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- The **Saturday Age** (page 1) reports on regional Victoria's mental health service shortages, including lengthy specialist wait times and gaps in care. The Australian Society of Psychiatrists plans to seek funding from Health Minister Mark Butler for a national project tracking mental health service demand and outcomes. *Also reported by: Sydney Morning Herald*
- The **Weekend Australian** (page 1) reports that a personalised mRNA vaccine developed with Australian leadership has been found to reduce the risk of melanoma recurrence or death by 42 per

cent in a global phase three trial. *Also reported by: Australian Financial Review, Sydney Morning Herald, Daily Telegraph, ABC Online*

- The **Daily Telegraph** (page 1) reports that 36 per cent of Australian small business operators have a mental health condition, up from 30 per cent in 2024, with a national survey linking the increase to mounting business pressures and regulatory changes.
- The **Weekend Australian** (page 4) reports that the Administrative Review Tribunal's backlog rose almost 20 per cent to a record 133,749 cases, driven by surging student visa appeals and a significant increase in NDIS decision appeals.
- The **Daily Telegraph** (page 5) reports that NSW Health and police shut down 10 Sydney retailers allegedly selling illicit tobacco and vapes, seizing more than $256,000 in stock.
- The **Courier Mail** (page 9) reports that the federal government has appointed Australian Red Cross Lifeblood to run the national stem cell donation service, ending a period of uncertainty that had suspended new donor recruitment.
- **Croakey** (online) reports that proposed private health insurance rebate changes would save almost $3 billion over four years to fund aged-care services. Health Minister Mark Butler has defended the changes, while the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing considers additional rebates for over-65s inequitable and poorly targeted.
- **ABC Online** (online) reports that Australians withdrew a record $1.46 billion from superannuation on compassionate grounds in 2025–26, mostly for medical expenses. AHPRA and the ATO have raised concerns about practitioners encouraging inappropriate withdrawals for costly treatments, including cosmetic procedures. *Also reported by: The New Daily, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners*

Minister Butler

'Dangerous ideas' brew in mental health desert

The Saturday Age, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Sherryn Groch, Page 1

Last New Year's Eve, Brendan Nugent barged into his father's home, ranting. It was the first time Rodney had seen his son in years. [...] The society will write to federal Health Minister Mark Butler next week with an urgent proposal to fund a national ''observatory'' project, tracking mental health service demand and outcomes across the country.

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Senate boots Labor's private health cuts from Parliament

Sea Lake & Wycheproof Times Ensign, General News, 22 Oct 2026, Page 8

The Senate has recently rejected the Albanese Government's cut to the private health insurance rebate for older Australians. [...] "Mark Butler should take the hint."

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Also reported by: *Northern Daily Leader, Western Advocate*

Payday looming for undervalued Australian workers

Central Western Daily, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Catherine Bouris, Page 30

A big payout is on the cards for workers in industries found to be undervalued. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the investment would not only retain existing workers, but also make the sector more attractive

to future workers, ensuring a stronger workforce in the future.

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Also reported by: *Daily Liberal*

Health Minister fronts hospital after ‘sh*t-show' claims

WEB InDaily SA, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

SA's health minister condemned a new aged care bottleneck record amid reports of spiralling staff sick and "overwhelmed", "depressed" doctors at his local hospital. Health Minister Blair Boyer condemned news today that 502 elderly South Australians were "stranded" in the state's public hospitals waiting for an aged care bed – the most in the state's history.

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Health Minister Mark Butler gets history wrong on tobacco enforcement

The New Daily, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Health Minister Mark Butler has repeatedly and incorrectly claimed the Coalition hiked the tobacco excise and pocketed the revenue without spending more on enforcement. The Coalition increased funding to crack down on illicit tobacco, including launching the Illicit Tobacco Taskforce in 2018.

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Eight billion reasons to scrutinise private health insurance policy

Croakey, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Melissa Sweet

The political fight over the Federal Government’s proposed changes to private health insurance (PHI) rebates has brought together an unlikely collection of opponents, including the Coalition, Greens, crossbench parliamentarians, private health insurers and advocacy organisations. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler maintains that difficult budget decisions are necessary to fund the expansion of aged care. He has argued that households on identical incomes should receive identical PHI support, irrespective of age.

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Backlash grows as older Aussies face $800 hit under controversial rule change: 'Age bashing'

Yahoo! News Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Carly Bass

Frustrated senior Australians are urging the federal government to "abandon the push" for changes to the private health insurance rebate, which would inflict unnecessary financial hardship on thousands of older Australians. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has vowed to reintroduce the reforms.

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Butler rejects blame for hospital delays

ABC, ABC News, TV, 23 Oct 2026, Jessica Harmsen

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has rejected claims blaming aged care for wider hospital pressures, after the South Australian Government reported 500 patients stuck in hospitals waiting for aged care beds. SA Health Minister Blair Boyer called on the Federal Government to bring more places online, while Butler warned state governments against attributing every health system issue to aged care.

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Also reported by: *Channel 9*, *Channel 10*, *Channel 10*, *Channel 7*

Patrick McGorry criticises broken mental health system

ABC News, ABC News at Noon, TV, 23 Oct 2026, Kathryn Robinson

Interview with Professor Patrick McGorry, Psychiatrist, about national mental health care failures. McGorry states that state systems are broken after losing 90 per cent of beds, leading to a massive public policy failure. He also says Federal Health Minister Mark Butler understands mental health but needs allies, and he also warns that ministers may delay further action.

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Mark Butler announces Adelaide aged care beds

ABC Radio Adelaide, 13:00 News, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has announced 124 residential aged care beds at a facility in Adelaide's western suburbs, stating the Commonwealth is doing all it can to boost supply. This follows calls from South Australia's health minister for federal action as more than 500 patients wait in hospital for placements.

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Mark Butler and Lifeblood praised over assistance

4BC, Drive, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Carla Bignasca

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and his team have received praise alongside Lifeblood for stepping up to ensure families are supported. A speaker highlighted daily discussions with Butler's office to resolve the situation. Additionally, Lifeblood shared a reminder urging healthy individuals aged between 18 and 35 to register their interest.

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Government appoints Lifeblood for Stem Cell Service

4BC, Mornings, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Gary Hardgrave

The Australian Government has appointed Australian Red Cross Lifeblood to lead the national stem cell donation service starting in January next year, and it follows delays that stalled the finalisation of the contract for the National Stem Cell Registry. The Federal Health Minister's office confirmed the appointment, ending a freeze on processing potentially life-saving matches.

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Mark Butler Pursues Budget Savings Amid Losses

2CC, Breakfast, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Stephen Cenatiempo

Cenatiempo is joined by News24 Political Reporter Cameron Reddin. Reddin says Health Minister Mark Butler reportedly still intends to pursue policies aimed at delivering $3b in budget savings despite recent political losses. Cenatiempo and Reddin noted the government has faced setbacks over allied health caps for veterans and the over-65s private health insurance rebate, alongside broader budget pressures stemming from a 125 billion dollar blowout linked to the NDIS.

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Assistant Minister McBride

Limitless at 50: Medicines Management opens in Brisbane with call to keep humans at the heart of AI in health care

Retail Pharmacy, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) today opened its 50th national conference – Medicines Management 2026 (MM2026) – in Brisbane, more than six decades after the first conference gathered in a 'humble Adelaide boardroom' in 1961. [...] The opening plenary also featured an address from the Hon. Emma McBride MP FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt, MentalHlth), Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, and former Chief Pharmacist at Wyong Hospital, who reflected on the lasting impact pharmacists have on patients' lives beyond policy and health system reform.

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'I'm here to turn my life around': how a game of soccer is saving lives

Ballarat Courier, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Nick Powell

After a two-year hiatus, a way to kick stigma, isolation and a soccer ball has relaunched in Ballarat. [...] The program, funded by the federal Department of Health and Aged Care, operates across 30 locations in Australia.

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Seniors month celebrated

Ipswich West Moreton Today, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

More than 80 local seniors gathered at the Ipswich Sports Club for a Seniors Month morning tea this week. [...] Guests were able to speak with representatives from the Heart Foundation, Ageing and Disability Advocates Australia, National Seniors Australia, Seniors Net, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the Queensland Police Service and 60 and Better Queensland.

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Rural non-GP training reform ‘shelved' despite college buy-in

The Medical Republic, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Holly Payne

If rural Australians are going to get fairer access to healthcare, according to National Rural Health Commissioner Professor Jenny May, around 30% of non-GP specialist training must occur in rural settings. [...] Professor Susan Wearne, a GP who was speaking at the conference in her capacity as senior medical advisor to the health workforce division of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, said the work had in fact been paused, not shelved.

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Gold tier losses accelerate with mental health costs driving downgrades

Insurance Business Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Roxanne Libatique

Nearly 900,000 fewer Australians hold Gold private health insurance than six years ago, according to data compiled for a new HCF white paper on mental health care access. [...] The federal government's Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released its first private health reform consultation paper in July 2026, listing mental health care among four priority areas.

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Ageing and Aged Care

Aged-care sticker shock forces rethink on early inheritances

Weekend Australian, Business News, 24 Oct 2026, Anthony Keane, Page 31

Handing down wealth early to children might feel generous, but a growing number of retirees is discovering it comes with a sting: there may not be enough left over to pay for their own care. With aged-care rooms now routinely costing more than $600,000, and some topping $3m, financial advisers are urging older Australians to think twice before gifting away assets they may desperately need later.

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Also reported by: *The Australian*

'Disgrace': 502 wait for bed

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 11

It's projected almost 700 elderly South Australians will be stuck in public hospitals and overflow facilities, such as the Pullman Hotel, waiting for an aged care bed, prompting the South Australian government to look to extend its contract with the five-star hotel. Currently, the number of patients who are medically

ready for discharge but unable to leave because an aged-care place is unavailable has reached a record 502.

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Health Minister fronts hospital after ‘s**t-show' claims

WEB InDaily SA, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Health Minister Blair Boyer condemned news today that 502 elderly South Australians were “stranded” in the state’s public hospitals waiting for an aged care bed – the most in the state’s history. [...] Meanwhile, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler was in Adelaide opening a new Estia Aged Care centre in Findon this morning, a two-storey facility with 124 beds.

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Visa challenges top 130,000 as ALP gets tough on students

Weekend Australian, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Paul Garvey, Page 4

A surge in the number of student visa rejections being appealed has further swamped the Administrative Review Tribunal. The ART the federal tribunal responsible for reviewing administrative decisions made by federal government ministers, departments and agencies revealed in its latest annual report that the number of cases still on hand surged by almost 20 per cent during the 2026 financial year to a record 133,749.

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Also reported by: *The Australian*

NDIS appeals up 130pc in two years

Weekend Australian, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Elizabeth Pike, Page 4

National Disability Insurance Scheme recipients are increasingly disputing changes to their plans, with the number of appeal cases jumping by 130 per cent in the past two years, a new report has found. In a sign of times to come as Labor's landmark NDIS reforms begin to roll out, the Administrative Review Tribunal's annual report, released on Friday, said the number of cases remaining at the end of the financial year had risen by 21 per cent.

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Adelaide mother banned from working as NDIS support worker after children removed from her care

ABC Online, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

An NDIS support worker has failed to overturn a decision banning her from working with children and vulnerable adults after she was found to have had children removed from her care. The Department of

Human Services issued a prohibition notice in December 2025 barring the woman — who had been working as a support care worker for five years — from continuing her work.

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Primary Care

We need to find way forward for health

Hobart Mercury, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Meg Creely, Page 43

When someone we love needs urgent medical help, we want to know help will come. When we wait for surgery or a specialist appointment, we want to know our turn will come. [...] AMA Tasmania is calling for an independent Commission of Inquiry into our health system: a two-year examination of how services are planned, funded, delivered, and how they could work better together. It would give government an evidence-based blueprint for reform, informed by patients, clinicians and communities

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Doctors lash out at state AMA over pay deal vote

Australian Doctor, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

AMA Victoria and the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation Victoria have rejected calls for a revote on a narrowly approved pay deal with the State Government despite anger from doctors over the ballot process. On Tuesday, the two branches accepted an interim 12-month memorandum of understanding on pay and conditions after securing a 51.73% majority in the ballot.

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BBPIP payments hit $192 million in 2025–26

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Payments to practices and GPs under the new Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Payment (BBPIP) program hit $192.3 million in the last financial year, according to the latest Services Australia annual report. It recorded 3600 practices had signed up to the initiative by the end of June since it came into effect in November last year, along with the payments for the program's first eight months.

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New GP guide to assess penicillin allergies

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

GPs could play a greater role in ruling out patients' reported penicillin allergies, with new, clearer guidance now available to help identify those suitable for review in general practice. [...] But Dr Nick Cooling, Chair of RACGP Specific Interests Allergy, believes GPs are well placed to explore allergies with patients, and even conduct testing in their own practices with increased education and support.

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Population Health

Another 10 smoke shops shut

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Rory Williams, Page 5

Ten businesses allegedly selling illicit tobacco and vapes have been forced to shut after being raided by police and NSW Health. More than $256,000 worth of illicit stock was seized during the raids at Mt Druitt, Ropes Crossing, Rooty Hill, Shalvey and Bidwill.

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How much autonomy do women actually have when giving birth?

Yahoo! News Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

You spend your pregnancy researching and planning for when your baby finally arrives, as well as considering what might happen if things don't go according to plan. [...] In recent years, parliamentary inquiries in New South Wales and Tasmania have investigated the mistreatment of women during childbirth, showing how ignoring their right to autonomy and informed consent contributes to physical and mental trauma.

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Victoria Police and Tobacco Licensing Victoria close 100 businesses in six weeks as $14 million worth of illicit tobacco seized

News24 Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Bianca Mulheron

Victorian authorities have ordered 100 businesses to close across the state in six weeks, as they step up enforcement against the trade of illegal tobacco. The revelation from Tobacco Licensing Victoria comes as the force releases enforcement footage showing what appears to be a concealed tobacco stash behind a false panel inside a chip display.

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Discussion on Guidelines for Underage Alcohol Consumption

3AW, Mornings, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Tom Elliott

Interview with psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, about introducing teenagers to alcohol. Carr-Gregg discussed Australian National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines advising against consumption under eighteen. While guidelines cite risks to the developing brain, Carr-Gregg questioned their realism as younger students drink, advocating instead for parental supervision, responsible modelling, and early conversations.

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Chronic Conditions and Screening

'Like first flight': Dawn of cancer vaccine

Weekend Australian, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Natasha Robinson, Page 1

Medical oncologist Georgina Long has for months held tight the data that is electrifying the cancer world. As she unveils the clinical trial results that herald the birth of the world's first therapeutic cancer vaccine, the pioneering oncologist's relentlessly curious mind is already turning to the future.

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Also reported by: *The Australian*

Cancer vaccine succeeds in lab, but not market

AFR Weekend, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Michael Smith, Page 2

A personalised vaccine that reduces the risk of melanoma returning or causing death by 42 per cent is a milestone in the development of cancer treatment, say the Australian scientists working on the breakthrough.

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Also reported by: *Australian Financial Review*, *Australian Financial Review*, *Australian Financial Review*

'Sort out your affairs'

AFR Weekend, Weekend Fin, 24 Oct 2026, Jennifer Hewett, Page 32

A crowd of anxious passengers waited in long lines at the normally calm Zurich airport on Saturday, July 11. I was among them, apprehensive that I might actually miss my scheduled flight to Washington DC that afternoon.

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Also reported by: *Australian Financial Review*, *Australian Financial Review*

Landmark vaccine cuts melanoma recurrence risk

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Rachel Rasker and Kate Aubusson, Page 6

A world-first mRNA cancer vaccine has dramatically cut the risk of melanoma recurrence and death in a landmark large-scale trial that signals a new era in personalised cancer medicine. The Australian-led Phase 3 trial found that adding a tailor-made cancer vaccine reduced the risk of the recurrence of melanoma or death by 42 per cent, compared with patients who were only given the immunotherapy drug, pembrolizumab (sold as Keytruda).

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Also reported by: *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Saturday Age*

Town, school behind Livi as cancer takes sad turn

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Jack Gramenz, Page 26

A Byron Bay teen's treatment for a rare and aggressive brain tumour has taken a heartbreaking turn as his family reveal he cannot walk or talk as he undergoes treatment in the United States. Olivier ''Livi'' Eddington, 17, was diagnosed earlier this year after he started getting headaches.

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Actor's MS misdiagnosis puts spotlight on the cost of doctors getting it wrong

The Saturday Age, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Lauren Ironmonger, Page 30

For nine years, Nicole a Sydney woman who is using a pseudonym for privacy reasons believed she had multiple sclerosis (MS). The period was marked by countless specialist appointments, tests, intensive bouts of medication and, above all, grief.

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Also reported by: *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Saturday Age*

"I never thought this would get me"

Daily Telegraph, Weekend, 24 Oct 2026, Zara Powell, Page 1

Nine Australians die from breast cancer every day. It is a confronting statistic.

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Also reported by: *Cairns Post*, *Northern Territory News*, *Townsville Bulletin*, *Geelong Advertiser*, *Gold Coast Bulletin*, *Daily Telegraph Australia*, *The Mercury*, *Adelaide Now*, *The Courier Mail*, *Toowoomba Chronicle*

A cuppa for your ticker

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Page 3

A soothing cup of tea is not just good for your mood, it can also help your heart, new research has claimed. In fact, researchers have suggested that having a whopping six to eight cups of tea a day could reduce your risk of heart disease by as much as 11 per cent.

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Also reported by: *Courier Mail*

Cancer jab breakthrough

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Harrison Christian, Page 27

The world's first-ever cancer vaccine has slashed the risk of tumour recurrence by a staggering 42 per cent in clinical trials. Moderna has released the results of the phase 3 worldwide trial of its personalised mRNA vaccine, and they did not disappoint.

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AIS sparks new brain health debate

Daily Telegraph, Sport, 24 Oct 2026, Julian Linden, Page 80

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) has released new guidelines on actions it says athletes can take to protect their long-term brain health. The AIS has trumpeted its recommendations as a "message of hope" to counter the "doom and gloom" around increases in degenerative brain disease Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) in amateur and professional footballers.

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Also reported by: *Adelaide Advertiser*, *Herald Sun*, *Courier Mail*

Aussies deliver cancer vaccine

Hobart Mercury, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Alexandra Feiam, Page 22

Australian scientists are leading a breakthrough in a worldfirst cancer vaccine, which has shown signs of drastically reducing the risk of melanoma coming back after surgery. The Australian-led Phase 3 trial of the vaccine, developed by Moderna and Merck, found the risk of melanoma returning two years after surgery was reduced by 42 per cent, compared with patients who were given access to only pembrolizumab (sold as Keytruda), an immunotherapy drug.

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Aussie scientists forging new hope with cancer vaccine

Canberra Times, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Catherine Bouris, Page 10

Leading Australian scientists are at the forefront of a foundational shift in oncology after overseeing a world-first clinical trial that could fundamentally change global cancer treatment. Led by former Australian of the Year Professor Georgina Long, the trial involved deploying an mRNA-based vaccine designed to decrease the risk of melanoma returning in patients who had it surgically removed.

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Also reported by: *West Australian*, *Shepparton News Online*, *Daily Mail UK*, *Kalgoorlie Miner*

One small shot, a giant leap for cancer patients

The Nightly, General News, 23 Oct 2026, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 5

An Australian-led cancer vaccine trial has significantly cut the risk of melanoma recurrence and death, in a world-first breakthrough described by researchers as a "moon landing" moment. The remarkable results of the phase three trial, which combined a personalised mRNA vaccine with a standard post-surgery immunotherapy drug, signifies a new frontier in cancer treatment.

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Also reported by: *West Australian*, *Kalgoorlie Miner*, *The West Australian (Saturday edition)*

Vaccine cuts death risk

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Page 3

An mRNA-based cancer vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of death or the cancer coming back by 42 per cent. The trial, led by the 2024 Australian of the Year, Professor Georgina Long, included 1137 patients whose melanoma had been surgically removed but who were at very high risk of it returning.

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Also reported by: *Toowoomba Chronicle*, *Townsville Bulletin*, *Sunraysia Daily*

Melanoma vaccine trial results 'phenomenal', researcher says

ABC Online, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Rachel Carbonell

A world-first cancer vaccine has been shown to radically reduce the risk of melanoma recurrence and death. The results from an Australian-led phase 3 human trial revealed a 42 per cent reduction in the risk of melanoma recurrence.

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‘Bespoke’ mRNA vaccine significantly reduces risk of melanoma recurrence or death, clinical trial shows

The Guardian, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Donna Lu

A personalised mRNA-based melanoma vaccine significantly reduces the risk of cancer recurrence or death within two years, new clinical trial results show. The vaccine, intismeran, is custom-made to target genetic mutations unique to an individual’s melanoma. It is the first individualised cancer vaccine to show positive results in a phase III clinical trial.

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Targeted immunotherapy cancer treatment now accessible in the Mid West at Geraldton Health Campus

Kalgoorlie Miner, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Geraldton man Roy Wolczyk has become patient zero for new cancer treatment in regional WA. He has been the first regional patient to receive the new cancer treatment for his lymphoma at Geraldton Health Campus, enabling him to stay at home.

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Also reported by: *West Australian*

World-first cancer vaccine slashes death risk in stunning findings led by Aussie scientist

Daily Mail UK, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Joanna Hynds

A Sydney scientist is leading a world-first cancer vaccine trial that has dramatically reduced the risk of melanoma returning or patients dying from the disease. The study found the vaccine cut the risk of cancer recurrence or death by 42 per cent compared with patients who received only an immunotherapy drug, pembrolizumab, which is sold under the brand name Keytruda.

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Also reported by: *Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal*

Michelle thought she had a stomach bug. Now her devastating diagnosis comes amid shocking rise in one of Australia's deadliest cancers

Daily Mail UK, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Elise Wilson

When Sydney makeup artist Michelle Dubé began feeling mildly nauseous one Sunday afternoon, she assumed she'd eaten something that didn't agree with her. The 58-year-old had no pain, wasn't vomiting and had little reason to suspect the seemingly harmless symptoms were anything more than an ordinary stomach bug.

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Melanoma mRNA Vaccine Trial Reduces Mortality Risk

ABC, ABC News, TV, 23 Oct 2026, Jeremy Fernandez

An Australian-led trial of a personalised mRNA vaccine has cut the risk of advanced melanoma recurrence or death by 42 per cent. Principal Investigator Professor Georgina Long described the results as phenomenal, noting the tailor-made treatment trains the immune system to target tumour mutations.

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Moderna cancer vaccine trial results revealed

2GB, Mornings, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Mark Levy

Results from Moderna's phase three worldwide vaccine trial have been revealed in Madrid, heralded as a foundational shift in cancer treatment. Study chief investigator Georgina Long described cancer vaccines as a new frontier in immunotherapy that could lift survival rates across multiple cancers, ans she stated that the development will significantly impact melanoma patients and potentially all cancers.

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Regional Queensland campaigner pushes for cancer care

ABC Radio Perth, Breakfast, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Mark Gibson

In Kilcoy, Regional Queensland, 85yo Harold Alford is campaigning for improved regional healthcare and cancer care nurses to support patients in their homes. Diagnosed with lung cancer last year, Alford has worn pink daily for 25 years following his wife's death from breast cancer to raise research funds and encourage open discussion about the disease.

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University of Sydney develops melanoma cancer vaccine

3AW, Mornings, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Tom Elliott

Researchers at the University of Sydney have developed an effective cancer vaccine that dramatically cuts the recurrence risk of melanoma. Results from phase three human trials showed a 42% survival rate compared with patients who had previously been passing away.

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Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Staff would take pay cut for sanity's sake

Weekend Australian, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Ewin Hannan, Page 2

Forty-six per cent of Australian workers would accept a pay cut for a job that was better for their mental health, according to a new survey of over 4000 workers that also found two in five took a day off work in the past year due to their mental health. One third of the 4065 workers surveyed said they had left a job due to the impact on their mental health, while 25 per cent of workers seriously considered leaving their current role in the past 12 months due to mental health pressures.

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How Covid's long tail has torn Victoria apart

AFR Weekend, Perspective, 24 Oct 2026, Myriam Robin, Page 14

For giving aid unquestioningly to those who need it, for its charismatic founder Kon Karapanagiotidis, and for its denunciation of the politics of division, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is one of Melbourne's most iconic charities.

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Also reported by: *Australian Financial Review*

It's mental health, not ideology

AFR Weekend, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Cathal Leslie, Page 38

A national tragedy is an excellent occasion to demand better manners from your opponents.

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Also reported by: *Australian Financial Review*

Violence breaks the silence on mental health

Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 24 Oct 2026, Page 40

Before politics, Helen Haines spent decades working around hospitals in what would become her federal seat of Indi and she captured the local mental health crisis with her trademark gentle decency that a few years later echoes with bittersweet poignancy. ''Everywhere I travel in Indi, people talk to me about mental health."

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Also reported by: *Sydney Morning Herald*

Business blues

Daily Telegraph, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Ryan Keen and Harry Clifton, Page 1

Mental health crisis dogs small biz owners blindsided by government regulations The mental health of Australia's under-siege small business operators is plummeting as they grapple with being blindsided by regular rule changes and rising compliance bills. More than one in three operators 36 per centsay they have a mental health condition, spiking from 30 per cent two years ago, according to a new national survey from the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Also reported by: *Hobart Mercury*, *Herald Sun*

The difficult truth about suicide prevention

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Ron Calvert, Page 69

We have all seen news reports that raise deeply confronting questions about mental health care in our community. They make for difficult reading. We hear of people who have come to an emergency department seeking help, only to die by suicide shortly after being discharged.

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'Soldier on': workers face rising abuse and bullying

Daily Liberal, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Stephanie Gardiner, Page 30

For years, a former emergency worker could not drive through the town where she was pushed out of her job without shaking uncontrollably. [...] Experts fear unique workplace pressures and limited mental health support outside the cities may exacerbate labour shortages, with research showing regional workers face complex psychological risks.

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Also reported by: *Central Western Daily*, *Northern Daily Leader*, *Western Advocate*

‘We can’t just pretend that everything’s OK in the regions’: what went wrong in Wangaratta?

The Guardian, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Caitlin Cassidy and Cait Kelly

Something changed a few years ago. [...] At this week’s vigil, the chief executive of Regional Development Australia, Sarimah Hellyer, says it isn’t lost on her that one of the main issues Haines had fought for over the past seven years was better mental healthcare.

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Calls for increased regional mental health funding

News24, AM Agenda, TV, 23 Oct 2026, Jaynie Seal

Interview with Independent MP Dai Le, about tackling violence and boosting government funding for mental illness and suicide prevention. Le highlighted the need for greater support services in regional areas and South West Sydney. Seal also says the Albanese Government has announced $6.9m over two years to strengthen mental health support in high-risk industries.

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Calls for targeted mental health care funding

Radio National, Life Matters, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Hilary Harper & Beverley Wang

Australia's mental health ministers are meeting today to decide how responsibility for the underfunded system should be shared under the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement. Psychiatrist Professor Patrick McGorry called for targeted funding aligned with specific goals, noting the Productivity Commission previously found the arrangement was failing a large cohort of seriously ill people.

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Also reported by: *ABC Radio Sydney*

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Immunisation

COVID-19 vaccination is changing: what primary care clinicians need to know

Healthed Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

From 1 October 2026, COVID-19 vaccination in Australia transitioned from the National COVID-19 Vaccine Program (NCVP) to the National Immunisation Program (NIP), bringing it into the routine framework used for other nationally funded vaccines. [...] Recent Australian data shows that older adults who received a COVID-19 vaccine more than 12 months ago were almost twice as likely to die from COVID-19 as those vaccinated within the previous 3 months.

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Health Systems Strategies

Bloody great outcome

Courier Mail, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 9

The federal government has appointed Australian Red Cross Lifeblood to run the nation's stem cell donation service just days after the Sunday Mail exposed that they were risking lives by delaying the tender decision for months. Swab testing and recruitment were suspended while the government dithered over who would run the life-saving stem cell register and services, resulting in trauma for blood cancer patients such as Brisbane's Rowan Tong-Law, who are in desperate need of a stem cell match.

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Health Economics & Research

Report reveals state's 'wasted' Covid millions

Weekend Australian, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Emma Kirk and William Elliott, Page 10

Victorian Opposition Leader Jess Wilson has lashed the Labor government over its almost $40bn Covid-19 bill, accusing it of wasting taxpayer money while promising greater transparency over government spending. Ms Wilson said Victorians deserved to know where their money was going after a damning Auditor-General's report exposed hundreds of millions of dollars in questionable grants and unused medical supplies.

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Women and Infants Research Foundation launches groundbreaking global hub for Perth

West Australian, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Rhianna Mitchell

Perth will become home to a new global research institute for women and babies, aimed at bringing together world-leading scientists, universities and hospitals to tackle devastating health issues such as preterm birth and endometriosis. Led by WA's renowned Women and Infants Research Foundation, the

WIRF Global Institute for Women and Babies will seek to accelerate breakthroughs in women's health, pregnancy and newborn care.

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Also reported by: *Kalgoorlie Miner*

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First Nations Health

After years of water torture, hope springs

Weekend Australian, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Sarah Elks, Page 10

On the sandy curve of a bay in northeast Arnhem Land, Yolngu elder Timmy Djawa Burarrwanga has been welcoming travellers to his ancestral home for years; sharing his culture to build a bridge between black and white Australia. [...] She said clean water and fresh food were essential to prevent conditions such as RHD, scabies and kidney disease.

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Also reported by: *The Australian*

Vaccine uptake program for Ngaanyatjarra men and boys uses traditional language and male nurses

West Australian, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Rosa Griffith

A vaccination program targeting Aboriginal men and boys has been delivered in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, using traditional language and male nurses to improve health literacy in a culturally safe and appropriate way. [...] A 2025 National Centre for Immunisation report identified significantly fewer Aboriginal boys were receiving adolescent-specific doses on time compared to Aboriginal girls or non-Indigenous children.

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Advocates call for greater transparency on youth suicides in out-of-home care

ABC Online, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Brooke Fryer

Experts say data gaps on suicides in out-of-home care mean prevention efforts are falling short, despite children in care being at higher risk. [...] First Nations children are over-represented in the out-of-home-care system and face higher risks of suicide.

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Child protection 'crisis': Governments must back Aboriginal-led solutions

National Indigenous Times, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Jarred Cross

With the child protection "crisis" facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children occurring nationwide, leading First Nations organisations and advocates say it is more important than ever that families receive support from Indigenous-led organisations, and that decisions affecting their children are made with their

knowledge, cultural authority and leadership. [...] Asked whether governments are doing enough, she told this masthead there has been greater engagement through the Closing the Gap agreement.

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Jaghu launches birth registration clinic for Indigenous families

National Indigenous Times, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Joseph Guenzler

First Nations families in Ipswich can access support to register their children's births through a clinic run by the Jaghu Maternal and Infant Program. The First Nations Birth Registration Clinic operates twice a month at Bremer Medical Centre, extending a service introduced earlier this year for families who welcomed a baby through Jaghu.

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Public Hospital and Health Reform

Without a cent in funding, clinic now open

Border Mail, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Chelsea Wilson, Page 7

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service (AWAHS) has officially opened its first Wodonga clinic without any government funding. After 19 years leading the health service, AWAHS chief executive David Noonan has seen his vision of a Wodonga site realised.

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Great Southern patients to receive more support when travelling to Perth for specialist healthcare under PatHS

West Australian, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Amy Towers

Great Southern patients will receive improved support when travelling to Perth for specialist healthcare, with the expansion the Country Patient Health Support program aimed at making medical journeys easier to navigate. The State Government's Country PatHS service will be rolled out across the Great Southern next month as part of a phased expansion across all seven regions in WA.

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Elizabeth Struhs was deemed ‘safe’ by those meant to protect her. An inquest into her death is asking what went wrong

The Guardian, Internet, 24 Oct 2026, Andrew Messenger

The first time a Queensland government employee declared Elizabeth Struhs safe was two days after the six-year-old nearly died. In July 2019, her father, Jason Struhs, had taken her to Toowoomba hospital in a coma. She was diagnosed with diabetic ketoacidosis, as a result of her previously undetected type 1 diabetes.

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Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office

Nurses feeling the pain

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Nadine Morton, Page 1

NAOMI Jones' grandmother is in palliative care on the South Coast, but with fuel prices surging and a stagnant pay packet it's becoming tougher for the Wollongong woman to visit her dying nan. [...] NSWNMA general secretary Michael Whaites said, "Healthe Care is refusing to budge on its final pay offer which is below inflation".

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Former Hobart hospital nurse banned over patient theft and 61 off-duty offences

The Mercury, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Amber Wilson

Violence, drug use and gift voucher fraud: A nurse who stole a patient's bank card during a late shift, then quietly returned it the next morning before embarking on 61 crimes, has been disqualified. A former registered nurse at the Hobart Repatriation Hospital has been disqualified from practice after stealing a patient's bank card and taking $1000 from their account – plus some 61 offences committed off-duty involving drugs, assault, and fraud.

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Health Workforce

Doctor convicted of sex assault can still work as a GP

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Bevan Shields, Page 5

Just after midday on October 17, 2022, a police officer walked into the Wallace Street Medical Centre in Braidwood for what should have been a routine pap smear. What happened next changed her life, and exposed flaws in how the system handles dangerous doctors.

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Also reported by: *Sydney Morning Herald*

‘Gross betrayal': Victim speaks out as guilty doctor keeps licence

Daily Telegraph Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

A woman sexually assaulted by a GP during a pelvic exam has broken her silence, expressing disgust that the guilty doctor remains registered to practise medicine months after his verdict. NSW GP Deepak Shadilal

Puri, 44, previously practised in Braidwood, about 70km east of Canberra, before he was arrested in March 2023.

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Damning report reveals Modbury Hospital emergency department operating at 200 per cent capacity

Daily Telegraph Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Evangeline Polymeneas

Frontline doctors say working at Modbury Hospital is a “daily s**t show”, describing conditions as “demoralising” as its emergency department runs at 200 per cent over capacity. A damning report by the SA Salaried Medical Officers Association (SASMOA) found patients spend their days waiting in emergency while staff are at breaking point and urgent calls for assistance go unanswered.

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Also reported by: *The Mercury*

Kilcoy's 'pink man' lobbies for cancer care nurses across regional Australia

ABC Online, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Harold Alford, fondly nicknamed the "pink man", is a local legend in Queensland's Kilcoy. The "true gentleman" is known for his pink Akubra, pink clothes, pink gumboots, pink lawn bowls, pink scooter, and even a pink walking frame.

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‘$250k not enough': Aussies eyeing exit amid affordability crisis

Toowoomba Chronicle, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Lydia Kellner

Australia’s great escape is no longer just for the rich – now the nurses, professionals and young families being crushed by the cost of living are eyeing the exit too. [...] “In terms of nursing, the nurses in America make so much more than we do - almost double our salary."

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Benefits Integrity

Australians raid $1.4b from superannuation for medical costs as regulators warn of 'predatory' tactics

ABC Online, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Stephanie Dalzell and Paige Cockburn

Australians withdrew a record $1.46 billion from their superannuation last financial year on compassionate grounds, prompting regulators to sound the alarm over "predatory" sales tactics being used by health practitioners. [...] The ATO has been working with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) to crack down on a "concerning trend" of health practitioners, like dentists, encouraging people to withdraw their superannuation inappropriately for services, such as cosmetic dental procedures.

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Sunshine Coast chiropractor stripped of registration after practising without insurance, tribunal rules

Cairns Post, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Chloe Grimshaw and Kelsey Reid

A Sunshine Coast chiropractor has been stripped of his registration after a random audit by the industry watchdog found he was working without appropriate insurance. [...] The court documents show Mr Rozanski was registered with the board until November of this year, however, an audit by the Australian health Practitioner Regulation Authority in 2021 found he did not have professional indemnity insurance.

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Also reported by: *Sunshine Coast Daily*, *Townsville Bulletin*, *Toowoomba Chronicle*

Aussies accessing compassionate release of super climbs to $1.4 billion

The New Daily, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

Australians are being warned of predatory schemes that allow vulnerable workers to access their super early, as the value of super released hits 10 figures. [...] Justin Untersteiner, CEO of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), said registered medical officials should never put profit before their patients' needs.

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AHPRA and ATO crackdown on 'predatory practices'

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Internet, 23 Oct 2026

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is stepping up its auditing of compassionate release of superannuation applications, with medical practitioners, including GPs, warned they could be handed significant penalties. The ATO has joined forces with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) to crackdown on 'predatory practices', as approved applications continue to rise.

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Child psychologist was suspended for a'sexual in nature' relationship - but now he's teaching children on the NDIS

Daily Mail UK, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Maisy Rae

A NSW children's psychologist suspended for having a 'sexual in nature' relationship with an ex-patient is now working with children on the NDIS, the Daily Mail can reveal. [...] The new psychologist then made a complaint to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

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Australian CDC

Spike in flu cases

Courier Mail, General News, 24 Oct 2026, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 29

A dangerous and unusually late flu season has hospitalised hundreds of Queenslanders with schoolchildren and over 65s the worst hit. Queensland Health figures show 2911 people were diagnosed with influenza in the week to October 19 and 272 of those were hospitalised the highest number needing care in the 2026 flu season.

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Therapeutic Goods Administration

Moves to recall Andrographis products gathers pace

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Nicholas O'Donoghue

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has announced that six medicines sponsors have confirmed the recall of nine more Andrographis containing medications. The move comes a month after the regulator revealed that new medicines containing Andrographis paniculata (Andrographis) This content is restricted to registered users only.

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TGA reviewing nitrous oxide scheduling decisions

ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, AM Radio, 23 Oct 2026, Saskia Mabin

Interview with No 2 Nangs founder Sam Bramman. Bramman discusses the dangers of nitrous oxide and rising misuse among young people. He also noted that the Therapeutic Goods Administration is examining the substance and will decide on potential rescheduling by February next year, which could help curb the importation of large canisters into Australia.

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Food Standards

Farmdale Full Cream Long Life Milk pulled from shelves by Aldi over contamination concerns

7News.com.au, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Bryce Luff

Supermarket giant Aldi has pulled an exclusive milk product from shelves because it has been contaminated. [...] “Food products that are spoilt may cause illness (or) injury if consumed,” an alert from Food Standards Australia New Zealand said on Friday.

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NT passes Safe Air Bill forcing polluters to monitor emissions after Inpex scandal

Daily Telegraph Australia, Internet, 23 Oct 2026, Fia Walsh

Big polluters will be forced to report industrial emissions in the Northern Territory under new laws passed this week, but critics say the reform falls short on any real environmental or health protections. [...] That includes volatile organic compounds such as benzene, a toxic chemical linked to cancers.

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