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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian \(page 5\)](#)** reports that there are calls for the Federal Government to fund 600 "transition" beds to avoid exacerbating an issue already costing the health system up to \$1.6bn a year after new analysis revealed hospital bed block has soared by 60 per cent in the past three years.
- **[Medianet](#)** leads coverage reporting that National Disability Discrimination Commissioner Rosemary Kayess has called on the Health Minister Mark Butler to provide further information on how proposed NDIS changes align with Australia's human rights commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- **[Pharma In Focus](#)** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has said he is "deeply concerned" that Roche's Ocrevus and Novartis' Kesimpta could be delisted from the PBS, with nearly half of Australians with MS using the drugs.
- **[Australian Ageing Agenda](#)** reports that the Federal Government government has introduced legislation to establish a permanent First Nations aged care commissioner role, with Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae calling it a "landmark moment" that will see older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a permanent, independent advocate inside the aged care system for the first time.

- [West Australian \(page 11\)](#) reports that St John of God Murdoch Hospital's private ED, one of WA's biggest private emergency departments, will stop 24hour operation due to a shortage of emergency doctors.
- [Herald Sun \(page 6\)](#) reports that a landmark study from QIMR Berghofer has revealed that short times outdoors during hours of low sunlight can still contribute to skin cancer risk, contradicting decades of thinking that time outdoors early or late in the day causes no harm.

MINISTER BUTLER

The NDIS was built to help, but fixing it will be fiendishly difficult

Australian Financial Review, General News, 02/07/2026, Richard Holden, Page 31

It may take a fundamental redesign to deliver on the scheme's promise in a durable fashion. The National Disability Insurance Scheme has exactly the right name, and it is intended to serve exactly the right purpose.

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

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Call for action as bed block soars 60pc

The Australian, General News, 02/07/2026, Sarah Ison and Rosie Lewis, Page 5

Hospital bed block has soared by 60 per cent in the past three years, new analysis has revealed, sparking calls for Anthony Albanese to fund 600 "transition" beds or risk exacerbating an issue already costing the health system up to \$1.6bn a year. [...] In introducing the Modernising the Private Health Insurance Rebate Bill last week, Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler said the average premium increase for the approximately 3.2 million impacted Australians aged over 65 would be \$250 annually, or less than \$1 per day.

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

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The word is don't get old, definitely don't get sick

Canberra City News, General News, 02/07/2026, Brett Heffernan, Page 6

The message from the Albanese government is clear. Don't get old. [...] When federal Health Minister Mark Butler slipped this cut to the rebates into his NDIS speech at the National Press Club, almost as an afterthought, he dismissed the Howard-era measure as having "no policy intent".

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Stoush over 'archaic pricing' threatens access to key drugs

The Australian, Other, 01/07/2026, Natasha Robinson

Two key therapies for multiple sclerosis are at risk of being taken off the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme in a dramatic escalation of the nation's medicine wars. [...] The Australian understands the Health Department has now told Roche and Novartis, the manufacturers of Ocrevus and Kesimpta, that their medicines would be subject to a price cut of around 40 per cent, in line with Australia's PBS reference pricing policy.

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Health Minister Blair Boyer launches fight to save embattled \$500m cancer unit from rival Victoria

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/07/2026, Andrew Hough

South Australia's Health Minister has flown to Canberra to defend the embattled \$500m Australian Bragg Centre for Proton Therapy against a rival Melbourne bid. [...] He will meet federal Health Minister, SA MP Mark Butler, who has stoked concerns taxpayer money could divert to Melbourne's Peter MacCallum Cancer Centres.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier](#)

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National Press Club Address Tim Duggan - Chair of the Digital Publishers Alliance

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026

The National Press Club hosts public debates and discussions that shape Australia now and into the future. Home to national conversations with decision-makers and influencers; driving the national debate forward. [...] Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, and the Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, addresses the National Press Club.

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How 120,000 siblings disproved a myth around pregnancy and paracetamol

SBS, Other, 01/07/2026, Cheyne Anderson

A new study found paracetamol use in pregnant mothers does not increase the risk of autism or ADHD. [...] Trump's announcement was roundly rejected by the Australian Medical Association and Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration; however, Health Minister Mark Butler expressed concern that expectant mothers could be dissuaded from treating pain.

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'Life saving' drug for people with opioid dependency to be pulled from Australia by end of year

The Guardian, Other, 01/07/2026, Melissa Davey

A "life saving" drug heavily subsidised for Australians living with opioid dependency will be pulled from the market by the end of the year, causing alarm among doctors and pharmacists. [...] The federal health minister Mark Butler said last month drugs pricing was in an enormous state of flux amid US policy changes.

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Patient alarm over the potential loss of subsidised access to MS medicines

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 01/07/2026

If the committee advises the minister to delist the therapies on cost grounds, Health Minister Mark Butler still retains the power to waive the reduction. Under the National Health Act 1953, the minister retains absolute discretion over pricing.

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NDIS legislation risks 'stripping back' human rights, says commissioner

Health Services Daily, Other, 01/07/2026, Cate Swannell

The disability commissioner says Mark Butler should publicly respond after parliament's own human rights committee raised concerns over the proposed NDIS overhaul.

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These are the changes and laws kicking in from July 1 you need to know

Mandurah Mail, Other, 01/07/2026, Desiree Savage

With a new financial year upon us, it signals a wave of tax breaks, law and regulatory changes - most leaving more money in your pocket. [...] Ten new drugs have been added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) , while an extra 1.8 million Aussies will become eligible for a free pneumonia and meningitis vaccine Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, said July was a "bumper month" for cheaper meds.

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Commissioner calls on Government to publicly address human rights concerns over NDIS changes

Medianet, Other, 01/07/2026

National Disability Discrimination Commissioner Rosemary Kayess is calling on the Australian Government to fully address concerns raised by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (PJCHR) about proposed changes to the NDIS Act and make public its response. [...] The PJCHR has now asked the Minister for Disability, Hon Mark Butler, to provide further information on how the proposed measures align with Australia's human rights commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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Oz News Today, Other, 01/07/2026

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July PBS listings climb to 13

Pharma In Focus, Other, 01/07/2026

Thirteen submissions recommended by the PBAC have landed on the PBS this month, covering innovative drugs, a biosimilar, and new indications. While Health Minister Mark Butler announced most of the additions to the public on Sunday television, there was no mention of Amgen's Wezlana , marking the second biosimilar brand of Johnson & Johnson's blockbuster Stelara , following Celltrion Healthcare's Steqeyma on the scheme.

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Minister fails to rule out PBS delisting

Pharma In Focus, Other, 01/07/2026

Health Minister Mark Butler has failed to rule out a proposed savage 40 per cent price cut that could see two major drugs that treat almost half of Australian patients with MS pulled from the PBS - instead he's flicked the problem to the PBAC. At an early morning doorstep in Canberra today, the Minister said he was "deeply concerned" that Roche's Ocrevus and Novartis' Kesimpta could be delisted.

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'Lifesaver' opioid disorder treatment pulled from Australia

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Sublocade, used to treat people with opioid use disorder, will be removed from the PBS and all Australian shelves at the end of 2026 for commercial reasons. The removal of Sublocade from Australia has surprised and disappointed GPs. [...] Federal Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler recently acknowledged a global medicines market 'in a state of enormous flux' , with policies such as the 'Most Favoured Nations' under President Donald Trump 'reshaping how companies think about pricing'.

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Reality check for Health Minister's aged care ambitions

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

New Government figures have poured cold water on plans to rapidly expand Australia's aged care sector. The Federal Government's Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2024-25 – released this week – has reiterated the outlook for residential aged care demand. [...] Federal Health, Disability and Ageing Minister Mark Butler has repeatedly stated that Australia needs the equivalent of one new aged care home every three days for the next 20 years to meet the demand.

Tax experts and self-managed super funds criticise Labor–Greens deal as ‘policy on the run’

Your Life Choices, Other, 01/07/2026

A ban on self-managed super funds borrowing money to buy housing has blindsided the sector, which says Labor should instead target "unscrupulous" operators spruiking property as an investment. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said this brief delay would cost the budget in the order of "hundreds of millions" of dollars.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 01/07/2026, James Glenday and Emma Reballato

Interview with Health Minister Mark Butler. Butler points out that they are doing more to support Medicare and make medicines cheaper. He states that they are also introducing many urgent care clinics, which have been a terrific support for millions of Australians, completely free of charge. Butler added that there will also be further support for women going through menopause and perimenopause.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 01/07/2026, Tim McMillan and Angela Tsun

Maddison Robson, a Gidgegannup mother, says her 17-month-old twin daughters, Millie and Daisy, who have dysphagia and global developmental delay and require 24-hour care, may die if the NDIS denies her request for 24/7 care following a plan review. Robson claims the family has spent thousands of dollars on care, has written to the NDIS and Health Minister Mark Butler, and cannot afford to continue providing medically necessary support for the twins.

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Channel 9, Today , 01/07/2026, Sarah Abo and Tom Steinfort

Interview with Health Minister Mark Butler. Compere says 10 new treatments are now being added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme [PBS]; however, drug companies are now demanding higher prices for their products. Butler says new medicines are coming in every single month from all around the world, making new treatments possible, and they want to make sure that every Australian can access those treatments.

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2SER FM, The Wire, 01/07/2026

Interview with Maeve Kennedy, CEO of Inclusion Australia. Kennedy discusses chemical restraint and expresses concern that the proposed eligibility requirement to pursue "all appropriate treatment" may allow for chemical restraint, despite Health Minister Mark Butler's statement that this is not the intention of the bill. She says Inclusion Australia believes the risk stems from insufficient consultation during the drafting process, and the organisation is concerned that the bill does not explicitly rule out chemical restraint.

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LA FM, 16:00 News, 01/07/2026

Launceston-born melanoma pathologist Richard Scolyer died last month at the age of 59. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says Richard was widely recognised as the world's leading melanoma pathologist and the most-published scientist in the field.

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ABC North and West SA, SA Regional Drive, 01/07/2026, Narelle Graham

Interview with SA Health Minister Blair Boyer. Boyer discusses Adelaide's proposed proton beam therapy unit with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, arguing the Bragg Centre remains the best location because it already has a purpose-built bunker and the clinical team needed to deliver the

treatment. He says no decision has been made on Commonwealth funding, but he left the meeting more hopeful that Adelaide remains in contention despite interest from Victoria.

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

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ABC Radio Adelaide, 12:00 News, 01/07/2026

SA Health Minister Blair Boyer says he wants Australia's first proton therapy unit for cancer treatment to be built in Adelaide and is meeting Federal Health Minister Mark Butler in Canberra today. Boyer says SA has already built the bunker and believes its proposed system would be more accessible and usable for more children than an alternative proton beam therapy unit that could be built in another state.

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FIVEAA, 11:00 News, 01/07/2026

Ten new life-saving medicines have been added to the PBS, including five cancer treatments and a subsidised needle-free adrenaline nasal spray for children at risk of anaphylactic shock. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says ongoing clinical innovation is delivering new medicines and treatments.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Small NDIS providers and families on edge as registration 'cyclone' looms

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Bronwyn Herbert and Rhiannon Hobbins

Tue 30 Jun 2026 at 8:50pm Disability support worker Andrew Horton worries helping a client with everyday tasks could soon come with a price tag of up to \$10,000. This is the estimated cost of the full audit required for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provider registration, according to the Cairns-based support worker, who provides one-on-one care to clients with complex mental health needs. [...] NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister told the ABC the government was "working towards a tiered approach" in which higher-risk services faced stricter oversight, stating that "the people providing services that offer the highest risk are the ones that require registration".

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 01/07/2026, Caroline Winter

Digital platforms and SIL providers must register for the first stage of mandatory NDIS provider registration, but small providers, independent support workers, and families are worried about next year's high-risk support registration changes and costs. NDS CEO Michael Perusco supported the reforms, while NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister said the government would consult with people with disability and providers ahead of the 2027 deadline.

Continues on: [ABC NewsRadio \(Sydney\)](#).

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 01/07/2026, Caroline Winter

Disability providers are in support of mandatory rules that will be taking effect today. NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister says only 6% of providers across the country are registered.

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ABC Radio Canberra, 11:00 News, 01/07/2026

The first stage of a major overhaul of the NDIS provider market has taken effect, introducing mandatory registration for digital platform operators and Supported Independent Living (SIL) providers. NDIS

Minister Jenny McAllister said the changes are intended to improve safety and accountability, noting that about half of SIL providers are registered and that SIL funding costs about \$16 billion a year.

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MINISTER RAE

‘Landmark’ Bill to establish permanent First Nations commissioner

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2026

The government has introduced legislation to establish a permanent First Nations aged care commissioner role, which will directly connect an independent First Nations voice to the quality and safety commission. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae called it a "landmark moment" that will see older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a permanent, independent advocate inside the aged care system for the first time.

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Silverchain shows off smart glasses

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2026

At this week's Parliamentary Friends of Nursing event at Parliament House, Silverchain nurses demonstrated the wearable technology to the aged care minister. Home care provider Silverchain joined Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae this week to showcase the use of smart glasses at the Parliamentary Friends of Nursing event at Parliament House.

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Nurses take future vision to Parliament House

Pulse+IT, Other, 01/07/2026, Heather Fletcher

Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae didn't hesitate to test out a pair of smart glasses in a live demonstration of Silver Chain's virtual care model at Parliament House this week. Home care specialist Silverchain demonstrated how wearable technology is tackling critical health care capacity challenges and enabling nurses to deliver care at the top of their profession at a Parliamentary Friends of Nursing event.

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Govt moves to create permanent Aboriginal Aged Care Commissioner role

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

Three years after the Aged Care Royal Commission recommended the position be created, Aged Care Minister Sam Rae has introduced the Bill in Parliament. The Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Commissioner and Other Measures) Bill 2026 proposes the establishment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Commissioner position.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Major national study shows increased mental health awareness not translated to improved behaviours or attitudes

Medianet, Other, 01/07/2026

The 2026 National Stigma and Discrimination Report Card is being launched by The Hon Emma McBride MP at the Dining Rooms of Australian Parliament House today. The Report Card has been developed by the National Mental Health Commission and SANE Australia.

National report card lays bare extent of mental health stigma across Australia

The Indian Sun, Other, 01/07/2026

Australia's first National Stigma and Discrimination Report Card has found that discrimination linked to mental health conditions remains widespread, with around 70 per cent of people reporting experience of discrimination in at least one area of life. The report, released by the National Mental Health Commission in partnership with SANE Australia, was launched in Canberra by Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride on 1 July 2026.

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2CC, 17:00 News, 01/07/2026

Mental health outreach services from Tuggeranong's Mental Health Kids Hub are now available free of charge, ahead of the hub's opening later this year. Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride said no referral is required for either the outreach services or the permanent centre.

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2CC, Breakfast, 01/07/2026, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride. McBride explains that one in seven children are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing, and that by adolescence, namely at the age of 14, about 50% of mental health conditions emerge. She adds that this is why the Federal Government at the last election committed \$1.1 billion to mental health and wellbeing, of which \$700 million will go towards the support of the mental health of young people.

Also reported by: [2CC \(Canberra\)](#).

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

The faculty launches national standards at Parliament House, Canberra

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), Other, 01/07/2026

On 29 June, the faculty launched the Australian Standards for Health Practitioner Pain Management Education at Parliament House, Canberra, alongside representatives from state and federal parliament, education, health, and consumer advocacy in a strong show of national support. [...]

Rebecca White MP, Dr Mike Freeland MP and Senator Wendy Askew, in a strong show of national support for implementing the standards across Australia's health and education systems.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Gettin' a grip on men's health in regional NSW

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2026

Political figures, sports greats and health professionals recently came together in Orange NSW to mark Men's Health Week with the inaugural Gettin'-a-Grip arm wrestling event. [...] Hosted by NSW independent MP for Orange Phil Donato, guests included NSW Sports Minister Steve Kamper, former Wallabies Phil Kearns and James Grant, NSW MP Roy Butler, Federal MP Dan Repacholi, as well as local health professionals.

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Revamped mental health clinic

Gippsland Times & Maffra Spectator, General News, 01/07/2026, Page 6

MS Schuback added that everyone deserved an opportunity to seek support, no matter their financial situation. [...] Gippsland PHN will work closely with the federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the state Department of Health, service providers and local partners to support people through the transition.

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Monash targets harmful meds use

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 01/07/2026, Page 2

Monash University has announced the launch of a nation-wide program to give general practitioners, pharmacists and nurses the support and confidence to deprescribe highrisk medicines. The initiative, SUPPORTMeds, will first target benzodiazepines and Z-drugs prescribed for sleep in older people, and opioids for persistent noncancer pain. [...] The initiative is funded by a \$5 million Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology (QUDTP) grant from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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AUSMAT supports flood-hit town

Territory Q, General News, 01/08/2026, Page 108

Australia has experienced one of its wettest summers in nearly a decade, with the Northern Territory Top End recording an exceptionally heavy wet season. In early March, Katherine experienced significant flooding when the Katherine River peaked at 19.2 metres on 7 March the town's worst flooding in 28 years resulting in the evacuation and temporary closure of Katherine Hospital. [...] The National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre, strategically located in Darwin, manages and coordinates the AUSMAT capability for the Australia Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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CHSP wellness, reablement report open

Community Care Review, Other, 01/07/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

CHSP providers will need to complete the 2026 Wellness and Reablement Report survey by 31 July or risk having payments suspended. The 2026 Wellness and Reablement Report is now open for Commonwealth Home Support Program providers. [...] The provider survey consists of 12 questions designed to help the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing gather data on the delivery and benefit of wellness and reablement services to CHSP clients.

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Free Wellington mental health service to relaunch

Gippsland Times, Other, 01/07/2026, Stefan Bradley

The location of free federal government-funded mental health support in the shire is up for grabs, with the current Head to Health Wellington service to relaunch in mid-2027 with a new provider and new name. As part of state-wide transition, some Head to Health services are becoming Medicare Mental

Health Centres. [...] Gippsland PHN will work closely with the federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the state Department of Health, service providers and local partners to support people through the transition.

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DoHDA's potential constitution breaches rise to 15, ANAO warns

Health Services Daily, Other, 01/07/2026, Cate Swannell

The auditor-general says the Department still faces a significant legislative breach, IT security weaknesses persist, and AI adoption raises the stakes for government cyber controls. The auditor-general says the Department still faces a significant legislative breach, IT security weaknesses persist, and AI adoption raises the stakes for government cyber controls.

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Aged Care Design Principles to help, not hinder, sector

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 01/07/2026, Alex Jacobs

A new era of aged care design is here after the Department of Health and Aged Care released its Final report on the development of the draft National Aged Care Design Principles and Guidelines Set to be officially introduced on July 1, 2024, the Design Principles and Guidelines have been developed in response to Recommendation 45 from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's final report, 'Improving the design of aged care accommodation

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Patient rights and transparency strengthened for private treatment in public hospitals from today

Medianet, Other, 01/07/2026

Private Healthcare Australia Patients considering using their private health insurance in a public hospital will receive clearer, more consistent information about their rights from today, with the rollout of a new national claim form backed by private health insurers to improve transparency around private patient elections. [...] The form was developed following consultation with health funds, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, state and territory health departments, and public hospital representatives, among other stakeholders.

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New national program targeting harmful and unnecessary medicine use in Australia

Medianet, Other, 01/07/2026

Monash University is launching a nation-wide program to give general practitioners, pharmacists and nurses the support and confidence to deprescribe medicines that are causing harm or are no longer helpful. SUPPORT-Meds is funded by a \$5 million Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology (QUDTP) grant from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and takes aim at high-risk medicines.

Also reported by: [WEB Inside State Government \(Online\)](#).

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New Code of Ethics released to guide contemporary pharmacist practice

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Other, 01/07/2026

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has today launched the new Code of Ethics for Pharmacists, a contemporary framework to support ethical decision-making and strengthen patient-centred care across the profession. The Code of Ethics for Pharmacists applies to all pharmacists and pharmacy students registered with the Pharmacy Board of Australia. [...] "I thank the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and all organisations which contributed to the Code's development," Professor Naunton concluded.

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Inflexible public service makes climate challenges even more difficult

The Mandarin, Other, 01/07/2026, Alison Reeve

Climate change is a systems problem, not a vertical one. It demands co-ordinated action across government, not just one minister.

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Screen time data flags concern for Australian children

The Mandarin, Other, 01/07/2026, Melissa Coade

Guidelines for 24-hour movement set by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing are not being met for 3 in 4 Aussie children. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Aussie children aged 5-17 years are clocking an average of 2 hours and 51 minutes of "sedentary screen activity" per day.

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Department launches 'Medicare pays the cost when you see a GP' campaign

The Medical Republic, Other, 01/07/2026, Holly Payne

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has been getting busy in the Medicare promotion kitchen, but not on assignment of benefit. Adding to its existing 'Medicare's got the bill' campaign, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has produced a slew of new promotional materials for GPs.

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Providers back 'share by default', but warn software gaps threaten rollout

The Medical Republic, Other, 01/07/2026, Cate Swannell

Black Book survey finds overwhelming support for reform, but says vendors must lift audit, exception handling and reporting capabilities. Australian healthcare providers overwhelmingly support the federal government's share by default reforms for pathology and diagnostic imaging – in effect from today – but many believe software vendors remain the biggest obstacle to a safe and successful rollout, according to a new industry report. [...] The Medical Republic sought comment from both the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and the Australian Digital Health Agency, but did not hear back before deadline.

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Council fears CHSP reform will end 40 years of home care

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

Victoria's smallest Local Government Area is considering whether to continue delivering home care when its funding agreement ends next year. The Borough of Queenscliffe has announced it will review its aged care service delivery, a service that has operated for more than four decades [...] The Council currently delivers Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services to 127 residents and must advise the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing if it wishes to continue by 31 January 2027, six months ahead of the expiry of its current funding agreement on 30 June 2027.

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State's hospital logjam a demographic time bomb

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 02/07/2026, Dr Sarah Kleinman, Page 15

Recently, i was listening to a radio announcement about the state of hospital beds in Queensland which states that over a thousand beds are blocked by long-stay patients awaiting assisted living placements for one reason or another. I thought today we might chat about why this bed block is something that all Queenslanders should be worried about.

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Australia is not a homogenous, monocultural society. Migration matters in ways not always well understood

Canberra Times, Other, 01/07/2026

It is time that Australians realised that we only have ourselves to blame for the sources of our discontent and governments have little influence over our destiny. The size of the Australian-born workforce, measured by the 16-60 age group, has been steadily decreasing from 49.

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Senate inquiry urges government to scrap aged care support changes

Cairns Post, Other, 01/07/2026, Fia Walsh

The peak body representing older Territorians has welcomed a Senate inquiry which recommended against plans to axe an aged care home support program, warning it would lead to more red tape and out of pocket costs for vulnerable elderly people. Last week the Greens-chaired Senate inquiry delivered its final report into the federal government's plan to fold the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) into the newly created Support at Home (SAH) system.

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

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AT-HM rollout 'problematic', unnecessarily complex

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2026

Serena Ovens, Christina Wyatt, Dr Chris Atmore and Natalie Siegel-Brown discuss the shortcomings of the Assistive Technology and Home Modifications scheme and what's needed to fix it. Assistive technology and home modifications are critical to ensuring older Australians can age in place independently by reducing the risk of falls, improving mobility and preventing deterioration in daily functioning.

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It's time for real price protection in aged care

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2026

Once again, the government has delayed the introduction of Support at Home price caps. COTA Australia understands the decision to take time to get pricing right before formal caps arrive in a year.

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ACAC launches person-centred care framework

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 01/07/2026

The national quality measurement tool aims to promote autonomy and enable tailored, integrated and high-quality care across health and aged care settings. The Australian Consortium for Aged Care has launched a national framework to drive person-centred care for older people across settings through improved measurement of safety and quality.

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Flinders opens clinical simulation suite

The training area will see students exposed to lifelike patient care scenarios, under the guidance of university educators. Flinders University is celebrating the opening of a new, 500-square-metre simulation suite on the sixth floor of its city campus.

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\$4m for AI dementia platform

Community Care Review, Other, 01/07/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Associate Professor Nasir Wabe will use \$4 million in MRFF funding to develop and co-design the OneDementiaHub to improve access to specialist dementia care in regional and rural Australia. Australian Institute of Health Innovation researchers at Macquarie University, led by Associate Professor Nasir Wabe, have been awarded \$4 million from the Medical Research Future Fund to develop a first-of-its-kind, purpose-built AI-enabled dementia care platform.

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CAPS payments to continue for SaH, CHSP clients

Community Care Review, Other, 01/07/2026

Continence Health Australia has welcomed the government's decision to allow home care recipients to continue receiving the annual subsidy for continence aids. Eligible Support at Home or Commonwealth Home Support Program recipients will be able to continue accessing the Continence Aids Payment Scheme following a decision made by the government this week.

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Victoria's new medication rules come into effect for aged care homes

HelloCare, Other, 01/07/2026, Jakob Neeland

Residential aged care providers across Victoria are now operating under new medication administration requirements, with significant changes taking effect from today, 1 July 2026. Under the new laws, only nurses and other registered health practitioners can administer prescribed and dispensed Drugs of Dependence and Schedule 4, 8 and 9 medications to residents who do not self-administer their medicines.

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Assessing fitness to drive: Visual standards and general practitioner responsibilities

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Driving requires complex visuospatial, cognitive and physical abilities, with vision being a key determinant of safety. Progressive eye diseases, diabetes and neurological conditions can impair visual acuity (VA) and visual fields (VF), increasing motor vehicle accident risk.

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Age-related macular degeneration: Updates for general practitioners

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of legal blindness in Australians over 50 years, accounting for 60% of all blindness. AMD progresses from asymptomatic early and intermediate stages to late neovascular ('wet') or atrophic ('dry') forms that cause irreversible central vision loss.

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Anglicare Sydney is now a national player

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

On Wednesday (1 July) Anglicare Sydney announced its acquisition of aged care operator Infinite Care had been completed, including Infinite Care's recent acquisition of Autumn Aged Care Together, Anglicare Sydney Infinite Care and Autumn Aged Care will operate 46 residential aged care homes, with approximately 5,300 beds and around 7,500 staff across New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia.

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Aged care home death investigation takes new turn

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

A woman has been released after she was arrested last week in Sydney's western suburbs over the death of her mother in an aged care home. Emergency services were called to Our Lady of Consolation aged care home in Rooty Hill, 42km west of the Sydney CBD, shortly before midnight last Thursday (25 June), where an 84-year-old woman had been found dead.

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Private equity firm exploring exit from home care business

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

Malaysia-based private equity firm Navis Capital is reportedly in early talks to sell a home care brands company that has seen revenues grow sharply. Navis Capital bought into the home care and disability services provider Caring Group in 2023 for \$150 million and has pursued a strategy of scaling up alongside technology investment.

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Five changes every aged care operator should know from 1 July

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

The first day of the 2026-27 financial year marks some significant changes that every aged care operator should be factoring into their planning. Here are the top five changes occurring on 1 July: Workers employed under the Aged Care Award, the SCHADS Award, and the Nurses Award will receive the 4.

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Care funding still subsidising aged care losses: Govt report

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

A Government report on the aged care sector shows continued strain on operator earnings. The Government's Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2024-25 shows at a sector level, Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) fell 6.

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Arcare Aged Care reaches new milestone

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

Australia's fastest-growing aged care operator has opened 61 homes and has around 20 more in its development pipeline. Arcare Aged Care, a subsidiary of family-owned property developer The Knowles Group, has opened the 121-bed Arcare Aged Care Hove, 12km southwest of the Adelaide CBD.

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Govt performs another reform backflip on Support at Home

The Weekly Source, Other, 01/07/2026, Caroline Egan

The Federal Government has reversed a decision banning participants in Support at Home from accessing the Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS). When the new Aged Care Act took effect on 1 November last year, the Government stopped approving the CAPS for people receiving Support at Home and the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

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Home care pressures leave 89-year-old in bed for up to 19 hours Toni Connor; Eve Rosato - BBC News NI Add Yahoo on Google

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 01/07/2026

An 89-year-old woman says she is routinely being helped to bed in the early afternoon because staffing pressures mean her full home care package is not being delivered. Alison said carers now give her an evening meal and sleeping medication during a "tea time call" at about 15:00 BST and help her to bed for the night.

Could your snoring be stealing your memory? New research says it's possible

Your Life Choices, Other, 01/07/2026

A loud snore might seem like nothing more than an inconvenience. But researchers say it could sometimes be a warning sign of something much more important.

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ABC North and West SA, SA Regional Drive, 01/07/2026, Narelle Graham

Interview with SA Health Minister Blair Boyer. [...] Boyer says SA requires 425 more aged care beds to help reduce hospital overcrowding, and he discussed potential federal funding for new aged care bed projects with Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae. He says the SA Government's \$250 million no-interest loan scheme for aged care providers starts this month, as he calls for more Federal Government capital investment, noting that 425 people are currently waiting for an aged care bed in metropolitan hospitals.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Surge in student disability claims

The Australian, General News, 02/07/2026, Noah Yim, Page 3

Almost one in six NSW year 12 students received special disability provisions during their exams, in a new record that underlines the explosion in disability and mental health diagnoses in young people. The share of end-of-school HSC exam students with disability provisions has risen from 11.6 per cent in 2020 to 15.8 per cent in 2025, according to figures published by the NSW government earlier this week.

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

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Disability hub's supported workers to lose positions

Cairns Post, General News, 02/07/2026, Rosalee Chapman, Page 5

Endeavour Foundation has announced it may have to close its Mareeba disability services branch, leaving supported employees facing an uncertain future amid ongoing financial pressures. The organisation is one of the largest disability service providers in the country, with the Mareeba branch assisting people with disabilities to live independently and seek employment since the 1980s.

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Aussie autism rates highest

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 02/07/2026, Darcy Fitzgerald, Page 3

Australia has the highest rate of childhood autism in the world, nearly three times the global average, according to a new study from the prestigious Stanford University. Experts say Australia's shockingly high autism rate is largely due to financial incentives from the National Disability Insurance Scheme but the autism community says a diagnosis offers a path to understanding and acceptance.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Online\)](#).

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NDIS reform warning: Safety, dignity and inclusion at risk

6PR, Other, 01/07/2026, Chrissy Morrissy

Mother and disability advocate Jo Russell told 6PR Mornings host Chrissy Morrissy that many of the proposed changes will leave recipients underfunded and under-resourced, negatively impacting their

quality of life. For instance, the NDIS proposes funding only single impairments.

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Designer featured on Gardening Australia given temporary NDIS relief after funding stripped

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Molly Paynter

Garden designer Joshua Ruff has been given a six-month reprieve by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) after speaking out about changes to his NDIS plan, but says the fight to keep control of his care is far from over. The 33-year-old, who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy and lives on a lavender farm in Maldon that was featured on Gardening Australia, has self-managed his NDIS funding since 2017, employing trained family members as support workers.

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Billions for disability support - so why is Mareeba's employment service struggling?

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026

It should have been a golden age... billions of extra dollars flowing into the disability sector to help those with a permanent and/or intellectual disability, along with an employment market screaming out for willing workers. So why is one of the region's, and one of Australia's, long serving and largest disability employment service providers looking down the barrel of shutting its doors in Mareeba?

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Mandatory registration begins for NDIS providers

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Bronwyn Herbert

Today marks the start of the first stage of mandatory registration for providers in the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Providers of digital platforms and supported independent living homes will be required to register with the NDIS watchdog.

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Helping children overcome their food fears, one bite at a time

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 01/07/2026, Orlander Ruming

Ms Fathinia is an accredited practicing dietitian . She works with children who have complicated relationships with food and may only eat 10 to 20 different things.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#).

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PRIMARY CARE

I uncovered a medical myth: the dedicated family doctor

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 02/07/2026, Rosie Beaumont, Page 22

I've been going to the doctor a lot lately because my son has a small skin problem that becomes a big problem if he pokes it. Then it rapidly spreads across his face and we have to make an emergency dash to the clinic.

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Health system being taken for a ride on taxi fares, says Labor

Hobart Mercury, General News, 02/07/2026, David Killick, Page 3

An increase in spending on taxis to transport patients to hospitals is a sign that ambulance service are struggling to meet demand, Labor says. Labor spokeswoman for health, mental health and wellbeing Sarah Lovell said new figures showed the amount spent transporting patients in taxis instead of ambulances was about to reach a record high.

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Perth hospital culls emergency department opening hours

West Australian, General News, 02/07/2026, Kirsty Lichtenstein, Page 11

One of WA's biggest private emergency departments will stop being an all-hours ED because of a shortage of emergency doctors. St John of God Murdoch Hospital's private ED will cut opening hours to 8am to 10pm from September, citing "workplace pressures" for the change.

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

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Surgical robot in Orange is a first for regional NSW

Central Western Daily, General News, 02/07/2026, Phil Donato, Page 3

Two years ago, I became aware of the fact that Orange would be losing a urological surgeon, and that attracting other urologists to fill this specialist void would be potentially challenging as an increasing number of urologists prefer to perform their surgical work with use of robots. Essentially, we needed a surgical robot for Orange if we were to attract and retain urologists and other specialist surgeons.

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How new technology is making a tricky task a whole lot easier

Daily Advertiser, General News, 02/07/2026, John Hall, Page 3

A sometimes difficult task has been made a lot easier for nurses and doctors at Wagga Base Hospital. New equipment donated to the hospital by the Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary is designed to make giving patients IVs and cannulas much simpler.

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There are no fees at this new private hospital. Some doctors hate it

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2026, Henrietta Cook

A stoush has erupted within the medical community over a new model of insurer-backed private hospitals that offers care with zero out-of-pocket fees to eligible patients. The conflict centres on the new Adeney Private Hospital in Kew, which describes itself as Australia's first private hospital to offer patients no out-of-pocket costs.

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Inquest into Willow Katarina Horne's death has 'support' from Premier, but he won't request one

West Australian, Other, 01/07/2026, Charlton Hart

The Cook Government is continuing its refusals to order an inquiry into the death of a baby girl at Kalgoorlie Hospital despite being willing to take swift action in the past for Aishwarya Aswath. Willow Katarina Horne was pronounced dead late last year after her condition deteriorated during the two nights she spent at the hospital.

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Bunbury nursing graduates ready to care for region

West Australian, Other, 01/07/2026, Serian Lockwood-Jones

Bunbury nursing graduates are preparing to take the next step into the healthcare workforce after completing their diploma of nursing at South Regional TAFE. Students were recognised at graduation ceremonies held at the Bunbury and Albany campuses after completing the 18-month course in semester one.

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

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Proposal for all-new Gympie hospital officially on the table for government

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 01/07/2026, Finn Rice Coleman

A 150-year-old hospital that survived the gold rush could soon be replaced, with a greenfield Gympie

Hospital option formally under government consideration for the first time. Vote now: A new Gympie public hospital is officially on the cards, after having served the community since the gold rush first put the region on the map in the late 1860s.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gympie Times \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#).

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World-first program aims to help stop overprescribing of pain and sleeping medications

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Alex Proimos

Are your meds doing you more harm than good? Monash University launches a world-first 'deprescription' program called SUPPORT-Meds.

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Beechworth doctors revert to home visits for patients after taxi service left town

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Philippe Perez

Not that long ago, life was good for 74-year-old Jodi Scholz who was running a small farm 10 minutes north of Beechworth. "It was idyllic," she said.

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Pharmacy gets new Code of Ethics

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 01/07/2026

PSA's revised Code of Ethics aims to reflect the expanding roles pharmacists play Care, integrity, competency and collaboration are the four pillars of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's (PSA's) updated Code of Ethics for Pharmacists. Launching the updated Code, PSA board member and chair of the project advisory group, Dr Ayomide Ogundipe, said the

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'It's important to invest in your pharmacists'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 01/07/2026

In this episode of the AJP Podcast, Sally Cairnduff explains what it's like to work for a not-for-profit pharmacy servicing a rural community - and her lessons to the profession. As the general manager of not-for-profit Wonthaggi Miner's Pharmacy in regional Victoria, Sally Cairnduff runs her pharmacy a little bit differently.

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Queensland grandmother claims women left in labour in public hospital hallways

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/07/2026, Blair Jackson

Shocking images have emerged as a new grandmother claims women were left to endure contractions in hallways of a major capital city public hospital. Former Queensland premier Campbell Newman says the health systems across Australia "need to be reformed".

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

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Happy birthday to the RACGP

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

As the college celebrates its 68th birthday on 1 July, Associate Professor Chris Hogan delves into its history, formation, and success. The first meeting of what was to become the RACGP Council was held in 1958.

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The external clinical teaching visit: GP supervisor engagement and perceptions of utility

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026, Simon Morgan

External clinical teaching visits (ECTVs) involve direct observation of general practice registrar consultations with patients, performed by independent general practitioner (GP) educators. The aim of this study was to describe engagement with, and perceived utility of, ECTVs by GP supervisors.

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No place like home: The role of general practitioners in a housing crisis

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Australia is in the midst of a housing crisis. House prices have increased across the country over the decade to 2024, while the cost of private rental accommodation has risen substantially over recent years.

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How to thrive in general practice training: A practical guide

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Navigating general practice training can be a challenging process and is characterised by unique stressors. Objective Drawing on the first two authors' experiences as medical educators in the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program and the medical education literature, this article outlines practical strategies for general practice registrars to thrive during (and beyond) training.

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The VETERANS lens: A new tool to enhance consultations with veteran patients

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Various factors from service in the Australian Defence Force can influence a veteran's health and wellbeing on transitioning from service. Using available resources to support veterans' healthcare, such as the VETERANS lens tool, enables general practitioners (GPs) to provide primary care that is sensitive and relevant to a veteran's experiences.

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 01/07/2026, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with Veterans Affairs Minister Matt Keogh. [...] Keogh says the Federal Budget's \$5000 annual cap on veterans' allied health spending will include a process for veterans with clinical needs to access additional services, noting that the median annual use is around \$1900. He says the government will collaborate with the veteran community and healthcare providers to ensure no gaps in services, while also eliminating the requirement for veterans to obtain a new GP referral after every 12 allied health services and increasing allied health provider payments.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Gender bias in trials for medicine revealed

Herald Sun, General News, 02/07/2026, Page 19

Most Australian women are unaware of the ways sex and gender bias in medicine may be putting their health at risk. A Jean Hailes for Women's Health survey, found only three in 10 women were aware of sex and gender biases in medical research.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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Asbestos at health centre

Canberra Times, General News, 02/07/2026, Jasper Lindell, Page 2

A community health centre in Canberra city will be shut for at least three days after asbestos was found during routine maintenance. All patient appointments scheduled at the City Health Centre, the multistorey concrete building at the corner of Moore Street and Alinga Street, have been or will be rescheduled, a notice on the Canberra Health Services website said.

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

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Program to curb inappropriate medicines use

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 01/07/2026

Monash University aims to boost health practitioners' confidence to deprescribe unnecessary medicines through its SUPPORT-Meds program. The new training initiative is being rolled out with the goal of protecting Australians from adverse events that come with the use of unnecessary or inappropriate medicines.

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Left to their own devices

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 02/07/2026, Mary Papadakis, Page 12

Kids spend four hours per day on screens while neglecting essential physical activity. Australian teenagers are spending an average of up to four hours per day on screens, while fewer than 20 per cent of children aged five to 17 meet daily physical activity targets, new national data shows.

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Are your meds doing you more harm than good?

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Fran Kelly

Healthcare workers are embarking on a world first project to help people reduce their reliance on prescription drugs like sleeping pills and opioids amid growing evidence of dangerous side-effects. The project called SUPPORT-Meds is lead by Associate Professor Emily Reeve , at the Centre for Medicine Use and Safety at the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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NT teenagers say vapes are still commonplace and easily accessible despite crackdown

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026

They are illegal and highly addictive, but according to a group of Northern Territory high school students, vapes are easy to find and just as easy to use, including at school. Charlotte*, like many of her friends, was introduced to vaping at age 13.

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The hospitals with the highest induction births in Australia revealed: See how yours compares

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 01/07/2026, Olivia Shying and Samantha Landy

The number of women being induced to kick off labour is rising, and obstetricians and midwives say this is the reason behind the increase. See how your hospital compares. [...] Inductions rose from 25.2 per cent of births in 2010 to 32.7 per cent in 2023, according to the latest Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

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

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How to love beer and hate alcohol at the same time

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 01/07/2026, John Hanscombe

Don't get me wrong. I love an ice cold beer. That refreshing fizz. The shock of bitterness. It's an instant

party for the palate. [...] The estimated cost of alcohol consumption to the Australian economy per year is \$75 billion, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 01/07/2026, Lara Stimpson

Interview with Dr Ruth Mirams, Director, NTCOGSO. Mirams discusses youth electronic smoking in NT schools, saying the organisation has raised the issue since 2022 and is calling for earlier prevention education and action to address supply. She says parents need expert-backed resources to discuss electronic smoking with their children and that schools require support, counselling resources and a coordinated response involving health, education, police, the AFP and Border Force.

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

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Evenings, 01/07/2026, Spence Denny

Interview with Catherine Leane, who was diagnosed with HIV nearly 40 years ago. Having been diagnosed during the 1987 HIV campaign and receiving treatment afterwards, Leane believes that South Australian public hospital pharmacies offering free antiretroviral treatment to eligible patients regardless of Medicare status is an important public health measure. She says free treatment will reduce community viral load and that "U=U" (undetectable equals untransmittable) is her long-term advocacy through Positive Life South Australia.

Interview continues on: [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Brekkie mistake is a cereal killer

The Nightly, General News, 01/07/2026, Ezekiel J Emanuel, Page 28

People can spend so much money trying to eat healthier, yet breakfast remains one of the most misunderstood meals of the day. Many foods marketed as healthy breakfasts are often packed with refined carbohydrates and added sugars that can spike blood sugar, leaving people hungrier just a few hours later.

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I never loved exercise, until I couldn't

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 02/07/2026, Simon Castles, Page 23

I've cancelled a few gym memberships in my time. You may recognise how it goes.

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Low sun still a risk

Herald Sun, General News, 02/07/2026, Page 6

A landmark study has revealed that short times outdoors during hours of low sunlight can contribute to skin cancer risk. The QIMR Berghofer findings defy decades of thinking that time outdoors early or late in the day causes no harm.

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

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Carrie's Beanies award

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 02/07/2026, Page 5

Adelaide-born Carrie Bickmore has been named Victorian of the Year for her advocacy and contribution to brain cancer research. The award comes more than a decade after she formed Carrie's Beanies 4 Brain Cancer and five years since establishing the Brain Cancer Centre.

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Melatonin could be used for pain relief

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 02/07/2026, Page 6

Melatonin, a sleep supplement widely used to treat insomnia, could help reduce reliance on some of the most common and potentially harmful pain medications. The University of Sydney research shows melatonin can reduce chronic musculoskeletal pain with effects in a similar range to medications such as opioids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and paracetamol.

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

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Sweet trap of a 'healthy' snack

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 02/07/2026, Karen Grace Prince, Page 9

Many seemingly "natural" fruit snacks marketed for school lunch boxes have more than three times the sugar concentration of a can of Coca-Cola, a new study says. Conducted in collaboration with Cancer Council Victoria and Deakin University, the study found that dried fruit which most parents consider healthy has high concentrations of sugar, amounting to 33.5g per 100g.

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

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Warning to check prostate

Courier Mail, General News, 02/07/2026, Tayla Couacaud, Page 19

Australians are being urged to remove the stigma around getting their prostates checked, with early detection key to fighting cancer. One in five Australian men are likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, with risk factors increasing from the age of 50.

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

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Grayson on his 'cruel' cancer battle

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 02/07/2026, Evie Dinkelmeyer, Page 1

Renowned Geelong hairstylist Darren Grayson has revealed he is battling aggressive prostate cancer and has shared the profound impact his treatment has had on his body and his sex life. After finding blood in his semen late last year, Mr Grayson knew something wasn't right he went to get it checked and in October had a radical prostatectomy.

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'I was in a blur': Crackdown launched to wean millions of Australians off high-risk drugs

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2026, Melissa Cunningham

A national crackdown on the harmful overprescribing of medications will see thousands of healthcare workers push to wean Australians off unnecessary drugs, including sleeping tablets and opioids. The world-first deprescribing program, launched by Monash University on Wednesday, comes as experts warn that chronic reliance on some medications is leading to severe and dangerous side effects and causing increasing patient harm.

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From the Pocket: Footy faces an existential threat in CTE. The AFL's words are wholly inadequate

The Guardian, Other, 01/07/2026, Jonathan Horn

Monday's ABC Four Corners episode looked at the life and death of Nick Lowden , who at 23 was the youngest footballer to be diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

The health check Australians are putting off and why it matters

Shepparton News Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Annie Barrow

Skin cancer remains one of the most common cancers in Australia, yet it is also one of the most treatable when detected early. For the team at GV Skin & Specialist Centre, this is the message they are passionate about sharing with the Goulburn Valley community: regular skin checks save lives.

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CFA volunteers battling cancer crisis warn alleged neglect is putting their lives at risk

The Mercury, Other, 01/07/2026, Owen Watts

A Victorian CFA brigade is blaming the staggering number of cancer cases affecting its members, which have so far claimed three lives, on chronic underfunding and safety failures, claiming the state government has ignored its calls for help. Volunteer firefighters at a CFA brigade in the state's east are blaming a long-running cluster of cancers, including three reported deaths, on chronic underfunding and exposure to carcinogens linked to their lifesaving work.

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

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Clinical trial showcases regional WA's role in medical breakthroughs

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 01/07/2026

Esperance clinicians are part of the first commercially sponsored clinical trial in regional WA. Through the WA Country Health Service, work is taking place with international oncology research company Eli Lilly and Company to deliver a clinical trial aimed at alleviating nausea for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

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Cancer Council calls for Mid West locals to pay attention to their bodies, as bowel cancer affects WA families

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 01/07/2026

With cases of bowel cancer on the rise, Cancer Council WA is encouraging people in the Mid West to pay attention to changes in their bodies. Residents are urged to seek medical advice if they notice possible symptoms, as early diagnosis offers the best chance of successful treatment.

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

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What is PrEP? And should i be taking it?

ABC Online, Other, 02/07/2026, Pip Rasmussen and Dee Salmin

When you hear about HIV you might think of the AIDs epidemic during the 80s. But so much has changed since then, including the invention of a prevention drug called PrEP.

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Life-changing HIV medication made free in SA in step welcomed by advocates

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Sophie Landau

When Kath Leane was diagnosed with HIV in 1987, she was given just 12 months to live. "My son was four, and I was pregnant, so that was a real shock," she said.

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New research reveals Queensland's skin cancer burden, triggers calls for more prevention campaigns

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Janelle Miles

Researchers have laid bare the huge skin cancer burden on Queensland with a new study suggesting residents in mid-life collectively undergo about 1.5 million procedures for the disease a year, costing hundreds of millions of dollars. The study, led by QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute and Cancer Council Queensland, has triggered calls for more investment in skin cancer prevention campaigns to ease the enormous pressure on the healthcare system.

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Sarah's son started losing words he'd already learnt. Then she got the news no mother wants to hear.

Mamamia, Other, 01/07/2026, Gabrielle Oehlmann

There is a lift at the Queensland Children's Hospital that almost three-year-old Sonny has ridden more times than any child should. When strangers step in, weighed down by whatever has brought them there, Sonny will smile and say 'hi'.

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'Eye-watering' skin cancer burden laid bare

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Research has revealed its 'enormous' health and financial toll in Queensland, renewing GPs' calls for greater investment in prevention. The 'great tragedy is that skin cancer is largely a preventable disease'.

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'Spots' the sign: Retinal detachment and vision loss prevention

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Retinal detachment (rd) is a vision- threatening emergency requiring timely recognition and referral. Rhegmatogenous RD is the most common type, arising from a retinal tear that allows subretinal fluid to accumulate and subsequent RD.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 01/07/2026, Steve Austin

Interview with Professor Rachel Neale, co-lead, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute sun-safety study. Neale says laboratory research in Brisbane found that the same UV dose caused the same DNA damage regardless of whether it was delivered at the equivalent of a UV index of just under three or eight, although lower UV levels required longer exposure to reach the same dose. She says UV-related DNA damage can accumulate over time despite repair mechanisms and advises making sunscreen part of a daily routine while using additional sun protection, including clothing, hats and shade, for longer periods outdoors.

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

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Greens propose Bill to ban 'cruel quackery'

Hobart Mercury, General News, 02/07/2026, David Killick, Page 14

Legislation banning "conversion therapy" on gay people drafted by the Greens would fix a "glaring omission" and bring the state into line with other jurisdictions, party leader Rosalie Woodruff said. Conversion practices are attempts to change, suppress or eliminate an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

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Heartbreaking loss prompts conversations about farmers' mental health in Talimba, NSW

Leanne Staniforth says her husband, John, was suffering in silence before his death by suicide. Now she is raising her voice in an effort to promote mental health awareness in her rural community and help others speak out if they need support.

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Victim-survivors of alleged sexual abuse speak out on legal impact of receiving EMDR therapy

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Emily Baker

Tess Hassell says walking into a police station to report the physical and sexual abuse she allegedly suffered in childhood was both confronting and empowering. "It felt like I was taking power over my life and what happened to me," Ms Hassell said.

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Changing Australia: Margaret Leggatt and advocating for people living with complex mental illness

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026, Melissa Clarke

Margaret Leggatt has been deeply embedded in Australia's mental health sector for decades. As an occupational therapist and sociologist, she's become a fierce advocate for families living with schizophrenia and mental illness, working tirelessly to improve treatment and public perceptions.

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'Kick in the gut': Phillip Thompson rages over Labor's 'BS' \$78M veterans agency rollout, fears increase in suicides

Sky News Australia, Other, 01/07/2026, Kate Fowler

Queensland MP Phillip Thompson has called "BS" over the Albanese government's newly reformed veterans affairs agency, claiming a \$5,000 cap on support could increase the risk of suicides among ex-servicemembers. Queensland MP Phillip Thompson has branded the Albanese government's newly launched veterans agency a "kick in the gut" to those who have fought for Australia.

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Victorian father and advocate Wayne Holdsworth to launch SmackTalk education program in SA schools

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 01/07/2026, Jacinta Round and Julie Cross

A safety campaign created by a father whose teenage son died by suicide after being targeted online by a man posing as a 15-year-old girl will be introduced to South Australian schools next year. The SmackTalk education program was founded by Victorian father and advocate Wayne Holdsworth to educate young people about dangers online and spread awareness on youth suicide prevention, following his son Mac's death in October 2023.

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

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IMMUNISATION

Vaccination is a good shot

Hobart Mercury, Editorials, 02/07/2026, Page 18

Tasmania's decision to make meningococcal B vaccination free for all infants is a smart and humane investment in public health. Meningococcal disease is rare, but that has never meant harmless.

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Clock ticking for Qld police to join Clive Palmer's anti-vaxxer class

action

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2026, Marissa Calligeros

Thousands of former and serving Queensland police officers have 12 weeks to officially join a class action against COVID vaccine mandates – the second of its kind bankrolled by mining billionaire and conservative political hopeful Clive Palmer. The Supreme Court has ruled in favour of the Queensland Police Service in setting a deadline for current and former officers and frontline staff to formally sign up to the class action if they want a slice of any future settlement.

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Tasmania rolls out free lifesaving meningococcal B vaccines for infants

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/07/2026, David Killick

Tasmania has become the first state to fund free meningococcal B vaccines for all infants, covering children from just six weeks of age through general practices statewide. All Tasmanian infants will be offered free vaccination against meningococcal B, the state government announced on Wednesday.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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Free meningococcal B vaccine available to Tasmanian infants under \$4m program

ABC Online, Other, 01/07/2026

Vaccinations for the rare but potentially deadly meningococcal B disease are now free for all Tasmanian infants for the next four years, under a state-funded program. The Tasmanian government launched the initiative on Wednesday, which will deliver free vaccinations for all infants from six weeks to two years old.

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State Government expands FluMist nasal spray flu vaccination program to include children aged 12-17

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 01/07/2026, Kate Campbell

After a successful rollout for younger children, the State Government is expanding the FluMist program, making the needle-free influenza vaccine available for children and teenagers aged 12-17. The nasal spray was previously available to children aged two to 11, with the expansion giving more families access to a simple, painless option for the annual flu vaccination.

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Call for harmonisation on kids' vaccinations

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 01/07/2026

Researchers reviewing pharmacist-administered vaccinations for children and adolescents in Australia have highlighted a system characterised by a lack of national harmonisation, piecemeal funding and inconsistent workforce integration into public health campaigns, to the detriment of population health.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 01/07/2026, Lucy Breaden/Kylie Baxter

Interview Dr Tim Jones, Chair of the RACGP Specific Interests Child and Young Person's Health group. Jones welcomes the Tasmanian Government's free meningococcal B vaccination program for children under two, saying it would save lives and address the remaining major form of meningococcal disease affecting young children in Tasmania. He says the program provides a full three-dose schedule for eligible children under two, with catch-up vaccination available for children aged two to under three who missed out.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Channel 10, 10 News, 01/07/2026, Natalie Forrest

A study by the Queensland Medical Research Institute involving 58 participants found that skin DNA damage occurred after exposure to UV radiation at naturally occurring levels, regardless of whether the exposure occurred more quickly or more slowly. Professor Rachel Neale of QIMR Berghofer says the findings suggest UV dose, rather than the rate of exposure, determines DNA damage.

Similar coverage reported by: [Channel 7 \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Channel 9, Nine News, 01/07/2026, Alicia Loxley

Researchers from the University of Sydney analysed more than 2000 adults across 23 randomised controlled trials and found that melatonin reduced musculoskeletal pain by around nine points on a 0–100 scale, compared with the seven to eight-point reduction typically seen with paracetamol. The study, led by Dr Michelle Hall and including PhD student Kangchao Wu, reported that melatonin may reduce pain by targeting inflammatory pathways and improving sleep, with no evidence of users developing dependence.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 01/07/2026, Kylie Baxter

Interview with Michelle Dracoulis, Chairperson, Colossal Biosciences Tasmania Thylacine Advisory Committee. Dracoulis discusses a new partnership between Colossal's conservation arm, UTAS, and the Menzies Centre to apply University of Melbourne and Colossal technologies to Tasmanian devil conservation, including devil facial tumour disease research. She says the project will explore both vaccinations and gene editing for devil facial tumour disease, with the advisory committee receiving ongoing updates and remaining engaged throughout its delivery.

Interview continues on: [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#), [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#).

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Community buy-in boosts jabs for Indigenous kids

West Australian, Other, 01/07/2026, Farid Farid

Immunisation rates for Indigenous children under five have dropped off since the pandemic but community-led programs could change that trend. National figures from 2024 show coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is close to the 95 per cent target associated with herd immunity by age five.

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'Helps us keep showing up': First Nations-led projects receive philanthropic support

National Indigenous Times, Other, 01/07/2026, Callan Morse

Fifteen First Nations-led organisations have received financial support from a philanthropic foundation to strengthen their impact in communities and catalyst opportunities for self-determination. The \$6 million in grants up to \$500,000, announced by the Paul Ramsay Foundation on Wednesday, support a

wide range of First Nations-led projects in Northern Territory, the Torres Strait, Tasmania, regional and remote South Australia and regional and remote Queensland.

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Access the key to closing First Nations vaccination gap

National Indigenous Times, Other, 01/07/2026, Joseph Guenzler

New research led by The University of Queensland has found community involvement, culturally safe services and better access may be the key to improving vaccination rates among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. The study reviewed more than a decade of data to identify ways to strengthen vaccination coverage for First Nations children in Australia under five years of age.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Unions lash out after Bleijie's Friday night workplace board purge

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 01/07/2026, Matt Dennien

Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie has purged all union figures from two key Queensland government boards, in an act the labour movement says undermines the integrity of the bodies as the LNP embarks on reviews of workplace laws. Bleijie announced overhauls of the state's Work Health and Safety and WorkCover boards at 6pm on Friday, with new paid appointments including LNP stalwart Lawrence Springborg and Stafford byelection candidate Fiona Hammond.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

ICU nurse suspended for stealing patients' drugs, working while under the influence

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 01/07/2026, Sarah Booth

An ICU nurse worked while high on drugs she stole from patients' medication bags on two separate occasions at Victorian hospitals, it can be revealed. A tribunal found the nurse — described as slurring her words, "wobbly" and "losing her train of thought" after using drugs mid-shift — endangered patients and made errors while caring for them.

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

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New paramedic program created as banned HALO procedure reinstated by St John NT

Adelaide Now, Other, 01/07/2026, Lottie Hood

St John NT has reinstated a key paramedic procedure, banned a year ago over safety oversight concerns, and brought in a 25-year critical care expert to overhaul its training program. St John NT has launched a new Intensive Care Paramedic training pathway after reinstating a life saving procedure a year after it was first banned.

Victoria to strengthen nurse/midwife to patient ratios

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 01/07/2026, Anmj Staff

The Victorian Government has announced it will introduce legislation to strengthen the state's nurse/midwife to patient ratios, improving patient care across 26 hospitals, including in emergency departments, intensive care units, and medical and surgical wards.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 01/07/2026, Peter Mitchell

Victoria's Northern Hospital recorded more than 4000 incidents of violence against staff in a year, while hospitals and paramedics across the state recorded more than 26,000 incidents, with clinicians citing long emergency department wait times, drugs and alcohol, and mental illness as contributing factors. Victorian Health Minister Harriet Shing said the focus is on understanding how risks arise, while Monash University Associate Professor Carla Muir said an Australian-first study at Northern Health will examine the causes of workplace violence and identify ways to enhance current practice.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Patients borrowing money or raiding super to afford medicines, national survey finds

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 01/07/2026

A national survey of almost 4000 patients and carers has found Australians are going into debt, skipping bills and drawing on their superannuation to pay for medicines not covered by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) — with the burden falling most heavily on those least able to carry it. The report, released by Patients Australia, found that half of all respondents had needed a medicine the PBS does not cover, including 37% in the past year.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Expanding Medicare access for treating opioid dependence

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026

Opioid dependence is a chronic health condition with substantial health, economic and social costs. A highly evidence-based life- saving treatment, opioid dependence treatment (ODT) uses the long-acting opioids methadone and buprenorphine to stabilise people with opioid dependence, and it is associated with reductions in health, economic and social harms for both individuals and society.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Thyroid eye disease: Primary care recognition and referral

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 01/07/2026, Sophia Moshegov, Rebecca Starkie, Elaine W Chong and Jwu Jin Khong

Thyroid eye disease (TED) is a potentially sight-threatening autoimmune condition affecting up to half of patients with Graves' disease. It presents with variable ocular symptoms such as lid retraction, proptosis, diplopia and discomfort, which can significantly impair vision and quality of life. [...] Teprotumumab was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2020 and by the Therapeutic Goods Administration in March 2025.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Shaman accused of lying to save skin in mushroom death

Bathurst Western Advocate, Other, 01/07/2026, Abe Maddison

A shaman healer was trying to "save his own skin" when he told a woman's partner to lie to authorities about her use of magic mushrooms, a court has been told. An inquest is investigating the death of Adelaide fashion entrepreneur Carol Foord, 72, who took magic mushrooms as an alternative treatment shortly before her death in June 2024.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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