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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 6) reports that the government's plan to pass generational reforms to the \$55 billion-a-year NDIS are in doubt, as opposition senators sitting on the committee examining the bill raise alarms over a lack of "detail or transparency" and consider moving amendments to key savings measures.
- **[Daily Telegraph Australia](#)** (online) reports that families of children with brain cancer have been pleading with the government to fund a proton beam therapy service at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Victoria, and Health Minister Mark Butler has indicated that the plan is being considered. *Also reported by: [7News](#)*
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- The **[Courier Mail](#)** (online) reports that 'Rewriting the Script' by HTANALYSTS, says nationwide pharmacist autonomous prescribing could create \$1 billion in annual health system savings, free up over 10 million GP appointments and prevent multiple triple-0 hospitalisations annually. The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is calling on the federal government to implement the recommendations.

- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 9) reports scientists at Brisbane's QMIR Berghoffer Medical Research Institute have uncovered hundreds of genes that play a role in the growth of both moles and melanoma, including immune response pathways that may fail to control cell growth, and genes implicated in harmful cell proliferation in other types of cancer, such as breast, prostate, and brain cancer. *Also reported by:* [Gold Coast Bulletin](#)
- [Adelaide Now](#) (online) reports that hospital emergency department arrivals have jumped more than 50 per cent since 2012, despite the population rising by just 15 per cent. An ageing population, rising mental health issues, and record triple-0 calls are fuelling ambulance shortages and a strain on the health system.

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## MINISTER BUTLER

### Revolt looms over NDIS overhaul

The Australian, General News, 16/06/2026, Sarah Ison, Page 6

Labor's plan to pass once-in-a-generation reforms to the \$55bn-a-year NDIS are in doubt, as Coalition senators sitting on the committee examining the bill raise alarm over a lack of "detail or transparency" and consider moving amendments to key savings measures. [...] NDIS Minister Mark Butler announced in April that as part of efforts to bring NDIS annual growth down to below 2 per cent in the forward estimates before normalising to 5 per cent in the 2030s, the current \$12bn spend on community and social supports would be reduced by about 50 per cent.

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

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### Overdoses most likely in middle age

Age, General News, 16/06/2026, Annika Smethurst, Page 7

Australians in their 40s and 50s are now more likely than any other age group to die from an accidental drug overdose, and Victoria has recorded its deadliest year on record for unintentional drug deaths. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the reforms were the first step towards delivering a national drugs database, and would ensure "patients and their care teams can have accurate and up-to-date medicine information".

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### Penny was told her agonising pain was just ovulation. The next day, she was begging to die

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 15/06/2026, Aisha Dow and Kate Aubusson

The memory of her child begging to die still makes Julia Holmwood feel physically sick. [...] Defending the reforms, the office of Health Minister Mark Butler said there had been an almost 20 per cent increase in GP appointments lasting over 20 minutes for female patients.

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

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### 'Heartless and embarrassing': Families forced overseas for gold standard children's cancer care

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 15/06/2026, Robyn Riley

Families of children with brain cancer are pleading with the federal and state governments to fund a proton beam therapy (PBT) service at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, saying it is heartless and embarrassing not to offer the gold standard care in Australia. [...] The Herald Sun put questions to the federal health minister Mark Butler and Victorian health minister Harriet Shing about a PBT service at Peter Mac.

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

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### Renewed hope for Australia-first proton therapy centre, with Melbourne

## emerging as potential future home

7News.com.au, Other, 15/06/2026, Jennifer Bechwati

After years of delays, failed contracts and families being forced overseas for treatment, there is renewed hope Australia could finally get its first proton therapy centre. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says Victoria is firmly in the mix.

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## Coalition willing to longer NDIS inquiry if Greens support extended probe into negative gearing and CGT reforms

Sky News Australia, Other, 15/06/2026, Conor Breslin

The Coalition has offered to strike a deal with the Greens to extend the inquiries into Labor's tax changes and its cuts to the NDIS. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has rejected calls for major delays and accused the Coalition of attempting to use the disability reforms as leverage in a broader political battle.

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## 'Posturing': Mark Butler dismisses backlash against the NDIS overhaul and pushes on

HelloCare, Other, 15/06/2026

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has brushed aside an unprecedented wave of opposition to Labor's National Disability Insurance Scheme reforms, accusing state and territory ministers of political theatre and signalling the government has little intention of substantially rewriting its legislation before parliament rises on 2 July.

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## Peak body proposes GPs be paid to bulk bill under 35s

The Daily Aus, Other, 15/06/2026, Harry Sekulich

Australia's peak body for general practitioners is calling for the Government to make it easier for people under 35 to visit a GP for free. [...] Response Speaking to media on Tuesday, Health Minister Mark Butler did not rule out incentives targeted at helping more people under 35 access a GP.

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## Men who watch male influencers linked to poor mental health

The Daily Aus, Other, 15/06/2026, Annabel Whitehouse

A new survey has found young men who watch masculinity influencers are more likely than others to report poor mental health. [...] At a press conference, Health Minister Mark Butler said: "Too many blokes put off prioritising their health."

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## 1 in 5 on NDIS to lose access under Govt plan to cut costs

The Daily Aus, Other, 15/06/2026, Lucy Tassell

Health Minister Mark Butler has announced major changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The Government has repeatedly flagged concerns about the rising cost of the scheme, which was projected to cost \$46.2 billion in the 2025/26 financial year.

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## ABC News, ABC News Day, 15/06/2026, Lorna Dunkley

Press Conference with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Albanese says Labor created the NDIS, and they want the scheme to be sustainable and ensure that people who need support can access it. He notes that Federal Disability Minister Mark Butler made it clear yesterday that people will not be left without support, and they are ensuring that appropriate support is aimed at young people.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 15/06/2026, Peter Mitchell

Australia's first Proton Beam Therapy centre may finally be back on track as the Federal Government considers a Victorian proposal, raising hopes families will no longer be forced to go overseas for a life-saving treatment that was promised years ago. While Melbourne's Peter MacCallum Centre is emerging as a leading contender, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says he is trying to get some more concrete proposals and assess their options as soon as possible.

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

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## Channel 9, Nine News Late, 14/06/2026, Kate Creedon

Hundreds of previously undetected cases of lung cancer have been successfully identified during the inaugural year of Australia's National Lung Cancer Screening Programme. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler confirmed the initiative has successfully detected more than 230 primary lung cancers in its first 12 months by utilising low-dose CT scans.

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## MINISTER MCALLISTER

### ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 15/06/2026, Leon Compton

Interview with Federal NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister. McAllister says the parents still have a responsibility to pay for their kids' needs, despite getting assistance from the NDIS. She admits that the NDIS cannot fund every single thing that a disabled child requires, however, there should be some payments that should be covered by the service.

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

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## It's time for blokes to put their health first, says Dan

Newcastle Weekly, Other, 15/06/2026, Rod Thompson

Hunter MP Dan Repacholi is urging Australian blokes, young and old, to prioritise their wellbeing... and start conversations that can save lives. The local member, and Special Envoy for Men's Health, has pinpointed four important issues affecting males throughout the nation.

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## Inside the peptides trend: 'A pretty big gamble to take with your health'

Hunter Valley News, Other, 15/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw

Rich Fogarty has tried peptides, but says they didn't do much for him. [...] He prepared a briefing paper for the government on peptides and has discussed the issue with federal men's health special envoy Dan Repacholi.

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## Where are all the male role models? They may be closer than we think

UCA Insights Magazine, Other, 15/06/2026

At a time when many Australians are asking where the positive male role models are, The Men's Table says the answer may be sitting much closer than we think. [...] The Men's Table representatives recently met with Assistant Minister for Social Services and the Prevention of Family Violence, Ged Kearney, and Special Envoy for Men's Health, Dan Repacholi, as they toured Victoria for the launch of the Australian Government's National Healthy Men Community Conversations project.

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## Men urged to prioritise health as awareness week gets underway

98.1 Power FM, Other, 15/06/2026, Cameron Smith

Men across the Hunter are being encouraged to put their health first as Men's Health Week begins today (Monday, June 15). The annual campaign aims to start conversations around physical and mental wellbeing, with Federal Special Envoy for Men's Health and Member for Hunter Dan Repacholi highlighting key issues affecting Australian men.

Also reported by: [2NM AM981 \(Online\)](#).

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## ABC News, News Breakfast, 15/06/2026, James Glenday and Emma Reballato

Interview with Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi. Repacholi discusses his journey for Men's Health Week, discussing his visit to Cessnock. He states that he also had a conversation with his GP after being convinced by a couple of medical professionals.

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## Channel 10, 10 News+, 15/06/2026, Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace

Interview with Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi, on Men's Health Week. Repacholi says Men's Health Week is special, and men are urged to consult their GP and get a blood test. He also says it's now time for men to spend time looking after their own health.

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

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## ABC Radio Darwin , Afternoons, 15/06/2026, Liz Trevaskis

Interview with Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi, on Men's Health Week. Repacholi says they want men to be excited about prioritising their health, because blokes aren't doing it quite often. He urges men to get checked and get a blood test every 12 months.

## Power FM Hunter Valley, 08:00 News, 15/06/2026

The Federal Member for Hunter and Special Envoy for Men's Health, Dan Repacholi, has issued a direct appeal to men across regional New South Wales to prioritise their medical wellbeing as National Men's Health Week officially begins today. Repacholi emphasised that while Australian men are historically prone to delaying crucial medical check-ups, there is an immediate, particular concern regarding lagging bowel cancer screening rates among regional demographics.

Also reported by: [2SM \(Sydney\)](#).

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## DEPARTMENT

### The Zap: wrapping health and aged care news – and don't miss these consultations

Croakey, Other, 15/06/2026, Charles Maskell-Knight

The Consumer Medicines Line (1300 MEDICINE) is to close from 30 July; this is being pitched as supporting "a broader approach to strengthen primary care in Australia". Sounds like doublespeak to make George Orwell proud.

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### Men's Health Week: simple conversations

The Echo, Other, 15/06/2026

This National Men's Health Week experts from Triple P – Positive Parenting Program are encouraging dads, granddads and father figures to embrace something simple but powerful: everyday conversations that support their own wellbeing and their family's wellbeing. Men's Health Week is celebrated every year around the world in the middle of June – this year from June 15 to 21.

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### Geelong breast cancer survivor Aimee Glen 'blindsided' by Zoladex 3.6mg axing

The Mercury, Other, 15/06/2026, Zoe De Koning

Breast cancer survivor Aimee Glen discovered she may lose access to a drug that was keeping her alive through an Instagram story. It wasn't her oncologist or medical team that broke the news to the Geelong mother-of-two, but rather a social media post.

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

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### A test home in Frankston lets people try assistive tech before they commit to it

Disability Support Guide, Other, 15/06/2026

A new research home in Melbourne's south-east looks like an ordinary house. Behind the walls, sensors watch for falls.

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### Ethics of pharma profits debated

Pharma In Focus, Other, 15/06/2026

Not subsidising GLP-1 medicines for weight loss increases inequity for disadvantaged groups, an Australian ethics symposium was told. "We can get GLP-1s for obesity with heart disease or diabetes with subsidisation on the PBS," said Professor Ian Kerridge, Professor of Bioethics and Medicine at the University of Sydney, co-hosting the Australian Ethical Health Alliance (AEHA) 2026 Symposium.

## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Copper drug unclogs brain in Alzheimer's battle

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 16/06/2026, Laura Placella, Page 10

A drug that delivers copper to the brain has emerged as a potential treatment for Alzheimer's after it was found to purge the brain of the toxic proteins believed to be behind the debilitating disease. Monash University researchers said the "promising" discovery after a five-year study showed the drug could improve long-term spatial memory, with the hope it could, ultimately, help reverse cognitive decline.

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

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### Men's health warning

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 16/06/2026, Page 7

Older Australian men are being encouraged to prioritise their nutritional health this Men's Health Week (June 15-21), with experts warning malnutrition and unintentional weight loss remain common yet often overlooked challenges in later life. Research shows that up to 50 per cent of older Australians living in the community and residential aged care experience malnutrition or unintentional weight loss, which can negatively impact strength, mobility, independence and overall quality of life.

Also reported by: [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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### How to recognise elder abuse and get the right support quickly

Your Life Choices, Other, 15/06/2026, Abigail Abrugar

Today, 15 June, marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It's a day the world pauses to confront something many would rather not talk about.

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### Older Australians with motor neurone disease consider early euthanasia under aged care system

Your Life Choices, Other, 15/06/2026, Samantha Dick

Glenn Rowan's degenerative motor neurone disease (MND) has forced him to make a difficult choice: bleed money to fund his own 24/7 care, or die prematurely. He says others like him will also be pushed into early euthanasia by the high cost of managing the muscle-wasting disorder.

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### How families can safely manage long aged care wait times

Your Life Choices, Other, 15/06/2026, Abigail Abrugar

A median wait of 347 days. That is how long older Australians are currently waiting for Support at Home, from first application to the start of services.

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### Not For Profit wins approval for SA retirement village expansion

The Weekly Source, Other, 15/06/2026, Ian Horswill

South Australia's State Commission Assessment Panel has green lit the addition of two retirement living towers on the co-located site. Southern Cross Care (SA, NT & VIC) 's application is one of the first to be filed under the state's new Accommodation Diversity Code Amendment and associated Significant Retirement Facility and Supported Accommodation Sites Overlay, which was introduced in October last year.

## DISABILITY AND CARERS

### Accused scam couple kick off at court

The Australian, Business News, 16/06/2026, Angelica Snowden, Page 15

A Gold Coast couple who allegedly scammed \$90m out of ordinary investors wanting to put their money into NDIS housing, spent "large sums" at sports clubs, on gambling and travelling. ALAMMC Development's David McWilliams and Laura Fullarton fronted the Federal Court in Brisbane on Monday, hurling abuse at the media.

*Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).*

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### Couple accused of lavish spending in NDIS scam

Australian Financial Review, General News, 16/06/2026, Max Mason, Page 3

A Gold Coast businessman, accused with his wife of scamming more than \$90 million from retail investors on the premise of building specialist NDIS housing, admits he breached orders banning him from accessing funds, but claims it was an accident.

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

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### NDIS regional worry

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 16/06/2026, Lochlainn Heley, Page 6

Children's disability support groups have warned that recently proposed reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme would dramatically affect regional people's accessibility to support. Senate hearings with the Community Affairs Legislation Committee recently ran for three days beginning from Tuesday 9 June, collecting the perspective of many key stakeholders on the effect that the recently proposed amendment bill could have on disability providers and people with disabilities.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Angels deliver vital link for bush

The Australian, Business News, 16/06/2026, Sian Powell, Page 21

Angel Flight has been flying rural Australians into cities for important medical and social reasons since 2003. Without a cent of government funding, the charity has helped country people get the healthcare city-dwellers take for granted: ongoing medical treatment for serious illnesses such as cancer and auto-immune disease, post-surgery rehabilitation, gynaecological and obstetrics screenings, as well as important social services.

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### The economics of rural health: many benefits outweigh the price tag

The Australian, Business News, 16/06/2026, Clarissa Wright, Page 21

Across rural and remote Australia, access to healthcare is not just a question of availability - it is a question of economics. For families living hundreds of kilometres from specialist services, the true cost of healthcare extends far beyond consultation fees.

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## Virtually boosting patient care

Shepparton News, General News, 16/06/2026, Page 18

GV Health has recently taken part in an eight-week pilot program exploring the benefits of providing specialist medical care through virtual technology. Known as the Virtual Hospital Virtual Ward Rounds, the initiative connects neurologists from the Royal Melbourne Hospital and gastroenterologists from Austin Health with medical teams and their patients via an iPad.

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## Cancer mums create lifeline for bayside families battling treatment

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 15/06/2026, Judith Kerr

Two Redland mums, who battled cancer while raising young children, have turned their own experiences into a lifeline for local families, opening a one-stop cancer and wellness centre designed to reduce the need for patients to travel into Brisbane for support services. Katie Palm and Stephanie Jones have launched The Patient Approach Cancer & Wellness Centre in Cleveland after both experienced the challenges of navigating treatment, allied health appointments and support services spread across multiple locations.

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## ADHD diagnosis to become easier and cheaper under new plan

Shepparton News Online, Other, 15/06/2026

Victorian families could soon find it easier and cheaper to access ADHD diagnosis and treatment, with the Victorian Government expanding the role of GPs. Expressions of interest opened on Monday, June 15 for GPs to undertake specialist training that will allow them to diagnose, treat and prescribe medication for ADHD.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Back issues for women

Herald Sun, General News, 16/06/2026, Page 10

Almost 90 per cent of Australian women suffered back pain in the past year, according to data from the Australian Chiropractors Association. Of the 86.7 per cent of Australian women afflicted, 57.5 per cent experienced mental fatigue, 54.8 per cent reported it added to their mental load, and 47.6 per cent experienced a moderate-to-extreme mental health impact as a result of back pain.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#)

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### 'Where do I sleep?' The wait for a bed

Canberra Times, General News, 16/06/2026, Lucy Arundell, Page 1

Canberran Monike Kemp and her son sleep on couches at her mum's home, having spent two years waiting for a public housing property. The mum said she has asked multiple times for an appropriate property after Housing ACT offered her a two-bedroom apartment to share with her son and disabled sister in a residential complex beset with drugs and alcohol.

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

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### Cairns pharmacist Trent Twomey says expanded prescribing powers "incredibly popular" amid release of new report

The Courier Mail, Other, 15/06/2026, Molly Frew

A new report says pharmacists could help save the health system \$1bn a year – and a Cairns pharmacist says local patients are already reaping the benefits of expanded prescribing powers. 'Rewriting the Script', a report prepared by HTANALYSTS, says nationwide pharmacist autonomous

prescribing could create \$1bn in annual health system savings, free up over 10 million GP appointments and prevent 30, triple-0 hospitalisations annually.

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

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## Yes, old people have sex. And they're going to have more

Canberra Times, Other, 15/06/2026, Steve Evans

It will come as a surprise to young people - perhaps an unpleasant one - that old people have sex. And they seem to be having more of it than they used to. And will probably have even more.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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## Why retired nurses warn hospitals are the wrong place to die

The Senior, Other, 15/06/2026, Carla Mascarenhas

Kathryn Lance spent decades nursing in Perth hospitals and aged care facilities and said hospital is no place for older people to die. She described palliative care as "sterile" and is adamant hospital is not an "appropriate" for end-of-life care.

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# CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

## Plane good fortune and volunteers bring the gift of life

The Australian, Business News, 16/06/2026, Sian Powell, Page 21

After more than 140 Angel Flight trips to Sydney for melanoma treatment, Rose Fletcher was given a formal all-clear this year. She was ready to relax for a while.

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## A mole in the study of cancer

Courier Mail, General News, 16/06/2026, Greg Stolz, Page 9

As skin cancer kills 1400 Australians each year, new research has unlocked a path to life-saving treatments. Scientists at Brisbane's QMIR Berghofer Medical Research Institute have uncovered hundreds of genes that play a role in the growth of both moles and melanoma, completing the world's largest genetics study of "moliness" - the number of moles on a person's skin.

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## CEO visits red bus stop

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 16/06/2026, Lochlainn Heley, Page 8

Kidney Health Australia's Big Red Kidney Bus is now halfway through its Mildura stay, helping support visitors' dialysis needs during their travel to the region. The Red Kidney Bus arrived in Mildura on Monday 25 May for a five week stay at the BIG4 Mildura Getaway Holiday Park, helping people with chronic kidney disease access dialysis care while on holiday.

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## Moles in the genes

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 16/06/2026, Page 9

QIMR Berghofer scientists have uncovered hundreds of genes that play a role in the growth of both moles and melanoma in a discovery that could lead to new ways of preventing and treating the deadliest form of skin cancer. The team found risk genes linked to biological pathways that could lead to the development of a mole or melanoma.

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

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## **New Australian survey reveals men delaying prostate cancer care due to costs and accessibility**

West Australian, Other, 15/06/2026, Claire Sadler

Difficulty accessing doctors, cost pressures and long wait times are among the issues causing men to delay prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment, a new survey has revealed. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia found three in five Australians believe cost pressures and struggles to access care are among the struggles causing men to delay access to care.

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## **Inflammation, chronic disease and 'inflammageing'**

Medical Forum, Other, 15/06/2026

With chronic inflammation known as "inflammageing" increasingly recognised as a driver of long-term disease, experts say more understanding around it is needed. Dr Raffi Gugasyan from Burnet Institute's said chronic, low-level inflammation may be contributing to faster ageing and the growing burden of chronic disease in Australia.

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## **ABC North and West SA, SA Regional Drive, 15/06/2026, Narelle Graham**

Interview with Prostate Cancer Foundation CEO Anne Savage. Savage says they are not doing enough in educating men about their prostate health and helping them understand the risks of developing it. She also notes that a national prostate testing program would involve identifying men who are at a high risk of diagnosis, and making sure that they get screened as early as possible, and even though they do not know enough to prevent the disease, the clinical trials and research into new diagnostic tests must continue.

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## **FIVEAA, Mornings, 15/06/2026, Stacey Lee**

Interview with Stroke Foundation Australia Stroke Programs, Research and Innovation Executive Director Kelvin Hill, on the updated standard of supporting people who are recovering from stroke. Hill says the new standards are broadening the recommendations around Telestrokes, and the expansion in the emphasis on rehabilitation and full recovery. He states that people who have questions about different issues after a stroke should consult a GP.

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## **MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION**

### **Mum calls for greater acceptance of Autism**

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 16/06/2026, Zoe De Koning, Page 3

A Charlemont mother-of-four is calling for a more "autism-friendly community" in Geelong, urging people to be less judgemental of those who are neurodivergent. Zamika Hunt said her five year-old son Elroy who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) experienced the world differently to most others.

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## **IMMUNISATION**

### **FIVEAA, Afternoons, 15/06/2026, Leith Forrest**

Interview with Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, on vaccination rates. Kirkpatrick says childhood vaccination rates have been declining in Australia, and even though Australia is doing better than the US, the decline is

still concerning. She also states that not enough people are getting vaccinated for whooping cough, measles, and flu, and they have to see what they can do to increase the vaccination rates.

Also reported by: [FIVEAA \(Adelaide\)](#), [FIVEAA \(Adelaide\)](#), [FIVEAA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

### Researcher's aid for bowel condition

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 16/06/2026, Rachel Rasker, Page 10

At least one in four people live with a condition like Jenny Greer's, but almost none of them talk about it and most of them don't seek help. The Campbelltown resident has lived with chronic constipation for decades, since the birth of her two sons in her late 20s.

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

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### Zeroing in on tumours

Herald Sun, General News, 16/06/2026, Brad Crouch, Page 10

Australian researchers have developed a nanoparticle "delivery vehicle" which zeroes in on tumours to precisely deliver a cancer-fighting drug to the lungs while limiting harmful side-effects. The breakthrough boosted the delivery of a promising drug 30-fold in laboratory tests.

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

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Why is syphilis still spreading?

ABC Online, Other, 15/06/2026, Laetitia Lemke

This is the damage late-stage syphilis can do to bones. The Victorian-era sexually transmitted infection is preventable and curable, so why are infection rates rising in Australia?

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### ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 15/06/2026, Yvonne Yong

Syphilis is an infection once thought consigned to history has made a comeback in Australia, with devastating effects. Rates have soared over the past decade with 42 deaths of babies alone in the Northern Territory, and experts are now sounding the alarm.

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

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## PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

## John Hunter to receive extra \$55 million

Newcastle Herald, General News, 16/06/2026, Jamieson Murphy, Page 5

The state government will kick in another \$55 million for the John Hunter Hospital precinct due to "cost escalation", taking the project's price tag to almost \$900 million. Stage one of the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct has been allocated \$835 million since it was first announced by the former Liberal government in 2019.

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## Royal Darwin and Palmerston hospitals lift Code Yellow as pressure eases

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 15/06/2026, Gary Shipway

The Code Yellow at Royal Darwin Hospital and Palmerston Regional Hospital has been lifted. NT Health said due to a number of measures being implemented, including redeploying staff and rescheduling some elective surgeries, demand pressures have eased and patient flow at the hospitals has improved.

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

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## Queensland Health admits baby was forgotten in morgue after autopsy failure

The Courier Mail, Other, 13/06/2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Emma Cam and Rosalee Chapman

The body of a Queensland baby was left forgotten in the morgue of one of the state's leading hospitals for weeks while the heartbroken parents believed she had been sent for an autopsy. And, in a stunning admission, Queensland Health said they did not deliver the best care to the family and the horrifying incident had sparked a major overhaul of protocols.

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

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## Emergency department demand soars 50 per cent as new data reveals crushing strain

Adelaide Now, Other, 15/06/2026, Brad Crouch

Hospital emergency department arrivals have rocketed by more than 50 per cent since 2012, despite the population rising by just 15 per cent, new data shows. The crushing strain on the health system fuelling chronic ambulance ramping comes amid challenges ranging from an ageing population to rising mental health issues, and record triple-0 calls for help.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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## Channel 9, Nine News, 15/06/2026, Alicia Loxley and Tom Steinfort

Parents of children with brain cancer are pleading with governments to follow through on a promise to build a Proton Beam Therapy service at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Every year, 370 Australians, mostly children and teenagers, are diagnosed with a cancer that would potentially benefit from PBT.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 15/06/2026, Thomas Oriti

Interview with NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey, on the NSW Government's announcement of a \$3.6b investment into the state's hospitals. Mookhey says Liverpool Hospital and John Hunter Hospital are among the hospitals that will benefit from the NSW Government's investment, and he also notes that the latest announcement pairs with yesterday's announcement of an additional \$10b of health funding for the hospitals' day-to-day activities. He says they want to ensure that people have access to world-class healthcare in their neighbourhoods.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### **NSW drops \$10bn on health kicker in forthcoming budget**

The Mandarin, Other, 15/06/2026, Julian Bajkowski

The New South Wales Minns government has put the delivery of improved health and hospital services at the forefront of its upcoming state budget, revealing it will sink more than \$10 billion in forward funding into an expansion of the sector over the coming years to recruit 9,000 additional health workers. As the clock counts down to the revelation of the state's accounts at the end of the month, Health Minister Ryan Park has put forward a major cash splash on health in the lead-up to a state election that is increasingly being defined by expenditure on services that might otherwise be cut by opponents.

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### **Hospital strike: crucial South West Healthcare staff lock in 24-hour stop work**

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 15/06/2026, Ben Silvester

Key healthcare staff at South West Healthcare will strike for 24-hours on June 16 as they escalate industrial action against the Victorian government. Allied health workers - including social workers, radiographers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech pathologists, radiographers, radiation therapists and podiatrists - have been negotiating a new enterprise agreement for more than eight months.

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## AUSTRALIAN CDC

**'The next pandemic will not wait': Lula and WHO director in urgent plea**

## for leaders to finalise agreement

The Guardian, Other, 15/06/2026, Kat Lay

World leaders have been urged to keep a promise to the millions of people who died during Covid by finalising an agreement on how to deal with future pandemics. As a G7 summit begins in France, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director general of the World Health Organization, and Brazil's president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, have issued a joint letter saying a treaty needs urgent political backing at the highest level because "the next pandemic will not wait for us".

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## Ebola, hantavirus, diphtheria: how distrust in health care is fuelling multiple outbreaks across the globe

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 15/06/2026, Holly Seale, Bianca Middleton and Md Saiful Islam

The first half of 2026 has been marked by three different disease outbreaks: Ebola hantavirus and, in Australia, diphtheria . Each has exposed vulnerabilities in how we detect, communicate and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

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## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### WA needle exchanges raise concerns over 'dramatic' rise in injectable peptide use

ABC Online, Other, 15/06/2026, Gabrielle Becerra Mellet

As injectable peptides surge in popularity on social media, harm-reduction services in Western Australia say the rate of people accessing equipment to use the synthetic substances is skyrocketing. [...] The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has announced a crackdown on unregulated peptides.

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### 'Role expansion needs system redesign'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 15/06/2026, Nicholas O'Donoghue

Moves to expand scope of practice are going in the right direction, but new workflows and support systems will be needed to ensure services are sustainable, a pharmacist says. Australian pharmacists should pay close attention to how full scope services have been rolled out in other countries, to create a model that is safe and sustainable.

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### Three focus areas for pharmacy right now

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 15/06/2026

We're in June, which officially means the busy, busy period of community pharmacy has begun, Peak Strategies director Priya Narsing writes. Flu vaccines are being administered, every family seems to be coming down with some kind of virus, and your team is also likely picking up a few of those bugs along the way.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

### Drug harm advocates warn the Canberra Liberals' proposal to recriminalise methamphetamine ignores evidence

ABC Online, Other, 15/06/2026, Harry Frost

The rise in methamphetamine use in the ACT is "extraordinary", according to the Canberra Liberals,

and the party has promised to recriminalise both possession and use if elected to government. But drug harm reduction advocates warn this commitment ignores evidence and further stigmatises drug users.

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### Yoghurt pouch 'con'

Herald Sun, General News, 16/06/2026, Taylor Penny, Page 18

Almost 80 per cent of the "no added sugar" yoghurt pouches sold in supermarkets contain purees or reconstituted juices, potentially misleading consumers by disguising the source of sweetness, experts say. But of the 90 products analysed by the Herald Sun, 30 per cent had more than 200mg per 100g of calcium, double what dietitians say we should be aiming for.

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### Bootleg booze is surging in state

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 16/06/2026, Aris Schuler-Shah, Page 5

Government and law enforcement agencies are allowing the sale of illicit alcohol to continue unfettered as confusion surround whose job it is to crack down on the sprawling black market. Concerns are growing the bootleg booze market will mimic the rapid expansion of illicit tobacco in recent years.

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## AICIS

### PFAS queries continue as Wagga residents reassured drinking water is safe

ABC Online, Other, 15/06/2026, Melinda Hayter

Sitting on the verandah of his home of 40 years, just outside of the southern NSW city of Wagga Wagga, Tom Hughes points out a large cherry tree in his garden. "I got 11 kilograms of cherries off that tree one year, but we don't eat them anymore," he said.

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