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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The **[Weekend Australian](#)** (page 10) reports NSW Health Minister Ryan Park said the number of elderly patients stuck in hospitals due to aged-care shortages is unacceptable, as he and other state ministers pressed Federal Health Minister Mark Butler for urgent action. *Also reported by:* [The West Australian \(Saturday edition\) \(Perth\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).
- The **[Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 3) reports Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has announced the IVF sector will be regulated by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care after a review found the current self-regulation lacked transparency. *Also reported by:* [ABC Online \(Online\)](#).
- **[The Age](#)** (page 1) reports that Victoria's Nursing and Midwifery Federation has warned more than 2000 graduates could be left without jobs in 2026 despite the government paying their course fees, blaming poor planning and calling on the Victorian Government to urgently fund positions.
- The **[Saturday Paper](#)** (page 10) reports single mothers by choice, who are the largest users of donor sperm and assisted reproductive technology, remain legally vulnerable under Section 60H of the Family Law Act, with advocates calling for reform.

- [Canberra Times](#) (page 18) reports public hospitals are struggling with staff attrition and long delays as doctors rejected a 3 per cent NSW Government pay offer, with the Australian Medical Association warning of burnout and union leaders saying the deal undervalues their work.
- The [Weekend Australian](#) (page 10) reports SA Health Minister Chris Picton has conceded the South Australian Government is unlikely to meet its 2022 election promise to fix ambulance ramping, blaming a surge in elderly patients stuck in hospitals due to aged-care shortages.
- The [Illawarra Mercury](#) (page 12) reports reports medical bodies are urging health ministers to introduce nationwide rules by June 2026 allowing GPs to diagnose and prescribe ADHD medications to improve access and cut costs. *Also reported by:* [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(Online\)](#), [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(Online\)](#).
- The [Weekend Post](#) (page 14) reports new data on Far North Queensland's deadliest melioidosis outbreak, which caused 120 cases and 15 deaths last wet season, has shown a strong link between rainfall and infections, with Dr Matthew O'Bryan saying most patients also had underlying health conditions.
- [The West Australian](#) (page 24) reports an international study has found Royal Perth Hospital's use of AI monitoring technology is saving spinal surgery patients time in ICU and thousands of dollars while freeing up beds.

MINISTER BUTLER

States demand fix for elderly in need

Weekend Australian, General News, 13/09/2025, Paul Garvey, Page 10

The number of elderly patients stuck in hospitals due to a lack of aged-care beds is unacceptable and the federal government needs to do more, NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says. Speaking after state and territory health ministers met with their federal counterpart Mark Butler in Perth on Friday, Mr Park and his colleagues reiterated their call for the Albanese government to help ease pressure on hospitals by adding more capacity in aged care.

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

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Bungles deliver new IVF controls

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/09/2025, Robyn Riley, Page 3

Regulator to police sector Australia's IVF and fertility sector will no longer be able to police itself and will be regulated by an independent body following a long-awaited review. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said all the recommendations of the review had been accepted.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#).

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Queensland leads aged care reform push

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Ellen Ransley, Page 3

Queensland will take the lead in ensuring the federal government does more to transition long-stay hospital patients to aged care across the country. Health ministers had a heated meeting in Perth on Friday, where federal Minister Mark Butler was presented with data showing 2400 older Australians were languishing in hospital, despite being medically ready for discharge.

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

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Darwin Medicare clinic tender process begins

Northern Territory News, General News, 13/09/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 5

The hunt to find an operator for a new Darwin Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is underway. [...] While

these healthcare models have been questioned in the past for the best value for money in the Territory, MP and Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, said the Palmerston clinic had already had more than 28,000 presentations.

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

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States' aged-care ultimatum

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 13/09/2025, Jessica Page & Oliver Lane, Page 8

The blame game between the States and Canberra over aged care came to a head in Perth on Friday, with the Federal Health Minister copping a united assault after weeks of pressure from the Cook Government. [...] After a four-hour meeting in Perth, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, pictured, was left to face the cameras alone, only minutes after State and Territory ministers emerged together to declare the crisis was getting worse, not better.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Wam News Online \(Online\)](#), [Your Life Choices \(Online\)](#).

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Singled out

The Saturday Paper, General News, 13/09/2025, Hannah Bamba, Page 10

Single mothers by choice are the largest users of donated sperm and assisted reproductive technology in Australia, yet they have the least legal rights under the country's Family Law Act. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler and Attorney-General Michelle Rowland were contacted for comment.

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

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Urgent care clinic tenders

Cairns Local News, General News, 12/09/2025, Nick Dalton, Page 1

Tenders have opened for a provider for a second Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Cairns to service the northern suburbs. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the Cairns South Medicare Urgent Care Clinic had already seen over 28,500 patients.

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ACT demands more hospital funding in federal negotiations

Braidwood Times, Other, 12/09/2025, Dana Daniel & Lanie Tindale

The ACT spends an average \$9257 per episode of care to look after patients in Canberra's public hospitals - 28 per cent higher than the benchmark used to set Commonwealth funding - and will use the figure to demand extra cash. ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith is expected to make the case for special treatment in negotiations with federal Health Minister Mark Butler on Friday.

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\$1,132 Centrelink dental benefit that millions of Aussie families are missing out on

Yahoo! Finance Australia, Other, 12/09/2025, Tamika Seeto

Millions of Aussie families are eligible to access \$1,132 worth of financial support from the government through Centrelink to help with their child's dental costs. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has encouraged Aussies to utilise the scheme.

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New health trial brings specialist care to local aged care homes

WEB The Wombat Post, Other, 12/09/2025, Tim Bach

Older people in aged care homes across western Victoria are set to benefit from a new health project trial aimed at reducing avoidable hospital visits and improving access to specialist care. [...] Minister for

Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said the project would help researchers and health services better understand how to improve care in regional areas.

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The 'Dispatched' week in review

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 12/09/2025

MSAC's rejection of Pompe disease newborn screening is condemned as contemptuous and inhumane. Highlight families' suffering, dismiss the committee's excuses, and call on Health Minister Mark Butler to override the decision, show moral leadership, and deliver on the promise of 'never again'.

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Surely this is what the collapse of moral authority must look like

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 12/09/2025

The Medical Services Advisory Committee's advice to Health Minister Mark Butler paints a dystopian picture of its decision-making. It has blithely dismissed the lives of newborn babies, which can only raise questions about its ongoing moral authority.

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Parkinson's and melanoma added to PBS

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/09/2025, Michelle Wisbey

Medicines for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, neuroblastoma, endometrial cancer, cystic fibrosis and melanoma are now all available under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). [...] Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler said the Federal Government remains committed to 'making life-changing medicines cheaper for all Australians'.

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Medicine, milestones, momentum

medicSA, General News, 01/10/2025, Page 35

It has been a whirlwind of a past few months, to say the least. [...] Australian Health, Ageing and Disability Minister Mark Butler addressed AMA25 attendees, crediting the national AMA for Labor's GP workforce policies and acknowledging how AMA policy efforts have directly influenced government decision-making.

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ABC, ABC News, 12/09/2025, Nakari Thorpe

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has approved an independent accreditation system for the IVF system following a three-month review. The Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee will be scrapped to make way for a national independent scheme overseen by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality Healthcare. Butler was also pressed by his state counterparts on aged care reform, particularly addressing the number of long-stay elderly patients in public hospitals. He says he acknowledged more beds are needed urgently in nursing homes to address strain on the system.

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ABC, ABC News, 12/09/2025, Mitchell Abram

News Australia's biggest gas project, Woodside's Northwest Shelf, has received final approval from Federal Environment Minister Murray Watt to extend operations through until 2070. It's subject to almost 50 strict conditions to protect nearby ancient Indigenous rock art, but some traditional owners aren't convinced.

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ABC News, Mornings, 12/09/2025, Joe O'Brien

Health ministers are meeting in Perth to find ways to ease pressure on public hospitals. A report released by the state and territory health ministers says a lack of residential aged care beds and the inability of the sector to deal with older Australians with complex needs means public hospitals have

become aged care providers of last resort. Health Minister Mark Butler says he is open to working with the states.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 12/09/2025, Monique Wright and Matt Shirvington

Panel Discussion with Health Minister Mark Butler and Liberal Senator Jane Hume. Wright says state health ministers are accusing the Federal Government of leaving elderly Australians effectively homeless for failing to provide enough beds in aged care. Butler says they have invested more money and energy in aged care over the last three years, as staff were leaving in droves and there were no new facilities being built. He notes they are providing record funding to state governments to support their hospital operations and targeted investment to help older Australians avoid having to go to hospital in the first place. Hume states 5,000 Australians died waiting for appropriate care, and it is not acceptable.

Also reported by: [Channel 7 \(Sydney\)](#).

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Statewide Mornings, 12/09/2025, Rory McClaren

Interview with the Australian political reporter Sarah Ison. Ison says all the health ministers are meeting in Perth, including Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, and SA Health Minister Chris Picton is leading a campaign to call out the Federal Government on the mismanagement of the aged care system. She notes it didn't really start off on the right foot when Butler announced Thriving Kids because he didn't tell anyone about it beforehand.

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ABC Radio Perth, Drive, 12/09/2025, Gary Adshead

Interview with Juniper Aged Care CEO Russell Bricknell. Adshead says there is a meeting of health ministers in Perth discussing bed blockages in hospitals due to not enough aged care beds or packages. Bricknell says there was a study done about 18 months ago that suggested the need to build 20,000 beds a year nationally for the next 10 years to meet demand, but the growth rate is currently only at 5,000 a year. Adshead states Health Minister Mark Butler said there is an understanding that it takes some time to build the facilities and the beds that are needed, and it is something that they will work on together. Bricknell says 65% of providers, as recently as two years ago, were losing money every year.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 16:00 News, 12/09/2025

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says he understands the frustration over the lack of aged care beds, but says the situation is improving. State health ministers say there are 2,500 elderly people in hospital beds who are fit for discharge but can't leave because there are no aged care beds for them. Butler states he and the ministers discussed shorter-term measures to try to ease pressure.

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MINISTER RAE

Government confirms AN-ACC price rise and 42% hotelling supplement boost

The Albanese Government has confirmed new funding increases for residential aged care from next month – including a 42% jump in the hotelling supplement. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the increase "means more funding for aged care homes, supporting higher wages for workers and better care for our loved ones."

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

New Medicare mental health centre for Alice Springs

National Indigenous Times, Other, 12/09/2025, Dechlan Brennan

A new Medicare Mental Health Centre will soon open in Mparntwe/Alice Springs, providing free support for people in distress without the need for an appointment, referral or treatment plan. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Emma McBride, said: "Alice Springs residents will soon be able to walk in and access the free support and care they need from a multidisciplinary care team."

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NACCHO sector news

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Other, 12/09/2025

Tuesday 9 September marked international FASD Awareness Day – a day to increase awareness, reduce stigma and celebrate the leadership of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) in FASD support and prevention. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Emma McBride, said: "Alice Springs residents will soon be able to walk in and access the free support and care they need from a multidisciplinary care team."

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 12/09/2025, Rick Hind

Interview with Assistant Federal Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride. McBride says there will be more than \$1m boost to Headspace in Darwin to upgrade their premises, and the branch will be uplifted to a new model called Headspace Plus, which acknowledges the growing complexity and the increasing demand for services. She notes what they can do as a Commonwealth, through the National Eating Disorder Strategy, is translate local perspectives to local services like Right Care Right Place, which has been piloted in the NTPHN. McBride states that the tenders will go out through NT Health for the new Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Darwin.

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ABC Alice Springs, Breakfast, 12/09/2025, Stewart Brash

Interview with Neami National director of mental health hubs Peter Warden. Brash says there is a plan for Alice residents to have access to free walk-in mental health support with a Medicare mental health centre set to open, and Minister Emma McBride wasn't able to give much details. Warden says the Medicare Mental Health Centres are designed to provide a welcoming place for people to access free mental health information services and supports.

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Cancer summit tackles equity

Pharma In Focus, Other, 12/09/2025

Equitable access to cancer care will be top of the agenda as medical experts, pharma companies,

patient advocates and policymakers gather in Sydney today for the Private Cancer Physicians of Australia (PCPA) Cancer Summit. [...] Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Rebecca White, will address the summit on the topic of personalised medicine and cancer care.

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DEPARTMENT

What does "value for money" really mean in home aged care?

Surf Coast Times, General News, 12/09/2025, Page 42

When it comes to home aged care, families often ask the same question: "Am I getting value for money?" It's a fair concern. [...] At Dovidia Geelong, Giovanni and Giselle lead a team that's proud to be local, ethical, and fully registered with the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Also reported by: [Geelong Times \(Geelong\)](#), [Bellarine Times \(Bellarine\)](#), [Armstrong Creek Times \(Victoria\)](#).

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36,000 residents across 2603 aged care homes have their say

agedhealth.com.au, Other, 12/09/2025

The Australian Government has highlighted results from the 2024 Residents' Experience Survey, in which 36,000 residents across 2603 aged care homes had their say. [...] You can read the summary fact sheet of the 2024 Residents' Experience Survey results here, via the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website.

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Institute compulsory religious and cultural sensitivity training for all, DoHDA told

Health Services Daily, Other, 12/09/2025, Cate Swannell

Three recommendations of 54 from the Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia were targeted at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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Blood cancer funding under review

Pharma In Focus, Other, 12/09/2025

The way multiple myeloma is funded on the PBS could be overhauled, with the PBAC meeting with clinicians, Myeloma Australia, and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to review restrictions on treatments. The PBAC has released the Outcome Statement for the Multiple Myeloma Stakeholder Meeting held in July, where PBS-listed therapies for multiple myeloma (MM) and relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) were discussed.

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Antibiotic resistance a 'collective responsibility'

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/09/2025, Michelle Wisbey

Despite winter coming to an end for another year, the 2025 flu season has brought with it a surge in respiratory illnesses. [...] It comes after last year, Australia's Chief Medical Officer Professor Tony Lawler issued a reminder to patients, saying they should not take antibiotics 'just in case', nor use antimicrobials prescribed for other people.

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The emerging insidious side effects of the 12.5% bulk-billing incentive

The Medical Republic, Other, 12/09/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

When the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing was doing its "extensive" modelling of the new bulk-billing regime, you'd hope the mandarins gave some thought to the following scenario, given just how many practices they modelled would be converting to full bulk billing to attract the 12. So, say I'm a corporate and most of my practices have very high bulk-billing rates already, often well above 80%.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Moose & me: A story of love and dementia

Weekend Australian, General News, 13/09/2025, Fiona Harari, Page 19

If you're Louise Bryant and you've spent the past decade adapting to the news that your beloved, a middle-aged former advertising whiz, has early onset dementia, you may suggest, amid the shocking mayhem unfolding before you, that your partner is no monster. "He's just a big clumsy teddy bear," she calls out on an otherwise unremarkable morning in mid-2025 as officers tackle her adored Craig "Moose" Moore to the ground, shouting, incomprehensibly to him, "obey my orders" and "don't you punch me".

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

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Disgust after Covid-ravaged aged care operator gets off hook

Herald Sun, General News, 13/09/2025, Laura Placella, Page 7

Loved ones of the victims of Melbourne's deadly second Covid wave say they have been left "devastated" and "disgusted" after an aged care provider was found not guilty of breaching occupational health and safety laws. Heritage Care ran Epping Gardens in Melbourne's north in 2020 when 34 of its residents died from Covid complications after the virus ravaged the aged care facility.

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

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Retiree's dream now a nightmare

Border Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Lisa Edser, Page 17

A man who is hard of hearing has been left homeless after a dispute with an adult family member, exposing how vulnerable retirees can be when living with relatives. [...] Ageing and Disability Commissioner Jeff Smith said the commission consistently hears from older people who never imagined they would be in this situation "Unfortunately, it happens far too often, and the impacts are devastating," he said.

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"Hope is not a strategy": Tom Symondson on the countdown to 1 November

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/09/2025, Lauren Broomham

In an exclusive interview, the Ageing Australia CEO outlines the hurdles still facing providers and his blueprint for the future. The aged care sector has been working towards 1 November for more than two years. The aged care sector has been working towards 1 November for more than two years. Now, with less than two months to go before the new Aged Care Act commences, attention has shifted from theory to execution.

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One million people: Australia's 'scary' new dementia projection — and the risk factors

A new report has also found dementia was Australia's leading cause of death in 2023. Over one million Australians will be living with dementia in 40 years — more than double the current number — according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

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Devastating new study reveals dementia now killing more Australians than any other disease

7news.com.au, Other, 12/09/2025

Dementia has become Australia's leading cause of death, killing more people than any other disease, according to alarming new research. A study from the Institute of Health and Welfare reveals the condition is now responsible for one in 10 deaths across the country, marking a significant shift in Australia's health landscape.

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Dementia now the leading cause of death for Australians

9News, Other, 12/09/2025, Richard Wood

Experts from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare say dementia - a broad term for symptoms triggered by varying diseases that impact brain function - is having an enormous impact on families. Without a significant intervention, the number of Australians living with dementia will exceed one million by 2065, the research found.

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The 'silent killer' disease with the highest death rate in Australia

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 12/09/2025, Max Aldred

More than one million Australians are expected to be living with dementia by 2065 , with the silent killer now the leading cause of death in the country. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released its updated Dementia in Australia report on Friday, revealing a significant rise in cases.

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Dire dementia prognosis prompts political action demand

Shepparton News Online, Other, 12/09/2025

Dementia is the leading cause of death for women and second only to heart disease for men. -AAP Image Australians are dying from dementia more than any other disease, as advocates warn the number of people with the disease could exceed one million without government intervention.

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New AN-ACC price increase

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/09/2025

The government has announced it will increase the Australian National Aged Care Classification base price to \$294.64 per resident per day, up \$12.18 from the current \$282.44. The new price takes into effect regular indexation, the superannuation guarantee increase and the additional work value case funding. Care minutes for each AN-ACC class will be adjusted on 1 October to align with the new funding.

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Suicide prevention course for aged care workers

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/09/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

To better train future aged care workers, the Queensland state government is delivering a free, nationally accredited, online course on suicide prevention. According to knowledge exchange portal Life in Mind, older adults in Australia are disproportionately impacted by suicide.

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Dementia now leading cause of death

Dementia Action Week starts next Monday, and with dementia now the leading cause of death in Australia, Professor Tanya Buchanan is urging the government to commit to funding a national dementia awareness conversation. Updates to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Dementia in Australia report show that dementia is now the leading cause of death for Australians.

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Dementia now leading cause of death for Australians

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 13/09/2025, Natalie Dragon

Dementia is now the leading cause of death for Australians, according to the latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Dementia in Australia update. The latest AIHW update coincides with Dementia Action Week 2025 which runs from Monday 15 September to Sunday 21 September, and includes World Alzheimer's Day on Sunday 21 September.

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'Scary number': Experts urge action as dementia cases predicted to double

Your Life Choices, Other, 12/09/2025, Floralyn Teodoro

A shocking new projection shows 1.1 million Australians could be living with dementia by 2065, which is more than double today's numbers. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)'s updated report reveals this figure will more than double in the next four decades.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 12/09/2025, Peter Overton

Dementia has now overtaken heart disease as the leading cause of death in Australia. Latest figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare show the number of deaths has more than doubled since 2009, claiming 17,400 lives in 2023. Dementia Australia's Dr Kaele Stokes says dementia is not a natural part of ageing, but the risk of developing dementia increases as they age.

Also reported by: [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#).

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2GB, Afternoons, 12/09/2025, Michael McLaren

Interview with Dementia Australia Centre for Dementia Learning director Dr David Sykes. McLaren says the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Dementia in Australia report has found dementia is now the leading cause of death for Australians, and the number of people living with dementia is expected to exceed a million by 2065. Sykes says there is no treatment slash cure in sight at this stage, and it is not a normal part of the ageing process. He notes the report found that 43% of that dementia number in Australia can be attributed to six modifiable risk factors, and they include being overweight or obese, physical inactivity, high blood sugar, high blood pressure in midlife, smoking and impaired kidney function.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 12/09/2025, Saskia Mabin

Interview with Council on the Ageing ACT CEO Jenny Mobbs. Mabin says ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith is at a meeting along with other health ministers from the country to ask the Federal Minister to step in and help with the number of elderly people stuck in the hospital. Mobbs says they have people in the Canberra Hospital that perhaps should be moved to aged care, but finding a spot in aged care in Canberra is really challenging. She notes they were expecting new legislation this year, but that's been delayed until November 1st.

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ABC Radio Perth, Statewide Mornings, 12/09/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with University of Adelaide neurodegenerative diseases researcher Associate Professor Lyndsey Collins-Praino. Mitsopoulos says dementia has now taken over heart disease as the leading cause of death in Australia, and one million people could be living with a condition within a decade.

Collins-Praino says Dementia Australia has said they already have about 433,000 Australians living with dementia, and there are about 1.7 million Australians who are involved in the care of people with dementia in some way. She notes its economic burdens include the cost of the medical system and time lost at work.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 12/09/2025, Graeme Goodings

Interview with Dementia Australia's Dr Kaele Stokes. Goodings says a report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has found dementia is now the leading cause of death in Australia. Stokes says it is probably one of the most misunderstood and feared conditions despite its prevalence. She notes there are currently no significant disease-modifying treatments that will be applicable to every single person who is impacted by dementia. Stokes states Dementia Australia has been calling on the Federal Government to have a national conversation on dementia and brain health.

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PRIMARY CARE

Nicholls confused by travel subsidy

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 3

Regional Queenslanders trying to claim a pitiful allowance to help them pay for travel to receive health treatment is so complicated, Health Minister Tim Nicholls says not even he could figure it out quickly. His frank admission comes as politicians are paid a flat allowance of more than \$400 a day for travel, with few questions asked and they can pocket any unused funds.

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

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Where medical experts failed

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Des Houghton, Page 58

A Queensland team that includes former Keating government minister Gary Johns has fired the first shots in a battle to stop transgender activists receiving taxpayer funding. Johns has joined the Australian Medical Professionals' Society (AMPS) and the Nurses' Professional Association of Australia (NPAA) in calling for Australian Professional Association for Trans Health (AusPATH) to be stripped of its charity status.

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Medical bodies call for 'faster, fairer, affordable' ADHD care

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 13/09/2025, Tess Ikonomou, Page 12

Healthcare professionals call for nationwide rules that would allow GPs to diagnose and treat ADHD to help avoid high costs and delays for patients and families. Ahead of a meeting of state and federal health ministers in Perth on Friday, medical bodies representing GPs and ADHD professionals have called for consistency in prescribing rules to take pressure off the health system and make access to care faster and more affordable.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(Online\)](#), [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(Online\)](#)

Hard work rewarded

Central Western Daily, General News, 13/09/2025, Amy Rees, Page 1

Bringing happy and healthy babies into the world is what all staff in maternity units strive for. And improving these numbers is what the Women and Infants Unit at Orange Health Service has been acknowledged for at the Western NSW Local Health District Awards.

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Top doctor says more thorough ADHD diagnosis could drive down melatonin demand for kids

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/09/2025, Tamara McDonald

A top doctor says demand for melatonin in kids would go down if the ADHD diagnosis process was "more robust", amid concerns people will buy dodgy products online after a major retailer suspended sales of the sleep aid. iHerb recently suspended melatonin sales to Australia after reports of overdoses in kids.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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No replacement for a GP: how social media is 'influencing' women's health

The Australian, Other, 12/09/2025, Danielle McMullen

I have always thought a general practice consultation room is like a microcosm of the wider community. As a GP, you gain a strong sense of what is happening in the community and how people are feeling.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 12/09/2025, James Glenday & Emma Rebellato

Sydney Water is in hot water after the NSW Upper House said the organisation has told the Government and the broader NSW public back in June of last year that there was no PFAS contamination in Sydney's drinking supply. PFAS was detected in multiple water systems across Sydney a month later. A report by the Upper House inquiry has recommended NSW Health to reassess the current protocols for PFAS.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 12/09/2025, Craig Reucassel

Interview with NSW Greens MLC Cate Faehrmann. Reucassel says a parliamentary Inquiry has found that Sydney Water was too quick to claim there were no PFAS hotspots in drinking water catchments. Faehrmann says an investigation by the Sydney Morning Herald and University of Western Sydney water scientist Professor Ian Wright has revealed elevated levels of PFAS in Sydney Water and the Belubula River.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Revenue plunge should provoke tobacco rethink

Weekend Australian, Business News, 13/09/2025, Eric Johnston, Page 25

On my commute to The Australian's Melbourne bureau, I'll pass as many as four burnt-out shops. Two of these were firebombed within the past year, and two have stood charred and boarded up for much longer.

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

Katie's moving story brings hope to remote Australia

Weekend Australian, General News, 13/09/2025, Ria Pandey, Page 11

More than a decade ago, it was a passion for movement that drew Kiwi-born educator Katie Thompson to the sculpted trails of the Larapinta in Alice Springs. [...] About 28 per cent of the nation's population lives in rural and remote areas, but poorer health outcomes are common, due to limited access to health care, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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Fibre optics for both body & mind

The Nightly, General News, 12/09/2025, Sarah Di Lorenzo, Page 38

Did you know the vast majority of Australians are not getting enough fibre in their diet? Statistics show that 28 per cent of adults and 42 per cent of children are meeting their recommended daily intake of dietary fibre. Less than 20 per cent are consuming the amount of fibre to reduce chronic disease risk.

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Fishy finding

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 13/09/2025, Andrew Hough, Page 1

Official sea dredging likely killed hundreds of thousands of fish at a taxpayer-funded Adelaide research laboratory, experts believed, sparking claims of a state government "cover-up". [...] "Collaboration and data sharing between DEW, EPA and PIRSA occurred, however there is no link indicating the dredging and sand placement changed the water quality."

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Silent killer

Northern Territory News, Editorials, 13/09/2025, Page 22

When Territorian mum Jessica Lew Fatt took her four-year-old son Trevor into Royal Darwin Hospital with breathing problems and a cold she was worried. By the second time the next day, she was terrified.

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Tobacco smugglers bricking it

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 13/09/2025, Shannon Hampton, Page 13

More than four million illicit cigarettes concealed behind a wall of bricks in a sea container have been found in Fremantle leading to the dismantling of a major national crime syndicate. An investigation by the Australian Border Force and Australian Federal Police foiled what they are calling a "sophisticated criminal operation" after making the sea container find early last month.

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

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Wipe-out for brand in recall

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 13/09/2025, Page 9

Popular probiotic baby wipes have been urgently recalled due to poor sealing, which could lead to mould and eye infections. The ACCC has pulled Bunjie probiotic baby eye wipes from shelves as the package may not have been properly sealed during the manufacturing process.

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

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Investing in endometriosis care

medicSA, General News, 01/10/2025, Page 16

Gynaecologist and long-term women's health advocate Dr Melissa Slattery argues that the costs imposed by endometriosis on individuals and the health system should be balanced by increased

government spending. [...] The 2018 'National Action Plan for Endometriosis' (NAPE) was created from a partnership between federal government, endometriosis experts and advocacy groups

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Midlife, menopause and missed opportunities

medicSA, General News, 01/10/2025, Page 20

Gp and medical educator Dr Marny Royans says lifestyle medicine can help doctors move beyond menopause symptom management to deliver holistic, evidence-based support for midlife women. As a GP, I've seen how profoundly the menopausal years can affect women physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively.

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Tasmanian government consulting on public homebirth model

ABC Online, Other, 12/09/2025, Lucy MacDonald

The Tasmanian government is considering introducing a public homebirth model, bringing it into line with the majority of the country. In Tasmania, women planning homebirths can only access privately practising midwives but the Department of Health says "demand exceeds current availability", and it can be costly.

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Funding not meeting palliative care demand

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/09/2025

The Palliative Care Australia national workforce survey has shown an increasing demand for palliative care, but funding constraints and workforce shortages are straining workers. Responses to the 2024 National Palliative Care Workforce Survey are a wake-up call for policymakers and funders, says Palliative Care Australia chief executive officer Camilla Rowland.

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Clinical pathways show early signs of progress in sepsis burden

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 12/09/2025, Natalie Dragon

A decline in the proportion of sepsis-related deaths occurring in emergency departments suggests the growing impact of sepsis education and pathways, reveals a new report released ahead of World Sepsis Day tomorrow. The landmark report released for World Sepsis Day, 13 September 2025, reveals that sepsis is more prevalent, deadly and costly than previously understood.

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The true burden of sepsis on Australian hospitals

Medical Forum, Other, 12/09/2025

A new report has shed light on the significant burden of sepsis on Australia's public healthcare system – with the condition remaining a significant cause of deaths and healthcare costs. More than 84,000 people were hospitalised with sepsis in 2022-23.

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\$1m for women's health

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/09/2025

The Sisterhood Foundation has announced an additional \$1 million funding commitment to support neglected areas in women's health, following the release of a new report produced in partnership with Monash University, Women Deserve Better. The pledge from Wesfarmers Health's official charity will focus on Australia's most underfunded and misunderstood women's health issues, including mental health conditions, chronic pain conditions, cardiovascular disease and endometriosis.

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Pall care services under pressure

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/09/2025

A new report from Palliative Care Australia is "a wake-up call for funders and policymakers", said CEO Camilla Rowland. According to the 2024 National Palliative Care Workforce Survey, 90% of respondents in specialist palliative care settings reported increased demand for specialist palliative care in the previous year, but only 28% said funding met that demand.

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Katie's moving story brings hope, healing to remote, disadvantaged communities

The Australian, Other, 13/09/2025, Ria Pandey

More than a decade ago, it was a passion for movement that drew Kiwi-born educator Katie Thompson to the sculpted trails of the Larapinta in Alice Springs. [...] About 28 per cent of the nation's population lives in rural and remote areas, but poorer health outcomes are common, due to limited access to health care, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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Emma Jarvis: Overdose tests our morality as we must shift from stigma and blame

West Australian, Other, 12/09/2025, Emma Jarvis

I remember walking down a street more than 20 years ago with a companion when I came across a man lying on his back near an alleyway, seemingly not breathing. People ahead of us glanced at him and hurried on.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

PolyNovo in ASX halt after study data leak

Weekend Australian, Business News, 13/09/2025, Angelica Snowden, Page 27

The leak of positive results from a wound healing study forced the ASX-listed biotech PolyNovo into a trading halt on Friday. The company chaired by Melbourne deal-maker David Williams requested the suspension because "a poster made public" the results of a chronic wound study, in which PolyNovo's NovoSorb product was compared with the existing standard of care for post-operative diabetes-related foot wounds in 64 people.

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Bones, brain, lung and liver you think it's all over

Courier Mail, Qweekend, 13/09/2025, Thomas Chamberlin, Page 1

When Police Commissioner Steve Gollschewski stood down from his role in February to fight a shocking Stage 4 cancer diagnosis, he didn't know what the future would hold. Now, seven months on, he is remarkably returning to the top job after undergoing groundbreaking treatment that has given him a second chance at life

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Two more weeks and it would've been too late

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Thomas Chamberlin, Page 9

Queensland Police Commissioner Steve Gollschewski was near death and destined for palliative care within two weeks had he not received crucial cancer treatment, his oncologist has revealed. But remarkably - after cancer spread from his lungs to his bones, liver and brain - Mr Gollschewski will return to lead the police service on Monday in an inspiring recovery oncologist Associate Professor Jim Coward has described as a "miracle".

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#)

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Staying asthma aware this storm season

Daily Advertiser, General News, 13/09/2025, John Hall, Page 3

Everyone - not just people with asthma or hay fever - has been urged to be aware of respiratory dangers as the storm season fires up. The warning, from the Riverina Thunderstorm Asthma Collaborative, came as severe storms rolled across the region on Wednesday, September 10, bringing with them wild winds and even tornadoes.

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Natalie's breaking point was a child-sized coffin. Now she sees a future for once-sick kids

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 12/09/2025, Courtney Kruk

Of the hundreds of patients Natalie Bradford cared for during the 15 years she spent as a paediatric cancer nurse, a girl named Amy from country Queensland is still stuck in her brain decades later. "She was a real character," Bradford remembers.

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Revolutionary breast cancer device's success rate at Ipswich Hospital

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 12/09/2025, Jackie Sinnerton

A tiny radar the size of a grain of rice which is placed in the breast and directs surgeons to small tumours that are not palpable has proved a lifesaver at a Queensland hospital. The device is taking some of the stress out of a breast cancer diagnosis by getting patients to surgery faster to help stop the spread of disease.

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

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The 'zapping' sensation that was the first sign of suicide disease: There is no cure - and the pain is so agonising that most simply end their lives. Now a sufferer bravely tells her story

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 13/09/2025, Carina Stathis

Every night, Emily Morton goes to bed knowing she'll get just one hour of sleep before enduring another day of agony, discomfort and unanswered questions. [...] Now 29, Emily suffers from a disorder so horrible that it has been dubbed the 'suicide disease' - because those who suffer from it are in so much agony that they wish they were dead. Many do end up taking their own lives.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

ESafety boss delivers Mac's global legacy

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/09/2025, Julie Cross, Page 11

The national online safety boss will meet with social media giants in the US within weeks to ensure there is no doubt about what Australia expects of them when tough, new age-restriction legislation comes into force in December. [...] Wayne Holdsworth, who lost his son Mac, 17, to suicide after he fell victim to a sextortion scam on Instagram, is a proud backer of the Let Them Be Kids campaign that made this all happen and can't quite believe how big it has got.

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

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Kids see murder within minutes

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/09/2025, Clare Armstrong, Page 9

Graphic clips on social media Australia's online safety watchdog has received "multiple complaints" about young kids being able to access graphic footage of the Charlie Kirk assassination on social

media. The eSafety Commission has been notified of examples of "school-age children" viewing "unedited video footage" of the fatal shooting at Utah Valley University on Thursday.

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Laws risk frontline workers

Herald Sun, General News, 13/09/2025, Katrina Norris, Page 65

Victoria's WorkCover reforms are creating a dangerous mental health crisis for our most vulnerable workers, particularly those who risk their lives to protect us. Just last week, a former police sergeant, who suffers from PTSD, spoke about how the new WorkCover laws could leave Victorians at risk of suicide.

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Judgement Day looms for social media giants

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 13/09/2025, Page 36

Momentum is building in Australia's world-leading move to restrict social media access in a bid to tackle the havoc being wrought on children. [...] The federal government reacted after the Let The Be Kids campaign highlighted the devastating impact of social media on teens, including skyrocketing rates of self-harm, eating disorders and suicide.

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How Adam Selwood inspired a teammate to fight mental health

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 13/09/2025, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 18

When Bradd Dalziell crossed the line of a half marathon in May, in memory of his late friend and former West Coast teammate Adam Selwood, he experienced a shift which would change the trajectory of his life. [...] Dalziell hopes to further that impact at zero2hero, where he will manage the charity's team of facilitators who deliver mental health programs to WA schools.

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Inside the program helping families

Western Advocate, General News, 13/09/2025, Nick McGrath, Page 18

Any parent trying to secure an appointment with a paediatrician knows how difficult the process can be. Difficulties with costs, access and battling long wait times are the main struggles for parents with children who have ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) or who are seeking a diagnosis.

Also reported by: [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#).

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Award-winning Paediatric ADHD program eases access in Western NSW

Daily Liberal, Other, 12/09/2025, Amy Rees

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Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#).

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Every person's mental health matters

Big Rigs, General News, 12/09/2025, Regulator Insight, Page 66

Every September, we acknowledge R U OK? Day, with this important event serving as a reminder for all Aussies to check in with those around us. Though I'm a passionate supporter of the initiative, I also believe our mental health matters every day of the year.

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2CC, Breakfast, 12/09/2025, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Australians for Mental Health executive director Chris Gambian. Gambian says it is

important to have awareness about mental health issues, and to find out why a person is not okay. He notes mental health issues are not being caused by a victim mentality in a society where everything is more expensive.

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ABC Radio Perth, Breakfast , 12/09/2025, Mark Gibson

Interview with Dementia Australia's Dr Kaele Stokes. Gibson says the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report has revealed dementia has officially overtaken heart disease as the leading cause of death for Australians, and the number of Australians living with dementia will exceed one million. Stokes says dementia is not a natural part of ageing, but the risk of developing dementia does increase. She notes it is important to start to have a national conversation about brain health and dementia.

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IMMUNISATION

Flu hotspots buck state trend

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 7

Flu hotspots are emerging across Queensland with continued rises in cases while the rest of the state is showing a decline. Influenza notifications increased last week in Central and South West Queensland, the Darling Downs and Townsville with Queensland Health blaming low vaccine rates and community events.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Hard to sleep on conflict

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Page 25

Family dynamics in early adolescence, including levels of conflict and how much parents monitor their teens, can affect the sleep of teens four years later. The study including University of Melbourne research involving about 3000 teenagers found that family conflict and parents having mental health conditions were linked to later sleep timing, a later body clock, and poorer quality of sleep.

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AI really does have your back

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 13/09/2025, Angela Pownall, Page 24

Artificial intelligence is freeing up intensive care beds and slashing thousands in costs for patients recovering from spinal surgery in a WA hospital, an international study has found. Research published in the Anaesthesia and Analgesia medical journal which looked at 288 surgery admissions for scoliosis at Royal Perth Hospital over the past five years showed that the groundbreaking 24-hour remote monitoring technology was saving an average of 27 hours in the ICU and \$2682 per patient.

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

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

We sleep, they creep: masked night-time raiders bash and slash

The Australian, Other, 12/09/2025, Christine Middap

Darryl Munn and his teenage son were sleeping in a NSW country motel in the early hours of last Boxing Day when they were woken by banging at their door. [...] [...] "And what we hear from police is that they round them up pretty quickly, put them before the courts but because of doli incapax they're getting off and the courts can't order any kind of interventions like mental health support or substance abuse support."

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Justice that heals, not hurts

Australian Educator, General News, 30/07/2025, Katherine Clarke, Page 16

Raising the criminal age of responsibility is one step on a long path to reforming a system that has long failed Aboriginal youth and Torres Strait Islander youth. Australia's youth justice system is at a crossroads.

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A story to help families navigate students' rights

Australian Educator, General News, 30/07/2025, Anna Spargo-Ryan, Page 61

A new government resource offers insights into experiences that might help young Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people with disability understand their rights and find improved ways of learning. Most students with disability in Australia, and especially Aboriginal students and Torres Strait Islander students with disability, still face barriers to meaningful inclusion at school, says Skye Kakoschke-Moore, CEO of Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA).

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

ALP parks its ramping promise

Weekend Australian, General News, 13/09/2025, David Penberthy, Page 10

The Malinauskas government has waved the white flag on its central 2022 election promise to fix ambulance ramping, saying the federal aged-care crisis has more than quadrupled the number of elderly patients stuck in hospital beds in South Australia. Health Minister Chris Picton admitted to The Australian that he was unhappy with the government's performance on driving down ramping, which SA Labor promised to return to 2018 levels before it seeks a second term at the state election in March next year.

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

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Warning on pressure hitting hospitals

Canberra Times, General News, 13/09/2025, Kat Wong, Page 18

Public hospitals are crumbling under logjams and workforce attrition as doctors reject a government pay offer. Hospital registrars and career medical officers in particular are at significant risk of burnout after enduring poor working conditions in public hospitals, the Australian Medical Association has warned.

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

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Our emergency situation

Daily Advertiser, General News, 13/09/2025, John Hall, Page 1

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District is leading the state when it comes to its emergency departments with a greater percentage of patients being seen on time than anywhere else in NSW.

Also reported by: [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#)

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Surgery wait blasted

Weekend Post, General News, 13/09/2025, Samuel Davis, Page 5

The LNP's decision to pause an "essential" Cairns Hospital project has come under fire, with statistics indicating that a record number of critical patients are waiting too long to receive urgent medical care. But Health Minister Tim Nicholls has dismissed the claims as "outrageous", accusing the ALP of having no plans to build the facility prior to losing the state election.

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Operations at record as demand builds

Weekend Post, General News, 13/09/2025, Marnie Buchanan, Page 5

Record surgery levels were carried out at Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service in the past financial year, with an extra 1500 patients going under the knife and extra procedures performed on weekends and in regional hospitals. Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service chief executive Leena Singh said nearly 16,000 patients had received emergency or elective surgery in the 2024-2025 financial year, a rise of nearly 10 per cent compared with the previous year, with more than half of these patients requiring emergency surgery.

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Virtual emergency rooms on Tassie's horizon

The Mercury, Other, 12/09/2025, David Killick

Tasmanians may soon be able to visit a virtual emergency department via their computer, laptop, or mobile phone as a measure the government hopes will reduce the surging demand on the public hospital system. News of the plan comes as Premier Jeremy Rockliff turns up the heat on the federal government to deliver what he described as a potential \$673m shortfall in its contribution to health.

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

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Illawarra health staff's information leaked in privacy breach

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 12/09/2025, Natalie Croxon

Confidential documents containing the personal information of more than 500 medical staff within the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District have been made publicly available online. The privacy failure came from the back-end of the organisation's website and not as a result of hacking, a situation one doctor described as "absolutely unacceptable".

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Petition calling for Border hospital support taken to top level of government

The Border Mail, Other, 12/09/2025, Beau Greenway

The incorporation of a defence medical training centre in a new Border hospital on a greenfield site has been flagged in a petition by a Wodonga Council candidate, urging the federal government to support it. Navy veteran and Killara resident Chris Cox, who will contest the Lake Hume ward by-election to fill a vacancy on the council, has taken matters into his own hands to call for further healthcare funding.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Graduate nurses in limbo despite state paying fees

The Saturday Age, General News, 13/09/2025, Broede Carmody & Henrietta Cook, Page 1

Thousands of Victorians finishing their nursing degrees face the prospect of unemployment next year despite the state government paying their university fees in a bid to boost the public health workforce. Victoria's powerful Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation wrote to its student members yesterday afternoon to warn that more than 2000 graduate nurses and midwives would be left without a graduate position in the public health system in 2026, up from about 350 this year.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Doctor champions local medical training

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 13/09/2025, Emma Downey, Page 4

Growing up in the New England, Maddeson Hardman saw firsthand the healthcare challenges in regional areas, a reality that steered her towards a medical career. Now a young doctor, she is nearing the end of two years of training at Tamworth hospital, driven to help "address the shortage" of rural medical services.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#).

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Indian Australians respond to being targets of abuse after negative political attention

ABC Online, Other, 12/09/2025, Neelima Choahan

On the day thousands of demonstrators marched across Australia protesting against "mass immigration", Indian Australian gynaecologist Nisha Khot donned her red and black saree and went to the cinema. [...] "The reality is that Australian healthcare relies on overseas-trained doctors, a large proportion of whom come from the subcontinent."

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Australia's best midwife program at risk of closure

Newcastle Herald, Other, 12/09/2025, Chelsea Wilson

After being recognised as Australia's best midwife, Vanessa Page faced uncertainty about the future of her program in a matter of months. The Endorsed Midwife Program is an example of the ways regional communities are filling gaps in the health sector, but without \$120,000 in funding, the program will be canceled before the end of the year.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Why Albanese government claims that AI is behind a surge in FOI requests is BS

startupdaily, Other, 10/09/2025, Jeremy Nadal

The federal government's claim that several hundred Freedom of Information (FOI) applicants'

requests to the eSafety Commissioner last year were "AI bot-generated" is false, according to eSafety's publicly available documents. "We're frankly being inundated by anonymous requests ... many of them we're sure are AI bot-generated requests," Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler said at a press conference last week while defending a bill to ban anonymous FOI requests and charge an application fee

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Why 50 can be new 40 for IVF

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/09/2025, Ashleigh Gleeson, Page 27

A fertility specialist seeing an Australian in her 60s who wants to be a mum says it is wrong to tell women they are too old to have a child if they are in good health. It comes as there were 218 embryo transfers involving women aged 50 or above claimed through Medicare last financial year in Australia, compared to 77 in 2014-15.

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

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GP to repay \$760,000 in rebates for consultation items: PSR

Australian Doctor, Other, 12/09/2025, Heather Saxena

A GP will repay \$760,000 in rebates after the PSR found they had breached the 80/20 rule and inappropriately billed consultation items, including after-hours consults. [...] "The director had persisting concerns that many of the rendered services did not have any documentary evidence to support that the practitioner rendered a service for which Medicare benefits were paid," the PSR said.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Boozy date ends in sex attack on patient by disgraced physio

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 13/09/2025, Stuart Kavanagh, Page 7

A married physiotherapist preyed on a vulnerable NDIS-funded client, plying her with alcohol before sexually penetrating her, a court has heard. [...] Nugara's registration to practise physiotherapy was suspended, and he will face further AHPRA proceedings after the criminal matter.

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No charge for Ballarat's alleged neo-Nazi

Ballarat Courier, General News, 13/09/2025, Bryan Hoadley, Page 3

Police have not charged Ballarat dentist Ian Lomax over his alleged involvement in an alleged neo-Nazi attack on Camp Sovereignty despite apprehending an eighth person in relation to the violent incident. [...] The Courier also contacted the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, but a spokesperson said it could not comment.

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

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Radiographer banned after not disclosing misconduct conviction

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 12/09/2025, Jay-Anna Mobbs

A radiographer has been banned from practising after he failed to inform the National Board of his workplace sexual misconduct conviction. [...] Solari's employment was terminated on May 18, 2022 and a representative of his employer sent a complaint to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Athletics star accuses 'powerful organisation' of trying to cancel her book detailing the shocking assaults she suffered from disgraced NRL player

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 12/09/2025, Shayne Bugden

Athletics star Tay-Leiha Clark has accused a 'powerful organisation' of trying to halt the publication of her tell-all book about the abuse she suffered at the hands of former NRL player Curtis Scott. [...] Storm psychologist Jacqueline Louder was sanctioned by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency for her actions after Clark contacted her for help.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

The fortress built to fight deadly viruses

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 13/09/2025, Liam Mannix, Page 32

For all the trouble they cause, there are just 270 different types of virus that can infect humans. Most have jumped to us, at some point, from animals we share the planet with. [...] The Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, a sprawling complex of ultra-high-security labs fenced off on the outskirts of Geelong, sits right at the border between humans and the teeming masses of animal viruses that would love to infect us.

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

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Measles outbreak alert

Courier Mail, General News, 13/09/2025, Page 9

Health officials are urging anyone travelling from South East Asia to get vaccinated after a measles outbreak in a hostel in Cairns. Queensland Health was first notified of a confirmed case of measles after an infected person contracted the disease before visiting a backpackers' hostel in Cairns in late August.

Also reported by: [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#).

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Rainfall fuels disease

Weekend Post, General News, 13/09/2025, Marnie Buchanan, Page 14

New data relating to the Far North's biggest and deadliest melioidosis outbreak is expected to reveal new insights into who is getting sick and why. [...] Public health registrar Dr Matthew O'Bryan was part of a team investigating the "unprecedented" outbreak from December 2024 to April this year when 120 melioidosis cases were recorded, and 15 people died.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

New technology from Melbourne biotech OncoRevive could make cancer detectable through blood test

7news.com.au, Other, 12/09/2025, Demi Huang

An Australian-made invention could soon make it possible to detect cancer through a simple blood test. [...] OncoRevive is now working to increase its sample size to 700 patients in order to secure approval

from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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TGA's illicit vape crackdown continues

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/09/2025

Authorities seize vapes in two-day blitz on Tasmanian retailers Commercial quantities of vaping products and illegal tobacco have been seized by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) as part of a "two-day blitz" in Tasmania The regulator reported that illicit products were taken from five outlets across Hobart and surrounding area, as part of the "two-day

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FOOD STANDARDS

Popular Woolies salad off shelves

Northern Territory News, General News, 13/09/2025, Kate Dinning, Page 17

A popular salad from Woolworths has been urgently pulled from shelves in Western Australia after it was found to be contaminated and could possibly cause serious illness. The Woolworths seafood salad was sold in WA stores and online with the use-by markings 11.09.25, 12.09.25, 13.09.25, and 14.09.25.

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Jandakot residents trapped with 'unsellable' rural properties due to groundwater contaminated with PFAS

7news.com.au, Other, 12/09/2025, Michael Palmer

Jandakot residents who say they are trapped with "unsellable" rural properties because of contaminated groundwater want their land fast-tracked for residential development. [...] In 2022 people living on and around Clements Place and north of Bandicoot Reserve were told PFAS, a carcinogenic chemical used by firefighters and likely to have originated from Jandakot Airport, had contaminated their groundwater.

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