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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Uluru Dialogue co-chair Megan Davis has said that a lack of accountability in First Nations policy has contributed to the Federal Government's failure to meet its Indigenous health targets.
- **[The Australian \(page 2\)](#)** reports that the Australian Services Union will undertake industrial action today, seeking to dissuade the Fair Work Commission from bringing the Social, Community, Home Care, and Disability Services Award in-line with the aged-care sector, which they say would reduce pay.
- The **[Courier Mail \(page 3\)](#)** reports that Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union have accepted the Queensland Government's wage increase offer of 11 per cent over the next three years, which will include \$38.6 million in back pay.
- The **[West Australian \(page 5\)](#)** reports that Medicines Australia boss Liz de Somer has questioned why Prime Minister Anthony Albanese avoided raising the pharmaceutical tariff in his meeting with US President Donald Trump, saying that the executive order had already caused delays in prescription drug launches in Australia.
- The **[Daily Telegraph \(page 11\)](#)** reports that the virtualKIDS Emergency Department (ED) Short Stay Unit, a program designed to allow children to receive care remotely, has been granted \$500,000 in additional funding to expand the program.

- **[The ABC \(online\)](#)** reports that an investigation into Townsville Hospital's urology services launched by Queensland Health Director-General David Rosengren last month has found that up to 500 patients were awaiting urology results and a further 25 patients had not progressed onto the next stage of clinical care.
- **[The ABC \(online\)](#)** reports that microplastic researchers has expressed concerns that microplastics could pose a potential chemical risk in Australian households, with several banned chemicals – including, PFOS, PFOA and PFHxS – included in plastics.

MINISTER BUTLER

Queries over why pharmaceutical tariffs not raised in talks

West Australian, General News, 23/10/2025, Caitlyn Rintoul, Page 5

Australia's peak pharmaceutical industry body says Donald Trump's tariffs regime has already impacted the flow of new medicines Down Under and questioned why Anthony Albanese didn't advocate for the sector during his White House visit. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has vowed that the PBS is "not up for negotiation".

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Sussan Ley says Anthony Albanese for 'missed opportunity' with Donald Trump on Australia's tariffs rates

West Australian, Other, 22/10/2025

Opposition leader Sussan Ley says Anthony Albanese missed the opportunity to alleviate Australia's tariff burdens after skipping key discussions on trade while in the White House. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler had vowed in July that Australia would continue to "press the case" after concerns from the medicines sector and patients who rely on the PBS.

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

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Advocate lodges complaint after accessibility issues at Disability Minister Mark Butler's office

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Genevieve Blandin

A viral video showing a lack of accessibility into the offices of the federal minister for disability has highlighted broader issues for access into public buildings, an advocate says. Disability advocate and wheelchair user Shane Hryhorec said he lodged a complaint with the Humans Rights Commission after he was unable to access Mark Butler's offices recently.

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'We need to talk about productivity': ANMF 17th National Biennial Conference round-up

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 22/10/2025, Robert Fedele

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Feasting on funding: The Maggie Beer Foundation saga deepens

HelloCare, Other, 22/10/2025, Jakob Neeland

Over the past few months, the Maggie Beer Foundation (MBF), led by Australia's beloved culinary icon Maggie Beer, has found itself in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. [...] This week, the momentum grew with OneCare CEO Pete Williams, a respected Tasmanian leader, publicly urging Minister Sam Rae to "press pause" on such programs.

Life-saving drug now free for Aussies

WEB Newsreel, Other, 22/10/2025

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said Olipudase alfa (Xenpozyme) would be listed on the Life Saving Drugs Program (LSDP) as the first and only effective treatment approved for Australians with the life-threatening inherited disease, acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD). Minister Butler said the drug, an enzyme replacement therapy, was approved for children with ASMD and adult patients with type A/B (Niemann-Pick type A/B) or type B (Niemann-Pick type B).

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Channel 10, 10 News, 22/10/2025, Sandra Sully

Federal Health and NDIS Minister Mark Butler has come under fire from a wheelchair user after the front door of his electoral office was blocked by stairs. Disability advocate Shane Hryhorec is publicly demanding that access be fixed, but Minister Butler has responded by stating that the required modifications are "quite expensive."

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3AW, Drive, 22/10/2025, Jacqui Felgate

Interview with Shane Hryhorec, Managing Director, Puash Mobility, and disability advocate, about Federal Disability Minister Mark Butler's office at Port Adelaide lacking in accessibility. Hryhorec recalls having a meeting with Butler in his office and saw that there was a lack of accessibility ramp for those with disability towards his office, as well as not having an accessible doorbell for him.

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ABC Radio Sydney, The World Today, 22/10/2025, Andy Park

A spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler confirms the Federal Government has committed nearly \$8 billion to improve mental health and suicide prevention services. The government is working with the States and Territories to ensure these services are delivered for all Australians who need them, including vulnerable groups such as those experiencing homelessness.

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MINISTER RAE

Home care changes 'unworkable' in regional areas

South Western Times, General News, 23/10/2025, Rose Patane, Page 13

WA's shadow minister for aged care has slammed changes to Federal home care funding, and warned it would "savage" the sector in the State's regional areas. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the reforms which received bipartisan support in Parliament would give more older Australians "high-quality, dignified care in a safe and familiar environment, close to family and community".

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Mental Health support for First Nations young people in Condobolin

Condobolin Argus, General News, 22/10/2025, Melissa Blewitt, Page 3

First Nations young people living in Condobolin and across Western NSW, can now access free, culturally safe mental health and wellbeing support through the new headspace Outreach Program. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride met the outreach team at their base headspace Dubbo to officially launch the new program on Thursday, 2 October.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

New campaign prioritises indoor air quality

HVAC&R News, Other, 22/10/2025

Momentum is growing for the Safer Air Project's Making the invisible visible campaign, in which organisations sign up to monitor and disclose information about their indoor air quality. [...] The event will include addresses from Assistant Minister Rebecca White MP, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Indigenous Health and for Women Prof Michael Kidd AO, Chief Medical Officer and Senator Michelle Ananda-Rajah and Dr Monique Ryan MP, Co-Chairs of the Parliamentary Friends of Clean Air Quality group.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Putting men's mental health in the spotlight

The Western Weekender, Other, 22/10/2025, Emily Chate

Men's health, both physical and mental, was a hot topic this week as the Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi visited Penrith. On Wednesday, Repacholi began the day with a meeting at the Panthers Rugby League Academy with representatives from Brothers Junior Rugby League Club and the Windsor Wolves Junior Rugby League Club as well as Panthers CEO Matt Cameron to discuss the impact sporting clubs can have on supporting men's health.

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DEPARTMENT

Home care last hope for Gummun Place aged care in Merriwa

Newcastle Herald, Other, 22/10/2025, Gabriel Fowler

Former poultry farmer Bruce Cope, was one of many members of the community who made a donation to Gummun Place. [...] The council has been through an expressions of interest (EOI) process to find another operator, and submitted their report to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, which made a recommendation to the Department of Health and Aged Care that it should not fund a second EOI.

Also reported by: [Gloucester Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Dunggg Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Hunter Valley News \(Online\)](#)

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Mystery BCG PHN report floats up, but misses the mark, say experts

Health Services Daily, Other, 22/10/2025, Caitlin Wright

Australia's long-awaited phn review still hasn't been released by the DoHDA, but those in the know say it won't answer the questions everyone wants answered.

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New study reveals significant rise in women with endometriosis

Women's Agenda, Other, 22/10/2025, Brianna Boecker

The proportion of women presenting to Australian general practice with endometriosis almost doubled between 2011-2021, according to a new study. [...] The development, piloting and national release of the plan was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing as part of the National Endometriosis Action Plan.

Also reported by: [Monash University \(Online\)](#)

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Bulk billing incentives start Nov 1

Pulse+IT, Other, 22/10/2025

More than 1,500 practices have so far expressed interest in joining the Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program (BBPIP) which commences on November 1. Addressing the AAPMAANZ 2025 conference in Melbourne today, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing First Assistant Secretary, Primary Care Division Mark Roddam updated delegates from across primary care on imminent changes as part of national health reform.

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Funding blow fails to deter Merriwa community's fight to save Gummun Place

The Scone Advocate, Other, 22/10/2025, Gabriel Fowler

The community is still fighting to keep the doors to Merriwa's aged care facility, Gummun Place, open despite losing their bid for almost \$1.8 million in federal funding. [...] The council has been through an expressions of interest (EOI) process to find another operator, and submitted their report to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, which made a recommendation to the Department of Health and Aged Care that it should not fund a second expression of interest.

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“Explain it calmly, price it scientifically”: Tom Symondson's advice for Support at Home backlash

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

At the final Department of Health, Disability and Ageing webinar before the new Aged Care Act takes effect, Support at Home pricing dominated the closing Q&A. Tom Symondson, CEO of Ageing

Australia , said many providers are anxious about lifting prices – and many consumers are angry and confused.

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iLiquid's My Aged Care contract tops \$30M after 16th extension

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health and Aged Care has extended its deal with digital consultancy iLiquid Pty Ltd to "operate and enhance" the My Aged Care website for a further six months, adding \$2.7 million and taking the total contract value to \$30.6 million. The Fortitude Valley-based firm, founded and chaired by Michael Burke , has now seen the contract extended 16 times – equating to roughly \$30,000 a day over its four-year life.

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Aged care Star Ratings fail the pub test – especially on “Compliance”

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

When a home can be found non-compliant and still show five stars for Compliance on My Aged Care, the system – not just the service – deserves scrutiny. This isn't a story about one provider's failings. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing hired Allen + Clarke to review Star Ratings and KPMG to run consultations.

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Health Dept grants second eNRMC extension, avoiding aged care prescribing chaos

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has granted a further extension to the eNRMC transitional arrangements, allowing non-conforming Electronic Residential Medication Chart systems to continue issuing prescriptions until 31 December 2025. Sector peak Ageing Australia – which had been advocating for relief – welcomed the move and said further extensions could follow if required.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Revealed: What Coast seniors say about new aged care funding system

Sunshine Coast Daily, Other, 22/10/2025, Kelsey Reid

Elderly Sunshine Coast residents have praised a new aged care reform plan, which they claim "will level the playing field". The new program, Support at Home, will start on November 1, and allocates funding so people are able to stay at home rather than go to a retirement village. Funds would be allocated towards gardening, cleaning, personal care, nursing services and other expenses.

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

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Violet launches end-of-life care planning tool

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 22/10/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Most Australians agree that planning for end-of-life care is important but few have done so, and care platform Violet is calling for its new tool to be embedded into the over 75s health check. Violet has launched Care Compass, an intuitive, shareable and values-first planning tool to help families, carers and clinicians have conversations about end-of-life care.

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“If we can fund AUKUS, surely we can fund rural aged care”: Upper Hunter to decide fate of Gummun Place

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

The Upper Hunter Shire Council will meet next Monday to determine the future of Gummun Place, a 16-bed aged care home in Merriwa, 300km north-west of Sydney. The Council wrote to the Federal Government last year warning the home is losing \$400,000 a year and has since approached 160 larger operators to take over the facility – without success.

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Bain lines up Gresham to run Estia Health sale alongside Barrenjoey

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

Bain Capital has reportedly added M&A advisory group Gresham to the ticket to find a buyer for Estia Health, Australia's second-largest residential aged care operator. Earlier this month, we reported Bain had already engaged investment bank Barrenjoey to pursue either a trade sale or a potential ASX float of Estia Health, following its successful listing of Virgin Australia.

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Nurses' union launches aged care review, alleges providers are gaming care minute targets

The Weekly Source, Other, 22/10/2025, Caroline Egan

Australia's largest union, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF), will conduct a nationwide "pulse check" of aged care, drawing on frontline feedback from nurses and care workers. ANMF Federal Secretary Annie Butler said the review will also assess how effectively recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety have been implemented.

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When love speaks in forgotten tongues: How dementia steals our second language

Your Life Choices, Other, 22/10/2025

Victoria's story sounds like any other. Sixty years ago, she met her husband, Antonio, in Spain. Afterwards, like so many others, they came to the shores of the Lucky Country and built a life. Now in their twilight years, the couple are staring down their latest challenge: dementia. Victoria, in the disease's advanced stages, represents one face of a growing challenge across Australia.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Drive, 22/10/2025, Nikolai Beilharz

Interview with Chris Grice, National Seniors Australia, about home care packages being reduced in funding by \$1000 a quarter. Grice points out that the new system won't be covering what's called clinical support services, which should cover allied health, care management, and even physiotherapy. He adds that contributions will be based on a person's financial capacity; however, he can assure that those who are doing tough will have safety nets to cover them. Grice says Minister for Aged Care Sam Rae was provided with powers to make some amendments in case issues occur with the new aged care changes.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Pair ripped off the NDIS

Herald Sun, General News, 23/10/2025, Page 9

A man has pleaded guilty to defrauding the NDIS by altering participants' plans to claim payments for services never provided. A second person has also been accused of allegedly being involved in changing NDIS plans.

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'Perfect storm of harm': 4yo girl dies after NDIS 'fail'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 22/10/2025

A four-year-old girl died after being denied support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme and contracting influenza from her mother. Rapid changes to the NDIS had created a "perfect storm of harm" that had in some cases led to deaths, a joint parliamentary committee heard on Wednesday.

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

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PRIMARY CARE

The GP 'open referral' trick that may save you thousands on surgery

Canberra Times, Other, 22/10/2025, Desiree Savage

Out-of-pocket costs to see specialist doctors are skyrocketing, with some procedures costing nine times what they did five years ago - but there is a major push for change. Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) is urging patients to shop around on specialists' fees, as well as advocating for reform. It comes as the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority data revealed out-of-pocket fees for hospital episodes have risen by 65 per cent since 2020.

Also reported by: [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#).

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Tassie's hay fever warning: Why doctors fear worst is still ahead

The Mercury, Other, 22/10/2025, Alison Foletta

Tasmanians are battling through a spring sneeze storm, with wild winds whipping up pollen clouds and doctors warning the worst is still to come. It's only a few weeks into the traditional pollen season, but experts say symptoms are already striking people who've never suffered before. "Rates of hay fever are going up and up," said Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Tasmania deputy chair Dr Tim Jones.

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

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Real care goes online with virtual services

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 22/10/2025

Since its statewide launch in 2022 more than 85,000 patients have been referred by Ambulance Victoria, with more than 680,000 patients having benefitted overall from the online service. Ambulance Victoria's director of operational triage services Diana Zimmermann said the online emergency department is a win-win for patients and paramedics.

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Delivering advance care planning in general practice

Medical Forum, Other, 22/10/2025

A pilot program of advance care planning in general practice showed clear benefits for doctors and patients, writes Dr Kanwal Singh who took part in the pilot. Embedding advance care planning (ACP) in general practice facilitates the integration of proactive ACP discussions. In turn this enables earlier, values-based conversations, improves alignment of care with patient goals and reduces family stress during acute episodes.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 22/10/2025, Laura Jayes

Australia's medicines regulator has raised concerns about the reliability of sun cream. The Therapeutic Goods Administration is concerned that many of the advertised sun protection factors, known as FPS,

isn't accurate.

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ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 22/10/2025, Samantha Donovan

School immunisation programs have now been introduced to provide vaccination against Meningococcal disease. Dr Anita Muñoz, of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), commented that the rates of infection for the disease typically fluctuate every year.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Tobacco stings: 'it's playing with fire'

The Australian, General News, 23/10/2025, Sarah Elks, Page 7

A nation-leading scheme allowing undercover Queensland Health inspectors to buy illicit cigarettes and vapes from the black market could be vulnerable to corruption and fabrication of evidence, the corruption watchdog and civil libertarians have warned. Draft legislation before the Queensland parliament includes the country's longest closure orders for illegal tobacco retailers, new powers for landlords to terminate commercial leases to the illicit tobacconists, and harsh penalties for lessors who fail to act.

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

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Fresh guidelines to tackle male infertility

Age, General News, 23/10/2025, Broede Carmody, Page 14

What John Paul Abi-Khattar remembers most was the awkwardness. The project manager was sitting in his urologist's office, naked below the waist, undergoing a scrotal examination months after his wife's ovaries and fallopian tubes had already been scrutinised by doctors. The medical exam caused no pain and it was over within a minute or two. Abi-Khattar was subsequently diagnosed with treatable varicocele varicose veins on the left testicle which can diminish sperm production. "I then went under the knife, and happy days," he says.

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

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State of scorch heats up

Courier Mail, General News, 23/10/2025, Danica Clayton and Jackie Sinnerton, Page 9

Doctors expect an influx at hospitals as the state swelters in a heatwave. Tuesday was officially Queensland's hottest October day since records began, as Birdsville hit 46.1C. Weather bureau meteorologist Angus Hines said Thursday was expected to be Queensland's hottest day of the week.

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Putting the sting in spring as records fall

Canberra Times, General News, 23/10/2025, Kat Wong and Callum Godde, Page 3

Humans and animals alike were warned to take caution yesterday as the risk of heat-related harm rose with record-breaking temperatures. A spring heatwave cranked up the mercury, with Queensland and NSW both hitting their highest-recorded temperatures for October. Birdsville in Queensland's southwest reached 46.1 degrees, while Bourke in far north NSW reached 44.8 degrees on Tuesday. Parts of Sydney were expected to flirt with maximums of 40 degrees yesterday, according to weather bureau senior meteorologist Angus Hines.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#).

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9 homeless deaths daily

There were about nine potentially avoidable deaths per day 2022-23 among people with a history of specialist homelessness support. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare research found that throughout 2012-13 to 2022-23, about 43,200 people with history of SHS support died, with a median age at death of 55 years old; 28 years younger than Australia's average life expectancy of 83.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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Sugar hits not so sweet in long run

West Australian, Edition Changes, 23/10/2025, Hannah Cross, Page 3

Slashing sugar intake early in a child's life could be the key to reducing the risk of several heart conditions in adulthood. The greatest protection and the longest delay in disease onset was seen in people whose sugar intake was restricted from conception to about two years of age.

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Planet of the vapes

West Australian, General News, 23/10/2025, Jessica Evensen, Page 9

Half of Perth's corner shops are selling vapes and illegal tobacco in broad daylight, sparking urgent calls for the WA Government to strengthen trade laws. The Australian Council on Smoking and Health said on Wednesday it had surveyed 103 retailers in the metro area in the past three months, with 50 per cent caught selling e-cigarettes and other illegal products.

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Healthier starts to learning careers

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 23/10/2025, Nikita McGuire, Page 9

Townsville is the starting city for a \$37.5m Crisafulli government program to provide free health checks to Kindy kids. The Healthy Kindy Kids program will start this week, providing free on-site vision, hearing, speech and language development tests by registered Queensland Health allied health assistants, allied health students and enrolled nurses, under supervision of a senior health professional. Children First Cranbrook founder Bill Adler said the checks would help identify and respond early to potential concerns, helping children thrive before they step into the classroom.

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WA's 'toothless' penalties blamed for rampant illegal tobacco, vape sales

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 22/10/2025, Heather McNeill

Half of Perth's corner shops are selling illegal tobacco, according to the Australian Council of Smoking and Health, which is calling on the WA government to urgently reform its penalties. The council surveyed 103 outlets across 56 suburbs and found the illegal sale of tobacco or vapes was rampant at newsagents, delis, tobacconists, convenience stores and gift shops.

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Government decision to ban gender-affirming care tested in court

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 22/10/2025, Courtney Kruk

Health service providers were given 21 minutes to consider a directive that would ban gender-affirming treatments for young Queenslanders, a court has heard, but were not told until the meeting that it would count as "consultation". Detailed accounts of the meeting with senior health administrators were aired in Brisbane's Supreme Court on Wednesday as the chief executive of Queensland Health, Dr David Rosengren, defended a case brought by the parent of a trans child, who cannot be named for legal reasons.

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Homeless deaths an indictment on support systems

Canberra Times, Other, 22/10/2025, Maeve Bannister

Overdoses and suicide have been found to be the leading causes of death among people who access homeless services, with potentially nine avoidable deaths each day in Australia. Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found between 2012 and 2023, around 43,200 people with a history of homelessness died.

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

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Alice Springs women face long waits for IUD birth control

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Elsie Lange

IUDs can be inserted by GPs, gynaecologists and family planning doctors, but in Alice Springs there aren't enough local professionals. Almost every day for months following the insertion of an intra-uterine device (IUD), Emma Condliffe woke up in agony. The searing, strange ache emanating from her uterus didn't feel normal and she started to worry.

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Queensland's fluoride fear to leave lasting impact on dental health for generations to come

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Tom Hartley

Mixing personal opinion and public interest, in their heritage-listed town hall, eight regional Queensland councillors voted on a motion that, one feared, would send their city backwards, to its "hell town" era. The city is Gympie — one of rolling valleys, pristine coast, and — if you ask the deputy mayor — a region now bowing to the wishes and beliefs of "a few conspiracy theorists and sovereign citizens".

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Access to road accident compensation for Indigenous Australians is falling short, study says

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Shannon Pearce

Talia Scriven does not know a life without a parent with lifelong injuries. [...] But data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) highlights First Nations people carry a bigger burden of road traffic trauma.

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4BC, Breakfast , 22/10/2025, Luke Bradnam

Interview with Aileen Traves, RACGP Queensland Deputy Chair, about Qld having the highest rates in the country for smoking, vaping, and obesity. Traves states the numbers are really concerning and as GPs, they see a lot of people and these have been trends that they've been aware of. She notes they know what's in cigarettes and they know that they cause cancer, and while they certainly don't know what's in vapes, they know that the contents of them is highly addictive and probably similar and possibly even worse to the contents of cigarettes.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Less wealthy disease risk

Hobart Mercury, General News, 23/10/2025, Page 3

Lower socio-economic status in Australia is linked to a higher risk of nine out of 10 common chronic diseases. Researchers measured socio-economic factors alongside 10 chronic conditions arthritis, asthma, cancer, dementia, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, lung disease, mental health conditions, and stroke in more than 11 million Australians aged 40 and over.

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Give the last shout a miss

Just one less drink a day could make a meaningful change to the risk of heart disease, according to new Japanese research. Published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, the research challenges the long-held belief that low levels of alcohol do not meaningfully affect blood pressure.

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Pregnancy heart issues

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 23/10/2025, Page 12

Women who have health challenges during pregnancy are at higher risk of subsequent heart problems. University of Texas researchers in the US have found an irregular heartbeat is one of these problems linked to pregnancy challenges.

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Life-saving access to breast screens

Launceston Examiner, General News, 23/10/2025, Bridget Archer, Page 15

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Tasmanian women, and 1 in 7 Australian women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. This highlights the importance of being breast aware and having regular breast screens. Breast screening mammograms are the best way of detecting breast cancers early, before they are big enough to be seen or felt. When breast cancer is found early, it's usually easier to treat, and the chances of recovery are much higher.

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Townsville chosen to launch free kindy health check program

The Courier Mail, Other, 22/10/2025, Nikita McGuire

Townsville has been announced as the starting city for a \$37.5m Crisafulli government program to provide free health checks to Kindy kids. The Healthy Kindy Kids program will kick off this week in Townsville, providing free on-site vision, hearing, speech and language development tests by registered Queensland Health allied health assistants, allied health students and enrolled nurses, supervision of a senior health professional. Founder of Children First Cranbrook Bill Adler said the checks would help to identify and respond early to potential concerns, helping children thrive before they even step into their first classroom.

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

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Reducing booze intake can reduce blood pressure, heart disease risk even in light drinkers

West Australian, Other, 23/10/2025, Hannah Cross

One less vino with the girls could make a meaningful change to the risk of heart disease long-term, new research has revealed. [...] The Australian Heart Foundation recommends the same, noting that "after a few drinks, your blood pressure will spike temporarily, and regular heavy drinking can lead to a long-term blood pressure increase".

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Cancer Council WA urges all to see Conquering Skin Cancer documentary to 'reframe relationship with the sun'

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 22/10/2025, Claire Middleton

Great Southern regional cancer prevention co-ordinator Bruce Beamish is urging building companies and other businesses whose workers ply their trades outdoors to watch the documentary Conquering Skin Cancer, which is being screened at Albany Town Hall on October 29. [...] Mr Beamish said anyone who worked or spent time in the sun should see the film, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session with panellists Dr John Rowlands, Albany deputy mayor Paul Terry — a melanoma survivor — and Cancer Council WA SunSmart manager Sally Blane.

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Melbourne scientists discover breastfeeding protects against breast

cancer

7news.com.au, Other, 22/10/2025, Jennifer Bechwati

A potentially life-saving breakthrough has revealed why breastfeeding mothers develop special immune cells. Australian scientists have made a potentially life-saving breakthrough, discovering exactly how pregnancy and breastfeeding can protect women against breast cancer. The groundbreaking research could help scientists find new ways to treat and even prevent the disease that affects thousands of Aussie women each year.

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Two big walks a week better for you than daily, shorter, strolls, find scientists

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 22/10/2025, Emma Gritt

Taking just two 40-minute walks a week can cut women's risk of heart attacks and stroke by more than a quarter, according to a new study. A team from Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital tracked weekly step counts of more than 13,000 women with an average age of 71. [...] According to the British Heart Foundation, more than 7.6 million people in the UK have CVD, and the condition is responsible for about one in four premature deaths in people aged under 75.

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Popular hair products associated with multiple cancers... including one of the deadliest

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 22/10/2025, Sadie Whitelocks

Chemical relaxers used to straighten hair may increase the risk of developing multiple cancers by as much as 166 percent, a new study has found. Experts have long been concerned about the presence of the carcinogen formaldehyde in chemical hair-straightening and relaxing treatments, such as Keratin treatments and Brazilian blowouts.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Mood meds' many effects

Herald Sun, General News, 23/10/2025, Page 20

Antidepressants have widely different potential impacts on the body. King's College London researchers say this information needs to be considered when choosing which medication is likely to be appropriate for a patient. They combined results from 168 US studies and reports on antidepressant side effects involving more than 58,000 people and 30 medications over about two months of use.

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

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Melbourne hospital charged by work safety watchdog following news mother's death

7news.com.au, Other, 22/10/2025, Rachael Ward

A coroner found the hospital failed to properly check on the 33-year-old who was struggling with postpartum psychosis. A hospital, whose staff did not properly check on a new mum struggling through psychosis before her death, has been charged with failing to prevent health and safety risks to patients.

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Call for audit of ADHD 'diagnostic practices' at private psychiatry clinics

Australian Doctor, Other, 22/10/2025

Authors of a Medical Journal of Australia opinion piece say more oversight and standardised clinical assessments are needed. A psychiatrist is calling for an audit of private psychiatry clinics to assess

their "diagnostic practices" in an attempt to curtail the overdiagnosis of ADHD. Dr Richard Bradlow, a Victorian psychiatrist, said the private practice model was favouring affluent patients able to pay the high medical costs associated with ADHD assessment.

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IMMUNISATION

Parents call for vaccine funding

Herald Sun, General News, 23/10/2025, Lucy Callander, Page 20

Worried parents are calling on the state government to "stop playing Russian roulette" with their children's health. They want better protection from a "horrible disease" that teens in other states are vaccinated against for free. More than 18000 people have signed an online petition in the wake of the sudden death of 16-year-old Casey boy Levi Syer who developed sepsis a deadly complication of meningococcal B.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Choose lifenow go fill out that paperwork

Hobart Mercury, General News, 23/10/2025, Mervin Reed, Page 18

A few years ago, Susie, my wife of 54 years, suddenly died, and both of us had little warning. I thought as the male, that I would be the first to go and join God, but this was not the case. My wife Susie, one Monday morning had a large stroke, and later that day in the ICU at the Royal Hobart Hospital, I was faced with the inevitable outcome, that she would be brain dead in 48 hours.

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Redefining identity in the age of AI

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 22/10/2025, Helen Hawkes

AI is rapidly transforming healthcare practice, but how will it challenge pharmacists' identities – which are closely tied to knowledge, intelligence and decision-making expertise? As AI continues to transform the labour market, the education of pharmacists needs to change, said Dr Louise Schaper, an internationally renowned digital health leader and Fellow of both the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics and the Australasian Institute of Digital Health.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Call to lift region's dementia research

Newcastle Herald, General News, 23/10/2025, Jessica Belzycki, Page 5

With dementia cases projected to rise by more than 70 per cent in parts of the Hunter by 2054, researchers are calling for greater investment into the disease. Almost 13,000 people in the Hunter live with dementia. This was predicted to rise to more than 22,500 by 2054. Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) CEO Frances Kay said it was a bigger problem in the Hunter than elsewhere in the state.

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How to help turn the tide against nation's biggest killer

Newcastle Herald, General News, 23/10/2025, Page 18

What do medical research institutes and surf clubs have in common? Go with me here, but there's actually more than you might think. Neither waits for danger to strike. They prepare, train, watch the currents, and build systems that keep people safe when the tides turn. At the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI), we see ourselves as a surf club for science by supporting researchers as they scan the horizon, assess the risks, and prepare for what's coming.

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All heart: doc turns Bunnings pipe into medical marvel

Canberra Times, Other, 22/10/2025, Tom Wark

It might look like it comes out of a 1974 Datsun, but a revolutionary artificial heart with the potential to save thousands of lives would still be a pipe dream without government investment. Daniel Timms, the man who built the first model for the artificial heart using pipes from Bunnings wants properly funded medical research and pioneering trials and technology kept in Australia.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#).

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Indigenous 'canaries in democracy's mine'

The Australian, General News, 23/10/2025, Paige Taylor, Page 1

Uluru Dialogue co-chair Megan Davis argues the lack of integrity in Australia's political system is on display in the government's failure to meet its targets in Indigenous health, education and crime crises plaguing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In a speech in Sydney on Wednesday night, Professor Davis described Indigenous communities as "the canaries in the mine" of democracy because that was where the problems in the nation's political system were most acutely felt.

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Mob wants to see mob

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 23/10/2025, Page 4

Cultural connection and positive healthcare experiences are of high value to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians when deciding to access healthcare. A UQ-led study examined factors supporting or hindering young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from accessing primary healthcare services, finding many participants preferred Aboriginal providers.

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

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Three-year pathway to employment program in Leonora being shaped by local community

West Australian, Other, 22/10/2025, Jessica Antoniou

The Goldfields community has been invited to influence a local hub in the making which aims to support Indigenous Australians gaining pathways to employment. Nyunngaku Aboriginal Corporation has partnered with Curtin University Rural Health and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to deliver a three-year program in Leonora, which will have a focus on two-way science and health knowledge.

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

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Inquest hears 34-year-old Indigenous woman was repeatedly sedated by medical staff before she died

SBS, Other, 22/10/2025, Emma Kellaway

NT Coroner Elisabeth Armitage is examining the death of 34-year-old Kumanjayi Brogus Ungwanaka

who died in Alice Springs Hospital due to a toxic overdose administered by medical staff. Western Arrernte woman Kumanjayi Brogus Ungwanaka was 34 when she died on 21 November 2023. The mum of three lived with her family in Hermannsberg-Ntaria, a small community 130 kilometres west of Alice Springs.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

New scheme lets kids recover at home, not hospital

Daily Telegraph, General News, 23/10/2025, Madeline Crittenden, Page 11

A new program is giving sick children the option to be safely managed from home rather than a hospital bed, with clinicians now able to monitor their vital signs such as oxygen levels and heart rate remotely. More than 100 pediatric patients have been admitted to the virtualKIDS Emergency Department (ED) Short Stay Unit since the trial began in March 2024, with 80 per cent recovering in their own home.

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Patients 'missing'

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 23/10/2025, Daneka Hill, Page 1

Investigations have uncovered 14 more patients who effectively 'disappeared' from Townsville University Hospital's system due to booking and staffing issues in the urology department. Concerns were first raised by a GP doctor who needed to re-refer one of his patients to the hospital for care. The return of the patient triggered a TUH review that uncovered 11 patients who'd also dropped off the hospital's radar, triggering an independent statewide task force into urology care on September 19.

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Higher mortality rates at regional hospitals

Daily Advertiser, General News, 23/10/2025, Xavier Mardling, Page 7

Griffith and Young hospitals have been flagged for higher-than-expected mortality rates for key conditions in a new statewide report from the Bureau of Health Information. In contrast, Wagga Base Hospital's mortality rates for all seven conditions measured were found to be "no different than expected".

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Investigation into Townsville Hospital urology care finds more impacted patients

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Chloe Chomicki and Gabrielle Becerra Mellet

Queensland Health Director-General David Rosengren launched an independent investigation last month when it was revealed some urology services patients had not received test results or follow-up appointments. The investigation found 25 urology patients, some with cancer, were not progressed onto the next stage of clinical care. Health Minister Tim Nicholls said on Wednesday there had been a failure in the delivery of critical clinical care at Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

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Time to Think government scheme adds beds to centres in Mosmon Park and High Wycombe

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 22/10/2025, Jessica Evensen

West Australian seniors who have been discharged from hospital will have access to nearly 70 short-term beds to consider their long-term care options. The State Government on Wednesday revealed they were adding another 16 "Time to Think" beds to aged care facilities in Mosman Park and High Wycombe by the end of October, bringing the total number of beds to 69.

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Will we ever learn? Only by building learning systems

The Mandarin, Other, 22/10/2025, Nicholas Gruen and Luke Slawomirski

Australia's hospitals cut avoidable harm by linking funding to outcomes. What if government learning systems worked the same way? Since 2018, about 33,000 fewer Australian patients have suffered avoidable complications like infections, pressure sores, and surgical mishaps in our public hospitals each year, according to a recent study. That's freed up an estimated 55,000 hospital beds, worth nearly \$400 million based on current prices

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Radio National, Breakfast, 22/10/2025, Sally Sara

Interview with NSW Health Minister Ryan Park. Sara says NSW Government will pay \$190 million to buy the Northern Beaches Hospital and move it into the public system in full, following the death of two-year-old boy Joe Massa in 2024. Park states it has been arguably one of the toughest negotiations and administrative tasks he has undertaken. He notes the contract was set to go for many more years and even the transition out of the contract at the end was designed to take around three years. Park adds they've had to try and do it in a matter of months, given the challenges that they face, and that's a tribute to the teams at NSW Health and the local health district, as well as NSW Treasury.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Mother, 34, who tragically died along with her newborn baby after opting for home birth wrongly believed she was low risk, inquest hears

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 22/10/2025, Liz Hull

A mother who died alongside her newborn baby girl after she opted for a home birth wrongly believed she was a low-risk pregnancy, the inquest into their deaths heard today. Jennifer Cahill, 34, had suffered serious bleeding and needed two transfusions following the traumatic hospital birth of her first child, a son, three years earlier.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 22/10/2025, Max Futchter and Katrina Blowers

Thousands of nurses and midwives in Queensland have secured a historic victory after receiving a new wage deal that includes extra perks. Sarah Beaman of the Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union (QNMU) called the agreement a "huge achievement" following a "gruelling 10-month campaign."

Also reported by: [Channel 9 \(Brisbane\)](#)

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Union to rally despite threat of jail sentences

The Australian, General News, 23/10/2025, Nathan Schmidt, Page 2

Union members will defy warnings of imprisonment when they march on the offices of a major business lobbying group, as the Fair Work Commission mulls over sweeping changes that could cost workers hundreds of dollars a week. Members of the Australian Services Union will rally outside offices of the Australian Industry Group in Sydney and across the country on Thursday in opposition to its submission to the FWC.

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Nurses cure pay pain with a \$1.8bn deal

Courier Mail, General News, 23/10/2025, Taylah Fellows, Page 3

Queensland Health nurses and midwives have officially accepted a new pay deal worth \$1.8bn double the state government's wage policy marking an end to a 10-month wage standoff. More than 60,000 members of the Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union are also set to benefit from \$38.6m in back pay following the arduous negotiations and strike action the first Protected Industrial Action undertaken by the union in 23 years.

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

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Community, disability workers rallying to stop pay cuts

Newcastle Herald, General News, 23/10/2025, Gabriel Fowler, Page 11

Newcastle community and disability services workers are set to walk off the job to rally against proposed pay cuts, which they say will cost them hundreds of dollars a week and target a mostly female workforce. Members of the Australian Services Union (ASU) say that the big business lobby, represented by the Australian Industry Group (AIG), is urging the Fair Work Commission to cut equal pay, slashing wages for the majority of community, disability and charity workers.

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Queensland nurses and midwives vote overwhelmingly in favour of new \$1.8 billion pay deal

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Rachel Stewart

Thousands of Queensland nurses and midwives have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a new pay deal with the state government, worth \$1.8 billion. The Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union (QNMU) and LNP government came to an agreement in August on an enterprise bargaining deal which included an 11 per cent increase in wages over three years.

Similar coverage reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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After learning to walk and talk again, Laura is walking 50km in October to raise money for the RFDS

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Amelia Searson and Kate Forrester

On a 'random Thursday night' two years ago, Laura McKenney was a passenger in a car that crashed at Pingrup, 355 kilometres south of Perth. Her sister Emily said Laura was lucky to survive. "No-one in the car was wearing seatbelts unfortunately [and] alcohol was involved along with reckless driving," she said.

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Welcome to AusDoc. Enabling and empowering the medical community to come together.

Australian Doctor, Other, 22/10/2025, Vinay Rane

In the Australian healthcare system, there is no genuine avenue for doctors, nurses or allied health professionals to address unreasonable or malicious behaviour from patients or their families. There is simply no forum to hear the concerns of those who care for others. We have spent years defining and defending patients' rights, yet almost no time discussing patients' responsibilities.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

GLP-1s beef up chemist revenue

The Australian, Business News, 23/10/2025, Joseph Carbone, Page 15

Blockbuster drugs such as Ozempic have moved the dial on Chemist Warehouse sales, which were 17 per cent higher through the first quarter of the 2026 financial year. [...] In 2022-23, semaglutide (GLP-1)

prescriptions in Australia purchased through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme totalled 1,255,063; this doubled to 2,397,521 in 2023-24.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Cambrex unveils \$120 million investment to expand API manufacturing and strengthen U.S. drug supply resilience

Ballarat Courier, Other, 22/10/2025

Cambrex, a leading global contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO), today announced a \$120 million investment to expand its U.S. operations, addressing increased demand for API development and manufacturing, and accelerating the company's leadership role in the fast-growing peptide therapeutics market. "Our customers, in partnership with federal and state agencies, are reshoring drug manufacturing in the U.S., the world's largest pharmaceutical market.

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

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Patients happy with dispensing status quo

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 22/10/2025

Australian research into medication delivery and dispensing preferences in patients using antihypertensive medications has revealed that despite the potential convenience of longer dispensing periods, most were happy with shorter periods. "The survey shows strong consumer preferences for the status quo overall - picking up antihypertensives every one to two months from a pharmacy is highly acceptable, and consumers cited various benefits from going to the pharmacy regularly," lead author Assoc Prof Carissa Bonner of the University of Sydney told Pharmacy Daily.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 22/10/2025, Jennifer Keyte

The NT, Qld, and SA will be providing free meningococcal B vaccinations, and Tasmania will follow suit next year. It comes as the health department mentioned the Chief Health Officers are monitoring the prevalence of the cases in Vic, which informs their independent health advice on vaccination settings. The Commonwealth's Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee does not currently recommend the B vaccine for the broader community.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Major veteran medical report companies issued compliance notices

Canberra Times, Other, 22/10/2025, Lanie Tindale

The Department of Veterans Affairs has issued compliance notices to nine major companies that write medical reports for veterans. The Canberra Times understands these were issued to companies that complete a high volume of medical reports, including psychiatric ones, to support DVA claims and relate to invoicing.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

New measles case in Perth as Royal Perth and Fiona Stanley Hospital listed as exposure sites

West Australian, Other, 22/10/2025, Hannah Cross The West Australian

Two of Western Australia's busiest hospitals have been listed as measles exposure sites after a new case was confirmed in the metro area on Wednesday. The Department of Health said the latest case in Perth had visited both Royal Perth and Fiona Stanley hospitals in the past week.

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

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The healthcare IPO drought is about to break as the sector 'significantly outperforms', says the ASX

The Australian, Other, 22/10/2025, Tim Boreham

A senior ASX listings exec says there's a hidden pipeline of life sciences IPO candidates that should become more evident by the end of the year [...] The company hopes to complete the study in the 2026-27 year, with an approval submission to the local Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) the following year The TGA allows registered oral CBD medicines to be sold over the counter, "offering a major commercial advantage over traditional prescription drugs."

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

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Concerns Aussies are DIY injecting cosmetic jabs

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 22/10/2025, Taylor Penny and Tamara McDonald

Health experts are concerned by a rise in unqualified Aussies jabbing themselves with dodgy anti-wrinkle products or visiting unlicensed injectors. [...] A Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) spokeswoman said the authority actively monitored for signs of counterfeit and falsified medicines within Australia.

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

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Got one of the sunscreens recalled in Australia? Here's what you need to do

9News, Other, 22/10/2025, Maddison Leach

Price of some sunscreen products could go up With temperatures soaring in parts of Australia today, plenty of people will be slathering on sunscreen – but what should you do if the bottle in your beach bag has been recalled? [...] over SPF claim concerns , according to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)?.

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Call for cannabis collaboration

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 22/10/2025

The Australian Medicinal Cannabis Association (AMCA) and Medicinal Cannabis Industry Australia (MCIA) have called for cross-sector collaboration among healthcare stakeholders as public submissions to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) consultation on the safety and regulatory oversight of unapproved medicinal cannabis products close. "Reform must be guided by science, patient experience and a shared commitment to quality and safety," said Teresa Nicoletti, Chair of AMCA.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 22/10/2025, Laura Jayes

Interview with Damian Mitsch, Executive Director, Accord Australasia, about concerns over the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) recall of sunscreens due to false SPF claims. Compere mentions that the controversy is looking to undo any trust that has been built in recent years. Mitsch assured consumers that the base formula responsible for the problem is no longer being manufactured. He added that the manufacturer itself voluntarily stopped production because they were concerned about having a product on the market that wasn't performing as expected. Mitsch noted that the TGA is currently finalising its investigation into the incident.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

'There is no vibrancy without safety'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 22/10/2025

Naloxone to be made available to licensed venues as part of a strategy to boost the hospitality sector. Hospitality venues across NSW are being urged to access naloxone, as part of plans to improve patron and staff safety at the state's pubs and clubs. Speaking in the NSW Legislative Assembly on Tuesday (21 October 2025),

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FOOD STANDARDS

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AICIS

Our homes are full of hidden microplastics that could be harming our health

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Norman Swan

Every few years we're jolted into fears of a pollutant: Asbestos, fine particulate air pollution, and synthetic pesticides to name a few. This one is in the clothes we wear, the carpets we walk on, our cookware and utensils and the packaging in the supermarket. There's more than 200 times the volume of plastics in our lives compared to 75 years ago.

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NT government launches investigation into energy giant Inpex's potentially toxic emissions error

ABC Online, Other, 22/10/2025, Roxannev Fitzgerald

The Northern Territory government has opened an investigation into oil and gas giant Inpex after the company admitted it has been under-reporting potentially toxic emissions from its flagship Ichthys LNG plant on Darwin Harbour. In a statement last week, Inpex — a global Japanese company — conceded it had "identified errors" in the way "some emissions" had been calculated at its onshore facility.

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