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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **ABC Online** (online) reports that NDIS Minister Mark Butler has stated that the Federal Government is actively engaged with an ongoing Senate inquiry into proposed reforms to NDIS eligibility and participation guidelines. *Also reported by: [The Australian](#)*
- **The Australian** (page 3) reports that the Federal Government will endow the Medical Research Future Fund with \$100 million to fund research into improved treatments and diagnoses for individuals with arthritis. *Also reported by: [West Australian](#)*
- **The Australian** (page 4) reports that the Victorian Government has announced that children in Victoria will receive additional universal developmental assessments prior to entering kindergarten in order to detect mild autism and developmental delays. *Also reported by: [Age](#)*
- The **Adelaide Advertiser** (page 1) reports that a National Disability Insurance Agency employee has been charged, following a multi-agency investigation featuring NDIA representatives, with attempting to defraud the NDIS of more than \$5 million. *Also reported by: [The Australian](#), [ABC Online](#)*
- **ABC Online** (online) reports that a person has died after contracting Murray Valley encephalitis, a rare mosquito-borne virus, following a trip to the Kimberley region. *Also reported by: [The Australian](#), [West Australian](#)*

- [ABC Radio Brisbane](#) (radio) features an interview with Health Minister, Mark Butler, in which he discusses the successful delivery of 137 Urgent Care Clinics nationwide, with the facilities opening within the scheduled timeframe.
- [ABC Radio Darwin](#) (radio) features an interview with Assistant Minister for Mental Health, Emma McBride, in which she discusses the Federal Government's funding commitments to improving perinatal mental health services.
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- The [Australian Financial Review](#) (page 1) reports that the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released data showing that 19 per cent of Australian are currently being prescribed antidepressants, psychostimulants and other mental health-related drugs.
- The [Australian Financial Review](#) (page 1) reports that GPN Vaccines chief executive, Professor Tim Hirst, has stated that the Federal Government's proposed reforms to research and development tax incentive policy will increase the difficulty of raising funding to research medical breakthroughs. *Also reported by: [The Australian](#)*

## MINISTER BUTLER

### ACT govt to skip inquiry into key bill

Canberra Times, General News, 11/06/2026, Dana Daniel, Page 4

The Barr government has come under fire for declining an invitation to appear at a Senate inquiry into the Albanese government's NDIS cuts. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says they are necessary to make the NDIS sustainable, but disability advocates are concerned that people will be left without adequate supports.

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

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### We need health certainty

Albany Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Rick Wilson, Page 7

The Federal Budget's extension of funding for the Albany GP After Hours Collaborative is welcome. [...] After months of uncertainty, and lobbying of Minister Mark Butler by myself, Scott Leary MLA and the City of Albany, the Federal Labor Government has committed to extending the Primary Health Network After Hours Program, keeping Albany's vital GP After Hours service operating until mid-2028.

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### The push on to free up GPs

CQ Today, General News, 10/06/2026, Jacob Shteyman, Page 30

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.

*Also reported by: [HealthTimes \(Online\)](#).*

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### Funding mission aims to offers hope for arthritis cure

West Australian, Other, 11/06/2026, Sebastian Tan

Millions of Australians with arthritis will have renewed hope for their futures as the government unveils millions of dollars in funding to tackle the painful condition. [...] "We have world-class researchers in

Australia whose ideas could transform health outcomes for future generations," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

Also reported by: [Busselton Dunsborough Times \(Online\)](#), [Cobram Courier \(Online\)](#), [The Telegraph \(Seymour\) \(Online\)](#), [Benalla Ensign \(Online\)](#).

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## **NDIS cuts could create unsafe environments and domestic violence risks, inquiry warned**

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Evan Young & Nas Campanella

Planned cuts to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) community participation budgets could leave participants in unsafe environments, including increasing their risk of domestic violence, advocates have warned. [...] This morning NDIS Minister Mark Butler told reporters in Queensland he was "very confident we will have systems in place" in 18 months' time, when Thriving Kids is expected to be fully up and running.

Also reported by: [MSN Australia \(Online\)](#).

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## **Disability advocate warns proposed NDIS reforms could have 'dire' consequences**

SBS, Other, 10/06/2026, Mikele Syron

Disability advocates have warned proposed changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) could leave participants worse off, as the second day of public hearings into the federal government's sweeping reforms heard emotional evidence from those affected. [...] Health and NDIS Minister Mark Butler defended the reforms, saying the government remained committed to protecting the scheme's future while improving oversight.

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## **What will it take for cancer patients across Australia to gain fair access to vital prostheses?**

Croakey, Other, 10/06/2026, Melissa Sweet

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## **Australia's aged care infrastructure shortfall is bigger than you think – and the clock is ticking**

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 10/06/2026, Marion Piper

Remember when Minister Mark Butler told the National Press Club back in April that, "we need to open a new Aged Care home every three days for the next twenty years. And, right now, we're not. Not by a long shot!" Well, that's not the full story.

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## **How Support at Home's personal care funding changes from October 2026**

HelloCare, Other, 10/06/2026, Jakob Neeland

From 1 October 2026, personal care services under the Support at Home program will be fully funded by the Australian Government. [...] The announcement came on 22 April 2026, when Health Minister Mark Butler and Aged Care Minister Sam Rae confirmed that personal care services would be reclassified from the Independence category to the Clinical Supports category under Support at Home.

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## **6-year-old takes PBS plea to Butler**

A six-year-old girl has met Health Minister Mark Butler as part of a campaign to give children under 12 PBS access to Sanofi's blockbuster eczema injectable Dupixent. "I want other kids to have the medicine like me so they don't have pain," Peggy Creasy, a severe eczema sufferer, told Channel 9's Today Extra.

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## **SBS, World News Australia, 10/06/2026, Janice Petersen**

On day two of a federal inquiry into proposed NDIS changes, disability advocates Hannah Diviney, Sam Petersen, Women with Disabilities Australia CEO Sophie Cusworth, and affected families opposed the bill, arguing that it would reduce support, increase unpaid care, and limit access to services. Health Minister Mark Butler said the changes are needed to ensure the scheme's long-term survival amid rising costs.

*Similar coverage reported by: [Sky News Live \(Sydney\)](#).*

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## **ABC Radio Brisbane, Drive, 10/06/2026, Ellen Fanning**

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler. Butler discusses urgent care clinics' rollout in Queensland, with 25 operating and a 26th opening in Caloundra next week, as part of 137 nationwide due by the end of June. He says the program costs a couple of billion dollars, has treated over three million people, and reports reductions in non-urgent emergency department presentations of about 10–20 per cent at Logan Hospital and Ipswich.

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## **MINISTER MCALLISTER**

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## **MINISTER RAE**

### **'Unsustainable': admission anger**

*Illawarra Mercury, General News, 11/06/2026, Natalie Croxon, Page 22*

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park has hit out at the "unsustainable" growth in stranded hospital patients, as new data reveals that Wollongong emergency department patients in need of admission are waiting close to 16 hours for a bed. [...] "The Albanese government is on a mission to deliver more beds, faster so older Australians in the Illawarra can have confidence that they can be cared for with dignity, when they need it," federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said.

*Also reported by: [Milton Ulladulla Times \(Online\)](#), [South Coast Register \(Online\)](#), [Southern Highland News \(Online\)](#).*

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### **Stronger safeguards give more confidence in home care**

*South Gippsland Sentinel Times, General News, 10/06/2026, Page 26*

Older Australians receiving support at home are being given stronger safeguards over how much they pay and how their money is spent. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the changes would give older people and their families greater certainty.

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## Lifeline thrown to stranded hospital patients

MSN Australia, Other, 10/06/2026, Emma Kirk

A growing backlog of patients unable to leave NSW hospitals because they are waiting for Commonwealth-funded aged care or NDIS support has prompted the State Government to step in and take action. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the funding would make sure the system was strong and fair enough to meet demand.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

### Big upgrade coming for youth mental health support

Geelong Times, Other, 11/06/2026, James Taylor

Geelong's headspace will double its staff and provide a broader range of services to young people under a federal government plan to upgrade some of the centres across Australia. [...] Deputy prime minister and Corio federal member, Richard Marles, and assistant minister for mental health and suicide prevention, Emma McBride, visited headspace Geelong on Friday last week to make the announcement.

Also reported by: [Bellarine Times \(Online\)](#), [Surf Coast Times \(Online\)](#)

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### ABC Radio Darwin , Drive, 10/06/2026, Adam Steer

Interview with Emma McBride, Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. McBride discusses perinatal mental health support, including a \$40 million investment in Gidget Houses and the opening of a centre in Berry Springs for new and expectant parents experiencing anxiety or depression. She also says the Commonwealth has invested about \$200 million since 2019–20 in perinatal mental health while raising concerns about Northern Territory mental health services, including a reduction in the NT mental health budget from \$135 million to \$130 million and a report that the NT's only youth mental health inpatient facility was unable to uphold 16 national safety standards.

Interview continues on: [ABC Radio Darwin \(Darwin\)](#)

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### ABC Alice Springs, Drive Show, 10/06/2026, Nat Tencic

Interview with Emma McBride, Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. McBride discusses perinatal mental health support for new and expectant parents, highlighting a \$40 million investment in Gidget Houses and around \$200 million since 2019–20, including the opening of a new centre in Berry Springs under the Gidget Foundation. She also outlines delivery through the Primary Health Network and co-location with Remote Territory Healthcare while noting Commonwealth youth mental health commitments in Darwin alongside concerns raised about Northern Territory mental health funding and youth inpatient safety standards.

Interview continues on: [ABC Alice Springs \(Alice Springs\)](#), [ABC Alice Springs \(Alice Springs\)](#)

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### MIX 104.9, 360, 10/06/2026, Katie Woolf

Interview with Emma McBride, Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. McBride discusses opening a new perinatal mental health centre in Berry Springs, providing free

Medicare-backed support via GP referral for parents experiencing anxiety, depression, birth trauma or pregnancy loss. She also addresses a report on the Northern Territory's youth mental health inpatient facility, saying it is principally a matter for NT Health while noting Commonwealth mental health investment, including more than \$1.1 billion and the introduction of Headspace Plus, with a new service planned in Darwin and 30 locations nationally.

*Interview continues on: [MIX 104.9 \(Darwin\)](#).*

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

### **ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 10/06/2026, Leon Compton**

Interview with Assistant Federal Minister for Health Rebecca White, about whether there will be a women-centric roundtable in Tasmania to protect women. White says as part of the second phase of the National Action Plan, they are doing consultations across the country on the matter, including in Tasmania. She adds that they want to first understand what's happening and what people are experiencing in the state.

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### **ABC Radio Hobart, 09:00 News, 10/06/2026**

The Federal Government has announced a comprehensive nationwide consultation process with frontline service providers to combat domestic and family violence, though it stopped short of convening a formal national roundtable. Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Women, Rebecca White, confirmed that these targeted, regional discussions will take place over the coming months.

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## SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

### **Left hanging**

Quadrant Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Bettina Arndt

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### **It's time for blokes to put their health first**

Shepparton News Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Jaci Hicken

Men's Health Week is encouraging Australian men and boys to prioritise their health and wellbeing. [...] "Us blokes are great at looking after everyone else, but we're not always great at looking after ourselves," said Federal Member for Hunter Dan Repacholi, who is the Special Envoy for Men's Health.

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## DEPARTMENT

### **NDIS cuts could create unsafe environments and domestic violence risks, inquiry warned**

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## **Care coordination needed for remote cervical cancer patients: RACGP**

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 10/06/2026, Jo Roberts

The RACGP welcomes new draft guidelines' recognition of GPs as 'integral' to multidisciplinary team care of patients with cervical cancer. [...] In November 2025 the Federal Government said it was still confident of meeting its cervical cancer elimination target, however, in its 2024–25 Annual Report, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing reported a decline in HPV vaccination among 15-year-olds.

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## **TGA targets illegal peptides in new compliance crackdown**

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 10/06/2026, Michelle Wisbey

The TGA says the formal inclusion of peptides as a focus area reflects a 'scaling up of regulatory attention' in response to increased importation. [...] Professor Anthony Lawler, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Deputy Secretary and head of the TGA, said the decision 'reflects a deliberate, risk-based response to an evolving market'.

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## **Remember who can and can't receive FluMist: TGA**

The Medical Republic, Other, 10/06/2026, Lincoln Tracy

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has released a medicine safety update for FluMist, the intranasal influenza vaccine. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing reported that 116 of the 161 FluMist-related adverse event reports it received in May 2026 related to children under the age of two, including 89 instances where the product was administered to a patient of inappropriate age and 38 instances of the wrong product being administered.

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## **What practice owners can actually do before 1 July**

The Medical Republic, Other, 10/06/2026, David Dahm

If your practice will not be Assignment of Benefit ready by 1 July 2026, the practical and safest interim is to bill 100% privately, or risk being accused of Medicare fraud. [...] Section 65C of the Health Insurance Act 1973 and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing FAQ released 21 May 2026 are clear that there is no prescribed template for AoB.

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## **TGA escalates compliance focus on unapproved peptide products**

Aesthetic Medical Practitioner, Other, 11/06/2026, Aimée Rodrigues

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has added unapproved peptide products to its priority compliance focus areas, citing increased detection of unlawful importation, supply and advertising in Australia.[...] Professor Anthony Lawler, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and head of the TGA, said the move was part of a deliberate, risk-based response to changing market activity.

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## Department blames providers for home care statement problems

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/06/2026, Caroline Egan

More than six months after Support at Home was implemented, providers are still experiencing problems issuing a core document. [...] This week, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's weekly Your Aged Care Update email said providers are "experiencing issues" generating monthly statements "due to their own software or the software vendor they use".

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## Health & biotech sectors unite against R&D tax changes

Pulse+IT, Other, 10/06/2026, Reesh Lyon

Industry groups are warning that proposed Budget changes to the Research and Development Tax Incentive (RDTI) will disproportionately impact Australia's biotech, medtech and health tech sector and potentially force local companies to consider moving offshore. [...] Ms Cassidy said the Australian Government had "long understood" the length of time it took to get a product to market, pointing to the 2025 National Health and Medical Research Strategy Issues Paper from the Department of Health and Aged Care which averaged the timeframe at 17 years.

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## Record turnout for ARCS conference

Pharma In Focus, Other, 10/06/2026

A record crowd has started descending on this year's three-day ARCS Conference at the International Convention Centre in Sydney to hear more than 120 expert speakers across 80 sessions share insights and explore the challenges facing the future of healthcare. [...] The conference program is jam-packed with sessions that cover every aspect of the sector and includes senior representatives from government including the head of the TGA, Tony Lawler and head of the PBAC Robyn Ward.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Who you trust to care as you age

Canberra Times, General News, 11/06/2026, Steve Evans, Page 16

When scientist Percy Waters died in 2019, a hundred years after he was born, his daughters were astonished to learn that the bulk of his property had been left to his carer. In the last 10 years of his life, he'd changed his will six times, with each one leaving less to his two daughters and more to the outsider who was paid to look after him.

Also reported by: [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).

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## Lookout launches AI agents

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/06/2026

Home care management platform The Lookout Way has launched a major platform upgrade, centred on specialised AI-powered agents called Lookout Assist. Built specifically for the Australian aged care sector, Lookout Assist AI agents are designed to help support workers, clinicians, care managers, rostering teams, finance teams, clients and families reduce the administrative load that has accompanied growing compliance requirements.

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## Aged care is sinking

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 10/06/2026, Geoff Rowe

The numbers about aged care wait times are no longer surprising but deeply frustrating. We weren't short on warnings about the iceberg – we're short on lifeboats. After the release of the Aged Care Act 2024 Wait Times Report on budget day 2026, I was asked to appear on several media channels to make comment on the worrying figures from the report.

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## GPs locked out of aged care as funding and red tape take toll on patients

HelloCare, Other, 10/06/2026, Jakob Neeland

Australia's residential aged care system is failing its most vulnerable residents, with the country's peak medical body warning that systematic underfunding, regulatory barriers, and fragmented digital infrastructure are cutting aged care residents off from regular GP care. In a position statement released on 9 June, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) called for urgent reform and investment to fix what it describes as a deeply broken system.

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## How many aged care homes have a 1 Star Rating?

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/06/2026, Caroline Egan

The Government's Star Ratings for the May 2026 quarter reflect changes to how ratings are calculated. The Government introduced the Star Ratings system in December 2022 in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

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## What's the price tag on Victoria's latest aged care home?

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/06/2026, Caroline Egan

The Victorian Government continues to build new aged care beds, but at a cost far exceeding that of private sector providers. The State Government has completed the \$45.36 million, 38-bed residential aged care home at Orbost in the Gippsland region or a cost of \$1.2 million per bed.

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## Respect enters South Australia with latest regional aged care expansion

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/06/2026, Lauren Broomham

Respect has expanded into South Australia for the first time, adding another regional aged care home to its growing national network. From 30 June, Jallarah Homes in Meningie will join the Not For Profit provider, increasing Respect's portfolio to 41 aged care homes across Australia.

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## Prevention forgotten in aged care funding: Inspector-General

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/06/2026, Caroline Egan

Inspector-General of Aged Care, Natalie Siegel-Brown, says aged care funding could be used more effectively to help older Australians remain independent at home for longer. At Senate Estimates last week, Natalie said her Office is working with the Department of Treasury's Australian Centre for

Evaluation on how the \$40 billion aged care Budget is spent, with findings to be released in November 2027.

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## **FIVEAA, Afternoons, 10/06/2026, Stacy Lee**

Interview with Penny Fielding, CEO of Pearl Home Care. Fielding discusses the My Aged Care Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT) for assessing older Australians' in-home care needs, saying it relies on an electronic algorithm rather than a human conversation to determine care levels. She also expresses concern that assessors report frustration, describe outcomes as a "lottery," and claim there is no way for skilled assessors to override or review the algorithm's results.

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## **DISABILITY AND CARERS**

### **First-time buyers to be spared stamp duty**

The Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Thomas Henry, Page 2

The ACT will be the first state or territory to abolish stamp duty for all first-home buyers as part of government efforts to help young people on to the property ladder. [...] The commitment promised by Labor at the last election will also expand exemptions for pensioners, eligible NDIS participants and homebuyers who have not owned property in the previous five years.

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### **'Overhaul of NDIS will see people die'**

The Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Sarah Ison, Page 4

Labor's proposed measures to reduce NDIS costs by \$185bn over the next decade risk seeing "disabled people die", advocates say, as the Coalition warns it won't approach negotiations over the reforms as a "tick and flick" exercise in the face of such concerns. While the government is banking on the Coalition to pass its bill during the next sitting fortnight in order to halve annual NDIS growth in the next financial year, opposition NDIS spokeswoman Melissa McIntosh said Labor "could not expect us to go and say yes to everything" after the barrage of criticism during Senate inquiry hearings this week.

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

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### **State unveils universal check-up plan for autism**

The Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Anthony Galloway, Page 4

Victoria will begin diverting children aged eight and under with mild autism and developmental delays away from the National Disability Insurance Scheme from October, introducing two extra universal developmental assessments before kindergarten and school as part of the changes foisted on the states by the Albanese government. The move comes amid growing concern among families and disability advocates about the commonwealth's push for states and territories to establish alternative support pathways under the Thriving Kids program, as it looks to steer more children away from the NDIS to rein in the spiralling costs of the scheme.

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

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### **ACT ends stamp duty for first home buyers**

Australian Financial Review, Property, 11/06/2026, Sarah Petty, Page 25

The ACT has become the first Australian jurisdiction to abolish stamp duty for first home buyers, the latest step in its two-decade-long plan to abolish the impost on all property transactions.

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### **All three and four-year-olds to be screened for autism**

Every Victorian three and four-year-old child will be offered screening for autism and developmental delays under a new program designed to shift thousands of children from the NDIS onto state-run support. Under Victoria's new Thriving Kids program, trained clinicians will assess all children for developmental concerns and refer those requiring support into a state-run system providing services such as speech pathology and occupational therapy.

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## NDIS face off

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Jacinta Round, Page 1

An Adelaide woman has been charged over an alleged plot to defraud more than \$5m from Australia's disability scheme. Authorities linked to a Commonwealth taskforce, including agents from Australian Federal Police and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, raided several homes and a business in the northern suburbs on Wednesday.

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

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## The winners and losers as govt seeks to cut costs

Canberra Times, General News, 11/06/2026, Lucy Arundell, Page 10

The scrapping of a controversial levy will leave some homeowners better off than last year, while others are set to see their gain swallowed up by rate hikes in the ACT's latest budget. [...] Pensioners, National Disability Insurance Scheme participants and anyone who has not owned property in the past five years will also no longer have to pay the duty.

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## NDIS insider charged over alleged \$5m plot to defraud disability scheme

The Australian, Other, 10/06/2026, Emma Kirk

A government staffer has been charged over an alleged plot to defraud millions of dollars from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Authorities were tipped off to the alleged plot when a National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) worker allegedly gained unauthorised access to protected records of participants in March this year.

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

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## I'm disabled. The last thing I need is NDIS run by big charities

Australian Financial Review, Other, 10/06/2026, Paul Barry

I admire the chutzpah of Michael Trill and Lin Hatfield Dodds, who argued in their article "Big charity wants to take over the NDIS" for fewer, larger, better-resourced providers to manage the NDIS.

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## Calls for rethink on 'unnecessary' NDIS re-assessments

West Australian, Other, 11/06/2026, Zac De Silva

Plans to force all National Disability Insurance Scheme participants to have their impairment re-assessed before getting ongoing support are "unnecessary, disruptive and costly," one of the original architects of the program has warned. Ahead of the final day of a snap inquiry into broad reforms aimed at reducing the cost of the \$56 billion support program, the head of disability provider Aruma said adjustments were needed to avoid putting unnecessary strain on disabled Australians.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#).

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## Albanese insists NDIS cuts 'sensible' if scheme is 'going to have a

## future' amid concerns raised at inquiry

West Australian, Other, 10/06/2026, Caitlyn Rintoul

Anthony Albanese has insisted his Government's proposed cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme are "sensible" as a three-day inquiry hears concerns over the changes. The Senate hearing has been warned that the government's new NDIS legislation could push responsibilities on already exhausted families and block people from accessing the scheme.

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

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## 'People like Sam will pay the price': Floreat family sounds alarm on proposed NDIS cuts

West Australian, Other, 11/06/2026, Harriet Flinn

Tucked away in a western suburb cul-de-sac, the sounds of cans crushing and plastic bottles rattling can be heard coming from the backyard of a Floreat home. But behind the organised clatter is Sam Clarke, an autistic and non-verbal 25-year-old who is methodically sorting through hundreds of donated containers to be recycled.

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## 'Blood on your hands': disability reforms blasted

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Zac de Silva & Lucinda Garbutt-Young

Furious disabled Australians warn their lives could be put at risk and families broken apart under sweeping changes aimed at making the NDIS more financially sustainable. The overhaul - which would include about 160,000 people shunted from the \$56-billion-a-year scheme to separate supports run by the states - could also undermine Australia's human rights obligations, the disability discrimination commissioner has warned.

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

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## Australian-first plan to spot autism, ADHD in schools

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Calum Goode

Occupational therapists and speech pathologists would spend 15 minutes assessing all prep students for neurodivergence under a state election policy. The Victorian coalition has promised to place specialists in prep classrooms across the state from term one in 2028, if it wins the November state election.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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## Adelaide woman charged with alleged plot to defraud NDIS of \$5 million

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has charged a National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) employee over an alleged plot to steal \$5 million from the National Disability Insurance Service (NDIS) and a disability services provider. Officers from the AFP, SA Police and other agencies executed a search warrant at the woman's home in the northern Adelaide suburb of Blakeview on Wednesday.

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## ACT budget papers reveal rising rates and a delayed surplus, as health levy scrapped

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Monte Bovill

After weeks of build-up, the full details of the ACT's budget have been revealed. [...] Pensioners, eligible National Disability Insurance Scheme participants, and all home buyers who have not owned property in the past five years will also be exempt from paying stamp duty.

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## Tightening NDIS eligibility will disproportionately affect women – in more ways than you'd expect

The Conversation, Other, 10/06/2026, Molly Saunders & Sophie Yates

Public hearings are underway this week to highlight the impacts of the government's new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) bill to tighten eligibility and save costs. Over the past two days, the Senate inquiry heard that if the bill passes in its current form, it risks entrenching gender inequities in the NDIS and further excluding women and girls.

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## Adelaide woman charged over alleged \$5m NDIS fraud plot

7News.com.au, Other, 10/06/2026, Lauren Thomson

An Adelaide woman has been charged over an alleged plan to defraud more than \$5 million from the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The 48-year-old was arrested on Wednesday and later bailed to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court on August 20, 2026.

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## 'Relevant criminal history': Border NDIS provider banned for three years

The Border Mail, Other, 10/06/2026

A Lavington National Disability Insurance Scheme provider has been given a three-year ban due to his criminal history. [...] The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission regulates providers and issues banning orders for the most serious cases of non-compliance with a code of conduct.

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## From overlooked to in-demand

Rail Express, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 34

Two data analysts who have been diagnosed with autism share their journey from struggling to crack the job market to making a difference on complex infrastructure projects. Australia's rail infrastructure pipeline is becoming increasingly data-driven, with major projects relying not only on engineering skills, but also on precise geospatial data, asset digitisation and systems integration.

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## ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 10/06/2026, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Shadow NDIS Minister Melissa McIntosh. McIntosh discusses the need for a potentially longer NDIS inquiry amid more than 4000 submissions and concerns about proposed government NDIS changes, citing fears that participants could be harmed by service reductions. She also raises concerns about automated decision-making in the NDIS changes, saying it may improve efficiency if human oversight is maintained but warning that past automation has not always produced good outcomes.

*Interview continues on: [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#).*

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Cancer Council on the move

Burnie Advocate, General News, 11/06/2026, Rodney Woods, Page 3

Those looking for cancer support in the region will be forced to travel to a new location later this year as Cancer Council Tasmania has locked in a new home for its NorthWest headquarters. [...] At full capacity, the Burnie Health Hub services will include TML Pathology, a GP clinic, Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, Laurel House, Women's Legal Service, Playgroup Tasmania, Family Planning Tasmania, Medicare Mental Health Centre, Medical Imaging, allied health, a pharmacy, the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

## New clinic a 'game changer'

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 11/06/2026, Emma Cam, Page 4

Women in North Queensland can now access a new specialised clinic for patients suffering from chronic pelvic pain and endometriosis. This week Townsville University Hospital announced its first dedicated team-based service as part of a \$3.2m investment backed by the state government.

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

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## Great Western Highway closure leaves Bathurst patients struggling to reach lifesaving Sydney treatment, critics say

Adelaide Now, Other, 10/06/2026, Dane Millerd

Bathurst Community Transport has warned the Great Western Highway closure is forcing dangerous detours and cutting "lifesaving" medical treatment in Sydney for vulnerable regional patients. The ongoing closure of sections of the Great Western Highway, including Victoria Pass, is creating significant challenges for Bathurst residents requiring specialist medical treatment in the state's capital, with critics warning of growing safety concerns and mounting financial pressures.

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

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## Services join forces in Hamilton to offer safe haven for people struggling

Newcastle Herald, Other, 10/06/2026, Madeline Link

Vulnerable people will have access to services in a new safe space in Hamilton. [...] "Collaborating with Reach complements the other services we host in Cleary Street including Street Side Medics and Orange Sky."

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## GP role in new national stroke care standard

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 11/06/2026, Karen Burge

The GP-patient relationship provides an ideal opportunity to support people through the 'long tail' of care after a stroke. The guidance defines what 'gold standard care looks like', including treatment when people transition home after stroke.

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## Let pharmacists prescribe for asthma, CVD risk and more to prevent 30,000 hospitalisations: Pharmacy Guild

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/06/2026, Heather Saxena

Autonomous pharmacist prescribing for COPD, asthma, CVD risk reduction and contraception would cut GP appointments by 10 million a year, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia says. The guild has again commissioned modelling on the apparent benefits of letting pharmacists diagnose medical conditions and prescribe S4 drugs, this time from health consultancy firm Health Technology Analysts.

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## Specialist colleges risk obsolescence if they don't wake up and realise that members are losing faith in them

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/06/2026, Vinay Rane

Doctors complaining about specialist college fees or that their college representatives have failed to win policy arguments with the government are not new. [Paywall]

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## What does the future of pharmacy look like in NSW?

When Divya Lal stepped into the role of PSA New South Wales State Manager last month, she did so with a clear sense of purpose. Just weeks into the role, she brought together leading health figures, including NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant, NSW Minister for Health Ryan Park and PSA CEO Bridget Totterman, alongside new and emerging pharmacy leaders at the PSA in NSW Parliament 2026 breakfast – held at NSW Parliament on 27 May.

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## Patients welcome OCP prescribing

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/06/2026

Women are broadly supportive of pharmacist prescribing and resupply of hormonal contraceptives, according to new research from Monash University. The team conducted semi-structured interviews with 22 women who had previously accessed pharmacy services for emergency contraception or pregnancy termination medicines, to investigate acceptability of the resupply and prescribing of hormonal.

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## Pharmacist prescribing to save \$1b

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/06/2026

A new analysis has revealed that pharmacist prescribing could unlock \$1 billion in savings, free 10 million GP visits and prevent 30,000 hospitalisations annually. [Paywall]

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### One in five on mental health drugs

Australian Financial Review, General News, 11/06/2026, Michael Smith, Page 1

Almost one in five Australians are being prescribed antidepressants, psychostimulants and other mental-health-related drugs, and the number of boys being treated for ADHD has tripled over the past decade.

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### Excise taxes simply criminal

Herald Sun, General News, 11/06/2026, Alex White, Page 19

Victoria's leading business council has issued an urgent call for the federal government to overhaul tobacco and alcohol taxes, warning that without swift action organised crime will simply take over. [...] The Cancer Council Victoria pushed back against any suggestion of cutting tobacco taxes.

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### Australian research finds elderly use different muscles to walk in effort to prevent falling

West Australian, Other, 10/06/2026, Claire Sadler

Walking becomes slower and more tiring as a person ages in order to prioritise stability, new Australian research has revealed. [...] Falls account for more than 40 per cent of deaths in people over the age of 65, according to the latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data.

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

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### 'Urgent action is needed': Cancer Council Australia

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 10/06/2026, Sheshtyn Paola

Illicit tobacco and illegally sold nicotine products driving majority of total consumption, estimates show. Nicotine use is increasingly being driven by illegal, unregulated products, new data indicates, with

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## **ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 10/06/2026, Patricia Karvelas**

Interview with NSW Health Minister Ryan Park. Park discusses illicit tobacco and tobacco excise rates, saying the price gap—where legal packets are about \$10–\$15 versus illegal tobacco around \$50–\$60—drives illicit purchases. He also says revenue is decreasing despite higher taxation, while NSW is increasing inspections, closures and enforcement and seeking Commonwealth engagement to narrow the price gap.

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## **6PR, Drive, 10/06/2026, Jamie Burnett**

Interview with Associate Professor Alexandra Jones, Program Lead for Food Governance within the Food Policy group at The George Institute for Global Health. Jones discusses Australia's voluntary Health Star Rating food labelling system, noting only 37 per cent of products display it and that higher-rated products are more likely to show the label. She supports making the system mandatory through current government consultation, arguing it could improve public health and incentivise food reform despite industry concerns about packaging costs, with possible legislation in about a year.

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## **CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING**

### **'This is how we will remember Neale'**

Age, General News, 11/06/2026, Peter Ryan, Page 1

It's not often you go to a funeral where half the congregation are wearing beanies. Particularly a state funeral with the prime minister, Victorian premier, chair of the AFL Commission and leaders from all political persuasions and football clubs in attendance.

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### **New strategy for recovery**

West Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 11

For 46,000 people likely to have a stroke in Australia this year an updated national standard puts in place steps to equip them to rebuild their lives and regain independence afterwards. If a person survives a stroke, they need a lot of ongoing support after hospital discharge.

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### **Help in the fight with MND**

Courier Mail, General News, 11/06/2026, Jane Milne, Page 27

The recent death of Neale Daniher and the diagnosis of Jai Arrow has pushed Motor Neurone Disease to the front of the collective public mind. MND is a rare, rapidly progressing neurological condition where the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord degenerate and then die.

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### **Poignant sea of blue for Neale**

The Nightly, General News, 10/06/2026, Samantha Rogers, Page 8

Australian football legend Neale Daniher has been farewelled in an emotional State funeral on Wednesday, with family and friends joined by the nation's leaders and prominent industry figures among a sea of blue FightMND beanies at the MCG. Daniher's four children Lauren, Luke, Bec and Ben and wife Jan held back tears as they each spoke glowingly of their beloved father and husband, who died on May 25 after a decade-long battle with motor neurone disease

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## 'Pushing for a cure': Hughes announces massive donation

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 7

The Mark Hughes Foundation has given an \$18.9 million philanthropic gift to the University of Newcastle to develop new treatments for brain cancer. The commitment, announced yesterday, brings the foundation's total contribution to the university to more than \$36 million.

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

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## Thousands gather to farewell Neale Daniher at MCG state funeral

The Guardian, Other, 10/06/2026

Neale Daniher was best known as an AFL legend and motor neurone disease crusader but his family have used his state funeral to remember him for his laugh, sweet tooth and love of music. The 2025 Australian of the Year died on 25 May aged 65 after a 13-year-long public battle with MND, which he dubbed "the Beast". On Wednesday, more than 5,000 mourners clad in blue beanies gathered at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for his state funeral.

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## Updates in health care

Australian Hospital and Healthcare Bulletin, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 5

The National Pain Alliance - a "cross-condition, lived experience-centred coalition of national organisations representing communities deeply impacted by chronic pain" - was officially launched by Chronic Pain Australia at Parliament House, Canberra on 30 March. Steered by Chronic Pain Australia, the alliance seeks to advocate for chronic pain to be formally recognised within national health data and policy frameworks.

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## Cochrane changes stance on PSA screening, saying it likely saves lives

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/06/2026, Bella Rough

Every 1000 PSA screening tests likely averts two prostate cancer deaths, an updated Cochrane review says, departing from its 2013 review that found no significant mortality benefits. But while the numbers will help GPs guide patient decisions, the evidence is still insufficient to support a national screening program, according to an Australian researcher.

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## 'Thousands of women like me rely on this cancer drug. So why are they taking it away?'

Mamamia, Other, 10/06/2026, Lucy Ormonde

A few months ago, I sat across from my oncologist and did the thing I do at most appointments. I asked for her reassurance that she's doing everything she can to keep my breast cancer away.

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## ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 10/06/2026, Leon Compton

Interview with Dr Amelia Harray, Advanced Accredited Practising Dietitian and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia Medical School. Harray discusses microplastics and plastic chemicals from household products and explains that dietary exposure is the biggest contributor to human exposure. She also reports evidence linking increased exposure to plastic chemicals with conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, reproductive issues and infertility and notes they have been found in placentas and sperm.

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## ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 10/06/2026, Leon Compton

Interview with Associate Professor Kate Burbury, Acting CEO of the Royal Hobart Hospital. Burbury discusses biopsy result delays in anatomical pathology, noting that urgent cases currently take 7–9 days to turn around amid increased demand in Tasmania. She says less urgent results take 4–8 weeks

and outlines workforce shortages of 2.4 full-time equivalents, with a further one full-time equivalent being re-advertised.

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Mental health checks urged on gun owners

Age, General News, 11/06/2026, Annika Smethurst, Page 1

Victorian gun owners should be forced to provide a doctor's certificate proving they are medically fit before renewing their firearms licence, a coroner has urged. Coroner Simon McGregor called for a tightening of the state's firearm laws after the suicide of a man who legally owned five guns despite a long history of mental illness.

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### Vetting call on gun licences

Herald Sun, General News, 11/06/2026, Gerald Lynch, Page 13

A coroner wants laws requiring medical evidence to prove someone is fit to own a firearm amid an alarming number of suicides in Victoria using guns. Coroner Simon McGregor on Wednesday urged the Allan government to introduce the need for those wishing to own firearms to prove their suitability with medical evidence.

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### Shining a light on eating disorders

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 11/06/2026, Natalie Croxon, Page 1

When Dr Liz Dale sought help for her eating disorder, even medical professionals dismissed her experience. Dr Dale said a GP remarked "we all lose perspective", while a psychiatrist told her the way that she felt about her body was "ridiculous".

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### 'A bit messy': jury still out on child social media ban

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Allannah Sciberras, Duncan Murray & Morgan Reinwald

There is little sign of a dip in cyberbullying or image-based abuse in the six months since teenagers under 16 have been banned from social media. But, even without a clear fall in reports of online harm, the early results are not necessarily discouraging, experts say, as the nation remains at the front of efforts to restrict under-16 access to social media.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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### Mental health service in Bendigo offers free, accessible support

Shepparton News Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Daniel Harvey

An up-and-coming mental health service has upgraded its premises and is offering a slightly different take on the mental health process. [...] The Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Greater Bendigo-Loddon-Campaspe is funded by the Victorian and federal governments.

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### Why don't men talk about mental health?

Shepparton News Online, Other, 10/06/2026

Men's Health Week is a good reminder of something many families, partners, and mates already know - when men are struggling, they don't always say it out loud. Across Australia, men continue to face significant mental health challenges.

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## Antidepressant review calls grow amid long-term use concerns

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 10/06/2026

New concerns have been raised about the long-term use of antidepressants, with researchers calling for treatment reviews every 6 months amid questions over their ongoing effectiveness and potential harms. A clinical overview, published in the Australian Journal of General Practice, reveals limited evidence to support antidepressant use beyond 12 months and suggests some benefits reported in the long-term studies may be overstated.

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## ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 10/06/2026, Samantha Donovan

Natalya Wallace experienced PTSD, panic attacks, anxiety, and sleep disturbance after a uterine rupture during the birth of her second daughter. She later accessed support through a GP referral to a specialist perinatal mental health service run by the Gidget Foundation, where she underwent EMDR therapy. The Gidget Foundation, led by CEO Arabella Gibson, has opened a Gidget House in Berry Springs, near Darwin in the Northern Territory, with Indigenous mental health advisor Nancy Jeffrey and mental health nurse Zoe Sludden emphasising the need for services given the Territory's 3500 annual births and approximately 1200 cases of perinatal mental illness.

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## ABC Radio Hobart, Afternoons, 10/06/2026, Joel Rheinberger

Interview with Andrew Nolan, Allied Health Lead at the Mental Health Integration Hub. Nolan discusses men's mental health support, describing it as a free and anonymous service that provides short-term practical support, information, advice, and assistance navigating services and referrals. He also mentions free Medicare mental health centres in Launceston and Devonport, as well as psychiatric services provided by the Access Mental Health Service.

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## IMMUNISATION

### AI creates 'future-proof' vaccine

The Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Kaya Burgess, Page 3

A vaccine that can protect against future mutations of viruses has been designed using artificial intelligence and trialled in humans for the first time, University of Cambridge researchers have announced. It paves the way for the development of "universal vaccines" that could protect against a wide range of variants of a particular family of viruses such as Ebola or coronaviruses, including those that have not yet evolved and emerged, academics have said.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#).

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### Voters 'can't handle truth'

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Paul Starick, Page 9

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis has insisted "people are not open to politicians speaking the truth to them" as he bemoans lower vaccination rates driving up medical costs. Speaking at an Adelaide business lunch on Wednesday, Mr Koutsantonis said vaccination rates were down because immunisation was "becoming more contested", lamenting a "crazy" debate about whether vaccines were safe.

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### RSV jab just like flu shot

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 26

Older Australians are embracing the opportunity to protect themselves against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Just three weeks into a federally funded RSV vaccination program, 60 per cent of Australians eligible for the free vaccination (those aged 75 or over and Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people aged 60 or over) have either already received the vaccine or intend to do so soon, according to an Immunisation Foundation of Australia survey released to mark RSV Awareness Week.

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## The three winter bugs facing Australians — and how to tell which you have

SBS, Other, 10/06/2026, Arielle Richards

Sore throats, runny noses, aches and pains; even with the hindsight of the COVID-19 pandemic, it can be easy to take these symptoms as par for the course during winter. But they could be symptoms of more serious illnesses currently circulating.

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## RSV is more than just a winter cold

Shepparton News Online, Other, 10/06/2026

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common seasonal virus, but for infants, older adults and those at higher risk of illness it can have life threatening consequences. With RSV Awareness Week running until Saturday, June 13 Australians are being urged to consider the RSV vaccination.

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## Most older Australians open to getting RSV vaccine

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 10/06/2026, Jolyon Attwooll

A new survey by the Immunisation Foundation of Australia (IFA) suggests people aged 75 and older are keen to take part in a free immunisation program against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) introduced last month. In a survey of 1011 Australians eligible for the Arexvy vaccination under a new National Immunisation Program (NIP) listing, the IFA found just 7% had decided against being immunised.

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## Key role for pharmacists in RSV vax uptake

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/06/2026

Pharmacists have a key role to play in increasing the uptake of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine among older Australians, according to new survey findings released during RSV Awareness Week (07-13 Jun). To explore the awareness and attitudes towards RSV vaccination, the Immunisation Foundation of Australia surveyed over 1,000 adults.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

### 'Devastating' double blow for biotech

Australian Financial Review, General News, 11/06/2026, Phillip Coorey & James Thomson, Page 1

A leading Australian scientist and former Angel Investor of the Year says the government's changes to the R&D tax incentive and capital gains tax discount might force his operation overseas to raise capital for groundbreaking medical trials.

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

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## \$100m 'mission' investment into arthritis research

The Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 3

The federal government will invest a record \$100m during the next decade into arthritis research in Australia. Using the Medical Research Future Fund, the government will create an Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions Research Mission to guide the new research.

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

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## Biotech firms' big fear: Chalmers' changes will drive trials offshore

The Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Thomas Henry, Page 5

Australian biotechnology companies and health start-ups have warned that Labor's changes to the capital gains tax and R&D tax breaks could force clinical trials and drug manufacturing offshore. The latest industry to raise the alarm over the government's tax reforms handed down in last month's federal budget has said the limits for R&D tax offsets to companies less than 10 years old could stifle innovation and force founders overseas.

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## Sugar sour for the liver

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 9

Sugar-sweetened drinks appear to increase the risk of two types of liver cancer, while artificially sweetened drinks do not. National Cancer Institute research in the US found that even one sugar-sweetened drink a day increased the risk of hepatocellular carcinoma the most common type of primary liver cancer and intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma - a rare but highly aggressive form of liver cancer.

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## \$100m arthritis boost

Courier Mail, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 13

The federal government has announced it will invest a record \$100m over the next decade into arthritis research in Australia. Through a newly created Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions Research Mission, the government says the new mission will be established through the Medical Research Future Fund - a \$24.5bn investment to support health and medical research.

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## Vape switch of little help

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 26

Lung cancer risk only improves marginally in people who use e-cigarettes after quitting smoking. Seoul National University College of Medicine researchers monitored lung cancer cases among 4.5 million adults with a history of smoking cigarettes between 2012 and 2023.

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## Weight link to puberty

Herald Sun, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 13

Children who gain excess weight during their early years may be more likely to go through early puberty. Researchers including scientists from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute compared children's BMI and obesity data with the point where their parents reported them first going through puberty.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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## Toilet talk? Poo to that

Herald Sun, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 18

Australia has a poo taboo as most people do not like discussing their bowels. Despite the nation experiencing the highest rates of early-onset bowel cancer in the world, 62 per cent of Aussies say

they talk about going to the toilet using humour or jokes, new Kleenex and Bowel Cancer Australia research reveals.

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

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## Could your phone predict when you're in perimenopause and menopause?

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 10/06/2026, Lauren Ironmonger

Menopause is a billion-dollar industry in 2026, rising to fill a historically invisible area of women's health. Companies like Clue, Oura and Metluma have all launched products dedicated to the life transition.

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## Domestic violence escalated during Hayley's pregnancy — a time when women are at greater risk

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Kellie Scott

When Hayley was pregnant, her husband insisted on attending her medical appointments. [...] IPV increases the risk of mortality in pregnancy as well as physical and mental health issues for the mother, explains Deirdre Gartland, senior research fellow at Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

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## High use of chemical restraint

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/06/2026

Australian research looking at the use of chemical restraint in hospital inpatient settings revealed that around one in six patients were prescribed a medicine for the purpose of chemical restraint, with one in 10 having it administered. [Paywall]

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## Improving care emergency laparotomy clinical care standard

Australian Hospital and Healthcare Bulletin, General News, 01/06/2026, Page 1

When a patient presents to my emergency department with a stroke in the middle of the night, the care pathways and protocols are clear - and these processes are similar across Australia. But when a patient's condition means they may need an emergency laparotomy one of the most time-critical and high-risk surgeries we see outside of major trauma - there is no such standardised national approach.

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## Channel 9, Nine News, 10/06/2026, Peter Overton

Washington University School of Medicine globally leads a world-first primary prevention Alzheimer's disease trial, with Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA) serving as a key international site, recruiting over 240 participants worldwide. The study includes people as young as 18 and up to 25 years before their expected symptom onset. The trial uses remtinetug injections every three months to target toxic amyloid plaque accumulation, focusing on early-onset Alzheimer's linked to mutations in the PSEN1, PSEN2, or APP genes.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### NT Aboriginal land councils urge Commonwealth to hold NT government to account over Closing the Gap failures

SBS, Other, 10/06/2026, Dan Butler

The Northern Territory's four Aboriginal land councils have called on the Federal Government to take stronger action against the NT Government over its poor progress on Closing the Gap targets. The

councils, representing Aboriginal Territorians across the Northern, Central, Tiwi, and Anindilyakwa regions, met this week at Barunga, a site where Indigenous leaders first called for a national treaty 38 years ago.

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## **Meet the first recruit of a nutrition workforce rolling out across remote Australia**

SBS, Other, 10/06/2026, Emma Kellaway

Sitting in the heart of Gapuwiyak, around 500 kilometers east of Darwin, the local community store is a vital lifeline for the north-east Arnhem Land community. Managed by the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA), it stocks fresh fruit, vegetables, frozen meats, and basic household items.

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## **Ethel Hayden, 69, becomes oldest Mater Education graduate**

Cairns Post, Other, 10/06/2026, Zachary Probert

"There's a lot of passion left in me, I think that's what drives me at the end of the day." [...] It was this experience that gave Ms Hayden the ability to work with Goondir Health Services and establish the Big Buddy Program, a mentorship and education program for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

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

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## **Aboriginal woman pepper-sprayed during self-harm incident in ACT prison**

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Dechlan Brennan

An Aboriginal woman with a history of trauma and mental health struggles was pepper-sprayed by correctional officers during a self-harm incident at an ACT prison before not being assessed by a medical officer until the following day. The review, conducted by the ACT Inspector of Custodial Services into the July 2025 incident, found the response at the Alexander Maconochie Centre had "both a significant immediate physical impact" on the woman in her 30s, "as well as a (potentially longer term) traumatic impact on her mental health".

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## **Uncle Mick Adams honoured for lifetime of service to Indigenous health**

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Nicole Brown

For more than four decades Dr Michael John Adams, affectionately known as Uncle Mick, has dedicated his life to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. His contribution was recognised nationally this week with a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) appointment for significant service to Indigenous health and education.

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## **First Nations cancer nurse appointed to support Broken Hill patients**

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Natasha Clark

A new cancer care nursing position has been established in far western NSW to provide additional support to First Nations patients and their families. The Far West Local Health District has named Shannon "Shan" Henderson as the first First Nations McGrath Cancer Care Nurse in NSW.

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## **First Nations peaks demand urgent aged care action**

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/06/2026, Caroline Egan

11 organisations representing First Nations people are calling on the Government to "urgently progress" Aged Care Royal Commission recommendations. Five years after the recommendations were published, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council

(NATSIAACC), along with 10 other First Nations health and aged care organisations, says many of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific recommendations remain “incomplete, delayed or stalled”.

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## PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

### Patient's excruciating wait for hospital care

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Aden Hill, Page 19

After enduring almost nine hours in severe pain at a regional hospital, a terminally ill cancer patient has urged greater funding for regional health services. Belinda Mulholland, 50, has been given six months to live as she battles cancer, which has affected her movement.

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### New targets don't mean delays to repair job: Steel

Canberra Times, General News, 11/06/2026, Jasper Lindell, Page 11

A controversial health levy will be abandoned and the ACT will set a new target to tame its fast-rising levels of debt in a budget that outlines more than \$10 billion in annual spending for the first time. But Canberrans' rates bills will rise by 5 per cent on average and they will wait another year to see a surplus while the war in the Middle East continues to push up prices and lowers economic growth expectations.

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### Forced to sit on 'fluid-stained' ED seating

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/06/2026, Harrison Finlay, Page 26

A worried mum has detailed her shocking experience at the emergency department of one of Sydney's biggest hospitals, where she and her son waited over 18 hours for a bed and sat on chairs she described as “bloodstained”. Penrith mother Lisa Perry took her 25-year-old son, Luke, to Nepean Hospital on Sunday after he was bitten by a dog and required urgent medical attention.

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### \$400m to fix hospital mould

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/06/2026, Harrison Finlay, Page 26

The state government is going on a \$400m maintenance blitz to reduce the risk of mould and upgrade infrastructure in hospitals across NSW. The funding, which is for the Health Asset and Equipment Renewal program, will upgrade medical equipment and critical clinical systems, and improve building integrity and engineering services.

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### Go Socceroos! It's going to be a World Cup to remember

West Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Rita Saffioti, Page 13

Amazing progress continues to be made on the new Fremantle Traffic Bridge with the final beams installed last week. [...] Work on the new Women and Babies Hospital and the redevelopment of Bunbury Hospital is under way, with the new Geraldton hospital nearing completion.

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### Treasurer to miss hearing

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 2

NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey has declined to attend a hearing today for the NSW parliamentary inquiry into the Mater mould and maintenance scandal. Mr Mookhey and Treasury staff were asked to attend, but they were able to avoid it through a legal loophole.

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## Illawarra surgery waits improving

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 11/06/2026, Natalie Croxon, Page 3

More planned surgeries are getting performed on time in Illawarra hospitals compared to the same time in 2025, new data shows. The latest performance report from the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) shows that the proportion of elective surgeries performed on time at Wollongong Hospital sat at 86.3 per cent in the January-March 2026 quarter, an improvement of 8.1 percentage points on the same period last year.

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## RDH and Palmerston hospitals under the pump: Put on Code Yellow and advice issued

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/06/2026, Gary Shipway

Both of Darwin's hospital's have been put on a Code Yellow due to pressures in the Intensive Care Unit, Critical Care Unit and Emergency Department sparking anger from people arriving at the hospital for treatment. One Darwin resident said he waited nine hours to be seen at the Royal Darwin Hospital yesterday.

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

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## Demolition begins on new two billion dollar Bankstown Hospital project

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 11/06/2026, Elliott Stewart

Construction of the new \$2 billion Bankstown Hospital has taken a significant step forward, with demolition works now underway as the NSW Government pushes ahead with what it says is the largest capital investment ever made in a public hospital in the state's history. The project, which will deliver a new 14-storey hospital and a 10-storey car park, is expected to transform healthcare services across Sydney's south-west, providing additional beds, treatment spaces and expanded health services for one of Australia's fastest-growing regions.

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

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## Hospital bed woes trigger boost for care-at-home scheme

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Alex Mitchell

Vulnerable Australians are increasingly stranded in hospital while waiting for disability and aged care services, with a state government lashing federal efforts to help out. Hospital bed occupancy rates in NSW hit all-time highs in 2024-25 with nearly 95 per cent of beds occupied on average, according to the state's health data bureau.

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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## Why your wait in the emergency department just keeps getting longer

Newcastle Herald, Other, 10/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw

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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## Why AI security is now a patient-safety issue

Australian Hospital and Healthcare Bulletin, General News, 01/06/2026, Cornelius Mare, Page 24

A chief information security officer explains how, as AI adoption accelerates across health care, AI security is fast becoming a frontline patient-safety issue for healthcare organisations. Healthcare organisations are rapidly embracing AI to improve care delivery, streamline operations and address workforce shortages.

## **ABC, ABC News, 10/06/2026, Jeremy Fernandez**

According to the Bureau of Health Information, NSW hospitals are experiencing the highest bed demand in six years, with nearly 10,000 emergency department presentations per day, record-high bed occupancy, and an average length of stay of 27 days. Dr Fred Betros of the Australian Medical Association of NSW noted system-wide pressures, but elective surgeries in urgent categories have increased, with fewer than 4000 patients waiting longer than clinically recommended.

*Similar coverage reported by: [Channel 10 \(Sydney\)](#).*

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## **ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 10/06/2026, Patricia Karvelas**

Interview with NSW Health Minister Ryan Park. Park discusses the hospital bed block caused by patients stranded in hospital waiting for aged care or NDIS placement, with 1300 beds occupied compared with about 700 previously. He says the Commonwealth Government must rapidly increase home care packages and provide adequate NDIS supports in the community and fund aged care to reduce pressure and put a lid on growth in the 1300-bed block.

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## **ABC Radio Darwin , Drive, 10/06/2026, Adam Steer**

NT Health has declared a Code Yellow at Royal Darwin Hospital and Palmerston Regional Hospital due to pressures in the intensive care, critical care, and emergency departments. Royal Darwin Hospital has emergency department wait times and staff is being redeployed while elective surgeries requiring intensive care are rescheduled. People in Darwin and Palmerston who have minor fractures, cuts, respiratory illnesses, or infections are being directed to urgent care clinics.

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## **2GB, Drive, 10/06/2026, Clinton Maynard**

Interview with Katrina Bough, Assistant General Secretary of the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association. Bough discusses hospital bed block and pressure in NSW hospitals, pointing out that nearly 1300 people are stuck in hospitals when they should be receiving aged care or NDIS support. She says that at Westmead Hospital, one in every ten patients spends 22 hours in the emergency department and that staffing and "back of house" capacity pressures are to blame, calling for a safe staffing rollout as soon as possible.

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## **HEALTH WORKFORCE**

### **Union's 35pc pay claim unrealistic**

The Australian, Editorials, 11/06/2026, Page 10

Even allowing for a margin of ambit, the Australian Services Union's 35 per cent wage claim for disability and community workers, which it wants taxpayers to fund, cannot be taken seriously by the Fair Work Commission or the government. Following a 4.75 per cent rise in award wages across the board last week, with a 6 per cent rise for the lowest paid, the inflationary ASU claim - which it says would be phased in over several years - would apply to 300,000 workers.

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

## Doctor dreams

Central Western Daily, General News, 11/06/2026, Dakota Tait, Page 1

After nine years witnessing the toll of doctor shortages as a paramedic in western NSW, Ebony Higson is stepping up to the other side of the stethoscope - and she's not alone. Ms Higson, Orange, and Phoebe Doohan, Bywong, were two of 11 medical students across Australia to receive an inaugural bursary from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Rural Doctors Association of Australia to support a clinical placement in a rural or remote community.

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## Students stepping up as health heroes

Daily Advertiser, General News, 11/06/2026, Allan Wilson, Page 5

It could just be the answer to securing more health workers for the region. Students from a variety of regional schools heard firsthand about what working in healthcare is all about, gaining both inspiration and insight.

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## 'Historic': disability workers push for massive raise

Canberra Times, Other, 10/06/2026, Allannah Sciberras

Community and disability workers say they are undervalued and overworked, filing a historic claim for a huge wage boost. Australian Services Union workers gathered at the Fair Work Commission in Melbourne on Wednesday, lodging a claim seeking up to a 35 per cent pay rise for 300,000 workers across the nation.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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## ANMF launches landmark Work Value Case for nurses and midwives

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 10/06/2026, Kathryn Anderson

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has commenced its landmark Nurses and Midwives Work Value Case before the Fair Work Commission, seeking long-overdue wage increases that better reflect the value, complexity and responsibility of nursing, midwifery and care work. The case follows the ANMF's successful aged care work value case, which delivered minimum award wage increases of between 15% and 30% for aged care nurses and personal care workers. The ANMF is now seeking to ensure that all nurses, midwives and assistants in nursing (AINs) covered by the Nurses Award 2020 receive fair recognition for the work they perform, regardless of where they work.

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## ANMF takes nurses and midwives' fight for more pay to Fair Work Commission

HelloCare, Other, 10/06/2026, Jakob Neeland

Australia's largest union has taken a major step towards securing long-overdue pay rises for hundreds of thousands of healthcare workers, commencing its landmark Nurses and Midwives Work Value Case before the Fair Work Commission (FWC) in Melbourne. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is seeking significant wage increases for nurses, midwives and assistants in nursing (AINs) to recognise the true value of the work they perform across the Australian healthcare system.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Relief for victims in \$4.4m nightmare

West Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, John Flint, Page 19

Australia's corporate regulator has granted funding for an investigation of the financial affairs of a Perth dental business in which millions of dollars of patients' deposits were misused. [...] Both the Australian Taxation Office and the medical regulator, AHPRA, have since moved to tighten the rules and crack down on the racket.

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### Dozens of women seek compensation from hospitals over accused spy-cam doctor

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/06/2026, Rebecca Borg

Dozens of women are seeking compensation from three of Melbourne's biggest hospitals after a male doctor allegedly filmed them getting undressed in toilets and change rooms without their consent. News.com.au can reveal The Austin, The Royal Melbourne and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre are all facing complaints made to the Australian Human Rights Commission, for failing to prevent the alleged sexual harassment of its employees at the hands of trainee doctor Ryan Cho.

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

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### Coroner releases findings into death of Rosemarie Campbell after gastric bypass

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Liana Walker

A woman who died three days after gastric bypass surgery likely would have survived if she had not been discharged, an inquest has found. Gold Coast woman Rosemarie Campbell died in February 2022 at her home of complications after the operation performed by Vahid Reza Adib at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

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## AUSTRALIAN CDC

### Mozzie virus kills Perth woman

West Australian, General News, 11/06/2026, Page 9

A woman has died after contracting rare mosquito-borne virus Murray Valley encephalitis while travelling in WA's north last month. The WA Department of Health said the 78-year-old Aboriginal woman from Perth was exposed to infected mosquitoes while travelling in the West Kimberley region.

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

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### Urgent warning issued after traveller dies in Western Australia from rare mosquito-borne disease with no vaccine

A traveller has died after contracting a mosquito-borne disease with no known vaccine in Western Australia – leading to an urgent health warning from authorities. [...] According to the Australian Centre for Disease Control, MVE is a rare but serious infection of the brain and spinal cord that is caused by the virus and spread by certain types of mosquitoes.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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## Traveller dies after contracting Murray Valley Encephalitis in WA

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Esse Deves, Matty Francis & Giulia Bertoglio

The Western Australia Health Department has confirmed one person has died after contracting a rare mosquito-borne virus while travelling in the state's north. A department spokesperson said it was likely the adult was exposed to Murray Valley Encephalitis in the West Kimberley, about 2,000 kilometres north of Perth.

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## Person who travelled through WA's north dies from mosquito-borne disease Murray Valley encephalitis

7News.com.au, Other, 10/06/2026, Bryce Luff

A person has died after contracting the rare but serious mosquito-borne virus Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE). [...] The Australian Centre for Disease Control says "up to one in three people who develop encephalitis die from the disease", and up to half of those who survive go on to develop long-term neurological issues.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### Cam perfectly natural

Daily Telegraph, Sport, 11/06/2026, Lachlan McKirdy, Page 80

Aussie swimming star Cam McEvoy has dismissed the Enhanced Games as a "marketing" stunt, with the world-record holder confident he can again set a new 50m freestyle mark on the way to defending his title at the 2028 Olympics. [...] The Therapeutic Goods Administration warns the use of unapproved peptides risks contamination, severe allergic reactions, insomnia, blurred vision and systemic inflammatory response syndrome requiring hospital management among other significant side-effects.

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

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### 'Serious risk': Therapeutic Goods Administration cracks down on unregulated peptides

The Australian, Other, 10/06/2026, Angie Raphael & Blake Antrobus

Unapproved peptides that are often marketed for performance enhancement or anti-ageing have become a new priority focus for the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), alongside products like vapes and sunscreens. Peptides are short chains of amino acids which, when joined, make up proteins in our bodies.

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

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### Taxpayers fund free Ozempic for South Australian prisoners through SA Health

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 10/06/2026, Darren Chaitman

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

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

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## **TGA cracks down on unregulated peptides, says increased imports are posing a risk to consumer safety**

ABC Online, Other, 10/06/2026, Caitlyn Gribbin & Stephanie Dalzell

Australia's medicines regulator has launched a crackdown on unregulated peptides, saying an increase in advertising, imports and supply of the unlawful drugs is posing a risk to consumer safety. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has moved to include unapproved peptides in its priority focus areas, alongside products like weight loss medications, vapes and sunscreens.

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## **Breast cancer and endometriosis drug Zoladex is being pulled from Australia. How will women be affected?**

The Guardian, Other, 11/06/2026, Krishani Dhanji

Thousands of women could be left without vital breast cancer and endometriosis medicine when AstraZeneca removes its treatment from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and the private market, experts warn. [...] A spokesperson for the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) told Guardian Australia that AstraZeneca stated a lack of commercial viability for its delisting of the medication.

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## **Peptide free-for-all is over in Australia as regulator vows to crackdown on the trend promoted on social media**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 11/06/2026, Ashley Nickel

A boom in the use of illegal peptides for performance and cosmetics has triggered a crackdown from the Therapeutic Goods Administration. The TGA on Wednesday expanded its priority focus areas to include peptides, which are injectables often marketed online by 'influencers' and delivered without oversight.

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## **116 babies and toddlers given FluMist in error**

Medical Forum, Other, 10/06/2026, Aleisha Orr

Health professionals are being reminded of the indicated age range of FluMist following 116 cases of the needle-free influenza vaccine being administered to children too young to be given this specific vaccine. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) identified 116 reports of FluMist being administered in error to children under two years of age in analysis undertaken in May.

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## **ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 10/06/2026, Thomas Oriti**

Australia's medicines regulator is cracking down on unapproved peptides, stating that an increase in the supply of unlawful drugs poses a serious risk to consumer safety. TGA has included these unapproved peptides in its priority compliance focus areas, alongside products such as weight-loss medications, vapes, and sunscreens.

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## Minns is off-kilter on drug driving

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/06/2026, Michael McGowan, Page 27

When someone I know began undergoing chemotherapy treatment after a bowel cancer diagnosis a few years ago, they were swamped by friends dropping off care packages: frozen meals, books, comfortable socks, and a significant quantity of illicit marijuana. The cannabis came in various guises, but probably the most useful was a jar of weed-infused honey.

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## 'Lives will be lost': Leading trauma surgeon savages driving exemptions for medicinal cannabis users

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/06/2026

A leading trauma surgeon has pleaded with a state government to abandon plans to relax driving offences for medicinal cannabis users, saying the move will cost lives. In a decision widely applauded, the NSW Government says it will introduce a legal limit on the concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) a driver can have in their system if they have a prescription.

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