contract is signed; because the fees were tied to a future sale price, they were deemed unlawful.

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

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### Aged care at heart of health crisis

West Australian, General News, 06/08/2025, Jessica Page, Page 1

Elderly patients spend an average of 14 days longer in hospital than medically necessary as they await aged care despite the State having the second lowest rate of beds in the country, it can be revealed. In a crisis that has pitted Roger Cook against Anthony Albanese the WA Government has vowed to "call out" Canberra over aged care all while resisting pressure to fast-track more hospital beds.

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

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### Free web tool helps work out care costs

The Senior - TAS, General News, 01/08/2025, Anthony Caggiano, Page 3

A free online "calculator" has been released by the federal government to help people estimate how much each of their aged care services might be under the upcoming Support at Home, replacing Home

Care Packages. The online fee estimator, found on [www.MyAgedCare.gov.au](http://www.MyAgedCare.gov.au) prompts with questions including if someone was assessed for services after September 12, 2024, what their age pension status is, and their income and assets.

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## **The guilt you feel when you can't do more for an aging parent**

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Kellie Scott

Every time Jennifer visits her mum in aged care, she leaves with the same feeling. "I come home to a lovely house, and I feel guilty that I'm sitting, laughing while watching TV, and she can't even get someone to turn the channel," the 69-year-old from regional NSW says. Jennifer was caring for her mum, who has dementia, at home for many years. She felt forced to place her in residential care when the system could no longer provide appropriate support for her and her mum.

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## **Tools transform mealtimes, waste levels**

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 05/08/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

A new framework aims to help aged care homes reduce leftovers, while Valleyview has introduced a digital-alert system to streamline documentation of menu assessment requirements. Food safety and nutrition guidelines are important but they can also reduce unnecessary food waste, a new report by researchers at the End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre at the University of Adelaide shows.

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## **Sector thanks Australia's aged care workers**

Community Care Review, Other, 05/08/2025

Aged Care Employee Day returns this week – a time for aged care providers, retirement village operators, residents and families to thank and recognise aged care workers across Australia. Aged Care Employee Day takes place this Thursday, which Ageing Australia chief executive officer Tom Symondson says has become an important date to celebrate the "personal, selfless and often unsung" work of employees.

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## **Dementia researchers recognised by Eureka Prize**

Community Care Review, Other, 05/08/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

La Trobe's mindset team has been named a finalist for the 2025 Eureka Prize for their co-design project involving the training of interpreters to better facilitate cognitive assessments for dementia. La Trobe University's MINDSET research team has been named as a finalist in the Societal Impact in Science category of the Eureka Prize for its project on improving dementia assessments for non-English speakers.

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## **Freedom on wheels: Female ex-prisoners donate mobility bike to aged care residents**

HelloCare, Other, 05/08/2025, Jakob Neeland

A unique partnership between a women's pre-release centre, an aged care provider and a cycling charity is delivering more than just rides. It is restoring dignity, building confidence and creating unexpected friendships.

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## **Victoria eyes stricter rules for elderly drivers after tragic crash**

HelloCare, Other, 05/08/2025, Jakob Neeland

The Victorian government is weighing new regulations for elderly drivers as part of a broader push to enhance road safety. The review, announced by Roads Minister Melissa Horne, follows a devastating crash in Wantirna South last month and multiple crashes by elderly Victorians over the last three weeks.

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## Medication laws tightened for Vic aged care

Nursing Review, Other, 05/08/2025, Stefanie Schultz

The Victorian state government has introduced new legislation to protect older people living in residential aged care from medication-related harm. In an Australian first, new laws will dictate that authorised health professionals – registered and enrolled nurses, pharmacists and GPs – will bear the responsibility of the management of strong medications in residential aged care.

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## Seniors face financial abuse risks amid \$5.4 trillion wealth transfer

Your Life Choices, Other, 05/08/2025, Abigail Abrugar

Australia is on the brink of the largest intergenerational wealth transfer in its history, with an estimated \$5.4 trillion set to change hands over the coming years. But as Baby Boomers and the Silent Generation prepare to pass on their hard-earned assets, a troubling trend is emerging: 'inheritance impatience' is exposing older Australians to a new wave of financial abuse—often at the hands of their own children and grandchildren.

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## DISABILITY AND CARERS

### Bill closes WWCC appeals loophole

Daily Telegraph, General News, 06/08/2025, Suzan Giuliani and Elizabeth Pike, Page 4

Sex offenders and criminals will be banned from launching external appeals when they are refused a Working With Children Check in NSW, under new legislation. [...] Reforms will also be made to NDIS Worker Checks, strengthening the existing internal appeals process.

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### Kerry fears for NDIS cuts

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/08/2025, Rowan Cowley, Page 6

Kerry Benson knows a day will come when she is no longer able to work, but in the meantime, she relies on allied health support to help maintain a sense of purpose and identity. Now she fears home visits from her speech therapist are under threat due to NDIS funding cuts.

Also reported by: [The Senior - QLD \(Brisbane\)](#), [The Senior - WA \(Perth\)](#), [The Senior - SA \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Senior - TAS \(Hobart\)](#).

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## PRIMARY CARE

### James Cook University suspends medical student after domestic violence assault

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Meghan Dansie, Georgia Loney and Gabrielle Becerra Mellet

A Queensland university has suspended a medical student who pleaded guilty to a domestic violence attack. The student pleaded guilty in the Townsville Magistrates Court last week to assault occasioning bodily harm. [...] Queensland Australian Medical Association (AMA) president Nick Yim said while the AMA did not comment on individual matters, it was essential patients felt safe with their doctors.

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### GPs asked to consider offering extended HPV genotyping tests

Australian Doctor, Other, 05/08/2025, Jamie Thannoo

A leading GP is urging GPs to consider extended HPV genotyping for patients undertaking cervical

screening, after a survey revealed only 6% are using the test. Dr Lara Roeske was responding to a small survey that revealed GPs had little or no awareness of extended genotyping, which identifies high-risk HPV types beyond HPV16 and 18.

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## First guidance for prescribing post-exposure HIV prevention

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/08/2025

Australian-first clinical guidance on prescribing post-exposure prophylaxis has been launched, helping GPs in their role of HIV prevention. With HIV PEP treatment most effective if given within 72 hours, a new tool guides GPs to support patients in a timely, non-judgemental way.

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## GPs called on to enhance support to women with migraines

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/08/2025

It affects one in three women but getting a migraine diagnosis from a GP can be challenging for some, new research reveals. 'GPs can play a key role in challenging the belief that women simply have to "put up with" severe migraine symptoms – these can and should be treated.

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## More support needed for GPs in HPV screening: Study

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/08/2025

GPs strongly support HPV self-collection, but many are hampered by knowledge gaps on extended genotyping, according to a new survey. GPs need support to develop greater confidence in HPV extended genotyping, a critical advancement in cervical screening.

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# POPULATION HEALTH

## Deanna tried IVF with the lot. Then went back to basics

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/08/2025, Grant McArthur, Page 18

Desperate to become a mother, Deanna Carr endured four egg collections, seven embryo transfers and five traumatic early miscarriages, stepping up the "addon" treatments at each stage of her IVF journey to try to increase her chances of success. In the process, the 26-year-old experienced the full gamut of add-on therapies offered by Australia's fertility clinics from steroids, blood thinners and aspirin, to having her immune system shut down, her husband's blood injected into her, and almost spending \$5000 to be provided a basic \$6.28 antibiotic.

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## Women feeling homeless brunt

West Australian, Edition Changes, 06/08/2025, Kim Macdonald, Page 12

The changing face of homelessness continues to shock service providers, with WA experiencing a 150 per cent jump in women living on the streets. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's latest regional breakdown shows 9467 people were identified as homeless across the State while 13,142 were at risk of homelessness.

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## Turning point in youth health?

Murray Pioneer, General News, 06/08/2025, Page 6

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) has welcomed new data showing a significant decline in vaping rates among Australian teenagers, describing the findings as a turning point in youth health, and a testament to the power of strong policy, education, and community awareness.

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## The big deal about falls

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/08/2025, Desiree Savage, Page 11

Medical experts often harp on about falls, but rightly so, as they cause nearly half of all injury-related deaths, cost tax-payers billions of dollars and are often preventable, as backed up by new research. Accidental falls can happen to anyone at any age, and accounted for 43 per cent of all injury hospitalisations (248,211) and 43 per cent of all injury deaths (6,698) in 2023-24, according to data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released in June.

Also reported by: [The Senior - SA \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Senior - TAS \(Hobart\)](#).

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## Drum for the soul

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/08/2025, Anthony Caggiano, Page 16

Cynthia Hoogstraten has seen the wellbeing benefits of drumming for people who have dementia and other cognitive health challenges. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare estimated 411,100 people had dementia in 2023, and the second leading cause of death after coronary heart disease in 2022.

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## How cardiologists ward off heart disease

The Australian, Other, 05/08/2025, Peta Bee

We are all aware of basic matters of the heart, that its normal healthy functioning can be harmed by big risk factors such as smoking and drinking, being overweight and underactive, making poor dietary choices and having high blood pressure. Over time, one or more of these can contribute to the narrowing of the arteries as fatty materials (called atheroma) such as cholesterol accumulate inside them.

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## Migraine misery ails one in three Australian women

Canberra Times, Other, 05/08/2025, Rachel Jackson

Kate May experienced years of severe pain, fatigue, nausea and other debilitating symptoms before receiving a migraine diagnosis. "Two years ago, I was struggling to walk," the 30-year-old told AAP. "I was in hospital a lot, just being able to make enough money to pay bills was nearly impossible."

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

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## 'Not appropriate' to direct staff not to take drugs with clients, inquest hears

Canberra Times, Other, 05/08/2025, Hannah Neale

The head of a harm minimisation organisation makes "the recommendation" staff don't do illicit drugs with clients, but claims it "wouldn't be appropriate for us to say you cannot". Practices at the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation & Advocacy Service are being examined as part of a coronial inquest into the overdose death of Felipe (Phillip) Esteban Alvarez.

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## Migraines are far more common in Australian women than previously thought, survey reveals

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Caitlyn Gribbin

Getting daily migraines makes normal things like playing sport, socialising and working full time difficult for Kate May. But Kate, 30, prefers to focus on what she can do, like walking her dog, as she takes back control of her life.

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## The art of functioning on broken sleep.

You're in bed. It's 11:44pm, and with every minute that passes, the pit of anxiety in your stomach ratchets up. You need to get to sleep You've listened to the podcasts, you've read the research, and you're painfully aware that without a full eight or nine hours (more if you're perimenopausal ), your risk of adverse health impacts — everything from diabetes to dementia — increases.

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## Asthma Australia collab with Bird keeps its wings

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/08/2025

Asthma Australia has extended its 15-year partnership with Bird Healthcare for another three years, which will see the duo continue to support pharmacies in improving access to and awareness of inhaled asthma therapies and devices. The two organisations work together to educate healthcare providers and the wider community on spacers for regular, prescribed asthma treatment and in emergencies.

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## New campaign clears the smoke

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/08/2025

A new public health campaign has launched to address a rise in vaping and smoking among Indigenous communities across Goulburn, Yass, Queanbeyan, Nowra, Eden and Cooma. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, First Nations people are currently 1.5 times more likely to use e-cigarettes than non-Indigenous people - learn more about the campaign here.

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## Policies to restrict opioid prescriptions linked to a drop in opioid-related ED visits

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 05/08/2025

Two policies to monitor and restrict the prescribing of opioids, which began in mid-2020, have been linked to a decline in opioid-related emergency department visits in Victoria, according to Australian research. The researchers found that while opioid-related ED visits dropped, there was also a sharp increase in non-opioid drug-related presentations.

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## ABC Radio Darwin , Breakfast, 05/08/2025, Adam Steer

The Government has released its first interim review into voluntary-assisted dying in the Northern Territory. It has happened 12 months after the last independent review found that a majority of Territorians were in favour of introducing voluntary- assisted dying into the NT.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### Better cancer options

Herald Sun, General News, 06/08/2025, Page 6

The Allan Labor government has pumped \$5m into a new clinical trial platform aimed at giving cancer patients easier access to new treatments. The government has entered into an agreement with BioNTech and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to launch BioNTech's new clinical trial platform.

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### Useful help, in the end

Herald Sun, General News, 06/08/2025, Page 10

A free app that helps people with end-of-life care has supported more than 1100 users since its launch in 2024 including its founder. The Healthy End-of-Life Planning (HELP) app enables users to build a

private care network of friends, family and carers to support themselves or someone else with terminal illnesses like cancer or dementia.

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

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## New cancer centre opens

Courier Mail, General News, 06/08/2025, Page 7

A world-class research centre aimed at revolutionising personalised cancer treatment has officially opened its doors in Brisbane. The Australian Cancer Research Foundation Centre for Optimised Cancer Therapy (ACRF-COCT), which opened on Tuesday, aims to understand how tumours respond to treatment using the latest genomics and technology advancements.

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

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## Saving your siblings from a heart attack

West Australian, General News, 06/08/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 16

Jason Newport has a long history of heart attacks in his family but never knew he was at higher risk until he was rushed to hospital as a fit 36-year-old. Now a new screening method has shown his siblings they are also at higher risk of a heart attack, giving them a chance to change their lifestyle before it's too late.

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

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## Very early Alzheimer's leaves mum in limbo

Cairns Post, General News, 06/08/2025, Jack Nivison, Page 10

Erin Kelly is probably going to forget her eight-year-old daughter's name before she finishes high school. Most people in her family have a 50/50 chance of developing a unique version of Alzheimer's disease thanks to a gene which gets passed down the family tree.

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## Mum races to create lasting memories after sad diagnosis

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 06/08/2025, Jack Nivison, Page 4

Erin Kelly is probably going to forget her eight-year-old daughter's name before she finishes high school. Most people in her family have a 50/50 chance of developing a unique version of Alzheimer's disease, thanks to a gene which gets passed down the family tree, but Ms Kelly, from Eagleby in Queensland, has been diagnosed much earlier than usual; she's only 29 years old.

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## A cardiologist's 10-step guide to preventing heart disease

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 05/08/2025, Eric Topol

The build-up of cholesterol and other substances in the wall of our arteries, known as atherosclerosis, is common. It can lead to severe plaques that narrow the artery and limit blood flow, or to a crack in the artery wall that can trigger blood clot formation, resulting in a heart attack.

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## Life after cancer: why it's not just 'back to normal'

The Australian, Other, 05/08/2025, Magdalena Simonis

Being given the "all clear" by the oncologist or your surgeon after cancer treatment is cause for celebration, yet many describe feeling as if they're in freefall or as if their safety net has been withdrawn. [...] Pelvic floor exercises for incontinence Post-cancer health Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

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## Free early breast cancer detecting service to come to Manjimup for women aged over 40

West Australian, Other, 05/08/2025, Yousuf Shameel

An opportunity to receive a free screening mammogram to detect breast cancer in women 40 years and older is coming to Manjimup. BreastScreen WA, a free mobile screening mammogram service, is calling those who do not have any symptoms to be screened and urges women to do the testing at least once every two years.

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

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## 'Frustrating and disappointing': Canberra residents with Parkinson's disease still campaigning for a specialist nurse

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Rosie King

Jenny Miragaya has good and bad days. "When I'm off, I can't walk. I can't stand," she said. The proud grandmother, retired midwife and keen cook was 58 when she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2016. She booked in to see her GP and then a neurologist after noticing her walking had slowed, her voice had quietened and her handwriting had deteriorated.

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## Darius Parsons: Touching tribute for 3yo Boyne Island boy lost to cancer

Cairns Post, Other, 05/08/2025, Pam McKay

In a poignant moment of solidarity, the Tannum Sands and Rockhampton Brothers senior women's footy teams stood together to honour the memory of Darius Parsons, a young boy who bravely battled cancer. The Tannum Sands and Rockhampton Brothers senior women's footy teams stood side by side, in silence, to honour the death of a "strong warrior".

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

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## Aimee's breast cancer tests left her with a \$1400 bill shock. She says they should be free

9News, Other, 05/08/2025, Emily McPherson

When Aimee Glen found a lump in her breast, it kicked off a whirlwind of what turned out to be very expensive medical tests. The 31-year-old mother-of-two, from Geelong in Victoria, is now campaigning for free diagnostic tests for breast cancer to help prevent others from having to face the same bill shock.

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## Does sunscreen really cause skin cancer?

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 05/08/2025, Angela Epstein

The problem with influencers is that they can be so, well, influential – and often not for the right reasons. Last week, former TOWIE star Sam Faiers revealed on Instagram to her 2.5 million followers that she doesn't put sunscreen on her children, fearing some brands are 'harmful' and full of 'toxic ingredients'.

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## Channel 7, Seven News, 05/08/2025

A cutting-edge cancer research centre has opened at QIMR Berghofer in Brisbane, aiming to develop personalised treatments using AI, robotics, and cellular therapies. The Centre for Optimised Cancer Therapy was made possible by a \$2 million grant from the Australian Cancer Research Foundation. CEO Kerry Strydom said the centre could save lives or put cancer patients on a better path.

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## Channel 9, Nine News, 05/08/2025

The ACRF Centre for Optimised Cancer Therapy is a cutting-edge national cancer centre that has opened in Brisbane, using AI, robotics and organoid technology to personalise treatment and improve outcomes. The QIMR Berghofer facility includes a new CAR-T program and big data research, helping patients like Andrew Nolan who no longer responded to traditional therapy.

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## 2GB, Afternoons, 05/08/2025, Bill Crews

Interview with UNSW Sydney Scientia professor Henry Brodaty about brain health and dementia prevention. Brodaty discusses findings from a major U.S. trial and an Australian study showing that lifestyle changes such as exercise, diet, social engagement, and cognitive training can improve brain function and reduce dementia risk. He also emphasises the importance of structured coaching and social connection.

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## 4BC, Drive, 05/08/2025, Gary Hardgrave

Interview with COSA Cancer Prevention Chair professor Bernard Stewart about the cancer risks of e-cigarettes. Stewart discusses new research indicating that nicotine-based e-cigarettes are likely carcinogenic and warns that vaping is not a harmless alternative to smoking. He stresses the importance of public awareness and says the risk of cancer cannot be dismissed.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Aunty helps inmates rebuild their lives

The Senior - WA, General News, 01/08/2025, Anthony Caggiano, Page 3

Aunty Rosalie Kickett never imagined she'd be supporting the mental health of men in prison. But her passion and talent for building resilience in people helped her be recognised as Female Elder of the Year at the National NAIDOC Awards 2025.

Also reported by: [The Senior - NSW \(National\)](#), [The Senior - SA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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### ACTU: Ryan Stokes is wrong about workplace mental health

Australian Financial Review, Other, 05/08/2025, Liam O'Brien

Prominent Australian businessman Ryan Stokes has partly tried to sheet home the blame for stagnating productivity on workers' abuse of mental health compensation.

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### Men's mental health campaign launched to combat suicide rates

Shepparton News Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Ryan Bellingham

A new campaign that aims to reduce the rate of men's suicide has been launched by Murray Primary Health Network. The 'His Story. End Silence. End Suicide' campaign hopes to tackle the leading cause of death of Australian men aged 15 to 44, and the third-leading cause in men aged 45 to 64.

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### ABC News, News Breakfast, 05/08/2025, James Glenday and Emma Rebellato

Interview with Jean Hailes for Women's Health's Dr. Sarah White about migraines and their impact on women. White discusses how migraines are more common in women and are often underdiagnosed and misunderstood. She highlights the significant toll migraines take on physical and mental health and points to new resources developed with Migraine & Headache Australia to support sufferers.

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## Channel 7, Seven News, 05/08/2025

A new study has revealed migraines are far more common than previously thought, with one in three Australian women affected and 13% going undiagnosed. Jean Hailes for Women's Health CEO Dr. Sarah White says 71% of sufferers are women, costing the economy up to \$37 billion. Health experts are calling for more flexible work provisions to support those impacted.

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## ABC Radio Darwin , Drive, 05/08/2025, Liz Trevaskis

Interview with Migraine & Headache Australia's Carl Cincinnato about the prevalence and impact of migraine among women. Cincinnato discusses findings from a new survey revealing one in three Australian women live with migraines. He highlights the stigma, challenges in treatment access, hormonal links, and calls for increased research funding to reflect migraine's widespread impact.

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## ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 05/08/2025

A new survey by Jean Hailes for Women's Health reveals one in three Australian women have experienced a debilitating migraine in the past three months. Experts say the findings are eye-opening, with the neurological disease now the leading cause of disability worldwide for women aged 18 to 49.

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## IMMUNISATION

### 2CC, Canberra Live, 05/08/2025, Leon Delaney

Interview with ACT President of the AMA Dr. Kerrie Aust about the ACT's worst flu season on record. Aust discusses a surge in influenza B cases and low vaccination rates, citing the importance of getting vaccinated against flu, COVID-19, and RSV. She notes cases appear less severe this year but urges continued caution and uptake of free vaccines.

Continuing on: [2CC \(Canberra\)](#).

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## HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

### Game on for brother with new lease of life

The Australian, General News, 06/08/2025, Holly Truelove, Page 7

When he slips into the water in the pool or at Bondi Beach, Alex Wilcox, 49, gives thanks to his big brother John for helping him make the most of a "second chance" at life. John, 52, donated a kidney to his brother in 2019 and later this month the two Bondi lifesavers will head to Dresden, Germany, to compete in the World Transplant Games.

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### At-home DNA tests — what can they tell you?

ABC Online, Other, 06/08/2025, Norman Swan, Shelby-Traynor and Tegan Taylor

It has become pretty common to send off a saliva sample or a cheek swab to find out more about yourself. At-home DNA testing kits offer insights into ancestry, but also claim to be able to tell you your risk of certain diseases, or even give you unique diet advice.

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## Value that matters to patients and systems at heart of new Australian

## Health Review collection

AHHA (Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association), Other, 05/08/2025

'Value-based health care isn't just about doing things more efficiently, it's about making sure every decision, every service, reflects what truly matters to patients and communities,' said Tony Farley, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA). The Australian Health Review has published a new collection on value-based health care (VBHC), Value-Driven: Redefining Care for a Healthier Nation, exploring how Australia can lead global reform by putting people at the centre of healthcare delivery.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### 100 and healthy

Northern Territory News, General News, 06/08/2025, Page 12

A new study from Sweden's Karolinska Institute shows centenarians not only live longer, they also stay healthier than other older people, suffering fewer diseases, which develop more slowly. While many older people accumulate several diagnoses quickly during their final years, the disease burden of centenarians seems to level off from about the age of 90.

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

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### Workers who install artificial stone benchtops at higher risk of developing asthma, new research shows

9News, Other, 05/08/2025, Patrick Brischetto

Ai could revolutionise asthma treatment Workers who install artificial stone benchtops are at a higher risk of developing asthma , new research shows. One in five workers, up to 20 per cent, reported having asthma, twice the rate expected of people in the general population at a similar age, a Monash University study found.

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### ABC Radio Adelaide, Evenings, 05/08/2025, Spence Denny

Interview with BiomeBank CEO Dr. Sam Costello about funding and research in microbiome therapies. Costello discusses how BiomeBank is funded through hospital payments and investor support for clinical trials of cultured therapies. He notes the need to better translate Australia's strong medical research into local biotech products and outlines current clinical trials in Crohn's disease and cancer treatments.

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

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### \$200m funding boost for NSW childcare centres helping to close the educational gap

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Kris Flanders and Tahnee Jash

Tucked away on the south coast of New South Wales, a group of toddlers from many cultural backgrounds are singing together. Eyes beaming, full of energy, they chant the following words off by heart: "Here are my friends and here am I, we thank the Dharawal people for the land, we learn and play, we pay respects to our elders, past, present, and future," which is followed by a big round of applause.

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## Culturally safe maternity care for Indigenous women: Bridging gaps for health equity

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 05/08/2025, Grete Mehus, Tahlia Johnson, Tove M Ness, Susan Smith and Nina Sivertsen

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

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## First Peoples Disability Network launches 10-Point Plan to reform NDIS

National Indigenous Times, Other, 05/08/2025, Giovanni Torre

First Peoples Disability Network has launched a 10-Point Plan to reform the NDIS for First Nations people with disability. Built around three core pillars, the plan sets out 10 key actions the Network believes should be central to efforts to close the gap for First Nations people with disability.

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## Journey mapping project aims to support culturally safe healthcare

National Indigenous Times, Other, 05/08/2025, Callan Morse

A new research project is aiming to support culturally safe healthcare in First Nations communities through journey mapping. Journey mapping relates to the process of recording different stages of health journeys to enable all aspects of health journeys to be recorded.

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## Prioritise First Nations kids' health

Nursing Review, Other, 05/08/2025, Stefanie Schultz

The Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union (QNMU) has called out the state government for its inaction on the health and wellbeing of the nation's Indigenous children. Raising her voice on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Children's Day (August 4), union secretary Sarah Beaman said there is a genuine lack of health services that focus on culturally respectful policies and practices for First Nations youth, and "that needs to change.

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## Radio National, Breakfast, 05/08/2025, Sally Sara

First Nations communities will be boosted by a \$145 million Federal Government plan which aims to Close the Gap by improving economic outcomes. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese unveiled the plan over the weekend at the Garma Festival in the Northern Territory.

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## PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

### Daughter writes her own letter to Premier over dad's 11hr wait saying 'this is no stunt'

West Australian, General News, 06/08/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 8

The daughter of an elderly man who spent upwards of 11 hours inside an emergency department before he was finally given a bed has written an open letter to the Premier urging him to apologise for the state of WA's overwhelmed hospitals. The 84-year-old's experience at Fiona Stanley Hospital- he also had to call a taxi because the wait for an ambulance was so long \_\_ laid bare the State's ramping crisis that reached a record high of 7009 hours last month.

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

## Code yellow called as pressure mounts

Border Mail, General News, 06/08/2025, Beau Greenway, Page 7

A code yellow alert has been issued for Albury Wodonga Health's emergency department for the second time in two months. The health service made the decision at 2pm on Tuesday, August 5, as pressure piles up on emergency and inpatient care areas at both Albury and Wodonga hospitals.

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

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## Gillick competency, the courts and parental consent: What are the steps for a teenager to get an abortion?

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025, Will Murray

Earlier this year, the Queensland Supreme Court gave permission for a hospital to perform a surgical abortion on a 12-year-old girl who was nine weeks pregnant. The girl, known as "E", wanted an abortion, and her mother consented. However, the court was still required to assess whether a termination was in the child's best interests.

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Care qualifications count for nothing

The Australian, Higher Education, 06/08/2025, Joanna Panagopoulos, Page 21

Thousands of graduates are to have their qualifications in aged care, mental health and disability support cancelled after the regulator discovered an alleged cash-for-diplomas scheme. The Australian Skills Quality Authority has sent more than 3500 former students of vocational education provider Arizona College a "notice of intent" to cancel 3700 community service qualifications issued between January 2024 and June 2025.

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

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### Grim: 'violent assaults, 19-hour shifts'

Canberra Times, General News, 06/08/2025, Lanie Tindale, Page 9

WorkSafe ACT notices paint a stark picture of life working in the Canberra health system over the past four years, with allegations of assault, sexual harassment, exhaustion and the risk of death and severe trauma. The work safety regulator issued 80 improvement notices and five prohibition notices to Canberra Health Services between 2021 and August 1, 2025.

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

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## Premier might be picking a fight he can never win

Courier Mail, General News, 06/08/2025, Paul Williams, Page 21

I wrote on this page a few weeks ago that industrial relations in Queensland are at tipping point. Now it looks like that point has finally tipped. Now it looks like that point has finally tipped. With police angrily rejecting an eight per cent wage increase over three years, and with teachers today on strike for the

first time in 16 years, Industrial Relations minister Jarrod Bleijie is fast learning his job is not all about delivering happy Olympics news.

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## **‘Put your oxygen mask on before helping others’**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/08/2025

Pharmacists working across all settings need to focus on their personal mental health and wellbeing to ensure they can help their communities, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) vice president, Caroline Diamantis, says. Speaking during the closing plenary of PSA25 This content is restricted to registered users only. If you have already registered on the AJP website please login below, Or you can Register for free.

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## **TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS**

### **Pharmaceutical tariffs coming ‘within the next week or so’, Donald Trump says**

The Australian, Other, 06/08/2025, Lydia Lynch

Donald Trump has threatened to raise looming tariffs on pharmaceutical imports to as high as 250 per cent in a major blow to Australian producers that could strip billions of dollars from the economy. [...] In a warning to drugmakers that supply discounted medicines under initiatives like Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Mr Trump last Thursday wrote to 17 companies pressuring them to raise prices outside of the US.

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### **‘Success is not optional’: Guild**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/08/2025

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia aims to have 80% of community pharmacies nationwide delivering full scope of practice services within 10 years, as part of its Towards 2035 strategic plan.

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### **PD breaking news – Pharmacy Guild of Australia unveils 10-year roadmap**

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/08/2025

The strategic plan aims to position community pharmacies at the forefront of the nation's healthcare system. Towards 2035 acts as a roadmap for how the peak industry body and its members will work to deliver for patients, pharmacists and pharmacies over the next decade.

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### **Guild plan puts community pharmacy at the forefront of primary healthcare**

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 05/08/2025

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has published its 10-year roadmap to create healthier communities through community pharmacy. Towards 2035 sets out an ambitious plan for how the Guild and its members will work to deliver for patients, pharmacists and pharmacies.

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## **MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH**

## AI regulation 'puts \$116bn in productivity gains at risk'

The Australian, General News, 06/08/2025, Matthew Cranston, Page 5

Jim Chalmers has been warned by the Productivity Commission that new regulations for artificial intelligence should come as "a last resort", saying they would "stifle" 4.3pc growth in labour productivity and an estimated \$116bn in extra value to the economy over the next decade. In its latest of five reports to the Treasurer on productivity before a three-day roundtable later this month, the PC acknowledges concerns about the possibility of AI having negative labour market effects, shrinking competition, as well as environmental, privacy and copyright risks, but recommends against introducing new regulations in these areas.

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

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## 'A lot of money': Brutal reason you could be in for a tax bill this year

NEWS.com.au, Other, 05/08/2025, Ally Foster

A little-known tax return detail is seeing an increasing number of people hit with unexpected bills this year, with Australians warned that even past returns could come under scrutiny. Melbourne-based accountant, Michael Fox, first encountered this issue a few months ago, when he received a notice from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

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

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Uni takes action on DV grub student

Courier Mail, General News, 06/08/2025, Jami Roberts, Page 10

James Cook University has suspended a Townsville medical student who pleaded guilty to bashing his ex-girlfriend, following calls from doctors, students and the community to have him removed from the uni. Uvindu Pansuja Smarasi Jayasekara was sentenced last week for the brutal assault on his then-partner also a JCU medical student at a university medical ball in 2021.

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### AHPRA director departures

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 05/08/2025

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) has confirmed that two of its longest-serving executive directors are leaving the organisation over the next two months. Ahpra executive director for regulatory operations, Kym Ayscough, and executive director of strategy, policy and health workforce,

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### Australian doctor to remain banned from practice after condemning abortion and calling trans surgery 'medical butchery'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 05/08/2025, Sarah Brookes

A doctor who called abortion providers 'butchers' and 'serial contract killers' has been found guilty of professional misconduct over 54 social media posts expressing controversial views on gender ideology, Islam, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr Jereth Kok, a Melbourne-based GP, had his medical licence suspended by the Medical Board of Australia in 2019 following two anonymous complaints about personal social media posts dating back to 2010.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

## As Samoa battles dengue fever, here's what you need to know about the mosquito-borne virus

ABC Online, Other, 05/08/2025

Each morning in Samoa, fumigation teams gear up to spray schools and buildings, battling tirelessly against a dengue outbreak. Since the outbreak was declared on April 17, Samoa's Ministry of Health says more than 5,600 clinically diagnosed cases have been recorded.

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## It's winter and respiratory illnesses are everywhere. Will going out underdressed in cold weather make me sick?

The Guardian, Other, 06/08/2025, Donna Lu

It was inevitable that I would, as Oscar Wilde quipped, become like my mother. After decades of being told to "Put on more clothes! You'll catch a cold!" I now, despite knowing better, insist the same for my daughter.

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## Warning over virus dangerous to newborns and elderly after surge in Australia

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 05/08/2025

The UK should brace for a surge in a potentially serious virus following a record number of cases in Australia, health experts have said. NHS officials said that the Australian winter is often a good predictor of how viruses will spread in England.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### Productivity Commission urges against over-regulating AI, flags \$116bn growth potential

The Australian, Other, 05/08/2025, Jessica Wang

The government has been warned against implementing stifling and unnecessary red tape around the growing AI sector, urging that "technology-specific regulations" should be used "as a last resort". [...] The regulation of AI-based medical devices through the TGA was used as an example in the report, noting that if a device already fulfils the guardrails set by the regulatory body, the government shouldn't raise the regulatory burden which would force companies to demonstrate further compliance.

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### 'In limbo': Queensland mum diagnosed with rare form of Alzheimer's at 29

NEWS.com.au, Other, 05/08/2025, Jack Nivison

Erin Kelly is likely going to forget her eight-year-old daughter Evie's name before her little girl finishes high school. [...] Lecanemab is not approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and therefore is not subsidised.

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

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### TGA boss poses as a patient ahead of potential medicinal cannabis crackdown

Australian Doctor, Other, 05/08/2025, Jamie Thannoo

The tga is investigating the potential for restrictions on medicinal cannabis prescribing, such as clamping down on the Special Access Scheme. With a handful of doctors writing 90 medicinal

cannabis scripts per working day, according to AHPRA , the TGA is preparing to consult on the safety risks and the potential for closer oversight.

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## Prescribing psychedelics

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 05/08/2025

Australia's first clinical practice guideline for psychedelics has been released for public consultation. [...] In section seven of the guideline, pharmacists are advised to dispense or supply MDMA directly to authorised prescribers only, rather than to patients, and in accordance with the guidance from the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

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## 'Growing concerns' spark TGA cannabis consultation

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 05/08/2025

A handful of doctors have issued very high rates of medicinal cannabis product prescriptions in recent years. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will investigate whether medicinal cannabis regulations are adequate and appropriate in response to 'increasing public and professional concern' over safety risks, particularly for unapproved high-strength products.

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## Five things I wish people knew about supplements – by a nutritionist

The New Daily, Other, 05/08/2025, Rachel Woods

From collagen powders to immunity gummies, supplements are everywhere – in our Instagram feeds, on supermarket shelves and filling our bathroom cabinets. [...] In Australia, advertising health-related products or services on social media is subject to regulations outlined by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### \$30m for food waste hubs

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 06/08/2025, Luke Griffiths, Page 7

Geelong council is investing \$30m so it can process more kitchen waste as it readies to roll out a dedicated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) kerbside bin within two years. The vast majority \$27m is for a major expansion of its Anakie compost centre, with the remainder to go towards upgrading its Point Henry Rd site in Moolap so it can process FOGO.

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## Australian consumers unlikely to see US beef on supermarket shelves as giants support local farmers

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 05/08/2025, Georgia Campion

Australia's major supermarkets and fast food chains have no plans to stock beef from Canada or Mexico and slaughtered in the US, despite the Albanese Government lifting a long-standing import ban last month. The Federal Government last month controversially ended a 22-year-old ban on beef from Canadian and Mexican cattle slaughtered in the United States, declaring the move followed a decade-long scientific review and posed no risk to food safety.

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