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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian](#)** (page 5) reports that veterans criticised Veterans' Affairs Minister Matt Keogh for lacking empathy amid proposed \$5,000 cap on allied health. *Also reported by:* [The Daily Telegraph](#), [The Canberra Times](#)
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 8) reports that NSW Health estimated up to 1700 patients could be stuck in public hospitals awaiting federally funded aged care or NDIS placements by mid-2027, with Health Minister Ryan Park saying the number was "growing at an unprecedented and unsustainable level". *Also reported by:* [The Sydney Morning Herald](#)
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 8) reports that Victorian Premier Ben Carroll said taxpayer-funded weight-loss injections for prisoners were provided on medical advice and in response to coronial recommendations following an obesity-related death in prison.
- **[The Canberra Times](#)** (online) leads coverage reporting that Health Minister Mark Butler criticised the Opposition's plan to cut the tobacco excise by 80 per cent, saying the government is not interested in joining "a price discounting war with organised crime". This is amid calls for action to address the illicit cigarette trade. *Also reported by:* [The Courier Mail](#), [Australian Financial Review](#)
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (online) reports trade unions, including the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association and the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation, called on the NSW

Government to turn the former The Forest High School site into affordable housing for nurses and other essential workers.

- **The Canberra Times** (online) reports that Australian Institute of Health and Welfare spokesperson Martin Edvardsson said according to data, Stolen Generations survivors are now an ageing population and experiencing significant health, disability and psychological wellbeing challenges.
- **The Guardian** (online) reports that documents showed that state health officials raised concerns over the Federal Government's Integrated Assessment Tool rolled out in November, saying people were being under-assessed by the algorithm, which may risk further discharge delay and that assessors were not able to override the outcomes".

MINISTER BUTLER

This ex-cop says Butler and Burke should cut tobacco tax

Australian Financial Review, Other, 08/09/2026, Rohan Pike

Australia's illicit tobacco crisis is the predictable consequence of a policy failure hiding in plain sight. In Federal Parliament this week, Health Minister Mark Butler again rejected calls to reduce tobacco excise.

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Parliament's disrupter-in-chief revealed

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 08/09/2026, Brittany Busch & Nigel Gladstone

Dan Tehan was given a second chance to preserve the dignity of parliament after telling his Labor counterpart to "cut the crap" during question time. [...] Behind Albanese's 317 answers comes Treasurer Jim Chalmers on 263, Health Minister Mark Butler, who has taken 185 questions, and Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen, with 141.

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

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Qld tobacco retailers report threats as crisis hits federal parliament

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/09/2026, Judith Kerr

Legitimate tobacco retailers in Queensland say they are being threatened, stood over and hit with demands for "protection money" as Australia's illicit cigarette trade spirals into an increasingly violent black market. [...] The growing crisis reached federal parliament on Monday, where Health Minister Mark Butler rejected calls to slash tobacco excise by 80 per cent but praised Queensland's LNP government for taking tougher action against illegal operators.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Gang violence fuels calls for action on cigarette tax

Canberra Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Duncan Murray

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has mocked plans by the opposition to cut the Commonwealth's tax on tobacco, despite increasing pressure from state leaders to act to stem gang violence. Mr Butler slammed Angus Taylor's plan to cut the tobacco excise by 80 per cent, accusing the opposition leader of "pathetically" following One Nation, which also plans to slash the excise by 75 per cent.

Also reported by: [Blue Mountains Gazette \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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'What is a woman?': Health Minister Mark Butler's Women's Health Week social media post bombarded

The comment section of Health Minister Mark Butler's social media post about Women's Health Week has been overrun by commenters asking the minister, "What is a woman?" Mr Butler posted on Facebook, "It's Women's Health Week ask your health questions below", alongside an emoji of a finger pointing to the comment section.

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Legitimacy test

Capital Brief, Other, 08/09/2026

After decades on the fringes, One Nation wants Australians to take it seriously. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has urged the Victorian and NSW governments to get serious about cracking down on illegal tobacco shops as he rejected the Coalition's proposal to slash tobacco excise .

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The Zap: latest health and aged care news, and consultations of note

Croakey, Other, 08/09/2026, Melissa Sweet

Yet more criticism of Federal Opposition and One Nation tobacco policies, what's on the (public) agenda of the nation's health ministers, the first National Health Literacy Framework, and ongoing concerns about the inappropriate use of psychotropic medicines in aged care are among the topics covered this week. [...] The separate media conferences held by state and territory Ministers, and then by Health Minister Mark Butler suggests the meeting was a little livelier than the communiqué suggests.

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The wait for application 1754: Will gender-affirming surgeries ever go on Medicare?

The Citizen Australia, Other, 08/09/2026

Last year, Cherry* looked up at the moon, the sky awash with pinks and purples. [...] If application 1754 clears both the stages, MSAC provides the data to the federal health minister, currently Mark Butler, as a recommendation .

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MINISTER RAE

'Catastrophic' fears: health staff made lists of concerning cases days after Australia's aged care funding tool launch

The Guardian, Other, 09/09/2026, Melissa Davey

State health officials were so alarmed by a controversial federal government aged-care funding tool that they kept a log of hundreds of cases where vulnerable older Australians were severely under-assessed. [...] Instead, the aged care minister, Sam Rae, said in July assessors would have the option to escalate cases to a system governor.

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AN-ACC fallout puts 2,000 aged care beds at risk

The Weekly Source, Other, 08/09/2026, Caroline Egan

Dozens of operators have shelved or put development plans on hold following the Government's

effective aged care funding cut. Peak body for aged care providers, Ageing Australia, says many operators have contacted them in the days since Aged Care Minister Sam Rae announced the AN-ACC price would increase only 2.55% to \$303.19 from 1 October.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

‘Disgusting commentary’: MPs slam Nationals leader over ‘feminised’ education claim

EducationHQ, Other, 08/09/2026

A claim by the federal Nationals leader that the feminisation of education is fuelling online misogyny has been labelled "disgusting". [...] Labor's special envoy for men's health, Dan Repacholi, believes Senator Canavan needs to "wind back" his comments.

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Qld leader slammed over ‘feminised’ education claim

WEB InQueensland, Other, 08/09/2026

The federal Nationals leader's claim the feminisation of education is fuelling online misogyny has been labelled "disgusting" by a slew of MPs. [...] Labor's special envoy for men's health, Dan Repacholi, believed Canavan needs to "wind back" his comments.

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Politicians discover men

On Line Opinion, Other, 08/09/2026, Bettina Arndt

How refreshing to hear a man in power call out the bias baked into our institutions against men. [...] Contrast all this with the pronouncements from Dan Repacholi, the Albanese government's Special Envoy for Men's Health, whose main take on male suicide is that men just aren't very good at talking about their feelings.

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DEPARTMENT

The funding problem threatening a First Nations-led approach to Closing the Gap in the NT

National Indigenous Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Dechlan Brennan

A First Nations organisation has called on the federal government to implement the findings of an independent evaluation of an integrated, place-based system of services targeting whole-of-community

change, which they say can help to close the gap. [...] In 2024, an independent evaluation commissioned by the federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and undertaken by Allen and Clarke provided a comprehensive assessment of the Children's Ground Approach across Central Australia and Darwin.

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Home Support Program extended

Tarrangower Times, Other, 08/09/2026

The Federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) announced on Friday 21 August that grant funding for the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) will be extended for another two years to 30 June 2029. It says this is to ensure that older people will continue to access CHSP entry-level support to live independently and safely at home.

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WIN Wollongong, WIN News, 08/09/2026, Jared Constable

Experts have warned the Federal Government's new changes to aged care funding could negatively impact the region's bed availability. Warrigal CEO Jenni Hutchins says it is below the benchmark of being able to recoup the costs of actually providing day-to-day care. Meantime, the Department of Health Disability and Ageing notes the new pricing's been set by the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority.

Also reported by: [WIN Wollongong](#) ([Wollongong](#)).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Should you keep your family home after moving to aged care?

Age, Money, 09/09/2026, Rachel Lane, Page 28

Keeping your home after moving into aged care can feel like the safe option. You retain an asset, preserve the possibility of returning home and it receives generous treatment under both the age pension and aged care means tests. But there's a risk families often overlook: what happens if the property value falls?

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Patients stranded

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 09/09/2026, Nadine Morton, Page 1

As the quality of life for people left stranded in hospitals hits an "unsustainable" level, the health minister has praised emergency staff for their improved performance. Right now 133 hospital beds across the Illawarra region are unable to be used due to bed block as elderly and frail people wait for a place in aged care.

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Respect Aged Care blocked from Proserpine Nursing Home takeover

ABC Online, Other, 08/09/2026, Liam McNally

On a still night in Proserpine, former aged-care worker Cheryl Raiteri emerges from the light of the rural north Queensland community's only aged care facility. Steam plumes from the sugar mill in the distance as the 82-year-old walks down the driveway, beaming.

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Juniper warns 128-bed development at risk

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 08/09/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

The sector continues to reel from last week's announcement that the Australian National Aged Care

Classification price will only rise by 2.55 per cent, with Juniper the latest to warn of construction projects at risk of stalling. Juniper submitted a development application for a 128-bed development in Northam, Western Australia, and had planned to begin construction in late 2026 but said the business case is undermined by the new funding settings.

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‘Aged care is not fixed’: ANMF calls for further reform

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 08/09/2026

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has launched a major national aged care campaign calling on the federal government to address the country's deepening aged care crisis. Unveiled at Parliament House in Canberra this morning, the ‘Australia needs care you can count on’ campaign is calling on the federal government to deliver urgent reforms, including mandated staffing ratios and the prevention of workplace violence and aggression.

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Australia’s largest union launches national aged care campaign

The Weekly Source, Other, 08/09/2026, Caroline Egan

The Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation (ANMF), which has 356,000 members, will officially launch a national aged care campaign today calling for staff ratios to replace mandatory care minutes. Last month, the ANMF published its Pulse Check report, based on a survey of 3,552 participants.

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‘Care you can count on’: ANMF launches aged care campaign

Nursing Review, Other, 08/09/2026, Stefanie Schultz

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has launched a national campaign calling for further aged care reform, arguing that significant problems remain despite changes introduced following the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

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ABC Illawarra, 06:30 News, 08/09/2026

The latest aged care funding increases are expected to leave regional providers facing a \$5 million hit to their bottom line. It comes after daily residential care rates were raised by 2.55% next month, while staff costs have increased by almost 5%.

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ABC Radio Perth, Mornings, 08/09/2026, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with Brightwater Care Group CEO Dr Catherine Stoddart. Stoddart says the Commonwealth Government announced last week that it would fund the care component of aged care, but they are concerned that it doesn't meet the cost of the new wage increases, which are 4.75%, and she adds that it sets them back rather than moving forward in terms of being able to provide more care for people. She also says providers would expect the CPI increase in order to contemplate what they need for care.

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2CC, Breakfast, 08/09/2026, Stephen Cenatiempo

A major healthcare union will be launching a campaign in Canberra, encouraging the Federal Government to fix the aged care crisis.

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TARDISS move into former Salvation Army Church building

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/09/2026, Daneka Hill

The Salvation Army church in Aitkenvale, formerly the Faithworks Corps, has passed into the hands of a disability support service, continuing the site's legacy of community welfare. The 11-15 Madden St building was advertised as available for immediate lease recently, and was acquired by Townsville-based disability support service and NDIS provider TARDISS.

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

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PRIMARY CARE

Minister lacks empathy, not fit to lead: veterans

The Australian, General News, 09/09/2026, Elizabeth Pike, Page 5

Ex-soldiers say Veterans' Affairs Minister Matt Keogh is lacking "empathy" and the Australian Defence Force will face recruitment and retention issues if the government fails to scrap a \$5000 cap on allied health. Mr Keogh and Anthony Albanese separately met with veterans on Monday in a bid to salvage the government's relationship with the group, after the frontbencher initially refused to meet with veterans last month.

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

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Labor's attack on veterans blocked

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/09/2026, Jessica Wang, Page 6

Labor has faced a bruising loss over its controversial \$5000 allied health cap for veterans after the Senate united against the government, accusing it of betraying Diggers. The Greens, Coalition, One Nation, and independents rallied together to vote on National senator Ross Cadell's motion that Labor should end the cap so that "veterans' care is determined by clinical need, not Labor's budget bottom line".

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

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Urgent care clinics spend \$236 to avoid one ED visit — the AMA tells auditors to look at the GP alternative

Australian Doctor, Other, 09/09/2026, Ciara Seccombe

An independent evaluation of the Federal Government's \$3.2 billion urgent care clinics needs to measure their value against the urgent care being provided by after-hours and regular GP practices, the AMA says. The Australian National Audit Office began looking at the rollout of the program back in March.

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New Standards support practices to 'take steps' on climate action

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/09/2026

With the recent release of the RACGP's sixth edition Standards for general practices, the college has provided further context for including new environmental sustainability content. The Standards' environmental sustainability criterion is intended to encourage practices to consider opportunities to reduce their environmental impact where appropriate and feasible. It allows practices to choose activities that are relevant, practical and achievable within their own context.

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Medicare has a gender problem – now we have a chance to fix it

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/09/2026

When an experienced GP who loves her job decides she can no longer afford to keep doing it, we should pay attention. Melbourne GP Dr Elly Goodsall recently described reaching that point. She explained how the longer, more complex consultations she provided left her earning less, despite spending more time caring for patients.

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POPULATION HEALTH

To beat tobacco mafia, we need to think like the crooks

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/09/2026, Tom Hird, Page 19

Six years ago, the Commonwealth collected \$16.3 billion in tobacco excise. That figure will have collapsed to \$4.1 billion this year, and by the end of the decade it'll be just \$2 billion.

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

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Population potential

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/09/2026, Camden Smith, Page 1

A landmark report has revealed Darwin and regional Australia are being shortchanged by Commonwealth policy failures, with persistent infrastructure gaps stunting population growth. With just five per cent of the nation's population occupying the northern 45 per cent of continental Australia, the report shows Darwin's population could increase by more than a third on current 2050 projections if issues including infrastructure shortfalls and population movements are addressed.

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'Unhinged': Vending machine debate leads to NIMBY label in Victoria's heroin epicentre

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/09/2026, Rohan Smith

The location of a vending machine on an inner-city street has divided a suburb and seen debate descend into name-calling. In North Richmond, 3km from the Melbourne CBD, tension is already heightened as traders in what was once a vibrant and thriving neighbourhood try to carry on despite an open-air drug market existing in the same space.

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Nationals unveil plan to slash tobacco tax to fight organised crime

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/09/2026, Dane Millerd

The Nationals have unveiled a sweeping plan to tackle Australia's growing illicit tobacco and vaping trade, describing the black market as a national organised crime crisis. Parkes MP Jamie Chaffey said the Coalition's proposed measures would target the profits driving criminal networks involved in illegal tobacco sales, as well as associated activities including drug trafficking, scams and money laundering.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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New South Wales Premier Chris Minns breaks ranks with federal Labor, doubles down on tobacco excise cut

News24 Australia, Other, 08/09/2026, Zoe Phillips

NSW Premier Chris Minns has broken ranks with his federal Labor counterparts, doubling down on calls for a cut to the tobacco excise. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the price of legal tobacco has almost tripled since December 2016, while consumers have increasingly turned to cheaper illicit sources.

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Bizarre vending machine in Melbourne dispenses anti-overdose medication with critics saying it highlights exactly what's wrong with the city

Daily Mail UK, Other, 08/09/2026, Ashley Nickel

The location of a new anti-overdose vending machine has ignited debate over whether its installation will save lives or worsen an opioid crisis. Locals in and around Victoria Street in North Richmond, 3km west of Melbourne CBD, have been 'terrorised' by a growing number of ice and heroin users.

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Pharmacies a potential access point for contraception needs

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 08/09/2026

An independent analysis from HTANALYSTS reveals that approximately “730,000 fewer GP consultations will be needed each year, saving women \$23 million in out-of-pocket costs, if specially trained pharmacists could undertake consultations for hormonal contraception”. It also identified \$94.5 million in total benefits, including \$32.1 million in annual government savings from avoided GP appointments and \$29.7 million in workplace productivity gains linked to reduced absenteeism.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Stroke risk after cancer

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/09/2026, Page 11

People with invasive cancer face an elevated risk of experiencing a stroke, especially in the first few months after diagnosis and with certain types of cancer. A University of Haifa team in Israel looked at the incidence of stroke within one year of invasive cancer diagnosis in more than 180,000 adults aged over 40.

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

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Weight loss drug benefit

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/09/2026, Page 11

The diabetes and weight loss injection semaglutide can reduce asthma attacks by up to 40 per cent, according to new research. National Heart and Lung Institute scientists at Imperial College London analysed records of more than 20,000 British people who were given a GLP-1 treatment like semaglutide or another type of diabetes medication called sulfonylureas.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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Women's heart health overlooked

Border Mail, General News, 09/09/2026, Emily Woods, Page 6

A friend's suggestion to get a further heart test saved Sharron Yaxley's life. With a family history of cardiovascular disease, the Tasmanian woman was examined by a cardiologist every two years.

Also reported by: [7News.com.au \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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People skip a life-saving test for one big reason. In a month, that reason will be gone

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 08/09/2026, Angus Dalton

What happens when evidence alone isn't enough? That was the problem faced by public health researcher Dr Jane Tiller a decade ago when she realised DNA screening could be catching and preventing thousands of cancers and early heart attacks each year.

Cancer Council WA launches the Great Carnival Crunch

West Australian, Other, 09/09/2026, Rose Patane

Primary schools across the State are being encouraged to crunch, cheer and celebrate vegetables as part of Cancer Council WA's newest campaign. A free program, the Great Carnival Crunch will aim to highlight healthy eating as WA primary schools gear up for a range of sporting activities this term.

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Taking care of you

Shepparton News Online, Other, 08/09/2026

This Women's Health Week (7–11 September), Cancer Council Australia is urging Australian women to book their next screening appointment, and to adopt health habits that can help reduce their cancer risk. Finding cancer early, before symptoms appear, dramatically improves the chances of successful treatment.

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Why looking and feeling 'fine' after a heart attack can be deceptive

The Senior, Other, 08/09/2026, Carla Mascarenhas

People who have heart attacks are 10 times more likely to have another one, a leading medical expert warns as a new centre dedicated to helping people live well after a heart attack is given the green light. The Heart Disease Survivorship Research Centre, to be established by Bond University on the Gold Coast, will examine how healthcare can better support the growing number of people living with the long-term effects of cardiovascular disease.

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Can removing your fallopian tubes really reduce your risk of ovarian cancer?

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 08/09/2026

Ovarian cancer has a particularly poor survival rate. Only one in two women will live five years beyond their diagnosis.

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SBS, World News Australia, 08/09/2026, Janice Petersen

About 42,000 Australians each year are diagnosed with a rare or less common form of cancer. A report from Rare Cancers Australia is now calling for a new national target to lift survival rates, earlier detection and diagnosis, faster and fairer access to medicine, and equitable and affordable use of genomic testing.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 08/09/2026, Leon Delaney

Cancer patients in the ACT will now have access to radiotherapy start time data through Icon Cancer Centre at the University of Canberra. Icon Cancer Centre Canberra CEO Paul Fenton comments on the importance of timely access to radiotherapy.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Lindsay Clancy case reveals Australia's own postpartum psychosis care crisis

The Australian, Other, 08/09/2026, Dr Steve Robson

The world has been gripped in the past few weeks by the trial of Lindsay Clancy. The young American mother stood accused of strangling her three young children to death then jumping out of a window, leaving herself permanently paralysed.

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'Suicide rates would climb' due to veterans' health cap

Canberra Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Lucinda Garbutt-Young

Veteran suicide rates would climb under plans to impose a cap on health care funding, a prominent politician has warned in a blistering attack on the government. Announced in the May federal budget, a \$5000 threshold for veterans' allied health services is set to be imposed from July 2027. Further spending would be subject to government scrutiny to determine if it was effective.

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

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IMMUNISATION

Free COVID-19 access to change from October

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 08/09/2026, Clinton Fildes

From 1 October 2026, the way COVID-19 vaccines are funded in Australia will change, with vaccines moving to the National Immunisation Program (NIP). The NIP will replace the stand-alone National COVID-19 Vaccine Program, which was established during the pandemic to provide broad access to free COVID-19 vaccination.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

2CC, Canberra Live, 08/09/2026, Leon Delaney

Interview with Tim Udorovic, CEO at Catholic Health Australia, about why older Australians should get a bigger discount than younger people when it comes to private health insurance.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Pumping up heart research

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 09/09/2026, Rosie Gale, Page 13

A world-first multimillion-dollar research centre investigating how to better support heart attack survivors has been given the green light to launch on the Gold Coast. Bond University will establish the Heart Disease Survivorship Research Centre, taking cues from cancer research where "survivorship" has become an established field, focused on life after treatment.

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A call for Aussie women to join clinical trials

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 08/09/2026

Australian women are being encouraged to register their interest in clinical trial participation during Women's Health Week (7–11 September), as trial facilitator Nucleus Network works to close a

longstanding gap in medical research. According to a statement released by Nucleus Network, the call comes as "significant gaps remain in understanding how medicines affect women".

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Channel 9, Nine News, 08/09/2026, Alicia Loxley

Researchers at the Bionics Institute have invented software that could be a game-changer in how Alzheimer's disease is treated. The software uses MRI scans, TMS and advanced algorithms to personalise treatment areas.

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

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Channel 9, Nine News, 08/09/2026, Melissa Downes and Joel Dry

Queensland researchers have identified a strong genetic tie between gut-related health conditions like IBS and depression. The QIMR Berghofer study is offering fresh insights into why physical illnesses often accompany mental health conditions.

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

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Red Centre health hub takes out top gong in build quality

Northern Territory News, Business News, 09/09/2026, Gera Kazakov, Page 23

A new health hub in the Red Centre has received a top gong for its green build and design quality. The new Central Australian Aboriginal Congress health hub, built in Alice Springs, is a six-star build, according to the Green Building Council of Australia.

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Ageing Stolen Generations survivors face health crisis

Canberra Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Samantha Lock

Aboriginal Australians who were forcibly removed under policies that ripped them from their families and placed them into forced institutions suffer significantly poorer health and welfare outcomes. These children were removed under accepted government policies during a period spanning from the 1910s until the 1970s and became known as the Stolen Generations.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#).

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New health precinct supports recovery for Indigenous Canberrans

National Indigenous Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Callan Morse

A new health services for vulnerable Canberrans is due to open next month following the completion of the Watson Health Precinct. The new facility includes a new 24-bed residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation facility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, operated by Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services.

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Stolen Generations survivors face worse health outcomes than other First Nations people

SBS, Other, 08/09/2026, Dan Butler

Stolen Generations survivors are experiencing significantly worse health, wellbeing and financial outcomes than other First Nations people, with a new report warning of the continuing impact of forced

removal on survivors and their descendants. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) analysis, commissioned by the Healing Foundation and released on Tuesday, found survivors were 2.7 times as likely as other First Nations people of the same age to have a severe or profound disability and 1.7 times as likely to have been admitted to hospital in the previous 12 months.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Emergency patients left waiting almost 43 hours for a hospital bed

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/09/2026, Rachel Rasker, Page 12

One in 10 patients across NSW now spend 25 1/2 hours in the emergency department waiting for a bed on the ward, while almost 9 per cent give up and leave without completing treatment. NSW has not met any of its access targets for emergency wait times, which stipulate that at least 80 per cent of patients should be admitted or transferred to another hospital within six hours, according to Bureau of Health Information data published on Wednesday.

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Hospital bed crisis to grow in 2027

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/09/2026, Nathan Schmidt, Page 8

Almost 1700 patients awaiting federal government-funded aged care or NDIS placements could be stranded in NSW public hospitals by the middle of 2027, new data has revealed. The latest quarterly data from the Bureau of Health Information reports an uptick in the number of patients being treated on-time by the state's emergency departments.

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

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Ambos' busiest quarter

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/09/2026, Harrison Finlay, Page 19

The state's health emergency services have weathered their busiest quarter on record, handling almost 400,000 ambulance responses while hospitals across the state saw a surge of "incomplete visits". The surprising figures from the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) quarterly data, from April to June show that there were 395,042 responses by paramedics the highest figure since reporting began in 2010.

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Treated with indifference

Canberra Times, General News, 09/09/2026, Steve Evans, Page 1

Lorraine Gentle's husband Arthur finally died of cancer in March this year, just short of their 60th wedding anniversary and just after what his widow described as "the most terrible experience" of the Canberra health system, both public and private. His final two weeks were only saved from what Mrs Gentle felt were terrible dealings with the health bureaucracy by the intervention of an organisation called Community options.

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Gored by a buffalo but wound was not cleaned

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/09/2026, Lottie Hood, Page 1

The partner of a Territorian who was gored by a buffalo has resorted to putting hospital hand sanitiser in his "messy" leg wound after hospital staff failed to clean it out for four days. The patient, Outback Ringer bull catcher Kurt Hammar, is well aware of the numerous bacteria that can hide within a wound caused by an animal.

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82yo rejected for back op because waitlist is so long

Peter Muckett is in so much pain he's barely able to walk but the 82-year-old has been told he can't have an operation, partly because Royal Perth Hospital's spinal surgery service is too busy. A letter sent from RPH to Mr Muckett's referring doctor has exposed "extreme demand" after he was told the waitlist was too long and that he was unlikely to benefit from surgery.

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Toowoomba Hospital failed to fix safety risks after two baby deaths

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/09/2026, Jackie Sinnerton & Taylah Fellows

The state government has failed to launch an investigation into two baby deaths and botched births at the Toowoomba Hospital. This despite a new report concluding the struggling service failed to implement recommendations to fix its maternity ward after five separate reviews dating back to 2018.

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Boy with shattered kneecap waited 6 days for RFDS flight from Karratha

ABC Online, Other, 08/09/2026, Nadia Mitsopoulos & Amy Rossbach

A 10-year-old boy with a shattered kneecap has been left waiting in serious pain for almost a week with no RFDS flights available to transfer him from Karratha to Perth. Kayla Ross was called to the local skate park last Wednesday to find her son Noah on the ground after a scooter accident.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Unions push for former Forest High site to solve key housing crisis for nurses, cops, doctors, bus drivers

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/09/2026, Jim O'Rourke

Trade unions representing essential workers have joined forces to lobby for the former The Forest High School to be turned over for affordable rental housing for doctors, nurses, cops and bus drivers on the northern beaches. The group has written to Premier Chris Minns urging him to devote as many of the expected 1000 units that could be built by developers on the site at Frenchs Forest to be used for key worker accommodation.

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'It's the most diverse job I've ever had': What do Australia's school nurses do?

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 08/09/2026, Anmj Staff

Speaking at the recent Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) Festival of Nursing in Melbourne, researchers Anita Moyes and Brent Hayward explored re-imagining school nursing in Australia, highlighting a fragmented landscape shaped by different models of care, increasingly complex student health needs, and an under-utilisation of the specialty.

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Calls grow for fairer funding for Aboriginal training organisations

National Indigenous Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Dechlan Brennan

Aboriginal Community Controlled Registered Training Organisations (ACC-RTOs) play a critical role in delivering culturally safe training and meeting workforce demands, the Victorian TAFE Association (VTA) says, backing calls to remove funding barriers facing the organisations. The VTA has signed a position statement led by the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), calling on the Australian Government to establish a standalone classification for ACC-RTOs within the vocational education and training (VET) system.

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Mobile TAFE projects to boost remote Northern Territory workforce with \$6.9m funding

Northern Territory News, Other, 08/09/2026, Fia Walsh

Four new mobile TAFE projects will deliver skills and training to the next generation of workers in regional and remote communities in the Northern Territory. The federal government is investing \$6.9m in the projects reaching about 700 people on country.

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

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Nurses call for structured career support as pressures grow

Nursing Review, Other, 08/09/2026, Stefanie Schultz

Australia's nurses are calling for stronger career support and clearer pathways into leadership and specialist roles, with a new Australian College of Nursing (ACN) report warning that career uncertainty is contributing to burnout, disengagement and retention risks. The report, Nursing Pathways: Making Career Paths Clearer, draws on consultation with nearly 800 nurses from across Australia and comes amid projections that the country could face a shortage of almost 80,000 nurses by 2035.

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Care workers receive vehicle allowance increase

Nursing Review, Other, 08/09/2026, Stefanie Schultz

Thousands of aged care and community sector workers will receive a higher vehicle allowance from this month, following a Fair Work Commission decision aimed at helping offset rising fuel and transport costs. From 1 September, the vehicle allowance under the Aged Care Award and the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services (SCHADS) Award has increased from \$1.01 per kilometre to \$1.05 per kilometre.

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RACGP visit to 'beautiful' SA city reveals workforce challenges

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 08/09/2026

For those not familiar with Mount Gambier, RACGP South Australia Chair Dr Siân Goodson paints an evocative picture of the state's second-biggest city. 'It's actually got a huge amount of facilities, and it's got good restaurants and great schools, but it's also got the most beautiful countryside around it,' she tells newsGP.

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Fat chance of Erin apology

Herald Sun, General News, 09/09/2026, Carly Douglas, Page 8

Premier Ben Carroll has defended dishing out taxpayer-funded weight loss injections to murderers in Victorian prisoners. [...] Ozempic is usually only provided to type-2 diabetes patients who receive a

discounted cost of \$25 per month under the PBS, down from \$134.

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On-call surgeon removed from theatre after swaying during patient's procedure

The Courier Mail, Other, 08/09/2026, Vanda Carson

An on-call surgeon who swayed when walking in the operating theatre after drinking wine and spirits has been reprimanded for professional misconduct and potentially risking the safety of the patient. Alexandra Mowat admitted that her conduct at a hospital run by Metro South Hospital and Health Service on 24 March 2024 was "completely unacceptable", and that it was professional misconduct.

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Police investigation into endometriosis surgeon dropped

Canberra Times, Other, 08/09/2026, Allanah Sciberras

A police investigation into a former gynaecologist accused of performing unnecessary surgeries has been dropped. The allegations against former Epworth surgeon Simon Gordon were referred to Victoria Police in February by former premier Jacinta Allan.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#),

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Top psychiatrist Aaron Groves cleared of sexual misconduct claim, awarded \$185,000 in costs

The Mercury, Other, 08/09/2026, Amber Wilson

Tasmania's former chief psychiatrist Aaron Groves - who suffered a "catastrophic fall from grace" - has now not only been cleared of sexual misconduct claims concerning a former patient, but also won a \$185,000 costs payout. In the words of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the outcome means that Dr Groves - who spent \$283,152 on lawyers over the course of the saga - has now "lost a battle but won the war".

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

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Licence conditions removed for Tasmania's ex-chief psychiatrist Aaron Groves following prescription of drugs to partner

ABC Online, Other, 08/09/2026, Ashleigh Barraclough

Tasmania's former chief psychiatrist has had conditions on his medical registration removed, after earlier admitting to professional misconduct by prescribing medication to his partner. Aaron Groves was facing allegations that he had entered an improper relationship with a former patient, and

prescribed her schedule eight drugs.

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Police end investigation into gynaecologist Simon Gordon over surgeries

ABC Online, Other, 08/09/2026

Victoria Police has dropped its investigation into gynaecologist Simon Gordon, who is accused of performing unnecessary surgeries on women. Earlier this year, Four Corners revealed allegations the renowned surgeon repeatedly removed tissue and organs from women for "severe" endometriosis, when pathology showed little trace of the disease.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Illicit tobacco sting with links to NT auto industry seizes millions in goods

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 08/09/2026, Camden Smith

Hundreds of thousands of illicit cigarettes, interstate number plates, vapes and nicotine pouches were seized during a multi-agency, two-state sting with links to the NT's auto industry. [...] As well as Border Force, agencies included the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australian Federal Police, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Australian Taxation Office, NT Health, NT Police and the Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations.

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Influencer hits back at haters after rib contouring procedure

Daily Mail UK, Other, 08/09/2026, Marta Jary

An Australian influencer known for her controversial plastic surgery and self-confessed 'tanning addiction' has clapped back after being mocked online. [...] Adelaide-based Matilda uses a risky combination of tanning peptides that are not approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and a home solarium.

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Deep Heat recall

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 08/09/2026

Mentholatum Australasia is conducting an urgent recall of two batches of Deep Heat Extra Strength 100g cream due to contamination with *Pluralibacter gergoviae* bacteria, which may result in serious infections. The affected batches are V772 and V773.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 08/09/2026, Graeme Goodings

Interview with Dr Emily Kirkpatrick. Kirkpatrick says Ozempic is one of the weight-loss drugs that Australians use, but they were initially used for diabetes management, and she also notes that obesity

and weight management are a complex area of healthcare. She says the costs of weight loss drugs vary because of how they are licenced and how they're overseen under the PBS.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Seafood imports dark side

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 09/09/2026, Andrew McKaysmith, Page 16

A landmark scientific review reveals how Australia's massive reliance on cheap seafood imports inadvertently supports severe human rights abuses, debt bondage, and deaths at sea. An August 2026 study in Environmental Research: Food Systems led by researchers at James Cook University (JCU), along with a follow-up policy brief from JCU's Fish and Fisheries Lab, reveals that Australia's seafood imports and domestic fishery closures outsource severe environmental and socio-economic costs to other nations.

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New Research reveals food storage crisis in Pilbara communities

West Australian, Other, 08/09/2026, Julia Petersen

A Curtin University researcher has found almost one in three homes in remote Pilbara Aboriginal communities had no food stored in the fridge, freezer or pantry. The Pilbara was the largest region covered in the study by a duo of Curtin University researchers, with 127 homes accessed across six communities and 71 formally audited, as part of the broader project spanning 18 very remote desert communities in WA.

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