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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Courier Mail \(page 6\)](#)** reports that Opposition NDIS spokesperson Melissa McIntosh says the Coalition will back cuts to the NDIS if the Albanese government releases its modelling. Health Minister Mark Butler revealed in April that there are plans to massively reform the disability insurance scheme that policymakers and advocates alike had warned was no longer fit for purpose.
- **[The Canberra Times](#)** leads widespread coverage reporting that the Pharmacy Guild of Australia is advocating for a national framework to allow specially trained pharmacists to prescribe medications for chronic illnesses, mental health and travel health. Pharmacy Guild president Trent Twomey said that pharmacists should also be able to bill consultations through Medicare, bringing them in line with nurse practitioners.
- **[ABC Online](#)** reports that disability advocates have warned a parliamentary inquiry that parents of children with a disability could be plunged further into crisis, leading to more interactions with child protection services under the Labor government's proposed overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(Page 1\)](#)** reports that NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has defended concerns about waiting times at Westmead Hospital's emergency department. Mr Park said the hospital was facing challenges from population growth in the region.

- [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) reports that adolescent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates fell to a record low of 78.7 per cent for girls and 75.6 per cent for boys in 2025, far below the 90 per cent coverage target set for 2030. Experts have warned that the decline is part of a broader trend of dropping vaccination rates among Australian children, which is contributing to a resurgence in serious diseases and infections such as whooping cough, measles and diphtheria.
- [The Australian \(page 1\)](#) reports that the Australian Services Union will seek pay rises of up to 35 per cent for 300,000 community and disability workers, with ASU national secretary Emeline Gaske saying the historic claim was warranted because the largely feminised workforce was underpaid and undervalued.

MINISTER BUTLER

NDIS shake-up threatens private investment: BCA

Australian Financial Review, General News, 10/06/2026, Michael Smith, Page 1

Big business has warned that sweeping NDIS cuts could erode private sector investment in the nation's health, disability and aged care sectors.

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Labor's tax fight is holding NDIS reform hostage

Australian Financial Review, Editorials, 10/06/2026, Page 34

Horse-trading is an unavoidable feature of parliamentary democracy. At its best, it can carve out necessary compromises and soften the most radical ends of legislation.

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

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Coalition demands to see NDIS modelling

Courier Mail, General News, 10/06/2026, Tia Clarkson-Pascoe and Nathan Schmidt, Page 6

The Coalition will back cuts to the NDIS if the Albanese government releases its modelling, opposition NDIS spokesperson Melissa McIntosh says. Health Minister Mark Butler in April revealed plans to massively reform the disability insurance scheme that policymakers and advocates alike had warned was no longer fit for purpose.

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Push to free up GPs with more pharmacist prescriptions

Canberra Times, Other, 09/06/2026

Pharmacists are pushing for broader powers to prescribe medications, which they say will take pressure off GPs and the federal budget. [...] "This will make a real difference for women who need fast treatment without unnecessary cost or delay," a spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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The Health Wrap: responding to Ebola, undermining science, cancer discoveries – and beyond economic indicators

Croakey, Other, 09/06/2026, Melissa Sweet

This edition of The Health Wrap travels far and wide, from wintry Sydney to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, and also to the United States, where science and scientists continue to face tough times. Dr Lesley Russell also details a raft of new discoveries in cancer treatments, and delivers a stack of recommended reading. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has previously flagged a willingness to consider reforms, including constitutional limitations .

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Coalition demands NDIS modelling before backing reform

MSN Australia, Other, 09/06/2026

The Coalition will back cuts to the NDIS if the Albanese government releases its modelling, opposition NDIS spokesperson Melissa McIntosh has revealed. Health Minister Mark Butler revealed in April plans to massively reform the disability insurance scheme that policymakers and advocates alike had warned was no longer fit-for-purpose amid an explosion in need and widespread allegations of rort.

Also reported by: [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! Lifestyle Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Pharmacists want prescription powers to take pressure off GPs, but not everyone agrees

SBS, Other, 09/06/2026

Pharmacists want to reduce need to book a doctor's appointment for a quick script, but GP's aren't convinced. Pharmacists have pushed for broader prescription powers on some scripts to take pressure off GPs. [...] "This will make a real difference for women who need fast treatment without unnecessary cost or delay," a spokesperson for Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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Market failure? The limits of digital marketplaces in providing care

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Connor Pearce

My Aged Care is not easy to find, use, or equitable for many Australians, an aged care review finds. The assessment was blunt. [...] Birt said the experience of the disability sector is that a market-based approach can serve less complex needs well, but as complexity increases, markets struggle to provide an adequate solution, citing Minister Mark Butler's admission that the market for supported independent living services "isn't working" and that the government will instead commission services.

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Strengthening claims and payment stewardship in publicly funded care

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Maggi Hughes

Claims and payment reform should connect provider assurance, claims evidence, fraud detection, and faster payments around the risks that matter most in care. Australia's care and support system depends on well-stewarded claims and payments. [...] Recent budget measures and Health Minister Mark Butler's National Press Club address reinforce the direction on claims visibility, fraud detection and payment reform.

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For women with disability fleeing violence, NDIS reforms are making safety harder

Women's Agenda, Other, 09/06/2026

As a deafblind woman and NDIS participant, Jane Britt knows what keeps her connected to the outside world. Now, she's watching the system dismantle such connections for women trying to flee violence. [...] At a recent Press Club address, Mark Butler, the Minister for Health and Ageing, said justification for cutting this funding includes disability support workers not genuinely engaging with participants.

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SBS, World News Australia (Late), 09/06/2026

Advocates have sounded the alarm over sweeping changes that are set to reshape the NDIS, and nearly all witnesses who provided evidence to the Senate Committee on the bill have either called for amendments or for it to be delayed. The draft bill provides sweeping powers to the Minister of the Day to cut funding to any cohort of the NDIS they choose, and Federal Health Minister Mark Butler will use that discretion himself to slash funding in half for any participants being supported to attend social activities.

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Sky News Live, Newsday, 09/06/2026, Kieran Gilbert

Interview with Shadow Minister for the NDIS Melissa McIntosh. McIntosh says they support the major changes of the Federal Government to the NDIS, including the reduction of the scheme's expenditure, but she wants to ensure that the changes are not detrimental to people with profound disability, and they need to have their say in the three-day Senate hearing. She also says she is not surprised by the high anxiety among people with disabilities and their families, because Federal Minister Mark Butler made the announcement without consulting them.

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WIN Canberra, WIN News, 09/06/2026, Bruce Roberts

Following Federal Health Minister Mark Butler's announcement of proposed changes to the NDIS, a snap Senate inquiry commenced today, and it has now received more than 4000 submissions. Australians living with a disability are urging the Federal Government to rethink their plans to change the scheme.

Also reported by: [WIN Gippsland \(Sale\)](#), [WIN Wagga Wagga \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [WIN Bendigo \(Bendigo\)](#), [WIN Townsville \(Townsville\)](#), [WIN Hobart \(Hobart\)](#), [WIN Sunshine Coast \(Sunshine Coast\)](#), [WIN Orange \(Orange\)](#), [WIN Cairns \(Cairns\)](#).

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2CC, Canberra Live, 09/06/2026, Leon Delaney

Interview with Greens MLA Laura Nuttall. Nuttall says Federal Health Minister Mark Butler initially stated that about 160,000 people with a disability would be cut from the NDIS by the end of the decade, but investigations by Greens Senator Jordon Steele-John have revealed that about 241,000 people on the NDIS are due to lose access to the scheme, and it is not surprising that people are terrified by it. She also states that governments across Australia maintain that there are foundational supports in place for people with disabilities, but there has been silence so far on the said foundational supports, and they need the state and territory governments to stand up for people with disabilities.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 09/06/2026, Thomas Oriti

Oriti says Federal Minister for Health and the NDIS Mark Butler has clarified in a statement that the NDIS will still be the biggest social program that the government has outside of the age pension and still the centrepiece of the most comprehensive suite of supports people with disability have anywhere in the world. He reads the statement further, stating that the costs to deliver the scheme have become unsustainable due to several factors.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

NDIS inquiry warned changes could push families into crisis and towards child protection services

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Nas Campanella, Evan Young and Mary Lloyd

The first of three days of Senate hearings probing the government's dramatic NDIS bill has kicked off in

Melbourne. Advocates aired a raft of concerns about the proposed legislation, including about changes they worry will push more responsibilities onto exhausted families. [...] NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister told the Senate last week the government was committed to working with the disability community and other stakeholders as the changes progress.

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NDIS inquiry warned changes could push families into crisis and towards child protection services

MSN Australia, Other, 09/06/2026

Exhausted families could be plunged further into crisis and have more interactions with child protection services under the Albanese government's proposed overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), advocates have told an inquiry. [...] NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister told the Senate last week the government was committed to working with the disability community and other stakeholders as the changes progress.

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MINISTER RAE

NSW Government steps in as hundreds of patients stuck in hospital beds waiting on Commonwealth support

Adelaide Now, Other, 10/06/2026, Emma Kirk

Hundreds of patients left waiting in hospital beds for federal government support have been thrown a lifeline by one state government. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the funding would make sure the system was strong and fair enough to meet demand.

Also reported by: [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Sky News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [South Western Times \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Countryman \(Online\)](#), [Midwest Times \(Online\)](#), [Narrogin Observer \(Online\)](#), [Broome Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Augusta-Margaret River Times \(Online\)](#), [Harvey-Waroona Reporter \(Online\)](#), [Great Southern Herald \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#), [Sound Telegraph \(Online\)](#), [North West Telegraph \(Online\)](#), [Busselton Dunsborough Times \(Online\)](#), [Manjimup-Bridgetown Times \(Online\)](#), [Geraldton Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [Bunbury Herald \(Online\)](#), [Pilbara News \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

Doctors say more packaged foods should have health star ratings

MSN Australia, Other, 09/06/2026

Adding health star ratings to all packaged foods could stop the "worsening national crisis" of obesity, public health bodies say as they push for changes to the labelling system. Ranging from half a star to five stars, the health star rating was designed to help shoppers quickly compare the nutritional value of similar products. [...] Australia's Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White announced the opening of public submissions in May.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Local voices drive Australia's first Healthy Men discussion in Bonner

Redland Bayside News, Other, 09/06/2026, Ashleigh Whatson

Australia's first Healthy Men Community Conversation has taken place in Bonner, with local organisations and residents gathering at the Wynnum Manly Men's Shed to discuss how the community can better support the wellbeing of men and boys. The forum, hosted by Federal Member for Bonner Kara Cook, is part of a new national initiative led by Assistant Minister for Social Services Ged Kearney and Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi.

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ABC Western Plains NSW, Breakfast, 09/06/2026, Kim Goldsmith

Independent Member for Orange Phil Donato says a unique arm-wrestling competition held in the NSW Central West has successfully sparked vital, life-saving conversations surrounding men's health. The high-profile event drew wide attention after the Federal Labor Member for Hunter and Special Envoy for Men's Health, Dan Repacholi, travelled to the region to participate and support the initiative.

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DEPARTMENT

Labor slammed on NDIS cutbacks

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2026, Sarah Ison Senior, Page 4

Labor is facing widespread condemnation from Paralympians, doctors and lawyers over its landmark NDIS reforms, which are being criticised for instituting co-payments by stealth, giving the government "Trump-like" powers and potentially forcing parents to medicate disabled children before being granted access to the scheme. As the Coalition demands government release modelling underpinning its plans to slash annual NDIS growth from 11 per cent to less than 5 per cent in the next 18 months, a snap Senate inquiry into the proposed changes laid bare a stark lack of support for Labor's bill in its current form.

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Why aren't health star ratings mandatory in Australia?

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Fiona Broom

Public consultation has begun on a proposal to make health star ratings mandatory on all packaged food and drinks sold in Australia. Health and medical bodies want mandatory star ratings to help shoppers make healthier choices. [...] Supplied: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

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Bed block patients deteriorate during long waits for aged care beds

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Emily Anderson

Gwen Webb feels like she is wasting away. After six months in a temporary hospital bed waiting for aged care, the 80-year-old's legs have lost significant muscle mass. [...] The federal health department did not provide a comment.

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Ruston calls for restoration of IAT human oversight

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/06/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Senator Anne Ruston has proposed legislation to reintroduce human override capabilities in IAT assessments and called for the government to release the evidence underpinning the algorithm. [...]

The introduction of the Aged Care Amendment (Restoring Human Override for Aged Care Needs Assessments) Bill 2026 to amend the Aged Care Act 2024 follows news of 989 requests for review of IAT decisions since 1 November 2025, as confirmed by Department of Health, Disability and Ageing representatives during Senate Estimates last week.

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Awards celebrate Mid-Coast businesses' passion, resilience and excellence

Great Lakes Advocate, Other, 09/06/2026, Jeanene Duncan

Business owners and operators across the Mid-Coast have less than a week to submit nominations for this year's Coastline Bank MidCoast Business Awards, with entries officially closing this Sunday, June 14. [...] Insights gathered through the initiative will contribute to the PHN's annual needs assessment, which is submitted to the Department of Health and Aged Care each November to help inform planning and commissioning decisions.

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Allied health faces “barriers” to digital participation

Pulse+IT, Other, 09/06/2026, Reesh Lyon

Almost one third of Australia's allied health professionals are still using paper-based systems, with many in the sector remaining disconnected from key national digital health infrastructure, according to the country's outgoing chief allied health officer, Anita Hobson-Powell.

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Home truths about care packages for older Australians

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Christopher Niesche

Support at Home program rollout faces delays, higher costs and assessment concerns, with older Australians reportedly worse off. The transition to the government's new arrangements to assist older Australians living at home has not gone smoothly, with long waiting times for packages, existing recipients saying they're worse off, and concerns about a robodebt-style assessment system. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing declined an interview and did not provide on-the-record responses to written questions.

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New rules for telehealth-only clinics coming before 2027

The Medical Republic, Other, 09/06/2026, Holly Payne

Sharing-by-default laws will soon require all online prescribing services to upload medicines-related information to My Health Record. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has an ambitious plan to bring online-only telehealth clinics in from the cold before the year is up, having accepted that telehealth offerings aren't going anywhere.

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Seven Regional WA, Seven Regional News, 09/06/2026, Noel Brunning

As Senate hearings into the NDIS changes get underway, Marnie Kalma, a single mother of three from Albany, is part of an army of Australians fighting against proposed changes to the scheme, and she is urging the Federal Government and its Senators to listen to the people with disability, disability advocates, and human rights organisations. Meanwhile, the Department of Health Disability and Ageing has been contacted for comment.

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ABC Radio Perth, 16:00 News, 09/06/2026

WA Health Minister Meredith Hammat says there is no information to suggest there are broader issues with Medicare billing across the state after referring allegations of improper billing at the Kalgoorlie Public Hospital to WA's corruption watchdog. The WA Opposition raised potential concerns about the billing practises at the health campus in Parliament last month, but Hammat stated that there were no

AGEING AND AGED CARE

ASIC blasts super fund payout delays

The Australian, Business News, 10/06/2026, Angelica Snowden, Page 13

Superannuation trustees are still failing to handle death benefits for their grieving members on time, with the corporate regulator saying legal action remains on the table if there are no improvements. Despite suing superannuation giants Cbus and Australian Super in recent high-profile lawsuits over delayed death benefits processing, the Australian Securities & Investments Commission is concerned the sector could be in breach of its duties to vulnerable members, according to findings in its latest compulsory survey.

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'Cost of second child is too high'

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/06/2026, Shane Wright and Bronte Gossling, Page 1

If there is one thing western Sydney mother Reshmi would like to give her one-year-old son, Adrian, it would be the experience of growing up with siblings. The 36-year-old knows that sharing the same parents and living under the same roof does not guarantee a life-long bond.

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Westmead Hospital's wait time blowout

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/06/2026, Rachel Rasker, Page 1

Five years on from Westmead Hospital's billion-dollar redevelopment, its emergency department has recorded the worst wait times and ambulance ramping in NSW. One in 10 Westmead patients spent almost 22 hours in the emergency department, more than double the time clocked up a decade ago despite only a small rise in the number of patients, the latest Bureau of Health Information (BHI) data revealed.

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Stamp duty 'hurdle' gone

Canberra Times, General News, 10/06/2026, Jasper Lindell, Page 1

First home buyers will no longer pay any stamp duty in the ACT in an Australian-first move the government says will help more people enter the property market.

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Loving the mother who forgets you

Ballarat Courier, General News, 10/06/2026, Page 4

Most days, Belle Hogg makes funny faces or sings to her mother, even though her mum rarely recognises her. It's an act of love by a daughter to the woman she's known literally from birth but who in her early 70s is now in another world of dementia.

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Occupancy reaches nine-year peak of 93 per cent

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/06/2026

Occupancy has reached its highest levels since May 2017, while average room prices exceed \$600,000, Mirus Australia's monthly data snapshot shows. The national occupancy level has risen for the fourth month in a row to reach 93.12 per cent – the highest since May 2017.

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New Manjimup care business helps locals navigate support

West Australian, Other, 10/06/2026, Serian Lockwood-Jones

A new Manjimup-based business is making it easier for older people, people living with disability and families to access support closer to home.

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Shire agrees to lease Jessie House to Silverchain to complete shift from Narrogin Regional Homecare services

West Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Claire Middleton

The Shire of Narrogin is going to lease Jessie House to Silverchain. Credit: Daniel Rooney RegionalHUB Narrogin's elderly look set to have their help at home provided by the Silverchain Group after the shire council agreed to finalise an agreement to lease Jessie House, on Clayton Road, to the organisation.

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Support at Home not stable enough to absorb CHSP

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 09/06/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Providers surveyed for Enkindle Consulting's latest home care outlook report say the scale and diversity of CHSP will be too much for Support at Home and that the transition must wait for the new system to stabilise. Providers have low confidence in the ability of Support at Home to absorb the Commonwealth Home Support Program, part four of the Enkindle Consulting Home Care Outlook Survey Report shows.

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Healthcare workers on minimum wage get 4.75 per cent pay boost

Nursing Review, Other, 09/06/2026

Millions of Australian workers will receive a 4.75 per cent pay rise from July 1, after the Fair Work Commission (FWC) handed down its annual wage review. The decision was welcomed by unions as overdue relief for frontline care workers but criticised by business groups as a potential tipping point for struggling employers.

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How flu overtook Covid-19 as our deadliest respiratory virus

Nursing Review, Other, 09/06/2026, Adrian Esterman

In 2024, influenza was recorded as the underlying cause of death in 807 Australians. Last year that almost doubled to 1,455 Many Australians have stopped worrying about respiratory viruses.

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Building shared registration infrastructure for the care economy

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Louise MacDonald

Shared provider registration can reduce duplication, improve visibility, and support risk-tiered assurance across the care economy. Australia's care and support economy needs shared stewardship infrastructure.

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MP David Batt fights to scrap 'broken' algorithmic aged care tool

Townsville Bulletin, Other, 09/06/2026, Rebecca Nicol

The local federal member has thrown his support behind a national call to ban a computerised tool from making decisions in the aged care assessment process. Federal member for Hinkler David Batt

told parliament hundreds of elderly residents in his electorate are on waiting lists to enter the aged-care system but not because the assessment process is "broken" due to an algorithmic tool introduced by the Labor government.

Also reported by: [Fraser Coast Chronicle \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#).

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Understanding your aged-care options before it becomes a family crisis

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 09/06/2026, Rachel Lane

For many Australians, aged care is something that happens "later". It sits in the background as a future problem, often accompanied by a firmly held belief that they will stay in the family home forever. When the need for care finally arrives, the conversation can look very different.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Early learning

Age, General News, 10/06/2026, Noel Towell, Page 1

The state opposition will today announce plans for prep students to be monitored for signs of autism or ADHD. The proposed program has been welcomed by Brooke Adair, whose daughter Olivia was diagnosed with autism in year 1.

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Carers and families worried about NDIS changes

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026

Disability advocates have told a parliamentary inquiry that parents of children with a disability could be plunged further into crisis and have more interactions with child protection services under the Labor government's proposed overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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Parents fear NDIS cuts will send children into care

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026

Advocates have told a Senate inquiry that parents of children with disability fear the government's proposed overhaul of the NDIS will see more families in contact with child protection services. Queensland's CFMEU inquiry has been told the militant union worked to control the state's construction industry regulators.

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Hearings on NDIS bill begin

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Andy Park

The future form of the National Disability Insurance Scheme is being debated today at a Senate inquiry designed to hear from stakeholders ahead of major legislative reforms. Labor hopes to bring down the runaway growth rate of the scheme from over 10-percent per year to five or six-percent, meaning up to 160,000 participants will lose access to the scheme by 2030.

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Australia's life satisfaction slump

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Andy Park

New data shows almost all generations of Australians thinks life is worse than a decade ago. Senators begin three days of hearings into legislation paving the way for the Albanese government to make cuts

to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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What's happening with the NDIS?

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Louise Miolin

The federal government is trying to get sweeping changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme through parliament, but its plans have faced criticism. Louise Miolin, Reporter The NDIS now costs \$50 billion a year, but sweeping changes to the scheme have been proposed to reduce the cost by around \$38.

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NDIS legislation put under microscope, but for limited time only

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Joe Sullivan

The federal government's proposed overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme is going before a Senate Standing Committee for the first time today. Three days have been set aside for the hearings, with the committee expected to report back next week.

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McIntosh says she's 'not against' a longer NDIS inquiry

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026

The Senate committee hearings into the government's overhaul of the NDIS begin later today. It's been reported the Coalition and the Greens are in three-way talks with the government over support for the NDIS changes and Labor's budget tax package, as well as the length of the parliamentary inquiries into each bill.

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'Brutal' NDIS cost cuts to leave disabled people isolated from society

The Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Sam Bennett

The NDIS must aspire to more than keeping disabled people clean, fed and safe. Taking away their opportunity for social connection will be devastating.

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Families sound alarm over NDIS changes in inquiry

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/06/2026

Concerned families and disability advocates fear their financial support will be axed under the proposed NDIS changes.

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'Back in the 1970s': NDIS changes to take away dignity

Canberra Times, Other, 09/06/2026, William Ton and Lucinda Garbutt-Young

Disabled Australians have slammed a huge overhaul of funding that would give a single minister the power to cut support as they see fit. People have been given just over a fortnight to respond to laws which would deliver the largest ever cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#).

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The human cost of communication and policy failures

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Dan F. Stapleton

Clay Lewis's NDIS funding was cut by 60% after a reassessment, leaving his family without an independent support worker and struggling to secure stable care. Laura Lewis finally thought her autistic son, Clay, was making progress.

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Agencies get proactive in combating NDIS fraud, non-compliance

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Christopher Niesche

Broad support exists for tougher NDIS provider checks, although concerns remain about how the measures will be implemented. The National Disability Insurance Agency and Services Australia are investing in improving compliance and combating fraud amid greater scrutiny of government spending.

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Stewarding choice at scale: The next phase of NDIS reform

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026

Reform will succeed if clearer scheme boundaries are matched with credible support pathways, risk-tiered provider assurance, and data-enabled stewardship. The next phase of NDIS reform seeks to put the scheme on a more sustainable footing while preserving its core promise: supporting people with disability to live independently, be included in the community, exercise choice and control, and participate equally.

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Disability advocates warn NDIS inquiry over reforms

SBS, Other, 09/06/2026

Disability advocates have sounded the alarm over sweeping changes that are set to reshape the NDIS. A Senate inquiry into the government's NDIS bill is holding three days of public hearings in Melbourne.

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ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 09/06/2026, Yvonne Yong

A Senate inquiry into the Federal Government's proposed NDIS cuts has heard exhausted families could be plunged further into crisis by the sweeping changes. More than 4000 submissions have been made to the inquiry, which is now holding three days of public hearings.

Also reported by: [ABC \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Sydney\)](#).

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 09/06/2026, James Glenday and Emma Reballato

Draft legislation paving the way for the most sweeping structural overhauls to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) since its inception will face intense parliamentary scrutiny at three Senate committee hearings commencing today. The landmark bill proposes fundamental amendments to the scheme's governing legal framework, which the Federal Government projects will curb runaway spending and save approximately \$38 billion over the next four years.

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ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 09/06/2026, Samantha Donovan

Report by ABC National Disability Affairs Reporter Nas Campanella. Disability advocates have told a parliamentary inquiry that parents of children with a disability could be plunged further into crisis and have more interactions with child protection services under the Federal Government's proposed overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. A Senate committee is investigating the government's draft legislation, which is paving the way for billions of dollars worth of cuts to the scheme.

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PRIMARY CARE

Westmead Hospital's wait time blowout

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 10/06/2026, Rachel Rasker, Page 1

Five years on from Westmead Hospital's billion-dollar redevelopment, its emergency department has recorded the worst wait times and ambulance ramping in NSW. One in 10 Westmead patients spent almost 22 hours in the emergency department, more than double the time clocked up a decade ago despite only a small rise in the number of patients, the latest Bureau of Health Information (BHI) data revealed.

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Faster life-saving medical care in the bush off to flying start

West Australian, General News, 10/06/2026, Claire Sadler, Page 15

The Royal Flying Doctor Service will be able to reach West Australians in need even quicker than before with a first-of-its-kind plane taking to the skies. A new Pilatus PC-12 PRO aircraft has landed at the RFDS' Jandakot base, which will be the first of eight to replace retiring planes by 2030.

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Emergency department waits increasing

Newcastle Herald, General News, 10/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

The median time spent in John Hunter Hospital's emergency department from treatment to discharge was five hours and 24 minutes from January to March. The result, which was a record high, has raised questions about the effectiveness of state and federal efforts to take pressure off emergency departments.

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Number of stranded NSW hospital patients skyrockets by 40 per cent

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/06/2026, Harrison Finlay

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has declared the Federal Government's response to the hospital 'bed block' crisis unsustainable, as stranded patient numbers hit nearly 1,300. The number of patients stranded in NSW hospitals has skyrocketed by more than 40 per cent in a year, with nearly 1,300 people left stuck by the lingering "bed block" in the health system.

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Long delays leave Tasmanians waiting for surgery amid worries about \$700m in health cuts

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Josh Duggan

Tasmanians are facing long waits for elective surgery and pathology results, with patients describing pain, anxiety and disruption to their lives. Despite increased health funding in the state budget, inflation and \$702 million in planned efficiency cuts have raised concerns about real-world impacts on health services.

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Time to move beyond prescribing pilots: report

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/06/2026

Expanding pharmacists' scope of practice has the capacity to deliver more than \$1 billion in savings, while freeing up GPs to tackle more complex conditions, a report published by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia says.

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'Increasingly significant': gastro claims surge in Asian transit hubs

Ballarat Courier, Other, 09/06/2026

Australians swapping Middle Eastern stopovers for Asian transit hubs are packing an unexpected - and expensive - travel companion: a severe case of gastro. Gastro-related insurance cases are rising in Asia, and experts say it's directly related to the number of Australians stopping over in Asian cities

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'I've done 13 IVF cycles. On the day I miscarried, a friend told me something that left me screaming inside.'

Mamamia, Other, 09/06/2026, Gabrielle Oehlmann

On the same day Pegah Kamal-Bugeja learnt she had miscarried , a good friend and colleague pulled her aside to gently tell her that his partner was pregnant He wanted to give her a heads-up before the team-wide announcement. He didn't know Pegah had miscarried, but he knew she had been trying for years

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How local schools are stepping up to solve the regional medical crisis

Northern Daily Leader, Other, 09/06/2026

Students from a variety of regional schools heard firsthand about what working in healthcare is all about, gaining both inspiration and insight. It was the first time that the program 'Be a Health Hero' had come to the Western Riverina in NSW, drawing students from Leeton , Coleambally, Griffith, Hillston and Yanco to workshops and information sessions exploring careers in nursing, allied health and medicine over three days.

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

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Study eggs on earlier introduction of food allergens

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2026

Jo Roberts 9/06/2026 4:40:03 PM It found kids' egg allergy rates fell 17% following a 2016 update of dietary guidelines, with GPs told of a further update now in place. Introducing eggs into an infant's diet earlier is believed to be associated with a drop in the incidence of egg allergy in Australian children.

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'Just another glossy report': RACGP rejects pharmacy prescribing claims

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2026

Data released by the Guild says pharmacy prescribing will save \$1 billion annually, but the college has labelled it 'lobbyist-led policy'. The 'Rewriting the Script' report says autonomous pharmacy prescribing could deliver more than \$1 billion in health system savings annually.

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How AI and data are reshaping Australian health care

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Connor Pearce

Australian digital health teams are using AI and big data to improve care, predict crises, and expand access to remote treatment. The digital innovation landscape in Australian health is as diverse as the country it serves.

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First-of-its-kind Pilatus PC-12 PRO plane joins Royal Flying Doctor Service to get to WA patients faster

West Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Claire Sadler

The Royal Flying Doctor Service will be able to reach West Australians in need even quicker than before with a first-of-its-kind plane taking to the skies.

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POPULATION HEALTH

British American Tobacco defends legal tobacco industry despite health harms

Nicotine consumption is on the rise - up some 40% from 2017 to 2025, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Tobacco taxes have long been at the centre of Australia's success story in bringing down smoking rates over the years.

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Here's how GLP-1 drugs could save your life, as well as make you slim

Australian Financial Review, Other, 09/06/2026

The story of GLP-1 drugs keeps getting bigger. First they transformed the treatment of diabetes.

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The rise of One Nation is changing anti-abortion politics. South Australia is the battleground

Crikey, Other, 09/06/2026

Yet another anti-abortion bill will soon be voted on in South Australia's upper house. The rise of Pauline Hanson's One Nation will likely see it pass.

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Stephanie sat in a scan at 34 weeks, thinking about a 10am meeting. Then the sonographer went quiet.

Mamamia, Other, 09/06/2026, Raffaella Ciccarelli

Over the course of her pregnancy, Stephanie was constantly sick with colds, the flu, and "all kinds" of illnesses. Her eldest daughter, Isabella, had just started daycare, and Stephanie had been working full-time throughout.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 09/06/2026, Peter Overton

The University of Queensland and Murdoch Children's Research Institute have examined 7200 children across two studies, finding egg allergy rates have decreased by 17%. It is now recommended that parents also include other common allergy foods like cow's milk, fish, and tree nuts in their child's diet before their first birthday.

Similar coverage reported by: [Channel 9 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Perth\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Perth\)](#).

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3AW, Drive, 09/06/2026, Jacqui Felgate

Health bodies are demanding mandatory Health Star Ratings on all packaged foods to combat the worsening obesity crisis. Doctors say the current voluntary system is failing, with fewer than 40% of products displaying the nutrition guide.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 09/06/2026, Lucy Breaden/Kylie Baxter

A Tasmanian pharmacist is warning families to seek protection from RSV, with the number of cases in the state set to eclipse last year's figure. The Pharmacy Guild of Australia says there's already been 604 cases of RSV recorded in Tasmania this year, compared to 783 across all of last year.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Empathy key in tackling drug addiction

Early in her career as an intern pharmacist Suzanne Nielsen became intrigued with the lifechanging power of medications to treat opioid addiction.

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Fight against 'The Beast' must go on

Age, Editorials, 10/06/2026, Page 18

Neale Daniher's life was writ large, first in footy and then through circumstances no one would wish upon another. In 2013, Daniher was diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

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Thank you, Neale

Herald Sun, Wrap, 10/06/2026, Page 1

Aussies pay their respects to inspiring MND crusader.

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Health patch hope

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 10/06/2026, Page 7

A lightweight wearable device could one day help people monitor their heart and breathing health from home, potentially reducing hospital visits and allowing doctors to detect problems earlier. The UNSW Sydney developed flexible sensor patch, which attaches to the chest or over peripheral arteries using medical adhesive tape, is designed to continuously capture subtle vibrations produced by the heart, lungs, blood flow and pulse waves.

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Lessons on life from two great men lost too soon

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 10/06/2026, Andrew Potts, Page 6

It began with the telltale howl of a wolf and ended with a poignant life lesson. It was a balmy January night in 1998 during those summer school holidays that I saw the Buffy the Vampire Slayer television series for the first time.

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'Really urgent': Teen vaccine rates tumble, leaving cancer elimination in doubt

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/06/2026, Melissa Cunningham

Australia's goal to eliminate cervical cancer by 2035 is under threat amid a worrying national decline in vaccinations. Adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination coverage tumbled to a record low of 78.7 per cent in girls and 75.

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These four lifestyle changes may help you live longer after a cancer diagnosis

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/06/2026

Adopting healthy lifestyle behaviours – such as regularly engaging in moderate-intensity exercise or eating a diet high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains but low in red and processed meats – can lower your risk of developing a number of different cancers and help you live longer.

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Couple donate \$40 million to MND research

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/06/2026

Queensland couple Quentin and Kylie Birt donated \$40 million to motor neurone disease charity Fight MND after Neale Daniher's death.

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Bail for wife accused of killing terminally ill husband

West Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Rex Martinich

A woman accused of killing her paralysed and terminally ill husband may have been in "two minds" when she administered a lethal cocktail of medication, a judge says. Kylie Ellina Truswell-Mobbs was granted bail on Tuesday after being charged with murdering her 56-year-old husband, who was dying from motor neurone disease.

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Brisbane couple reveals how Neale Daniher inspired huge \$40 million MND donation

7News.com.au, Other, 09/06/2026, Aimee Edwards

'You can find an excuse not to do something.' A Brisbane couple behind a record-breaking \$40 million donation to motor neurone disease (MND) research have said Neale Daniher's example left them with no excuse not to do their part.

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Breast cancer advocate Jane Illin honoured with posthumous Queensland Great award

Cairns Post, Other, 09/06/2026, Emma Cam

A Townsville woman who spent nearly two decades battling breast cancer while building a community health movement has been honoured after her death with a posthumous award at Parliament House. Jane Illin, who was diagnosed with breast cancer at just 24 years old, was named a Queensland Great at this year's Queensland Day Awards.

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Brisbane woman who gave lethal medication to husband with motor neurone disease bailed on murder charge

The Guardian, Other, 09/06/2026

A woman who gave a lethal cocktail of medication to her husband who was dying from motor neurone disease has been granted bail after being charged with murder. Kylie Ellina Truswell-Mobbs was granted bail on Tuesday after being charged with murdering her 56-year-old husband, who was dying from motor neurone disease.

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Building trust and relationships through healthcare co-design

The Mandarin, Other, 09/06/2026, Joshua Gliddon

Co-design in healthcare puts patients' needs, wants and experiences at the centre of their care journey. At its simplest, co-design in healthcare is designing services for consumers with their wellbeing in mind.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 09/06/2026, Rory McClaren

Interview with Proseek Bio founder Associate Professor Michelle Hill. McClaren says ovarian cancer is diagnosed too late for many women, but researchers are now working on a new blood test, hoping to speed up diagnosis and save women from unnecessary surgery. Hill states that ovarian cancer diagnosis can only be done after the ovaries have been removed, and they want to circumvent it by having a blood test and detecting ovarian cancer without removing the tissue.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Tech's threat to marriages

Australian couples say the secrets to a long and successful marriage are to communicate openly, regularly set and review goals, and invest in new hobbies together. It comes as experts expressed concern over the rise of "phubbing" snubbing your partner by prioritising your phone and the impact this behaviour was having on relationships.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#)

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Young tradies are at high risk of suicide

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 10/06/2026, Page 4

Young tradies scaling scaffolds and laying down the foundations for Australia's housing rebound are substantially more likely to end their own lives than other employed men. A study has found male construction workers have an elevated suicide risk, prompting warnings over workplace bullying.

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

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Think mental health at the footy this month

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 10/06/2026, Neil Watkinson, Page 16

Football Country Football WA, together with Healthway, has launched Think Mental Health Month this month to encourage football clubs, leagues and communities across regional WA to prioritise mental wellbeing and the power of meaningful conversations.

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Psychologists question their 'egregious' exclusion from leading psychedelic treatment

The Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Penny Timms

Psychologists are considering a court challenge to new rules about who can lead MDMA and psilocybin therapy. The Australian Association of Psychologists is weighing up its legal options after the drug regulator excluded the majority of psychologists in a rapid expansion of who can lead psychedelic-assisted therapy sessions.

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Darwin youth mental health ward found to be unsafe and not fit for purpose, FOI documents reveal

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026, Tilda Colling

A 2024 report into Northern Territory's only youth mental health inpatient ward found the facility posed serious risks to staff and patients. Stakeholders labelled the report as "damning" and said cuts to staff numbers had impacted patients in the eight-bed ward.

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IMMUNISATION

ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 09/06/2026, Saskia Mabin

Interview with Australian National University Professor Peter Collignon. Mabin says Pharmacy Guild of Australia Senior National Vice President Simon Blacker announced that people who regularly travel to the Yass Valley or other border areas in the ACT are eligible to get a free vaccine for Japanese encephalitis. Collignon says there have been a number of Japanese encephalitis cases along the Murray and Riverina since 2022, but NSW Health found that one in nine people have antibodies to the virus, and people, particularly those who live on farms, are urged to get vaccinated.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Historic deal lets Australian universities join world's largest research club

The Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Natasha Bitá

Universities are celebrating hard-won access to the world's richest source of research funding, a decade after they started lobbying to join Horizon Europe. Europe has thrown a financial lifeline to Australian universities hit by the Albanese government's budget cuts, by sharing research cash from its \$155bn Horizon Europe fund

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'Parasitic cleanses' are the latest health trend to infest social media. But what does the evidence say?

The Guardian, Other, 10/06/2026, Melissa Davey

Parasitic infections are fairly uncommon among otherwise healthy people living in most major developed cities. But this hasn't stopped a wave of social media influencers spruiking at-home "parasitic cleanses" for any number of symptoms such as constipation, fatigue, poor sleep and brain-fog.

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Antibiotic by-products contributing to resistance

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/06/2026

Breakdown products can trigger resistance at the same exposure level as the original antibiotics, Australian researchers find Antibiotic byproducts can retain the ability to promote antibiotic resistance in bacteria even after the original medicine has degraded, research led by The University of Queensland has found.

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This little-known bodily process could be quietly shortening your life

The Senior, Other, 09/06/2026, Phoebe Loomes

A little-known bodily process could be a growing problem that is shortening the lives of thousands of Australians, and taking a few simple steps could slash your risk and see you live a longer, healthier life. "As we age, inflammation accumulates," said Dr Raffi Gugasyan from medical research body, the Burnet Institute.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

ABC Radio Hobart, Breakfast, 09/06/2026, Tracey Strong

Tasmania's peak doctors' body has warned that any efficiency savings extracted from the state's strained healthcare system must be directly reinvested into frontline hospital care. The directive follows a controversial mandate charging the Department of Health with identifying \$70.2 million in structural cuts over the next four years.

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ABC South West WA, Regional Statewide Breakfast, 09/06/2026, Stan Shaw

One of Australia's largest medical imaging providers, Sonic Healthcare, has confirmed it will launch an independent external audit into Medicare compliance at a public hospital in Western Australia's Goldfields-Esperance region. The corporate intervention follows an official notification from WA Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson to the Federal Department of Health over escalating concerns of systemic, improper billing.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

I won't step aside

Herald Sun, General News, 10/06/2026, Ryan Bourke, Page 5

Premier Jacinta Allan has declared she won't resign even if it guaranteed her party a better result at November's election, amid disastrous polling numbers that have increased pressure on her to stand aside. Ms Allan tried to deflect criticism of her leadership yesterday, blaming the war in Iran and cost-of-living crisis for her tanking popularity ranking in a new Herald Sun poll, conducted by Freshwater strategy.

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'All in': defiant premier toughs out leadership talk

Ballarat Courier, Other, 09/06/2026

Flanked by women at the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation's Melbourne office on Tuesday, Jacinta Allan dismissed speculation of a brewing leadership challenge after more poor polling. Victorian Labor's primary vote has slumped to 23 per cent, compared to the coalition's 27 per cent, while a surging One Nation has shot to 25 per cent, according to a Freshwater Strategy poll.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Victorian government appoints first Chief Midwife

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 09/06/2026, Anmj Staff

An experienced clinician with a background spanning hospital services and Safer Care Victoria, the state's peak healthcare quality and safety improvement agency, has been appointed Victoria's first Chief Midwife. Elisa McDonald, who has previously worked as Senior Maternity Adviser, Safer Care Victoria, and as a midwife at Western Health, is regarded as a true advocate for the midwifery profession, for women and birthing people and for equitable access to maternity, sexual and reproductive health care.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Union bid for 35pc pay lift for 300,000

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2026, Ewin Hannan, Page 1

The Australian Services Union will seek pay rises of up to 35 per cent for 300,000 community and disability workers in a historic work value claim to be funded by federal and state governments if successful. Ahead of the claim being filed in the Fair Work Commission on Wednesday, ASU national secretary Emeline Gaske said the 35 per cent pay rise, which would be likely phased in over years if awarded, was warranted because the largely feminised workforce was underpaid and undervalued.

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

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Key witness in nurses' 'kill threat' trial hesitant to fly here

The Australian, General News, 10/06/2026, Bimini Plesser, Page 2

The Israeli influencer who recorded two Sydney nurses allegedly threatening to "kill" Israeli patients may refuse to travel to Australia to give evidence in their upcoming trial because he's not sure "what will happen" to him when he arrives. Max Ilinski known online as Max Veifer went viral after he recorded Bankstown Hospital nurses Sarah Abu Lebdeh and Ahmad Rashad Nadir allegedly making violent threats towards Israeli patients last year.

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

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Doctor appeals defamation case judgment

Age, General News, 10/06/2026, Christine Lacy, Page 2

Disgraced orthopedic surgeon Munjed Al Muderis has launched an appeal to his failed defamation case against Nine and three of its journalists over a 2022 investigation into the celebrity doctor's negligent practices. Al Muderis' barrister Sue Chrysanthou, SC, told the Full Court of the Federal Court in Sydney yesterday that there were myriad grounds to appeal Justice Wendy Abraham's judgment from last year that he had prioritised fame and money over the welfare of his patients.

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Nurses slam having to give up 'intimate' details to get leave

Courier Mail, General News, 10/06/2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 8

Queensland nurses claim they are being asked to reveal "embarrassing" and intimate health details in order to access reproductive leave introduced by the Labor government. Both the Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union (QNMU) and the Nurses Professional Association of Queensland (NPAQ) report that nurses and midwives face hurdles in accessing the 10 days of leave that allows time off for issues like menopause, endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome, prostate issues, vasectomies, screening or IVF.

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Australian Services Union to push for historic 35pc pay rise for community, disability support workers

Adelaide Now, Other, 09/06/2026, Ike Morris

One of Australia's biggest unions will push for a pay rise not seen in more than a decade for thousands of workers across the country. The Australian Services Union (ASU) will push for a 35 per cent wage increase for community and disability support workers.

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Perth doctor Vino Kariyakarawana found guilty of assaulting female patient during acupuncture appointment

West Australian, Other, 09/06/2026, Jessica Evensen

A Perth doctor has been found guilty of inappropriately touching his female patient during an acupuncture appointment last year. Vino Kariyakarawana, 49, was convicted of one count of unlawful and indecent assault at Perth Magistrates Court on Tuesday — just months after going to trial to defend the allegation.

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

Sex-starved pharmacist in country Victoria lured female patient to private room then asked for an affair: His furious wife issues warning if he dares try it again

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 09/06/2026

A lonely, sex-deprived pharmacist in country Victoria has been suspended after admitting he misused a female patient's contact details to lure her back to his pharmacy and proposition her for a sexual relationship. Meng Guann (Chris) Ang, who owns Nathalia Pharmacy in the close-knit regional town, accessed the woman's phone number from pharmacy records without consent and called her in June 2023, asking her to return after the midday closing time under false pretences.

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Perth paediatrician facing criminal charges suspended from practising

Medical Forum, Other, 09/06/2026

A Perth paediatrician facing allegations of sexually assaulting patients has had his registration suspended. Police charged 41-year-old Chia Liang Saw with persistent sexual conduct with a child under 16 and possessing child exploitation material on May 29.

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Judge to rule on admissibility of viral video in Sydney nurses' trial

Nursing Review, Other, 09/06/2026

The admissibility of a viral video in which two Sydney nurses allegedly threatened Israeli patients has become a key question before a trial this year, with the court being told the pair were recorded in the interests of "vigilantism". Sarah Abu Lebdeh, 27, and Ahmad Rashad Nadir, 28, made international headlines last February after a video of the pair spread online in which they allegedly threatened violence against Israeli patients at Bankstown Hospital, in Sydney's west.

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Healthcare workers on minimum wage get 4.75 per cent pay boost

Nursing Review, Other, 09/06/2026

Millions of Australian workers will receive a 4.75 per cent pay rise from July 1, after the Fair Work Commission (FWC) handed down its annual wage review. The decision was welcomed by unions as overdue relief for frontline care workers but criticised by business groups as a potential tipping point for struggling employers.

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The Nurses and Midwives Work Value Case: why the award matters

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 10/06/2026, Natalie Dragon

The Nurses and Midwives Work Value Case brought by the ANMF is being heard in the Fair Work Commission this week (10-16 June 2026). So, what is it — and why does this matter for you?

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Medical imaging provider to investigate improper Medicare billing allegations

ABC Online, Other, 09/06/2026

Integral Diagnostics says it will conduct an external audit to confirm there are no Medicare billing "anomalies" at Kalgoorlie Health Campus. The WA Country Health Service enters billings for some of the radiology services conducted by the company's subsidiary, Apex Radiology.

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AUSTRALIAN CDC

The Australian at the forefront of the fight against Ebola – and the next pandemic

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 09/06/2026, Angus Dalton

Ebola is at the centre of a plan to prepare for disease X – the next global pandemic. Jane Halton was in the room with the world's top health chiefs as the World Health Organisation rang its most serious alarm about the Ebola outbreak.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The real slim shades

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 10/06/2026, Darren Chaitman, Page 1

Taxpayers are funding free doses of popular drug Ozempic for South Australian prisoners, The Advertiser can reveal. [...] According to the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Ozempic remains approved only for the treatment of type-2 diabetes mellitus and is not approved for weight management in Australia.

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Prisoners don't deserve taxpayer funded Ozempic

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 10/06/2026, Page 22

When offenders are convicted of breaking the law and sent to jail, it should go without saying they should also lose other privileges that law-abiding citizens enjoy. This is a social contract that underpins the legal system in this country, and a principle most South Australians understand intuitively as fundamentally fair.

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TGA warns doctors after 116 children given nasal flu vaccine when too young

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/06/2026

Nasal flu vaccine FluMist was given to at least 116 children younger than the minimum indicated age of two last month, the TGA says. The TGA warned on Friday that 161 adverse events related to FluMist had been reported to its Database of Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN) in May, most involving children outside the indicated age range, although none were deemed serious.

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FluMist admin warning

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 09/06/2026

Tga urges immunisers to ensure patients are aged two years or older before administering nasal influenza vaccine Health professionals are being urged confirm a child's age before administering FluMist, after reports of the intranasal vaccine being given to infants under two years of age by mistake. In an alert issued on Friday (5 June 2026), the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), noted This content is restricted to registered users only.

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Something borrowed, something prescribed: The new reality of wedding weight loss.

Mamamia, Other, 09/06/2026, Erin Docherty

If you're someone who's been a bride before, chances are you'll have heard that one question that's become standard in bridal boutiques "Are you planning to stay this size?" [...] GLP-1 receptor agonists are prescription-only medicines in Australia and are regulated by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for specific clinical indications.

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Does the Black Triangle on medication packets work?

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2026

A TGA medicine safety initiative is not 'sparking the curiosity it needs' to ensure adverse reactions are reported, research reveals. The Black Triangle Scheme symbol on medicine packets is misunderstood, including by more than half of GPs surveyed for a study.

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Do not give FluMist to under-2s, TGA warns

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 09/06/2026

There were 116 reports of children younger than two being administered FluMist in May, despite the vaccine not being approved in that age group. Studies of FluMist use in other countries suggest the vaccine has helped with uptake among children. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued a warning not to administer the widely subsidised FluMist vaccine to children aged under two, following a series of adverse event notifications.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 09/06/2026, Leon Compton

Interview with Vicky Durston, Breast Cancer Network Australia, on AstraZeneca's decision to pull Zoladex from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, which causes concern amongst breast cancer and endometriosis patients. Durston says clinicians were told by AstraZeneca that Zoladex will not be available in Australia from November, and that it was a commercial and global decision. She also says they know there are geopolitical tactics at play, but they are not getting the answers, and the Australian public deserves better because the drug is safe, effective, and accessible.

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