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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 1) reports that a “revolution in cancer care” has been identified in a report by Omico, which has profiled that Australians who had treatments targeted towards their cancer are living up to 50 per cent longer than those who undergo standard therapies.
- **[The Age](#)** (page 1) reports doctors and private health insurers have raised concerns about the increasing popularity of whole-body MRI scans, with Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists president Professor John Slavotinek saying that scans in asymptomatic people could identify incidental findings that can trigger anxiety, unnecessary further investigations and add cost to the health system.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 7) reports that half of St Vincent's Health Australia services will be shifted to at-home or online care by 2030 to allow for hospital allocation to focus on intensive and emergency care.
- **[Australian Financial Review](#)** (page 5) reports that changes to how NDIS services are assessed have been postponed until mid-2026.
- The **[Herald Sun](#)** (page 8) reports that a 2025 Change of Impact Statement revealed Monash Health intends to reduce the number of birth suites by a third at Dandenong Hospital and limit its care to only sick and premature babies.

- The **Northern Territory News** (page 1) reports that concerns surrounding the structural integrity of Royal Darwin Hospital have been raised following the release on Monday of photos that showed a section of brickwork that appeared to have sheared away on the exterior of the building at least five storeys up.
- The **Adelaide Advertiser** (page 9) reports that a policy by the Opposition which would have nurses and midwives potentially receiving bonuses of up to \$45,000 to maximise retention of staff in the health services has received the support of the head of the SA nurses federation.

MINISTER BUTLER

Delay of 'biggest NDIS reforms ever' costs \$1.1b

Australian Financial Review, General News, 25/11/2025, Luke Kinsella, Page 5

The federal budget has lost \$1.1 billion in savings as a result of delayed reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, as Labor continues negotiations with the states to get them to shoulder more of the cost of providing disability services.

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

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Could this be our next PM?

The Nightly, General News, 24/11/2025, Cameron Milner, Page 17

This time of the parliamentary year is known as the killing season. [...] The clearest choice of that faction would be Mark Butler.

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What's happened 100 days after Chalmers' economic roundtable?

Australian Financial Review, Other, 24/11/2025, John Kehoe

At the end of his three-day economic roundtable at Parliament House in August, Treasurer Jim Chalmers declared that higher living standards were the "holy grail" for the Albanese Labor government.

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'So f*d': Women workers dehydrating to avoid putrid bathrooms, report finds**

Herald Sun, Other, 24/11/2025, Nathan Schmidt

Women working in the transport sector are deliberately dehydrating rather than use "disgusting" bathroom facilities, a report has found. Health Minister Mark Butler responded to questions regarding the support in health care and choice for women in Australia by the Albanese government.

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NT Health calling for new facility as ageing Royal Darwin Hospital recovers from TC Fina

ABC Online, Other, 24/11/2025, Gemma Ferguson

The head of the NT health department has renewed calls for federal funding after Severe Tropical Cyclone Fina left the territory's largest hospital "literally creaking at the seams". [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler's officer has been contacted for comment.

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NZ has halted access to puberty blockers. What does the rest of the world do?

ABC Online, Other, 24/11/2025, Rudi Maxwell

New Zealand has become the latest country to announce that it will halt new prescriptions for puberty blockers for young people with gender dysphoria. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler also asked

the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to develop new Australian guidelines for the care of young people with gender dysphoria.

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Adelaide welcomes third SDCP unit

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/11/2025

Bene Aged Care will deliver the first specialist dementia care program unit for Adelaide's northern suburbs, which CEO Andrew McFarlane has called a 'significant milestone'. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler – who attended the opening – said people with dementia, families and carers deserve dignified specialised care.

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RACGP praises government commitment to fund additional medical students

Medianet, Other, 24/11/2025

The Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) has applauded the Federal Government for delivering on its commitment to fund 100 extra Commonwealth-supported places (CSPs) for medical students at 10 universities with a strong commitment to general practice. [...] "Today's announcement of 100 extra medical places for general practice-focused universities shows the Government, Education Minister Jason Clare, and Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler are investing in training Australia's next generation of GPs," Dr Wright said.

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What does Butler know about the safety of chemically castrating children?

Medianet, Other, 24/11/2025

Health Minister Mark Butler's defence of chemicals which castrate gender-confused children only puts more pressure on families worried their kids are being indoctrinated at schools by radical LGBTIQA+ gender fluid ideology. Asked about the New Zealand government becoming the latest to ban the use of puberty blockers on gender confused children, Mr Butler said the prescription of puberty blockers to children is "contested and evolving"

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Health minister assures audiometrists they will receive continued HSP recognition

WEB Hearing Practitioner Australia, Other, 25/11/2025, Helen Carter

Federal health minister Mr Mark Butler has assured audiometrists that they will continue to be recognised as qualified providers under the Hearing Services Program and other relevant Commonwealth-funded programs. The Australian College of Audiology incorporating HAASA (ACAAud inc.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

New social housing opens in Cammeray

WEB Northside Living, Other, 24/11/2025

A new social housing development opened its doors in Cammeray on 20 Nov, creating homes for people at risk of homelessness and those on the social housing waitlist. [...] The project was officially opened by Senator Jenny McAllister, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

'Maintain the rage'

The Nightly, General News, 24/11/2025, Caitlyn Rintoul, Page 9

Opposition Leader Sussan Ley has urged Australia to "maintain the rage" over the scourge of domestic violence as she gave a tribute in Federal Parliament to 74 women killed in the past year. [...] He joined independent ACT Senator David Pocock and Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi last week to launch the Parliamentary Friends of Healthy Masculinities group.

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Hopes colourful suit can get men talking about a dark topic

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/11/2025, Zac De Silva, Page 9

Dan Repacholi is a big man in a colourful suit. The two-metre-tall, fivetime Olympian turned MP has recruited a workwear company and a tailor to create the custom, rainbow-splashed suit, all in the name of starting conversations about men's mental health.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Weekly \(Online\)](#), [The Advocate \(Burnie\) \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Aaron Violi: Liberal MP calls for Australian men to stand up to end domestic violence

West Australian, Other, 24/11/2025, The Nightly

Liberal MP Aaron Violi has called on Australian men to stand up and act to end domestic violence in a powerful speech to Parliament to mark the start of 16 Days of Activism. [...] It includes Independent ACT Senator David Pocock and Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi.

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ABC Illawarra, Mornings, 24/11/2025, Amy Duggan

Continuing interview with Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi, discussing the Parliamentary Friends of Healthy Masculinities—a mental health initiative for men and boys, co-launched with Senator David Pocock, Liberal MP Casey Aaron Violi, and preventative health charity The Man Cave. Repacholi and Pocock highlight the importance of raising boys with emotional awareness, who grow into healthy men who strengthen families and communities. Repacholi urges parents to check in with their sons, have meaningful conversations, normalise vulnerability, and share their own challenges to create safe spaces for boys to open up.

DEPARTMENT

Opinion: Our industry is being hammered from all directions

Aesthetic Medical Practitioner, Other, 25/11/2025, Vivien Gardiner

More than 18 months ago, Marini SkinSolutions withdrew two of their products from the NSW market under direction of the State Environmental Protection Authority. [...] Only a few weeks ago, we were required by AICIS (under the Federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing) to provide evidence of not containing PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Older Queenslanders cross the border looking for a place in aged care

Aged Care Insite, Other, 24/11/2025

Families of elderly Queenslanders left languishing in hospitals are being forced to look over the border for beds in aged care due to the state's critical shortage, a specialist nurse has warned. State and territory leaders have issued a letter to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese urging him to honour his 2023 pledge to lift the Commonwealth's hospital funding share to 45 per cent and properly resource aged care and NDIS services to ease pressure on the public system.

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Aged care changes in focus at community forum

Bellarine Times, Other, 24/11/2025, Ellie Claringbold

A community forum in Portarlington next week will help Bellarine residents understand how major home-based aged care reforms will affect their ability to live independently. Hosted by Staying in Portarlington (SiP) and the Portarlington Senior Citizens Club, the event will be held on Monday, November 24 at the Portarlington Senior Citizens Centre between 2pm and 4pm.

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Why RLC wants aged care beds counted in national housing targets

The Weekly Source, Other, 24/11/2025, Ian Horswill

"We're broadening our advocacy asks to include aged care beds in the Prime Minister's national housing targets and seeking expedited planning pathways in all states to cater for increasing demand," said Executive Director Daniel Gannon, noting almost 80% of retirement villages already provide varying levels of care to residents.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Funding setbacks to NDIS plans

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/11/2025, Julie Cross, Page 7

Underfunded NDIS plans are increasingly leaving providers with the horrific choice of paying for vital care for participants themselves, dropping them at a hospital or leaving them to suffer, an exclusive report has found. More than 77 per cent of providers delivered unfunded services last year, at an

average cost of almost \$500,000 a provider, according to the State of the Disability Sector report out on Monday.

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Not-for-profit disability services are closing due to untenably low price caps, NDIS architect warns

The Guardian, Other, 25/11/2025, Kate Lyons

Not-for-profit disability services that support some of the most vulnerable Australians are being forced to close and exit the national disability insurance scheme because of untenably low price caps for NDIS services, one of the architects of the scheme has warned. "For some years, many of us in the sector have been telling the National Disability Insurance Agency that flaws in their pricing are contributing to not-for-profit registered providers of disability services going broke," warned Martin Laverty, who is now the CEO of not-for-profit disability provider Aruma.

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 24/11/2025, Rhiannon Elston

Interview with Aruma CEO Dr Martin Laverty, warning that the NDIS provider market is in crisis. Dr Laverty says the Bedford bailout was necessary, but not a long-term solution. Dr Laverty criticises the NDIA's funding model, which does not cover the costs of registered non-profit providers, particularly in supported independent living. He notes that only 6%, or just 16,000 out of 273,000 NDIS providers, are registered, leaving 94% to operate without proper regulatory oversight or compliance costs. He praises Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and Assistant Minister Rebecca White for their urgency in resolving the crisis.

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PRIMARY CARE

Prescribing expansions 'step in the wrong direction'

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/11/2025

The RACGP President has raised serious concerns about Australia's 'rapidly expanding' list of prescribers at a time when antimicrobial resistance is growing globally. It comes on the last day of World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week for 2025 – an annual campaign that aims to draw attention to a trend 'threatening decades of medical progress'.

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Australia's health system is in intensive care, and the GST flatline is to blame

The New Daily, Other, 24/11/2025, Richard Denniss

Australia's health system needs intensive care, and so does the tax system that funds it. Unless the state and federal governments can agree to make big structural changes to the way they collect revenue and spend it on health, then millions more people will die sooner than they need to, live in more pain than is medically necessary and waste years of their lives navigating a broken system rather than doing something far more productive — like working, caring for their kids or simply gardening.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Maternity plan blasted

Herald Sun, General News, 25/11/2025, Emma Sudano, Page 8

A major Melbourne hospital is planning to slash its maternity services, a move that would displace up

to 700 pregnant women, Victoria's nursing union claims. A 2025 Change of Impact Statement revealed Monash Health is preparing to downgrade maternity services at Dandenong Hospital, cutting a third of its birth suites and reducing its capacity to care for sick and premature babies.

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Second chance for sperm

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/11/2025, Robyn Riley, Page 8

Sperm is getting a second chance to do its job in a unique fertility trial that has already successfully achieved pregnancies for several couples. Called the Rescue ICSI trial, it is being led by Professor Wan Tinn Teh and Dr Michelle Emerson at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital.

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Far North braces for scorching days and no relief

Cairns Post, General News, 25/11/2025, Molly Frew, Page 3

Residents across the Far North are bracing for an extreme heatwave that forecasters warn will deliver scorching days and humid nights. The Bureau of Meteorology has issued an extreme heatwave warning for the North Tropical Coast and Tablelands, Cape York Peninsula and Gulf from Sunday to Wednesday.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#)

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Health warning over looming heatwave

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 25/11/2025, Josh Mercer, Page 5

Townsville Hospital and Health Service is warning people to stay safe during heatwave conditions which are predicted to hit the region this week. The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a heatwave warning, with temperatures set to hit 40C or more in places such as Charters Towers and Hughenden.

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Patients gain back lost weight after stopping obesity jab, study shows

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 25/11/2025, Sarah Booth

Most patients taking weight-loss jabs regain 25 per cent, or more, of their lost weight within a year of abruptly stopping the drug, new data suggests. A peer-reviewed study has found 82 per cent of Mounjaro patients regained at least a quarter of their lost weight, and reversed some of their associated health gains, after stopping the drug.

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People who stop using Mounjaro tend to regain weight and lose other health benefits, says study

The Guardian, Other, 25/11/2025, Nicola Davis

People who stop using the weight-loss jab Mounjaro not only tend to regain weight, but experience a reversal in other health improvements too, research suggests. Mounjaro, which contains the active ingredient tirzepatide, has become a popular medication for weight loss, with studies suggesting that it can help people lose an average of 20% of their body weight after 72 weeks of treatment.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 24/11/2025, Sally Sara

Interview with Griffith University senior research fellow Dr Liza O'Donnell, discussing the new guidelines for male infertility. Dr O'Donnell explains that the new guidelines urge simultaneous evaluation of both partners, recommending early sperm analysis and physical examinations to identify issues sooner and potentially avoid costly IVF. She hopes that the new guidelines will encourage more men to get tested early and normalise conversation on male infertility, despite the emotional toll that it could bring to couples.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Stunning results in cancer care

The Australian, General News, 25/11/2025, Natasha Robinson, Page 1

Genomic profiling has ushered in a "revolution in cancer care" that has led to a doubling of survival rates for some terminally ill patients and sparked a radical acceleration in drug development. A landmark report by the scientific organisation Omicowhich has profiled the tumours of almost 30,000 incurable or poorprognosis cancers over the past decade confirms Australians matched to targeted treatments for their cancer are living up to 50 per cent longer than those undergoing standard therapies.

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

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The scans leaving doctors uneasy

Age, General News, 25/11/2025, Henrietta Cook, Page 1

Health reporter Darren Thorpe was 61 and feeling healthy when a full-body medical scan threw a curveball at the managing director. [...] The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists has issued a new warning against the use of whole-body scans on healthy patients.

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Carrie targets wealthy

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/11/2025, Page 3

Former The Project host Carrie Bickmore has started courting billionaires over a coffee in her quest to find a cure for brain cancer. Bickmore, who is Victoria's 2026 Australian of the Year, challenged Australia's billionaire class there are 150 of them, she says to donate \$1m each to her brain cancer foundation to fund research needed to beat the disease.

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Why your exercise routine may not be enough to protect your brain

Australian Financial Review, Other, 23/11/2025, Euan Black

Dementia has overtaken heart disease to become Australia's No. 1 killer.

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New blood test that detects devastating liver cancer earlier could be life-saving for WA patients

West Australian, Other, 24/11/2025, Claire Sadler

West Australian liver cancer patients may soon be able to check if their disease has returned with a simple blood test, as part of new Curtin University-led research. LIVER-Trace is a blood test that detects tumour-specific DNA changes in the bloodstream, which can catch the cancer in its early stages.

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Doctors explain the overlooked dementia symptom most people don't recognize

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 25/11/2025, Sadie Whitelocks

Health experts are encouraging people to watch out for a common and crippling symptom of dementia that often gets overlooked. Known as 'sundowning', this phenomenon causes people with dementia to experience increased confusion, agitation, and other behavioral changes in the late afternoon and evening.

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Genetic testing for diabetic complications

Medical Forum, Other, 24/11/2025, Dr Aleena Ali

Two million Australians have diabetes and a third of people with diabetes develop serious complications that have a significant impact on quality of life and impose a high economic toll. One of the complications of diabetes is diabetic kidney disease (DKD), the leading cause of kidney failure in developed countries. Treating DKD costs Australia \$2.68 billion annually.

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Young women get breast cancer too

The Medical Republic, Other, 24/11/2025, Mariella Attard

There's been a lot of press about younger people getting cancer now, and there are many questions (and some answers). Are more young women being diagnosed with breast cancer?

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ABC Radio Sydney, Evenings, 24/11/2025, Renee Krosch

Interview with University of South Australia Nutrition and Food Sciences program director Dr Evangeline Mantzioris, explaining why exercising in a fasted state does not lead to greater overall weight loss despite an increase in fat burn. Dr Mantzioris says sustained weight loss requires expending more energy than consumed, and that fasting or skipping meals can help some people manage calorie intake.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 24/11/2025, Chris Bath & Dom Knight

Joint interview with Heart Research Institute deputy director Julie McMullen and 64-year-old lifelong runner Warren Williams, discussing a new study on why some healthy individuals survive serious cardiac events. Williams survived a massive cardiac arrest in 2021 despite showing no warning signs during his run. McMullen says the panel will also seek broader patient and carer involvement to improve awareness and research into cardiovascular conditions, including atherosclerosis, heart failure, and atrial fibrillation.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Evenings, 24/11/2025, Kelly Higgins-Devine

Interview with University of Queensland's Institute for Molecular Bioscience statistical genomics professor Dr Loïc Yengo, discussing his new research on the role of genetics in determining a person's risk of getting certain diseases. Dr Yengo hopes the findings will pave the way for future disease-prevention strategies. He hopes that within 5-10 years, genetic data could help identify individuals at very high risk of conditions like type 2 diabetes long before symptoms appear.

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ABC Radio Perth, Mornings, 24/11/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with RN Health compere Dr Norman Swan, discussing a South Australian study examining the effects of coffee on people with atrial fibrillation. Contrary to common belief, Dr Swan says the study found that participants who drank at least one cup of coffee daily experienced fewer recurrences of atrial fibrillation than those who abstained. He notes that earlier associations between coffee and heart disease were likely confounded by smoking habits.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

New space, same support

Ballarat Courier, General News, 25/11/2025, Michelle Smith, Page 1

Growing demand for services has forced headspace to find a new home to allow it to continue to expand to meet the mental health needs of young Ballarat residents. Next year it is expected that

headspace will provide more than 5000 appointments for around 1000 young people, a number that is increasing year after year.

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

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New research reveals one week social media detox reduces anxiety and depression symptoms in young people

West Australian, Other, 25/11/2025, Claire Sadler

Reducing social media use for just a week can have a positive impact on a young person's mental health, a new study has revealed ahead of the Albanese Government's age ban coming into effect next month. The researchers, from Beth Israel Deaconess medical centre in the US, recruited 373 people aged 18-24 to investigate the links between their social media use and their mental health.

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ADHD stimulants are being used recreationally, with consequences for users

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 24/11/2025

Not long ago, most people thought of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, as a childhood condition that would eventually be outgrown. Now it's everywhere.

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IMMUNISATION

Antibiotics can make some vaccines less effective. Scientists suspect gut bacteria may play a role

ABC Online, Other, 24/11/2025, Jacinta Bowler

While vaccines and antibiotics are important medicines, in some cases, one might make the other less effective. That's according to a study in Nature that found babies exposed to antibiotics in the first few weeks of life were less likely to be adequately protected by early-childhood vaccinations than those who hadn't.

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Vaccines 'safe, effective and not associates with autism': TGA

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/11/2025, John Smith

Data from multiple large-scale and high-quality studies shows vaccines used in Australia are not linked to autism, healthcare leaders say. In a joint statement, Australia's Chief Medical Officer Professor Michael Kidd, and the head of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Professor Anthony Lawler, backed the safety of childhood immunisations.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Hospital funding debate heats up

Premier David Crisafulli used a series of anecdotes as he doubled down on a push to extract additional aged and disability care funding from the PM. But an amalgamation of health services between states and the federal government will not be negotiated, Mr Crisafulli said, following an almost fortnight-long public debate over how tax money should be awarded to the sector.

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

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Jacinta Allan wants to tap super for next wave of government projects

Australian Financial Review, Other, 24/11/2025, Sumeyya Ilanbey

Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan has called on Australia's \$4.3 trillion superannuation sector to play a greater role in funding hospitals, schools and other critical infrastructure.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Good Spirit Good Life tool to strengthen care

Community Care Review, Other, 24/11/2025, Natasha Egan

The Good Spirit, Good Life framework and resources can help providers meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and help them offer culturally secure services. 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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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Hospitals switch to at home or online

The Australian, General News, 25/11/2025, James Dowling, Page 7

St Vincent's Health Australia, the country's largest network of nonprofit public and private hospitals, will shift half of all its services to at-home or online care by 2030, devoting hospital space to intensive care and emergency wards. St Vincent's chief executive Chris Blake unveiled the target on Monday, calling it an opportunity to de-escalate the federal government's feud with the states and territories over hospital funding arrangements and bed block from underserviced aged care patients.

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

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Look to NZ for health cure

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/11/2025, Sue Bailey, Page 5

A specialist doctor and the head of the nurses' union say Tasmania should look to New Zealand where radical health reforms have ended bed block and ambulance ramping. It was revealed recently that nearly 100 patients are stranded in Tasmania's public hospitals waiting for aged care or NDIS places costing more than \$215,000 a day.

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Just a flesh wound

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/11/2025, Lottie Hood, Camden Smith & Gary Shipway, Page 1

Serious concerns have been raised about the structural integrity of Royal Darwin Hospital after bricks showered down into a waiting area on the first floor during a 4sq m ceiling collapse at the height of Tropical Cyclone Fina. On Monday morning, fresh images emerged of a section of brickwork that

appeared to have sheared away on the exterior of the building at least five storeys up, landing on an awning below.

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

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'Entirely avoidable' death

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 25/11/2025, Andrew Thomson, Page 1

The family of a Port Fairy woman has taken legal action against a Geelong hospital for medical negligence. Well-known Port Fairy identity and retired Brauer College teacher Jennifer Buchanan died in February two years ago.

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Mums at maternity forum say Darwin has become 'unlivable' with some moving interstate

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/11/2025, Lottie Hood

A mum lying in a hospital bed in shock listening to the cries of newborns on the Royal Darwin Hospital maternity ward having just lost their child. Another family finding out their baby has no heartbeat after asking for help four times.

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Record fundraiser secures \$4.3m lifesaving surgical robot for North Queensland

The Courier Mail, Other, 24/11/2025, Timothy Little

A record-breaking Christmas fundraiser has closed out a six-year battle to give North Queenslanders the same lifesaving equipment as their southern cousins. Trinity Advisory Groups annual lunch raised \$500,000 for the FNQ Hospital Foundation on Friday to reach the \$4.3 million needed to fund DANI, a new surgical robot for the Cairns Hospital.

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Hospitals must get smaller to stop NHS 'permacrisis', report urges

The Guardian, Other, 24/11/2025, Denis Campbell

Hospitals need to become smaller, with fewer beds, to help save the NHS from its "permacrisis", a thinktank has said. The role hospitals play needs to undergo "a fundamental reinvention" to help them escape the overcrowding that has become widespread over the last decade, according to the thinktank Re:State.

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Ambulance Victoria sees busiest winter on record

Shepparton News Online, Other, 24/11/2025, Ryan Bellingham

Ambulance Victoria response times in Campaspe have increased slightly in Campaspe following a demanding winter across the state. Following record-breaking demand through winter, Ambulance Victoria has released its quarterly performance report which saw a slight increase to average response times in Campaspe.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Nurses union backs cash bonuses plan

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/11/2025, Page 9

The head of the SA nurses federation has backed a new Opposition policy in which nurses and midwives could receive bonuses of up to \$45,000 to maximise retention of staff in the health services. Under the new scheme revealed on Monday, long serving nurses and midwives would receive bonuses of \$10k, \$15k and \$20k, for 10, 15 and 20 years of service, netting them a total of \$45,000.

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ICAC SA to examine health system training funds

The Mandarin, Other, 24/11/2025, Dan Holmes

ICAC SA will attempt another investigation into state health system corruption, after a previous attempt was halted due to lack of funds. South Australia's anti-corruption watchdog will evaluate the state health system's use of development funds.

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Monash Grad Cert apps open today

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/11/2025

Monash University's new Graduate Certificate of Pharmacist Prescribing is welcoming applications for the first intake from today. The units included in the core prescribing skills studies are accredited with conditions by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) and are relevant to the management of 22 primary care clinical conditions such as ear infections, asthma and cardiometabolic diseases.

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Channel 10, 10 News, 24/11/2025, Tiffany Warne

South Australian Opposition Leader Vincent Tarzia is proposing retention and re-entry bonuses of up to \$20,000 for nurses if elected. Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation SA branch secretary Elizabeth Dabars warns that 50% of the workforce will leave in the next decade.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 24/11/2025, Lucy Breaden & Kylie Baxter

Interview with Health and Community Services Union Tasmania President Lauren Vanier, discussing strike action by the Royal Hobart Hospital's healthcare staff over inadequate pay and working conditions. Vanier notes that it especially impacts cardiac physiologists and neurophysiology scientists because they perform diagnostic tests and surgeries. Vanier states the need for competitive pay and improved working conditions to retain healthcare professionals.

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2CC, Breakfast, 24/11/2025, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Deputy Opposition Leader, Debrah Morris to discuss a shortage of paramedics in the ACT. Morris says that paramedics are under extraordinary pressure and the ESA and the responsible minister have been questioned via annual reports regarding the matter.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

New drugs for CF, multiple myeloma

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/11/2025

Two new drugs have been added to the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) in recent days, with cystic fibrosis (CF) patients and those with multiple myeloma potentially able to benefit. Alyftrek (vanzacaftor/tezacaftor/deutivacaftor, Vertex) has been approved by the TGA for the treatment

of people aged six years and older who meet the diagnostic criteria for CF and who have a responsive mutation in the CF transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 24/11/2025, Max Fletcher

Dementia drug Lecanumab has been approved in Australia. The drug, which targets amyloid proteins, shows a 30% reduction in cognitive decline in an 18-month global trial. Health authorities hint at a possible PBS listing.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

No mandated health checks for older GPs, urges world authority

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/11/2025, Jo Roberts

The World Medical Association has opposed mandating any age-enforced retirement or health checks, a position at odds with a controversial AHPRA proposal. GPs at or near retirement age play 'a great role in contemporary medical practice', says the World Medical Association.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 24/11/2025, Leon Compton

Tasmanian health authorities urge the public to update their measles vaccinations after the state recorded its first case in over two years. Amid a decline in vaccine uptake, experts say 95% of Australians should get vaccinated to ensure herd immunity

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4BC, Drive, 24/11/2025, Gary Hardgrave

Two more cases of measles were confirmed in Queensland's south east. The two cases visited a number of locations, including Roma Street train station, Brisbane Domestic Airport, and Caboolture Hospital.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

TGA strengthens denosumab safety information

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/11/2025

Regulator updates warnings for fracture risk after discontinuation of Prolia and biosimilars Safety information for denosumab (Prolia and equivalent biosimilar) products used to treat osteoporosis is being updated to strengthen existing warnings for spinal fractures after stopping or delaying treatment.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 24/11/2025, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Denmark has awarded compensation to four patients who lost their sight after using Ozempic and Wegovy. It follows over a dozen lawsuits filed in the US and now Australia's TGA is examining multiple reports of the same issue.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Dangerous high-potency drugs pose unprecedented threat to schoolies as pill testing banned in Queensland

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 24/11/2025, Darcy Fitzgerald

Dangerous high-potency drugs pose an unprecedented threat to schoolies this year as celebrations kick off across the country, prompting urgent warnings from health experts as thousands of teenagers descend on holiday hotspots. The alert comes as drug testing is banned at schoolies events in Queensland, leading to one harm reduction advocate warning it could cost teenagers their lives.

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Pill testing trial expands further

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/11/2025, Michelle Wisbey

The RACGP has welcomed several pill testing sites across Victoria, saying the rollout at festivals is a 'step forward in saving lives'. The latest pill testing expansion will see the service available at Spilt Milk, Dangerous Goods 6XXL, and the Pitch Music and Arts Festival this summer.

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ABC, 7:30, 24/11/2025, Sarah Ferguson

7.30 reporter Adam Harvey takes a look at the substances that vapes contain. Research from the University of Wollongong shows newer vapes contain up to five times more nicotine than earlier ones, or equivalent to 15 packs of cigarettes in a single device. Australian Medical Association NSW president Dr Michael Bonning says teenagers and young adults who use high-nicotine vapes experience a surge in sleep disruption and anxiety.

Report continues on: [ABC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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