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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Herald Sun \(page 3\)](#)** reports that new data released by the Department of Health shows that national GP bulk billing rates have risen 4.6 per cent in January to March, which Health Minister Mark Butler attributed to the Federal Government's initiatives to strengthen Medicare. The findings come as Mr Butler is set to launch a national menopause and perimenopause campaign alongside Minister for Women Katy Gallagher.
- **[The Age \(page 4\)](#)** reports that the Victorian State Government is facing criticism from staff and patients of the \$1.5 billion new Footscray hospital after a Health Department specialist centralisation plan revealed oesophageal surgeries will no longer be done at the new hospital. Surgeons, patients and operator Western Health have raised concerns the changes will force vulnerable patients and their families to travel long distances for treatment and lead to fragmented care.
- **[Northern Territory News \(page 6\)](#)** reports that the Darwin Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is set to join the Palmerston Medicare Urgent Care Clinic as the second clinic in the Greater Darwin region, meaning Darwin residents will soon be able to be treated for urgent but not life-threatening illnesses and injuries there.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser \(page 3\)](#)** reports that advocates are warning that young people are "unaware of the dire risks as they put reproductive health checks on the backburner", with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) on the rise and the use of contraception declining.

- [The Daily Advertiser \(page 6\)](#) reports that the incidence of bowel cancer has more than doubled among people aged 20 to 29 and tripled among those aged 30 to 39 over the past two decades, with experts unable to explain the cause of the rise.
- [The West Australian \(page 7\)](#) reports that WA Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti will probe how Geraldton psychiatrist Panduranga Mallikarjun Rapuri was only suspended for three months after the State Administrative Tribunal found he had sexually harassed a nurse.

MINISTER BUTLER

Breaking taboo of the hot flushes

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/05/2026, Jessica Wang, Page 4

An Australia-first menopause campaign is set to launch on Monday to combat the silence and stigma that "have left too many women in the dark". Health Minister Mark Butler and Minister for Women Katy Gallagher will launch the Menopause and Perimenopause Campaign on Monday.

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

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Incredible bulk gets a clean bill of health

Herald Sun, General News, 25/05/2026, Nathan Schmidt, Page 3

Bulk-billing rates surged in the first three months of 2026 as the Albanese government continues to bet big on health with the launch of a nation-first campaign. Data released by the Department of Health found the national GP bulk-billing rate had risen 4.6 per cent to 81.9 per cent in the three months to March. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the results showed "unequivocally" that the government's initiatives to strengthen Medicare were working.

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Release of an FOI (into FOI) delayed

Canberra Times, General News, 25/05/2026, Miriam Webber, Page 14

When it comes to taking the trash out, journalists and parliamentarians are clued into the Friday afternoon report drop. But The Australia Institute says it's uncovered a new way public servants and politicians might seek to soften the blow of some less-than-ideal PR the Monday morning pre-estimates drop. [...] "We're frankly being inundated by anonymous requests as a government, for Freedom of Information, and we don't know where those requests come from," Health Minister Mark Butler said last year.

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Revenue raised in national debate

Canberra Times, General News, 25/05/2026, Ebony Bennett, Page 17

We are a low-tax country that does not raise enough cash for the services we want, need and deserve. The federal budget has opened up a much-needed conversation about how we can pay for these services. [...] The massive cuts to the NDIS announced by Health Minister Mark Butler are expected to impact the most on people who are visually impaired, those with long-term mental health conditions like bipolar and schizophrenia, and people with Down syndrome - because, God knows, they've had it too good for too long.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#).

Labor's plan to fast-track NDIS overhaul hits hurdles

The Age, Other, 24/05/2026, Natassia Chrysanthos

Labor's contentious overhaul of the \$56 billion NDIS is hitting early roadblocks as the Coalition threatens to withhold its support while states push for more detail and those with disabilities warn that major changes are being rushed through without safeguards. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said he will first use this power to reduce people's social and community participation budgets to 2023 levels, and reduce therapy from 72 to 68 hours a year.

Also reported by: [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#).

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

Rebecca White vows to defeat One Nation by focusing on community work

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, Sue Bailey

Lyons MP Rebecca White remains defiant about One Nation's rising popularity in her electorate, declaring the party offers no real policies to help Tasmanians. A year after being elected to federal parliament, former state Labor leader Rebecca White, is confident One Nation will not pose a threat in her seat of Lyons.

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Family of man who died after Covid jab denied compensation

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, Sue Bailey

The family of an 80-year-old man whose autopsy confirmed he died from a vaccine-related disorder say the compensation scheme has "failed" them completely. The family of a Tasmanian man, who died from a rare disorder after having a Covid vaccination, say they feel "defeated and frustrated" that they have been unable to be compensated. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said it does not comment on individual claims due to privacy reasons.

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Is IPC complacency undermining the blood, sweat and tears we put into COVID preparedness?

Inside Ageing, Other, 24/05/2026, Sherrie Boucher

Not long ago, COVID-19 forced the aged care sector into sweeping infection prevention and control (IPC) reforms, rapidly reshaping policies, practices and workplace behaviours to levels few could have imagined. The pandemic demonstrated how quickly providers and workers could adapt under pressure, but medical science and history suggest another major outbreak is inevitable. [...] The beginning of the undoing In April 2024, the cessation of PPE and rapid antigen test distribution from the National Medical Stockpile marked a return to routine operations (Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, 2024 Providers were once again responsible for sourcing their own supplies.

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Labor says health savings should be reinvested, not stripped from system

WEB Pulse Tasmania, Other, 24/05/2026

Any savings found in Tasmania's health budget should be reinvested in patient care, the shadow health minister says. Labor MLC Sarah Lovell on Sunday said the state government was pursuing \$700 million in cuts to the system instead. [...] The budget papers set out both a headline health allocation and a \$702 million operational efficiencies target for the Department of Health.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Bain Capital to unveil \$2.5b sale of Estia Health, co-investor in tow

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 25/05/2026, Page 16

Global buyout firm Bain Capital is on track to score another multibillion-dollar payday for its investors after agreeing to terms to sell Estia Health.

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

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'He could be dead by then': Families' stories of pain and despair highlight the human toll of aged-care system delays

The Australian, General News, 25/05/2026, Stephen Lunn, Page 4

Pip Cardno did not realise how prophetic her words would prove to be. After her husband David, who had bladder cancer, was approved for a Level 4 home-care package in May 2025, she was told it might be a year before the services were provided.

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

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Our debt pile doesn't scare markets but it has a cost

Age, Business News, 25/05/2026, Clancy Yeates, Page 25

In the next few months, the federal government's gross debt is expected to hit \$1 trillion. This big number is bound to get lots of political attention the Coalition has even set up a dedicated online "debt clock" to mark the occasion.

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Anna was just 23 when she taught 83-year-old Ron to cook. He may just owe her his life

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/05/2026, Anna Johnston

When I was 23 years old, I learnt an invaluable lesson: gravy can change lives. I realised this while standing in a community kitchen, watching an 83-year-old widower blink back tears over a saucepan.

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Clarence Property acquires four retirement villages in major \$90m deal

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/05/2026, Andrew Potts

Retirement villages across southeast Queensland have commanded a staggering \$90.2m as investors chase returns in the booming aged care sector. Gold Coast housing prices skyrocket Interstate migration has caused property prices on the Gold Coast to skyrocket with the median house price.

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

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Angus Taylor's claim support is a 'privilege of citizenship' leaves Deepa and others with an impossible choice

The Guardian, Other, 24/05/2026, Tory Shepherd

When Deepa Chaudhary's newborn slept, she used the time to find out what support she could get as a permanent resident in Australia. The answer was: not very much.

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Connecting people living with dementia

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 25/05/2026, Melissa Farley

A peer support program from Dementia Australia is helping to empower people living with dementia. The role of peer support as a non-clinical intervention in disease management is well understood, especially for cancer and diabetes diagnoses.

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Managing medicines in aged care with the PHARMA-Care National Quality Framework

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 25/05/2026

Older adults living in residential aged care homes (RACHs) often experience multimorbidity and complex medication regimens, which can increase the risk of medicines-related adverse events and harms.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Normal craziness wins in a time of general madness

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Andrew Bolt, Page 13

Multiculturalism can actually help One Nation. See, my mother taught me a Dutch saying that I reckon could make the party stronger.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Falsely claiming a worker resigned proves costly for NDIS firm

Burnie Advocate, General News, 25/05/2026, Matt Maloney, Page 4

A Tasmanian NDIS provider has been ordered to pay more than \$12,600 after it removed shifts from a worker on the false belief that she had resigned. The worker, Danni-Elle Palmer, was employed by Inspire Support Services Tas in August 2024, initially working as a casual disability support worker before stepping into a permanent administration role in February 2025.

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

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Colour for a Cause: community laces up for disability support charities

Newcastle Herald, Other, 24/05/2026

A vibrant cloud of pink, blue, and yellow smoke erupted along Newcastle Foreshore on Sunday morning, as the community donned their whitest t-shirts and laced up their boots for a cause. More than 150 people took part in the Colour for a Cause, which raised thousands of dollars for local disability support charity Wheeling and Able.

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The Guardian, Other, 24/05/2026, Tory Shepherd

When Deepa Chaudhary's newborn slept, she used the time to find out what support she could get as a permanent resident in Australia. Chaudhary moved here from India four years ago and worked until her baby was born in January last year.

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Angus Taylor may have just created half a million new Labor voters

The New Daily, Other, 24/05/2026

The trick at the heart of Angus Taylor's budget reply is that it punishes a group that cannot vote. Strip the NDIS, Jobseeker, Youth Allowance and Family Tax Benefit from non-citizens, including permanent residents and you have, on paper, a free political hit.

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Aussie bank helping secure 'lifetime income'

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 25/05/2026

Retirees will be able to convert their superannuation into "lifetime income" with a market-first program by one of Australia's big four banks. AMP will on Monday launch its Lifetime Super Boost, which can be activated by all AMP Super members and creates a "concessional" balance "in the background".

PRIMARY CARE

Footscray's rebuilt hospital faces cancer services cuts

Age, General News, 25/05/2026, Henrietta Cook, Page 4

It opened to patients just three months ago, but doctors at the new Footscray Hospital fear they will soon have to wind back cancer services for some of the sickest Victorians. Under a Health Department specialist centralisation plan, oesophageal surgeries will no longer be done at the new hospital, with patients instead required to travel to Geelong Hospital or Peter Mac for these procedures.

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Ghost sites across state

Courier Mail, General News, 25/05/2026, Hayden Johnson, Page 13

Queensland Health leaders concede it could be tough to recruit enough workers to staff expanded facilities across the state. The \$748m expansion of Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital, due to open next year, will feature 249 more inpatient beds, including 30 for intensive care, and 13 new cancer treatment bays.

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Struggle for patients

Courier Mail, General News, 25/05/2026, Hayden Johnson, Page 13

Fuel and accommodation subsidies for patients travelling from regional Queensland for treatment must be almost doubled in next month's budget, advocates say. A long-awaited increase to the languishing 34c per kilometre and \$70 accommodation subsidies is expected to be included in Treasurer David Janetzki's state budget next month following advocacy by The Courier-Mail through the At What Cost campaign.

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

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'More than a clinic': New centre to boost Darwin care

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/05/2026, Cara Jenkin, Page 6

Darwin residents will soon be able to be treated for urgent but not life-threatening illnesses and injuries at a new Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Eaton. The Darwin Medicare Urgent Care Clinic will join the Palmerston Medicare Urgent Care Clinic as the second clinic in the Greater Darwin region.

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FCD Health champions new preventative care model

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 6

Being able to access ongoing and preventative health care close to home plays an important role in helping Territorians stay well or identify health risks early. While it is essential Territorians can access free, walk-in urgent health care when they experience a non-life-threatening illness or injury, such as the care offered by Palmerston Medicare Urgent Care Clinic and Darwin Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, a local GP clinic complements it with multidisciplinary primary care.

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The kids don't stand a chance

West Australian, General News, 25/05/2026, Oliver Lane, Page 1

Wait times for children needing to see a paediatrician to diagnose developmental issues have blown out to nearly two years in the underpressure public health system. The median wait for children in Perth to see a paediatrician through the Child Development Services scheme is now 23.9 months, up more than seven months since the end of November.

Children don't have two years to spare

West Australian, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 2

Two years. Twenty-four months. 730 days. However you slice it, the latest wait times for children needing to see a paediatrician through our State's public system are indefensible.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Perth\)](#).

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Rural health missed in the budget

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 11

Rural health advocates say the federal budget has reinforced the continuation of a "massive underspend in rural, remote, and regional Australia" on health. Rural Doctors Association Australia president Sarah Chalmers said there needed to be a national "refocus on rural healthcare, and particularly measures to deliver more doctors to rural and remote communities".

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Base hospital an election battleground?

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 25/05/2026, Sophia Baker, Page 3

Will the Hamilton hospital's long-awaited emergency department and ICU upgrade become a hot-button issue as the state counts down towards the November election? At the 2022 state election, state opposition health spokeswoman Georgie Crozier with The Nationals' member for Lowan, Emma Kealy, committed \$17 million towards a new intensive care unit and emergency department in Hamilton if a Liberal and Nationals government was elected.

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'They've taken all my stuff': councils across Australia threaten homeless people with fines and confiscation of belongings

The Guardian, Other, 24/05/2026, Cait Kelly and Andrew Messenger

Queensland woman Tamika Jamieson lives in fear of being moved on ... again. "They've taken all my stuff, all my belongings, everything off me five times," she says.

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RACGP launches five-year plan to strengthen general practice and patient care

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/05/2026

The Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) has today launched its Advocacy Plan 2026–30 , setting a clear, long-term agenda to improve patient outcomes and strengthen the voice of general practice across Australia.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Young Aussies ignore STI risk

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Willow Berry, Page 3

Young Australians are "being told that everything else matters except our health", an advocate has warned as sexually transmitted infections (STIs) spread and the use of contraception declines. June Health founder Grace Toombs warned young people were "unaware of the dire risks as they put reproductive health checks on the backburner.

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7NEWS Spotlight's special investigation sees Liz Hayes put her body

on the line for women's health

7News.com.au, Other, 24/05/2026, Rhianna Mitchell

Celebrated journalist Liz Hayes has uncovered plenty of shocking truths throughout her career, but the discoveries from her latest investigation have hit close to home.

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Expert reveals the key to longevity most people overlook

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/05/2026, Emilie Steinbach

We are in the grip of an obesity pandemic, with our sedentary lives destroying our muscle mass, a new book reveals. Our lifestyle is making us fatter and weaker and it is contributing to the rapid rise of obesity.

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'You're not alone': Inside the camp uniting young burns survivors against bullies

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/05/2026, Jane Armitstead

These children survived horrific burn injuries that left them scarred and isolated, but an adventure camp has shown them their greatest weakness is actually their greatest strength. Lily was in her pyjamas in the back yard when a flaming can struck her chest.

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Tennis star Destanee Aiava calls for 'jail time' over how her dad was treated after revealing horror medical emergency has left him clinging to life

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/05/2026

Aussie tennis star Destanee Aiava has delivered a blistering statement on her father's treatment since he almost died in a medical emergency, calling for 'jail time' as he remains unresponsive in hospital. In late April, Aiava revealed her father Hassan was in a critical condition in intensive care after being found with 'significant head trauma, including a brain bleed and skull fracture, and underwent emergency surgery overnight to relieve the pressure on his brain'.

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What weight loss drugs could mean for heart disease

ABC Online, Other, 25/05/2026, Shari Hams

Weight loss drugs are changing the way doctors think about obesity, diabetes and heart disease, but who should actually be taking them? This week, the Heart Foundation released new recommendations suggesting GLP-1 drugs could play a bigger role in treating Australians with serious health risks linked to weight.

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Sexual Health Victoria to close Melbourne CBD facility despite concerning STI rates

ABC Online, Other, 24/05/2026

Victoria's largest sexual health and education centre will close its CBD facility at the end of the month, even as sexually transmitted infections remain at near-record levels. Sexual Health Victoria said funding from the state government had failed to keep pace with increased demand and overhead costs.

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Why the "war on carbs" is starving your gut (and 5 ways to fix it).

Mamamia, Other, 24/05/2026, Annaliese Todd

For the better part of a decade, the 'war on carbs' has had us convinced that grains are the enemy and protein is the only god worth worshipping. But while we've been busy counting macros and dodging the bread basket, we've accidentally starved the very thing that keeps us running: our gut microbiome

CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

The brutal blow of bowel cancer

Daily Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Duncan Murray, Page 6

When Ebony Gaylor was diagnosed with bowel cancer at 38 years old, she couldn't believe it was happening to her. The fit, young executive-level Melburnian thought issues in her gut were most likely too much gluten or irritable bowel, so she put off getting tested.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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'Birthmarks' lead to diagnosis of Bella's genetic condition

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/05/2026, Natalie Croxon, Page 3

What Bella Lavery's parents thought were simply birthmarks turned out to be the sign of a condition that has led to a host of other health issues. Bella, 13, has neurofibromatosis, a genetic condition that causes tumours to form on nerves, under the skin and elsewhere in the body.

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Faster cancer results

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 25/05/2026, Evan Morgan, Page 8

North Queensland patients anxiously waiting for test results for cancers and bacterial infections can now have their results back in as little as 24 hours, instead of six to eight weeks. A \$300,000 next generation sequencing machine donated by the local hospital foundation, Brighter Lives, means test samples can now be tested in Townsville instead of being sent to Brisbane.

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The innovative program that helped this couple beat cancer

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 24/05/2026, Rachel Rasker

Mike Cohen beat the statistics, but he still felt guilty. After a battle with esophageal cancer, he was left wondering: "Why did I make it?"

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Rhenay Twohy's plea for cancer treatment after two-year-old son Zackary dies from neuroblastoma

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, Evangeline Polymeneas

A toddler's four-month battle with undiagnosed cancer has ended in tragedy, highlighting Australia's shocking gap in childhood cancer treatment options. Two-year-old Zackary Twohy died on Saturday night after a heartbreaking battle with stage four neuroblastoma.

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

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How Jai Arrow's devastating diagnosis has rippled across his friends, family and the NRL community

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, David Riccio

Just 24 hours after one of the NRL's most emotional retirements, Jai Arrow was back at the Rabbitohs. Here's how his devastating diagnosis has rippled across the NRL.

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Darwin hosts first ever walk for pre-eclampsia to start 'needed conversations' on maternal health

Northern Territory News, Other, 24/05/2026, Lottie Hood

A midwife who witnessed pre-eclampsia deaths in Ghana has organised Darwin's first Walk for Pre-eclampsia, targeting a condition with higher rates among First Nations women. For the first time, the Northern Territory will be joining people all over Australia walking to raise awareness for a serious pregnancy complication which impacts one in 20 women.

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

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'Hope and despair': Canberra teacher's struggle with an invisible illness

Canberra Times, Other, 24/05/2026, Eleanor Campbell

In the spring of 2022, Chris Quill was in his late 30s and at the peak of his life. He exercised up to four times a week and was an active father to two young sons.

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Vanja's doctors dismissed the tiny lump in her stomach as 'nothing but a muscle tear'... it turns out she had stage-four cancer

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 24/05/2026

A mum-of-two whose tiny stomach lump was dismissed by doctors as 'probably nothing but a muscle tear' has revealed how the symptom later turned out to be stage four ovarian cancer. At 38, Vanja Wilson was busy balancing family life and a demanding career as a general manager at a tech company when she noticed what felt like a small marble beneath the skin of her abdomen.

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Bowel cancer. 12 months to live... Gemma was 35 with two children when she got the call - but these treatments have kept her alive six years on as a new trial offers hope

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 25/05/2026, Amy Molloy

Gemma Farquhar will always remember the exact ages of her children in April 2020: four and six.

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Polycystic Ovary Syndrome name change brings clarity to misunderstood condition

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 25/05/2026, Nance Haxton

A global effort led by Monash University has successfully changed the name of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome to Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome. Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome (PMOS) is a significant women's health condition affecting around 170 million people worldwide.

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2GB, Healthy Living, 24/05/2026, Dr Ross Walker and Spiro Christopoulos

Walker says McMaster University researchers are using CAR T-cell therapies to treat brain cancer. He states that the team used a particular type of protein that targets the receptors in the glioblastoma cells, and he is very excited about the future of CAR T-cell therapy.

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Charting a course through pain & loss

West Australian, General News, 25/05/2026, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 14

WA researchers behind a world-first online therapy program for children experiencing grief are expanding the initiative to adolescents. The Supporting Kids in Loss project was the first of its kind to offer cognitive behaviour therapy via an engaging and interactive online program.

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

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World's No.1 disability

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 4

Mental disorders are now the leading cause of disability globally, overtaking both cancer and cardiovascular disease. Research involving the University of Queensland found that nearly 1.2 billion people worldwide were living with a mental disorder in 2023, nearly double the number in 1990.

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Checking R U OK?

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 25/05/2026, Isabella Davis, Page 1

Free events across the Goldfields will offer a cuppa and a chat alongside practical tips to help people support each other through life's ups and downs. The suicide prevention charity R U OK? will visit communities across regional WA as part of its conversation convoy initiative.

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

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Mum setting out on a mission of Hope

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/05/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 12

When Hope Day was two, she stopped talking. "She started off hitting normal milestones," her mum Amanda Keyes told the Newcastle Herald.

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Depression in two weeks

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 7

Removing everyday positive mental health behaviours for just two weeks can rapidly trigger symptoms of depression and anxiety in otherwise healthy adults. Maintaining realistic thinking; engaging in meaningful activities; having goals and plans; keeping healthy routines, including sleep; and staying socially connected are what researchers call the big five for a healthy life.

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2GB, Healthy Living, 24/05/2026, Dr Ross Walker and Spiro Christopoulos

Interview with Dr Tanveer Ahmed. Walker says a new study from SMU and UCLA has revealed that targeting a patient's lost ability to feel pleasure, a condition known as anhedonia, is far more effective at lifting both depression and anxiety than standard therapy, and he also notes that anhedonia affects 90% of people with major depression, rendering them unable to experience joy, motivation or purpose. Ahmed says anhedonia is a symptom of depression, and the study is part of a broader field of positive psychology.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Tumour hotspots

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 6

New research has uncovered why some parts of the brain may be more vulnerable to tumour growth than others, offering new clues into how brain cancers begin and how they could be stopped. The Peter Mac study identified a protein called "Chinmo" as a critical factor that determines whether brain cells carrying cancer mutations can grow into tumours in fruit flies.

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Florey Institute scientists uncover gut link to neurofibromatosis disorder

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, Robyn Riley

Scientists have made a breakthrough discovery about gut health in neurofibromatosis patients that could lead to simple, cheap treatments for the cruel genetic disorder. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month Kylie Webb is learning sign language to prepare for possible hearing loss as a result of Neurofibromatosis.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Red-tape delays over NT funding

The Australian, General News, 25/05/2026, Noah Yim, Page 1

Federal Labor has not spent any money under an \$842.6m plan announced over a year ago for Indigenous Australians in remote areas of the Northern Territory, sparking accusations the commonwealth has vacated the field on Indigenous affairs. Anthony Albanese in February 2025 heralded the agreement as a "landmark" and said it showed his government remained "determined to seek better results for Indigenous Australians and help Close the Gap".

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Dad slams GC Health over exorcism claim

Courier Mail, General News, 25/05/2026, Ann Wason Moore, Page 24

Gold Coast Health has accused the grieving parents of dead teenager Giaan Ramsay of attempting an exorcism on their daughter while refusing them initial access to an internal report into her care. Weeks after a state review criticised Gold Coast Health for transparency failings with families, the service wrote to Steve and Lizel Ramsay to deny access to a Root Cause Analysis report, accusing them of telling Giaan she was possessed by the devil.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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Hands off care staff

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/05/2026, Bridget Clarke, Page 1

Questions are mounting over where the health department will find \$700m in savings, as the government insists there will be no cuts to health services while health bodies warn the system is already at breaking point. Asked on Sunday if \$700m worth of "operational efficiencies" outlined in the 20262027 budget would target any frontline staff, Health Minister Bridget Archer said the government had been clear "there are no cuts to the health budget and we will protect essential services that Tasmanians rely on".

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Building NT's medical workforce

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/05/2026, Page 6

FCD Health is not just focused on providing high-quality health care to Territorians now, but for decades to come. Its role as a teaching and training organisation supports those seeking a career in healthcare, from school students exploring health careers to student doctors, nurses, GP registrars, Aboriginal health practitioner trainees and nurse practitioner candidates who are well on their way.

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Sex pest doctor in demand

West Australian, General News, 25/05/2026, Bethany Hiatt, Page 7

Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti has vowed to probe how a Geraldton psychiatrist who sexually harassed a nurse bombarding her with messages declaring his undying love has been spared a harsher penalty because of regional workforce shortages. Panduranga Mallikarjun Rapuri was last week suspended for three months after the State Administrative Tribunal found he had engaged in professional misconduct.

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

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Patient returns to hospital as volunteer

Border Mail, General News, 25/05/2026, Chelsea Wilson, Page 5

Hospital volunteers were celebrated by Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) for their contribution to the health service. More than 150 volunteers from the health service shared lunch together at Huon Hill Wodonga on Friday, May 22, to mark National Volunteers Week.

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New chief executive named to lead Riverina health service

Daily Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Jac Marshall, Page 5

Newly-appointed Murrumbidgee Local Health District chief executive Emma Field knows she has big shoes to fill. The new leader of the Riverina health service was announced as Jill Ludford's successor on Friday, after more than a decade in the role.

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Skilled, experienced, a mother? Sorry, but you can't work here

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Tiffany Bazart, Page 24

For years, I worked in IT and project delivery for some of Australia's largest corporates and a string of SMEs. I delivered large-scale projects, managed teams operating across multiple sites, and held the kind of accountability for change management that doesn't get handed to people who can't hack the pressure.

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South Australian doctors reveal the nightmares fighting ebola on the Africa frontline

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/05/2026, Ruby Stewart

Adelaide medics reveal the devastating reality of fighting ebola outbreaks where patients die horrific deaths and families cannot even touch their loved ones' bodies. Uganda's health ministry has recorded three new Ebola cases, taking the total number of infections to five.

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

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Burra doctor Dharma Dissanayake forced to shut clinic after medical board imposes practice restrictions

Adelaide Now, Other, 24/05/2026, Sam Lowe and Lucy Rutherford

Burra's only medical centre has closed after restrictions were placed on the sole GP's licence, leaving locals divided and forcing residents to travel long distances for basic health services. Sky News host Jenna Clarke says the new laws to allow the health watchdog to "name and shame doctors" who are under investigation for misconduct is "great".

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

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How do patients feel about their doctor using AI scribes?

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 25/05/2026

Survey findings suggest that patient-facing AI tools must be evaluated not only for technical performance but also for communication quality, and demonstrable clinician oversight. Many patients leave their healthcare consultations remembering only part of what was discussed.

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AUSTRALIAN CDC

Ebola no threat in SA, says expert

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/05/2026, Ruby Stewart, Page 6

The possibility of Ebola disease spreading to South Australia is "pretty much nil", according to an Adelaide University expert. Adrian Esterman, a professor of biostatistics and epidemiology, said the deadly virus spread "very differently" to Covid-19.

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Battle to stop diphtheria spread across Australia

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/05/2026, Lottie Hood, Page 7

The Northern Territory is experiencing an unprecedented wave of rare and serious diseases which have already claimed the lives of at least two people. But it is not just the Territory.

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How three Red Cross volunteers became the first victims of the latest Ebola outbreak

SBS, Other, 24/05/2026

The Bundibugyo strain of Ebola was declared an emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization on Sunday. The three volunteers are thought to have contracted the virus during dead body management activities.

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Ebola claims more lives in Congo

Canberra Times, International News, 25/05/2026, Page 10

The death toll from an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo continues to rise.

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

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Channel 10, 10 News (Weekend), 24/05/2026, Narelda Jacobs

Armed soldiers and riot police will escort ambulances carrying those killed by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. There are now more than 750 suspected cases and more than 170 suspected deaths as officials race to develop a vaccine to curb the spread.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Billionaires, drugs and Vegas: Let Games begin

Sydney Morning Herald, Sport, 25/05/2026, Tom Decent, Page 40

Amid the cynicism, Enhanced Games are finally under way. But is this really sport?

Lab games a serious flex

Herald Sun, General News, 25/05/2026, Vanessa Marsh, Page 15

As Aussie Olympian James Magnussen hauls himself out of a pool in the scorching Las Vegas sunshine, 200 international media crews focus their cameras on his impossible physique. [...] Many health professionals disagree, and the Therapeutic Goods Administration warns the use of unapproved peptides carries serious risks.

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

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Aussies 'microdosing' weight loss drugs due to financial pressures and side effects

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, Ashleigh Gleeson and Taylor Penny

Some people are taking smaller doses of weight loss drugs because of financial pressures or to limit side effects, despite risks. Tammy keeps her Mounjaro in the fridge "just in case" for a different reason. [...] A spokesman from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), the nation's medicines watchdog said it was aware of microdosing and considered it off-label prescribing.

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GLP-1 weight-loss drug use surges across Australia amid safety warnings and supply shortages

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/05/2026, Andrew Hedgman

Medications like Ozempic are now reshaping how hundreds of thousands of Australians lose weight, while raising urgent questions about safety and access. The Explosive Rise of Unapproved Peptide Injections Peptides are all over social media. [...] These unapproved products were not assessed for safety or quality by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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

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Dodgy botox, peptides and melatonin gummies seized in major Australian Border Force bust

West Australian, Other, 24/05/2026, Rhianna Mitchell

Australian Border Force officials have seized almost one million doses of illegally imported medicines in just two weeks, including peptides, melatonin and botox, as part of a global crackdown. The operation alongside Interpol, which led to 260 arrests and the dismantling of more than 60 criminal groups globally, also saw hundreds of social media pages promoting unlawful products, therapies or procedures shut down. [...] In Australia the ABF, working with medicines regulator the Therapeutic Goods Administration, seized 900,000 units of unlawfully imported goods.

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

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2GB, Healthy Living, 24/05/2026, Dr Ross Walker and Spiro Christopoulos

Walker says Ozempic, Wegovy and Mounjaro have genuinely transformed obesity medicine over the past three years, but there is a problem for people who are taking such medications because they do

not know about their long-term effects, and they do not want people to be injecting themselves for the rest of their days. He also says there are revelations that people who transitioned to Orpaglipron from the injectables maintained an average of about 80% of the weight that they had lost.

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A matter of life or death

Border Mail, General News, 25/05/2026, Sophie Else, Page 1

As part of Food Allergy Week, this Border mum has relived the fear associated with severe allergic reactions after one mouthful of a bought meal led to her daughter's second severe attack.

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