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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Age \(page 10\)](#)** reports that a spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler said the minister had "requested the cohealth board pause its decision" while conversations were ongoing over the closure of a Collingwood health clinic, after Melbourne doctors, nurses, social workers and activists threatened to occupy and run a renegade community clinic.
- **[Daily Telegraph \(page 3\)](#)** reports that Federal Health Minister Mark Butler is set to announce today that a drug called Daratumumab will be added to the PBS as a frontline therapy for myeloma patients who cannot undergo a stem cell transplant. potentially saving patients up to half a million dollars in medication costs.
- **[Pulse+IT](#)** reports that the Federal Government today launched the National Cancer Data Framework, marking a major step forward in improving "accessibility, consistency and comprehensiveness" of cancer data in Australia, with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler saying implementation had already began "thanks to strong collaboration across the cancer sector."
- **[Australian Journal of Pharmacy](#)** reports that the University of South Australia has called on aged care providers and pharmacists to join their new pilot study to assist in assessing medication safety and management in residential aged care.

- [The Mandarin](#) reports that Graeme Head has been named the new CEO of the National Disability Insurance Agency, replacing Rebecca Falkingham, who held the position from late 2022 until she took personal leave due to illness earlier this year.
- [The West Australian \(page 15\)](#) reports that new analysis of nationwide data from the NSW Poisons Information Centre has revealed that the rate of poisonings caused by ADHD medications has more than quadrupled in Australia over the past 10 years, with 3242 people poisoned by a drug prescribed to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in 2023 compared with 795 cases recorded in 2014.

MINISTER BUTLER

Minister 'passing the buck on puberty blockers'

The Australian, General News, 13/11/2025, Rachel Baxendale, Page 2

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has been accused of a "copout" and "kicking the can down the road", after he said the question of whether to pause giving puberty blockers to Australian children was "a matter for state governments". His comments come after former Family Court chief justice Diana Bryant who led the Family Court when it approved liberalised access to puberty blockers for gender-distressed children in 2013 told The Australian this week that it might be better for parliaments to step in now and regulate the field of paediatric gender medicine rather than rely on whatever disputes come before judges.

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

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False consensus on puberty blockers a danger to our kids

The Australian, General News, 13/11/2025, Bernard Lane, Page 11

Puberty blockers are still being promoted as safe and reversible; a no-regrets option. [...] In Australia, the focus now turns to the National Health and Medical Research Council, commissioned by Health Minister Mark Butler to review RCH Melbourne's de facto "Australian standards" and develop new guidelines for treatment of gender-distressed minors.

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Renegade tactics threat over health clinic closure

Age, General News, 13/11/2025, Rachael Dexter and Broede Carmody, Page 10

Melbourne doctors, nurses, social workers and activists are threatening to occupy an inner-city community clinic if planned cuts are not reversed by Christmas. Health workers say they are prepared to run a renegade health service from a site in Collingwood to prevent it being knocked down and sold to developers. [...] When asked on Tuesday if a federal bailout package was on the table, a spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler said the minister had "requested the cohealth board pause its decision" while conversations were ongoing.

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Myeloma patients in PBS treatment boost

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/11/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 3

Treatment for a rare blood cancer that can cost patients almost half a million dollars will be covered by the PBS, in a win against multiple myeloma. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler is set to announce today that a drug called Daratumumab will be added to the PBS as a frontline therapy for myeloma patients who cannot undergo a stem cell transplant.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Bulk billing returns as practice joins incentive program

Great Southern Herald, General News, 13/11/2025, Hannah Whitehead, Page 4

Bulk billing has been reinstated for rural patients in the southern Wheatbelt after a medical practice jumped to participate in the Federal Government's new incentive program. [...] Federal Health Minister

Mark Butler said 126 clinics across the State had decided to participate in the incentives scheme ahead of the November start date.

Also reported by: [Narrogin Observer \(Narrogin\)](#).

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Rescission motion paves the way for further aged care talks

Riverine Grazier, General News, 12/11/2025, Tertia Butcher, Page 3

A rescission motion was passed by Council at its recent meeting in a further effort to improve aged care in Hay. [...] The rescission motion calls for Council to write to the Federal Minister for Aged Care Mark Butler, Minister for Aged Care and Seniors of Australia Sam Rae, Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain and the Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care Anne Ruston to make immediate funding for rural aged care compliance and upgrades a national priority.

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

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Proton beam therapy: Australians still waiting a decade after SA vision for 'future of cancer care'

7news.com.au, Other, 12/11/2025, Jennifer Bechwati

'It's time to bite the bullet and move on from our proton therapy fiasco.' Australia was promised world-class proton beam therapy nearly a decade ago. [...] When I asked Health Minister Mark Butler today whether it was time to "bite the bullet" and concede the South Australian project had failed, he didn't deny the frustration.

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Minister refers directorate to auditor-general over public housing funding

Canberra Times, Other, 12/11/2025, Lanie Tindale

Canberra public housing tenants with severe disabilities may have been denied home modifications due to Housing ACT inaction, several politicians claim. Independent ACT politician Thomas Emerson and ACT Senator David Pocock said they are aware disabled tenants have been unable to modify homes because they cannot access NDIS funding. [...] Mr Emerson and Mr Pocock wrote to ACT Chief Minister and federal Disability Minister Mark Butler on Tuesday.

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

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National mental health agreement failing, Productivity Commission finds

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Jake Evans

A landmark mental health agreement signed by federal, state and territory governments three years ago is failing, a scathing Productivity Commission inquiry has concluded. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler acknowledged the need for further work and said the report would be brought to the next meeting with his state counterparts to discuss reform.

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The kids being kicked off the NDIS

The New Daily, Other, 12/11/2025

As the year winds to an end, kids with autism and developmental delay face an uncertain future. Back in August, the federal government revealed plans to kick them off the NDIS – announcing a scheme called Thriving Kids, which will kick off next year. Health Minister Mark Butler said it would give young people better support – and go some way towards curbing the billions being spent on the NDIS.

Also reported by: [WEB InDaily SA \(Online\)](#), [WEB InQueensland \(Online\)](#).

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A small town tests a different path in aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/11/2025, Caroline Egan

"The current residential aged care model is not financially sustainable" Upper Hunter Shire Council has backed a plan to keep Merriwa's only aged care facility open by changing how it operates – shifting Gummun Place Hostel from residential aged care to a licensed assisted boarding house. [...] In November last year, Council wrote to then Aged Care Minister Mark Butler seeking "immediate and ongoing assistance" to keep the facility open and approached 160 potential operators – none were willing to take over under the traditional model.

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MSAC ticks \$5M gene therapy

Pharma In Focus, Other, 12/11/2025

CSL's life-changing haemophilia B gene therapy Hemgenix - the world's second most expensive drug with an estimated price tag of \$5.3 million for a one-time treatment - has won a recommendation from MSAC, but a battle over price is already brewing. Following a knockback last year, MSAC has come to the party, advising Health Minister Mark Butler that it supports public funding for Hemgenix under the National Blood Agreement, contingent on pricing.

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Government launches National Cancer Data Framework

Pulse+IT, Other, 12/11/2025, Reesh Lyon

The Australian Government has today launched the National Cancer Data Framework, which it says marks a major step forward in improving "accessibility, consistency and comprehensiveness" of cancer data in Australia. Developed by Cancer Australia in partnership with Cancer Council Australia and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the National Cancer Data Framework sets the strategic direction and priorities for collecting, managing and using comprehensive cancer data. [...] Minister for Health and Ageing Hon Mark Butler said implementation of the Cancer Data Framework was already underway, "thanks to strong collaboration across the cancer sector."

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Channel 7, Seven News, 12/11/2025, Angela Cox and Mark Ferguson

The Federal Government is considering a new plan to deliver life-saving proton cancer therapy across Australia. Health Minister Mark Butler confirmed the government is evaluating the device but emphasised the need to ensure they follow "proper processes" before making a decision.

Also reported by: [Seven Wagga Wagga \(Wagga Wagga\)](#).

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7am, Podcast, 12/11/2025, Ruby Jones

After announcing a new program to divert children with autism from the National Disability Insurance Scheme, NDIS Minister Mark Butler shocked some State Governments, with a demand that they match the Federal Government's \$2 billion of funding for the program. Butler wants the Thriving Kids scheme to be rolled out across the country from 2027 to help cut the growth and expense of the NDIS.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Government promises NDIS crackdown

The Saturday Paper, Other, 12/11/2025

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Minister Jenny McAllister plans to give the NDIS Commission new powers to allow the regulator to better combat fraud in the \$50b scheme. Under the new legislation, the commission could ban auditors and consultants who give fraudulent advice, as well as restrict dishonest providers from promoting their products or services.

MINISTER RAE

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Alice Springs initiative say cultural safety and care behind award

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 12/11/2025, Lottie Hood

An Alice Springs suicide prevention team said cultural safety, genuine care and hard life experiences are what drives their award-winning service. [...] Emma McBride MP (Left) with Rachel and Sheena Abbott and Rural Health Pro Manager Jessica Rostas from the Culture Care Connect Suicide Prevention Team, Alice Springs who won the award for Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthcare.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

Commonwealth must take urgent leadership role to deliver a better health care service for Australia

Hobart Mercury, General News, 13/11/2025, John Cleary, Page 16

If we were to liken our health care system to a patient presenting to a doctor, they would first examine the patient for symptoms. [...] It was disappointing to hear our Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Rebecca White, acting like she was still the Tasmanian opposition leader, playing the political game by criticising the state government when she should be helping to find solutions.

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DEPARTMENT

Departments spend \$11.4m on learning how to lead

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2025, Jessica Wang, Page 7

Aussie taxpayers have been billed more than \$123,000 to help the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing "define leadership capability and culture", with government departments outsourcing more than \$11.4m on leadership development contracts during the past year. Analysis of contracts on AusTender reveal that in the year to October 17, 2025, the government signed 127 contracts related to leadership worth \$11,439,107.

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

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Moving medicine forward

Murray Valley Standard, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 5

Murray Bridge played host to a recent conference, which brought together medical professionals aiming to strengthen rural and remote healthcare by transforming education and research. [...] Guest speakers included National Rural Health Commissioner Professor Jenny May, Regional Education Commissioner Fiona Nash and London's St Mary's University (SMU) founding executive dean of medicine Professor Sonia Kumar.

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AAG Conference begins with message of 'hope'

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Sarah Brown delivered the opening keynote of the conference, sharing stories of Purple House's journey into aged care, emphasising the importance of 'hope' in making systems work for those who need them. The 2025 Australian Association of Gerontology Conference kicked off in Alice Springs on Tuesday with several workshops, followed by an address from Department of Health, Disability and Ageing deputy secretary for ageing and aged care Sonja Stewart.

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Improving equity and value in the health and care economy: symposium report

Croakey, Other, 12/11/2025, Melissa Sweet

The care economy needs to be understood, not as a cost burden, but as the foundation of a healthier, fairer and more productive society, according to discussions at a recent symposium convened by the Centre for Health Economics (CHE) at the Monash Business School. [...] Mary Sayers, National Disability Research Partnership; Associate Professor Jing Jing Li, CHE; Dr Elizabeth Deveny, Consumers Health Forum; Chris Leahy, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care; Professor Anthony Scott, CHE; Penny Shakespeare, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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Knowing your letters and numbers is not enough – scam literacy has become a non-negotiable for seniors, providers and loved ones

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 12/11/2025, Amy Henderson

In the immediacy of the activation of the new act, scammers have found an opportunity to exploit the confusion, hopelessness and desperation of many of Australia's most vulnerable. For the thousands of seniors attempting to navigate the complexity of not only the new system but the new pricing mechanisms that drive it, organised crime has found a niche in the market, bringing 'answers'. [...] "We are aware of scammers targeting older people by pretending to be aged care assessors", the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing messaged this week.

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NT Aboriginal health leaders mark Diabetes Feet Day with call for greater investment in foot health

National Indigenous Times, Other, 12/11/2025, Giovanni Torre

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory and Central Australian Aboriginal Congress have called for greater awareness and investment in foot health to prevent avoidable amputations and improve quality of life for people living with diabetes in the Northern Territory. [...] They form part of the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foot Complications Program, coordinated by the South Australian Health Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) and funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

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It's raining healthcare booking engines for sale

The Medical Republic, Other, 12/11/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

Neither HotDoc nor HealthEngine are likely get anywhere near their asking price, if they sell at all, as

they both are facing a near-term reckoning of their business models. Today we learned about what looks like a classic advisor kite-flying exercise telegraphing that appointment booking platform HealthEngine is now on the block, along with its major competitor HotDoc, which started a sales process a few months back.

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Too many apps on the dancefloor: digital continuity, governance and productivity 101

The Medical Republic, Other, 12/11/2025, Matthew Galetto

Do we try to sew together a mass of emerging apps to connect and refer up and downstream, or use agile platforms that can connect it all in one system? The federal government has drawn a line in the sand: since October 2025, pathology providers must upload reports to My Health Record by default, with diagnostic imaging following in February 2026. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's Compliance Strategy 2025-30 makes it clear: data integrity includes cybersecurity.

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Aged care's Single Assessment System 'failing targets': Dept

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/11/2025, Caroline Egan

Consumers are waiting up to nine months to be assessed – four times the 40-day target, with some are falling through the cracks altogether. Deep within the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's 417-page Annual Report 2024-25 lie worrying details on its Single Assessment System (SAS).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

BaptistCare goes big in seniors living with \$140m deal

Australian Financial Review, Other, 12/11/2025, Nick Lenaghan

In a deal worth an estimated \$140 million, BaptistCare will acquire Western Australian portfolio of retirement villages from their operator Keyton, a national player whose owners include Lendlease, Aware Super and a Dutch pension fund.

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Seniors week in full swing with WA's wisest front and centre of celebrations

West Australian, Other, 12/11/2025

A week to celebrate WA's wisest is in full swing with celebrations taking place across the State. Running until November 16, Seniors Week is celebrating seniors citizens across WA inviting them to take part in several events across the region.

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Confronting ageism: Building inclusive communities for older Australians

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Juanita Soper and Charlie\ McKillop

Getting old is the pits, isn't it? When you reach the point where your body, and maybe even your mind, is not as capable as it once was.

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FECCA 2025 Conference highlights migrant health and wellbeing in multicultural Australia

SBS, Other, 12/11/2025, TJ Correa

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) gathered policymakers, researchers, and multicultural community leaders in Melbourne for the 2025 National Multicultural

Health and Wellbeing Conference. In an interview with SBS Filipino, FECCA CEO Mary Ann Baquero Geronimo emphasised the need to raise awareness of migrant health challenges in Australia.

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Preventative health and positive aging: Changing Australia's approach

6PR, Other, 12/11/2025, Simon Beaumont

A recent October summit addressed new strategies for Australia's approach to its ageing population.

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Providers encouraged to embrace Good Spirit Good Life

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/11/2025, Natasha Egan

The Good Spirit, Good Life framework and resources can help providers ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders "have a great life and strong spirit in aged care." Aged care providers can use the Good Spirit Good Life tool to shape the care they deliver to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and show how they meet the quality standards, Professor Kate Smith has told the Australian Association of Gerontology conference in Alice Springs this week.

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Is home care about to have its superannuation moment?

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 12/11/2025, Luke Traini

Rising prices and co-payments under Support at Home mean older people need to make every dollar count, boosting the appeal of self-managed aged care, writes Luke Traini. When the Howard–Costello reforms formalised and deregulated self-managed super in 1999, thousands of Australians seized the chance to take direct control of their retirement savings.

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National effort to make medicines safer for older Australians

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/11/2025, Megan Haggan

The University of South Australia is calling for aged care providers and pharmacists to join a new pilot study to assess medication safety and management in residential aged care Developed in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, the study will use the new PHARMA-Care National Quality Framework to evaluate medication

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Serious about fun: Laughter training boosts wellbeing in aged care

HelloCare, Other, 12/11/2025, Jakob Neeland

Humour and playfulness are strengthening relationships between aged care workers and residents through an uplifting program being delivered at Lutheran Services aged care sites in Queensland. Developed by Clown Doctors Australia, the Laughter Boss training program inspires connection, fun and wellbeing for both residents and staff.

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'Cannoli diplomacy' on ice as States escalate aged care funding fight

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/11/2025, Caroline Egan

"We're going to park the cannoli diplomacy for a little while and we're going to get what Queenslanders deserve," the Premier told the LNP State Council on Sunday, accusing the Federal Government of "delaying and refusing" to finalise a new five-year hospital funding deal "in the middle of a health crisis.

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The price tag to future-proof residential aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/11/2025, Caroline Egan

"Australia is currently building a fraction of the beds we need," says Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson has warned residential aged care providers will need \$5-\$7 billion every year for the next two decades just to keep up with demand for new beds.

Southern Cross Care (Tas) to close Hobart aged care home amid sector-wide contraction

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/11/2025, Caroline Egan

"Southern Cross Care has seen a shift from Residential Aged Care towards Home Based Care over recent years. Accordingly, to adapt to this changing dynamic, we have made the difficult decision to close Rosary Gardens"

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Bain Capital's staggering aged care valuation of Estia Health

The Weekly Source, Other, 12/11/2025, Caroline Egan

Two years on from its acquisition of Estia Health, Bain Capital is seeking to capitalise on the growing demand for residential aged care. US private equity giant Bain Capital is lining up meetings with more than a dozen fund managers, as it explores options for Estia Health – with a reported \$2 billion price tag on the aged care operator.

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Why Australian researchers are cracking the Alzheimer's code

Your Life Choices, Other, 12/11/2025, Don Turrobia

Groundbreaking Australian research is investigating why women face nearly twice the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Image credit: imtmphoto / Shutterstock When it comes to Alzheimer's disease, Australian women face a sobering reality.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

New CEO of \$52bn NDIA revealed

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/11/2025, Julie Cross

The new boss responsible for running the National Disability Insurance Agency has been confirmed after the previous CEO quit due to health reasons. The new boss of the National Disability Insurance Agency is Graeme Head.

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

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Baby girl who weighed less than a kilogram when she was born is 'a little champion'

Adelaide Now, Other, 12/11/2025, Claudia Poposki

The story behind this crushing photo of a teeny tiny hand in a hospital will surely speak to every parent who has ever brought a child into the world. Sky News contributor Jaimee Rogers comments on the ethical concerns of creating babies without the need for biological mothers.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Leo relies on exercise physiology to keep him moving but that could change under NDIS review

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Mary Louise Vince

Leo Burgess was on holiday with his family in Tasmania when disaster struck. The nine-year-old from the New South Wales Central Coast, who has autism and ADHD, suffered paralysis and was placed

into an induced coma as doctors scrambled for answers.

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Government using machine learning to help create draft plans for NDIS participants, documents reveal

The Guardian, Other, 13/11/2025, Josh Taylor and Kate Lyons

National Disability Insurance Agency staff are using machine learning to help create draft plans for NDIS participants, documents obtained by Guardian Australia reveal. Documents related to NDIA's use of AI released under freedom of information laws showed 300 staff participated in a six-month trial of Microsoft's Copilot AI from January last year.

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Head to lead National Disability Insurance Agency

The Mandarin, Other, 12/11/2025, Dan Holmes

NDIA's new ceo has worked in some of the public service's toughest jobs, including as the agency's quality and safety commissioner. Graeme Head has been appointed CEO of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

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PRIMARY CARE

Hospital blitz will mean more beds and better health care

West Australian, General News, 13/11/2025, Rita Saffioti, Page 13

Last Thursday was an historic day for health care in our State with the announcement that we are buying a hospital in Mt Lawley, building a hospital in Peel, and upgrading a hospital in Perth. We launched a new \$1.5 billion Building Hospitals Fund to deliver these transformational projects, taking our Government's investment in health infrastructure to a record \$4.7b.2 Early tender advice was the released on Monday for new six-storey block at Royal Perth Hospital with a bigger emergency department closer to McIver station.

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

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ED ramping crisis grows

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2025, Zoe De Koning, Page 4

Geelong hospital has failed to meet its ambulance transfer target for the eighth consecutive year, with a new report highlighting the region's ongoing ramping crisis. Barwon Health revealed in its 2024/25 annual report it failed to meet its target for transferring ambulance patients to the emergency department within 40 minutes.

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Investing in health vital

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 33

It is no secret that Victorian emergency departments are under increasing pressure. Geelong, as one of the state's fastest-growing regions, is no different. Barwon Health's latest annual report shows Geelong hospital failed to meet its ambulance transfer target for the eighth consecutive year.

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Battle to get care

Border Mail, General News, 13/11/2025, Jodie Bruton, Page 1

Lavington mum Kylah Marrinon moved to the Border a year ago for its quality lifestyle. But she has since struggled to get affordable healthcare for her daughter.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#).

Budget 'downplaying' healthcare costs

Launceston Examiner, General News, 13/11/2025, Annika Rhoades and Lauren Richardson, Page 5

An independent analyst has said the Tasmanian government's interim budget should not be trusted and slammed its "fanciful" underestimation of healthcare costs. Treasurer Eric Abetz's maiden interim budget, handed down on Thursday, November 6, shows health accounts for 34 per cent of the government's expenses in the current financial year, equating to \$3.57 billion.

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Queensland Health warns hospitals to strengthen procedures around medical imaging results

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025

Queensland hospitals have been ordered to ensure medical scans are being checked by doctors after dozens of Caboolture Hospital patients did not get their results, as authorities expect some of those affected will now suffer long-term health problems. The warning was prompted by failures at Caboolture Hospital's outpatient department, which meant doctors were not given paper copies of imaging results, and no system was in place to flag electronic copies.

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Hospital speeds up treatment of Indigenous patients

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Samantha Donovan

Peak medical bodies are backing a Melbourne hospital that is helping to close the gap in waiting times between Indigenous and non-Indigenous patients. The hospital has introduced a new approach, aiming to assess and start treating First Nations people within half an hour of their arrival at the hospital.

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Doctors defend emergency department triage policy as 'closing the gap in action'

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Stephanie Boltje

At St Vincent's Hospital in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy, a handful of patients are sitting quietly in the waiting room. Some are holding their heads, another props up her bruised ankle on a chair.

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Future of three Victorian community hospitals up in the air as references wiped from government website

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025

The Victorian government is refusing to say whether it will build three community hospitals it promised would give families "the care they need closer to home", more than a year after they were originally meant to be completed. The government refusal comes as both the state opposition and Australian Medical Association (AMA) Victoria call for greater transparency about the fate of the promised hospital projects.

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GP role vital in LARC services expansion: RACGP

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/11/2025

It says it's imperative procedures occur in the context of a multidisciplinary team, with GPs at the centre of coordinated care. 'Any practitioner performing these procedures must be held to the same standards of training, credentialling, indemnity and insurance as expected of other medical professionals.

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Research reveals value of GP self-care

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/11/2025

It says GP wellbeing must become a national priority, finding that without change, the healthcare

system could suffer 'problematic consequences'. The RACGP has developed a CPD-approved toolkit to support GPs in their wellbeing journey.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 12/11/2025, James Glenday and Bridget Brennan

A major review of thousands of medical scans at a Qld health facility has found dozens of patients didn't receive necessary follow-up care. The investigation came after a change in how patient scans were reviewed at the Caboolture Hospital.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Crime Crime gangs are smoking us all

The Australian, Editorials, 13/11/2025, Page 10

The illegal tobacco trade has taken on all the criminal characteristics of the prohibitionera sly booze disaster of 1930s America. Gone are the days fchop chop backyard growers. Today, there are tax rorts, arson, standover tactics, criminal violence and the very real prospect that public officials have been compromised or paid bribes to turn a blind eye. There have been hundreds of firebombings of homes and businesses and at least three murders.

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Health's smoking gun in tobacco excise war crime

The Australian, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 11

Sorry, not sorry. An apology we'll never receive from the public health industry.

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Body parts investigation

Hobart Mercury, General News, 13/11/2025, David Killick, Page 1

Allegations human body parts were retained without lawful authority or consent have been referred for possible prosecution as the government tries to identify who was responsible. In a finding handed down in September, Simon Cooper found pathologists unlawfully provided specimens from autopsies to Hobart's R.A.

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The misuse of drug facts

West Australian, General News, 13/11/2025, Angela Pownall, Page 15

Poisonings from ADHD medications have more than quadrupled in Australia over the past 10 years, new research has found. Analysis of nationwide data from the NSW Poisons Information Centre revealed that 3242 people were poisoned by a drug prescribed to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in 2023 compared with 795 cases recorded in 2014.

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

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Lot of puff over black market cigs and vapes

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 16

The government is addicted to the tax on alcohol and tobacco. Lower the tax and you won't have a problem.

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Bone health matters

Did you know that having diabetes can put you at a greater risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures? DL dietitian and diabetes educator, Dr Kate Marsh, explains the link between diabetes and bone health, the risk factors for osteoporosis and importantly, the things you can do to improve your bone health and reduce the risk of falls and fractures.

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Heaps Normal to launch non-alcoholic wine in major expansion beyond beer

The Australian, Other, 13/11/2025, Richard Clune

Their alcohol-free beer captured the Zeitgeist. But now Andy Miller and Ben Holdstock have their eyes on something even bigger – and they're bringing Robbie Williams along for the ride.

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NSW Health's new calculator highlights link between alcohol consumption and eight cancers

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/11/2025, Andrew Hedgman

Aussies can now see exactly how their drinking habits affect their cancer risk thanks to a new government-backed online tool. An Australian-first digital tool launched by the NSW government is helping people better understand how drinking habits can increase their risk of developing cancer.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Vapes reaching country towns across WA despite strengthened laws

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Brianna Melville

New stores selling illegal vaping products have opened in regional Western Australia in recent months despite federal efforts to crack down on the trade. The ABC understands stores in Northam and Geraldton have begun selling the nicotine products both openly and under the counter in the last 12 months.

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Edge of Life review – can understanding death help us understand how to live?

The Guardian, Other, 13/11/2025, Luke Buckmaster

People often discuss different ways to live: a new diet here, a behavioural change there, perhaps some added spiritual dimension to help one through the maelstrom of existence. But what about new ways to die?

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Australia's spending on public health back to pre-pandemic levels

The Mandarin, Other, 12/11/2025, Melissa Coade

Data released by the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW) has shown government spending on initiatives to prevent disease, promote health, and protect populations attracted \$5.4 billion (\$3.4 billion from the federal government and \$2 billion from the states and territories) in 2023-24. The figure is equivalent to \$201 per Australian and represents a 30% reduction in government spending on the previous 2022-23 financial year.

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As ADHD medications cause a rise in poisonings, experts call for a key change

SBS, Other, 12/11/2025, Cameron Carr

ADHD medication poisonings have quadrupled in the last decade, according to new data, with children

most at risk of adverse exposures. Key Points The number of Australians being poisoned by ADHD medication was four times higher in 2023 compared to 2014 [...] During 2023–24 there were over 4.6 million prescriptions for ADHD-related medications dispensed to just under 600,000 patients (an average of 8 prescriptions per patient), according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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‘Listen to the locals’: Council calls for relocation of controversial injecting facility

3AW, Other, 12/11/2025

The Yarra City Council passed a motion on Tuesday, calling for the relocation of the Medically Supervised Injecting Room in North Richmond. Mayor Jolly said on 3AW Breakfast , "It's been really scary for a lot of kids and families in the area. We support a supervised injecting facility, but it has to be in a better spot than next to a school."

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More than 80 nonprofits receive \$250M for global women's health from Melinda French Gates

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 13/11/2025

More than 80 organizations that provide health care for women all over the world received grants Wednesday totaling \$250 million from Melinda French Gates after a year-long application process. French Gates said the majority of the recipients of the Action for Women's Health challenge have not previously received funding from her organization, Pivotal, or from the Gates Foundation , which she founded with her ex-husband Bill Gates .

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Agilent and University of Melbourne Unveil Innovation Hub to Advance Environmental Research and Population Health

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 12/11/2025

Agilent Technologies Inc. (NYSE: A) announced the launch of its new Agilent Innovation Hub in partnership with the University of Melbourne, acting through the Australian Laboratory for Emerging Contaminants (ALEC) . The hub integrates Agilent's next-generation technologies, including an extensive portfolio of Infinity III Liquid Chromatography (LC) systems and ALEC's research expertise in the critical area of environmental health and safety.

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'I've been given 12 months to live. Then I found out I forgot to tick one box on my insurance form.'

Mamamia, Other, 12/11/2025, Raffaella Ciccarelli

Mum-of-two, Casey-Lee Peters, remembers sitting in the urologist's office, hoping to get answers about what was causing her recurrent urinary tract infections (UTIs) when her doctor delivered the words that left her reeling. His voice was grave when he relayed the news.

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Concerning rise in ADHD med poisonings

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2025

More than 3,000 Australians were poisoned by ADHD medications in 2023, with clonidine and methylphenidate the two most commonly implicated drugs. Based on national data from the NSW Poisons Information Centre (NSWPIC), researchers from the University of Sydney discovered a fourfold increase in cases from 2014 to 2023, outstripping the rate of increase in ADHD diagnoses over this period.

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6PR, Drive, 12/11/2025, Oliver Peterson

Interview with Dr Penny Brotja, Sensory, Nutrition, and Food Lecturer, RMIT, about voluntary Health Star Rating on packets of foods and drinks. Brotja believes that if this were not implemented

CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Redkite helps battle cost of cancer

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 16

Families caring for children with cancer are facing crushing financial hardship skipping meals, draining savings and even fearing homelessness, exclusive new research shows. Children's cancer charity Redkite has revealed that 59 per cent have faced "high or severe difficulty" meeting regular financial obligations in the past year.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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Ratepayers shouldn't be lumped with asbestos removal bill

West Australian, General News, 13/11/2025, Alison Xamon, Page 31

Asbestos is not just a relic of the past. Although its use was banned in Australia more than 20 years ago, it still exists in countless homes, schools and workplaces, especially those built before the mid-1980s.

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

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A win in fight with MND

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 3

Australian scientists have developed a breakthrough therapy that could transform the treatment of motor neurone disease (MND). The world-first University of Wollongong study unveils a therapeutic designer molecule, MisfoldUbl, that targets and removes toxic SOD1 (superoxide dismutase 1) proteins from cells.

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A silent threat for memory decline

Diabetic Living, General News, 01/12/2025, Page 12

More than one in four people over the age of 60 experience a significant hearing impairment, something which bumps up the risk of cognitive decline later in life by two or three times. But fresh research suggests that the combination of hearing loss and feeling lonely may be particularly dangerous for the brain.

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Deepfake and diabetes

Diabetic Living, General News, 01/12/2025, Page 107

Imagine scrolling through your social media feed and seeing a familiar face, a respected doctor or researcher, enthusiastically recommending a new supplement that claims to reverse type 2 diabetes in just weeks. The video appears convincing.

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"Being misdiagnosed just sucked. I don't want anyone else to experience that. 99

Diabetic Living, General News, 01/12/2025, Page 118

My diagnosis came totally out of the blue, about 14 months ago. I had my daughter in 2015 and nearly failed the gestational diabetes test.

Bronwyn Wallace shares how her cancer was initially misdiagnosed as menopause

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/11/2025, Bronwyn Wallace

When Bronwyn Wallace first began feeling unwell in her early fifties, she was constantly tired, flushed and short of breath. Every doctor she saw said the same thing, it was "just menopause."

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The simple test to transform lives of women with ovarian cancer

Adelaide Now, Other, 12/11/2025, Robyn Riley

Beth Slayter was given a 50 per cent chance of surviving five years after being diagnosed with this cancer. Incredibly, she's passed that milestone and feels "well".

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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Brain cancer won't stop paramedic Andrew Herweynen's fundraising walk

The Mercury, Other, 12/11/2025, Genevieve Holding

A Tasmanian paramedic facing terminal brain cancer has inspired dozens to join his marathon fundraising mission, though he knows research breakthroughs won't save him. Paramedic Andrew Herweynen hopes that he can fundraise for a cure for the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma by walking next Sunday's Point to Pinnacle marathon – even though it will be too late to help him.

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

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GenesisCare: Radiation therapists to go on strike over fight for better pay, conditions

West Australian, Other, 12/11/2025, Hannah Cross

Radiation therapists, who provide life-saving treatment for cancer patients, will go on strike outside Fiona Stanley Hospital on Wednesday in their fight for better pay. More than 50 radiation therapists employed by GenesisCare, Australia's largest provider of cancer care services, will stop work for four hours under protected industrial action.

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

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Free screening mammogram service is passing though the South West with next stop planned for Boyup Brook

West Australian, Other, 12/11/2025

A free screening mammogram service is passing though the South West with its next stop planned for Boyup Brook. BreastScreen WA's mobile clinic is in Bridgetown until December 5, parked up at Bridgetown Public Library and will be moving to Boyup Brook from December 8-22.

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Boardroom battle rocks Qld biotech firm as co-founder sacked

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 12/11/2025, talkUrl coralComments

A boardroom stoush has erupted at life sciences company QBiotics Group over the sacking of co-founder Dr Paul Reddell for alleged "serious misconduct" as the company prepares to float on the ASX. The issue was sparked by Reddell downloading files onto an external drive which in a statement on

Friday issued by chief executive Stephen Doyle says involved "confidential and proprietary material" and were a breach of his employment.

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New SBS doco charts Dr Jennifer MacDiarmid and Dr Himanshu Brahmbhatt's epic decades-long cancer quest

Kaloorlie Miner, Other, 12/11/2025, Clare Rigden

It's been a long road for Australian cancer scientists, Dr Jennifer MacDiarmid and Dr Himanshu Brahmbhatt, who started their company EnGeneIC 24 years ago, guided by an unshakeable belief they could change the way the world treats cancer. In the last two weeks, their world-first disruptive cancer-beating technology, EnGeneIC Dream Vector (EDV) — a microscopic "Trojan Horse" that slips inside cancer cells and destroys them from within, sparing healthy cells — commenced large-scale human trials in the United States, fast tracked by the US Food and Drug Administration.

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The truth about your cancer risk

Mamamia, Other, 13/11/2025

From post-menopausal spotting to at-home bowel tests. HPV to painful boobs. In this episode, Claire Murphy and Dr Mariam tackle your most pressing questions about some of the most common cancers affecting women, including cervical, ovarian, uterine, breast and bowel.

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Report reveals 'whole life' impact of obesity

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2025

Weight takes its greatest toll on people's health and confidence – but touches every area of life. New research reveals half of surveyed Australians experiencing obesity have delayed major life milestones due to their weight, and satisfaction of social life, mental wellbeing, relationships and careers is lower than those without weight concerns.

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Diabetes group calls for more support

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 12/11/2025

World Diabetes Day is Friday 14 November, and Diabetes Victoria is calling on employers to know more and do more for diabetes at work, and is calling on workplaces to raise awareness about the challenges people with diabetes face, and reduce stigma and discrimination, which may impact wellbeing.

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New tool reveals your alcohol-cancer risk

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 12/11/2025

An Australian-first digital tool launched by the NSW government is helping people better understand how drinking habits can increase their risk of developing cancer. The Alcohol and Cancer Risk tool, developed by Cancer Institute NSW with research by the Daffodil Centre, a partnership between the University of Sydney and Cancer Council NSW, lets users calculate their lifetime cancer risk based on their age, gender and alcohol consumption.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Children as young as 10 held in locked rooms for days at a time, report finds

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 12/11/2025, Courtney Kruk

Children as young as 10 are frequently locked alone in cells or rooms without basic facilities in Queensland's youth detention centres – sometimes for days at a time – due to high demand and staffing issues, a new report has found. In some instances, children reported having to urinate into drains after their requests for the bathroom were ignored.

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Gold Coast Child and Youth Mental Health Service nominated ketamine program for award after teen patient Giaan Ramsay's death

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 12/11/2025, Ann Wason Moore

The Gold Coast Child and Youth Mental Health Service entered an internal awards competition for its training of staff to administer ketamine, just weeks after the program's only adolescent patient Giaan Ramsay died by suicide. It is understood the quality and safety initiative nomination, part of the Child Youth Mental Health Quality Awards held at Robina TAFE in August, was not specific to an individual patient's care and focused on staff training and governance.

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

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'Devastating crisis' – Mentoring group tackles youth mental health

2GB, Other, 12/11/2025, Michael McLaren

Vicki Condon, CEO of the Raise Foundation, discusses Australia's youth mental health crisis, citing shocking statistics: 1 in 4 young people experience bullying and suicide is a leading cause of death for the age group. Raise Foundation.

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CWH shines light on women's mental health

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2025, Ajp Staff

Chemist Warehouse has continued its 15-year association with the foundation, running a national in-store and online campaign to raise funds and awareness throughout September. The Liptember appeal encourages customers to wear bright lipstick to spark conversations about women's mental health.

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IMMUNISATION

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccine available locally

Shepparton News Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Ryan Bellingham

Eligible Campaspe Shire, Gannawarra Shire and Greater Bendigo residents can now access a free Japanese encephalitis virus vaccine. Free Japanese encephalitis virus vaccines are now available in the region, which the Victorian Government has deemed a high-risk area for mosquito-borne diseases.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

eNRMC systems a 'single source of truth' for meds management

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2025, Jay Cutler

But some software vendors may not meet the 1 December deadline and this could potentially impact ACOP funding, aged care leader warns. Software vendors were given an additional six weeks' grace last month to ensure Electronic National Residential Medication Charts (eNRMC) are conformant, with non-conformant vendors on the Transitional eNRMC Conformance Register until 1 December

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Doctor wins the hearts of Aussies

Courier Mail, General News, 13/11/2025, Greg Stolz, Page 10

A Brisbane doctor who blazed a new trail in cardiac health has won the hearts and votes of judges in the annual Australian of the Year Awards. Dr Rolf Gomes was named the Australian of the Year for Queensland at a ceremony at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday night.

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'We come here because we care': Alice Springs health initiative team react to national award

Northern Territory News, Other, 12/11/2025, Lottie Hood

The Culture Care Connect Suicide Prevention Team were crowned award winners at National Rural and Remote Health Awards for their work in Alice Springs. An Alice Springs suicide prevention team said cultural safety, genuine care and hard life experiences are what drives their award-winning service.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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All-Aboriginal team wins national award for suicide prevention work in Alice Springs

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Stewart Brash and Matthew Qvortup

An all-Aboriginal team from Alice Springs wins a national award for its unique culture of listening to reduce high suicide rates in the Northern Territory. Alice Springs's Culture Care Connect Suicide Prevention Team has been recognised for its approach using unique Aboriginal insights to reduce suicide.

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Victorian Aboriginal health peak body condemns state's 'adult crime, adult time' plan

National Indigenous Times, Other, 12/11/2025, Giovanni Torre

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) says it is "deeply disappointed and angered" by the Victorian government's proposed youth justice changes. The new policy would allow children as young as 14 to be treated as adults in the court system, continuing what VACCHO called "a worrying trend" from the Victorian government, reflecting "a shift toward punishment rather than the early intervention and support our children need".

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ABC, ABC News, 12/11/2025, Amy Greenbank

Peak medical bodies have backed a Victorian hospital initiative designed to help "Close the Gap" in emergency presentations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous patients. However, Shadow Health Minister Georgie Crozier countered, stating that the triaging of patients should be based strictly on medical need and not on race.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 12/11/2025, James Glenday and Bridget Brennan

First Nations patients often experience longer wait times than non-Indigenous patients when presenting at hospital emergency departments. A triage program at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne has been closing the gap by fast-tracking Indigenous patients.

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ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 12/11/2025, Samantha Donovan

Peak medical bodies are backing a Melbourne hospital that is implementing a new initiative to help Close the Gap in waiting times between Indigenous and non-Indigenous patients. However, the State's Opposition argues that the triaging of patients should be based strictly on medical need and not on race.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Rouse Hill Hospital a step closer to reality

Daily Telegraph, General News, 13/11/2025, Summer Liu, Page 9

New designs for the troubleplagued Rouse Hill Hospital can now be revealed. The main entry of the \$910 million hospital, a new internal access road, the drop-off and pick-up area, as well as green spaces can be seen in the artist's impressions of what is set to be a state-of-the-art health facility.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Stand up for the protection of health care in conflict zones

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 12/11/2025, Anmj Staff

Thousands of messages of solidarity from ANMF members and the Australian community are on their way to nurses, midwives, and healthcare workers in Gaza, where they will be translated into Arabic and delivered through the International Committee Red Cross and the Palestine Red Crescent Society. The International Committee of the Red Cross expressed gratitude to Australians who reached out with words of solidarity and support. For those on the ground, these messages are hoped to bring strength and a sense of hope amid unimaginable loss.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Touchy mentor remains banned

Courier Mail, General News, 13/11/2025, Chloe Grimshaw, Page 14

A Sunshine Coast psychologist has been disqualified after a three-decade long career for inappropriately touching and texting a student on placement. The Psychology Board of Australia applied to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal regarding action they took against a Sunshine Coast psychologist over allegations of misconduct with a woman he was supervising on a placement.

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Ban lifted on angry nurse

Cairns Post, General News, 13/11/2025, Marnie Buchanan, Page 4

A nurse who "reflexively" kicked out at a mental health patient being restrained, after the patient hit him in the face, has had sanctions lifted on his registration after a tribunal ruled he had "suffered enough". Cairns Hospital nurse David Alexander Crossfield, 60, was suspended briefly after the incident in August 2023 between himself and a patient with psychotic symptoms; he resigned from his position soon after, saying he felt "unsafe and uncomfortable".

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Cocaine supplying cardiologist nabbed in police sting

Cairns Post, Other, 12/11/2025, Emily Walker and Alex Treacy

An esteemed cardiologist who claimed he was using cocaine weekly while trying to fit in with his friends on the Gold Coast has been sentenced. Sameer Tatavarty Bharatam, 41, pleaded guilty at the Southport District Court on Wednesday to five counts of supply dangerous drugs and one count of possessing anything used in the commission of a crime.

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

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Tough negotiations yield consumer savings: Butler

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2025, Jay Cutler

PBS co-payment cuts combined with 60-day dispensing are delivering savings for patients, Health Minister tells Guild Reforms to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) will slash out-of-pocket costs for patients by up to 75% in 2026, through the company of cuts to the general co-payment and 60-day dispensing, Health Minister says.

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Forecasting pharmacy to 2030

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 12/11/2025

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) has today released the fifth edition of Pharmacy Forecast Australia (PFA25), examining emerging trends and phenomena across mental health care, advanced therapeutics, AI use in healthcare and workforce development, with a spotlight on the rapidly evolving remit of pharmacy technicians.

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ADHD medication poisonings soar

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 12/11/2025

With poisonings from ADHD medications rising fourfold in just 10 years, GPs' role as 'educators of families' is in the spotlight. Around 72% of accidental poisonings took place among those aged under 15 years. [...] They also accessed dispensing data from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), finding a 'strong correlation' between exposures and number of prescriptions.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

UBS begins Qscan sale process

The Australian, Business News, 13/11/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 14

Data room Investment bank UBS is believed to be launching the sale process of Qscan next year, but

the understanding is that the price expectations of the owner may now put the diagnostic imaging business out of reach of some buyers. Suggestions are that Infratil is keen to secure a price equivalent to 12 times the group's earnings.

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Proteomics \$2.2M R&D rebate to fuel diagnostics test rollout

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 12/11/2025, Andrew Todd

Medical diagnostics pioneer Proteomics International Laboratories has filled its pockets with a further \$2.2 million in cash through Australia's research and development (R&D) rebate scheme. The company's technology sits at the forefront of proteomics - protein-based precision medicine - converting routine pathology into biomarker discovery that can predict and redirect patient outcomes long before irreversible health damage sets in.

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Genea patients want IVF giant held to account as cybersecurity expert raises ongoing concerns

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Rhiana Whitson

About a decade ago, Nicole gave her close friend a life-giving gift that she has told very few people about. Nicole, whose name we have changed to protect the privacy of all involved, donated eggs to her friend and husband so they could fulfil their dream of becoming parents.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

A rash hit in the moshpit

Courier Mail, General News, 13/11/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 13

Thousands of concertgoers may have been exposed to measles after three cases were detected at the Jelly Roll concert in Brisbane last month. A public health alert was issued on Wednesday for attendees of the US rapper and singer's concert on October 24, at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre at Boondall.

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

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Queensland Health issues alert after three measles cases attend Jelly Roll concert at Brisbane Entertainment Centre

ABC Online, Other, 12/11/2025, Arianna Levy

A public health alert has been issued for people who attended a US country-rap artist's concert in Brisbane last month after a measles outbreak in Queensland. Queensland Health confirmed three cases of measles have been linked to the Jelly Roll concert on Friday, October 24 at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre at Boondall.

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How WA's outgoing Chief Health Officer Andy Robertson once hunted anthrax in Iraq

For Western Australia's outgoing COVID-era chief health officer Andy Robertson, the 2020 spread of the "novel coronavirus" was not the first time he had been part of a story of global significance. Dr Robertson, who has announced he will retire from his position in February after a 22-year career with WA Health, once hunted for secret anthrax weapons labs across Iraq and found himself in a stand-off with Saddam Hussein's Revolutionary Guard.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Alterity delivers encouraging phase II data in MSA trial

The Australian, Other, 12/11/2025, Special Report

Alterity has presented promising phase II trial data of lead compound ATH434 in multiple system atrophy at an international symposium. Special Report: Alterity Therapeutics' phase II study of its lead compound ATH434 in multiple system atrophy (MSA) has been featured in an oral presentation at the American Autonomic Society (AAS) 36th International Symposium on the Autonomic Nervous System in Florida, USA.

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

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Calls to remove MHT warning

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 12/11/2025

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced this week it will remove "black box" warnings on menopause hormone therapy (MHT) products, prompting calls in Australia for similar action from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). The boxed warnings on MHT products (also known as hormone replacement therapy, or HRT) were introduced after early results from the Women's Health Initiative in 2002 suggested that hormone therapy increased the risk of breast cancer, heart disease and stroke.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

New world pharmacy boss's local plan

Cairns Post, General News, 13/11/2025, Arun Singh Mann, Page 3

The Australian president of the World Pharmacy Council has revealed a personal agenda following his recent appointment to the role, including trialling foreign pilot programs domestically. Cairns pharmacist Trent Twomey, national president of the Australian Pharmacy Guild, was last week selected to lead the World Pharmacy Council.

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FOOD STANDARDS

'Dangerous' ingredient lurking in food on Aussie supermarket shelves, according to research

9News, Other, 12/11/2025, Maddison Leach

Researchers are calling for a ban on "dangerous" ingredient lurking in thousands of food products

available at Australian supermarkets. And consumers have no way of knowing.

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The 'incredibly toxic' hidden ingredient experts want banned from our supermarkets

SBS, Other, 12/11/2025, Cameron Carr

Researchers analysed 28,000 products stocked in Australian supermarkets. Here's what they found.

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ABC Radio Perth, Mornings, 12/11/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with Peter Gray, Food Safety Manager, WA Health, about whether it's safe to eat bread with mould if the mould is cut off. Gray argues with this, as small amounts of mould that could still be in the bread could still release some poisons that can spread beyond the area that's visible.

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