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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Sunday Age](#)** (page 4) reports the Federal Government has committed to a \$558 million redevelopment of the Albury hospital campus to address acute bed shortages and emergency department delays, though the AMA and local advocates have raised concerns that the project may not meet the long-term infrastructure needs of the cross-border region.
- **[The Sunday Tasmanian](#)** (page 4) reports legal action has been launched against the Tasmanian Health Service and Ambulance Tasmania following the death of a patient from a stroke at Launceston General Hospital. The plaintiffs allege that a failure to follow clinical protocols and deliver time-critical treatment contributed to the death, while the defendants deny all allegations of negligence or breach of duty.
- **[The Sunday Age](#)** (page 8) reports the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare notes that nearly one in five Australians are on mental health-related prescriptions, with clinicians, researchers, and the Australian Medical Association being urged to re-evaluate these prescription rates.
- **[The Sunday Herald Sun](#)** (page 30) reports new research led by Orygen and the University of Melbourne reveals that 37 per cent of year 10 and 11 students have experienced suicide ideation, with almost 10 per cent identified as high risk.

- [The Sunday Mail Adelaide](#) (page 18) reports Paralympian Esther Overton claims her latest funding plan was based on incorrectly listed disabilities, resulting in a 60,000 dollar annual reduction that has left her unable to access adequate meals or personal care. An NDIA spokesperson stated that its top priority is ensuring participants have access to necessary disability-related support while noting that funding fluctuates based on evidence and the NDIS Act.
- [The Sunday Canberra Times](#) (page 1) reports families in the ACT are required to travel to Sydney to access life-saving chemotherapy due to the absence of a dedicated paediatric oncology and haematology treatment facility in Canberra.
- [The Sunday Mail Brisbane](#) (page 5) reports data from the Australia Organ and Tissue Authority and other registries indicate that more than three quarters of Australians on the organ transplant waitlist need a kidney donation. Queensland Health confirms a spike in sudden renal failure cases due to chronic diseases, obesity, and diabetes, resulting in an average waiting time of 3.4 years on dialysis before receiving a deceased donor kidney transplant.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Australia's only daily Auslan news service by Deaf journalists to end

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2026, Sarah-Richards

Australia's only daily news service delivered in Australian Sign Language will go off air next month as its federal government funding comes to an end. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler was contacted for comment.

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### Australians with motor neurone disease fear losing priority pathway under NDIS reforms

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2026, Clare Armstrong

Australians with motor neurone disease (MND) who have rapidly changing needs fear they will lose a priority pathway to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) under the federal government's planned changes. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the government would be "engaging deeply" with the disability community on the reforms it intends to pursue later in the year.

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### Raided Central Coast tobacconists ignore 90-day closure orders to sell illicit cigarettes, vapes

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/05/2026, Rory Williams

Tobacconists hit with closure orders are reopening within days, brazenly selling illicit cigarettes and vapes beneath notices signalling they should be shut down, exposing yet more failed attempts by authorities to stifle the black market. [...] Theo Foukkare, CEO of the Association of Australian Convenience Stores, labelled federal Health Minister Mark Butler a "poster boy for organised crime", accusing the government of ignoring how high excise incentivises criminal networks.

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### Free multiple myeloma therapy now available

Star Weekly, Other, 09/05/2026

Eligible Australians with multiple myeloma will now have access to a new free therapy, Carvykti, in public hospitals across Australia. [...] Federal health and ageing minister Mark Butler said the treatment offers patients the opportunity for an improved quality of life.

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**'I was lucky, others might not be'**

Anthony Strangio was making coffee at a Robinvale market on 13 July 2025 when his health started to turn. [...] From Canberra, a spokesperson for Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the Commonwealth provides hospital funding nationally and supports regional training, including a cardiology post in Mildura, but did not directly address the question of a proposed cath lab.

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## **Betting the house: Jim Chalmers' big budget gamble**

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/05/2026, Shane Wright & Natassia Chrysanthos

On a cool Thursday evening, five days out from delivering the federal budget, Jim Chalmers addressed hundreds of people inside the Federal Treasury building in Canberra. [...] In ordinary times, Health Minister Mark Butler's overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme would still be dominating headlines and public commentary.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#)

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## **All in all, it's just another brick in an NHS wall**

The Medical Republic, Other, 09/05/2026, Anita Muñoz

Many people in Australia and almost all people working in health know of either a doctor or a patient who has come to Australia fleeing the nightmare that the NHS has become. [...] The 10-year Medicare rebate freeze and Mark Butler's vehement refusal to consider an independent pricing authority for general practice makes the sector doubt fair funding will ever be on the table.

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## **'Reconsider': Retirees revolt over private health insurance rebate cuts**

The Senior, Other, 09/05/2026, Carla Mascarenhas

Chris Steinback and his wife thought they had done everything governments had asked of them: worked hard, paid their taxes and kept private health insurance for more than 40 years to help ease pressure on the public system. [...] He described the change as "intergenerational crap" after Health Minister Mark Butler defended the change as a matter of "intergenerational equity" with older Australians to pay the same rates for private health insurance as younger Australians on equivalent incomes.

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## **Australian Politics, Podcast, 09/05/2026, Tom McIlroy**

Interview with Federal Finance Minister Katy Gallagher. Gallagher says they have found savings and reprioritisations in every budget since they came to government, and they are playing a responsible role in the fight against inflation, as well as ensuring that the budget is working with monetary policy. She states that the largest component of the budget was already announced by Federal Health Minister Mark Butler in a bid to reduce the growth of the NDIS, and they have to make space for all other areas in need of Commonwealth support.

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## **Radio National, Health Report, 09/05/2026, Dr Preeya Alexander & Belinda Smith**

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, on the Federal Government's decision to invest \$1.8b over five years to permanently embed Medicare Urgent Care Clinics into the health system. Butler says the interim evaluations have demonstrated that the model is an important addition to the healthcare system, and it will show some ideas about how they can tweak it rather than whether or not they should have it. He also says he sees this as part of primary care, and he deliberately designed the model to build out of general practise.

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## MINISTER RAE

### How computers decide who gets care

Open Forum, Other, 09/05/2026, Laura Davy

Every welfare program negotiates a fundamental tension: between fiscal responsibility and consistency on one hand, and care for real people with complex needs and situations on the other. [...] Minister for Aged Care Sam Rae has defended the reforms by pointing out that A\$4 billion was incorrectly allocated under the previous system.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

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### Misconceptions cloud palliative care as population ages

Canberra Times, Other, 10/05/2026, Kat Wong

Australians don't like talking about death but as the population ages, conversations about the end of life could become increasingly important for care. Every day, more than 450 people in Australia die from a life-limiting or terminal illness, according to Palliative Care Australia.

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## DISABILITY AND CARERS

### I can't go to toilet or even make food

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 10/05/2026, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 18

Dual Paralympics swimmer Esther Overton says a mistake has caused her NDIS funding to be cut, leaving her without adequate means to be fed or access a toilet. The multiple limb amputee requires full support for personal-care tasks as well as help leaving the house, cleaning, and preparing meals.

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### They 'stole' my wife to use as NDIS cash cow

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/05/2026, Julie Cross, Page 24

A husband has levelled extraordinary allegations at the NDIS, claiming a disability provider went behind his back to get public guardianship of his wife. The 61-year-old former software developer claims the provider who looks after his wife in a disability home set off a chain of events that has effectively allowed them to "kidnap" her.

Also reported by: [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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### AI can't hold your hand if it goes wrong

Sunday Telegraph, Business News, 10/05/2026, Scott Pape, Page 67

This week I was asked to debate whether AI should be used in financial counselling. [...] Hi Scott, I'd be keen to hear your thoughts on the NDIS cuts.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Territorian \(Darwin\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#).

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### ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 09/05/2026, Fauziah Ibrahim & Johanna Nicholson

Interview with Disability Leadership Institute CEO Christina Ryan. Ryan says people expect budget agendas when they elect Labor governments, but they do not expect to see a lot of NDIS cuts, which are now causing anxiety for the disability community because they still do not know the legislation's details. However, she also says it would be a good thing if the tax system were reshaped to support people more broadly.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Bed shortages and border lines: Health in the spotlight

Sunday Age, General News, 10/05/2026, Rob Harris, Page 4

In most federal by-elections, the decisive issues tend to be familiar: cost of living, housing, migration, or the performance of the government of the day. [...] While Albury Wodonga Health disputed the precise figure, it did not deny the system was under intense pressure, warning of longer emergency department and ambulance delays due to sustained demand from patients with complex conditions.

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## Tough road to travel

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 10/05/2026, Petlee Peter & Lanie Tindale, Page 1

Along with battling cancer, three-year-old Emmett endures gruelling fortnightly seven-hour round trips to and from Canberra and Sydney to access chemotherapy. [...] In 2021, 803 children were diagnosed with cancer in Australia.

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## May be no need for that knee operation

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 10/05/2026, Page 24

Some people who have torn their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) may recover just as well without having a full knee reconstruction. The injury takes months of rehabilitation and increases the risk of osteoarthritis by up to 50 per cent for a decade after injury.

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

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## 'Musical dialysis chairs'

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/05/2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 5

Doctors claim they are playing musical chairs with dialysis recliners as they struggle to cope with rising numbers of Queenslanders needing lifesaving renal treatment. [...] The government confirms there has been a spike in cases of sudden renal failure due to chronic diseases, obesity and diabetes, but claims hospitals have the capacity to cope.

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

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## More cuddle cots part of Liam's legacy

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/05/2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 13

A Queensland mum has successfully campaigned for more cuddle cots in state hospitals to allow grieving parents to spend precious time with deceased infants before they go to the mortuary. Monica McCafferty and her husband Fergus were left traumatised when they unexpectedly lost baby Liam at full term at Redcliffe Hospital last year.

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

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## Hospital projects point to hotspots

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/05/2026, Elizabeth Tilley, Page 31

A \$160 billion wave of hospital construction is quietly reshaping Queensland's property market and creating the next generation of real estate hotspots, where prices could double in 10 years. Analysis by Hotspotting for Fresh Start Advisory reveals the key suburbs expected to benefit from more than 84 major hospital and medical centre projects either underway or in the pipeline across the state in the coming years.

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## Family sues over death

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 10/05/2026, Duncan Abey, Page 4

A bereaved Tasmanian wife and daughter have launched legal action against the state's public health authorities, alleging their husband and father's death from a sudden stroke seven years ago could have been prevented with timely diagnosis and treatment.

## West Coast GP access just got major boost

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 10/05/2026, Elise Kaine, Page 7

Communities on the West Coast will have more access to bulk-billed GP services with another TassieDoc provider set to expand its offering in Queenstown, Strahan, Rosebery and Zeehan. Ochre Health has been selected by the state government to deliver 20,000 additional bulk-billed health appointments per year across the four general practices on the remote West Coast.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Every step forward counts: expert tips for quitting smoking and vaping

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 10/05/2026, Page 29

Quitting smoking and vaping looks different for everyone, but it often starts with a common thought: "It's time I made a change for the better." For many who are on their way to quitting or have already quit, making the decision to take the first step is a defining moment in their journey.

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### Crafty outrun tobacco laws

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/05/2026, Andreas Nicola, Page 19

Social media pages and websites selling illegal tobacco and vape products have "exploded" since Queensland cracked down on the illicit products. Industry insiders say hundreds of reported websites have been shut down while hundreds more have emerged.

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

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### Up in smoke

Sunday Territorian, General News, 10/05/2026, Fia Walsh, Page 1

The federal Government will provide \$5.9m to crack down on illegal tobacco and vapes in the Northern Territory. Since April this year, Australian Border Force investigations have seized more than 82,000 illicit cigarettes, 15.5kg of loose leaf tobacco, and 873 vapes in Darwin alone.

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### Health sessions to target menopause

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 09/05/2026, Allan Murphy

Free community sessions focused on menopause and perimenopause will be held in Mildura this month, offering practical information and support for women and those around them. Hosted by the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit (LMPHU), the sessions – Your Wellbeing Matters: Understanding and Embracing (Peri)Menopause – will be held at Powerhouse Place on Thursday 21 May.

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## CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

### 'Exquisite' treatment for cancer survival

Sun Herald, General News, 10/05/2026, Kate Aubusson, Page 5

Nathan Borg was still groggy from anaesthesia when his doctor told him he had bowel cancer. [...] Cancer Australia has commissioned an evidence review of early onset cancer risk factors, while

updated evidence-based guidelines reflect how young people present with cancer and what investigations and referrals to pursue.

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

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## Viagra 'can help eyes'

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 10/05/2026, Page 23

Viagra could also protect the eyes against glaucoma, a study claims. The pill, commonly used for erectile dysfunction, was invented to treat the heart by increasing blood flow.

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

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## Myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome linked with changes to immune cells: study

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2026, Lauren Roberts

Ella Engel spent her late teens and early 20s isolated in her own bedroom. She felt chronically fatigued, in pain and prone to dizzy spells or fainting when she stood up.

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## How to live longer: Belinda thought pregnancy changed her body – it was cancer

The Australian, Other, 09/05/2026, Penny Timms

When Gold Coast graphic designer Belinda Olde woke after a colonoscopy to find her husband already sitting beside her in the recovery room, she knew something was wrong. [...] "What that means is people who are under the age of 50," said John Ding, a leading gastroenterologist at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. He is also a researcher and medical spokesman for Bowel Cancer Australia.

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# MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

## Experts query why millions of Australians are being given mental health medication

Sunday Age, General News, 10/05/2026, Wendy Tuohy, Page 8

For three years in her 20s, Rebekah Beddoe lived in what she recalls as "literally hell on earth" because of medications designed to remove mental anguish. One of Australia's most commonly prescribed drugs, intended to help her with a wash of emotions from post-natal exhaustion, triggered such harrowing changes in Beddoe's behaviour and mind that she went from flying high at work and in life to suicidal and getting electroconvulsive therapy.

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

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## One in three teens at risk

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 10/05/2026, Brooke Grebert-Craig, Page 30

More than a third of secondary students have experienced suicide ideation, alarming new research reveals. The study, led by Orygen in partnership with the University of Melbourne, Lifeline and LivingWorks Australia, found 37 per cent of year 10 and 11 students had thought about taking their own lives.

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## IMMUNISATION

### Health experts warn of RSV surge as free vaccine rolled out for seniors

The Courier Mail, Other, 09/05/2026, Emma Cam

Cairns seniors are being urged to take up a newly available vaccine protecting against a highly contagious respiratory virus, as health experts warn of a likely surge in Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases across Queensland. For the first time, a vaccine for RSV will be available free for eligible seniors from May 15, 2026.

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

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### Glaucoma gene found

Sunday Times, General News, 10/05/2026, Page 25

A major international study led by Flinders University has identified a genetic contributor to juvenile glaucoma. Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness worldwide.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### The conversation we should have had 20 years ago and a hundred times since

Adelaide Now, Other, 09/05/2026, Matt Cunningham

When will it be the right time to talk about the safety of Aboriginal women and children in the Northern Territory? It probably should have been done 20 years ago, and about 100 times since writes Matt Cunningham today.

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## PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

### Hundreds of patients left in limbo after major hospital's 'disastrous' bungle

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 09/05/2026, Daniel Shirkie

The outcome of an investigation into serious medical failings at Townsville University Hospital's Urology clinic remains unknown, despite hundreds of patients desperately waiting on answers. Queensland Health commissioned the independent report in September last year, following revelations that several serious failings had been found within the Townsville University Hospital's urology clinic.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily](#)

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

### **Health board warns unregistered 'birth keeper's' advice may put lives at risk**

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 09/05/2026, Chloe Grimshaw

A controversial Sunshine Coast "birth keeper" who previously labelled hospital births as "sanctioned systemic abuse" continues to encourage expectant mums to trust their instincts over medial advice. [...] The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has warned lives are at risk from unregistered birth workers providing controversial advice.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### **The week in review**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/05/2026

Pharmacists growing involvement in vaccination confirmed by data, AHPRA revealing its new criminal history standard for registration and honours for pharmacists and a discount giant were among our leading stories this week. New data from the Australian Immunisation Register revealed the extent to which pharmacy is now central to the provision of vaccines in Australia.

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### **PBS fraudster hit with \$70k in legal costs**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 08/05/2026, Nicholas O'Donoghue

Fraudster pharmacist's failed bid to retrieve his collection of supercars costs him \$70,000. A Ferrari-loving pharmacist will not have access to his fleet of high-end cars as he awaits sentencing after pleading guilty to defrauding the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

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## **Aussie back home after hantavirus horror**

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 10/05/2026, Emma Kirk, Page 24

An Australian traveller has reportedly returned home after being on board a cruise ship exposed to the deadly hantavirus. Newspaper El Pais reported that while most passengers remained on board MV Hondius in Spain, 23 people left the ship on April 21 and returned home, including one Australian.

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## **Four Australians aboard deadly hantavirus-hit cruise ship MV Hondius as DFAT examines repatriation options**

7News.com.au, Other, 09/05/2026, Aimee Edwards

Authorities are working out how to bring four Australians and one Australian permanent resident aboard the hantavirus-hit MV Hondius home when the ship arrives in Tenerife this weekend. [...] Australian health authorities are now working with states and territories on quarantine, testing and health monitoring protocols for the returning travellers under the coordination of the Australian Centre for Disease Control. Despite growing concern surrounding the outbreak, authorities stress the virus does not spread like COVID-19 or influenza.

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## **Hantavirus-hit cruise ship passengers to be chartered home from Spain**

ABC Online, Other, 09/05/2026, Sophie Venz

The cruise ship hit by a hantavirus outbreak is due to arrive in Tenerife, the largest of Spain's Canary Islands, on Sunday, dropping anchor offshore rather than docking at port. Passengers will be taken from the MV Hondius to the port of Granadilla by smaller boats, as requested by the island's local authorities, and then moved to the island's main airport.

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## **WHO head will oversee evacuation of passengers, crew from hantavirus-stricken cruise ship**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/05/2026

The head of the World Health Organization arrived in Spain on Saturday to oversee the evacuation of more than 140 passengers and crew from a hantavirus-stricken cruise ship headed to the Canary Islands. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said he would be heading to the Spanish island of Tenerife off the coast of West Africa, along with senior Spanish government officials, "to oversee safe disembarkation of the passengers, crew members and health experts.

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## **First Japanese encephalitis virus case recorded in Central Highlands sparks warning**

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 09/05/2026

The first case of Japanese encephalitis virus has been confirmed in the Central Highlands, prompting health authorities to urge residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites. Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service Public Health Physician Dr Mark Sticklely said the person was recovering well, with no further details provided.

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

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## **ABC, ABC News (Saturday), 09/05/2026, Nakari Thorpe**

Australian officials are travelling to Tenerife to help four Australians on board the Hantavirus-hit MV Hondius. The WHO maintains the virus is well known and the risk of transmission is low, but authorities around the world are scrambling to contact trace after 30 passengers from 12 countries disembarked

the cruise at an earlier port before the outbreak became apparent.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### Doctors urged to boycott dextro

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 09/05/2026, Cate Swannell

Two leading pharmacologists have called for a boycott on prescribing dextropropoxyphene after its manufacturer successfully appealed the drug's removal from the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods. [...] Despite this, dextropropoxyphene remains on the market in Australia after an appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) by the drug's manufacturer against the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) decision to delist it, the authors wrote.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

### Bootlegging booms as 'excessive' excise fuels black market in booze

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 10/05/2026, Jacob Shteyman & Nick Wilson, Page 10

A spate of fire bombings could be just the beginning as concerns mount the tax system is driving a burgeoning alcohol black market putting lives and the Federal Budget bottom line at risk. Police have not confirmed whether or not illicit alcohol was behind 15 incidents at hospitality venues across inner Melbourne since April 14, but the industry is warning Australia's high excise settings is fuelling organised crime.

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### Major warning about danger lurking in millions of Aussie wardrobes: 'Accumulate over time'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 09/05/2026, Joe Attanasio

Activewear and children's school uniforms are under fresh scrutiny over concerns they may contain "forever chemicals" linked to serious long-term health risks. [...] Australia banned three specific PFAS chemicals in 2025, but experts say that only scratches the surface, with more than 14,000 PFAS chemicals believed to exist globally.

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