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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Guardian](#)** reports the Federal Government spent more than \$60 million on private law firms to fight NDIS participants appealing package decisions last financial year, a 60 per cent increase from the year before.
- The **[Australian Financial Review](#)** (page 9) and **[Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 10) lead widespread coverage reporting that health experts fear US President Donald Trump's claims that paracetamol use in pregnancy causes autism will fuel online misinformation, while Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles and Health Minister Mark Butler have urged pregnant women to seek medical advice, with Australian medical bodies rejecting Trump's assertion. *Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).*
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 7) reports Florey Institute researcher Professor Anne-Louise Ponsonby has urged medical bodies not to dismiss studies showing an association between prenatal paracetamol use and autism, despite the TGA and Academy of Sciences saying the drug is safe in pregnancy.
- **[ABC Online](#)** reports two women said they were denied surgical care for miscarriages at Brisbane's Mater Mothers' Hospital due to its Catholic policies, forcing them to seek treatment at abortion clinics.

- The [Australian Financial Review](#) (page 9) reports Novo Nordisk has asked the Federal Government to subsidise its weight-loss drug Wegovy for 500,000 Australians with obesity and cardiovascular disease.
- [The Australian](#) (page 7) reports Bupa has begun offering 10,000 free pharmacogenomic testing kits to members to help predict medication responses, with results sent to GPs, while experts caution about privacy and the best way to implement genomics at a population level.
- [ABC Online](#) reports Canberra's CanTEST service detected isotocyanazene, a novel and potentially deadly nitazene opioid not previously identified in Australia, prompting warnings about its unknown effects and high overdose risk.
- The [Adelaide Advertiser](#) (page 14) reports the MS Society of South Australia and Northern Territory has gone into administration with debts of about \$2.5 million, affecting services for nearly 3000 clients, after chief executive Shaun Kennedy cited rising costs and decreased funding support. *Also reported by:* [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Your Life Choices \(Online\)](#).

MINISTER BUTLER

Paracetamol 'safe' but 'study link to autism'

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 24/09/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 7

One of Australia's foremost researchers into neuroscience and the developing brain has urged medical bodies not to dismiss out of hand concerns around paracetamol use in pregnancy despite no causative link between the drug and autism being established. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler had asked the TGA to provide advice on the use of paracetamol after Mr Trump flagged his announcement on the drug.

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

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Push for weight drug to be subsidised on PBS

Australian Financial Review, General News, 24/09/2025, Michael Smith, Page 9

Danish pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk has asked the federal government to subsidise its blockbuster weight-loss drug Wegovy for up to 500,000 high-risk Australians living with heart disease as well as obesity.

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

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Trump paracetamol claim could 'spiral into a panic'

Australian Financial Review, General News, 24/09/2025, Emma McGrath-Cohen & Michael Smith, Page 9

Health experts fear that despite strong language from Australian authorities, US President Donald Trump's comments regarding prenatal paracetamol use causing autism in children will run rampant online and create panic and anxiety among pregnant women.

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

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Don't listen to Trump, go and talk to your doctor if you're worried about paracetamol: Marles

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24/09/2025, Jessica Wang, Page 10

Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles has urged pregnant women not to listen to US President Donald Trump's untested claims they should not be taking paracetamol because it causes autism, urging women to instead go to their doctor if they're concerned. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler cautioned pregnant women against "taking action in response" to Mr Trump's comments "without taking some medical advice first".

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [MSN Australia \(Online\)](#).

AMA pleads for illicit tobacco crackdown

Herald Sun, General News, 24/09/2025, Jon Kaila, Page 3

The Australian Medical Association has urged for a national crackdown on illicit tobacco, saying it is causing smoking rates to increase. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has insisted the number of people smoking is at its lowest rate at 8.3 per cent due to the highest tax in the world - almost \$30 a pack.

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

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Panad'ohhhh!!!

West Australian, General News, 24/09/2025, John Flint, Page 9

President Donald Trump has used the platform of the presidency to promote unproved and in some cases discredited ties between paracetamol use, vaccines and autism. [...] Ahead of the announcement, Health Minister Mark Butler cautioned pregnant women not to take action without seeking medical advice, noting paracetamol was an important treatment for fever.

Also reported by: [The Nightly \(None\)](#).

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Canberra GPs reject Trump's false claims about paracetamol

Canberra Times, General News, 24/09/2025, Eleanor Campbell, Page 6

ACT doctors and pharmacists have rejected unproven claims from Donald Trump that paracetamol during pregnancy increases the risk of autism in children, urging patients to consult a qualified health professional if they have concerns. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said paracetamol was a widely used drug in Australia and urged any pregnant woman considering taking action as a result of US reports to seek medical advice first.

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'Scary': Trump's 'jazz hands' autism advice debunked

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 24/09/2025, Callum Godde, Page 8

Australia's political leaders and medical experts have been called on to dispel Donald Trump's unproven link between paracetamol use in pregnancy and autism. [...] Ahead of the announcement, Health Minister Mark Butler cautioned pregnant women not to take action without seeking medical advice, noting paracetamol was an important treatment for fever.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Combined flu-Covid jab and cancer vaccines on horizon in local push James Dowling Science and health reporter

The Australian, Other, 23/09/2025, James Dowling

The \$2bn gamble on Australia's first mRNA vaccine factory could generate \$4.8bn in pandemic savings, but experts warn success depends on public trust in vaccines. The nation's only mRNA vaccine factory is developing a compound flu and Covid vaccine as part of a sprawling research program including personalised cancer treatments, after inking a deal intended to end Australia's dependence on overseas manufacturers. [...] " Federal Health Minister Mark Butler earlier this month announced the long-delayed Australian Centre for Disease Control was set to be legislated and open from next year.

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Donald Trump Tylenol announcement: US President claims paracetamol 'no good' for pregnant women

West Australian, Other, 23/09/2025, Nightly Tue, Max Corstorphan

US President Donald Trump has stated taking Tylenol, more commonly known as paracetamol, is "no good" for pregnant women, claiming there is a link with increased rates of autism, also telling parents to spread out vaccines, based on "what I feel". "I've been waiting for this meeting for 20 years," Mr Trump said as he entered the Roosevelt Room in the White House alongside Robert F Kennedy Jr and TV famed doctor, Mehmet Oz. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the Australian Government was monitoring the situation.

Also reported by: [Thenightly.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#)

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U.S. officials link paracetamol during pregnancy to autism

The Daily Aus, Other, 23/09/2025

U.S. President Donald Trump and Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr have urged pregnant women to avoid using paracetamol. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the Government is working with the TGA to provide advice.

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Canberra's bulk-billing challenge: New incentives aim to help

Braidwood Times, Other, 23/09/2025, Dana Daniel

Dr Pushpani Herath co-owns one of Canberra's only fully bulk-billing GP clinics in Ngunnawal. [...] On Monday, Health Minister Mark Butler launched an online calculator seeking to persuade doctors they will be better off if they stop charging fees.

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Have your say: community consultations in Armidale and Tamworth on supports for children

The New England Times, Other, 23/09/2025, Penelope Shaw

The NSW Government is inviting local families, carers, educators and service providers to have their say on a new initiative designed to give young children with developmental delay or autism a stronger start in life. [...] Federal Minister for Disability and the NDIS, The Honourable Mark Butler, spoke last month at the National Press Club about the importance of ensuring people with disability and their families are at the centre of change.

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Record funding to deliver better aged care in regional communities

Aged Care Guide, Other, 23/09/2025

Aged care in regional Australia is set for a major boost, with \$300 million in new Government funding to build and upgrade homes, create staff housing, and deliver more beds. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said the funding was about making sure older Australians "get the world-class care they deserve, wherever they live."

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Govt launches cash calculator for GPs to see if universal bulk-billing is worthwhile

Australian Doctor, Other, 23/09/2025, Antony Scholefield

The department says the average metropolitan, universal bulk-billing GP will take home \$404,000 a year under the reforms. [...] On Monday, Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler said a new calculator would give GPs tailored and more accurate estimates of their earnings under this regime.

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Inklings program will help new parents and their babies with communication

Murray Bridge News, Other, 23/09/2025, Kate Kinnear

A program helping babies who are showing differences in communication and social interaction is being expanded to the Murraylands and Coorong. [...] Federal Disability and NDIS Minister Mark Butler said he was proud to work with the state government to support the Inklings program.

Australian Centre for Disease Control to be established in 2026

WEB Hearing Practitioner Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Helen Carter

The Federal Government has introduced legislation to deliver on its commitment to establish an independent Australian Centre for Disease Control from January 2026. [...] A media release from the Health Minister Mr Mark Butler said Australia is the only OECD country without a CDC equivalent.

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\$130 million funding boost for childhood brain cancer and intellectual disability research

The Sector, Other, 23/09/2025, Fiona Alston

Children and families will benefit from a new Federal Government investment of \$130.4 million in medical research, targeting some of the most pressing childhood health challenges, including brain cancer, intellectual disability and infertility. The announcement, made by Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler, will support 71 projects through the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), with a strong focus on conditions that directly affect children's health, development and wellbeing.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 23/09/2025, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Health Minister Mark Butler has called for urgent advice on the safety of taking paracetamol during pregnancy. Australia's medicines regulator has already responded to the claims, confirming it is not investigating any link between paracetamol and autism.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 23/09/2025, Natalie Barr and Matt Shirvington

Interview with medical practitioner Dr. Zac Turner about claims linking paracetamol in pregnancy to autism, with Health Minister Mark Butler seeking advice on the matter. Turner says the claims are based on small, flawed studies and stresses that the TGA, FDA, and large-scale research show no link between paracetamol and autism. He notes paracetamol remains the safest option for pregnant women managing pain or fever.

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2GB, Mornings, 23/09/2025, Mark Levy

Interview with Dr. Nick Coatsworth about paracetamol use in pregnancy and autism, with Health Minister Mark Butler asking the TGA to review the issue. Coatsworth says while some studies show correlations, there is no causal evidence linking paracetamol to autism, and he continues to advise that paracetamol is the safest drug in pregnancy. He also discusses autism diagnosis, stressing the importance of early intervention.

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2SM, 14:00 News, 23/09/2025

The Albanese government is moving to ban so-called phoenix policies in the health insurance sector, with Health Minister Mark Butler flagging new legislation to close the loophole. APHA CEO Brett Heffernan says insurers have been retaining around 16% of premiums, taking more than \$5.5 billion a year from Australians while underpaying private hospitals by over \$1 billion.

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ABC South East SA, 07:30 News, 23/09/2025

The Royal Australian College of GPs says the formal recognition of rural generalists will ensure those doctors receive appropriate payment for their work in rural and remote communities. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler recognised the specialist medical position at the weekend.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

'They've engaged a barrister!' Parents of high-needs children say Labor is waging lawfare over disability support

The Guardian, Other, 24/09/2025, Kate Lyons

The federal government spent more than \$60m on private law firms to fight national disability insurance scheme participants appealing decisions about their packages last financial year, a 60% increase from the year before, Guardian Australia can reveal. [...] Neither the NDIA nor Senator Jenny McAllister, the minister for the NDIS, responded to questions about how much funding was provided through the government's NDIS appeals program to help NDIS users access legal representation or advice.

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Minister visits All Aboard DisAbility Service

Surf Coast Times, Other, 24/09/2025, Abby Pardew

All Aboard Disability Support Services rolled out the red carpet when two special guests visited its Torquay home last week. Corangamite federal member Libby Coker and Minister for NDIS Jenny McAllister, popped into the centre to chat with All Aboard's staff and participants.

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Minister outlines pillars of NDIS' future

Freedom2Live, Other, 23/09/2025

NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister told this year's National Disability Summit in Melbourne that the NDIS is at an "important moment" in its second decade of existence. After recounting the Labor Party's history and involvement with the NDIS, the minister looked to the future of the scheme, which is currently undergoing a number of reforms.

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MINISTER RAE

\$1.4m boost for aged-carers living

Midwest Times & Northern Guardian, General News, 24/09/2025, Kate Campbell, Page 2

An aged-care provider in Geraldton has received a Federal Government boost of more than \$1.4 million to build extra staff accommodation. [...] Federal Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the \$300m boost was the biggest single aged-care infrastructure investment by any Federal Government.

Also reported by: [Midwest Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Countryman \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Busselton Dunsborough Times \(Online\)](#), [South Western Times \(Online\)](#).

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A huge investment

Seymour Telegraph, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 8

A multimillion-dollar investment in Seymour aims to ensure world-class care for older members of the community. [...] Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae said that nationwide, the projects funded in this grant round would deliver 315 new or reopened aged care beds, improving access where it was needed and helping older patients get the care they needed, in the most appropriate setting sooner.

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Boort, Miniyip share aged care funding

Buloke Times, General News, 23/09/2025, Page 2

The Federal Government is committing record levels of funding to rebuild our aged care system so every older Australian can get the world-class care they deserve, wherever they live. [...] "The Albanese Government is supporting more older Victorians age with dignity in the communities they know and love, regardless of where they live," said Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

The Zap: all the latest health and aged care news, plus important consultations now open

Croakey, Other, 23/09/2025, Melissa Sweet

The column this week puts a spotlight on rising incarceration rates as a significant concern for health and wellbeing, especially in the Northern Territory and especially for First Nations Peoples. [...] Ministers and government Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride spoke at a Rural Doctors Association of Australia conference in Darwin.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

ABC News, ABC National News, 23/09/2025, Joe O'Brien

Australian women are being reassured that paracetamol is safe to use during pregnancy, despite Donald Trump announcing US authorities will limit its use over suggested links to autism. The TGA says there is no evidence of a causal connection and that the drug remains the recommended treatment for pain or fever when used as directed. Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White and disability advocates say women should seek medical advice if concerned.

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ABC Radio Perth, 22:00 News, 23/09/2025

The Assistant Health Minister has reinforced the message that paracetamol is safe for pregnant women to use after US President Donald Trump claimed the medication was linked to autism in children. Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration has rejected Trump's statement, saying the claims have no scientific backing. Assistant Minister Rebecca White says the Health Minister sought urgent advice from the TGA on Tuesday morning.

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ABC Radio Canberra, 18:00 News, 23/09/2025

Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White has reinforced that paracetamol is safe for use during pregnancy. The Therapeutic Goods Administration dismissed claims by US President Donald Trump linking the medication to autism, saying there is no scientific evidence. White urged pregnant women to consult their healthcare providers if they have any concerns.

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New specialist field: regional doctors

Euroa Gazette, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 9

The future of healthcare across the nation's rural, remote and First Nations communities took a positive leap forward on Friday 19 September with the announcement that Rural Generalist Medicine would be recognised as a new specialty field in Australia. [...] ACRRM thanked the Federal Government, the nations health department, and relevant medical colleges and representative groups.

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Apunipima camps provide cultural safe space for men to reflect, connect on Country

Cape York Weekly, Other, 23/09/2025, Paul Roberts

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men from different regions of the Cape joined together recently to reconnect with culture and strengthen their spirit through shared healing. [...] The men's camps were delivered as part of Apunipima's Men's Outreach Program and made possible through the support of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Rural resilience on show in the Murrumbidgee

Partyline Magazine, Other, 23/09/2025, Emily West

In the Murrumbidgee region, health professionals are doing remarkable work. [...] It featured local case studies, a resource expo, and a keynote address from Anita Hobson-Powell, Chief Allied Health Officer for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 23/09/2025, Rick Hind

The MS Society SA & NT's 2023-24 annual report revealed financial struggles due to the loss of its home lottery program, the cost-of-living crisis, and pressures on its multiple solutions program. Former Chief Executive Janine Jackson said the program faced tighter market conditions, competition, funding changes and rising costs. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said it would engage with the organisation after news of it going into voluntary administration.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Sydney Harbour mansion may go the aged care way

Australian Financial Review, Property, 24/09/2025, Lucy Slade, Page 29

An architect consulting on redevelopment plans for the \$130 million Sydney Harbour trophy home Elaine says no decision had been made on the historical mansion's demolition, despite a report showing plans for its conversion into a retirement facility.

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It was Australia's most expensive house. It could soon become a seniors living complex

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 23/09/2025, David Barwell

A push to meet soaring demand for seniors housing in Sydney has reached one of the city's most exclusive suburbs, with a group of investors planning to turn a historic mansion that was once Australia's most expensive home into a multi-storey seniors living complex.

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Loneliness will become a pandemic and there's been a decade of warning

The Weekly Source, Other, 23/09/2025, Ian Horswill

The sheer ineptitude of planning boffins and State Government leaders around the country is clear with a new Government-funded report stating one in four retirees in Australia are now living alone. The 20th Annual Statistical Report of the HILDA Survey , managed by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne, found the proportion of retired people living alone has risen from 20% in 2003 to 24% in 2023.

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Providers welcome \$27m for staff housing

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 23/09/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

After discussing the need for more capital grants for regional and rural providers with AAA in August, CEOs Russell Bricknell and Jason Binder welcome the latest ACCAP news and opportunity to complete much needed building works. Of the \$300 million the government has allocated in the latest Aged Care Capital Assistance Program round, West Australian provider Juniper has received \$2.

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Locked cupboards, lost dignity: Carers sound alarm on incontinence pad rationing

HelloCare, Other, 23/09/2025, Jakob Neeland

More than half a decade after initial outcries during the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, frontline workers are still voicing frustration over restrictive access to continence pads. These essential aids, meant to support residents' comfort and health, are often locked behind layers of security, doled out in strict quotas, and treated like contraband.

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Older Aussies collect 31 PBS scripts a year

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 23/09/2025, Hui Wen Quek, Amy T Page, Christopher Etherton-Beer & Kenneth Lee

Australians are living longer than ever before, and while this is broadly good news, ageing well comes with a range of challenges. As people grow older, they're more likely to develop multiple chronic conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and cognitive problems such as dementia.

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The mobile edge

Australian Ageing Agenda, General News, 01/10/2025, Page 1

The aged care sector in Australia is on the cusp of transformative reform. With the new Aged Care Act due to start on 1 November 2025, providers are reviewing systems to meet new compliance and person-centred care goals.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Treasury plays a game of emissions caps and mouse

The Australian, General News, 24/09/2025, Henry Ergas & Jonathan Pincus, Page 11

That a great deal of highly paid time went into Treasury's report on Australia's net-zero transformation, which begins by thanking the 40 Treasury staff members involved in its production, is beyond doubt. [...] That methodology could be used to portray any policy as desirable: compared with an even more "disorderly" National Disability Insurance Scheme, today's NDIS would shine like a gem.

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SA's NDIS wipeout

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 24/09/2025, Giuseppe Tauriello, Page 14

The crisis engulfing NDIS service providers has claimed another operator, with the MS Society of South Australia & Northern Territory calling in administrators amid a funding crunch. A desperate search for other providers to take over the not-for-profit organisation's services has commenced in a bid to provide certainty to close to 3000 affected clients.

Also reported by: [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Your Life Choices \(Online\)](#).

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Kumanjayi family plea for clarity from police

Northern Territory News, General News, 24/09/2025, Zizi Averill, Page 12

The family of a young disabled Aboriginal man who died after being arrested in an outback supermarket have accused NT Police of failing to be transparent, as they seek parumpurru (justice) for their loved one. [...] The 24-year-old Warlpiri man from Yuendumu was on an NDIS plan living in 24/7 supported care and under a public guardianship order when he passed away following an arrest at the Alice Springs supermarket.

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

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Neurotech launches Authorised Prescriber program for its neurodevelopmental disorders therapy

The Australian, Other, 23/09/2025

Neurotech International starts an Authorised Prescriber program for its therapy NTI164 across a range of neurodevelopmental conditions for paediatric patients in Australia. [...] It will generate real-world data to support regulatory registration and position NTI164 within evolving NDIS policy environment

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

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Unproven autism claims like Donald Trump's risk undoing decades of progress

ABC Online, Other, 23/09/2025, Nas Campanella & Evan Young

For many autistic people, their autism is part of their identity. [...] Last month, the government announced plans to gradually divert children with "mild to moderate" autism and developmental delay away from the NDIS to a new, yet-to-be-designed program called Thriving Kids.

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PRIMARY CARE

Eight-week old baby who died during Optus triple-0 blackout is identified - as gutwrenching new details are revealed

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Karleigh Smith

A devastated young mum has shared her pain after her newborn baby died during the Optus 13-hour triple-0 blackout on Thursday. South Australian woman Chrisanya Seeby's eight-week-old son Ryan is believed to be one of four people who died during the deadly crisis after trying to make 000 calls.

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Pregnant pause

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 24/09/2025, Ruby Stewart, Page 1

Medical experts and parents have hit back at US President Donald Trump's claim of a link between pregnant women taking paracetamol and autism in their children. [...] Australian Medical Association

president Danielle McMullen reassured parents that there were "no studies showing that paracetamol use in pregnancy causes autism".

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

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Top prize to Geelong doc

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 24/09/2025, Olivia Conder, Page 13

A young Geelong doctor who led a groundbreaking class action against Peninsula Health has been recognised as Victoria's Junior Doctor of the Year. Dr Gaby Bolton, an anaesthetic advanced trainee at Monash Health, received the Australian Medical Association Victoria award for her courageous leadership, advocacy and commitment to improving workplace culture.

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

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Months before triple zero failure, Optus claimed that giving live updates on outages would impose 'huge burden'

The Guardian, Other, 24/09/2025, Josh Butler & Josh Taylor

Optus claimed it would face a "huge burden" in having to provide real-time updates on emergency call outages to emergency services and the government, just five months before three people died during an Optus triple zero outage. A 12.30am network firewall upgrade on Thursday last week blocked emergency service calls for Optus customers in South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and parts of New South Wales, with more than 600 calls not able to connect in the 13 hours it was offline.

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The doctor's advice: paracetamol is safe during pregnancy

Australian Financial Review, General News, 24/09/2025, Nick Coatsworth, Page 37

Paracetamol is safe in pregnancy a statement I never thought would become controversial during my medical career. And yet, thanks to President Trump and Robert F. Kennedy Jnr, here we are.

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Ex-police chief flying high in new RFDS role

Northern Territory News, General News, 24/09/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 7

Former NT Police commissioner Michael Murphy will soar to new heights in his upcoming role as deputy chief executive of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The former top cop will move into the position in October, working alongside chief executive Tony Vaughan.

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Pill testing call

Burnie Advocate, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 9

The Royal College of General Practitioners' (RACGP) recent call for pill testing at Tasmanian music festivals is an enlightened view based on experience and knowledge from experienced professionals. Tasmanian Health Minister Bridget Archer has disappointingly adopted the failed "law and order-first, War on Drugs" approach, initiated by former US President Reagan and his wife Nancy in the 1980's, whereby history has recorded the campaign's abject failure.

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Experts reject autism claims

Newcastle Herald, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 2

Australia's top medical authorities have emphatically rejected Donald Trump's claim of a link between paracetamol use in pregnancy and autism. Chief medical officer Michael Kidd and the Therapeutic Goods Administration joined other global medicines regulators, leading clinicians and scientists worldwide in declaring "robust scientific evidence" showed no causal link between the use of paracetamol in pregnancy and autism or ADHD.

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Anguish as bubs taken at birth

Cairns Post, General News, 24/09/2025, Marnie Buchanan & Tom Volling, Page 6

Child Safety officers taking at-risk newborns into care sometimes arrive in the birthing suite before their mothers have been moved to the ward in a process described as "cruel" and "distressing" at the Child Safety Commission of Inquiry sitting in Cairns. Families are not always told in advance that their babies will be taken into care after the birth, leading to a "distressing" situation for parents, medical and midwifery staff, according to lawyers and medical staff.

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Trump raises spectre of previous autism misinformation

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 23/09/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

Associate Professor John Kramer hopes the latest health story from the US will fade quickly away from the news cycle – but fears the opposite will happen. The Chair of RACGP Specific Interests ADHD, ASD and Neurodiversity is expecting GPs in Australia to notice an impact from yesterday's announcement from President Donald Trump linking paracetamol use in pregnancy to autism in children.

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Another state adopts needle-free flu vaccination

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 23/09/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

South Australia will join New South Wales and Queensland in offering a free no-needle flu vaccination program to young children from next year. The South Australian Government announced this week it will introduce the intranasal influenza vaccine, sold as FluMist, which will be administered by GPs to young patients aged 2–4 years ahead of next year's flu season.

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Queensland Government bans pill testing

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 23/09/2025, Jo Roberts

Two pill-testing facilities in Queensland will remain closed, with the Government passing legislation last week to ban pill testing in the state. In April, Queensland's LNP state government closed two fixed-site CheQpoint pill-testing facilities a year after their launch by the state's then-Labor Government.

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RACGP celebrates latest boost to GP workforce

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 23/09/2025, Morgan Liotta

New Fellows and Rural Generalists were welcomed at the recent RACGP WA ceremony. From Western Australia to the Northern Territory, the RACGP has once again celebrated the latest additions to Australia's general practice workforce.

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First general practice subspecialty officially recognised

Australian Doctor, Other, 23/09/2025, Rachel Carter & Antony Scholefield

Rural generalism has joined the list of medical specialties as a subset of general practice after seven years of work by ACRRM and the RACGP. The two GP colleges agreed back in 2018 to collaborate on seeking formal recognition of rural generalism, which finally came to fruition this month when the nation's health ministers agreed to acknowledge rural generalism as a field of specialty practice inside general practice.

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The public hospital patients who ended up paying abortion clinics for miscarriage care

ABC Online, Other, 23/09/2025, Emma Pollard

Women having miscarriages say they were denied surgical care at the public Mater Mothers' Hospital in Brisbane because of its religious policies on abortion. [...] In a statement a spokesperson for the

health minister Tim Nicholls said: "All Queensland Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) have pathways for accessing treatment for miscarriage services."

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Mark Duncan-Smith: AFL players game concussion tests by dumbing selves down

West Australian, Other, 23/09/2025, Mark Duncan-Smith

Head injury to players, concussion and the potential in the long term to develop chronic traumatic encephalopathy are one of the highest priorities of the AFL and individual club boards. They seek to provide a safe working environment for the players, mitigate business risk and maintain the future of the sport.

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

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Channel 7, Seven News, 23/09/2025, Peter Mitchell

Victorian emergency services have cut dozens of jobs amid record Triple Zero call wait times, raising concerns about slow dispatch and misdirected responses. Ambulance Union Secretary Danny Hill warns that reduced training and high stress are affecting frontline staff, while Triple Zero Victoria maintains the cuts are limited to backroom roles and insists service levels will not be impacted.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Sepsis cases reach record highs

Cairns Post, General News, 24/09/2025, Tom Volling, Page 1

Sepsis cases have reached their highest level in five years in the Torres Strait, Cape York and Northern Peninsula Area. Residents are being urged to remain vigilant for the lifethreatening condition with 187 cases identified at Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) centres in the past 12 months.

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How Donald Trump has made it more dangerous to be pregnant

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 23/09/2025, Kate Aubusson & Angus Dalton

The discovery that a mother's fever can cause problems for her unborn baby was made by a University of Sydney veterinarian, Professor Marshall J. Edwards, who in the 1970s first noticed hyperthermic cows often miscarried or gave birth to abnormal calves. His observation led to the understanding that fever is a "tetragen" – something that leads to birth defects or abnormalities in a fetus.

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Victorian coroner finds "freebirth" baby might have lived parents sought medical help

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Craig Dunlop

A baby that died during after her parents opted for a dangerous "freebirth" on their hippie commune outside Melbourne might have survived if their parents sought proper medical care during pregnancy, a coroner has found. Coroner Audrey Jamieson's investigation into the death of "Baby H" is the latest in a string of coronial probes into the extremist "freebirth" movement, where parents refuse medical attention during a pregnancy.

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

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Expert reveals why walking for exercise won't keep you out of hospital September 23 2025 - 10:49am September 23 2025 - 10:49am

Although many Australians have listened to advice about the importance of walking for their physical and mental health, as well as delaying cognitive decline, a peak body wants people to know other exercises are more vital. [...] Dementia was the leading cause of death in Australia in 2023 with 17,400 deaths - and is the leading cause of death for women, and the second highest for men, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

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Australian experts dispute Trump's autism and Tylenol link

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 23/09/2025, Joel Ehsman

Trump's announcement about autism contained a "great deal of really wrong facts" according to an Associate Professor from the University of Wollongong. US President Donald Trump suggested that the use of the popular medicine, known as Tylenol in the United States, during pregnancy may contribute to rising autism rates in his country, a link experts say is unproven.

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It's OK to use paracetamol in pregnancy. Here's what the science says about the link with autism

Canberra Times, Other, 23/09/2025, Nicholas Wood & Debra Kennedy

United States President Donald Trump has urged pregnant women to avoid paracetamol except in cases of extremely high fever, because of a possible link to autism. Paracetamol - known as acetaminophen or by the brand name Tylenol in the US - is commonly used to relieve pain, such as back pain and headaches, and to reduce fever during pregnancy.

Also reported by: [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Central Great Southern Early Years Partnership Dental Health Project finalist in WA Health Excellence Awards

West Australian, Other, 23/09/2025, Melissa Sheil

A project that helps to ensure the dental health of young children in rural towns isn't left behind has been recognised as a finalist in the 2025 WA Health Excellence Awards. The Central Great Southern Early Years Partnership Dental Health Project was named as one of four finalists in the rural and remote health care category on September 15.

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

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Warning after ATO's \$140,000 suburban discovery amid \$10 billion Aussie trend

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 23/09/2025

The \$10 billion trend has reached unprecedented levels this year, with illicitly sourced cigarettes now making up half of all tobacco products sold. [...] Meanwhile, wastewater studies indicate that overall nicotine consumption in Australia, including from vaping, has reached record levels. It's now been estimated that organised crime makes \$10 billion a year in proceeds.

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Trump pregnancy warning: What experts say about paracetamol risks

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Robyn Riley & Maria Bervanakis

Donald Trump's claim that pregnant women should "tough it out" and avoid paracetamol over an unproven link to autism has sparked fear and confusion in Australia. Medical groups including the Australian Medical Association say there are no studies to back up the US president's explosive claim.

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

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City of Sydney council calls to better regulate 'insufficient' vape sale

enforcement

The Courier Mail, Other, 23/09/2025, Savannah Pocock

City of Sydney council is calling on the state government to knuckle down and better regulate the continued retail sale of vapes. The Federal Government banned the importation and sale of disposable vapes last year, but concerns still linger.

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

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Record number of calls to poisons hotlines for children ingesting melatonin

ABC Online, Other, 24/09/2025, Stephanie Dalzell & Caitlyn Gribbin

Record number of calls to poisons hotlines for children ingesting melatonin Australian poisons hotlines received a record almost 1,500 calls about children ingesting melatonin last year, in a dramatic spike that has prompted experts to warn it is "purely luck" no one has died.

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Doctors concerned easily accessible 'off-brand' cigarettes are causing smoking rates to increase

ABC Online, Other, 23/09/2025, Alan Kohler

Doctors say smoking rates are at levels they haven't seen in a decade due to easy access to illegal cigarettes that are a "quarter of the price" of legal cigarettes. The Australian Medical Association (AMA) says there is anecdotal evidence of a "larger increase" in the availability of illegal tobacco in the last 12 to 18 months.

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SBS, World News Australia, 23/09/2025

US President Donald Trump has announced his administration will advise doctors not to recommend acetaminophen, also known as paracetamol, for pregnant women, claiming it may be linked to autism. Australian medical groups, including the AMA, have strongly rejected the claims, saying there is no evidence linking the drug to autism and reassuring women it is safe to use during pregnancy.

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2GB, Afternoons, 23/09/2025

Australian medical experts say paracetamol remains the safest treatment for pain and fever in pregnancy, rejecting Donald Trump's claim that its use increases autism risk.

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3AW, Drive, 23/09/2025, Jacqui Felgate

Interview with Kensington Hill Medical Centre Dr. Elise Davey about Donald Trump's comments on paracetamol use in pregnancy. Davey says large-scale studies show no link between Panadol use in pregnancy and autism. She stresses that untreated fever poses real risks, urges women to ignore Trump's claims, and notes that Australia's peak medical bodies have unanimously rejected them.

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3AW, Mornings, 23/09/2025, Tom Elliott

Interview with Dr. Nick Coatsworth about paracetamol use in pregnancy and lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic. Coatsworth says recent U.S. advice that paracetamol should be used under medical supervision in pregnancy is consistent with longstanding practice. He reflects on Brett Sutton's admission about early COVID-19 measures, saying uncertainty was inevitable, but lessons must be learned about adapting policy as knowledge improves.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 23/09/2025, Leon Compton

Australian health experts say Donald Trump's claims linking paracetamol use during pregnancy to autism are based on old, disproven studies. Trump says his administration will strongly recommend against the use of Tylenol during pregnancy, citing what he describes as autism risks.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 23/09/2025, Sandra Sully

US President Donald Trump has falsely claimed that paracetamol is unsafe during pregnancy, linking it without evidence to autism. The remarks, backed by Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr, were swiftly rejected by medical experts in the US and Australia, who warn that the nation is drifting from science-backed advice toward unproven ideologies.

Continuing on: [Channel 10 \(Sydney\)](#).

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 23/09/2025, Tamara Wearne

Interview with AMA president Dr. Danielle McMullen about paracetamol use in pregnancy. McMullen says there is no evidence that paracetamol causes autism, noting that some studies show associations but not causation, and stresses it remains the safest option for treating pain and fever in pregnancy. She warns that the Trump administration's announcement could cause unnecessary fear, and rejects its reiteration of unproven claims.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Pregnancy is already stressful. Trump just made it worse

Age, General News, 24/09/2025, Ahona Guha, Page 20

While the most common response to the Trump administration's announcement that paracetamol may cause autism when taken during pregnancy has been to scoff or roll our eyes, for many it's no laughing matter. The claim has left autistic people distraught as their identities have been positioned as a terrible condition to prevent.

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Pregnant pause on painkiller warning

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24/09/2025, Margie Danchin, Page 19

Donald Trump has declared paracetamol is a "big factor" in autism, casting doubt on the safest and most used painkiller during pregnancy. With the rise in autism diagnoses during the past decade, the Trump administration has sought to provide new answers as to why, also implicating that vaccines may play a role.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Chronic pain in kids demands urgent action

Northern Territory News, General News, 24/09/2025, Nicolette Ellis, Page 15

Productivity in Australia has been a topic of heated conversation recently. But if the federal government is serious about giving the economy a boost, there is a silent epidemic costing our nation dearly that must be addressed.

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

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Richelle was the fittest she had ever been. And then she lost her vision

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 23/09/2025, Brooke Campbell Bayes

"Good, thanks" is the response often given by those with a chronic illness or disability when asked how they are. This series looks behind the masks of those living with chronic illness.

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Family reveals devastating reality of early dementia diagnosis

NEWS.com.au, Other, 23/09/2025, Sarah Sharples

At just 24-years-old, Mikhaela Martin became a carer for her mum who she has watched disappear before her eyes. "It's really hard to miss someone that's physically here," Ms Martin told news.com.au.

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

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'Genetic time bomb': The generational shift in Australia's deadliest cancer

The New Daily, Other, 23/09/2025, Damien Bolton

It's never been more important for men under 50 to know their prostate cancer risk as we witness what appears to be a generational shift in the number of younger men being diagnosed with the disease. Prostate cancer is traditionally associated with older age but that assumption could be deadly.

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Why experts wants to BAN codeine from your High Street chemist: We sell more of it than most countries, it doesn't ease chronic pain... and now doctors reveal the little-known side-effects that ruin lives

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Jo Waters

Abby Johnson was in agonising pain from gallstones, so when her GP prescribed codeine, she took it without a second thought. But within a year the 35-year-old was so hooked on the painkiller that she would use her month's prescription – 240 tablets – in just three days.

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New guide for community pharmacists to support 1 in 5 children with chronic pain

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 23/09/2025

Community pharmacists can play a critical role in supporting the 1 in 5* children managing chronic pain in Australia, with a new guide being published aimed at the sector. The guide, A Pharmacist's Guide to Supporting Kids in Pain, was released by Kids in Pain, a national initiative by Chronic Pain Australia.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Charlotte's Wish is honoured at awards

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24/09/2025, Matthew Benns, Page 2

A campaign for a national standard to tackle bullying in schools in honour of the dying wish of 12 year-old Sydney schoolgirl Charlotte O'Brien has been recognised at the annual News Awards. Charlotte's parents Kelly and Mat bravely tackled the issue in a Sunday Telegraph documentary called Charlotte's Wish that put the spotlight on a devastating national issue.

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Mental health officers for cops

Courier Mail, General News, 24/09/2025, Andreas Nicola, Page 4

Queensland Police will hire more officers to triage mental health calls just days after the union warned more mentally ill people would be inadvertently shot and killed by officers if nothing was done to stem a surge in call-outs. It comes as Australia's peak body for psychologists warn early intervention was

needed to ensure Queenslanders struggling with their mental health didn't spiral to the point where police or emergency service intervention was needed.

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Millions of Aussies hurt by gambling

West Australian, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 3

More than three million Australian adults experienced harm from gambling in the past year, with participation on the rise and punters losing significant amounts of money. [...] An estimated 3.1 million adults have experienced harms such as feeling guilty and stressed about their gambling, borrowing money or selling things to fund gambling or going back another day to try to win back lost money.

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Gambling reform stakes are high

Canberra Times, General News, 24/09/2025, Liz Neville, Page 13

The latest findings from the Australian Gambling Research Centre (AGRC) paint a concerning picture: gambling participation is rising, and so too are the harms that impact individuals, families and communities. The National Gambling Prevalence Study Pilot, based on a nationally representative survey of 3881 adults, reveals that nearly two-thirds (65 per cent) of Australians gambled at least once in the past year.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#)

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Psych plan under fire

Newcastle Herald, General News, 24/09/2025, Donna Page, Page 1

Australian and international academics have taken aim at the University of Newcastle's "shortsighted plan in a deepening mental health crisis" to "downgrade" its School of Psychological Sciences, which they say will result in fewer Hunter-based mental health professionals. While an increasing number of people across the region are seeking mental health treatment, there is a grave shortage of qualified practitioners to deliver it.

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Your postcode shouldn't determine your mental health

Newcastle Herald, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 14

People in rural, remote and regional communities across Australia deserve better. Our nation is experiencing a critical mental health workforce shortage but it is the people living in these underserved communities that feel the impact of this shortage the most. As a nation, we are meeting just 35 per cent of the demand for mental health services.

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Talk2mebro gala, 2025: changing lives after tragedy of suicide

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 23/09/2025, Nadine Morton

Seven people in Freddy Purcell's inner circle have died by suicide; they were family members and friends. He knew some of them were struggling, others he had no idea until it was too late.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 23/09/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

Children in the Pilbara will now have access to dedicated mental health support through Bounce Wellbeing, a service for 8 to 13-year-olds. The program is offered through a partnership between Anglicare WA, Rio Tinto, and Telethon, and is currently running in Karratha with plans to expand to Tom Price. Rio Tinto's Molly Singline says strong communities help nurture the next generation of leaders.

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Vaccine site could save Australia billions in pandemic

West Australian, Other, 23/09/2025, William Ton

Australia's first fully integrated mRNA vaccine facility could help the nation avoid billions in costs from the next pandemic, as Moderna defends a controversial government deal as a necessary investment. Having an onshore capability to manufacture mRNA vaccines from start to finish could save the nation \$4.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#)

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 23/09/2025, Graeme Goodings

Interview with AMA SA president Peter Subramaniam about the new nasal spray flu vaccine for children. Subramaniam says it will be a game changer in boosting vaccination rates, reducing flu transmission, and easing hospital pressures. He notes it will be free for children, effective though still being compared with needle vaccines, and available through GPs ahead of the flu season.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Bupa paves the way with genomics testing program

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round Metro, 24/09/2025, Penny Timms, Page 7

Australia's second-largest private health insurer is offering pharmacogenomic testing to its clients for free in the hope it helps enhance a patient's understanding of how their body may react to specific medications. This is Bupa's first foray into genomics domestically, and it hopes the stance will bolster public confidence in the science and how it can help patients make more informed decisions about their health.

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

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Genesis Capital tipped to line up for Aurora Healthcare deal

The Australian, Business News, 24/09/2025, Data Room Bridget Carter, Page 14

Genesis Capital is expected to be lining up to buy part of Aurora Healthcare, sources say. The business will be split into two different divisions for buyers, including rehabilitation services and mental health.

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WHO sees no autism links to Tylenol, vaccines

The Australian, Other, 24/09/2025

Neither the painkiller Tylenol nor vaccines have been shown to cause autism, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday, following comments from the US president and his administration to the contrary. President Donald Trump insisted on Monday that pregnant women should "tough it out" and avoid Tylenol due to an unproven link to autism and also urged major changes to the standard vaccines administered to babies.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#)

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New eight-level private hospital approved for Buranda health hub

The Courier Mail, Other, 23/09/2025, Brendan O'Malley

An eight-level private day hospital and "medi-hotel" next to the Princess Alexandra Hospital has been

ticked off by the State Government, paving the way for a \$1. In a twist, the eight-level PA Health Connect project would be built on top of an existing 10-level carpark.

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

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Dr Boreham's Crucible: One clear shot on goal for this cancer drug hopeful

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Tim Boreham

As the Wise Man sayeth, one should giveth a task to a busy person if one wanteth it done well. [...] Many drug developers proclaim they have 'multiple shots at goals' – more than one clinical program, that is – and are busier than a one-armed bricklayer.

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

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EMVision's latest cap raise gets strong backing – here's why this investor sees upside

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, Eddy Sunarto

When it comes to stroke, every minute counts. The difference between walking out of hospital or living with lifelong disability often comes down to how fast doctors can work out what type of stroke a patient has (ischaemic or haemorrhagic).

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

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

To rebuild public trust, step out of ivory tower and work for community

The Australian, Higher Education, 24/09/2025, Stephen Matchett, Page 21

A third of Australians do not trust universities and two in five agree university managers "are more focused on revenue than quality", according to Deakin University polling. [...] The Wicking Centre at the University of Tasmania that in large part is philanthropically funded certainly does, providing practical advice and information on dreadful diseases that randomly afflict families everywhere dementia, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury and multiple sclerosis.

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Vegies for blood sugar

Courier Mail, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 12

Cruciferous vegetables like broccoli and kale could help with the management of blood sugar levels, particularly for people at risk of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Edith Cowan University PhD student Ms Emma Connolly investigated whether cruciferous vegetable intake improved blood sugar control compared with root and squash vegetables.

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

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Colonoscopy gap grows

Northern Territory News, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 12

There is a growing disparity in colonoscopy rates in Australia according to where people live and their socio-economic status. A new data report by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care notes that colonoscopy rates are consistently lower outside major cities and in lower socio-economic areas.

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Nano-vinegar combo may kill super bugs

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 24/09/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 7

A common kitchen item could be the key to warding off deadly bacterial infections if microscopic particles are mixed with it, with researchers hoping the unlikely combination could target antibiotic resistance. Vinegar is a known household disinfectant, but it is only effective against a small number of bacteria.

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Violence in GP surgeries driven by waiting times and drug refusals, global study shows

The Guardian, Other, 23/09/2025, Denis Campbell

Violence and abuse by patients against staff in GP clinics is widespread globally and usually triggered by long waiting times and the refusal to prescribe requested drugs, research shows. [...] She based her findings on an analysis of 50 previous studies from 24 countries, including the UK, China, Australia, Germany, Ireland, Kuwait and Barbados.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Inquiry to investigate 'systemic issues'

Canberra Times, General News, 24/09/2025, Jasper Lindell, Page 3

A powerful inquiry into Aboriginal deaths in custody in the ACT will examine systemic issues to avoid "indeterminate" delays while the Coroner holds inquests into individual cases, the Corrections Minister says. Marisa Paterson said the government would soon invite expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to sit on an advisory committee, which would shape the terms of reference and the appointment of the board.

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

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Health minister steps in to resolve hospital parking

Courier Mail, General News, 24/09/2025, Judith Kerr, Page 4

The state's health minister has stepped in to address mounting concerns over a \$50.5m car park which remains largely empty at a bayside hospital that recorded Queensland's second-highest ambulance ramping in July and continues to wait for desperately needed ICU facilities. Queensland Health Minister Tim Nicholls has been drawn into the issue at Redland Hospital, with Oodgeroo MP Amanda Stoker confirming she is working directly with him to find ways to get more staff to use the empty car park.

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Don't drink out of taps

West Australian, General News, 24/09/2025, Charlton Hart, Page 1

Nursing staff at Royal Perth Hospital have been advised against giving tap water to some patients as concerns remain over the rampant spread of potentially deadly Legionella bacteria and other pathogens. The Cook Government has dismissed the latest health headache as a communication "error" and continues to claim the water at WA hospitals is safe to drink.

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Those at rally address why Griffith needs to leave MLHD

Mary Mittiga might live in Sydney now, but the welfare of her hometown citizens remains dear to her heart. That's why she returned to Griffith to support the rally advocating a split of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) in favour of establishing one that would focus on the Griffith region.

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Rallying cry for a health district split

Daily Advertiser, General News, 24/09/2025, Cai Holroyd, Page 2

Memorial Park was full last Saturday as Griffith rallied to support the motion to split the health district, separating Griffith from the Murrumbidgee Local Health District. Dr Narayanan Jayachandra, or Dr Jaya, as he is known around Griffith, spearheaded the rally along with Member for Murray Helen Dalton and advocate Brendan Catanzariti, though other stakeholders took the stage to lend their voices.

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'A new benchmark for healthcare': conditional approval granted for major redevelopment of Calvary hospital

Canberra Times, Other, 23/09/2025, Lucinda Garbutt-Young

Development approval for a much-anticipated health project in Canberra's south has been granted after several months of evaluation. A redevelopment of Calvary John James Hospital in Deakin was conditionally approved by the ACT Government this week, and work is expected to commence in the next six months.

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Coroner probes death of newborn baby at Queensland hospital

9News, Other, 23/09/2025, Robyn Wuth

Hugo McGregor lived for only five days before his parents made the heartbreaking decision to turn off his life support. [...] Hugo's death followed a damning report into Mackay Hospital's obstetrics and gynaecology services in 2022, which found catastrophic failings led to the death of three infants.

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Darwin dancer with dislocated knee left waiting for ambulance for six hours

ABC Online, Other, 23/09/2025, Tilda Colling

The mother of a Darwin dancer who spent more than six hours waiting for an ambulance after dislocating her knee has flagged serious concerns about the resourcing of the Northern Territory's medical services. Monique Dries, 20, was performing at a dance competition at a Darwin hotel on Saturday night when she fell to the ground.

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State support needed for Dunmore Rd upgrade near new hospital

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 23/09/2025, Joel Ehsman

Shellharbour City Council has unanimously voted to ask the state government for support and funding to upgrade Dunmore Road. Councillors were asked to vote on a mayoral minute brought forward by Mayor Chris Homer, which focused on the "urgent need" to upgrade the road, which will become the sole access route to the new Shellharbour Hospital.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

The ACN's best tips for making CPD work for you

Nursing Review, Other, 23/09/2025, Stefanie Schultz

For every nurse and midwife across Australia, continuing professional development (CPD) isn't just a regulatory requirement – it's a cornerstone of lifelong learning and a pathway to professional [...] The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) mandates that all registered nurses and midwives, except those with student and non-practising registration, engage in CPD activities annually.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Health staff 'walk off job'

Northern Territory News, General News, 24/09/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 8

NT public health workers are rallying outside Royal Darwin Hospital and Alice Springs Hospital for the first time in history to oppose the latest pay offer from NT Government. Professionals from a range of sectors including social workers, physiotherapists, radiographers and occupational therapists took a stand outside the health facilities from 12.30pm on Tuesday.

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Why Indigenous health workers should apply for this important scholarship

National Indigenous Times, Other, 23/09/2025, Jarred Cross

Having Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the health sector leads to better health outcomes for mob, a sector peak boss says. It's why a scholarship supporting Indigenous students and trainees entering the workforce is an important one.

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More than 2000 student nurses face unemployment

Nursing Review, Other, 23/09/2025, Stefanie Schultz

Victorian student nurses and midwives will rally outside state parliament today, in a bid to secure post-graduate employment. According to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) Victorian Branch more than 2000 nursing and midwifery students are set to miss out on a graduate program position in 2026.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 23/09/2025, Jennifer Keyte

More than 2,000 nursing and midwifery students have missed out on graduate positions for 2026, up from around 350 last year, prompting protests at Parliament calling for better funding. The ANMF says many students responded to the government's 2022 push for free nursing courses and are now being left without jobs. The government says it is working with health services to create more graduate positions across hospitals, mental health, aged and primary care.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Moderna reckons vaccine site is a \$4.8b shot in the arm

The Nightly, General News, 23/09/2025, William Ton, Page 31

Australia's first fully integrated mRNA vaccine facility could help the nation avoid billions in costs from the next pandemic, as Moderna defends a controversial government deal as a necessary investment. [...] The deal reportedly allows Moderna's vaccines to bypass the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee assessment which appraises medications' safety and value for money before

recommending they are subsidised by the PBS and commits the government to annual minimum purchases of vaccines.

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New guidelines support safe deprescribing for older Australians

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 23/09/2025

New national guidelines are set to help clinicians and older Australians reduce unnecessary medications and avoid preventable harm. [...] The guidelines cover commonly used PBS-subsidised medications for people aged 65 and over, as well as other medications where there is evidence to consider deprescribing in this age group.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Power off and save

Northern Territory News, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 12

Simply switching off a CT scanner when not in use can save 140kWh of energy in a week more power than it takes to run an average Australian household. Radiographers at a NSW hospital reduced CT scanner energy use by 32 per cent by switching off a surplus machine overnight and on the weekend.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Board updates pharmacist guidance on medicinal cannabis

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 23/09/2025

The Pharmacy Board of Australia has today published guidance reminding pharmacists of their duty of care when supplying prescribed medicinal cannabis products, updating guidance issued earlier this year (PD 09 Jul). It addresses the concerns of National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) that "profits may be being prioritised over patient safety", and pharmacists are reminded that they should be as "careful and diligent.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Blind spots appear in measles outbreak risk

Cairns Post, General News, 24/09/2025, Tim Little, Page 9

Backpackers in the city's hostels were unaware of a measles spread as health officials flagged a potential end to the region's outbreak. Cairns health officials have confirmed 12 cases of the highly infectious disease, nearly a month after it was first detected in a backpacker arriving from Bali.

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'Increase in demand': Bump in FNQ measles cases as health authorities seek to boost vax rates

The Courier Mail, Other, 23/09/2025, Samuel Davis

Queensland Health has confirmed more cases of measles in the Far North as doctors and pharmacists urge unvaccinated residents to roll up their sleeves in a bid to reduce transmission. Queensland Health

has confirmed more cases of measles in the Far North as doctors and pharmacists urge unvaccinated residents to roll up their sleeves in a bid to reduce transmission.

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

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Rare nitazene discovered at Canberra pill-testing site believed to be an Australian first

ABC Online, Other, 23/09/2025, Emmy Groves

The operator of Canberra's drug-checking service says a potentially deadly illicit substance detected over the weekend is so novel that its effects are not known. Operators at CanTEST believe it is the first time the nitazene called isotocyanazone has been detected at a drug-checking service anywhere in Australia.

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'Never necessary': Former chief health officer Brett Sutton admits some Covid-19 measures were mistakes

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 23/09/2025, Andrew Hedgman

The man behind the toughest COVID-19 restrictions in Australia has admitted some measures went too far and the state paid a heavy social cost. During the pandemic, Australians became accustomed to elbow bumps, disinfecting groceries, and endless hand sanitiser; measures now described by the man who led Victoria's COVID-19 response as largely unnecessary.

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

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Measles outbreak escalates in Qld, NSW

Nursing Review, Other, 23/09/2025

Health authorities have sounded the alarm as the number of measles infections in Queensland grows, with new exposure sites added to the already growing list of public health alerts across the country. In the past six weeks 12 people have tested positive to the virus, with Cairns and Gold Coast the two hotspots.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 23/09/2025, Jennifer Keyte

Australia will soon produce its own COVID-19 vaccines, with Moderna's Melbourne facility set to deliver doses by the end of the year. The plant is expected to save governments \$4.8 billion over three decades, while boosting health security, jobs and innovation. Commercial production has already begun after the facility received its licence last month.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The 2.5m children who show Trump is wrong

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 24/09/2025, Angus Dalton & Kate Aubusson, Page 6

There is no link between taking paracetamol during pregnancy and an increased risk of autism in children, multiple experts have said, citing the strongest and bestquality data available. [...] " It's a category A drug in Australia, which means it is taken by a large number of women, with no evidence of defects or harm, and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has no current safety investigations for paracetamol and autism.

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

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Pregnant? Ignore Trump. It's safe to take paracetamol

Donald Trump has suggested a causal link between autism and paracetamol use in pregnancy and promoted leucovorin as a potential treatment. Let's be clear: there is no scientific consensus behind either of these claims. [...] As Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration stated recently, no regulatory body has found evidence sufficient to change current medical advice around paracetamol use in pregnancy.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#).

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Trump's paracetamol claims 'fake news'

Ballarat Courier, General News, 24/09/2025, Michelle Smith, Page 3

US president Donald Trump's claims of a link between autism and the use of paracetamol in pregnancy have been branded "stigmatising" and "distracting" from the real issues affecting autistic people. [...] Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration, which regulates medicines and medical products, and Australia's chief medical officer Professor Michael Kidd, said in a statement they "join with other global medicines regulators, leading clinicians and scientists worldwide in rejecting claims regarding the use of paracetamol in pregnancy, and the subsequent risk of development of ADHD or autism in children".

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At-home headset seeks to tackle long waitlists for depression treatment

Canberra Times, Other, 23/09/2025, Maryam Sulaiman

Aussies diagnosed with depression can now see treatment at home with the new new headset approved by the medical regulator. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved a brain stimulation headset, the Flow Neuroscience, for at-home treatment of major depressive disorder on September 22.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 23/09/2025, Ashleigh Gillon

Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles says Australia will carefully consider any advice from the US Food and Drug Administration on paracetamol. But the TGA has rejected Donald Trump's claims, stressing paracetamol is safe in pregnancy, a message echoed by AMA. AMA president Dr. Danielle McMullen says no study proves a causal link with autism and warns against creating unnecessary fear for expectant mothers.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 23/09/2025, Laura Jayes

Interview with AMA president Dr. Danielle McMullen about Donald Trump's claims linking paracetamol use in pregnancy to autism. McMullen stresses there is no evidence proving causation, reassures women that paracetamol remains the safest option for treating pain and fever in pregnancy. She notes that the TGA continues to classify it as safe.

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6PR, Drive, 23/09/2025, Oliver Peterson

Interview with Professor Andrew Whitehouse of the Kids Research Institute Australia about claims linking paracetamol use in pregnancy to autism. Whitehouse says there is no evidence of a causal link, noting that studies show mixed results and any association is weak and not proof of causation. He notes that the TGA has reaffirmed paracetamol is safe for use in pregnancy.

Continuing on: [6PR \(Perth\)](#).

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Evenings, 23/09/2025

TGA has reassured pregnant women that paracetamol is safe to use, despite the Trump administration linking the medication to autism. Donald Trump says US doctors will soon be advised to restrict its use in pregnancy to cases of extreme fever. TGA chief medical adviser Robyn Langham says there is no evidence of harm to unborn babies.

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FIVEAA, Afternoons, 23/09/2025, Leith Forrest

Interview with AMA president Dr. Danielle McMullen about paracetamol use in pregnancy. McMullen discusses concerns raised after comments linking paracetamol to autism, stressing that evidence does not support a causal link. She reaffirms advice from the TGA and other medical bodies that paracetamol remains the safest option for treating pain and fever during pregnancy.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Board flags concerns over cannabis supply

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 23/09/2025, John Smith

Pharmacists urged to prioritise patient safety over profits when supplying medicinal cannabis "Poor practice in prescribing and supply of medicinal cannabis" is leading to "significant patient harm", the Pharmacy Board of Australia warns. New guidance published by the Board on Monday (22 September 2025) reminded pharmacists "to be as careful and diligent when supplying prescribed

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Pharmacy Board targets unsafe supply of medicinal cannabis

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 23/09/2025

The Pharmacy Board of Australia has put pharmacists on notice around medicinal cannabis supply, saying 'safe practice must apply'. Concerns have been raised by the National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (Ahpra) that financial incentives may, in some cases, be placed ahead of patient safety.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Protein ball metal recall

Hobart Mercury, General News, 24/09/2025, Page 10

Several popular ranges of protein snacks have been recalled after metal was found in batches released across Australia. Australia's food standards authority has issued two recall notices for Smooshed Wholefood and Protein balls produced by Tasti, and the Aldi alternative Made Real wholefood balls after metal was discovered in the batches across the country.

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

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How healthy are supermarket roast chickens? Social media claims debunked

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 23/09/2025, taylor penny

We've all turned to a supermarket roast chook – also known as a bachelor's handbag – when hungry and short on time. But are they good for us? [...] A spokesman said all flavour additives were approved by Food Standards Australia New Zealand.

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

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Free Country Organic Beef Mince sold across IGA and Supabarn recalled after plastic found inside

7news.com.au, Other, 23/09/2025, Demi Huang

A popular beef mince product has been recalled after plastic was found inside. The alert for Free Country Organic Beef Mince 500g from Auspork Australia Pty Ltd, with a best before date of September 28, was issued by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) on Tuesday.

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Eye-watering new water bills set to hit Sydney residents after independent review

7news.com.au, Other, 23/09/2025, Sarah Keszler

Residents in Australia's most expensive city will soon be slapped with higher water bills. [...] The announcement comes a short time after a review into Sydney's drinking water quality amid concerns over elevated levels of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) , also known as "forever chemicals".

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