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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The AFR Weekend](#)** (page 1) reports the NDIS now directly employs just over 10,000 people, marking a near doubling of public servants under the Federal Government despite attempts to reduce costs.
- **[The Weekend Australian](#)** (page 1) reports a vilification complaint lodged by transgender woman against former Australian Breastfeeding Association counsellor Jasmine Sussex will proceed to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal next year, focusing on the safety of the expressed fluid and the freedom of speech to critique the practice.
- **[The Weekend Australian](#)** (page 1) reports a critical benchmarking review of The Prince Charles Hospital's Heart Transplant Service is set to be publicly released, exposing dysfunction, governance failures, and a concerning mortality rate of transplant patients post-surgery.
- **[The AFR Weekend](#)** (page 3) reports new research estimates that at least half a million Australians are taking weight-loss medications monthly, raising equity concerns as almost 50 per cent of users buy the drugs privately at a cost of up to \$600 a month.
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 3) reports a major Victorian hospital's policy to require all Indigenous patients be seen within 30 minutes is facing significant backlash, with over 90 per cent of nurses believing the policy poses a risk to public health and patient safety. Nurses' Professional

Association of Australia has raised concerns with the AHPRA regarding the ethical dilemma for nurses, calling for clarification on whether staff risk professional sanctions if they follow instructions that undermine clinical judgement and potentially breach the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia code of conduct.

- **The Courier Mail** (page 3) reports the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital is currently operating without a specialist doctor, leaving over 250 women waiting for vital surgery, which highlights significant gender-specific inequities in access to timely care for conditions affecting nearly 50 per cent of women who have had children.
- **The Weekend Australian** (page 5) reports the "bed block crisis" is attributed by Ageing Australia to a substantial funding gap in the aged care sector, necessitating an estimated \$5 billion to \$7 billion annually to fund the 10,000 new aged care beds needed each year for two decades.
- **The Sydney Morning Herald** (page 25) reports a growing concern among healthcare experts and organisations about the small but increasing trend of "freebirthing," with hospital workers in high-incidence areas reporting an uptick in emergency presentations after complications arise, leading to calls for greater regulation of unregistered birth workers, such as doulas. This practice is fuelled by women's negative experiences of the healthcare system and concerns about birth trauma and what they view as unnecessary intervention, which has led to a divisive national debate regarding maternal autonomy versus infant safety.
- **ABC Online** reports an internal audit by Queensland Health revealed that a total of 1,022 children born between 2022-2024 have no record of a Newborn Blood Spot (NBS) screening test result, with the Federal Department of Health, Disability, and Ageing interested in the potential for undiagnosed conditions that could cause lifelong disability or early death if not treated early.

MINISTER BUTLER

Government push to lift bulk billing rates nationwide

Surf Coast Times, General News, 07/11/2025, Ellie Claringbold, Page 29

The federal government has launched an \$8.5 billion package to strengthen Medicare, expand bulk billing and improve access to local doctors in what has been described as the largest investment in the system's 40-year history. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the new incentives would support local GPs and ensure more patients can access affordable care.

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Pharmacist, Clinical Associate Professor, and National Asthma Council Clinical Executive Lead

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/11/2025, Debbie Rigby, Page 14

2.8 million Australians are living with asthma. We spoke to the Advanced Practice Pharmacist with more than 40 years' experience across clinical pharmacy practice, interdisciplinary care, policy and advocacy, about her roles and the importance of the updated Australian Asthma Handbook. [...]

Launched in September by Health Minister Mark Butler, the revised national guidelines recommend that adults and adolescents (aged 12 and over) be prescribed anti-inflammatory reliever (AIR) therapy and maintenance-and-reliever therapy.

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Labor doubles NDIS workforce to 10,000, driving public service blowout

Australian Financial Review, Other, 07/11/2025, Luke Kinsella

The number of public servants working on the NDIS has almost doubled under Labor despite attempts to reduce costs at the \$50 billion agency as spending on the federal bureaucracy hits record levels.

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Child specialist services warn sustainable funding approach needed for Labor's 'Thriving Kids' to succeed

West Australian, Other, 07/11/2025

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CDC to boost Australia's public health capability

The Mandarin, Other, 07/11/2025, Melissa Coad

The federal government has delivered on an election commitment to establish an independent Centre for Disease Control (CDC). [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the independent agency was an investment in the national health security that Australians placed trust in the public health system.

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Health Services Daily, Other, 07/11/2025, Cate Swannell

Another fortnight of absolute gibberish being talked in Canberra. Spare me. [...] Mark Butler and the PM are all over the place, waving their Medicare cards and telling everybody how healthcare is free, and how much more GPs are going to earn if they all bulk bill 100% of the time, and just how many practices are saying they're going to switch to universal BB.

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Doctors come out of uni already earning the national average

Health Services Daily, Other, 07/11/2025

Mark Butler may tell us GPs are earning \$350k to \$450k, but they're certainly not doing it in their first five years. Not even close.

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Who's to blame for Cohealth's demise?

The Medical Republic, Other, 07/11/2025, Caitlin Wright

It's been three weeks since Cohealth announced it will cease GP and counselling services in Collingwood, Fitzroy, and Kensington by December and close the Collingwood clinic permanently in 2026. [...] In an Instagram post with Melbourne MPs Sarah Witty and Jo Briskey, federal health minister Mark Butler said: "It's a shock to me. I haven't engaged with them for a couple of years, and we've been increasing funding to clinics like this that bulk bill progressively over our three years in government. We still give this clinic about \$8 million every year as well for multidisciplinary care. So I was shocked. I know how important these services are to your community," he said.

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Weight loss drugs radically shifting regulatory environment

Law Society Journal, Other, 07/11/2025, Cat Woods

It's an unlikely success story: a drug developed to manage type 2 diabetes has developed into a headline-making tool for weight loss. [...] On 22 May last year, the Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, issued a press statement saying "the Australian Government is acting to protect Australians from the risks posed by injecting potentially unsafe and dangerous compounded replicas of weight loss products".

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PGA welcomes special guests including life members at annual parliamentary event in Canberra

WEB Australasian Pharmacy, Other, 07/11/2025

At a special parliamentary dinner on Wednesday in Canberra, PGA brought together some 400 guests including parliamentarians, stakeholders and community pharmacists from across Australia. [...] PGA's National President Professor Trent Twomey said they were privileged to be joined by Australia's

Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, the Shadow Health Minister, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, and the Attorney General, the Hon Michelle Rowland.

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CommBank tops choice Shonkys hall of shame

Tasmanian Times, Other, 07/11/2025

Consumer group Choice has announced the winners of their annual Shonky Awards, celebrating 20 years of calling out dodgy products, services and companies. [...] For example, this year, on the exact same day as the Minister for Health Mark Butler announced a 3.73 percent average annual increase to health insurance premiums, HCF closed its Premium Gold policy to new members and released an almost identical policy called Optimal Gold.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 07/11/2025, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Panel discussion with Health Minister Mark Butler and Liberal Senator Jane Hume. On the plan to dismantle Medicare App and link it to MyGov, Butler says an audit of all government apps found that many users wanted more convenience and more consolidation. He claims that he wants Medicare to be accessible to people.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 07/11/2025, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

The uptake of Australia's new and free lung cancer screening program is defying expectations, with thousands undergoing scans since it began just over four months ago. Health Minister Mark Butler says it is going to be the first significant advance in survival rates for people with lung cancer for many years. The survival rate currently sits at 27 per cent (five years), far below other common cancers.

Also reported by: [NBN Lismore \(Lismore\)](#).

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2BS, Brekky with Pecky, 07/11/2025, Kerry Peck

Choice has handed private health fund HCF an award for "rorting the system" by changing a product to make "a price rise in disguise", with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler criticising the move. Australian Private Hospitals Association Chief Executive Officer Brett Heffernan says it is time the practise of phoenixing comes to an end.

Also reported by: [2HD \(Newcastle\)](#).

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MIX 104.9, 360: The Week That Was, 07/11/2025, Katie Woolf

Panel discussion with NT Opposition Leader Selena Uibo, NT Lands, Planning, and Environment Minister Josh Burgoyne, and NT News reporter Gary Shipway. Uibo says NT Deputy Opposition Leader Dheran Young has met with Health Minister Mark Butler and Aged Care Minister Sam Rae in Canberra to discuss health, aged care, and disability care for Territorians. On the NT Government's funding request for maternity services, she claims that the \$10 million federal funding will go to Royal Darwin Hospital to support its maternity services, while the \$35 million funding will be directed to private maternity services in the state.

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Squiz Today, Podcast, 07/11/2025

The meeting between state disability ministers and Health Minister Mark Butler to discuss the Federal Government's proposed changes to the NDIS and the \$2 billion Thriving Kids program will now go ahead today after the government decided to allot an hour for all ministers to raise and discuss concerns. The ministers recently threatened to boycott the meeting when they learned they would be given only two minutes to talk in the meeting.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 05:30 News, 07/11/2025

The Federal Government says Australia's first Centre for Disease Control will partly focus on preventing future pandemics. Legislation for the national centre has passed Parliament, paving the way for it to open its doors in January. Health Minister Mark Butler says the CDC will begin focusing on infectious diseases.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Amputee Carolyn Becker was 'left in limbo' by the NDIS over IT failures

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 06/11/2025, Julie Cross

Outdated technology is costing the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) billions of dollars a year, as well as making the lives of participants hell. [...] NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister said the Government has already introduced NDIS support lists, procured a new support needs assessment tool, and is working to make planning easier.

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MINISTER RAE

Why extra funding alone won't fix the hospitals' burden of aged care

The Australian, Other, 08/11/2025, Emma Cornwell

Bringing aged care and hospital funding and planning together is the key to freeing up hospital beds, enabling older Australians to spend more time at home, and saving taxpayers millions of dollars. [...] And, as Aged Care Minister Sam Rae recently acknowledged, keeping people well in their communities relieves pressure on hospitals.

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My Aged Care review report still in progress

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 07/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

The Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care's annual report shows it has only completed two of the five key performance measures on time. [...] The report will be delivered to Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae to table in both houses of Parliament before the end of the year.

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Two more inquiries on reform agreed to in Senate

Community Care Review, Other, 07/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

A motion moved by the Australian Greens to establish another two Senate inquiries into Labor's aged care reforms has been agreed to in response to concerns the new Aged Care Act will fail older Australians. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae has "tried to hide the truth" of the aged

care changes, but that now "reality is setting in and older Australians are waking up to new care arrangements they cannot afford," said Senator Allman-Payne.

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Two new senate inquiries announced into aged care – if inquiries are a gong of alarm, how much percussion will it take for the commonwealth to hear?

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 07/11/2025, Amy Henderson

As two new senate inquiries join the list of approved investigations to be conducted, it begs the question if policy-makers are yet listening to the fault-lines in current policy. [...] Voicing her concern, and tapping into a vein of particular concern by advocates, that seniors were unaware and not ready for the change in prices under the new changes to care, particularly in-home care, Senator Allman-Payne of the Greens says, "Labor's Minister for Aged Care, Sam Rae, has tried to hide the truth of these aged care changes, but now the reality is setting in and older Australians are waking up to new care arrangements they cannot afford."

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Weaving diverse knowledges into climate action for better health –

HEAL Network's international conference puts UC research in the spotlight

University of Canberra, Other, 07/11/2025, Georgie Burgess

As the threat of climate extremes and environmental pollution continues to push and pull on the resources of communities and governments across the globe – the best and brightest minds have come together to share knowledge and shape a way forward for a healthier, climate-resilient future. [...] The Honourable Rebecca White, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Indigenous Health and Women, dialled in from a busy Sitting Week to give her address –acknowledging the growing risk that bushfires, floods, cyclones and heatwaves are having on Australian communities across the country, promising to bring the lessons from the conference to the halls of Parliament House.

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HO FM, 13:00 News, 07/11/2025

The Federal Government has criticised the Tasmanian Government's interim state budget release yesterday. Federal Assistant Minister for Health Rebecca White says her party has delivered record funding to the state government as well as urgent care clinics that see more patients than some of the state's busiest emergency departments.

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ERs skip cough jab boost as cases rise

Daily Telegraph, General News, 08/11/2025, Madeline Crittenden, Page 11

As Australia continues to battle a surge in whooping cough cases, hospitals across the country are missing the opportunity to vaccinate people against the potentially deadly disease. [...] A Department of Health, Disability and Ageing spokesman said clinical recommendations for the use of dT and dTpa vaccines "vary depending on age, vaccination status and the nature of the wound".

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

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Vax, immunisation resources updated

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 07/11/2025

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has released the fourth edition of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines 'Strive for 5', featuring updates around cold chain management relating to community pharmacies. For vaccines purchased in pharmacies, the Guidelines state: "All immunisation service providers who provide a prescription to their patient for the purchase of vaccine/s must advise the client that vaccine/s must be taken directly to their administering healthcare professional for administration or refrigerated storage."

AGEING AND AGED CARE

Hospital 'bed block' fix 'to cost \$7bn a year'

Weekend Australian, General News, 08/11/2025, Sarah Ison, Page 5

The "bed block" crisis that's seen thousands of older Australians stuck in hospital needs to be met with substantial funding for care homes, with the sector's peak body saying the cost could be as high as \$7bn a year. Ageing Australia also warned that state and federal governments were at risk of inflaming ageism as they debated the impact on the hospital system of "vulnerable" older Australians ready for discharge but with nowhere to go.

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When it comes to death, we need to bring more discussions to life

The Saturday Age, General News, 08/11/2025, Robyn Willis, Page 18

None of us likes talking about death. Mention it in mixed company and you're likely to be met with an awkward silence.

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IRT's \$11m upgrade go-ahead

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 08/11/2025, Glen Humphries, Page 10

Irt has the go-ahead for its \$11 million refurbishment of a Wollongong retirement home. [...] "This transformation honours our past while delivering a future-focused, cost-accessible community that meets the evolving needs of older Australians", IRT CEO Ross Gallagher said.

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We need 10,000 new aged-care beds every year. We provided 800 last year

The Australian, Other, 08/11/2025, Tom Symondson

Recently, the headlines have returned to the same story, time and again: thousands of older Australians stuck in hospital beds who can't get into aged care. Predictably, the shouting starts – states blame the commonwealth, the commonwealth points back to the states.

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Home care service price gaps of 21 providers shows how much older Australians will pay after new aged care reforms

The Courier Mail, Other, 07/11/2025, Julie Cross

Older Australians receiving government help to stay in their own homes could be paying double what they need to for services like cleaning, if they don't shop around. From Friday providers are mandated to publish their prices on their websites, with an early look revealing that some are charging as much as \$135 an hour for cleaning, a shower, or meal prep and \$145 for gardening.

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First week of new Act spent playing 'catch-up'

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 07/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

It's been one week since the new Aged Care Act came into effect, and Flexi Care general manager Adrian Morgan tells Australian Ageing Agenda "we must never go through a change like this again. This was not well planned. It was chaotic. We didn't know when we'd be getting particular bits of information. The department ran late in almost everything that they did," he said.

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Aged care tragedy: Resident left in sun dies, another close call reported

A Queensland aged care facility is under scrutiny after an 85-year-old resident with dementia died following prolonged exposure to the sun, and staff revealed a similar incident nearly occurred with another resident. The man, living at Kerrisdale Gardens Aged Care in Mackay, operated by the Anglican organisation Good Shepherd Lodge, was found in the unshaded outdoor area more than two hours after leaving the memory support unit in his motorised wheelchair.

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Act mandates better med use

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 07/11/2025

Aged care advocates have welcomed the start of the new rights-based Aged Care Act, which came into effect on 01 Nov, providing older Australians with greater independence, autonomy, choice and control regarding their care. With demand for aged care projected to grow dramatically due to Australia's ageing population, a new Act, framed in rights of the older person, was the number one recommendation of the Royal Commission into Quality and Safety in Aged Care's final report almost five years ago, with the Act passing into legislation late last year.

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Prevention isn't a slogan – it's the only way to save residential aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 07/11/2025, Lauren Broomham

Aged care demand is racing ahead of supply, and even 300,000 extra Home Care Packages won't bridge it. If we keep treating symptoms, the system will drown in its own success.

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New study reveals troubling factor that can increase the risk of dementia: 'The effect could actually be quite large'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 07/11/2025, Jeremiah Budin

Air pollution has a clear impact on our ability to breathe and has been linked to many health risks, such as heart disease, lung cancer, and emphysema. Now, scientists have uncovered another possible hidden risk of air pollution: dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Staff at NDIS up by 100pc

AFR Weekend, Wrap, 08/11/2025, Luke Kinsella, Page 1

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PRIMARY CARE

A question of life

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 08/11/2025, Charlotte Grieve, Page 25

Heather Tsai almost died giving birth to her first baby at home after a three-day labour ended in eight hours of haemorrhaging. But she has no regrets about her decisions. [...] Hospital workers in freebirth hotspots, such as Toowoomba in Queensland and the Northern Rivers in NSW, describe an uptick in emergency presentations after freebirths go wrong, as doctors warn delays in treatment increase risks of death or disability for babies and mothers.

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Eye tests vital as myopia rises

Courier Mail, Supplements, 08/11/2025, Page 5

Aussie parents are being encouraged to make eye tests a priority with research suggesting more than 25 per cent of schoolchildren have been diagnosed with myopia in Australia, an increase of 9 per cent since 2018. Despite the significant growth in short-sightedness, The Child Myopia Working Group's latest ANZ Child Myopia Report suggests undiagnosed cases could run into the millions with research suggesting 30 per cent of Aussie children have never had an eye test in their life, and 60 per cent of parents not even knowing what the condition means in terms of impaired long-distance vision.

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Nurses' fury at care divide

Herald Sun, General News, 08/11/2025, Shannon Deery, Page 3

Victorian nurses are rallying against a controversial decision by a major hospital to fast-track Indigenous patients for treatment, demanding immediate action by the Allan government. [...] Ms Thomas also wants AHPRA to issue formal guidance clarifying whether nurses are at risk of professional sanctions if they follow or refuse such instructions, and has called for a written assurance from St Vincent's that no nurse will be directed, coerced or penalised for exercising professional judgment in line with clinical need.

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ED beds on the double

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 08/11/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 1

Royal Perth Hospital's promised expansion will include a new double-storey emergency department with twice the number of bays of the current ED, the Premier has revealed. Roger Cook's hospital spending blitz is under way with \$33 million to design the new area.

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Potential for public surgeries for cataracts

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 08/11/2025, Tom Gillespie, Page 4

The potential return of a key eye surgery to Toowoomba for public patients could pave the way for establishing an ophthalmic unit in the city's new hospital. Leading Toowoomba ophthalmologists, who have united as part of News Corp's Blind Spot campaign, have expressed excitement at the opening of a new tender by Darling Downs Health for public cataract surgeries.

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

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Full bulk-billing helps with cost-of-living

Western Advocate, General News, 08/11/2025, Rachel Chamberlain, Page 6

The rising cost of living's impact on people accessing healthcare was a factor behind WeCare Health's decision to introduce universal bulk-billing. WeCare Health announced in October that it would expand bulk-billing on November 1 with the support of the Australian government through its Bulk-Billing Practice Incentive Program.

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Delivery vital for birthing services

Weekend Post, General News, 08/11/2025, Samuel Davis, Page 6

Pregnant Cape York mums are choosing to deliver babies at home rather than spend weeks in Cairns waiting for their children to be born with the LNP failing to commit to when Cooktown hospital's birthing services will re-open. Member for Cook David Kempton said there is "no allotted time frame" for when the facility, which was closed under the Labor government in early 2022, will reopen with the search on to find two obstetric-trained GPs to run the centre.

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Region's bulk-bill success

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 08/11/2025, Jack Dyson Evans, Page 7

St George residents will now have greater access to medical services, as a local GP transitions to bulk billing. St George Medical Centre made this switch this month, thanks to the federal government's new Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program.

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What changes to Medicare mean for you

Ballarat Courier, General News, 08/11/2025, Lisa Edser, Page 21

Changes to Medicare bulk billing might mean you have a better chance of seeing a doctor without having to pay the gap under the government's new incentives. [...] Australian Medical Association (AMA) Vice President Associate Professor Julian Rait said this extra investment of \$7.9 billion in the healthcare system was long overdue.

Also reported by: [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#).

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Surgeon has left, crucial services haven't

Border Mail, General News, 08/11/2025, Page 32

The public debate surrounding Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) has become increasingly heated, particularly with the departure of surgeon John Stuchbery. But from inside the organisation, the situation is far more nuanced than the dramatic picture being painted for the community.

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Blame game

Weekend Post, General News, 08/11/2025, Page 56

It's not just Cooktown. Pressure on Atherton's maternity unit shows rural Queensland mothers are being asked to trade safety for access and continuity, and some are turning to home birth as a last resort. That's a symptom of system choices, not parental risk taking.

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Cook claims Royal Perth Hospital upgrade will be a 'game changer'

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 07/11/2025, Michael Philipps & Hamish Hastie

The state government has labelled a new six-storey block to be built at Royal Perth Hospital as a 'game changer', with two floors allocated for a new emergency department and extra floors to increase capacity. The latest announcement comes after Premier Roger Cook said his government will divert funding from the abandoned Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre upgrade to expand the state's under-pressure hospital system at a cost of \$1.5 billion.

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'Heartbreaking' medicine shortages forcing Canberrans to die in 'pain and angst'

Canberra Times, Other, 07/11/2025, Lanie Tindale

It took four adults to manage the end-of-life medication for Alex Brown's nephew, who died at only three years old. And they still struggled.

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Hundreds of Queensland babies may have missed vital newborn blood screening tests

ABC Online, Other, 07/11/2025, Kate McKenna & Janelle Miles

Hundreds of Queensland babies may have missed out on receiving their vital newborn blood screening test across three years. [...] The ABC understands that between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024, 1,022 children had no record of a newborn blood screening test result.

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Doctor lobby 'scaremongering': Guild

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 07/11/2025

The Pharmacy Board of Australia is facing accusations that it is "working to retrofit an endorsement model" for pharmacist prescribing "to fit the policy agenda of state and territory governments".

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National effort to cut medicine errors at transition of care

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 07/11/2025, Natalie Dragon

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's Medication Management at Transitions of Care Stewardship Framework provides the first coordinated, hospital-based approach to manage medicines during this high-risk period for patients. Transitions of care for patients who move between hospital and primary and aged care settings can pose challenges and risk of medication error, particularly for people with complex care needs.

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GPs tackle eight health issues in just 19 minutes

Medical Forum, Other, 07/11/2025

Do you feel like your consults often go above and beyond? You're not alone; a new study has revealed the hidden complexity of general practice where on average a GP may tackle eight health issues in just 19 minutes.

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Doctors join calls for tougher action on vaping

Medical Forum, Other, 07/11/2025

The AMA (WA) has joined a number of West Australian organisations to urge the state government to strengthen laws and improve enforcement in relation to vapes or e-cigarettes. [...] A joint statement released last week said while recent national and WA reforms had strengthened the regulation of e-cigarettes, there remained concern that the tobacco and e-cigarette industries continued to market e-cigarettes to young people.

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Board accused of ignoring dissent

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 07/11/2025

Peak doctors groups have accused the Pharmacy Board of Australia of putting patients at risk of poorer health outcomes by suppressing debate about its proposed endorsement model for autonomous pharmacy prescribing. In a joint letter to the board this week, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) expressed disappointment in the board's "uncollaborative pursuit of widespread pharmacy prescribing", with particular reference to a forum held on 30 Oct to discuss the proposal.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Half million Australians on weight-loss drugs

AFR Weekend, General News, 08/11/2025, Michael Smith, Page 3

At least half a million Australians are taking weight-loss drugs every month and almost 50 per cent of users buy them privately for up to \$600 a month.

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

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New breastfeeding war transcends beliefs

Weekend Australian, General News, 08/11/2025, Jamie Walker, Page 1

After Adrian became Jennifer and booked in for sex reassignment surgery, she did what came naturally to a mum and breastfed her newborn son. Exactly what she expressed and whether it was safe and beneficial for the infant will be thrashed out in a legal battle over the push by men who identify as women and change gender to assume the quintessentially maternal role of nursing a baby.

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Fertility rate drop can have knock-on effect

Canberra Times, General News, 08/11/2025, Maeve Bannister, Page 22

Australia's record low fertility rate underscores the need for greater access to parental paid leave and perinatal mental health support as experts warn the unintended consequences are far-reaching. The most recent data sets on birth from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed there were 292,318 babies born in 2024, up 1.9 per cent from 2023.

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True cost of crime to Australia revealed

Daily Telegraph, General News, 08/11/2025, Emma Kirk, Page 13

Serious and organised crime cost the Australian economy up to \$82bn in 2023-24, including billions of dollars lost to the illicit tobacco trade. The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) estimates \$58.9bn was lost to criminal activity and \$23.4bn was spent on combating and preventing crime.

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The gender gap in heart attack care

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/11/2025, Page 6

New research from the University of Sydney is aimed at highlighting the variations in heart attack care for women compared with men and helping to improve patient outcomes. The study, led by Westmead Applied Research Centre Academic Director Professor Clara Chow and published in the Medical Journal of Australia, is the first in Australia to detail improvements in care for women who experience ST-myocardial infarction (STEMI) a serious and common type of cardiac event that accounts for about 25 per cent of all heart attacks, and requires urgent treatment due to a complete blockage of a heart artery.

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Addressing loneliness

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/11/2025, Cat Woods, Page 17

Loneliness is linked to about 100 deaths every hour, according to a recent report from the World Health Organisation's Commission on Social Connection, which found one in six people worldwide experiences loneliness to the detriment of their mental and physical health. [...] Australian pharmacist Jenny Kirschner is the founder of PALS (Pharmacy Addressing Loneliness and Social-isolation), a world-first education program for health professionals that enables the identification of individuals most at risk of loneliness-related health consequences, and avenues to support those people.

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Alert issued for Thunderstorm Asthma

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 07/11/2025

Asthma Australia is encouraging locals of Mallee, Wimmera, and Northern Country to stay inside and to switch air conditioners to a re-circulate option. Symptoms of Thunderstorm Asthma are similar to regular asthma and hay fever, such as sneezing, watery eyes, runny nose, difficulty breathing, wheezing, and tightness in the chest.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 07/11/2025, Emma Rebellato & Stephanie Ferrier

Rebellato is joined by ABC political reporter Romy Stephens. Stephens reports that new figures show the associated healthcare costs, reduced productivity, and lost tax revenue from Australia's illicit tobacco trade cost \$4 billion in just 12 months. She notes that Australian Criminal Intelligence

Commission CEO Heather Cook claimed that organised crime groups were waging violent battles as they set to take control over the lucrative tobacco and vape trades. She adds that the Australian Association of Convenience Stores believes these groups have been taking advantage of the federal government's high tobacco excise, which is pushing smokers towards buying cheaper cigarettes.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 07/11/2025, Lucy Breaden & Kylie Baxter

Interview with Quit Tasmania director and Cancer Council of Tasmania acting CEO Abby Smith. New figures from the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and the Australian Institute of Criminology show that the trade of illicit tobacco is costing Australia billions of dollars. Smith says they have seen an increase in the illicit tobacco trade in Tasmania. She claims that tobacco, whether illicit or legal, remains lethal, raising concerns about people taking up smoking due to the cheap prices of tobacco in the black market.

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Radio National, AM, 07/11/2025, Sabra Lane

Report by ABC journalist Samantha Dick. Australia is the most expensive country in the world to be a smoker, with an average packet of cigarettes now costing around \$40. In his public address, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission CEO Heather Cook says organised criminals are exploiting the government's tobacco excise. The new crime figures show the associated healthcare costs, reduced productivity, and lost tax revenue from Australia's illicit tobacco trade cost \$4 billion in the year 2023-24, a fourfold increase over the past three years.

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

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Pancreatic cancer cases on the rise

Canberra Times, General News, 08/11/2025, Katelyn Catanzariti, Page 31

When doctors told Ron Prouse he had pancreatic cancer, the 61-year-old father-of-eight thought he'd been handed a death sentence. [...] Dr Mark Buzza, Head of Research, Innovation and Advocacy at the Pancare Foundation, calls it "the silent killer" - a cancer that's rising fast but still poorly understood.

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Way to beat ovarian cancer

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 08/11/2025, Angela Pownall, Page 37

A simple procedure during routine surgery could prevent thousands of Australian women from getting ovarian cancer. Research now shows that 65 per cent of ovarian cancers begin in the fallopian tubes and then spread to the ovaries.

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Parliament at its best

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 08/11/2025, Jade Benham, Page 24

This week in the Victorian Parliament we saw democracy at its very best. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment Bill prompted a marathon sitting on Tuesday evening that stretched long into the wee hours of the morning.

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Skin cancer prevention and treatment

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/11/2025, Sue Holzberger, Page 50

Australia's skin cancer rates are among the world's highest. At least two in every three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

Some common medications linked to adverse breast cancer outcomes, study claims

9News, Other, 07/11/2025, Adam Vidler

Common medications taken by millions of Australians have been linked to adverse outcomes for breast cancer patients, a new study has found. The study revealed a complex relationship between commonly prescribed medications and cancer outcomes but is not advocating anyone should stop taking medications without medical advice.

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Researchers issue warning about overlooked hazard that can increase cancer risk: 'Harmful biological effects'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 07/11/2025

In recent years, concerns about microplastics have grown, and scientists are now uncovering just how deeply these tiny plastic particles may be affecting our health. A new study published in Molecular Cancer raises the alarm that microplastics and their even smaller cousins, nanoplastics, could do more than pollute oceans and soil; they may actually drive cancer.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 07/11/2025, Tiffany Warne

Subtle but effective reminders to slip, slop, slap, seek, and slide are being rolled out across Adelaide South as part of a state-first initiative. It is a timely initiative with summer fast approaching in Australia, which experiences the world's highest rate of skin cancer. Two in every three Australians are diagnosed with skin cancer at some point in their lives.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 07/11/2025, Rosanna Mangiarelli & Will Goodings

A new study has found that common medications could be impacting treatment for breast cancer patients. Australian researchers found that everyday drugs such as blood pressure pills, cholesterol-lowering tablets, and heartburn medication may change how the body reacts to cancer therapies.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 07/11/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

A new initiative will help develop advanced technology for people suffering from MS and other neurological conditions. WA Premier Roger Cook has launched the program today alongside MSWA and has contributed \$1.75 million.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

The lonely fear of this climate catastrophe

The Saturday Paper, General News, 08/11/2025, Rebecca Huntley, Page 11

The Australian government released its first-ever National Climate Risk Assessment. [...] Beyond this, however, it does not deal with the effects on mental health and collective wellbeing of the frequent, severe and escalating impacts of climate change.

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Mental illness puzzle

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 08/11/2025, Page 40

More access to green spaces is linked with lower risks of hospital admissions for mental disorders in most countries, but not in Australia. Monash and Otago University researchers found in Australia, greenness was linked with slightly increased risks of hospitalisation for mood disorders and behavioural conditions.

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

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Young men dig deep for therapy garden

Border Mail, General News, 08/11/2025, Chelsea Wilson, Page 10

Patient feedback at a Border mental health ward has opened doors to a new community collaboration. The Ramsay Clinic partnered with the charity Boys to the Bush to plan and create a therapeutic garden for patients.

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Hannah says she felt 'traumatised by treatment'

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 08/11/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 7

Hannah Feeney and Holly Lee are struggling to process what they have seen and experienced in the Gold Coast's mental health system. [...] The close friends of 17-year-old Giaan Ramsay, who took her own life on July 27 after being treated at Robina Hospital, said they tried to voice their concern about her treatment while she was alive, but that it fell on deaf ears.

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2CC, Breakfast, 07/11/2025, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Australians for Mental Health executive director Chris Gambian. The Mental Health Compass study released this week by Australians for Mental Health has revealed that a clear majority of Australians believe the nation is facing a mental health crisis. Gambian thinks this is the deepest study into the attitudes people have towards mental health in Australia. He notes that the study reveals that the stigma relating to mental health is diminishing fairly rapidly.

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IMMUNISATION

Measles outbreak continues to grow as new cases detected in Western Australia

The Australian, Other, 07/11/2025, Emma Kirk

Measles cases continue to grow with new infections linked to two return travellers from Indonesia. More than 50 people have contracted the deadly disease in Western Australia this year, prompting authorities to warn anyone not immunised against measles is at risk.

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

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Michelle was 'out of whack' so was the transplant hospital

Weekend Australian, General News, 08/11/2025, Natasha Robinson & James Dowling, Page 1

Every day of her life, Michelle O'Connor had faith. She believed in God; she believed in the health system. [...] There are also growing concerns that Metro North Hospital and Health Service has not disclosed clinical and governance failures to patients or the public.

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Women in long wait for surgery

Courier Mail, General News, 08/11/2025, Jackie Sinnerton & Taylah Fellows, Page 3

Hundreds of women are waiting for vital surgery at the state's largest hospital, which has been operating for seven months without a specialist doctor. The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital has historically been a world-leading tertiary centre of excellence in managing some of the most complex cases of urogynaecology in the state but now the hospital is scrambling to recruit even one clinician trained in the subspecialty.

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Ryan's Rule saved our son in hospital

Courier Mail, General News, 08/11/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 31

Queenslanders have called Ryan's Rule to raise concerns about their care in Queensland hospitals an average of nine times a day this year. [...] Data from Queensland Health revealed the process, introduced in 2013 following the tragic death of Emerald toddler Ryan Saunders of misdiagnosed strep, had been called 2772 times in 2025, an average of 61 times a week.

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Call for fix as dip in hours on ramp

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 08/11/2025, Brad Crouch, Page 7

Ambulances ramped for almost 4000 hours in October, one of the worst results on record but down from winter's results when it hit 5866 hours in July. Australian Medical Association state president Associate Professor Peter Subramaniam said the next state election must be a "turning point" to address ambulance ramping.

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Care concerns lead to home birth surge

Weekend Post, General News, 08/11/2025, Marnie Buchanan, Page 7

Tablelands women are "distressingly" turning to home birth because of worries about maternity services at Atherton Hospital, according to a local advocacy group that has taken its concerns directly to the Queensland health minister. Atherton Midwives and Mothers Alliance Consumer Group representative, Ellen McGuigan said with more than 150 people had signed a petition expressing concerns about staffing and support for maternity services at Atherton Hospital, particularly with the Midwifery Group Practice where "gold standard" care meant building a relationship between mother and midwife throughout pregnancy, birth and beyond.

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Sick state

Burnie Advocate, General News, 08/11/2025, Tess Kelly, Page 1

Staff, patients' families, and union representatives have sounded the alarm on what they call unsafe conditions in the North West Regional Hospital's (NWRH) Emergency Department. Overflowing numbers in the ED, four-hour wait times, ambulance ramping and unsafe ratios have been reported by staff.

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No one told about mould

Newcastle Herald, General News, 08/11/2025, Jamieson Murphy, Page 1

The private company running the Calvary Mater Hospital knew the air conditioning ducts in its cancer wards were riddled with deadly mould that could leave immunocompromised patients at risk of "life-threatening" infections, but did not attempt to fix the problem or tell staff for more than six months. Mater cancer patient and prominent whistleblower Troy Stolz has labelled the actions "criminal and negligent".

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Shining a light for Giaan

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 08/11/2025, Ann Wason Moore, Page 1

The state government has launched an investigation into Child Youth Mental Health Services on the Gold Coast following a number of teen deaths and claims of patient mistreatment. Health Minister Tim Nicholls said the state's Chief Psychiatrist will begin a review of the current model of care at the Gold Coast's Child and Youth Mental Health Services amid concerning allegations.

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Ramping in SA at six-month low as Health Minister apologises to patient stuck outside FMC

ABC Online, Other, 07/11/2025, Josephine Lim

South Australia's Health Minister has apologised to a patient who was ramped outside hospital in an ambulance for several hours, and says the government is "absolutely still committed" to reducing ramping. It comes with the release of ambulance ramping data for October, which revealed 3,948 hours were lost to ramping.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 07/11/2025, Emma Rebellato & Stephanie Ferrier

The West Australian Government is set to buy St John of God Mount Lawley Hospital in Perth after ditching the redevelopment of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre to help pay for it. WA Premier Roger Cook has announced they will build six new floors at Royal Perth Hospital and a new hospital on the Peel Health Campus.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 07/11/2025, Tiffany Warne

The SA Government is hailing a sharp drop in ramping hours at hospitals as a sign its measures are working. Hours lost by paramedics outside emergency departments are now well below the July peak but still well short of the Premier's election promise. Health Minister Chris Picton says the 40 per cent reduction in hospital ramping is a welcome sign, but notes that there is a lot more to do.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 07/11/2025, Natalie Forrest

WA Premier Roger Cook has announced the state government will build a new six-storey block and a new ED at Royal Perth Hospital. It comes after plans for a redevelopment of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre were axed to make way for a \$1.5 billion hospital building fund. Detailed planning is already underway, with construction expected to begin next year. The existing emergency department

will remain open during construction at the new site, with the government insisting there'll be minimal disruptions for patients and staff.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 07/11/2025, Rosanna Mangiarelli & Will Goodings

SA Health Minister Chris Picton has boasted today the state's best ramping figures in six months after the ramping hours were significantly reduced in the month of October. The SA Government is now banking on new hospital transit units at the Royal Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals to help ease the ongoing health crisis.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 07/11/2025, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

The SA Government has opened two transit units to secure vital space in the state's emergency departments. Dr Chloe Furst from Central Adelaide Local Health Network says these units are one way of reducing ambulance ramping hours. The state government says similar steps to reduce ramping are working, with October numbers falling to a six-month low.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 07/11/2025, Lucy Breaden & Kylie Baxter

Interview with Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmania secretary Emily Shepherd. Shepherd says many patients have had their surgeries delayed due to insufficient staffing and post-operative beds in Tasmania. She commends the Tasmanian Government for listening to the calls for more breast screening resources, but argues that the lack of beds across public acute hospitals is causing delays and cancellations of elective surgery.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Doctor reveals unsafe jail conditions at death inquest

Canberra Times, Other, 07/11/2025, Lloyd Jones

A prison doctor has highlighted a shortage of medical staff at a facility where a disabled inmate died after suffering an epileptic seizure. The doctor gave evidence on Friday at a coronial inquest into the death in custody of Wayne Hunt at Darwin Correctional Centre on August 29, 2024.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 07/11/2025, Steve Austin

Members of the United Workers Union have begun industrial action over an ongoing pay dispute with the Queensland Government. The campaign involves medical professionals, including pharmacists and radiographers. They will refuse to do certain administrative and clerical tasks, such as billing. Patient care will not be impacted by the industrial action.

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\$70k-a-year drug slashed

Daily Telegraph, General News, 08/11/2025, Joe Hildebrand, Page 22

A life-changing treatment that once cost more than \$70,000 a year will now be available to Australians for just \$31.60 a script, under the latest Albanese government effort to tackle the cost-of-living crisis. Hundreds of Australians are expected to benefit from the move, in which the drug Elafibranor, known as Iqirvo, is listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Influencers keep mum on IVF's rocky road

Herald Sun, General News, 08/11/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 10

Social media influencers are misleading young women about the benefits of freezing their eggs, while downplaying or not even mentioning the risks, IVF experts warn. [...] A spokesman for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency said they have "lots of information" on their website's advertising hub, including "specific guidance around the use of testimonials" which paid influencers' posts may fall under.

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

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More charges looming for carer

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 08/11/2025, Sean Fewster, Page 33

The case against an NDIS provider, Department for Child Protection carer and self-confessed sexual exploiter has been postponed as elite police prepare to file further charges against him. [...] At the time, Crocker was an employee of the HenderCare Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of a nationwide NDIS-registered support service.

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Hospital death linked to lab's cancer diagnosis bungle

Broken Hill Times, General News, 07/11/2025, Abe Maddison, Page 3

South Australian Deputy State Coroner Ian White has delivered his findings into the death of Broken Hill man Dennis Charles Jackson, 67, at Royal Adelaide Hospital on January 21, 2019. [...] "However, as accepted by SA Pathology, a minute piece of tissue from the sample of another biopsy taken from another patient contaminated Mr Jackson's sample. That patient's biopsy revealed carcinoma. The consequences of this error continued well beyond this date and ultimately are linked with his death."

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'We want to minimise the distress'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 07/11/2025, Megan Haggan

AHPRA commissioned an Expert Advisory Group (EAG) in 2021 to gain a deeper understanding of the impact that being the subject of a complaint or concern has on a practitioner.

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Complaints about WA's health services have increased

Medical Forum, Other, 07/11/2025

HaDSCO's latest annual report revealed that 72% of complaints received and closed in the past year were related to health and 22% were related to mental health. Some 6% were outside of the offices' jurisdiction. When the office receives complaints about registered health practitioners, it consults with Ahpra to determine which agency should manage the complaint.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

New Covid vax findings

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 08/11/2025, Page 8

Adolescents who were vaccinated against Covid-19 were less likely to develop long Covid after their first SARS-CoV-2 infection than unvaccinated peers, a new study finds. The study, led by the US National Health Institute-funded Recover Initiative, is the first to examine the potential benefits of Covid vaccination in adolescents beyond lowering the severity of initial Covid symptoms.

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

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Salmon antibiotic warning

Hobart Mercury, General News, 08/11/2025, Bridget Clarke, Page 3

Tasmania's Department of Health has issued an alert to fishers about exposure to an antibiotic set to be used to treat diseased salmon. The use of the antibiotic florfenicol to treat infected salmon in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and nearby waters received federal approval on Friday.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Breakfast, 07/11/2025, Craig Zonca & Loretta Ryan

In celebration of 80 years of research, Associate Professor Leon Hugo and Dr Brian Johnson from QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute have toured ABC journalists Craig Zonca and Loretta Ryan inside the Mosquito Control Laboratory. Scientists at QIMR Berghofer have been researching mosquito-borne viruses to protect Australians from them.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Bridging the gap

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/11/2025, Page 29

Australia's ongoing medicine shortages are placing increased pressure on our healthcare system. [...] The company worked closely with the TGA in the development of the Section 19A pathway, which allows the importation of approved overseas medicines during periods of shortage.

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How Pharmacists and alt. Pods Are Helping Australians Quit Smoking

Retail Pharmacy, General News, 01/11/2025, Page 58

Every January, thousands of Australians set a resolution to live healthier lives. [...] TGA-compliant, pharmacy-exclusive products ensure safety, consistent dosing, and professional supervision.

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Following a medicine's journey

Wholesalers have talked disaster management, rural medicines access and shortage handling with pharmacists, on-site at a distribution centre. Branch Committee members and senior representatives from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland have toured a medicine distribution centre to see the operations of the medicine supply chain first-hand and discuss latest innovation in bringing medicines to

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JEV prevention push

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 07/11/2025, Megan Haggan

Victoria has made the Japanese encephalitis virus vaccine available in 24 regional local government areas as part of its push to prevent infections. Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas has encouraged Victorians to understand the risks of mosquito-borne diseases and to take simple steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites over the warmer months.

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Are your ads TGA compliant?

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 07/11/2025

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has updated its 'Advertising therapeutic goods on social media' guidance to help advertisers to understand regulations around promoting therapeutic goods via these platforms. The update is a response to an increase in unlawful advertising on social media, where businesses, health services and social media influencers are promoting prescription-only medicines, often using images, nicknames, hashtags and influencer-style endorsements.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 07/11/2025, Laura Jayes

Interview with NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant. Chant says they have closed eight premises for not complying with the state tobacco regulations. She notes that the crackdown on illicit tobacco and vapes in the state is a joint effort between the NSW Government, the Federal Government, and the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

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FOOD STANDARDS

'Honest oversight': Almond milk label error lands man in ICU for 147 days

The Courier Mail, Other, 07/11/2025, Sarah Keoghan

An Aussie milk brand has been ordered to pay almost \$200,000 after a man fell ill from their almond milk and spent 147 days in the ICU. [...] The company was charged by the regulator, the NSW Food Authority, after one man fell seriously ill after consuming the milk.

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