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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 1) reports that a new report by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine has revealed that close to two in five emergency doctors are planning on leaving the profession in the next 10 years. Respondents to the survey cited unsustainable workplace conditions as the most common reason for those planning to leave, alongside burnout, overcrowding, physical and verbal abuse, and excessive stress.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 1) reports that AHPRA has suspended Dr Reza Adib, the partner of former Queensland premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, from practising nationwide as he faces multiple rape charges.
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 7) reports that Disability Minister Jenny McAllister and departmental officials were questioned on Tuesday over changes to veteran entitlements. Senator Jacqui Lambie criticised the \$5000 annual cap on allied health services for veterans, and asked how many widows and Vietnam veterans the government expected to "drop dead".
- **[The Age](#)** (page 5) reports that the Australian Human Rights Commission says it is concerned about new NDIS governance laws, warning they risk compromising the rights of disabled people.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 7) reports that SA Health will implement all 18 recommendations made by the Coroner following an investigation into the deaths of three

patients who were ramped at SA hospitals between 2019 and 2022.

- **[ABC Online](#)** reports that following an urgent review sparked by last year's embryo mix-ups involving private provider Monash IVF, the Victorian Government has announced it will introduce an amendment to the Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008 to make IVF clinics safer and more accountable.

MINISTER BUTLER

Hospital emergency as doctors plan to quit

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 03/06/2026, Rachel Rasker, Page 1

Emergency doctors are planning to leave the profession in overwhelming numbers after years of patient overcrowding and excessive stress, raising serious concerns about the future of already short-staffed emergency departments. A new report by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) found close to two in five emergency doctors plan to leave in the next 10 years, including younger doctors decades away from retirement. [...] In a statement, federal Health Minister Mark Butler pointed to January's \$25 billion hospital funding deal with state and territory governments, a joint taskforce into bed block and a \$3.7 billion investment in aged care.

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

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If Ebola gets a foothold in Australia, what happens next?

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 03/06/2026, Brendan Crabb, Page 19

The management of Victoria's suspected Ebola case last week shows the best infectious disease responses are the ones you never hear about. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler was right in describing it as "deeply concerning" but we're also reminded that Australia has a strong health system, sophisticated laboratories, experienced public health teams and specialist services well-placed to manage a small number of cases.

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

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We must work smarter to save our struggling NDIS

Courier Mail, General News, 03/06/2026, Fred Cicchini, Page 21

The government is right about one thing the NDIS is growing too fast and needs reform. [...] The real test for the government, and for Minister Mark Butler, in particular, is not whether reform can be announced, but whether it can be executed with courage.

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Government accused of slow response to disease outbreak

Koori Mail, General News, 03/06/2026, Lloyd Jones, Page 27

Government responses to a fast-spreading outbreak of the potentially deadly virus diphtheria were initially too slow, a peak Aboriginal health body says. The criticism came as federal health minister Mark Butler admitted something has gone wrong to allow such an outbreak when most developed countries had relegated the disease to the dustbin of history".

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Urgent Care Clinics here to stay

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 23

Medicare Urgent Care Clinics will be funded permanently after the federal government confirmed ongoing investment in its latest budget. [...] Caption Text: Federal Health Minister Mark Butler at the opening of Mundaring UCC earlier this year.

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Migraine prevention drug Emgality put on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, now hundreds of dollars cheaper

7News.com.au, Other, 02/06/2026, Jennifer Bechwati

Thousands of Australians living with severe migraines will now pay a fraction of the cost for a treatment many describe as life changing. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the treatment had already transformed the lives of people living with chronic migraine.

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The Zap: latest health and aged care news, plus consultations not to miss and a quick quiz

Croakey, Other, 02/06/2026, Melissa Sweet

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Pharma giants warn Australia risks missing new drugs

grafa.com, Other, 02/06/2026

Global pharmaceutical giants are warning that Australia risks being abandoned as a market for life-saving therapies due to a "prohibitive" pricing and approvals system. [...] Although Health Minister Mark Butler is reviewing the pricing system, the Labor government refuses to bow to international pressure to alter its subsidised health model.

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What the Maggie Beer Foundation funding tells aged care leaders about money, governance and timing

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 02/06/2026, Marion Piper

When the 2026 Australian Federal Budget was announced, it validated a very familiar story. [...] Before that role, she was a ministerial adviser to then-Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler (September 2022 to April 2024).

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Local petition reaches Canberra

Latrobe Valley Express, Other, 02/06/2026

Nursing graduate from Federation University, Churchill, Zoe Kapos, saw her petition presented to the House of Representatives recently. [...] Ms Kapos is expecting a response within 90 days from when the petition closed from Minister for Disability, National Disability Insurance Scheme and Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler.

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Ebola may have spread beyond Africa. How are health authorities responding?

The Conversation, Other, 02/06/2026, Abrar Ahmad Chughtai, Holly Seale and Md Saiful Islam

The latest Ebola outbreak is showing no signs of slowing. [...] Australia has not put in place any travel or quarantine requirements for affected countries, but federal health minister Mark Butler says authorities are still monitoring the outbreak "very closely".

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NDIS overhaul will 'harm' Australians with disabilities, government's own committee warns

The Guardian, Other, 03/06/2026, Sarah Basford

The national disability insurance scheme's proposed overhaul will cause "material harm" to Australians

with disabilities, undermine its original intentions and hand unprecedented power to the health minister, the federal government's own reform advisory committee warns. [...] Some of the proposed changes will allow the NDIS minister, Mark Butler, to progressively reduce social participation budgets for participants by 50% and tweak the meaning of permanence to restrict NDIS access to participants who can first show they have exhausted "all appropriate" treatment options.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 02/06/2026, Angela Cox and Mark Ferguson

According to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, about 135,000 Australians will now be able to access Emgality, a drug for severe migraines, for just \$25 a script. From today, the breakthrough drug is available on the PBS, but advocates say the changes do not go far enough.

Also reported by: [Channel 7 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Seven Tasmania \(Hobart\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Perth\)](#).

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2ST, Breakfast, 02/06/2026, Charles 'Max' Maxwell

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has confirmed that Australia will not shut its international borders or enforce mandatory quarantine mandates for arrivals travelling from Ebola-hit nations. The Commonwealth's biosecurity position arrives amid heightened global anxiety following reports of suspected travel-related Ebola cases popping up in Italy and Brazil.

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Artsound FM, 08:00 AIR News ACT Edition, 02/06/2026

Three new universally bulk-billed general practices are on track to open across Canberra by 30 June 2026, marking a major federal market intervention to lower soaring out-of-pocket healthcare costs in the capital. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler stated that the targeted cash injection was desperately needed to address Canberra's chronically low bulk-billing rate, which sits at just 51% compared to a 78% national average.

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ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 02/06/2026, Samantha Donovan

Report by Kathleen O'Connor. Infectious disease experts are backing the Federal Government's decision not to ban travellers from African countries where the Ebola virus is spreading from entering Australia. The number of confirmed or suspected Ebola cases has risen to more than 1200 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, but Federal Health Minister Mark Butler maintains there are no plans to close Australian borders, and they are monitoring those travelling to Australia from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Drive, 02/06/2026, Georgia Stynes

Interview with Simon Blacker, ACT Pharmacy Guild. Blacker says he had a conversation with ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr, where he provided him with an update on community pharmacies, and he also notes that the NSW Premier announced six weeks ago that they would look to allow privately trained pharmacists to initiate hormone contraception. He states that they would love for pharmacists to conduct hormonal contraception consultations because Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced pilot funding for UTI and hormonal contraception trials.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

'How many vets, widows, do you expect to drop dead?'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 03/06/2026, Nathan Schmidt, Page 7

Senator Jacqui Lambie has lashed out over a controversial \$5000 annual cap on allied health services for veterans announced in the federal budget, asking the government how many widows and Vietnam veterans it expected to "drop dead". Disability Minister Jenny McAllister and departmental officials were grilled on Tuesday over changes to veteran entitlements.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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The Zap: latest health and aged care news, plus consultations not to miss and a quick quiz

Croakey, Other, 02/06/2026, Melissa Sweet

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Channel 9, Today , 02/06/2026, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo

Panel discussion with Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ted O'Brien. Compere mentions that according to the Reserve Bank, the government's First Term Housing Policy did not help with supply, as well as in migration. Rae points out that it is the Reserve Bank's job to stress-test every policy, as they have been putting \$47b into housing.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, Drive, 02/06/2026, Charlie Pickering

Interview with Federal Minister for Aged Care Sam Rae, on recent reports revealing that over 100,000 older Australians are still waiting for Support at Home packages. Rae states that changes to the queue rate to reduce wait times have taken effect, but they have to take a step back and understand the problem they face as a community. He notes that the ageing population is increasing at a rate that Australia has never seen before, leading to a growth in demand, and they need a sustainable aged care system that delivers high-quality and dignified care across the community.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Melbourne \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC Radio Melbourne \(Melbourne\)](#).

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FIVEAA, 07:00 News, 02/06/2026

Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae has defended the government's housing policies, admitting that the administration has been "forced to play catch-up" following a leaked report revealing the central bank's scepticism over the strategy. Internal briefings surfaced showing that Reserve Bank of Australia officials have privately judged the Labor Government's first-term housing agenda as "relatively modest," suggesting the measures will do little to fix deep-seated affordability crises.

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DEPARTMENT

Senator slams department's \$2.7b 'slush fund'

West Australian, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 10

A senator has zeroed in on what she describes as a huge "slush fund". South Australian senator Anne Ruston quizzed health department officials about the Federal Budget figure on the first day of a Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee hearing. [...] "Mr Comley, I don't know if I'm not understanding or your officials are being a bit tricky," she said to Department of Health, Disability and Ageing secretary Blair Comley.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Global tensions with US President Donald Trump could threaten affordable medicines in Australia

NEWS.com.au, Other, 02/06/2026, Sarah Sharples

Australia's access to affordable medicines could be under threat from global tensions, with one woman forced to fork out \$220 just to walk. Chrissy Symeonakis spends \$220 every month on medication which allows her to walk. [...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said the Australian Government is progressing implementation of the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Review through a staged approach.

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

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'No conspiracy' surrounding release of wait times, says dept

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 02/06/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

The department has denied it published the report on aged care wait times on budget day due to ministerial direction, saying it was released as soon as practicable. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has defended the timing of the release of the Aged Care Act 2024 Wait Times

Report: Residential care and Support at Home, saying it was not intentionally released on budget day when the press gallery was in lock-up.

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Removal of IAT human override lacked consultation

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 02/06/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

In Budget Estimates 2026–27 this week, the department confirms human override was removed without consultation but argues the Independent Assessment Tool process has plenty of human involvement. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has confirmed this morning during a Senate Budget Estimates hearing that it did not engage specific consultation with any provider, older person or advocacy group on the proposal to remove the human override from the Integrated Assessment Tool.

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Growing concerns about Ebola preparedness and responses

Croakey, Other, 02/06/2026, Melissa Sweet

Just a week ago I wrote an article for Inside Story on how poorly prepared the world is for the next pandemic, as exemplified by the growing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Uganda. [...] "Australia sets its border measures based on Australia's circumstances," a spokesperson for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing told SBS The Government has said it is rolling out public health signage about the virus at airports alongside the usual surveillance measures.

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Pocock challenges DoHDA over timing of aged care wait times report release

Health Services Daily, Other, 02/06/2026

The report was released on the way afternoon of the year when the media was locked in a room without their phones.

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BREAKING: 4.75% wage rise from July: what aged care leaders need to know before the government responds

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 02/06/2026, Marion Piper

The Fair Work Commission handed down its Annual Wage Review decision on Tuesday 2 June, lifting minimum and award wages by 4.75% from 1 July 2026. [...] The question government hasn't answered yet At time of publication, neither the Department of Health and Aged Care nor the Minister has indicated whether AN-ACC funding rates or Home Support program subsidies will be adjusted to reflect the 4.75% increase.

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Double down on digital to be ready for AI, says dept chief

Pulse+IT, Other, 02/06/2026

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the next frontier, but human value lies in what the technology can't replace.

Reasoning, judgment, empathy, bias, and those things that connect to our lived experience, says
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Chief Digital Information Officer Fay Flevaras.

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ABC Radio Canberra, 15:00 News, 02/06/2026

An algorithm used to pinpoint how much government funding older people should get to help them live at home has caused dozens of mistakes. At a Senate estimates hearing, Department of Health and Aged Care officials have revealed they have had around 1000 people wanting a review of their funding assessment.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Melbourne \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC Radio Sydney \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC Newcastle \(Newcastle\)](#), [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#), [ABC Far North \(Cairns\)](#), [ABC Ballarat \(Ballarat\)](#).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

It's a no-brainer, but aged care still gives investors headaches

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 03/06/2026, Michael Smith, Page 27

On paper, investing in Australian aged care should be a no-brainer. The demographics are inexorable. Australia has an acute shortage of aged beds at a time when the number of people in their 80s and above is reaching record highs.

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

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Jackie's story

Canberra Times, General News, 03/06/2026, Jackie French, Page 1

What happens when the care designed to support ageing Australians fails? Jackie French knows all too well the grim reality of being left stranded by aged-care providers.

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Four ways to make aged care viable without spending more

The Australian, Other, 02/06/2026, Geoff Rowe

We don't hear older people asking for more aged care beds, we hear them asking how can I stay in my home? We need to support alternative thinking.

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Labor promised to fix aged care. Seven months in, it has made things worse

HelloCare, Other, 02/06/2026, Jakob Neeland

In 2018, the Morrison government called a Royal Commission into aged care. Over the years that followed, Australians watched adult children break down in public hearings describing parents left in soiled beds, denied pain medication, and stripped of basic dignity.

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BREAKING: Fair Work lifts aged care wages 4.75%. Unions say it's not enough

HelloCare, Other, 02/06/2026, Jakob Neeland

The Fair Work Commission has handed down its Annual Wage Review decision this morning, raising minimum and award wages by 4.75% from 1 July 2026. For aged care workers, many of them on award rates and among the lowest-paid in the country, it's a win.

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'I won't be eating': Families panic over changes to aged care fees

The Senior, Other, 02/06/2026, Phoebe Loomes

Loved ones navigating the embattled aged care system are urged to talk to their providers if something is wrong, so not to be "disadvantaged by a complex system". "Every time they want me to sign something, I get agitated and just find it so difficult," said Bill, whose name has been changed to protect his privacy.

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Health officials reveal no audit on algorithm which assesses older Aussies to determine their level support

West Australian, Other, 02/06/2026, Caitlyn Rintoul

Health officials have revealed there was no consultation on the final algorithm to assess older Australians to determine what level of funding and home support they should receive. The controversial Integrated Assessment Tool surveys people about their physical, social, and personal circumstances before calculating what support the person is entitled to.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Human rights concern over Labor's NDIS laws

Age, General News, 03/06/2026, Natassia Chrysanthos, Page 5

Australia's peak human rights body says it holds serious concerns about Labor's new laws to govern the National Disability Insurance Scheme, warning they risk compromising the rights of disabled people and must be slowed down. The Australian Human Rights Commission's submission to a Senate inquiry, signed by Disability Discrimination Commissioner Rosemary Kayess, sounded the alarm with several elements of the package.

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Funding to financially empower people with disability

Bunyip, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 23

A one-off grant opportunity of \$1.42 million will be provided to Inclusion Australia over two years in an effort to help people with intellectual disability take greater control over their finances. [...] NDIS Minister Senator Jenny McAllister highlighted the importance of the initiative.

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'She will get worse': Family's fight to keep three-year-old Zoe mobile, after Leigh's syndrome diagnosis

Adelaide Now, Other, 02/06/2026, Erin Constable

A devastating terminal diagnosis has rocked the family of a brave little girl who was originally given a year to live. Zoe was a healthy baby, who was meeting all her milestones until she reached 11 months, when her terrified parents Meagan Gaylor and Tim Beaton, of Kilsyth, noticed her suddenly "go floppy".

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PRIMARY CARE

Katter slams LNP in abortion pill debate

Courier Mail, General News, 03/06/2026, Taylah Fellows, Page 4

The Crisafulli government has guillotined debate after being challenged over minor law changes designed to help nurses administer abortion pills. The Katter's Australian Party on Tuesday used

parliament to argue that the regulatory changes to the Medicines and Poisons Act would "relax abortion safeguards" by enhancing access to the MS-2 step pill, prescribed for termination of pregnancy.

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The downside to longer consults

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Dr Nicholas Stanley-Cary, Page 33

The RACGP and 20 peak patient bodies called on the federal government to fund longer GP consultations to help manage the cost of seeing a GP for patients with chronic disease and complex health needs. But the proposal might not add up, writes Midland GP Dr Nicholas Stanley-Cary.

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New guidelines for male infertility in general practice

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Dr Trent Barrett, Page 42

Infertility affects around one in six couples, with male factors contributing in up to half of cases. The first Australian evidencebased guidelines for male infertility provide an opportunity to strengthen primary care assessment ensuring that potentially reversible or treatable male factors are not overlooked.

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Changes to Victoria's IVF laws promise 'tougher scrutiny' of providers in the wake of embryo bungles

ABC Online, Other, 02/06/2026

The Victorian government is introducing changes to the laws governing IVF clinics that promise "tougher scrutiny" of providers. Under the changes, clinics would have to meet stronger accreditation requirements and could have registration cancelled by the health minister.

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Katter attempts to force discussion on abortion access in Queensland parliament despite ban on debate

ABC Online, Other, 02/06/2026, Sarah Richards and Ned Hammond

An attempt by state MP Robbie Katter to dodge a parliamentary ban on abortion debate has been defeated by 85 votes to 2, with the two votes coming from two KAP MPs. Mr Katter claimed changes to the Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Amendment Regulation 2026 changed access to abortion medication.

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Expensive watches, work bags and gold-plated stationary claimed in SA Health scheme

ABC Online, Other, 02/06/2026

A luxury watch, gold-plated stationery and a \$7,000 "work bag" are among reimbursements claimed by South Australian public medical officers, as the state's anti-corruption watchdog issues a call for better governance. The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Emma Townsend released her report following a six-month evaluation of how professional development funds for public medical officers were being managed.

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Tassie unveils GP ADHD training but AMA says it 'won't be enough' without extra funding

Australian Doctor, Other, 02/06/2026

The Tasmanian Government has unveiled its training for GPs to diagnose and treat ADHD, with about 50 GPs completing a six-hour in-person training session last week.

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Pharmacist prescribing 'not only safe; it's smart health policy': Guild

Data from the final reports of both the NSW pharmacist management of uncomplicated UTIs and oral contraceptive resupply trials show strong adherence to clinical management protocols and low rates of adverse events.

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'Hands off': Nurses rally over abortion pill access

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/06/2026

Nurses have descended on a state parliament in a showdown over an abortion pill as Katter's Australian Party reopened debate over the controversial topic. Conservative MP Robbie Katter has caused uproar after indicating he would on Tuesday move to block a healthcare reform that would stop more nurses and midwives using abortion medication like MS-2 Step.

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Health leaders back pharmacists in general practice

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 02/06/2026

Leaders from four of Australia's peak health organisations have called for greater investment in pharmacists working within general practice, arguing the model can improve medicines safety, strengthen multidisciplinary care and reduce pressure on hospitals.

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6PR, Drive, 02/06/2026, Jamie Burnett

Interview with Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA Chair Dr Ramya Raman. Raman discusses how bulk billing works, saying that the Medicare rebates that are given belong to the patients, and when a GP bulk bills, the patients assign that rebate directly to the doctor. She also states that the RACGP is advocating on behalf of its patients to increase the patients' Medicare rebate so that patients can get quality care while giving GPs the capability to keep their practices open.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Lit happens

Northern Territory News, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 1

The Australian Border Force seized \$3.7m of illegal tobacco during a quietly executed sting in Darwin last week, with investigations into the shock find still under way. The massive haul happened on Thursday shortly after Border Force officers visited a Darwin premises flagged as a suspicious location.

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

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Smoking gun

Northern Territory News, Editorials, 03/06/2026, Page 14

The illicit tobacco trade is a massive, multi-billion dollar crisis that has quietly crept up on Australia and is rapidly outstripping banned drugs for their notoriety. It came knocking on the Territory's door in a big way last week with Australian Border Force seizing \$3.7m of illegal tobacco during a quietly executed sting in Darwin.

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Under pressure

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 10

Experts leading the fight against one of our biggest killers have called for a focus on those hit hardest, as Australia's blood pressure continues to rise. George Institute for Global Health analysis reveals lower control rates in First Nations peoples, the socio-economically disadvantaged and young males.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data reveals more than seven million adults live with high blood pressure.

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We're under pressure

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 7

Experts leading the fight against one of Australia's biggest killers have called for renewed focus on those hit hardest, as the nation's blood pressure continues to rise. [...] Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data reveals more than seven million Australian adults are now living with high blood pressure.

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Addict help shortfall

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 5

Australia is facing a growing addiction crisis. One in 30 people meet the criteria for a substance use disorder, yet addiction medicine remains one of the least visible specialities, with only about 300 doctors specialising in addiction medicine, Flinders University researchers say.

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New technology a boost for liver transplants

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Aleisha Orr, Page 20

An Australian-first liver transplant technology has seen a 70% increase in transplant numbers in one of Perth's biggest hospitals. Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is the first in the country to make the most of a machine that provides both warm and cold liver perfusion, which not only tests the liver's viability but can recover certain injuries.

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Worried about your blood sugar? Four minutes of this exercise can help

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 02/06/2026, Gretchen Reynolds

A single minute of exercise could be enough to help people with Type 2 diabetes stabilise their blood sugar, according to an inspiring new study of "exercise snacks". [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, in 2022, 37 per cent of adults aged 18 to 64 did not meet the physical activity guidelines of 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity across five or more days a week.

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'Document everything': Chloe's grandma issues desperate warning

Canberra Times, Other, 02/06/2026

Over a decade after her granddaughter Chloe Valentine died in shocking circumstances, a South Australian grandmother has a vital message to other Document everything, and never stop fighting for if you fear something is wrong. [...] AIHW data shows that of the 307,000 children subject to child protection notifications in 2023-24, only 39 per cent resulted in a formal investigation.

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Bad public health campaigns. We have them.

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 02/06/2026, Jane McCredie

In November 2019, South Dakota unveiled a bold new campaign to tackle the growing problem of methamphetamine addiction in the state. They called in Minnesota agency, Broadhead, paying a reported fee of just under USD \$450 000 for a series of ads designed to raise public awareness of the issue.

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Aussie first for CTE victims

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 03/06/2026, Leighton Smith, Page 19

In an Australian-first, an organisation dedicated to supporting people living with an incurable neurodegenerative brain disease has opened an office in Townsville to create awareness for those who could be affected. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) is a condition caused by repetitive head injuries such as concussions or repeated sub-concussive hits.

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National Allergy Council launches interactive game for school students to be prepared for allergic reactions

West Australian, Other, 03/06/2026, Claire Sadler

Australian students will soon be learning about anaphylaxis through an interactive mystery-solving game in a bid to make them more aware of severe food allergies. Around one in 20 school-aged children live with food allergy in Australia, placing growing pressure on schools to be more prepared for life-threatening allergic reactions.

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Weight-loss drugs can cut breast cancer risk by up to 30%, studies suggest

The Guardian, Other, 02/06/2026, Andrew Gregory

Weight-loss drugs can cut the risk of developing or dying from cancer by 30%, doctors have said. Millions of people already use the drugs to treat obesity.

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Weight-loss jabs could cut breast cancer risk by nearly a third, major study suggests

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/06/2026, Zoe Hardy

Weight-loss jabs could significantly cut the risk of breast cancer – even among women at high risk of the disease, a landmark study suggests. Obesity has been linked to at least 13 different types of cancer – including breast, bowel and pancreatic cancers.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 02/06/2026, Brenton Ragless

A new link shows women who develop diabetes throughout pregnancy are more prone to manifesting Type 2 diabetes later in life.

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4BC, Drive, 02/06/2026, Gary Hardgrave

A Brisbane study has found diabetes developed during pregnancy is likely an early manifestation triggered by stress. New research from the University of Queensland suggests gestational and Type 2 diabetes could be the same condition.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 02/06/2026, Leon Compton

Interview with UNSW Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing Research Associate Jess Lo. Lo says dementia is a condition that affects the brain, and it is a progressive disease that has effects that are severe enough to interfere with a person's daily life and independence. She states that she is researching to understand the risk factors, as well as the connection between having a stroke and developing dementia, so they can minimise the risk of having the condition again.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#).

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Digital doubles can ease mental health delays

Australian Financial Review, Features, 02/06/2026, Ruby Prosser Scully, Page 7

Australia is in a mental health crisis, with people often stuck on long waiting lists to see a psychologist.

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Childhood's a tough gig

Herald Sun, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 12

More than six in 10 men have experienced some form of adversity during childhood. Among 13,182 men aged 18-67, the Australian Institute of Family Studies found childhood adversity was widespread, with 62 per cent reporting at least one adverse childhood experience, while 44 per cent were exposed to two or more types with higher exposure associated with much poorer mental health in adulthood.

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Boynhood cannot be seen as a pathology

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 03/06/2026, Professor Frank Oberklaid AM, Page 10

In Australia, as in most Western countries, boys are diagnosed with behavioural and developmental disorders at much higher rates than girls. While biological and developmental differences may partly explain this, the gap also reflects social expectations.

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Suicidal teen's hospital hell

West Australian, General News, 03/06/2026, Jessica Page, Page 1

A teenager's 116 hours in limbo in emergency has exposed a mental health system in crisis, with hospital bosses admitting the system failed her. In March, then-17-year-old Maddi had attempted to take her own life twice in three days when she was rushed by ambulance to Busselton's emergency department in March, according to documents seen by The West Australian.

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

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IMMUNISATION

Lax vax add to childcare sickie spate

Herald Sun, General News, 03/06/2026, Samantha Landy, Page 13

As many as 12 viral infections await the average Aussie kid in their first year of childcare, experts say an onslaught that has added repercussions for parents' mental wellbeing, careers and finances. Parents are reporting that their kids are having "more sick days than daycare days" in their initial months in care, with the worst cases ending up in hospital.

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National RSV program cuts hospitalisations

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 7

Australia's new rsv immunisation program cut hospital admissions for Australia's youngest babies by almost half in its first year, a major national study has shown. Launched in February 2025, the RSV Maternal and Infant Protection Program (RSV-MIPP) offered free maternal RSV vaccinations to pregnant women across the country under the National Immunisation Program.

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Interview with NT Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro, on leaked NT Health data, revealing that diphtheria case numbers surged in the NT a month before a public alert was issued. Finocchiaro says she does not think that the NT Government is slow to sound the alarm, and people are still reluctant to get vaccinated after COVID, but they have been able to vaccinate 10,000 people in the last few months. She says she is encouraging everyone to get their free vaccines that are available across the country.

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6PR, Drive, 02/06/2026, Jamie Burnett

Interview with Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA Chair Dr Ramya Raman. Raman says there is still an opportunity for patients and the community to get their flu vaccines, which are available through general practices. She also notes that nasal sprays have been welcomed by many of the patients.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 02/06/2026, Saskia Mabin

Moderna has announced almost \$70m to help develop a potential vaccine to a rare form of Ebola, which is spreading in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The DRC has now confirmed 282 cases, although the suspected caseload is believed to be far higher at more than 1000.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 02/06/2026, Lucy Breden

Interview with Tasmania Director of Public Health Dr Mark Veitch. Veitch states that all respiratory illnesses can cause harm to older people, and it has been confirmed by data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which revealed that around 50 older Tasmanians died from flu and COVID-19 last year. He notes that 78,000 flu vaccines have been administered to people over 65, while only about 46,000 of them updated their COVID-19 vaccine, and he also encourages eligible and older Australians to get their RSV, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines.

Also reported by: [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#), [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#).

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

I looked for One Nation's policies. Here's what I didn't find

Age, General News, 03/06/2026, Jenna Price, Page 20

Ever wondered what's behind the surge in the One Nation vote? I went in search of One Nation policies which might inspire Australians to give up their allegiances to the red and the blue.

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

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Q&A with WA's new Chief Health Officer, Dr Clare Huppatz

Medical Forum, Other, 02/06/2026, Aleisha Orr

Western Australia's new Chief Health Officer Dr Clare Huppatz has stepped into the role from the deputy position. She spoke to Medical Forum about her approach, the importance of working with communities to keep people well and how the state's health system is preparing for the peak winter demand.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Medical detective solves epilepsy case for children

Australian Financial Review, Features, 02/06/2026, Paul Smith, Page 14

An AI tool is capable of spotting warning signs on MRI that human eyes cannot see...

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

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Six are 'the next generation of changemakers'

Newcastle Herald, General News, 03/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 9

Six medical researchers have been selected as finalists for an innovators' program that aims to tackle big health challenges in the Hunter. The six-week program helps early and mid-career researchers from the university of Newcastle and Hunter New England Health to "turn promising research ideas into life-saving solutions".

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Professor ensures heart is in the right place

Newcastle Herald, General News, 03/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 10

A Newcastle medical physicist has developed a method to reduce radiation exposure to the heart during breast cancer treatment. Professor Joerg Lehmann, of the Calvary Mater hospital's radiation oncology department, has received an honour for his work.

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Research news in brief

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 02/06/2026

Former University of Queensland (UQ) Parkinson's researcher Caroline Barwood has been given a 2-year suspended sentence after being found guilty of fraud by a Brisbane jury, according to Retraction Watch. She was found guilty of five of the seven charges laid against her.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Deadly Dreaming plans to tackle dementia

Newcastle Herald, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 12

A Hunter-based, Indigenous-led research initiative has received almost \$3 million to tackle dementia and ageing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Government data shows dementia impacts First Nations communities at a significantly higher rate, yet there are systemic barriers to accessing care.

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VACCHO calls for community-led health investment ahead of Victorian election

National Indigenous Times, Other, 01/06/2026, Dechlan Brennan

The peak body for Indigenous-led health organisations in Victoria has called for practical, community-led investments to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing while reducing long-term pressure on the health system ahead of the upcoming state election.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

SA Health vows system overhaul after ramping deaths

SA Health will implement recommendations made by the Coroner following an investigation into the deaths of three patients who were ramped at SA hospitals between 2019 and 2022. The Coroner's 18 recommendations aimed at improving patient safety and system flow, focus on ambulance ramping, triage procedures and hospital capacity.

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

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\$1.5b hospital 'needs to be made now'

Canberra Times, General News, 03/06/2026, Lanie Tindale, Page 10

The ACT government will need to borrow money to build a \$1.5 billion northside hospital because the "investment needs to be made now," the treasurer says. Chris Steel said replacing the ageing North Canberra Hospital was a priority for the government despite recording level record debts in 2025-26.

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

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Donor breast milk helps our preemies

Northern Territory News, General News, 03/06/2026, Fia Walsh, Page 10

Premature babies at Royal Darwin Hospital now have access to donated breast milk, with a national milk donor service extending to the Northern Territory for the first time. The move strengthens access to specialised care for some of the NT's smallest and most vulnerable patients, such as East Arnhem twins Murphy and Mervin.

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

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Minister blames Federal Govt for record ambulance ramping

West Australian, General News, 03/06/2026, Oliver Lane, Page 8

Health Minister Meredith Hammat has laid the blame for record May ambulance ramping squarely at the feet of the Federal Government, pointing to hundreds of older patients awaiting aged-care beds. Last month was the worst on record in May for ambulance ramping with 5383 hours, raising alarm ahead of winter.

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Govt under fire over missing millions for key hospital builds

Burnie Advocate, General News, 03/06/2026, Matt Maloney, Page 2

Treasurer Eric Abetz has been forced to defend a multimillion-dollar budget gap for crucial hospital upgrades in the state's North and North-West, amid accusations from the opposition that the Premier has broken another key election promise. During the 2025 election campaign launch, the Premier promised that construction on the \$240 million Launceston General Hospital project would start in 2028, funded through reprioritised capital.

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

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Healthy \$1bn investment resets Far North care

Cairns Post, General News, 03/06/2026, Page 7

A \$1bn Cairns hospital expansion is expected to reset how the Far North delivers healthcare, with delivery of Stage 1 of the precinct masterplan centred on the new Health Innovation and Surgical Centre, aHealth Management Hub and supporting infrastructure. Health service chief executive Leena Singh said the expansion would deliver benefits in healthcare, as well as to the local economy, driving investment and expanding the workforce along with establishing a knowledge economy within the region.

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Budget boost for health health

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 6

It was a big month for health spending with the delivery of a federal and state budget within the same week and while there are some winners, gaps still remain. The WA state government boasted a 'record' investment in health, with more than \$9 billion set to be spent across the health portfolio in the next four years.

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New North Canberra Hospital details unveiled as \$1.34 billion committed to redevelopment

ABC Online, Other, 02/06/2026, Niki Burnside

The ACT government has committed \$1.34 billion over seven years to the North Canberra Hospital, taking the project's total cost to around \$1.5 billion. Stage one of the redevelopment includes a seven-storey clinical services building which will house a "state-of-the-art" emergency department, eight operating theatres, more than 200 in-patient beds, and a birth centre.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 02/06/2026, Brenton Ragless

Eighteen recommendations will be implemented by the SA Government following a coronial inquest into the deaths of three people while they were ramped outside SA hospitals between 2019 and 2022. The Australian Medical Association welcomed the implementation but says ramping is still not improved.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 02/06/2026, Michael Thomson

As ambulance ramping continues to rise, WA's first mental health centre providing 24-7 care could ease some pressure on EDs. The redevelopment at Fremantle Hospital is now complete for \$25m over budget.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 02/06/2026, Leon Delaney

The ACT Government continues to invest in priority infrastructure, with today's budget announcement committing more funding to the new Northside Hospital. It includes a state-of-the-art emergency department with a dedicated paediatric short stay unit, a modern 14-bed intensive care unit, a co-designed birth centre and eight operating theatres, future proofing for two more to be brought online when required.

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6PR, Drive, 02/06/2026, Jamie Burnett

Burnett says the WA Government has unveiled the state's first 24-7 mental health crisis centre, which is set to open at Fremantle Hospital next month. He also says WA Health Minister Meredith Hammat told the media today the centre is a 40-bed facility.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 02/06/2026, Graeme Goodings

Interview with Australian Medical Association SA President Associate Professor Peter Subramaniam. Subramaniam says they want to see whether the upcoming state budget will solve SA's ambulance ramping. He also says the SA Government has acknowledged that the state's ambulance ramping hours were the worst they have ever been last year.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Stress fractures in emergency departments

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 03/06/2026, Page 16

Emergency departments have become so overcrowded and chaotic stress and burnout are pushing increasing numbers of doctors to consider abandoning the speciality, which threatens to exacerbate an existing crisis. A new report from the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) revealed close to two in five emergency doctors plan to leave the profession in the next decade.

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Nurse threat triggers code black

Herald Sun, General News, 03/06/2026, Jennifer Pittorino, Page 8

The Royal Melbourne Hospital declared a code black emergency on Monday night after a patient threatened a pregnant nurse with a screwdriver. A code black alarm signals an internal hospital emergency for an immediate personal threat, triggering an urgent security response.

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

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Nurses fast-tracked to be paramedics

West Australian, General News, 03/06/2026, Bethany Hiatt, Page 9

Nurses will be fast-tracked into new careers as paramedics to tackle shortages in the regions. Edith Cowan University will next month launch a new pathway that will allow regional nurses to complete their Bachelor of Paramedical Science parttime in just 18 months, while continuing to work.

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They should be safe

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 03/06/2026, Euan Kennedy, Page 1

Two midwives from Geelong hospital were assaulted while returning to their cars during a horrific late night attack on Little Myers St. The incident has sparked fresh calls for more steps to be taken to protect medical workers.

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

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Burnout persists for junior doctors

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 9

Junior doctors in WA have reported a lack of sleep, growing levels of burnout and errors in their pay. More than 1300 junior doctors across the state took part in the 2026 AMA (WA) Hospital Health Check, revealing persistent wellbeing, safety, and fairness issues, despite some areas of improvement.

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'Code black' declared after pregnant nurse allegedly threatened at Royal Melbourne Hospital

7News.com.au, Other, 02/06/2026

The union is demanding urgent action as violence against healthcare workers reaches alarming levels. The Royal Melbourne Hospital has declared a code black emergency after a pregnant nurse was

allegedly threatened by a patient with a screwdriver.

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New AMA Queensland president says she is not interested in reuniting with federal AMA

Australian Doctor, Other, 02/06/2026

AMA Queensland's new president stands by her predecessor's decision to break up with the federal AMA. The split was originally announced by email in December, with AMA Queensland saying negotiations over how to divide membership fees had broken down.

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Union welcomes Award increase

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 02/06/2026

Professional Pharmacists Australia is welcoming the announcement of a 4.75% increase to pay rates under the Pharmacy Industry Award.

Also reported by: [Australian Journal of Pharmacy \(Online\)](#), [Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 7, Seven News, 02/06/2026, Peter Mitchell

The Royal Melbourne Hospital has declared a Code Black emergency after a pregnant nurse was reportedly threatened by a patient with a screwdriver. The Nurses' Union says this is part of a growing trend of violence against health care workers.

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3AW, Drive, 02/06/2026, Jacqui Felgate

Felgate says the Royal Melbourne Hospital has confirmed that it declared Code Black last night after a patient tried to stab a pregnant nurse in her belly with a screwdriver. She notes that hospital staff had to restrain the offender.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

The US' latest drug pricing policy and what it means for the world

Australasian Pharmacy, General News, 01/06/2026, Stephen Armstrong, Page 40

America's new MFN pricing regime backed by sweeping tariffs and Medicare reforms is forcing pharmaceutical companies to rethink where and when they launch new medicines. With Denmark already losing a major therapy, Australia and New Zealand may be next in line as global pricing power tilts decisively toward Washington.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Palaszczuk partner banned from surgery following rape charges

The Australian, General News, 03/06/2026, Sarah Elks, Page 8

Prominent obesity surgeon Reza Adib has had his medical registration suspended after being charged with rape, sexual assault and deprivation of liberty. Queensland's Health Ombudsman said the suspension which came into effect on Tuesday meant Dr Adib was "prohibited from practising as a medical practitioner for the duration of the suspension".

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

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National Reza ban

Courier Mail, General News, 03/06/2026, Greg Stolz and Madura McCormack, Page 1

The medical regulator has suspended Dr Reza Adib from practising nationwide, amid multiple rape charges against him. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency has declared Dr Adib the surgeon partner of former premier Annastacia Palaszczuk as "currently suspended".

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Taking the mickey

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 03/06/2026, Elizabeth Henson, Page 1

Doctors claimed trips to Disneyland, Bali wellness retreats, bags and watches worth up to \$23,000 on a \$64m taxpayer-funded "professional development" fund. The Independent Commission Against Corruption has placed the fund under scrutiny.

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

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Sniffing death charge

Northern Territory News, General News, 03/06/2026, Fia Walsh, Page 5

NT WorkSafe has charged the health department after a Territorian died from sniffing deodorant while sectioned at Royal Darwin Hospital. A coronial inquest into the 2022 death of the 22-year-old referred to as Ngalarina and by the pronouns they/them found "a litany of failures" contributed to the "preventable" tragedy.

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Baby inquest

Cairns Post, General News, 03/06/2026, Marnie Buchanan, Page 1

Baby twins who died at their home in 2021 were discharged from hospital weeks earlier with oxygen tanks to help them breath, a coroner has been told. The twin boys were born prematurely at Townsville University Hospital in August 2021 after a high risk pregnancy.

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Prominent obesity surgeon Dr Vahid Reza Adib suspended from practising medicine

ABC Online, Other, 02/06/2026, Janelle Miles

Prominent obesity surgeon Reza Adib has been suspended from practising medicine as he faces rape charges. Dr Adib's registration was suspended, effective June 2, 2026, a notice posted on the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) website said.

Also reported by: [7News.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Inquest considers whether care of Adelaide man's bed sores was 'appropriate and reasonable'

ABC Online, Other, 02/06/2026

An inquest is being held into the death of John Michael Henry Allen, an Adelaide man who was treated for bed sores before his death in September 2022. Nurses told the inquest Mr Allen appeared to be in pain in the weeks before he died.

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AHPRA moves to support family violence victim-survivors

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 02/06/2026, Megan Haggan

AHPRA, the national boards and accreditation authorities are working together to strengthen the health workforce's ability to recognise and respond to family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV), they say.

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AUSTRALIAN CDC

The end is nigh, unless we wise up

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 03/06/2026, Ross Gittins, Page 18

How are you going? Enjoying the winter sun? Feeling optimistic about the future? Well, for one day only, let me try to ruin your day. Or rather, let me let Dr Andrew Leigh ruin it.

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Lax vax add to childcare sickie spate

Herald Sun, General News, 03/06/2026, Samantha Landy, Page 13

As many as 12 viral infections await the average Aussie kid in their first year of childcare, experts say an onslaught that has added repercussions for parents' mental wellbeing, careers and finances.

Parents are reporting that their kids are having "more sick days than daycare days" in their initial months in care, with the worst cases ending up in hospital.

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Why the world is less ready for the next pandemic

The New Daily, Other, 02/06/2026

Five years on from Covid, a report has found the world is even more vulnerable to new pandemics than it was before. The report by the World Health Organisation has been released as the world grapples with ebola and hantavirus outbreaks, as well as one of Australia's worst diphtheria outbreaks on record.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Mornings, 02/06/2026, Hamish Macdonald

Public health officials have warned that cases of both influenza and COVID-19 are projected to surge sharply over the coming winter months as dropping temperatures alter community behaviour.

According to the latest respiratory surveillance report, epidemiologists expect transmission rates to accelerate as colder weather drives people indoors, creating optimal environments for viral spread.

Health departments are tracking a steady rise in Influenza A strains alongside a fresh wave of COVID-19 Omicron subvariants.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

TGA: no end-of-life psychedelic relief

The Australian, General News, 03/06/2026, Penny Timms, Page 3

Psychedelic-led therapy is unlikely to be extended to terminally ill people experiencing end-of-life distress after Australia's drug regulator flagged its intention to reject the proposal. In its interim

decision, the Therapeutic Goods Administration says it believes the current scheduling for psilocybin-led therapy remains "appropriate" and does not need further expansion.

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Health sheriffs never more important than in age of online diagnostics

The Australian, Business News, 03/06/2026, Dean Gerakiteys and Sidney Kung, Page 23

For more than a decade, many Australians have relied on the internet as their first port of call for health questions. [...] Taken together, these forces have elevated the role of the Therapeutic Goods Administration as one of Australia's de facto sheriffs in a fast moving digital frontier.

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Cutting through the fat

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Andrea Downey, Page 3

In medicine there are always a few hot topics making headlines lately one of those has been GLP-1s. While the medications have been around for two decades to treat diabetes, they have now become a household name for losing weight.

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The rise of weight loss drugs and the potential pitfalls

Medical Forum, General News, 01/06/2026, Cathy O'Leary, Page 10

GLP-1 medications have been around for 20 years, first developed to treat diabetes, but now they have become a household name for losing weight and their popularity is set to soar further. [...] Late last year, the Therapeutic Goods Administration warned that the drugs could lead to potential suicidal thoughts, while another study also suggested the medications could reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

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Closing Bell: ASX avoids a root canal as tech keeps smiling

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 02/06/2026, Rob Badman

Investors feared a root canal early, but tech strength and a Northern Star rally helped the ASX leave the chair with only minor discomfort. [...] Emyria (ASX:EMD) welcomes updated TGA recommendations for psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy under the Authorised Prescriber scheme.

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

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Emyria flags broader TGA therapy workforce scope

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 02/06/2026

Emyria has noted the Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) announcement of changes to its recommendations for the Authorised Prescriber (AP) scheme for psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy (PAT). The updated recommendations expand the range of clinicians required as one of the two therapists in the psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy dyad, which to date has mandated a clinical psychologist or medical practitioner be present during dosing.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

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Secret meaning behind common food symbol revealed

Adelaide Now, Other, 02/06/2026, Naomi Kaplan

Australia's leading consumer body has finally revealed the hidden meaning behind a mysterious symbol found on your everyday grocery items — and it isn't what you think.

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Food recall: Popular lolly Allen's iNSiDE OUTS pulled from Coles, Woolworths, IGA supermarket shelves

West Australian, Other, 02/06/2026, Peta Rasdien

A popular lolly sold at supermarkets across Australia has been pulled from shelves after an urgent recall notice from the nation's food watchdog. Food Standards Australia and New Zealand ordered the recall after Nestle Australia detected plastic in 130gram packets of its Allen's iNSiDE OUTS, fruit flavoured gummy cubes.

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

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Popular bakery is shut down after rat droppings were spotted on bread rolls by health inspectors - as owners are slapped with over \$60,000 in fines

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 02/06/2026, Sarah Brookes

An award-winning bakery has been temporarily shut down after inspectors uncovered a stomach-churning list of horrors, including rodent droppings scattered across food preparation areas and raw meat juices dripping onto fresh bread.

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When to rescue food and when to chuck it out

The New Daily, Other, 01/06/2026

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Katherine residents say potential damages from PFAS firefighting foam case should pay for further 'recompense'

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Katherine residents have welcomed news the Commonwealth is suing company 3M over contamination from PFAS firefighting foam. PFAS contamination of the town was announced in 2016, and residents are still advised not to drink bore water in the contamination zone and to watch their consumption of local fish and eggs.

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