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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[ABC Online](#)** (online) reports that women's health experts say Australian women still face medical misogyny, including gender bias in treatment, access, and cost. Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Women, Rebecca White says that we have to "recreate a system that has equity built at the centre of it."
- **[The Northern Territory News](#)** (page 1) reports that a coronial inquest revealed that Darwin Private Hospital experienced significant periods without a doctor available on-site, impacting patient care and prompting warnings from nurses.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 3) leads widespread coverage reporting that the virulent H5 strain of bird flu has been detected in a dead seabird on the Mid North Coast of NSW, with officials stating that the risk to humans remains low.
- **[ABC Online](#)** (online) reports that a new research paper has found that concerns about the health risks of concussions have led to almost a third of parents stopping their children from playing contact sports, however experts emphasise that the benefits of sport still outweigh the risks.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 6) reports that whooping cough cases in South Australia have surged to 859 this year, compared to just 18 cases in 2021, with the increase is attributed to falling vaccination rates among young children.

- [The West Australian](#) (page 7) reports that WA Health have announced that free diphtheria vaccinations are being offered to all Aboriginal people in WA, with the program extended to the Mid West due to ongoing local transmission.
- [The Hobart Mercury](#) (page 9) reports that the University of Tasmania has reintroduced its Graduate Diploma of Midwifery, with 29 registered nurses commencing the year-long course in Launceston.

MINISTER BUTLER

Nurses get PBS prescribing rights

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 03/07/2026, Page 2

The Federal Government has passed historic legislation to allow specially trained nurses to prescribe medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). [...] "Expanding the scope of practice for suitably qualified nurses will make it much easier for people in many rural and remote communities to get the medicines they need," said Health Minister Mark Butler.

Also reported by: [Hospital and Healthcare \(Online\)](#), [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#), [The Mandarin \(Online\)](#).

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Ambulance bill shock strikes widow surprised by private health insurance loophole

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2026, Alison Branley

It has been a decade since Lynn Conder lost her husband Dave unexpectedly. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler's office declined to comment on the laws.

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'Stop dancing': Labor's Gen Z play divides viewers as ministers flood Instagram

Sky News Australia, Other, 03/07/2026, Max Aldred

Australian social media users have dragged a series of "money-wasting" dancing videos published by Labor's most recognisable faces on social media. [...] Health and NDIS Minister Mark Butler, and his social media team, have embraced short-form promotions on Instagram.

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Insurer margins tighten as government targets specialist fees

Insurance Business Australia, Other, 03/07/2026, Roxanne Libatique

Australian health insurers are entering a period of tightening margins just as the federal government moves to force greater transparency on the specialist fees and billing practices that drive members' out-of-pocket costs, setting up a reform agenda whose commercial stakes cut in more than one direction for the sector. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said a voluntary disclosure model had failed, with only about 88 of roughly 6,300 eligible specialists displaying fees by 2025.

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Where next for six Country Heads?

Pharma In Focus, Other, 03/07/2026

A spate of ANZ leadership departures has left a surprising number of top operators ripe for the picking, making news that six country leaders were now between jobs, our top story this week. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has failed to rule out a proposed savage 40 per cent price cut that could see two major multiple sclerosis drugs pulled from the PBS.

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Albanese says July 1 reforms deliver 'real change' for Australians

The Australia Today, Other, 03/07/2026, Amit Sarwal

Millions of Australians will receive tax cuts, higher wages and expanded family and health benefits from

1 July as the Albanese Government implements a broad package of cost-of-living measures aimed at easing household pressures. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the reforms would improve access to care and reduce pressure on hospitals.

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gMG drug rozanolixizumab lands on PBS

The Limbic, Other, 03/07/2026, Geir O'Rourke

The PBS will subsidise rozanolixizumab (Rystiggo) for generalised myasthenia gravis from July, with around 4,900 Australians expected to benefit each year. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler, announcing the listing alongside nine other new and expanded PBS entries for July, said the changes would give patients more options and financial relief.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 03/07/2026, Catherine Murphy & Emma Reballato

A Labor-led parliamentary inquiry into fraud in the National Disability Insurance Scheme has called for significant changes to improve the integrity of the scheme. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says they have passed more than 30 amendments to the bill in the House of Representatives this week, and they'd certainly remain very open to considering sensible amendments to the bill when it reaches the Senate.

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MIX 104.9, 07:00 News, 03/07/2026

Australians aged between 45 and 49 are being encouraged to request their first free kit to take part, while people aged 50 to 74 are automatically sent the free kit every two years as bowel cancer claims 100 lives a week. Federal Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler says they need more people to actually return the kits.

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 03/07/2026, Brendan Arrow

Interview with Consumers Health Forum of Australia CEO Dr Elizabeth Deveny, on health advocates calling for the National Cabinet to tackle massive inconsistencies in ambulance billing across Australia. Deveny states that ambulance services are funded differently across states and territories, and that Medicare generally does not cover ambulance transport. Arrow adds that Federal Health Minister Mark Butler noted that ambulance billing inconsistency is a state issue, but Deveny says the issue is something that the National Cabinet could put on its agenda and agree on a fair national baseline.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Breakfast, 03/07/2026, Gus Macdonald & Mike Smithson

Panel Discussion with journalists Kathryn Bermingham and Andrew Hough. Hough says SA Health Minister Blair Boyer flew to Canberra today to meet with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler to rally for a Proton Beam Therapy unit in Adelaide, and he also adds that Boyer met with Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae to talk about the issues of bed blocking of aged care patients in hospitals, which is one of the key reasons for ambulance ramping in the state. Bermingham says Butler is South Australian, but he's not trying his best to establish a Proton Beam Therapy unit in Adelaide.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 03/07/2026, Melissa Clarke

Interview with Federal Minister for Health, Ageing and the NDIS Mark Butler, on a Labor-led parliamentary inquiry into fraud in the NDIS urging the Federal Government to crack down on kickbacks and bad actors. Butler says the parliamentary inquiry is keen on ensuring that the Federal Government is maximising its ability to clamp down on fraud and integrity issues within the scheme, and they welcome the report from the Joint Standing Committee. He also says they would remain very

open to considering sensible amendments to the bill when it reaches the Senate, while Ministers Sam Rae and Jenny McAllister are keen to work on NDIS worker registration schemes across the sector.

Also reported by: [Radio National \(Canberra\)](#).

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

2SM, 10:00 News, 03/07/2026

A parliamentary inquiry into the NDIS fraud has recommended making government agencies share information more effectively, making it mandatory for those receiving kickbacks to be reported and penalised, and implementing an NDIS worker registration scheme, but the Coalition says the final recommendations do not go far enough. Federal NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister says the Federal Government will consider all recommendations.

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MINISTER RAE

'Human touch' reforms to aged care assessments

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 04/07/2026, Emma Cam, Page 9

Aged care assessments that fail to capture the real needs of older Australians will soon have a direct pathway for escalation to the nation's top aged care bureaucrat under reforms designed to restore human oversight to the system. [...] Federal Minister for Aged Care Sam Rae said the new pathway was part of ongoing generational reform, not a response to external pressure.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [CathNews \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Hope 103.2, 06:00 News, 03/07/2026

The Federal Government has rejected claims it relies solely on artificial intelligence to assess aged care claims. The Federal Opposition and the Greens argue that human intervention is needed, but Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae has told Parliament that it is already in place.

Similar coverage reported by: [Salt 106.5 \(Sunshine Coast\)](#).

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Radio National, Breakfast, 03/07/2026, Melissa Clarke

Interview with Independent Senator David Pocock. Clarke says Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae has given assurances that the Federal Government will use human assessors as part of the changes into in-home assessments for older Australians. Pocock notes that there are efficiencies in using technology, particularly artificial intelligence, to help make decisions and assessments, but they cannot lose human oversight.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

Australia's healthcare system still weighted towards male experience, women's health experts say

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2026, Lucy Macdonald

Heidi* was pregnant with her second child, extremely nauseous and struggling with "unusual" skin symptoms when she sought medical help at an urgent care clinic. [...] It's an issue the federal Assistant Minister for Health and Women, Rebecca White, is aware of.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 03/07/2026, Kylie Baxter

Interview with Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Women Rebecca White. White says women weren't included in clinical trials in Australia until the 1990s, and a lot of the evidence that guides the way that doctors are trained and then are supposed to diagnose is based on the male model of healthcare, and she also adds that they are working very effectively at breaking down the gender bias. She also says they have launched a perimenopause and menopause public awareness campaign and resources, and they have listed more medicines on the PBS because they know that cost has been a barrier for women.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 11:00 News, 03/07/2026

Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Women Rebecca White says some Australian women have suffered profound medical consequences because so much of the medical system has been geared towards men. Women only represent about 30% to 40% of participants in medical studies, and it was only just this year that Australia made it a requirement for federally-funded researchers to embed gender and sex in their studies.

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

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Dismantling the manosphere

The Saturday Paper, Other, 04/07/2026, Tanya Plibersek

A recent audit found it takes 23 minutes for a social media account mimicking a 16- to 18-year-old boy to be fed misogynistic content. [...] This is what my colleagues Dan Repacholi, the special envoy for men's health, and Ged Kearney, the assistant minister for the prevention of family violence, are working towards, in a series of community conversations with men across the country.

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DEPARTMENT

Autism hub a 'global leader'

Star Weekly, Other, 04/07/2026

La Trobe University will establish a new national autism research and knowledge translation hub which aims to improve the lives of Autistic people across Australia. The \$15 million Australian Autism Knowledge Hub, based at La Trobe's Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC), will address the gap between research and real-world support for Autistic people and their families. The Hub will

receive \$11.1 million over three years from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, while La Trobe will contribute an additional \$3.8 million.

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Labor's act beats the three right-winged circus

The Saturday Paper, General News, 04/07/2026, Paul Bongiorno, Page 17

On the cusp of parliament's five-week winter break, Labor insiders are warmed by signs the government has One Nation's measure, while the Coalition are floundering. [...] Only 10 per cent support shutting down the federal Health Department.

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

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Fix the system

Nambucca Valley News Of The Area, General News, 03/07/2026, Page 1

Nambucca Valley Council (NVC) has unanimously voted to challenge the region's severe service deficit, demanding that State and Federal governments shift away from regional "catchment" models in favour of dedicated, place-based care. [...] NVC will formally write to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, the Healthy North Coast Primary Health Network, and the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

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Program brings teens 'out of their shells' with music

Newcastle Herald, Weekender, 04/07/2026, Page 30

When Hunter teen Julia Aksamam first picked up the guitar she was terrified to play in front of anyone. [...] It's funded through the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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Convenience stores in Australia

Convenience World, General News, 01/07/2026, Page 23

External competition and cost pressures have consumers turning away from convenience stores for top-up purchases, according to IBISWorld's Convenience Stores in Australia report by Jayson Cooke. [...] In late 2024, the TGA and the Department of Health and Aged Care were allocated an additional \$107.0 million to bolster compliance efforts, reflecting a strict regulatory stance that is actively eliminating a key revenue stream for convenience stores, although some illegal sales still persist.

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The 'forgotten' bowel cancer screening kits via Think HQ

AdNews, Other, 03/07/2026

The federal government is addressing the fact that while six million free bowel screening kits are mailed to eligible Australians each year, around two million remain unused, in a campaign via Think HQ and CultureVerse. [...] Client - Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

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

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Big bag of private health reforms up for public consultation

Health Services Daily, Other, 03/07/2026, Caitlin Wright

The sector now has six weeks to tell the DoHDA if it is on the right track to make the private health sector more viable.

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DoHDA targets split billing as it weighs tougher financial consent rules

Health Services Daily, Other, 03/07/2026, Cate Swannell

A new consultation paper canvasses stronger oversight of specialist billing, mandatory upfront cost disclosure and who should help patients understand the full cost of treatment.

AGEING AND AGED CARE

Fears tax 'funding cliff' will exclude start-ups

AFR Weekend, General News, 04/07/2026, Brittney Levinson, Page 8

In the aged care homes of the future, bed sheets will be able to monitor a resident's sleep patterns and movement, and even alert nurses five minutes before a person falls from their bed.

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

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World's first stationary luxury train

The Senior - QLD, General News, 01/07/2026, Phoebe Loomes, Page 14

Aged care residents in Queensland are being treated to what is believed to be a world-first experience as a virtual reality (VR) immersive luxury rail trip opens its doors Toowoomba, west of Brisbane. The first-of-its-kind custom-built travel experience opened at St Vincent's Care Toowoomba in March, with residents saying time in the dining car, named the St Vincent's Express, feels just like "travelling the world again".

Also reported by: [The Senior - NSW \(National\)](#), [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Aged care robots risk isolation

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/07/2026, Carla Mascarenhas, Page 16

Artificial intelligence companions being marketed to combat loneliness among older people could actually have the reverse impact, new research has found. Professor Robert Sparrow from Monash University's Department of Philosophy said his work has found the growing push to introduce digital companions overlooked the fundamental human need for genuine relationships.

Also reported by: [The Senior - SA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Sector sees operating result fall but total profit rise

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 03/07/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Of sector revenue, two-thirds came from the government, and the Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2024-25 showed care minutes are being used to cross-subsidise other losses. The residential aged care sector recorded a \$3.18 per resident per day decline in operating profit in 2024-25 compared to the previous year – with earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation coming in at \$32.

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Timely mental health support can prevent burnout

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 03/07/2026

Aged care is an emotionally demanding job, but leaders can make practical changes and make an effort to model healthy behaviours to boost psychological safety, Dr Michelle Olaithe tells AAA. The nature of aged care means it comes with unavoidable stresses.

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3 ways to enhance aged care operations in FY2027

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 03/07/2026, Christine Davis

As a growing number of Australians enter their golden years – more than 16 per cent of people in the country are aged 65 and older – the demand for aged care support only continues to increase. This reality was reflected in the 2026 Federal Budget, which included an additional \$3.7 billion to enhance aged care services for the million-plus seniors who rely on them to live with safety and dignity.

Top aged care complaints revealed as the Commission gives providers new insight

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 03/07/2026, Alex Jacobs

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has released a new report for aged care providers exploring the complaints received by the Commission in the hope of delivering key insights into good complaint-handling processes. The aim is to then see those learnings applied to and embedded into aged care services and processes.

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Watchdog investigating aged care providers for alleged fee rorting

The Senior, Other, 03/07/2026, Phoebe Loomes

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner has launched several probes amid claims clients are being charged fees for services they do not use, or that should be provided for free and providers presenting opt-in fees as if they are mandatory. "Higher Everyday Living Fees are optional," Commissioner Liz Hefren-Webb said.

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Govt report exposes home care margin squeeze

The Weekly Source, Other, 03/07/2026, Caroline Egan

A Government report on the Australian aged care sector has reinforced the case for higher prices under Support at Home if operators are to maintain margins. The Federal Government's Financial Report on the Australian Aged Care Sector 2024-25 shows the cost of delivering care management in 2024-25 was 9.6% of total home care income.

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Aged care operators being investigated by regulator

The Weekly Source, Other, 03/07/2026, Caroline Egan

Residential aged care providers are facing regulatory scrutiny over one of the Government's newest resident charges. The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has launched investigations into several residential aged care providers amid concerns some may be charging Higher Everyday Living Fees (HELFF) that are inconsistent with the rules and the rights of older people.

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Channel 9, Today , 03/07/2026, Sarah Abo & Tom Steinfert

Abo is joined by Today reporter Christine Ahern. Ahern says an investigation by 60 Minutes has found that elderly Australians have been allegedly scammed out of more than \$100m by one of Australia's largest aged care providers. She states that families of elderly Australians are angry and frustrated, and she also adds that elderly Australians do not deserve to be taken advantage of.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 03/07/2026, Saskia Mabin

Aged care advocates say they are yet to see the details of Labor's changes to enable some human oversight of decisions about eligibility for in-home aged care funding.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 03/07/2026, Melissa Clarke

Interview with Older Persons Advocacy Network CEO Craig Gear, on the Federal Government being forced by the Coalition, the Greens and crossbench senators to make changes to the assessment process for in-home aged care. Clarke says aged care advocates have claimed that the automated integrated assessment tool has frequently under-assessed cases and left some people without adequate care, and Federal Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said the Federal Government would make 'refinement to the system'. Gear says aged care advocates have been encouraged by the changes that

Rae outlined yesterday, and they are looking forward to working with the Federal Government to design the escalation pathway and ensure that it does work to pick up nuances.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Nadia helping kids overcome food fears

Central Western Daily, General News, 04/07/2026, Orlander Ruming, Page 3

For most people, seeing a child chew on a water cracker wouldn't be a big deal, but it's cause for celebration to Nadia Fathinia. [...] "Recently dietitians have got an NDIS price cut and so with the rising cost of food and electricity bills and rent, it's a lot.

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PRIMARY CARE

Banned chest op now back for NT ambos

Northern Territory News, General News, 04/07/2026, Lottie Hood, Page 9

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 due to lack of clinical oversight. The Northern Territory frontline service has engaged a well-respected critical care paramedic to help design and deliver a new program which will strengthen the organisation's advanced clinical capability.

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Unwell? Side-step the GP

The Senior - NSW, General News, 01/07/2026, Phoebe Loomes, Page 21

Tens of thousands of Australians are skipping the doctor and heading directly to pharmacies when they are sick, in a shift that has been labelled dangerous by doctors, as treatments for more than 20 conditions are rolled out across the country. "Pharmacists are enjoying the ability to treat patients, especially when they can't find a doctor in the first instance," Mario Barone, NSW branch president of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia told The Senior.

Also reported by: [The Senior - QLD \(Brisbane\)](#), [The Senior - VIC \(Melbourne\)](#), [The Senior - WA \(Perth\)](#).

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Nurse prescribing reform 'a positive step': Guild

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/07/2026

Patients will be able to access medicines listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in a more timely manner, under reforms passed by the Senate, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia says.

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Women face longer waits for meds access: report

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/07/2026

Female patients are being held to a higher medicines access threshold, and are more frequently prescribed drugs not listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), a survey reveals.

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Non-PBS meds driving two-tier health system

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 03/07/2026

A new national survey has revealed barriers across PBS navigation, affordability and access to treatment, with 37% of Australian patients surveyed paying out-of-pocket for non-PBS listed medicines

in the last 12 months. The report, Australian perspectives on medicines access, was a partnership between Patients Australia and Sandoz and is based on responses from nearly 4,000 patients and carers.

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Guild welcomes nurse prescribing reform as step toward more accessible care

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 04/07/2026

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed changes enabling endorsed registered nurses to prescribe medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), describing it as a positive step toward improving timely access to care for patients and reducing pressure on Australia's stretched health system. Patients will be able to access PBS-subsidised medicines prescribed by appropriately qualified registered nurse prescribers for the first time.

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POPULATION HEALTH

How the AFL 'failed' headknock victim

Weekend Australian, Sport, 04/07/2026, Jay Clark, Page 39

Adam Hunter's best mate says football failed him. [...] The devastating symptoms of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) were slowly but surely pulling down the curtain on a life spent kicking goals at the most crucial times to spearhead the Eagles' 2006 premiership.

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

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CTE is a frightening thing. But banning dangerous sports isn't the way forward

Sydney Morning Herald, Sport, 04/07/2026, Darren Kane, Page 47

There's a particular species of person who seems to have decided that the chief problem with human existence is that some of us insist on enjoying it. This week, the focus of some turned toward AFL football when the ABC's Four Corners program looked at the life and death of Nick Lowden, who died aged 23 in 2023 and was the youngest footballer diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

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

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I thought I was too old to have a baby

Courier Mail, General News, 04/07/2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 1

Queensland surrogate mother Jacqui McKeering was 48, in perimenopause and had two adult sons of her own so having a baby was hardly front of mind. But, in an extraordinary act of kindness, she has delivered a healthy baby boy for her friends who yearned for a child.

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Cannabis laws a recipe for disaster

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/07/2026, John Crozier, Page 73

I have spent 30 years treating victims of vehicle crashes. [...] Now a bill is coming before the NSW parliament that would allow prescribed cannabis users to drive as long as their saliva tests are below an arbitrary chemical threshold.

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Greater awareness of concussion in children's sport leaving parents

'terrified', experts say

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2026, Will Murray & Jessica Stewart

As the issue of concussion begins to reshape sport across the country, experts say while greater awareness is largely a good thing, some parents have been left "terrified". A research paper published by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) in June, based on a survey collected by the Royal Children's Hospital in 2023, found almost a third of parents who responded had stopped their children playing contact sport due to fear of concussion.

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This is how seriously a patient's skin colour can affect the quality of medical care they receive

The Guardian, Other, 03/07/2026, Devi Sridhar

I always know someone is going to say something racist when they start a sentence with, "I'm not racist, but ..." [...] And as new Guardian reporting on racial inequalities in pain relief reveals, when it comes to healthcare, the evidence is overwhelming: race and ethnicity are associated with differences in the quality of care people receive and, ultimately, in their health outcomes.

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'Society ends in 90 years': Aussie dad-of-three on a mission to reverse declining birthrate

NEWS.com.au, Other, 03/07/2026, Frank Chung

Ghost towns, houses selling for \$1, collapsing infrastructure and ultimately "extinction". That's the grim future awaiting Australia — and much of the developed world — over the coming century if nothing is done to reverse declining birthrates and claw our way back above replacement level.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Your Life Choices \(Online\)](#).

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Education Cairns emergency doctor reveals 'alarming' surge in preventable e-scooter injuries

Cairns Post, Other, 03/07/2026, Grace Carter

Cairns Hospital Emergency Department physician Dr Amanda McConnell said she had become an "activist" on e-scooter injuries, after seeing a sharp increase in the number of people being treated in the ED. She said that since hire scooters were first introduced into Cairns in 2022, the number of injured e-scooter riders passing through the ED had risen from 133 per year to 190, an increase of 42.86 per cent.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/07/2026, Melissa Downes & Joel Dry

Researchers from the University of Glasgow and the University of Queensland have found that sedentary behaviour could increase the risk of cancer. They are now advising people to take breaks from their couch time to improve their health.

Also reported by: [Channel 9 \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Perth\)](#).

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

How to turn down the volume on food noise with or without GLP-1s

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 04/07/2026, Sarah Berry, Page 24

The noise simultaneously chastised and controlled Tanya Pinto and her decisions about food. [...] About 60 per cent of people with obesity experience food noise.

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Critical health alert tools being ignored

Herald Sun, General News, 04/07/2026, Page 25

Promising tools that aim to predict a person's risk of serious health problems are rarely used in Australia's everyday healthcare. The Curtin University review found Australia has developed a growing number of tools that can identify people at risk of conditions such as heart disease, falls, frailty and diabetes complications, but few are being routinely used by health services.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#).

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Chemo death legacy

Courier Mail, General News, 04/07/2026, Nicola McNamara, Page 31

An "extraordinary" Queensland man's tragic death two weeks after starting chemotherapy has changed one crucial detail about cancer treatment across Australia, a coroner has found. Beloved North Queensland father Jeffrey Stewart Olsen, 65, died from serious side effects from medication at Cairns Hospital on October 6, 2020, during treatment for stage 3 bowel cancer.

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

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Breakthrough drug could turn MND from terminal to chronic illness

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 04/07/2026, Melissa Meehan, Page 13

Researchers have unlocked a breakthrough that has the potential to transform motor neurone disease from an acute terminal illness into a manageable chronic condition. Awareness of the crippling disease has grown in Australia due to AFL legend Neale Daniher's trailblazing FightMND foundation and the tragic recent diagnosis of 30-year-old NRL star Jai Arrow.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail UK \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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New hope on MND

Herald Sun, Editorials, 04/07/2026, Page 58

It's wonderful to see the late football legend Neale Daniher is still inspiring progress in the fight against motor neurone disease that claimed his own life. The Herald Sun on Friday reported a new drug being developed by the University of Queensland School of Biomedical Sciences hopes to transform MND from a life-ending disease to a manageable illness.

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Murray's a living marvel

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 04/07/2026, Zoe De Koning, Page 22

When Murray Young was told he had six months to live, he did what most people couldn't imagine - he simply got on with life. "I just enjoyed each day and then six months went past and I was still going really well," said the 69-year-old Leopold retiree.

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Told he was 'too young' to have cancer, Rory died a year later

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2026, Emily Dobson & Danielle Mahe

For the past several months, Olivia Magnay-Shaw has been running to help cope with the grief of losing her partner, Rory Esler. Rory was 35 when he died from bowel cancer in September 2025, about 15 months after he first became seriously unwell.

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Tackle death this Dying To Know Day

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 03/07/2026, Daneka Hill

Have you thought about dying recently? Australians are being urged to tackle the morbid subjects we

all avoid - from organ donations to palliative care wishes for Dying To Know Day on August 8.

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

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'It might be cancer': How a simple stomach ache changed this dad's life

Canberra Times, Other, 03/07/2026, Michelle Smith

Shawn Beilfuss was driving home from the airport, having just put his wife and daughters on a plane to Europe, when his stomach started to feel ill. [...] "They took my bloods while they found a bed, they did some tests and got me in for a CT scan ... then the doctor came in to me and said you have a complete bowel blockage and it might be cancer," he said.

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

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An Alzheimer's expert just told us what every woman needs to know about brain fog.

Mamamia, Other, 03/07/2026, Erin Docherty

Ask anyone to name one of their most feared health conditions, and chances are they'll tell you Alzheimer's disease is right up there at the top of the list. And for good reason.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/07/2026, Melissa Downes & Joel Dry

University of Queensland researchers are creating a new drug to stop the progression of MND. The breakthrough has been made possible by the late AFL legend Neale Daniher as the NRL kicks off its own fundraising campaign for Jai Arrow.

Similar coverage reported by: [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Perth\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Perth\)](#).

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Channel 9, Today , 03/07/2026, Sarah Abo & Tom Steinfort

Interview with University of Queensland Professor Trent Woodruff. Woodruff says researchers have developed a drug that targets the immune system to potentially slow the progression of motor neurone disease. He also says there's always hope with new research that progresses potential treatments along the path towards human use.

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FIVEAA, Afternoons, 03/07/2026, Angie McBride

Interview with Skin Cancer Nurse Harriet Clayton. Clayton says they will be conducting free spot checks at the Lameroo Sports Club from 9am to 2pm tomorrow, and they are hoping that a lot of people in the community can come along. She also says the event is supported by the Australian Melanoma Research Foundation, the Southern Mallee Suns, the Coorong Cats, and sponsored by the RAA.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

The driving force that forged a legend

Weekend Australian, Sport, 04/07/2026, Tyson Jackson, Page 38

Few know State of Origin pressure like Greg Inglis. [...] Launching the Stick With It campaign for the second year in a row, Inglis is asking players from both the NRL and NRLW to tape up during July to raise awareness for people who are struggling alone.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Clinic combats crisis

Ballarat Courier, General News, 04/07/2026, Michelle Smith, Page 1

Demand for psychology appointments at one Ballarat service has spiked almost 60 per cent in a year, driven by cost-of-living pressures and a critical shortage of lowcost treatment options. Regional families are increasingly turning to Federation University's FedCare Psychology Clinic where the first session with a provisionally registered psychologist is free and follow-up sessions cost just \$5 to \$10.

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Mental health workers say 'decimated' Albury Wodonga Health service puts patients at risk

ABC Online, Other, 03/07/2026, Erin-Somerville

Doctor Sarah Dahlenburg was so worried about her "decimated" and "unsafe" public mental health service she felt compelled to warn Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) leaders in 2021. Two months later, a mental health inpatient at the service died from self-harm

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Australian mental health nurse warns of growing national crisis

NEWS.com.au, Other, 03/07/2026, Bek Day

For years, mental health nurse and business owner Evan Kurzyp couldn't tell you what he did with the hours he spent each day on his phone. "I'm one of those people who is naturally focused on a million things at once," explains the Hobart father-of-two, "so I would be watching TV while doom-scrolling at the same time, or absent-mindedly checking my phone hundreds of times a day while also working on my business or trying to interact with the kids."

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

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How much do friends influence teens' mental health? What a new study can (and can't) tell us

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 03/07/2026, Scarlett Smout & Tim Slade

During adolescence, young people become especially sensitive to peer influence – more so than any other time in life. So, how does this affect their mental health?

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Heartbreaking tributes for young advocate who championed suicide prevention after brother's death

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 03/07/2026, Tiffany Torrie

The Bundaberg community is mourning the loss of a 22-year-old suicide advocate who tragically lost her own brother to suicide in 2022. Poppy Eloise Reynolds has been honoured in a series of heartwarming tributes following the news of her recent death.

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

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IMMUNISATION

Whooping cough soars

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 04/07/2026, Brad Crouch, Page 6

Whooping cough is on the rise in South Australia as vaccination rates fall, prompting authorities to urge

the public to get vaccinated amid post-Covid-19 injection scepticism. The potentially deadly disease, where a hacking cough is highly dangerous for infants too young to be vaccinated, has rocketed to 859 confirmed cases this year compared to just 18 at the same time in 2021, 12 cases in 2022 and 28 in 2023.

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

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Save your children, just get vaccinated

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 04/07/2026, Page 38

Horrible diseases such as polio once were relatively common in Australia not now, thanks to vaccination. However, people who have not had contact with such horrors, and who have been spooked by vaccine conspiracy theories since Covid changed the world, may balk at vaccination.

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Diphtheria vaccination push

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 04/07/2026, Caitlin Vinci, Page 7

All Aboriginal people across WA are being offered free vaccination as health authorities battle the growing diphtheria outbreak which has spread as far south as the Mid West. The offer was announced by WA Health yesterday.

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

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We can't entirely blame COVID vaccine mandates for lower vaccination rates today. It's not that simple

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 03/07/2026, Katie Attwell

Childhood vaccination rates have slumped globally. In several countries, people are more hesitant about getting vaccinated.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Breakfast, 03/07/2026, Jess Ong

Interview with NT Chief Health Officer Dr Paul Burgess. Burgess says diphtheria cases are slowing down due to vaccination rollouts across the territory. He also notes that they are aiming to vaccinate 90% of the population, and they are ensuring that people are protected through the vaccination program.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Paging doctor who?

Northern Territory News, General News, 04/07/2026, Zizi Averill, Page 1

Darwin Private Hospital went months without a single doctor being available on site 24/7, with nurses raising the alarm about the quality of medical reviews, a coronial inquest has revealed. Across two days of evidence, Darwin nurses have disclosed that in the lead up to the death of 75-year-old grandmother Beverley Rynski, the Territory's only private hospital would often go weeks without a registered medical officer available at all times, with staffing gaps often impacting the night shift.

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GMHBA targets growth corridor with medical centre relocation

NEWS.com.au, Other, 03/07/2026, Nicole Mayne

GMHBA is preparing to open a new medical centre in Grovedale as it expands its integrated health care approach to the city's growth corridor. The health insurer is relocating its South Barwon Medical

Centre from its current outdated Belmont premises to a newly revamped clinic on the Surf Coast Highway.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Muscling in on dementia

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/07/2026, Page 24

Nearly half of dementia cases could be prevented by tackling modifiable risk factors such as physical inactivity, smoking, low education or social isolation. Curtin University researchers say muscle strength and body composition do play a significant role in your dementia risk.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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Stem cells world first

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 04/07/2026, Page 14

In a world first, Australian researchers will test a one-off therapy that could replace damaged brain cells in people with Parkinson's disease. Australian patients will be the first to trial the therapy, with recruitment expected to start in two-and-a-half years.

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Melatonin: Sleep supplement can fix back pain according to Edith Cowan University research

West Australian, Other, 03/07/2026, Kirsty Lichtenstein

A sleep supplement widely used to treat insomnia could help reduce reliance on some of the most common and potentially harmful pain medications. New research — done in conjunction with Edith Cowan University, The University of Sydney, Macquarie University and George Institute for Global Health — found melatonin can reduce chronic musculoskeletal pain.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Award reveals First Nations health gap

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 04/07/2026, Humaira Saeed, Page 14

Darling Downs Health midwife Natalie Hobbs was recognised with a national award for her leadership and work in improving maternity care for Aboriginal women. A descendant of the Kamilaroi people, Ms Hobbs recently received the Partnering with First Nations leadership award from the national Preterm Birth Prevention Collaborative, which is dedicated to lowering early births across Australia.

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

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Decades of caring for First Nations families

Weekend Post, General News, 04/07/2026, Stella McKenna, Page 5

Far North Queensland organisation Mookai Rosie BiBayan is celebrating 40 years of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and families. Founded in Cairns in 1986 by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, the service was created to provide culturally safe accommodation for families travelling to the city for medical treatment.

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The new maternity app which will 'revolutionise maternity education' in the Top End

Northern Territory News, Other, 03/07/2026, Lottie Hood

A newly launched Territory digital pregnancy education app is already being forecast to create big waves across the Top End – particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The app named Dangudbila, the Larrakia word for Kangaroo, has been designed to properly reflect First Nation's voices and experiences, and meet their needs.

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

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AHCSA marks 25 years of community-controlled health leadership

National Indigenous Times, Other, 03/07/2026, Joseph Guenzler

The Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia is marking 25 years since it was incorporated as an independent, community-controlled organisation. AHCSA was incorporated in October 2001 under the South Australian Associations Incorporation Act.

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Fifty years of deadly: what Aboriginal community control has achieved for our health

National Indigenous Times, Other, 03/07/2026, Donna Ah Chee

This NAIDOC Week, the theme is 50 Years of Deadly. For me, those words land with particular weight - and few examples better capture that theme than the achievements of Aboriginal community-controlled health services (ACCHSs).

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

New initiative set to improve hospital visitor experience

Western Advocate, General News, 04/07/2026, Rachel Chamberlain, Page 4

The patient and visitor experience at Bathurst Hospital is set to improve, making it a warmer and friendly place from the moment people arrive, while also taking some pressure off staff. The shift will be made possible thanks to the establishment of the Friends of Bathurst Hospital, a volunteer group that will coordinate and execute small projects around the facility.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Homegrown midwives: Tassie revives training course

Hobart Mercury, General News, 04/07/2026, David Killick, Page 9

Hopes to boost the state's midwifery workforce with homegrown recruits have been boosted as the first students in a newly restored graduate diploma commence their studies in Launceston. There were 672 midwives in Tasmania in 2024, up from 618 in 2019, according to the national Health Workforce Data.

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Locked out: The housing crisis facing nurses and midwives

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 03/07/2026, Robert Fedele

After finishing a shift at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital, enrolled nurse Talei Williams faces a dreaded commute stretching well over an hour. By the time she gets home to Waterfall, Sydney's southernmost suburb, the 30-year-old nurse and student feels exhausted – not just from the demands of caring for others, but from the cumulative toll of simply getting to and from work.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

AI scribe a healthy diagnosis

Herald Sun, Weekend, 04/07/2026, Sarah Perillo, Page 12

Tom Kelly has seen the darkest corners of the emergency room, once spending a gruelling night operating to remove a knife from a patient's neck. [...] Born and bred in Melbourne, the former Alfred Hospital doctor is now the mastermind behind the fast-growing Australian tech company a highly specialised AI scribe that listens to patient visits and writes medical notes for doctors.

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

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Digital healthcare shift with smart glasses for nurses

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 03/07/2026, Natalie Dragon

Home care provider Silverchain is driving a digital healthcare shift as Australia's first home care provider to introduce smart glasses at scale. Silverchain demonstrated how its use of smart glasses empowers nurses to detect early signs of health decline to federal policymakers at the Parliamentary Friends of Nursing event held at Parliament House this week.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Melbourne orthopaedic surgeon Dr Stewart Proper guilty of misconduct over 'piss in your mouth' comment and online attacks

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/07/2026, Craig Dunlop

An orthopaedic surgeon told a nurse he would "hunt you down and piss in your mouth", called a psychiatrist "fat, lazy and dishonest" in an online tirade. Dr Stewart Proper was on Friday found guilty of professional misconduct over his operating theatre meltdown, and professional misconduct over his online campaign against the psychiatrist.

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

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Doctor Shamyal Hamoon Jamil disqualified for four years after sending explicit photos to medical students and buying one a massager, has appeal on foot

Adelaide Now, Other, 03/07/2026, Lucy Rutherford

An Adelaide doctor has been disqualified for four years after sending medical students creepy explicit photos but has hit another legal roadblock. Dr Shamyal Hamoon Jamil has since lodged yet another appeal, now claiming the tribunal's decision was tainted by perjury and fraud.

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

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AUSTRALIAN CDC

Virulent bird flu strain hits Mid North Coast

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 04/07/2026, Caitlin Fitzsimmons, Page 3

The virulent strain of bird flu that has devastated wildlife and the poultry industry around the world has arrived in NSW, with the H5 virus found in a dead seabird on the Mid North Coast. [...] NSW Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty said the risk to humans remained low and the poultry industry had been briefed.

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Bird flu touches down

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/07/2026, Nathan Schmidt, Page 7

NSW is bracing for its first possible case of the H5N1 bird flu after a dying giant petrel spotted by a member of the public north of Newcastle was sent for testing. [...] Avian influenza viruses do not easily infect people, and human infections usually occur after close contact with infected birds, infected animals or heavily contaminated environments," she said.

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

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A miner mould issue

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Business News, 04/07/2026, Adrian Rauso, Page 109

Mining giant Rio Tinto admitted that one of its primary iron ore accommodation villages requires immediate upgrades after staff blew the whistle on a mould infestation. Unions are circling Rio's West Pilbara village and looking to sign up disgruntled flyin, fly-out workers who are fed up with apparent substandard conditions at the 18-year-old camp, which services Rio's Brockman mining hub.

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

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Trial for Bundibugyo Ebola treatment starts in DR Congo

Canberra Times, International News, 04/07/2026, Page 37

A treatment trial for the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has enrolled its first patient, marking a milestone in efforts to combat the epidemic, World Health Organisation chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus says. Tedros, however, cited an attack on an Ebola treatment centre in Ituri province in which two people died as a sign of ongoing difficulties in tackling the spread of the disease.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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State steps up bid to eliminate HIV transmission

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/07/2026

Removing cost as a barrier to accessing HIV medications will improve patients' lives and help prevent transmission, South Australia's Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Blair Boyer says.

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NSW records first suspected case of deadly H5 bird flu as virus reaches

Australia's east coast

The Guardian, Other, 03/07/2026, Lisa Cox

New South Wales has its first suspected case of the deadly H5 bird flu in a giant petrel that was found near Hawks Nest, north of Newcastle, on the state's coast. If CSIRO testing confirms it is the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain, it would mark the first detection of the deadly disease on the Australian east coast.

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 03/07/2026, Jane Norman

Interview with NSW Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty, on the latest H5N1 case. Moriarty says a bird has tested positive for H5, but they have sent the sample to the National Testing Centre in Victoria, and they are expecting a response tomorrow. She notes that the importance of the testing will provide them with some information about how the bird might have caught the disease.

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

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/07/2026, Michael Thomson

A dead migratory seabird found between Mullaloo and Whitfords beaches has returned a suspected positive test for H5N1. The risk to humans is low, but people are urged to avoid dead birds, prevent their pets from sniffing or touching them, and report any dead animals to the authorities.

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

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Channel 9, Nine News, 03/07/2026, Peter Overton

Just a month ago, Australia was the only continent free from bird flu, but it has reached NSW tonight after a seabird has been discovered with the disease on the Mid North Coast. The NSW Government today urging the public not to panic, while the CSIRO is testing to confirm if it's the worst strain of the virus.

Similar coverage reported by: [Channel 9 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sky News Live \(Sydney\)](#).

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 03/07/2026, Lara Stimpson

The number of confirmed Ebola cases in the Democratic Republic of Congo has increased to 1460. Government data shows 447 people have also died as a result of the viral disease, while the World Health Organization has begun a trial of potential treatments for the strain of virus behind the current outbreak in the country.

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2GB, Drive, 03/07/2026, Clinton Maynard

The Federal Agriculture Minister says Australia is prepared for an outbreak of the H5N1 strain of bird flu. There are now two new cases today, one at Hawke's Nest in NSW and one in Perth.

Also reported by: [2CC \(Canberra\)](#), [4BC \(Brisbane\)](#), [6PR \(Perth\)](#).

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4BC, Afternoons, 03/07/2026, Carla Bignasca

WA Agricultural Minister Jackie Jarvis says the suspected positive case has been detected in a deceased seabird, which was found on a beach in the northern suburbs. Meanwhile, a suspected case of the H5 bird flu has been found on the NSW Mid North Coast.

Also reported by: [6PR \(Perth\)](#).

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ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 03/07/2026, Samantha Donovan

Report by ABC reporter Kimberley Price. Authorities believe that the H5 strain of bird flu may have reached NSW with a giant petrel found near Hawke's Nest suspected to have the virus. Samples from the migratory bird have been sent to a CSIRO lab for testing.

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ABC Radio Sydney, Drive, 03/07/2026, Sarah Gerathy

Interview with UNSW Kirby Institute Biosecurity Program Head Professor Raina MacIntyre, on the latest case of H5N1 bird flu in Australia. MacIntyre says the types of bird flu that have affected poultry in the past in Australia have been of the H7 type, and they have had increasing outbreaks in poultry in the last few years, but the outbreaks have been controlled. She also says the WHO has recommended the use of vaccines for poultry farmers.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Safety warning for weight management capsules

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 03/07/2026

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued a safety advisory over ITCHA SSS. The regulator said the capsules it tested contained the herb Citrus Aurantium (often known as bitter orange).

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TGA warns over weight pill safety

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 03/07/2026

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has advised that ITCHA SSS capsules, marketed for weight management, have been found to contain oxedrine, an undisclosed prescription-only (Schedule 4) medicine. TGA testing found that the capsules contained 60.5mg of oxedrine, where dosage of greater than 30mg daily is prescription-only medicine and should only.

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AICIS

Farmer fights on over forever chemical row

Daily Telegraph, General News, 04/07/2026, Brendan Gullifer, Page 38

Shortly after buying his Wagga Wagga fish hatchery in 1996, former NSW government water scientist Greg Semple walked to his ponds one morning after a heavy storm and found a terrifying sight. [...]

"This is not a case on the fringe. "The conditions Greg has experienced because of PFAS contamination are egregious."

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Matthew Hardie raises alarm over glyphosate near Torquay playground

Geelong Advertiser, Other, 03/07/2026, Lucy Crock

A Torquay father is demanding answers after council workers sprayed glyphosate around a playground frequented by toddlers and left no signage to warn barefoot children or their parents. Matthew Hardie said his partner and their two children, aged one and three, arrived at the rocket ship playground in North Torquay earlier this week to find weedkiller being sprayed on the periphery.

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

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