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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **The Australian** (page 1) reports that more than 3600 planned aged-care beds have been cancelled or delayed, with providers saying the Federal Government's 2.55 per cent funding increase falls short of rising inflation and wage costs. A spokesperson for Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said the government was spending $47 billion on aged care this year, including an additional $2 billion to support new beds through capital subsidies, changes to the accommodation supplement and to build extra specialist dementia care units.
- **The Sydney Morning Herald** (page 8) reports the new Medicare Kids Hub in Penrith, NSW will provide free mental health support for zero to 12-year-olds with mild to moderate developmental, emotional, relational or behavioural challenges. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Assistant Minister Emma McBride said most mental health conditions develop before the age of 12 and early identification, intervention and support can help children and families.
- **The Daily Telegraph** (page 2) reports that organisations, including the Australian Medical Association, Cancer Council and Heart Foundation, criticised the weak enforcement against illicit cigarettes, saying poor regulation has allowed criminal groups to expand the illegal market, and could increase smoking and vaping rates, and healthcare costs.
- **The Courier Mail** (page 3) reports health experts have raised concerns that children may be using AI chatbots to search harmful information about suicide, following the recent deaths of

three students in Queensland within a week.

- **The Herald Sun** (page 17) reports that dengue fever vaccine Qdenga is now available in Australia for patients with a history of dengue who travel to endemic countries.
- **The Canberra Times** (page 7) reports that public servants across departments and agencies are using AI to draft, summarise and simplify complex government documents, with The Department of Health saying it was using AI to analyse reports into its internal conduct by the ANAO, track potential savings, monitor workplace non-compliance and transform aged-care policy directives into structured technical requirements.
- **The Australian Financial Review** (page 5) reports Services Australia and law enforcement are investigating a claim that 25 million Medicare records are being offered for sale on the dark web, while the agency said an initial review found the sample contained fabricated or incorrect Medicare information.
- **The Daily Telegraph** (online) reports the NSW Government will invest $7.2 million in an early intervention allied health pilot program next year to help elderly patients recover at home, rather than going to hospitals. This includes physiotherapy and occupational therapy, and support from pharmacists and dietitians.

MINISTER BUTLER

Health rebate change raises hospital concerns

Murray Pioneer, General News, 07/10/2026, Page 14

South Australia's public hospitals, including those in the Riverland, could face up to $60.2m in additional annual costs under proposed changes to private health insurance rebates for older Australians, according to modelling cited by the State Government. [...] Minister for Health and Wellbeing Blair Boyer said he had written to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler seeking assurances South Australia's public hospital system would avoid any disadvantages from the changes.

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Stoush over politics

MyCityLogan, General News, 06/10/2026, Tyson Parker, Page 11

Shadow Treasurer Tim Wilson's attempt to take the Coalition's fuel-price fight to Springwood has drawn a sharp response from Treasurer and Rankin MP Jim Chalmers. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler rejected that approach in Parliament.

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'Selfish race': former cop skeptical on tobacco tax cut

HealthTimes, General News, 06/10/2026

Taming Australia's tobacco black market may require a more radical solution than slashing cigarette taxes, a former leading detective says. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said there was no evidence reducing the excise would make a "material difference" to the illegal market without doing harm to smoking rates.

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PHI rebate bill reaches Senate – and older policyholders are already paying

Insurance Business Australia, General News, 06/10/2026, Roxanne Libatique

The Senate is due to receive its committee report on the Private Health Insurance Amendment (Modernising the Private Health Insurance Rebate) Bill 2026 on October 7. [...] What the bill proposes Introduced by Health Minister Mark Butler on June 25, the bill would remove the age-based rebate tiers from April 1, 2027.

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The top 5 health treatments costing funds $900m and why you could

pay more

The Senior, General News, 06/10/2026, Carla Mascarenhas

Heart and vascular treatments and joint replacements are among the highest private health insurance expenses for older Australians, according to new data from Australia's largest not-for-profit health fund. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has defended the legislation as "moderning" the rebate , and a chance to restore "intergenerational equity" with the revenue raised from the changes going towards aged care.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Disability arts groups fear fallout from NDIS funding adjustments

Local Ipswich News, General News, 06/10/2026

Australia's disability arts sector fears looming changes to NDIS funding could leave people with disability increasingly isolated and force some to walk away from programs that have become an important part of their lives. [...] However, a spokesperson for NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister said the changes were designed to ensure the scheme remained sustainable while continuing to support Australians with permanent and significant disability.

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MINISTER RAE

3600 aged-care beds axed

The Australian, General News, 07/10/2026, Stephen Lunn, Page 1

More than 3600 planned aged-care beds have been cancelled or put on ice after the Albanese government's latest funding increase for the sector fell well short of inflation and wage rises, providers say, creating another political headache over its treatment of older Australians. [...] A spokesman for Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae said the government was spending $47bn in aged care this year “including an extra $2bn to support the sector to build more aged-care beds through targeted capital subsidies, structural changes to the accommodation supplement and support to build an extra 20 specialist dementia care units”.

Also reported by: The Australian (Online)

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Taylor on economic tightrope

The Australian, General News, 07/10/2026, Greg Brown, Page 1

Chief Political Correspondent Business leaders have called for a reset in the political debate on migration after Angus Taylor unveiled a plan for the biggest cut to immigration in Australia's "history", with One Nation taking credit for the Coalition's policy. [...] Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said the policy would exacerbate workforce issues.

Also reported by: The Australian (Online)

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The Zap: latest health and aged care news, plus key consultations now open

Croakey, General News, 06/10/2026, Melissa Sweet

New publications aim to improve Australia’s response to tuberculosis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and also to improve prevention and management of heat-related illnesses at mass gatherings globally. [...] Ministers and government The Government's decision to remove the copayments it had previously introduced on personal care services (such as showering, dressing,

medication administration and continence products) for people accessing the Support at Home aged care program took effect on 1 October, and was marked by a media release from Aged Care Minister Sam Rae.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Mental health centre where kids will be treated free

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/10/2026, Rachel Rasker, Page 8

Families will be able to access walk-in specialist support at Sydney's first free children's mental health centre from 2027. [...] "Most mental health conditions in Australia develop before the age of 12, and we know the real difference that earlier identification, intervention and support can make for both children and families," Emma McBride, federal assistant minister for mental health and suicide prevention, said.

Also reported by: Sydney Morning Herald (Online), The Age (Online), Brisbane Times (Online), WA Today (Online)

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Files lift lid on public service AI surge

Canberra Times, General News, 07/10/2026, Dave Allen, Page 7

Public servants are using artificial intelligence (AI) to first draft and then decode complex government documents across departments and agencies, and are turning to large language models to translate regulations into simplified instructions and even videos. [...] Human oversight The Department of Health said it was using AI to analyse reports into its internal conduct by the Australian National Audit Office, track its accounts for potential savings opportunities, monitor for workplace non-compliance and for the "transformation of policy directives into structured technical requirements" for the aged care sector.

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Review of $147.2M Govt program unable to show it was effective

The Weekly Source, General News, 06/10/2026, Caroline Egan

Melbourne-based contractor Nous was contracted to evaluate the Federal Government's $147.2 million Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care (CPCiAC) Measure. [...] Nous conducted the evaluation under a $300,000 contract with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing .

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Hundreds of documents on controversial aged care algorithm withheld

from public

Crikey, General News, 06/10/2026, Anton Nilsson

The federal Health Department left hundreds of pages of material related to its controversial aged care algorithm off its FOI disclosure log for weeks, before it began mass-uploading material following a letter from the information watchdog. Between September 16 and 18, officials uploaded nine sets of FOI documents to the department's disclosure log, all related to the Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT), an algorithm-based tool meant to determine funding packages for older Australians.

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Is DoHDA right to be worried about AI billing tools?

The Medical Republic, General News, 06/10/2026, Holly Payne

If it is concern about how the MBS is interpreted causing worry, software vendors say, the department should look closer to home. [...] Besides revealing that the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing had been using an AI-powered fraud detection system without having done a full risk assessment , the report also identified health provider billing practices as a potential threat According to the audit office, both Services Australia and the DoHDA had expressed concern about clinicians using AI tools to help identify which MBS items to bill.

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Single Assessment System disappears in DoHDA aged care shake-up

Health Services Daily, General News, 06/10/2026, Cate Swannell

As scrutiny of the integrated assessment tool's role in the SAS continues, the department has done a shuffle of roles, responsibilities and visibility. Curiouser and curiouser.

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The government is finally looking at excessive specialist fees, but it could go further

Health Services Daily, General News, 06/10/2026, Luke Slawomirski

The DoHDA is strengthening the Medical Costs Finder, which is welcome. But patients choosing a specialist need more than a price list. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has released a consultation paper on excessive specialist fees.

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Good Design tick for My Aged Care: a "clear, accessible and empowering digital experience" helping millions navigate once-in-a-generation reform

Talking HealthTech, General News, 06/10/2026

Liquid's redesign of complex public services around sensitive and evolving needs of older Australians has earned a prestigious 2026 Australian Good Design award for helping people navigate the largest reform of aged care in a generation. Announced today, the national myagedcare.gov.au platform is a Good Design Winner in the Digital Design category. [...] In the preceding 18 months, even as new policies were being developed, Liquid worked with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and hundreds of older Australians and their families, to redesign and personalise My Aged Care to reflect principles of choice, control, fairness, transparency, and accountability.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Aged care worker's drug mix-up led to preventable death

Endeavour Hills Hallam Doveton Star Journal, General News, 06/10/2026, Afraa Kori, Page 14

A 69-year-old woman's death after she was given another resident's medication at an aged care home was preventable, a coroner has found. The elderly resident was mistakenly given 300mg of the

antipsychotic drug clozapine at Monash Health's Mooraleigh Hostel in Bentleigh East on 4 August 2024.

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SA nurse banned after using ‘unreasonable force' against care home resident

The Australian, General News, 06/10/2026, David Hannant

A nurse who used “unreasonable force” against a vulnerable care home resident has been banned from the profession for two years. Su Jin Han, 47, grabbed a woman with dementia by the wrist and pushed her into a countertop while working in an aged care facility in Craigmore, north of Adelaide, a tribunal has been told.

Also reported by: The Courier Mail (Online), Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), NEWS.com.au (Online), Adelaide Now (Online)

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Australia's oldest man, 113, exchanges birthday messages with world's oldest man, 114

Adelaide Now, General News, 06/10/2026, Frank Chung

Australia’s oldest living person celebrated an incredible milestone today by exchanging birthday wishes with the only man in the world older than him. In an extraordinary coincidence, the two men share the same birthday, exactly one year apart.

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Nurse banned for using 'completely unreasonable' force against aged care resident, tribunal rules

ABC Online, General News, 06/10/2026, Jordanna Schriever

A registered nurse has been banned for two years after forcibly grabbing the wrists of an aged care resident with a complex diagnosis, including dementia, and pushing her into a countertop, a tribunal has ruled. The nurse, Su Jin Han, was working at an aged care provider in Adelaide's north, on November 12, 2023, when she "failed to maintain professional behaviour" and engaged in the "prolonged use of force, force that was unreasonable, and aggressive behaviour towards the resident".

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Ageing in community and rethinking thin markets

Australian Ageing Agenda, General News, 06/10/2026, Patricia Sparrow

For many years, ageing in place has been a guiding principle of aged care policy, addressing past challenges in residential care when people often had to change provider to move from a hostel to a nursing home. Increasingly, however, the term seems too narrow for what older people tell us they want.

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The Stats Guy : Australia is ageing, but it is not ageing evenly

The New Daily, General News, 06/10/2026

The population of Australians aged 85 years and over is especially important to watch. Once Australians reach these older ages, the likelihood of needing help with mobility, self-care and other daily activities rises sharply.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 06/10/2026, Graeme Goodings

Goodings states that, according to the Federal Government, Australia needs roughly 10,000 additional residential aged care units every year to keep pace with demand, and he also adds that there were 2,590 residential aged care services and 224,493 operational places nationally in June 2025. He says the Federal Government has estimated that 1700 new beds would come online during 2025-2026, but that is a forecast not yet achieved.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

More than 600 impacted as two disability services go

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 07/10/2026, Katrina Lovell, Page 2

Ongoing uncertainty around reforms in the disability sector has prompted Warrnambool's Southern Stay to make the "difficult decision" to wind up two services it offers. [...] Southern Stay board vice-president Billy Edis said it was a difficult decision and one which had been reached only after extensive consideration of the rapidly changing National Disability Insurance Scheme, increasing regulatory requirements, workforce challenges and the long-term sustainability of these services.

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Plans revealed for group homes in heritage conservation area

Western Advocate, General News, 07/10/2026, Rachel Chamberlain, Page 3

Bathurst Regional Council has received a $2.4 million proposal for group homes that, if built, would improve the lives of people with disabilities. A development application for the property at 334 Peel Street was lodged with the council in September 2026, seeking consent to subdivide the land and build two group homes.

Also reported by: Bathurst Western Advocate (Online)

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Disability advocate forced to take 14-hour train trip

Newcastle Herald, General News, 06/10/2026, Sarah Spina-Matthews

A disability advocate says he was forced to take a 14-hour train journey home after an airline was unable to meet his accessibility needs on a flight. Mark Pietsch, who has a muscular skeletal movement disorder as well as arthritis, said he paid for two seats and extra legroom on his Qantas flights between Sydney and Melbourne to attend a disability conference in 2025.

Also reported by: Canberra Times (Online), Northern Daily Leader (Online), Bathurst Western Advocate (Online), Daily Liberal (Online), The Border Mail (Online), Newcastle Herald (Online), Northern Daily Leader (Online), Bathurst Western Advocate (Online), Daily Liberal (Online), The Border Mail (Online), Newcastle Herald (Online)

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What the Thriving Kids scheme means for families and the NDIS

Ballarat Courier, General News, 06/10/2026, Helen Dickinson

On October 1, the first stage of Thriving Kids begins to roll out. This new program, announced just over a year ago, is part of the federal government's sweeping changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). It means children aged eight and under, who have developmental delay or autism and low to moderate support needs, will increasingly receive support outside the NDIS, through Thriving Kids. The $4 billion program will be co-funded by state, territory and federal governments.

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NDIS changes threaten disabled participation in community life

WEB The Jewish Independent, General News, 06/10/2026, Jarod Rhine-Davis

Mendy Cooper’s disability means he can’t simply be dropped off at communal activities like other 13-year-olds. An NDIS carer enables Mendy to join youth activities at Chabad Malvern and attend bar mitzvah celebrations.

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PRIMARY CARE

'Stub out criminals, don't reduce the tobacco tax'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/10/2026, Sarah Booth, Page 2

Proposals to lower the tobacco tax risk allowing "organised crime and big tobacco" to "rewrite Australia's health policy". More than 30 organisations, including the Australian Medical Association, Cancer Council and Heart Foundation, have penned a scathing letter slamming Australia's weak enforcement against illicit cigarettes.

Also reported by: Adelaide Advertiser (Adelaide), Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), Northern Territory News (Online), The Mercury (Online), Herald Sun (Melbourne)

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NSW Labor government to splurge $7m in at-home care as elderly patients left ‘stranded' in hospitals

Daily Telegraph Australia, General News, 06/10/2026, Nathan Schmidt

The NSW Labor government will splash more than $7m on early intervention for elderly patients, as they continue to fill NSW's beleaguered public hospitals. The government has called on the federal government to do more to address bed block, a process in which patients awaiting commonwealth aged care or NDIS services remain stranded in state hospitals.

Also reported by: The Australian (Online)

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Telehealth firms accused of bypassing veterans' regular GPs

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, General News, 06/10/2026

Veterans-focused telehealth services are under fierce scrutiny following a wide-ranging Four Corners investigation alleging some companies are ‘squeezing veterans and taxpayers to maximise profits’. Aired on Monday, the ‘Defenceless’ program featured veterans who shared a range of adverse experiences with operators specialising in veterans’ care, with reporters describing a business empire ‘built around billing DVA at every opportunity’.

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RACGP calls for formal recognition of GPs' role in NDIS assessments

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, General News, 06/10/2026

The RACGP is urging policymakers to formally recognise the role GPs can play as the Federal Government works on major reforms to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) assessments. The college’s view is included in a response to official proposals to change NDIS access as the Government seeks to reduce billions of dollars of spending.

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Weight-loss medications may affect surgery safety, ANZCA warns

Nursing Review, General News, 06/10/2026, Stefanie Schultz

Australians taking popular GLP-1 weight-loss injections and peptides are being urged to speak up before surgery, amid concerns they might increase the risk of serious complications. Anaesthetists are concerned that because the medications slow digestion, delayed stomach emptying may increase the risk of regurgitation and pulmonary aspiration during procedures requiring anaesthesia.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Heartbreak before joys of motherhood

Herald Sun, General News, 07/10/2026, Olivia Shying, Page 19

Rachel Do always wanted to be a mother and had no reason to believe anything would come in the way of her dream. [...] According to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data, up to 37 per cent of

women who have ever been pregnant have experienced at least one pregnancy loss before 20 weeks' gestation.

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Bus industry demands drug testing overhaul, ‘harmonised' rules after Greta tragedy

Adelaide Now, General News, 06/10/2026, Amy Ziniak

In the wake of the Hunter Valley bus tragedy, Australia’s peak bus industry organisation is calling for better drug and alcohol testing for drivers and nationally “harmonised” rules and regulations. After the release of the Office of Transport Safety Investigations (OTSI) report into the Greta bus crash in July, the Bus Industry Confederation (BIC) has now come out to insist more needs to be done by the key decision makers.

Also reported by: The Mercury (Online), Northern Territory News (Online), The Courier Mail (Online)

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Why 2026 could bring one of Australia’s toughest hay fever seasons

NEWS.com.au, General News, 06/10/2026

For the one in five Australians who suffer from hay fever, spring doesn’t just mean warmer days and blooming gardens – it marks the start of hay fever season. And, in 2026, experts are warning that conditions could make it one of the trickier years yet.

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PM called on to act on communal grave revelations as NSW commits to urgent review

The Guardian, General News, 07/10/2026, Christopher Knaus & Ariel Bogle

Anthony Albanese has been urged to use national cabinet to stop the use of unmarked communal graves to bury impoverished Australians and address failings that are leaving family and friends blindsided. Guardian Australia’s revelations on Tuesday that unmarked, communal graves were being used, in some cases without notifying the families of the deceased, prompted widespread political condemnation on Tuesday, including from federal Liberal MPs, state Labor ministers, and the Greens.

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Six Seasons Recovery: More concerning revelations made about retreat near Margaret River

7News.com.au, General News, 06/10/2026, Geof Parry

There are more concerning revelations about the Six Seasons Retreat near Margaret River in WA’s South West. 7NEWS has learned one former client took his own life just days after checking out of the treatment facility he went to for help.

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2CC, Breakfast, 06/10/2026, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with Assistant Minister for Productivity, Competition, Charities and Treasury Andrew Leigh. Leigh says cracking down on illegal tobacco is critical to removing the scourge of smoking, which is a product that kills half of its users if used as intended. He also states that a survey conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare revealed that smoking rates are coming down, and despite the wave of illegal tobacco hitting Australia, he says they are confident that smoking rates are really decreasing.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 06/10/2026, Rory Mcclaren

Interview with Public Health Association of Australia CEO Terry Slevin. Slevin says tobacco kills two out of three users when used as the manufacturer recommends, and he also notes that smoking is still one of the most substantial preventable causes of death in Australia. He says tobacco is a product that kills people in a slow and miserable manner, and government policies need to drive smoking rates down.

Also reported by: *ABC Radio Adelaide (Adelaide)*, *ABC Radio Adelaide (Adelaide)*, *ABC Radio Adelaide (Adelaide)*

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Comedian shares cancer news with a quip or two

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/10/2026, Kayla Olaya, Page 9

Comedian Judith Lucy has revealed she has been diagnosed with breast cancer ... in a way only she could. Lucy matter-of-factly delivers the health update in a video posted to social media, sandwiched between quick quips about her newly released wellness book and recent faecal transplants.

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Lucy's sad update

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/10/2026, Page 3

Australia's entertainment community is rallying around comedian Judith Lucy after she revealed she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Lucy shared her news on Instagram in a post displaying her typically dry humour.

Also reported by: *Courier Mail (Brisbane)*

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New definition led to fewer obese kids

Herald Sun, General News, 07/10/2026, Page 25

A new global definition of clinical obesity classifies far fewer children as obese than the widely used body mass index (BMI). Clinical obesity goes beyond BMI, a measure of weight relative to height.

Also reported by: *Hobart Mercury (Hobart)*, *Courier Mail (Brisbane)*

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Cancer shock no laughing matter

Hobart Mercury, General News, 07/10/2026, Angie Raphael, Page 14

Comedian Judith Lucy has revealed she has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will undergo a double mastectomy. "Hi Australia, a little not so fun update from me," Lucy, 58, said in a video posted on social media.

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Project all heart

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 07/10/2026, Page 7

One of the most ambitious plans to harness cardiovascular disease data globally and accelerate research and clinical translation is being launched in Australia. The Australian Cardiovascular Disease Data Commons (ACDC) is a cloudbased research platform built to accelerate the discovery of new risk markers for heart attack and stroke.

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'Strap in': Judith Lucy reveals cancer diagnosis

Canberra Times, General News, 06/10/2026, Allanah Sciberras

Australian comedian Judith Lucy is set to undergo surgery after revealing she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The health update was delivered in a comedic video uploaded to social media on Tuesday, with Lucy sharing a "not so much fun update".

Also reported by: *Newcastle Herald (Online)*, *West Australian (Online)*

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'Mum was my best friend': Chezzi Denyer on the heartbreak of dementia

Canberra Times, General News, 06/10/2026, Amy Rees

"It's like this long, drawn-out, torturous grief." Dementia is the leading cause of death in Australia, but there's still so much about the multifaceted disease that's unknown - including a cure.

Also reported by: Daily Liberal (Online), Newcastle Herald (Online)

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Comedian Judith Lucy reveals breast cancer diagnosis as she prepares for double mastectomy

7News.com.au, General News, 06/10/2026, Aimee Edwards

Aussie comedian Judith Lucy has announced she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The 58-year-old shared the news in a video posted to Instagram, saying she had received an email from BreastScreen Australia about three weeks ago reporting she had a “weird” mammogram result.

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Pain rises fastest at younger age

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 06/10/2026

Pain is reported more by women than men and increases fastest before we hit 55, according to a global analysis of more than six million people, including Australians. The international team looked at self-reported pain data collected between 1990 and 2025 from 6,125,459 people aged five to over 100 years and from 118 countries, representing one of the largest ever efforts to look at global pain epidemiology.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 06/10/2026, James Glenday and Emma Reballato

Interview with Pink Sari volunteers Shantha Viswanathan and Dr Usha Salagame. Viswanathan says Pink Sari is a not-for-profit organisation that was established in 2016 to mainly increase breast cancer screening rates amongst the South Asian communities. She notes that they are on a mission to raise awareness about cancer screening and prevention, as well as providing culturally sensitive support to people impacted by cancer and their carers in NSW.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 06/10/2026, Angela Cox and Mark Ferguson

GPs are urging Australians in their 40s to 60s to have themselves checked via breast, cervical, and bowel cancer screenings. They are also being urged to conduct regular heart health checks.

Also reported by: Channel 7 (Brisbane), Channel 7 (Melbourne), Channel 7 (Adelaide), Channel 7 (Perth)

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Mental warning

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/10/2026, Page 10

The boss of the Medibank Group has warned mental illness is growing at an "alarming rate" in Australia and AI cannot be relied on to ease pressure on the healthcare system. Medibank has marked its half century this month by committing an extra $50m over the next five years to invest in mental health access, prevention and innovation.

Also reported by: Herald Sun (Melbourne), Hobart Mercury (Hobart), Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), Adelaide Now (Online), The Australian (Online)

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Fuelling aid for our farmers

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/10/2026, Liliana Molina, Page 18

The warning signs for Rural Aid counsellors often come before they hit the road to reach farming families all over Australia. "I can hear it in your voice. You're not OK."

Also reported by: Adelaide Advertiser (Adelaide)

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AI suicide threat to kids

Courier Mail, General News, 07/10/2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 3

Psychiatrists fear vulnerable children are using artificial intelligence chatbots to research extreme methods to die by suicide. It comes as Queensland reels from the deaths of three Year 7 students by suicide in separate incidents in just a week.

Also reported by: The Mercury (Online), The Courier Mail (Online)

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Places where you can find help in a crisis

Courier Mail, Editorials, 07/10/2026, Page 22

Our recent reporting on the shocking levels of youth suicide in Queensland is incredibly confronting. Today's news that three year 7 children have died by suicide in just one week is heartbreaking, with a leading expert saying he had never heard of such a tragedy, and it was "extraordinarily concerning".

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Junior league shattered by suicides of 12yo and 13yo

Northern Territory News, General News, 07/10/2026, Nic Darveniza, Page 12

A Gold Coast junior rugby league club has been devastated by the suicides of two young players, aged just 12 and 13, in the same week. Coomera Cutters Rugby League is mourning the deaths of Treyvon Bradshaw, 13, and Kaiyah Kennedy, 12, in an "unbelievable" double tragedy.

Also reported by: Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), Gold Coast Bulletin (Online), Cairns Post (Online), The Australian (Online)

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Stepping up to ensure our mental health

Cairns Post, General News, 07/10/2026, Piper Walmsley, Page 9

Mental Health Awareness Month is officially under way, and Far North Queenslanders are already stepping up for the October campaign. The national focus aims to raise awareness around psychological wellbeing, break down longstanding stigmas surrounding mental illness, and ensure locals know where to turn when times get tough.

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South West resident shares her mental health journey as part of Y WA's short film series

West Australian, General News, 06/10/2026, Rose Patane

A South West resident has bravely put up her hand to share her experience with mental health as part of an annual campaign. Eaton’s Hannah Iemma is one of seven young West Australians who took part in Y WA’s eighth annual Inside Our Minds Campaign which launched on Monday at The Shoe Bar in Yagan Square.

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Victorian Coalition pledges youth mental health focus if elected in November

ABC Online, General News, 06/10/2026

The Coalition has promised to boost investment in youth mental health if elected to government in Victoria, in a third consecutive day of health pledges. Shadow Minister for Mental Health Emma Kealy

said five years after Victoria's mental health royal commission, many people were waiting too long or "reaching crisis point" before getting the care they needed.

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‘We’re not going to go away’: the mom fighting for social media reform after her son’s suicide

The Guardian, General News, 06/10/2026, Vivian Ho

At this point in time, going anywhere without your smartphone feels almost like leaving behind a limb. Whether it's for directions, distraction or the discourse on social media, our phones have become both a necessity and a crutch in our everyday lives, with our bodies literally evolving around the glow of the screen.

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Ballarat's $6m mental health makeover 'a step in the right direction'

Ballarat Courier, General News, 06/10/2026, Nick Powell

Ballarat's mental health care has taken a "step in the right direction" with a million-dollar refurbishment to a central facility addressing long-standing concerns over accessible and dignified care. To help ease widespread "confusion" and delays in navigating regional care, the updated Grampians Health Community Mental Health Building brings together broad specialists previously scattered across outdated facilities into a "contemporary and accessible" central hub.

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Community rocked by deaths of two Aboriginal children

National Indigenous Times, General News, 06/10/2026, Dechlan Brennan

A local community is mourning the tragic loss of two Aboriginal boys from the North Gold Coast area, who took their own lives within days of one another. Treyvon Bradshaw and Kaiyah Kennedy, aged 13 and 12, were both closely involved in the Coomera Cutters Rugby League Club, with the club taking to social media to announce their tragic deaths.

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Dengue fever vaccine

Herald Sun, General News, 07/10/2026, Page 17

A dengue fever vaccine is available in Australia for the first time after cases in returned travellers spiked. Dengue fever is a viral infection that is transmitted through mosquitoes infected with the virus.

Also reported by: Adelaide Now (Online), West Australian (Online), The Courier Mail (Online), The Australian (Online), Daily Telegraph Australia (Online)

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Funding changes to COVID vax welcomed

Manjimup Bridgetown Times, General News, 07/10/2026, Rose Patane, Page 4

A South West general practitioner has welcomed funding changes to the COVID-19 vaccine, which will now only be free to those in high risk groups. Replacing the national COVID-19 vaccine program created during the pandemic response, COVID-19 vaccines will be funded under the national immunisation program from October 1.

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What you need to know about the latest Covid-19 vaccine updates

Nursing Review, General News, 06/10/2026, Nicholas Wood

From October 1, Covid-19 vaccines will only be free and recommended for those most at risk of serious illness. Some people at lower risk – including healthy adults aged 18–64 – are asked to

consider the vaccine, but will have to pay for it privately. Some say this could cost $130-$150.

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COVID vax updates

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 06/10/2026

The target population for COVID vaccination program has been redefined, as its objective transitioned from establishing broad population-based immunity against a newly emerged virus to a focus on maintaining protection against severe disease. The Australian Immunisation Handbook COVID-19 chapter has been updated to reflect the transition to the National Immunisation Program (NIP), which took effect on 01 Oct.

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

Dengue is the mosquito-borne virus that thousands contract in holiday hotspots every year. For the first time, Australians will have access to a dengue fever vaccine.

Also reported by: Channel 9 (Sydney), Channel 9 (Perth)

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Canberra the key for trials or tribulation

West Australian, Business News, 07/10/2026, Caitlyn Rintoul, Page 22

Biotechnology companies fear Federal Government tax changes will cut up to 60 per cent of research and development budgets for projects at critical clinic stages. The industry has also accused the Government of promoting the country as an attractive destination for clinical trials at the same time as implementing measures that could drive trials and specialist jobs offshore.

Also reported by: The Nightly (None), West Australian (Online)

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For years dementia researchers had no answers, but now the word ‘breakthrough' is on their lips

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 06/10/2026, Clair Weaver

For 20 years, dementia researchers were stuck in a frustrating quagmire. Promising drug trials repeatedly collapsed. A practical diagnostic test remained elusive. Billions of dollars were spent – but nothing worked.

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Bundaberg Hospital tests local anaesthetic to cut migraine pain and wait times

Daily Telegraph Australia, General News, 06/10/2026

A Wide Bay doctor is spearheading a regional pilot study to evaluate whether a common local anesthetic can deliver better, faster relief for people who suffer from migraines. Bundaberg Hospital staff specialist Dr Tom Papior has secured a Queensland Health Clinical Research Fellowship (Novice) award to investigate intravenous lignocaine as an alternative to standard acute migraine therapies, which frequently cause bad side effects such as severe sedation and low blood pressure.

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How mouthwash made from a stranger's saliva could beat bad breath - and how to look after the 'good' bacteria in your mouth

Daily Mail UK, General News, 06/10/2026, Pat Hagan

Would you put a stranger's saliva in your mouth as a medical treatment? Gross as it may sound, that's exactly what some brave volunteers are now doing as part of clinical trials to see if oral microbiome transplants – transferring bacteria from the mouths of healthy people into those with problems – are a new medical breakthrough.

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RACGP Foundation invests $654,000 in GP-led research

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, General News, 06/10/2026

From healthy ageing and diabetes to artificial intelligence and workforce sustainability, more than will be invested in Australian general practice research and capacity building in 2026 to help improve care for patients and communities across the country. On Tuesday, the RACGP announced the recipients of the 2026 Research Grants and Awards, with the Australian General Practice Research Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the RACGP, investing more than $654,000 through 13 grants and awards supporting 66 researchers across Australia.

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Protesters to target NT govt over shelter

Northern Territory News, General News, 07/10/2026, Zizi Averill, Page 13

A massive protest has been planned ahead of the forced closure of one of Australia's biggest homelessness shelters, with just five days to go until more than 100 vulnerable Territorians are left with 'nowhere to go'. [...] Danila Dilba Health Service, North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service, Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, and NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory and the Australian Medical Association have all warned that the closure would put vulnerable Territorians at risk.

Also reported by: *Northern Territory News (Online)*

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Expand weight-loss, diabetes drug subsidies for Indigenous patients: health leaders

The Australian, General News, 06/10/2026, Penny Timms

Standing on the banks of the mighty Murray River at Mildura in northwest Victoria, registered nurse Jade Kelly takes a rare moment to pause ahead of what will be an overwhelmingly busy day. The Mutthi Mutthi/Wamba Wamba woman specialises in diabetes education for Indigenous Australians in a region where rates of it and obesity are high.

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New collaboration aims to transform eye health of Indigenous Western Australians

National Indigenous Times, General News, 06/10/2026, Callan Morse

A new collaboration is aiming to create a future where no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person loses their sight from preventable or treatable causes. Western Australia Eye Health Equity Collaboration — a five-year partnership between Aboriginal Medical Services, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Lions Outback Vision and The University of Western Australia — is seeking to mobilise

$13.25 million to strengthen community-led care, expand telehealth and outreach, improve access to cataract surgery and grow the Indigenous eye health workforce.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Hospital to close city ED

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 07/10/2026, Matilda McDermott, Page 12

A private hospital on South Tce, city, is set to close its emergency department after a review found the service was no longer financially sustainable. St Andrew's Hospital will close its emergency department on Friday, November 13, replacing it with a new acute assessment centre (AAC) scheduled to open on Monday, November 16.

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Miles says unhealthy delays hurt hospital functions

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 07/10/2026, Josh Mercer, Page 3

Opposition Leader Steven Miles has taken aim the LNP, saying that health services in Townsville are only getting worse under the state government. Speaking in Townsville on Tuesday, Mr Miles said that Townsville University Hospital was once one of the best performing regional hospitals, a reputation he said is fading fast because of the decisions made by the state government.

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SurgerySooner policy promises to help regional Victorians

Shepparton News Online, General News, 06/10/2026, Cobram Courier

Regional Victorians, including patients across the Ovens Valley, will have greater access to elective surgery under a Liberal and Nationals government, with a plan to halve Victoria's surgery waitlist. State Member for Ovens Valley Tim McCurdy said the SurgerySooner policy would give public patients greater choice by allowing them to have surgery at a participating private hospital or day surgery at no cost.

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ABC, ABC News, 06/10/2026, Lydia Feng

The NSW Government has announced that it will spend $35m on a new health hub in Campbelltown to take pressure off its strained local hospital. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park says the health hub will also have procedural rooms.

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Nurses strike over pay deal

Hobart Mercury, General News, 07/10/2026, David Killick, Page 1

Nurses have walked off the job at the Royal Hobart Hospital as they try to negotiate an enterprise

bargaining agreement with the government and improve patient care. About 200 nurses and other health staff took part in the brief strike to show their determination to wrest a better deal from the government, despite budget cutbacks.

Also reported by: Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), The Mercury (Online), The Courier Mail (Online), Adelaide Now (Online)

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Life on frontline for NT paramedics

Northern Territory News, General News, 07/10/2026, Lottie Hood, Page 8

Far-reaching flashing lights, a jarring siren and the ability to ignore red lights Intensive Care Paramedic Dan Bromley appears calm in the face of navigating an emergency. As he speeds up the St John NT Critical Care Unit down Darwin's Stuart Highway, he is asked if he ever gets nervous.

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Remote NT health clinic in limbo after weekend of violence: Shuttered police station slammed

Northern Territory News, General News, 06/10/2026, Camden Smith

The community of Alpurrurulam community remains without health services and it is not yet known when they will return after health workers were threatened and evacuated at the weekend. The NT News on Sunday reported that nurses had been evacuated and the Royal Flying Doctor Service had airlifted Queensland police officers and medical support into Alpurrurulam, about 1500km east of Darwin after a weekend of alcohol fuelled violence.

Also reported by: The Courier Mail (Online)

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Remote NT health clinic shut down in Alpurrurulam following unrest and threats to staff

ABC Online, General News, 06/10/2026

The Northern Territory government is being pressured to reopen a remote police station after the community's only health clinic was shut down when two nurses were forced to flee alleged unrest and threats. The Northern Territory community of Alpurrurulam, also known as Lake Nash, has a population of about 350 people and sits less than 20 kilometres from the Queensland border.

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Building recognition and support for unpaid carers

Medical Journal of Australia, General News, 06/10/2026, Jennifer Tieman

Unpaid carers play a vital role in Australia's health, aged care, disability, and social care sectors, as well as in the national economy. As the population ages and more people live with chronic conditions, the need for carers grows.

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AI hack 'not sophisticated'

The Australian, General News, 07/10/2026, Natasha Bita, Page 1

OpenAI has admitted its AI agents might be powerful enough to break into critical infrastructure and

urged Australia to patch security flaws, after apologising for its world-first hack into government agencies. OpenAI chief strategy officer Jason Kwon told a parliamentary inquiry into AI on Tuesday that human AI trainers were not aware for some time that algorithmic agents had accessed the internet to hack into non-public Medicare data in June.

Also reported by: The Australian (Online)

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OpenAI seeks clear rules on copyright

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/10/2026, Zoe Samios & Sam Buckingham-Jones, Page 3

A senior OpenAI executive says Australia must establish a clear legal framework for AI model training and warned copyright licensing costs will be a key factor in whether the artificial intelligence giant ultimately invests locally.

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Medicare hack claim on dark web probed

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/10/2026, Nicola Smith, Page 5

Services Australia and law enforcement agencies are investigating claims made on the dark web by an alleged hacker offering 25 million Medicare files to the highest bidder, amid warnings from intelligence chiefs for government departments, businesses.

Also reported by: Australian Financial Review (Online)

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‘Completely unacceptable': Committee chair Jo Briskey slams OpenAI conduct

Daily Telegraph Australia, General News, 06/10/2026, Jade Gailberger

Tech giant OpenAI has renewed its apology to Australia over a “not super sophisticated” hack of a Medicare websites by one its bots, backing calls for mandatory incident disclosures and stronger cyber protections. Officials from the trillion-dollar US company fronted a federal parliamentary artificial intelligence probe in Sydney on Tuesday, where they were lambasted over an almost three-month delay in reporting the unprecedented breach of government websites.

Also reported by: Adelaide Now (Online), The Courier Mail (Online)

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OpenAI to reiterate apology to Australia over Medicare hack as inquiry told artists risk becoming ‘roadkill’

The Guardian, General News, 06/10/2026, Josh Taylor

OpenAI has used an appearance before a parliamentary inquiry on AI to apologise again to Australia about the hack on Medicare last month, as media and entertainment organisations argued weakening copyright law for AI model training would leave artists as “roadkill”. Meanwhile Anthropic told the inquiry it was not seeking to dictate copyright law on model training, but the current rules made it “impossible” to train AI in Australia.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 06/10/2026, Brenton Ragless

The South Australian Government has invested an extra $2m to expand 1800MEDICARE. The nurse-led telehealth service gives advice and options to patients, particularly those in regional areas or seeking after-hours help.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Does AHPRA owe doctors a duty of care while they are under investigation?

Australian Doctor, General News, 06/10/2026, Georgie Haysom

When UK anaesthetist Dr Sridharan Suresh killed himself after being investigated by police and the UK medical regulator, his family launched a legal bid to sue the regulator for negligence. [...] The case is relevant to Australia, with AHPRA acknowledging the suicide deaths of 16 doctors following a complaint or investigation.

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Coke and Pepsi conned us into believing litter was our fault. This AI trick is worse

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/10/2026, Clinton Fernandes, Page 19

Anthropic, the company behind the Claude series of AI programs, has been wining and dining religious scholars behind a veil of non-disclosure agreements. It is trying to convince them that its AI programs possess a form of consciousness. [...] In the sensitive field of medicines and medical devices, the Therapeutic Goods Administration assesses new drugs before they are sold, tracks their safety once the public starts using them, manages compliance, conducts testing, and takes action against serious, deliberate and repeated non-compliance.

Also reported by: Sydney Morning Herald (Online)

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Biocurious: Atomo is girding for the STD ‘comeback tour' no-one wants to see

Daily Telegraph Australia, General News, 06/10/2026, Tim Boreham

Some reappearances are welcome, such as Tina Turner’s 1984 Private Dancer album that revived her career, or Elvis Presley’s 1968 NBC special that heralded his return to live performance. [...] Ultimately, the company strives for local Therapeutic Goods Administration clearance.

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Global support to end animal testing

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 06/10/2026

Medicines regulators from around the world have called on medicine developers, manufacturers, regulators and national control laboratories to continue to advance and implement alternative methods or approaches to animal testing throughout the lifecycle of human medicines, wherever, and as soon as, possible. Referring to the so-called 3Rs principles – to replace, reduce and refine the use of animals in medicines development and regulation – the statement was issued by the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA), of which Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration is a member.

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2CC, Breakfast, 06/10/2026, Stephen Cenatiempo

Interview with health economist and oral health therapist Tan Nguyen. Cenatiempo says Eli Lilly, the US pharmaceutical giant behind the GLP-1 medication Mounjaro, is now seeking to dispense the drug directly to Australian patients through an online portal, but critics claim it could undermine safeguards around regulated health services. Nguyen says good healthcare requires general practitioners and medical doctors to prescribe medications that are fit for purpose, and he adds that it's important to establish guardrails around such medications due to their side effects.

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Alarm as SA coke use up fourfold

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 07/10/2026, Charlie Dadds, Page 11

Cocaine consumption in South Australia has nearly quadrupled since 2016, with hospitality insiders warning high alcohol prices are driving patrons toward cheaper illicit substances. The drug has sustained astronomical growth since 2016, according to data from the National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program increasing by 295 per cent from 107.1kg of annual consumption to 422.6kg.

Also reported by: Daily Telegraph Australia (Online), Adelaide Now (Online), The Courier Mail (Online), Northern Territory News (Online)

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Judge 'flabbergasted' at alleged lab link

Newcastle Herald, General News, 07/10/2026, Sam Rigney, Page 5

A great-grandmother accused of sourcing chemicals and equipment for a major Hunter methamphetamine manufacturing lab that was allegedly found with 64 kilograms of drugs and precursors has been granted bail, despite a judge saying she will likely return to jail next year. Michele Annette Wilder, 59, of Aberglasslyn, is accused of purchasing a total of nearly $40,000 worth of equipment from a Sydney laboratory supply company between January 2025 and April this year.

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Testing part of broader push to tackle miner drug and alcohol abuse

National Resources Review, General News, 01/09/2026, Berkay Erkan, Page 36

Along with clear and effective policies around substance abuse, a key method of detecting its occurrence in the workplace is random drug testing, which is an effective deterrent. In parallel with these measures, approaches that address the many root causes of alcohol and drug dependency should be considered, including biological, psychological, and socioenvironmental factors.

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Overdose death involving possible synthetic opioid sparks Tasmanian health warning

ABC Online, General News, 06/10/2026

Health authorities in Tasmania have issued a public warning after an overdose death that may have been brought about by drugs "possibly laced with a strong opioid". In a statement, the Department of Health said the deceased person, who has not been identified, "may not have known" about the contamination.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Fruit and veg violating legal pesticide limits

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/10/2026, Carrie Fellner, Page 1

Multiple fruit and vegetables for sale at Australian supermarkets have been found to contain prohibited levels of pesticide residues, including a punnet of strawberries with fungicide at nearly 10 times the legal limit. [...] Food Standards Australia New Zealand also monitors exposure to chemicals through its Total Diet Study.

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Greens float state-owned supermarkets for cheaper food

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 07/10/2026, Will Nicholas, Page 3

A government-owned supermarket chain would sell groceries more than 20 per cent cheaper on average under a plan hatched by a minor party. The idea for the federal government to buy up 200 Coles and Woolworths stores and open more than 400 extra shop-fronts has been floated by a Greens-affiliated think tank and given the nod by the party's freshly minted leader.

Also reported by: Launceston Examiner (Launceston), Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga)

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Government responds to Food for Thought report

Food & Drink Business, General News, 01/09/2026, Page 6

The federal government has agreed or agreed in principle to 15 of the 23 recommendations from the Food for Thought inquiry into food and beverage manufacturing, with its long-awaited response leaning heavily on existing programs including the National Reconstruction Fund, Industry Growth Program, and Feeding Australia strategy rather than committing new funding. The response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation and Science report, Food for Thought: The opportunities and challenges for Australia's food and beverage manufacturing industry, was released in March, 13 months after the committee tabled its report in February 2025.

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FSANZ backs ACCC inquiry

Food & Drink Business, General News, 01/09/2026, Page 10

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) and the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) have weighed in behind the consumer regulator's inquiries into the ABC's food fraud investigation, as Simplot-owned Leggo's rejects the findings. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) initiated inquiries into claims raised by the ABC Four Corners investigation Duped: Food Exposed.

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New food waste recycling rules

Food & Drink Business, General News, 01/09/2026, Page 20

Businesses like pubs, clubs, cafes and hotels generating 4000 litres or more of general waste a week, equivalent to around two skips bins or more, must separate food waste from general waste to reduce landfill and emissions. Why are there new rules?

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Tin of Heinz tomato soup explodes in man's face leaving nasty nose wound

ABC Online, General News, 06/10/2026, Angus Verley

A tin of tomato soup may not seem like something to be afraid of. [...] In a statement, Food Standards Australia and New Zealand said the shelf life of canned food depended on whether the tins were kept in a cool, dry place.

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Aussie's warning to check your kitchen after he was injured when a cold can of soup exploded in his face Join the discussion What's your view?

Daily Mail UK, General News, 06/10/2026, Burney Wong

A grocery shopper has revealed how a battle with a can of tomato soup left him bloodied and in

hospital after he simply picked it up from his pantry. [...] According to the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand, canned foods should always be checked for signs of damage before use, including swelling, leakage, rust, dents or damaged seams.

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