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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Weekend Australian](#) (page 5) reports health economist Stephen Duckett said the case of Jayant Patel exposed systemic failures that persist today, warning that lack of transparency remains about the performance of doctors and hospitals as national AHPRA data shows more than 12,000 complaints were made about doctors in 2024-25.
- [ABC Online](#) reports newly released Medicare data shows bulk-billing rates have stalled at 77.6 per cent with GP visits falling and out-of-pocket costs rising, with Health Minister Mark Butler saying he expects rates to lift as the government's new Bulk Billing Incentive takes effect.
- The [Saturday Age](#) (page 1) reports the Australian Skills Quality Authority will cancel 6992 qualifications issued by Kingsway Vocational Training - including more than 4000 aged-care and disability certificates - after finding the provider had awarded credentials without proper training or assessment.
- The [Weekend Australian](#) (page 8) reports Australians are increasingly travelling to Thailand for cosmetic and dental procedures as rising local costs and limited Medicare coverage drive demand for medical tourism, with clinics and concierge services expanding to meet patients seeking cheaper surgery and major dental work.
- The [Weekend Australian](#) (page 25) and [Canberra Times](#) (page 47) report the Federal Government has blocked a \$387.2 million takeover of Mayne Pharma by US firm Cosette

Pharmaceuticals on national security grounds after the Foreign Investment Review Board – supported by views from the Department of Health and Aged Care, the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the South Australian Government – warned the takeover posed risks to the supply of critical medicines.

- The **Canberra Times** (page 11) reports ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith has criticised Prime Minister Anthony Albanese over hospital funding as 70 Canberra patients wait for aged-care beds, saying federal underinvestment in aged care, the NDIS and primary care is driving pressure.
- The **West Australian** (page 32) reports more than 10 Australian women under 50 are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer each day this year, prompting new federal research into rising early-onset cancers as experts cite lifestyle risks, screening limits for younger women and the need for prompt GP assessment of symptoms.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### **Rewrite script on puberty blockers**

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 22/11/2025, Page 12

The pause on new prescriptions of puberty blockers from December 19 by the New Zealand government, aligning its approach with Britain and Scandinavian countries, has put the spotlight on Australia's policy. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the science underpinning the prescription of puberty blockers to gender-distressed children is "contested and evolving".

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

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### **Exorbitant tobacco levy failing us all**

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 22/11/2025, Leon Rebello, Page 72

The sale of illegal tobacco is fast becoming one of Australia's most lucrative organised crimes. [...] The Health Minister even admitted last year the government "is not going to use the police" to enforce its own vaping laws.

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### **New report urges Australian government to focus on temporary visas as migration debate heats up on Sunrise**

Thenightly.com.au, Other, 21/11/2025

A new report has found 1.2 million temporary visa holders, including international students and tourists, have settled in Australia since the pandemic. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler defended the government's approach, saying net migration numbers are down about 40 per cent since the post-COVID peak when people returned to Australia.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#)

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### **Bulk-billing rates flatline, despite billions tipped into Medicare**

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Jake Evans

Medicare figures quietly published online have revealed bulk-billing rates have flatlined, remaining unimproved from a year ago despite billions being tipped into the scheme. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said he expected the rate to quickly pick up with the beginning of the government's new Bulk Billing Incentive beginning this month.

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### **Location and provider confirmed for Torquay's Medicare Urgent Care Clinic**

Surf Coast Times, Other, 21/11/2025, Ellie Claringbold

A healthcare provider has been selected to run Torquay's Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, with the service

expected to open before the end of the year. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the clinic would fill an important gap in services across extended hours and over the weekend.

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## **Beyond the Band-Aid for cohealth – a call for wider structural reform**

Croakey, Other, 21/11/2025, Melissa Sweet

Communities in Naarm/Melbourne who rely on community health services provider cohealth have been given a short-term reprieve from threatened service closures following federal intervention. [...] With Minister Mark Butler expected to announce further details of the review soon, cohealth said it "represents a chance to address longstanding structural issues and to design a model that properly recognises the complexity, time and multidisciplinary support required to care for people experiencing chronic illness, trauma, homelessness, addiction, mental ill-health and family violence".

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## **Minister revokes pharmacy's approval**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 21/11/2025, Megan Haggan

A NSW pharmacy's approval to supply PBS medicines has been revoked over "serious and repeated" contraventions of the Health Act. The Department of Health and Ageing has issued a statement noting that its minister, Mark Butler, has revoked the PBS approval of Kea & J Pharmacy Co Pty Ltd, trading as Woodberry Community Chemist, effective

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## **Health minister faces questions on GP earnings at GP25**

Medical Forum, Other, 21/11/2025

The 2025 RACGP annual conference (GP25) was held from November 14-16, providing a chance for GPs to discuss issues impacting the industry, reflect on achievements, and look towards the future of medicine. [...] She said a fireside Q&A between Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and RACGP President Michael Wright drew the attention of many delegates due to the recent introduction of new policies around bulk billing.

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## **Should midwives be funded to insert and remove IUDs?**

Medical Forum, Other, 21/11/2025

The government has been taking steps to increase access to LARCs, providing training programs and increasing the associated MBS rebate for the insertion of them. [...] Following consideration of all consultation responses, a final report on the matter will be compiled for Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler.

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## **Yes, minister?**

The Medical Republic, Other, 21/11/2025, Louise Stone

There has been rather a lot of green and gold waving recently, and I must say I'm afraid my suspicious little mind has been wondering what that bloated piece of plastic is hiding. [...] Federal health minister Mark Butler encouraging patients to "vote with their feet" and choose a GP who does what they are told, is an excellent example; Poor workplace relationships and interactions are evident from the language other professions are prepared to use about general practice.

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## **Channel 7, Sunrise, 21/11/2025, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington**

Panel discussion with Liberal Senator Jane Hume and Health Minister Mark Butler, about the Australian Population Research Institute has found 1.2 million temporary Visa holders, like international students and tourists. Butler points out that they are bringing the net migration numbers down to about 40% since the peak after COVID. He states that he's aware, as the Health, Aged Care, Disability Minister, how important international workers are, particularly to staffing in aged care facilities.

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## ABC Radio Brisbane, 11:00 News, 21/11/2025

New Medicare data reveal that the average out-of-pocket cost for medical services has passed \$50 for the first time. Concurrently, the total number of GP services in the September quarter fell by around 10,000 a day. Federal Shadow Health Minister Anne Ruston attributed the data to people being unable to afford to see a doctor, accusing Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of misleading Australians during the election campaign.

Also reported by: [ABC Capricornia \(Rockhampton\)](#)

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## ABC Radio Sydney, 12:00 News, 21/11/2025

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) has warned that the current structure of Medicare is "not fit for purpose" in 2025. The warning comes as new Medicare data revealed that the national bulk billing rate is stagnating at 77.6%, the same figure as a year ago, despite billions being invested in the scheme. Health Minister Mark Butler expressed optimism, stating he expects the rate to "quickly pick up" with the government's new bulk billing incentive beginning this November.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

### Australia boasts massive cancer breakthrough

NEWS.com.au, Other, 21/11/2025, Claudia Poposki

Australia is on track to become the first country to eliminate cervical cancer by 2035, according to a new report. [...] Rebecca White, the Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health and the Assistant Minister for Women, said: "Australia is leading the world in cervical cancer elimination, but we must maintain momentum to make this goal a reality."

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

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### Australia set for world-first cervical cancer elimination

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 21/11/2025, Morgan Liotta

Australia is on course to meet a target of eliminating cervical cancer by 2035, which, if achieved, will

make it the first country to do so. [...] 'Health and Aged Care Assistant Minister Rebecca White said ensuring cervical screening is 'inclusive, accessible and effective' is key to reach the elimination target.

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## Seven Tasmania, Nightly News, 21/11/2025, Michael Maney

Nearly 600 Tasmanians have enrolled to become early childhood educators since the launch of the free TAFE initiative. However, more people are needed to take the next step and earn a diploma. Federal Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White stressed that having different levels of qualified staff is a must-have for the sector.

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## SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

### Prostate cancer not 'old man's disease'

Mudgee Guardian & Gulgong Advertiser, General News, 22/11/2025, Megan Doherty, Page 9

Tim Weale and Will McDonald are both in their 40s, both with loving partners and young children. [...] The federal government's Special Envoy for Men's Health, Hunter MP Dan Repacholi, reminded Australian men to get a check-up from their GP and assured them that the prostate cancer test no longer had to be a digital rectal exam, but instead a simple blood test.

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## DEPARTMENT

### This is the virus every parent should know about

Courier Mail, Qweekend, 22/11/2025, Jane Armitstead, Page 1

Looking at him now, our blueeyed, funny, fearless little boy, Tom, it was all worth it. [...] The Australian government Department of Health and Aged Care recently strengthened its Pregnancy Care Guidelines to recommend all "high risk women" be tested for CMV, this includes pregnant women in close contact with young children.

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

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### I am shocked at how few people know about it

Herald Sun, Weekend, 22/11/2025, Jane Armitstead, Page 8

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### Treasurer blocks US takeover of pharma company

Canberra Times, Business News, 22/11/2025, Page 47

A big-money bid for an Australian medicine maker has been scuppered by Treasurer Jim Chalmers after the Foreign Investment Review Board found the deal was not in the national interest. [...] "This advice incorporated views from the Department of Health and Aged Care, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and the South Australian government."

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## Is oral health a priority for the Albanese Government? Apparently not...

Croakey, Other, 21/11/2025, Melissa Sweet

In between the political jockeying over public hospital funding, perhaps the Prime Minister and Treasurer could ask for a briefing on national oral health policy. [...] Charles Maskell-Knight, a former senior public servant, acknowledges the assistance of fellow Croakey columnist Associate Professor Lesley Russell in preparing this article, which raises important questions, about policy and about communications by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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## Flying Doctor explores AI-enhanced care for rural and remote Australia

Royal Flying Doctor Service, Other, 21/11/2025

Artificial intelligence (AI) isn't exactly new technology. [...] This includes members RFDS AI in Health Advisory Committee and collaborators: Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Digital Health Agency, Digital Transformation Agency, CSIRO, NACCHO, Charles Darwin University, Australian National University, DXC Technology, GenesisCare, EBOS HealthCare, NBN Co, IBM, UNCAPT, Oracle and NexusMD.

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## Community pharmacies and aged care: A vision for today and tomorrow

WEB Australasian Pharmacy, Other, 21/11/2025, Matt Ryan

As Australia's population ages, community pharmacies are increasingly recognised as essential partners in aged care. [...] Collections of information The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has a collection of information about electronic National Residential Medication Chart (eNRMC) products.

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## ABC Riverina, Breakfast, 21/11/2025, Sally Bryant

Sasha Barton, a woman from Narrandera who has tragically lost babies to miscarriage, and her father were inspired to raise funds and walk for families who have experienced the same hardships. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing noted that the rate of stillbirths is higher for women who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or those living in rural and remote Australia.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Thousands of carers to lose their qualifications

The Saturday Age, Edition Changes - Metro General News, 22/11/2025, Nicole Precl & Noel Towell, Page 1

Thousands of aged care and disability carers will be stripped of their qualifications after a rogue training provider issued them with bogus credentials. The Australian Skills Quality Authority announced on Thursday that it intended to cancel 6992 qualifications from Kingsway Vocational Training which also traded as VETNET Education Services because they were handed to people who had not received the appropriate training.

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

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## Aged care eviction

Courier Mail, General News, 22/11/2025, Taylah Fellows & Elodie Jakes, Page 16

Elderly Queenslanders are being exiled from their communities and sent hours away from family as the state's agedcare system buckles under unprecedented demand. After a serious fall and 35 days in hospital, Dragania Johnstone's mother, an 88-year-old Gladstone woman, was told she would wait years for a local aged-care bed.

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

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## **Dozens of Canberra patients waiting for aged care beds**

Canberra Times, General News, 22/11/2025, Lanie Tindale, Page 11

The ACT Health Minister has chastised Prime Minister Anthony Albanese over funding as dozens of people in Canberra hospitals wait for aged care beds. Rachel Stephen-Smith criticised Mr Albanese for telling states and territories to reduce public hospital activity in return for more money from the Commonwealth.

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

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## **New chair replaces long-serving Goodwin aged care leader**

Canberra Times, General News, 22/11/2025, Page 36

Goodwin Aged Care Services has a new board chair, lawyer Fiona Jolly. She replaces long-serving chair Laurann Yen. She replaces long-serving chair Laurann Yen. Goodwin is the ACT's largest locally based not-for-profit aged care provider, owned by members (mostly residents).

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## **Want better healthcare? Tackling the issue of ageism might be the answer**

Canberra Times, Other, 21/11/2025, Phoebe Loomes

With discrimination against elderly Australians widespread across our healthcare systems, the peak body for older people says addressing ageism will improve outcomes for everyone. "Ageism hurts us all.

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## **Illawarra transformation: 1000s of homes and towering apartments**

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 22/11/2025

As the NSW government pushes for more housing, planning laws are changing, and a wave of new development plans is sweeping the Illawarra. [...] The aged care provider had lodged plans with Wollongong City Council for the work on its Diment facility in Staff Street - named for one of IRT's founders, Dr Max Diment.

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## **Counting the costs we refuse to model**

The Weekly Source, Other, 21/11/2025, Lauren Broomham

Australia has implemented a rights-based Aged Care Act. The promise is real.

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## **Seniors engaging in fitness but need more support**

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 21/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Peak body AUSactive is celebrating fitness programs for older Australians leading exercise trends for 2025, but Deakin University researchers are concerned that many older people lack a clear understanding of sarcopenia. Older Australians are leading the way in fitness engagement, with peak body AUSactive's Fitness Trends Survey 2025-26 showing Fitness Programs for Older Adults as the top trend.

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## **NSW police under scrutiny after pepper spraying 87-year-old aged care**

## resident

HelloCare, Other, 21/11/2025, Jakob Neeland

Another elderly resident in an Australian aged care home has been subjected to police force, raising renewed concerns about how authorities respond to people living with dementia and complex behaviours. In scenes disturbingly similar to the fatal 2023 Taser incident involving 95-year-old Clare Nowland, NSW Police have confirmed officers used capsicum spray on an 87-year-old man inside a Sydney residential facility on Wednesday night.

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## ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 21/11/2025, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Shadow Health Minister Anne Ruston, about the recent Medicare data, wherein shows that bulk billing rates have stagnated. Ruston criticises the government, which has been saying that people only need their Medicare card for assistance, but all they do is provide out-of-pocket costs. She states that there's an 11% drop in bulk billing in three and a half years.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Hospital focusing on staff safety

Northern Territory News, General News, 22/11/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 10

Royal Darwin Hospital has called a Code Brown for patients and staff as Tropical Cyclone Fina is primed to pass Darwin on Saturday evening. A Code Brown signals a response to an external emergency which calls for additional staff and capacity.

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### E-induced injuries flooding hospital

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 22/11/2025, Chelsea Bunting, Page 5

From broken collarbones to severe head injuries, Gold Coast's busiest hospital is treating victims of e-bike and escooter accidents every day as the crisis spirals out of control. Gold Coast University Hospital's emergency department (ED) has recorded a significant increase in presentations due to e-bike or e-scooter crashes.

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### Seasonal illness shakes paramedics

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 22/11/2025, Lochlann Heley, Page 2

Victorian paramedics saw a record-breaking demand this winter season with critical cases growing to 101,632 for the three months from July to September. During the three months the demand for Ambulance Victoria paramedics throughout the state grew by 2.8 per cent compared to the same time last year AV acting executive director of regional operations Michael Georgiou said the growth was the result of increased seasonal illnesses.

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

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### 'Terrified for my son': vital service

Central Western Daily, General News, 22/11/2025, Iqra Saeed, Page 12

A helicopter flies in and out of the Central West every day to take seriously sick children to

appointments, like organ transplants, and cancer treatments. When he was about eight years old, Louis Nixon Lear found out he had a condition that would see him flown across the state in a helicopter multiple times a year for treatment.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Brave girl fighting to see her family's farm

Courier Mail, General News, 22/11/2025, Jackie Sinnerton & Isabella Pesch, Page 17

Palliative care is not about dying for little Scotti's mum - it's about living. It's about squeezing the joy out of every moment and allowing her sassy six-month-old with the impressive side-eye to live out the life she deserves.

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

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### Ex-cop's tobacco warning

Herald Sun, General News, 22/11/2025, Brendan Kearns, Page 11

Retailers have been warned the safest thing for their businesses and employees is to take a massive financial hit and totally remove tobacco from their shelves. Rohan Pike, a crime consultant and former AFP detective, asked retailers at a conference in Melbourne on Friday morning whether the escalating cost of insurance, "constant" threat of robberies, falling sales and the cost of tobacco licenses was "worth your substantial investment".

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#)

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### Doors shut in crackdown

Daily Advertiser, General News, 22/11/2025, Xavier Mardling, Page 1

Two stores in Wagga's city centre have been closed for three months after raids this week, as authorities wield new powers to crack down on the illegal trade of tobacco and vaping products. [...] Independent Member for Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr, welcomed the local action, revealing he had specifically asked NSW Health Minister Ryan Park to investigate the problem in the city.

Also reported by: [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#)

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### Climbing up from rock bottom

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 22/11/2025, Zoe De Koning, Page 12

Suzie Browne was alone, three bottles of red wine deep, babysitting her 14-month-old grandson when she realised she needed to stop drinking for good. [...] According to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data, rates of recent alcohol consumption among young women aged 14 to 17 years were increasing, up from 28 per cent in 2019 to 35 per cent in 2023.

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### Play on for Ben, Phil and Andrew's sake, but make sport safer

The Australian, Other, 21/11/2025, Michael Gannon

The positive value of sport to all our lives is far greater than individual risk. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released its latest Sports Participation and Injury report in July.

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### How smugglers used toy cars and books to hide a \$30m vape shipment

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 21/11/2025, Adella Beaini

Australian Border Force officers stationed in Beijing have intercepted more than 600,000 illegal vapes, stopping an estimated \$30 million worth of illicit products from reaching Aussie streets. The haul –

which arrived in NSW between September and October this year – followed intelligence sharing that led to the referral of almost 70 high-risk shipping containers.

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## Five key takeaways from first week of child safety inquiry hearings in Brisbane

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Kate-Mckenna

The "drastic" act of removing newborn babies from their mothers and placing them into the care of the state has been one issue under the spotlight as an inquiry into Queensland's child safety system continues. Public hearings into the state's "broken" system resumed in Brisbane this week with a focus on how the child safety department reaches the decision to remove a child from their family.

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## 'Don't put it there': New TikTok trend sparks sex expert warning

NEWS.com.au, Other, 21/11/2025, Claudia Poposki

Experts have issued a warning about a new social media trend that has exploded in popularity recently – with a sex specialist warns of serious health consequences from the act. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare revealed in June that between 2023 and 2024 there were 8546 hospitalisations that were classes as "foreign object inserted into or through the eye or natural orifice".

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

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## Why experts are now promoting regular wine consumption for 'longevity' - as doctors share their take on the controversial 'research'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 21/11/2025, Sharon Hunt

A leading longevity researcher has sparked debate over whether regularly drinking red wine could contribute to a longer life - but doctors argue that supporting evidence the health benefits is largely circumstantial. Dan Buettner has spent decades studying the lifestyle habits of residents in regions known as the 'Blue Zones' where communities consistently enjoy remarkable longevity.

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## Strawberry Fields Festival: music, creativity and community unite

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 21/11/2025, Jac Marshall

From a quiet country town to a kinetic playground, Tocumwal has burst to life, the air now thick with the sound and spectacle of 15,000 attendees gathering for the 16th Strawberry Fields Festival. [...] The NSW drug checking trial includes 12 festivals, Strawberry Fields is the fifth festival so far to include the trial.

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## Milo vs. Salmon: Why the health star rating is failing Aussie families

4BC, Other, 21/11/2025, Ben Davis

Pediatric nutritionist Mandy Sacher joined Ben Davis on 4BC Mornings to criticize the federal government's move to mandate the Health Star Rating system. The algorithm is fundamentally broken because it rates sugary processed foods higher than natural, whole foods.

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## CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

### Mum's world of darkness

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 22/11/2025, Talara McHugh, Page 28

When Melissa Barnett's eyesight started failing, she blamed long Covid. But a routine eye check revealed a rare disease was rapidly stealing her vision.

## Rising breast cancer risks for under 50s

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 22/11/2025, Angela Pownall, Page 32

More than 10 women under 50 will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day in Australia this year as a rise in younger people developing the disease continues. [...] Cancer Australia medical director Vivienne Milch said it was part of an overall increase in cancer diagnoses in people under 50.

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## Tasmanians scorched by sun-safety report

Hobart Mercury, General News, 22/11/2025, Amber Wilson, Page 17

Tasmania has been ranked as the least sun-safe state in Australia. Following the publication of data by insurance company iSelect, to coincide with National Skin Cancer Action Week, the sun-safety habits of Tasmanians and particularly Hobart residents have been described as "relaxed".

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## A frustrating daily battle Ally believes she can't win

Ballarat Courier, General News, 22/11/2025, Isobel Cootes, Page 2

Ally Jose wouldn't wish her daily struggle with chronic pain on her "worst enemy". Since 2017, she has suffered from the debilitating condition endometriosis that affects at least one in nine women in Australia.

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## Salon chat could save a client's life

Daily Liberal, General News, 22/11/2025, Orlander Ruming, Page 3

Every day Mia Johnston sees women making themselves look and feel beautiful. [...] Ms Johnston, a Dubbo hairdressing apprentice, has joined forces with Cancer Council NSW, Western NSW Local Health District and the Western NSW Primary Health Network to emphasise the importance of regular cervical screening.

*Also reported by: [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#).*

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## Family of sick Perth toddler Aurelia Patel in race against clock for treatment

7news.com.au, Other, 21/11/2025, Breanna Inferrera

The family of an Australian toddler fighting a rare and life-threatening condition are racing to raise millions of dollars for a chance at treatment overseas. Perth girl Aurelia Patel, aged two, has been diagnosed with severe pulmonary hypertension, a type of high blood pressure that affects her heart and lungs.

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## New GP guidance for women with high breast density

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 21/11/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

New guidance aimed at GPs managing and advising women with high breast density has been published this week by the Australian Government. The Breast Density GP Guidance is designed to help bring national consistency to advice about the risks for women identified with dense breasts following mammogram screening.

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## Channel 9, Nine News, 21/11/2025, Michael Thomson

There are plans to develop a screening programme for heart disease, led by the Heart Foundation. Natalie Raffoul of the Heart Foundation says the program would assist in preventing or reducing heart attack deaths across the country.

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## Sky News Live, News Night, 21/11/2025, Rhiannon Elston

News Scientists in Tasmania are developing a national early warning network to prevent deadly thunderstorm asthma outbreaks. Today marks nine years since a storm swept through Melbourne, killing 10 people from asthma attacks.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Massacre must trigger reform

Courier Mail, General News, 22/11/2025, Thomas Chamberlin & Shayla Bulloch, Page 1

Mental health checks for gun owners should be considered by the state government in the wake of the Wieambilla massacre, the state coroner has declared while also finding the conspiracy theorists who killed two police officers didn't commit a terror attack. Constables Rachel McCrow and Matthew Arnold were murdered after they arrived at the home of Gareth and Stacey Train on the Western Downs in December 2022, prompted by an interstate request to track down Gareth's brother Nathaniel.

Also reported by: [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Crikey \(Online\)](#)

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### Govt plea to schools

Courier Mail, General News, 22/11/2025, Charles Chadwick, Page 1

The Albanese government has written to every school principal in the country asking for their support in rolling out landmark social media and anti-bullying reforms. [...] The letter to principals notes the National Standard includes an expectation that schools make "reasonable efforts to initiate a response to bullying and other harmful behaviours within two school days of becoming aware of them".

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### Critical role that Lifeline Tasmania plays

Burnie Advocate, General News, 22/11/2025, Liz Brown, Page 20

Every year, almost 1.5 million Australians turn to Lifeline's national crisis line in their darkest moments. Here in Tasmania, the number of people reaching out for help is growing - and fast.

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### Five simple ways to check your wellbeing and none involves TikTok or Google

Central Western Daily, General News, 22/11/2025, Phillipa Brown, Page 35

We are living in a time when mental health advice is everywhere. Scroll TikTok long enough and you'll find self-diagnosis checklists, symptom hacks and people labelling every feeling as trauma, ADHD, a toxic relationship or a personality disorder.

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### Why young workers are burnt out

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 22/11/2025, Rishab Jain, Page 14

Young Australian workers are nearing clinical distress in the workplace with a new mental health report revealing Generation Z is the most "burnt out" age group. The Telus Mental Health Barometer 2025 report released this month has revealed Australia's average mental health score of 63 out of 100 is identical of the fourth quarter of 2020 during Covid-19 lockdowns.

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### Qld GPs will soon be able to diagnose and treat ADHD. Is that a good thing?

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 21/11/2025, Courtney Kruk

Hayley Campbell has spent nearly seven months and thousands of dollars seeking a diagnosis and treatment for her ADHD. It's been a challenging journey for the 34-year-old electrical apprentice, but one she says has been life-changing.

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## Peak body calls for national oversight of ADHD diagnoses during growth trend as GP powers expand

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Janelle Miles

Australia's peak body for psychiatrists has called for a national system to monitor attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) diagnoses and prescribing trends amid growing concerns about an over-diagnosis of the condition. Their concerns come as some states move towards allowing general practitioner-led models of ADHD management and treatment with inconsistent training requirements existing across borders.

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## IMMUNISATION

### US health agency cites false claims on autism

Sydney Morning Herald, International News, 22/11/2025, Lena H Sun, Page 33

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has repudiated its past insistence that vaccines do not cause autism after decades of fighting misinformation linking the two, blindsiding staff and delighting anti-vaccine activists. The agency's website on vaccines and autism now makes several false claims about a connection, echoing rhetoric from Health Secretary Robert F.

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

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### CDC's new stance on vaccines, autism

Canberra Times, International News, 22/11/2025, Page 26

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has recast the vaccine safety section of its website to align with the view of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy jnr that childhood vaccines cause autism, countering decades of science showing them to be safe.

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## HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

### Takeover vetoed on 'security' concerns

Weekend Australian, Business News, 22/11/2025, David Winning, Page 25

The federal government says it will block a \$387.2m takeover of Mayne Pharma by US company Cosette Pharmaceuticals on national security grounds, citing a need to protect critical medical supply chains. Jim Chalmers said the decision followed advice from Australia's foreign-investment watch-dog and that no conditions could be attached to the deal to allow it to proceed.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

### From innovation to enervation

Canberra Times, General News, 22/11/2025, Ebony Bennett, Page 42

If you've ever used Aeroguard, the announcement this week that CSIRO would cut another 350 jobs should alarm you. [...] With the United States gutting its universities and medical research sector - Trump's America has become a terrifying place to do science - Australia has a once-in-a-generation chance to attract some of the world's top researchers.

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

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## Tryptamine completes psilocin-based IV-infusion study in obese subjects

The Australian, Other, 21/11/2025, Special Report

Clinical-stage biotech Tryptamine Therapeutics (ASX:TYP) has successfully and safely completed obese-subject dosing in its Phase 1b study of its novel IV-infused psilocin formulation TRP-8803. The open-label study was undertaken at CMAX Clinical Research in Adelaide to determine if there were any differences in pharmacokinetic parameters of Tryptamine's lead asset TRP-8803 compared to previously studied non-obese subjects.

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

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## Cellular condition and healthy ageing

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 21/11/2025

With evidence accumulating around the link between cellular health and healthy ageing, functional geneticist Dr Denise Furness is set to present new data on a nutritional and lifestyle intervention at this year's Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) Annual Conference on 26 Nov. The three-month pilot study included 41 people with an average age of 55 who followed a structured diet and exercise program and took five commercially available nutritional supplements daily.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Winmar cases set to be merged

Herald Sun, General News, 22/11/2025, Rebekah Cavanagh, Page 5

Two separate criminal cases against AFL legend Nicky Winmar could be joined to prove he allegedly has a tendency to be violent. [...] In July, he was placed on the program, which aims to reduce reoffending by connecting accused people with services for drug and alcohol issues, crisis accommodation, disability, mental health, and Koori-specific support.

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

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### How Charlie is helping others build a future

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 22/11/2025, Bella Munro, Page 4

Like many men, Charlie Rowe knows how hard it can be to ask for help. As a proud Kamilaroi man, Mr Rowe is known in the Toowoomba community for his outstanding work in the Aboriginal health program Strong Fathers, Strong Families and the Bamba Mari program. [...] Mr Rowe said one of the struggles he had battled with over the years was an alcohol addiction and overcoming that in his life had made it easier for him to help others going through similar things.

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### Closing the Gap penalties 'on the table' as minister flags concern about youth crime laws

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Kirstie Wellauer & Joanna McCarthy

The Minister for Indigenous Australians Malarndirri McCarthy has reiterated that financial penalties are "on the table" for state and territory governments not meeting their Closing the Gap commitments,

although she has not committed to a time frame. Senator McCarthy said the existing National Agreement on Closing the Gap contained no penalties for failing to meet targets, and she had established a federal ministerial working group to look at the issue.

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## **'Sorely needed' footy changerooms open in Maningrida after six-year wait**

National Indigenous Times, Other, 21/11/2025, Jarred Cross

When the Maningrida Footy Festival kicked off last weekend, with the Sydney Swans there to see and play, those who know a bit about good footy grounds said the West Arnhem Land deck was a pretty good one. [...] After a week of visits to Jabiru, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gunbalanya and Maningrida, the Swans, with Australian Defence Force and locally-based Mala'la Health Service hosted the weekend event with support of the federal government's Tackling Indigenous Smoking program.

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## **Strengthening oversight for children in care confirmed, welcomed by advocates**

National Indigenous Times, Other, 21/11/2025, Declan Brennan

The Joint Council on Closing the Gap has agreed to strengthen oversight of how governments implement existing commitments for Indigenous children, marking what advocates say is an important step toward changing outcomes for First Nations children and young people.

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## **PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM**

### **Income tax to bear spending load**

Weekend Australian, General News, 22/11/2025, Matthew Cranston, Page 2

Federal and state governments must adjust their spending behaviours or risk a blowout in personal income taxes where receipts have hit the highest share of GDP since the introduction of GST in 2000, a former Productivity Commission chair has warned. [...] Hospitals are under strain, partly due to an ageing population.

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### **Probe in gran's horror**

Herald Sun, General News, 22/11/2025, Brendan Kearns, Page 1

Ambulance Victoria and Victoria's Virtual Emergency Department will undertake a formal review into the incident where a 91-year-old was forced to make her own way to the hospital. Lois Casboult, 91, suffered brain bleed and broken pelvis after fall at her home on Sunday.

*Also reported by:* [3AW \(Online\)](#)

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### **Patients waiting hours for care**

Herald Sun, General News, 22/11/2025, Page 17

Patients are being left in ambulances for "hours" outside some of Victoria's biggest regional hospitals with some being forced to wait more than 24 hours in emergency departments as the state battles a health system buckling under the strain. Between July and September this year, about a third of all patients in Victoria that were taken to hospitals in an ambulance were not taken inside emergency departments within the required 40 minutes.

*Also reported by:* [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#)

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### **NT hits back at PM's hospital funds threat**

A "furious" NT Health Minister and the Australian Medical Association have called the Prime Minister's letter to governments demanding they curb hospital growth "disgusting". As the ongoing public hospital funding negotiations are becoming more strained across the country, it seems Anthony Albanese has warned each state and territory there will be no new agreements if negotiations cannot move forward.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#)

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## Health network boss apologises to Adelaide woman for spine surgery delays

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Josephine Lim

An Adelaide woman says her elective surgery has been cancelled four times in the past few months as SA Health data shows almost 25,000 people are waiting for elective surgeries across its public hospitals. Monica Wohlstadt, who has blood cancer myeloma and has had her spinal surgery delayed multiple times since July, is one of more than 6,000 patients whose elective surgeries are overdue in South Australia.

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## ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 21/11/2025, Manny Tsigas

A South Australian woman diagnosed with cancer says she's been waiting months for an elective surgery which has been cancelled four times. According to SA Health 6,000 patients across the state are now on a growing list of people overdue for life-altering procedures.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### How Annie supports our first responders

Daily Liberal, General News, 22/11/2025, Ciara Bastow, Page 1

When emergency service personnel have worked a tough shift and need to speak with someone, Dubbo's Annie Hartley is someone they can turn to. As a psychologist of 25 years working across different tiers of clinical work and academia, the majority of her career has been dedicated to trauma, suicidality and systems.

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### Working close to home helped this trainee secure her future

Daily Liberal, General News, 22/11/2025, Ciara Bastow, Page 15

When trainee Tesharna Smith decided to take on a certificate three in Allied Health Assistance, she was happy to find out she could do it five minutes from home. The Dunedoo local, was one of 29 of the graduating trainees from the Western NSW Local Health District.

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### Why medical school is a game-changer for health outcomes

Daily Advertiser, General News, 22/11/2025, John Hall, Page 4

The ribbon has been cut on a \$26 million investment in the Riverina's health system that hopes to attract more medical students to the region and ensure more doctors stay here to work. The University

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## Border MP demands leaders leaders be sacked now

Border Mail, General News, 22/11/2025, Anthony Bunn, Page 3

Greens MP Amanda Cohn has used a speech in parliament to call for the removal of Albury Wodonga Health's chairman and chief executive, saying they have sent the health service "backwards". The former Albury deputy mayor reflected on her emergence as a doctor at Albury hospital, saying it was "a great place to train and work", with an inclusive and supportive environment.

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## TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

### US industry's alarm over trade barriers

Weekend Australian, General News, 22/11/2025, Joe Kelly, Page 2

The largest primary aluminium producer in America has taken aim at the "subsidies and incentives" provided to its competitors under Anthony Albanese's Future Made in Australia program, arguing for Labor's flagship scheme to be included in the 2026 US foreign trade barrier report. [...] It continued to make its longstanding argument that Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) constituted a major trade barrier, saying that it was too hard and slow for new, expensive medicines to be listed and that strict price controls were devaluing innovation.

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

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## MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

### Thai travel for teeth, tummies and facelifts

Weekend Australian, General News, 22/11/2025, Amanda Hodge, Page 8

The breakfast room at Bangkok's Somerset Park hotel ground zero for Australian women seeking cut-price plastic surgery is not for the faint-hearted. [...] So much so that Olsen, too, is about to open a dental surgery to service the market for expensive veneers, crowns and the increasingly popular "all-on-four" fixed dentures on implants that in Australia is not covered by Medicare and can cost up to two-thirds of an average annual wage.

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

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### AvidSys Group acquires WA's largest GP chain Spectrum

Australian Financial Review, Other, 21/11/2025, Sarah Thompson, Kanika Sood & Emma Rapaport

AvidSys Group, the Perth-headquartered conglomerate owned by the Gautam family, is adding healthcare to its portfolio of mining, construction and sports businesses.

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### 'Profound shift' in how Australians engage with healthcare options

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 21/11/2025, Megan Haggan

A survey commissioned by health tech company Montu and conducted by the Online Research Unit has found that 94% of a nationally representative survey of 1,000 Australians believe telehealth improves healthcare access for.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### **Dr Death clean-up chief warns hospital errors still secret**

Weekend Australian, General News, 22/11/2025, Sarah Elks, Page 5

The health economist charged with fixing Queensland Health's rotten culture in the wake of the Dr Death scandal says patients are still being kept in the dark about the performance of their doctors and hospitals, with only the "grossest" level of medical errors exposed publicly. [...] The latest national data from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency reveals that in 2024-25 there were 12,744 complaints made about 9087 doctors, or about 6.1 per cent of the profession nationwide, up from 11,207 complaints about 8418 doctors the previous year, or 5.9 per cent.

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

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### **Doctor can't see women**

Courier Mail, General News, 22/11/2025, Vanda Carson, Page 20

A Brisbane GP and cosmetic doctor has been banned from treating women by the healthcare watchdog. Venkata Ramesh Nandamuri, 49, who has been practising from Upper Kedron Medical Centre in Brisbane's northwest, was the target of immediate registration action by the state's health watchdog effective from November 14, an announcement states.

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

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### **Perth GP gave patient's confidential medical records to ex-partner despite domestic violence concerns**

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Nick McAllister

A Perth doctor was suspended after she disclosed confidential medical information about a patient and her baby to her estranged husband, despite knowing there was a domestic violence restraining order against him. The man was subsequently able to register the baby's birth and name the child without the mother's consent or knowledge.

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### **Anita Titus George: Doctor's registration cancelled after she disclosed medical info to patient's ex-husband**

West Australian, Other, 21/11/2025, Hannah Cross

A GP who divulged private medical information to a woman's estranged husband despite knowing a domestic violence restraining order was in place has had her registration cancelled. Anita Titus George was working at a family medical practice in the Perth metropolitan area when she treated a woman with whom she had a "close personal relationship" on three occasions in 2021.

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### **Complaints about doctors up as Ahpra faces notification surge**

Medical Forum, Other, 21/11/2025

Notifications to Australia's health practitioner regulatory body have surged by 19% in the last year, new figures reveal. Ahpra's annual report for 2024/25 revealed the regulator received 13,327 more notifications – 19% higher – than the previous year.

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## Dangerous drugs are appearing in our community, so it's time to set up pill testing

Hobart Mercury, General News, 22/11/2025, Jackie Hallam, Page 40

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Council of Tasmania is deeply concerned that Tasmanians are presenting to the Royal Hobart Hospital having taken nitazenes (a strong synthetic opioid). A report by the Emerging Drugs Network of Australia verified that nitazenes were found in people taken to the RHH in 2024 and 2025. This verification came from blood analyses.

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## Schoolies 2025: Meningococcal disease symptoms parents and teens must watch

The Australian, Other, 21/11/2025, Andrew Hedgman

As tens of thousands of teenagers gear up for Schoolies celebrations, health experts are urging revellers to stay alert to the signs of a potentially deadly infection that can progress in hours. More than 100 cases of meningococcal disease, a fast-moving bacterial infection, have been recorded in Australia this year, with teenagers aged 15 to 19 among the highest-risk groups.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#)

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## Summer's almost here but flu is on the rise

Adelaide Now, Other, 21/11/2025, Brad Crouch

Summer may be around the corner but flu cases are again on the rise, now standing at almost 10,000 more cases than this time last year. Ominously the numbers are rising, the latest weekly figure of 727 cases in the week to November 15 being a seven week high amid unseasonably chilly weather.

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

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### Slip, slop slap up a recall

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 22/11/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 13

Four more sunscreens linked to Australian manufacturer Wild Child have been recalled due to concerns about their true SPF levels. The Therapeutic Goods Administration issued a recall on Thursday for Good Vibes Daily Face Cream, Found My Skin Tinted Face/Body Cream, We Are Feel Good Inc Mineral Sunscreen and Happy Days SPF50+ Daily Face Cream.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Australian Journal of Pharmacy \(Online\)](#)

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## ASX Quarterly Health Wrap: Bioxyne revenue up 77%, Radiopharm lists on Nasdaq

The Courier Mail, Other, 21/11/2025, Nadine McGrath

Quarterly season is nearing its end, triggering a rush from small caps to hit the month-end reporting deadline. [...] Bioxyne said BLS was also granted Australia's first licence to manufacture Psilocybin and MDMA by the Therapeutic Goods Administration in February 2024.

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

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## Why health experts are warning women about 'menopause testing kits' that measure FSH levels in urine

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 21/11/2025, Ashleigh Gleeson

Women are being warned against buying at-home 'menopause tests', as experts voice concerns about

how those entering this stage of life are increasingly being "bombarded" with unnecessary treatments, devices and products. [...] The Therapeutic Goods Administration said it had approved three tests that measure follicle-stimulating hormones in Australia.

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

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## ASX Health Stocks: Psilocybin drug shows promise for fibromyalgia pain relief

The Mercury, Other, 21/11/2025, Eddy Sunarto

Tryptamine Therapeutics (ASX:TYP) has shared promising results from its Phase 2a clinical trial on fibromyalgia, conducted with the University of Michigan and presented at the IASP 2024 World Congress on Pain. [...] In Australia, Neurotech will pursue multiple registration pathways, including provisional registration through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), leveraging the strong clinical evidence and safety data it has accumulated.

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## 3AW, Drive, 21/11/2025, Heidi Murphy

A new medication for people with cystic fibrosis (CF) has been approved for use in Australia. The drug, a once-daily therapy designed to target the underlying cause of the disease, has been given the green light by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### Deli meats listeria risk

Daily Telegraph, General News, 22/11/2025, Page 13

A major recall has been issued for a range of deli meats sold in NSW and Queensland after traces of listeria were detected. Gotzinger Smallgoods has pulled multiple 1kg sliced products from sale. Food Standards Australia New Zealand confirmed the affected products were sold at retail outlets and butchers in NSW and Queensland.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#), [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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### Chicken can make you sick

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 22/11/2025, Page 24

The Australian Food Safety Information Council is warning against a common practice in the home washing chicken flesh before cooking, which risks spreading bacteria throughout the kitchen, increasing the risk of food poisoning. Raw poultry juices can contaminate other food, especially desserts or salads that won't be cooked again before eating.

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### Food council to safeguard Australia's supply chains from global threats

The Australian, Other, 21/11/2025, Elizabeth Pike

Safeguarding food supply chains against the "return of great power competition" will be the priority of the Albanese government's new National Food Council, amid growing trade tensions in the Indo-Pacific and continental Europe. A team of 11 policy experts and agriculture industry representatives have been

appointed to lead the new council, selected from more than 190 applicants, to help advise ministers on the new \$3.5m "Feeding Australia" national food security strategy.

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## What's driving the ultraprocessed foods problem – and how to fix it

The New Daily, Other, 21/11/2025, Phillip Baker, Camila Corvalan, Carlos Monteiro, Gyorgy Scrinis & Priscila Machado

Ultraprocessed foods are displacing traditional foods and meals globally, degrading diet quality, and contributing to the rise of diet-related chronic diseases. And despite the combined advertising spend of the leading ultra-processed food companies dwarfing even the total budget of the World Health Organisation, there is plenty that governments, communities and health professionals can do about it.

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## AICIS

### Avoid danger by knowing what not to do when it comes to this hazardous material

Canberra Times, Other, 21/11/2025

It's not just renovators that need to be aware of the dangers of asbestos, according to renovation queen and Asbestos Awareness ambassador Cherie Barber. [...] However, if they're disturbed during renovations or maintenance and asbestos fibres are released, that's when ACMs pose a significant health risk to anyone exposed.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#)

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### Inquiry demands 'immediate' supply of clean drinking water for Aboriginal community contaminated by PFAS

ABC Online, Other, 21/11/2025, Romy Gilbert

In the past two years Uncle Paul McLeod has attended the funerals of more than 20 people in his community. [...] His community of Wreck Bay, on the NSW South Coast, has been at the centre of a decades-long struggle over acknowledgement of the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), known as "forever chemicals".

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### I'm a death lawyer and this is the supermarket item I'd never touch: 'It's the one product I'm most afraid of'

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 21/11/2025, Shania Obrien

A catastrophic injury and death lawyer has shocked viewers after revealing the one everyday product he refuses to go near - and it's something millions of Australians pick up at the supermarket without a second thought. Philadelphia-based attorney Tom Bosworth told his followers that the chemical glyphosate - used in many weed killers sold in Australia - is the one thing he won't touch under any circumstances.

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### ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 21/11/2025, Craig Reucassel

Interview with Tony Chappel, CEO, EPA. Compere says the EPA has done some checking in Medlow Bath due to concerns over water quality. Chappel explains that the contaminant could be PFAS, and the main way that a contaminant like PFAS can enter a person's body is through food or water that they ingest. He points out that there's a historical hotspot in Medlow Bath, where a huge fire was extinguished, requiring a lot of PFAS foam to be used.

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## Radio National, Breakfast, 21/11/2025, Sally Sara

Interview with Leighton Drury, State Secretary, Fire Brigade Employees Union, about the death of a firefighter from Lung Cancer, believed to have been caused by long exposure to PFAS while working. Drury explains that there will be new compensation arrangements for those who've been affected by these chemicals throughout their career. He adds that the World Health Organisation has deemed firefighting as a "cancer-causing" profession.

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