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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(page 3\)](#)** reports that new research by the University of Sydney has raised concerns about the risk of miscarriage or birth defects in women taking oral retinoids for acne treatment. Researchers are calling for reforms in care management and better education for doctors and patients regarding the issue.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald \(page 5\)](#)** reports that NSW Health has urged doctors to consider alternatives to shortage-hit respiratory antibiotics for children as the nation faces a shortage of the medication and a surge in infections amongst both patients and staff.
- **[The Daily Telegraph \(page 11\)](#)** reports that new research from Flinders University has found that a high number of women in Australia are routinely binge-drinking alcohol at high-risk levels, with researchers highlighting a need for tailored support and strategies for women with alcohol problems.
- **[The Herald Sun \(page 21\)](#)** reports that specialists are warning that nurses and surgeons are being exposed to concerning levels of radiation through the use of x-ray guided surgery techniques that beam images of surgeries in real time.
- **[The Courier Mail \(page 1\)](#)** reports that the Queensland state government will be scrutinising the doula industry following the death of a second baby during a homebirth. Doulas are trained

to support mothers in labour, but are not medical professionals, and the industry is unregulated.

- **[The Adelaide Advertiser \(page 3\)](#)** reports that officials have announced three local cases of mpox (formerly known as monkey pox) have been reported to SA Health, taking it to 67 in Australia this year, 45 of those reported in Victoria.
- **[The West Australian \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Joondalup Health Campus is under fresh scrutiny following claims that a baby was delivered stillborn after his mother was left unmonitored for several hours after inducement of labour.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### **New national campaign to target vaping and smoking**

Warren Star, General News, 19/06/2024, Harriet Gilmore, Page 11

The Australian Government has launched a new national campaign targeting vapers and smokers the first national anti-smoking campaign, in almost a decade. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, said the new campaign gives everyone the once-in-a-generation opportunity and responsibility to act to safeguard the health of young Australians for generations to come.

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### **Federal Health Minister meets with private hospital leaders to tackle sector reforms**

Health Industry Hub, Other, 20/06/2024

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler MP met with members of Catholic Health Australia (CHA) yesterday to...

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### **Backflip on baby spinal treatments**

Medical Forum, Other, 20/06/2024

The Chiropractic Board of Australia has reinstated an interim policy banning the spinal manipulation of children aged under two, after strong criticism from the country's health ministers and doctors. The board had been looking at lifting the four-year ban – a move which quickly attracted the ire of Federal Health Minister Mark Butler.

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### **GP tax deal has bulk winners but won't inoculate all**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 20/06/2024

A tax-relief incentive for GPs who bulk-bill has been designed to put a floor under declining rates of doctors seeing patients without charging out-of-pocket costs, NSW officials say. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said increasing bulk-billing incentives were a "game-changer" for Medicare.

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

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### **New long COVID/CFS guidelines to drop graded exercise therapy**

The Medical Republic, Other, 20/06/2024, Penny Durham

An announcement has pre-empted the chief recommendation in new guidelines before they are

developed. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler today announced a \$1.1 million grant to the NHMRC to develop the guidelines in consultation with patient support groups such as Emerge and ME/CFS Australia.

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## **The Good News Supplement: Monday 10th June - Sunday 16th June**

WEB Substack, Other, 20/06/2024

David Walsh, chief sports writer at The Sunday Times, has written a scathing article demolishing the IOC's gender-pandering media guidelines and defending women's sport. [...] Health Minister, Guy Barnett, has written to his federal counterpart, Australia's Health Minister, Mark Butler, asking him to consider the idea.

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## **Channel 9, Nine Afternoon News, 20/06/2024, Alice Monfries**

A new bulk-billed mental health support service has opened up in Elizabeth. Open seven days a week, the clinic is aimed at reducing pressure on our busy hospitals. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says they've had a laser-like focus on building those services to fill the gaps.

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## **ABC Broken Hill, 12:00 News, 20/06/2024**

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has announced that a new Medicare mental health centre is opening up in Elizabeth today. The centre will be complemented with a 16-bed crisis stabilisation centre, funded by the state government providing short term support for people in Adelaide's northern suburbs experiencing distress.

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## **MINISTER WELLS**

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### **Channel 9, Today, 20/06/2024, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo**

Panel discussion with Anika Wells, Minister for Sport and Peter Fegan, Nine News Presenter. Wells discusses her ridicule of Opposition leader Peter Dutton's nuclear promises, such as the possible costs when will it be possible to be done and where the waste is going to go. She believes that they did not receive their deserved answers to those questions from Dutton yesterday.

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## **ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE**

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Pharmacy Daily, General News, 20/06/2024, Page 4

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Commissioner. [...] Pharmacist and Assistant Minister for Mental Health Emma McBride said, our bulk billing incentives have seen its rate increase by 3.4% nationally since last Nov, with some of the greatest gains in rural and regional areas.

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## Sky News Regional, Breakfast, 20/06/2024, Jaynie Seal

Interview with Emma McBride, Assistant Rural and Regional Health Minister. Seal points out that Opposition Leader Peter Dutton is promising to build nuclear power plants across the country by 2050, if they win the next Federal election with huge questions remaining on the matter such as the possible price and how to win over Labor states. McBride believes that establishing these nuclear sites is quite risky and Dutton is risking a nuclear reactor and he wants Australians to pay for it. He states that Dutton also has not visited the sites where he proposed to set-up nuclear reactors for years.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

### Medicare marking 40 years

Centralian Today, General News, 20/06/2024, Page 16

To mark 40 years of Medicare, the Albanese Labor government is looking to honour and recognise the dedicated people and teams working in the primary health care sector right across the country. [...] Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Malarndirri McCarthy said whether it's the dedicated nurse practitioner who works hard to get everyone up to date on their immunisations or the GP working hard to improve the health and wellbeing of each person who comes through the door, our health workers need to be recognised.

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## DEPARTMENT

### Have your say on aged care support at home

Bungendore Weekly, General News, 19/06/2024, Page 15

The Department of Health and Aged Care (Department) Is undertaking an open public consultation on the establishment of a National Aged Care Mandatory Quality Indicator Program (QI Program) for in-home aged care services. The QI Program aims to help people find information about the quality of aged care services, assist providers in measuring and improving the quality of their services, and support Government to make evidence-based policy.

## Rob inspires

Gladstone Today, General News, 20/06/2024, Karen Simmons, Page 1

After turning his life around with fitness and food, Tannum Sands dad Rob Birmingham has set himself a challenge to row a marathon on the top of Mount Larcom to raise funds for mens mental health week. [...] According to a recent Healthy Ageing Survey conducted by LiveUp, an online healthy ageing platform funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care, found that many men find it challenging to carry out daily tasks (75 per cent), and worried about deteriorating health (53 per cent) and loss of independence (29 per cent).

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## Skilling the region's workers for success

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 21/06/2024, Lydia Roberts, Page 4

New England's "brains trust" is creating a blueprint for stemming the skills shortage and exporting the model to Australia. [...] Forum panellists included UNE vice-chancellor Chris Moran, incoming national rural health commissioner Jenny May, Business NSW New England North West regional director Diane Gray and New England North West Regional Advisory Council president Tim Coates.

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## Aged care residents' rights: The new Aged Care Act

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Page 42

Significant changes are expected in the aged care landscape in the not too distant future. [...] Replacing the existing Aged Care Act and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Act 2018, the aim of the new Aged Care Act is to "create a simplified, rights based legislative framework, comprised of a single piece of primary legislation that focuses on the needs of older people" (Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, 2023).

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## More trouble brewing?

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Michael Fine, Page 12

A number of reports and planning documents released without fanfare by the Commonwealth Department of Health in January and February this year spell out the direction that the Federal Government seeks to take the proposed new Support at Home (SAH) program.

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## Listening and learning

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 18

Aged care policy experts are calling on the federal and state government to introduce a stewardship based model to fix the nation's rural, regional and remote aged care sector. [...] Based on the Budget response, the government's also starting to invest in the regional network, which was a key recommendation from the Royal Commission that suggested that Department of Health staff be broken up I want to say decentralised - but put into these regional offices so they can really get a deep sense of what was happening in these communities, understand the needs of the older Australians within that community, and then help design sustainable services to deliver on those needs.

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## Not over yet

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 26

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has pressed the federal government to step up its COVID-19 vaccine dose donation efforts as the existing \$300 million Pacific support package expires in June. [...] I was in a meeting with Department of Health this morning and many of our aged care citizens are certainly taking up the third booster, and in many cases the winter dose as it's called, or the fourth.

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## Bread winner

Take 5, General News, 27/06/2024, Page 13

From mashed potatoes to warming bowls of delicious pasta, winter is the perfect time to enjoy anything starchy, bready or grainy. [...] According to the Department of Health and Aged Care, the recommended carbohydrate intake in adults and children is 45 to 65 per cent of dietary energy intake.

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## Tuberculosis isn't often seen in Australia, but I tested positive for TB this year

ABC Online, Other, 20/06/2024, Fleur Connick

I knew something wasn't right when the lymph nodes in my neck began to swell, causing intense pain and headaches, unlike anything I'd experienced before. [...] According to the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care, the national incidence of TB post-COVID has remained consistent with previous years.

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## Rolling out aged care vaccinations through pharmacies

agedhealth.com.au, Other, 20/06/2024

A pharmacy vaccination program has been successfully rolled out for aged care residents across northern Queensland. [...] Participating pharmacies already engaged in the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) COVID-19 vaccination program received funding support from NQPHN to conduct the in-reach vaccination services at residential aged care homes (RACHs).

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## The Health Wrap: COVID news, epidemics that didn't happen, discrimination harms – and calls for more innovation and evaluation

Croakey, Other, 20/06/2024, Melissa Sweet

Elderly Australians are bearing the burden of the surging COVID caseload, and United States experts have proposed a new definition for long COVID, according to the latest edition of The Health Wrap. [...]

The Department of Health and Aged Care reports that, as of 13 June, there were 4,147 active COVID-19 cases reported in 487 active outbreaks in residential aged care homes across Australia.

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## Northern Territory Aboriginal Health Forum celebrates 100th meeting milestone

National Indigenous Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Joseph Guenzler

The Northern Territory Aboriginal Health Forum (NTAHF) marked its 100th meeting on Wednesday, covering a span of 26 years. The Forum is the main collaborative Aboriginal health planning partnership between government and Aboriginal community-controlled health services (ACCHSs) in the Northern Territory. Its members include the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT), the Northern Territory Department of Health, the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (DOHAC), the NT Primary Health Network (NTPHN), the Northern Territory Department of Chief Minister, the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

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## TGA webinar

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 20/06/2024

The new regulations and the ban on compounding of weight loss medications will be explained to pharmacists in a webinar by the Department of Health and Ageing on 14 Aug. The TGA will continue to actively monitor the supply of Ozempic, Mounjaro and Trulicity and liaise with sponsors of GLP-1 RAs regarding supply status and availability of their medicines.

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## New program starts soon

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 20/06/2024

Credentialed pharmacists can work onsite in aged care homes via community pharmacies or employed directly from 01 Jul, according to the Department of Health and Ageing. Aged care homes will also be able to claim the pharmacist's salary from 01 Oct, when the payment administration system will be operational.

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## Movers & Shakers: National Reconstruction Fund names first chief investment officer

The Mandarin, Other, 20/06/2024, The Mandarin

[...] Australia's next rural health commissioner will be Jenny May. She will hold the position from September 2 until June 2026, replacing outgoing commissioner Ruth Stewart.

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## Why does Sonic want to control both Cubiko and Best Practice?

The Medical Republic, Other, 20/06/2024, Jeremy Knibbs

Our largest pathology provider is quietly marching towards control of the desktop and the data of general practice. [...] A key policy paper released earlier this year by the Department of Health and Aged Care outlining a plan to get up a much better e-requesting environment for patients, doctors and pathology had this to say about how efficient things were and how much more efficient they wanted the system to be: "Studies from the UK's NHS indicate that up to a quarter of all pathology requests may be duplicates or unnecessary.

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## Unannounced visits from regulator for aged care homes not vaccinating residents against COVID-19

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

The Department of Health and Aged Care's Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has ramped up pressure on aged care providers that are neglecting their responsibility to ensure residents remain

vaccinated against COVID-19, revealing it will be making unannounced visits to homes that let vaccination rates languish.

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## **Please explain: Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner writes to non-compliant providers on care minutes**

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

In correspondence seen by The Weekly SOURCE, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner Janet Anderson has written to aged care homes that have not achieved their mandated care minute targets, asking them to explain the non-compliance and the steps they are taking to remedy the situation. [...] Source: Department of Health and Aged Care.

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## **ABC Riverland SA, Breakfast, 20/06/2024, Matt Stephens**

Health experts are calling for Australians to keep up with their COVID vaccines as cases increase amid colder weather. The latest figures from the Department of Health show that an average of 81 people are being hospitalised each day with the virus. Professor Alison McMillan, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, says vulnerable people especially should get vaccinated.

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## **CORONAVIRUS**

### **Scientists eye noses as Covid resisters**

The Australian, General News, 21/06/2024, Poppy Koronka, Page 3

The mystery of why Covid-19 left some victims in intensive care and others with no symptoms at all is a step closer to being solved - and the answer could have something to do with their noses. Scientists at British institutions have uncovered a process through which people can defeat the virus before infection can take hold.

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### **Nursing homes warned over jab rates**

Newcastle Herald, General News, 21/06/2024, Gabriel Fowler, Page 24

The low rate of nursing home residents with up-to-date COVID-19 vaccinations has prompted a warning from the federal aged care watchdog. The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has put nursing home owners on notice after the most recent data released by the federal government.

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## **AGEING AND AGED CARE**

### **Visa sponsorship helps fill local worker gaps**

Border Watch, General News, 21/06/2024, Melanie Riley, Page 10

Edgarley Assisted Living has worked to combat workforce shortages in the aged care industry by employing several skilled workers from other countries. After advertising both locally and nationally with very little response, chief executive officer of Edgarley Susan Wray said she made the choice to go down the pathway of visa sponsorship to try and solve the issue.

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### **Aged Care IPC Community of Practice**

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Carrie Spinks, Page 48



Infection prevention and control (IPC) was not considered a high priority in aged care prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The high rates of mortality and morbidity (residents and sta?

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## Placing mum in Residential Aged Care thoughts of a nurse/daughter

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Lorna Moxham, Page 52

This article is offered as a personal reflection on my lived experience of placing my nonagenarian mother into residential aged care. Of course, my personal lived experience is also inextricably intertwined with me being a nurse of 44 years.

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## Empathy development for nursing older Australians, introducing Agnes Jenkins

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Claire Webber, Robyn Harvey, Skye Cluse, Heidi Rose, Michelle King-Okoye, Peter 'Kevin' O'Shaughnessy and Michelle Kelly, Page 54

This article describes a simulation teaching activity created by a nursing team within the Clinical and Health Sciences academic unit at the University of South Australia (UniSA). The aim was to provide a blended learning experience in managing agerelated health issues, refine critical thinking and communication skills, and developing empathy for older people.

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## Speak up

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 22

Nearly one in five men who die of suicide in Australia are aged over 60, with suicide rates for males aged 85 the highest of any age group, meaning the need for targeted and tailored prevention training is growing. Anglicare's Suicide Prevention for Seniors Program, created in mid-2021, aims to educate aged care workers about the different risk factors which can lead to suicidal behaviour in older people.

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## Data driven

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Tammy Sherwood, Page 30

Certain considerations must always be contemplated before implementing changes to an environment where an elderly person resides, to ensure they are as comfortable, safe and happy as possible. One area of growing concern is hydration and nutrition, which should be at the forefront of care practices year-round.

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## NSW Budget: what's in it for aged care

Aged Care Insite, Other, 20/06/2024, Stefanie Schultz

The NSW government has announced the state's "biggest single investment in social housing" to help address the housing crisis, despite a budget it says has suffered an \$11.9bn blow because of the GST carve up. Describing his second budget as "a careful budget in difficult times", Treasurer Daniel Mookhey said the government was expecting four years of budget deficits but was also focused on helping NSW households cope with the cost of living crisis.

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## How older Australians can stay at home – opinion

Aged Care Insite, Other, 20/06/2024, Kris Whitehead

Home is where the heart is, and older Australians want to stay there. But the reality they increasingly face is the question of 'how'?

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## **Most homes missing care minute targets**

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 20/06/2024, Christopher Kelly

Only a third of residential care homes are meeting their care minute targets, according to new analysis. Released by the UTS Ageing Research Collaborative, Australia's Aged Care Sector Mid-Year Report 2023-24 shows that just 36 per cent of homes are meeting the average of 200 minutes of care per resident per day – 40 minutes of which should be provided by a registered nurse.

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## **Sydney council applauded for dementia-friendly efforts**

Australian Seniors News, Other, 20/06/2024

City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council's Dementia Alliance began life as a small idea with a big vision – to create a dementia-friendly City and break down stigmas around the disease. Three years on, the Dementia Alliance has supported thousands in the community, and has been recognised with a top honour at the NSW Local Government 2024 Excellence Awards.

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## **Birds and the Bees: Talking About Sex and Intimacy in Aged Care**

HelloCare, Other, 20/06/2024, Alex Jacobs

We all remember having the talk with our parents growing up. Perhaps it involved some birds and bees, or a really awkward question like 'Have you noticed your body changing lately'.

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## **Aged Care Providers Face Unannounced Visits for Low COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake**

HelloCare, Other, 20/06/2024, Jakob Neeland

In a bid to bolster COVID-19 preparedness in aged care facilities, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission has announced a series of stringent measures, including unannounced visits to homes with low vaccination rates. This move comes as part of a broader strategy to ensure the safety and well-being of residents as the pandemic continues.

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## **Brookfield start sale process for \$3B retirement village operator Aveo**

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Ian Horswill

One of the world's largest alternative investment management companies, Brookfield, is looking to sell its Australian retirement village owner/operator, for a figure around \$3 billion. The Weekly SOURCE understands investment banks have been invited to pitch in the past fortnight for a role selling what was the country's largest retirement operator, Aveo, before it decided to put its retirement villages in South Australia and Tasmania for sale in April.

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## **Taskforce recommendations “fundamental” for aged care's financial sustainability: UARC report**

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

As we prepared to go to press this morning, the UTS Ageing Research Collaborative (UARC) released its Australia's Aged Care Sector: Mid-Year Report 2023-24, for the six months to 31 December 2023, highlighting the capital financing challenges facing the sector and provider's use of funding intended for care on accommodation and everyday living services.

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## **Will the Government win more votes sending the Minister to sporting**

## events or by fixing aged care?

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Lauren Broomham

This week marked six months since the Aged Care Taskforce's Final Report with its 32 recommendations was presented to the Federal Government, and aged care providers are quite rightly asking: where is the Government's response to the recommendations? The Minister's Department had advised the sector that the Report would be made public no later than the end of January .

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## Elderly that would fill three aged care homes stuck in NSW hospitals

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

Three large residential aged care facilities would need to be built to accommodate all the older patients stuck in NSW hospitals ready to be discharged, but unable to leave due to the lack of aged care beds. "As of 12 June 2024, there were 429 patients in NSW public hospitals who had exceeded their estimated date of discharge while waiting for an aged care facility placement," a NSW Health spokesperson told The SOURCE.

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## Sector 4,000 RNs short ahead of 44 direct RN aged care minutes in October

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

The aged care sector is estimated to be short 4,043 RNs for the 2024-25 financial year, recent Senate Estimates heard, as increased care minute targets loom only three months away, including increased targets for the degree-qualified nurses. "In just a few months' time, aged care providers will be required to find even more additional staff – in the midst of a workforce crisis - in order to provide an average of 215 care minutes per resident per day , including 44 minutes of direct RN care," said Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care Senator Anne Ruston.

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## Helen Emmerson appointed Executive Director of Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Ian Horswill

Helen, who resigned after five years as CEO of Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) in September 2023, replaces Jason Oldridge, who finished his term as executive director of the Not For Profit earlier this year. Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains , whose 2023 Focus Programs were Bushfire and Disaster Recovery, Parish Refugee Sponsorship, Support for Refugees and Pets and Animal Welfare Support, is the Diocese of Parramatta's social welfare agency.

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## Yarra City Council confirms transfer of home care services to new providers

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

Yarra City Council has named the providers that will take on their meal delivery, transport and social support home care services, after previously announcing in 2022 it would cease delivering home care services. Benetas will take on the delivery of meals through a Lite n'Easy subcontractor, and will continue to include a welfare check when the client is home.

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## Student aged care workers deregistered after tying resident to chair

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

Two young aged care workers who came to Australia on student visas have been banned from working in healthcare for two years after the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) found they posed "a risk to the health or safety of members of the public". An HCCC investigation found the Assistants in Nursing (AINs), Megana Pandey and Supryinka Poudel, in an incident in June last year, used a bedsheet to tie an 85-year-old man living with dementia to a chair, failed to intervene when the man fell, left the man on the floor in urine-soaked clothing, and used "unreasonable force" when they pulled him across the floor by his arms.

## Apollo Care opens 30 new beds at PresCare site in regional QLD

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

This week Apollo Care opened the final six of 30 new aged care beds at PresCare Groundwater Lodge, in Maryborough, 255km north of Brisbane. The operator acquired the home in 2021, and subsequently upgraded the facility several times, including: refurbishing the building and outdoor areas,

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## HammondCare turns sod on two new aged care homes at flagship Sydney site

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

In one of his last acts as CEO of HammondCare, Mike Baird announced two multi-storey aged care homes will be built at Hammondville, the provider's 12-hectare site in south west Sydney, home to the largest number of dementia beds in Australia. The two...

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## VIC Govt's \$1.1M per bed home on track for completion in 2025

The Weekly Source, Other, 20/06/2024, Caroline Egan

Last week, Jaclyn Symes, State Member for Northern Victoria, visited construction of the \$57 million Rutherglen Aged Care Facility, located in Rutherglen, 300km north of Melbourne, saying the home is on track for completion in 2025. The first sod was turned on the facility in August last year.

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## 6PR, Afternoons, 20/06/2024, Julie-Anne Sprague

Aged care providers are being told improving vaccination rates will be the key to protecting residents from COVID. This winter, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission will conduct unannounced visits to facilities where rates remain low.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Dreadful toll of acne drug

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 21/06/2024, Henrietta Cook, Page 3

One in 35 Australian women of reproductive age use oral retinoids to clear up acne. But researchers fear the treatment is exacting a dreadful hidden toll.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#)

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### 'Battle Royale' Looms on Dietary Guidelines Review

Australian Meat News, General News, 01/06/2024, Stephanie Flynn, Page 28

Battle-lines are being drawn as the first review of Australia's Dietary Guidelines in over a decade is in process and the nation's meat industry has raised fears that the Review will be 'hijacked' by forces driving the plant-based manufactured protein industry, which is valued at billions of dollars globally, under the guise of sustainability. Sparking the very real concern that environmental issues, not human health, will become a major focus of the Review was the announcement in March by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of its intention to establish a Sustainability Working Group to advise its review panel.

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## Dietary Patterns Account for Majority of Hidden Costs

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has found that unhealthy dietary patterns which lead to obesity and non-communicable diseases causing labour productivity losses accounted for 73 percent of hidden costs of global agri-food systems in 2020. The environmental hidden costs accounted for more than 20 percent of total hidden costs and corresponds to nearly onethird the value added by agriculture.

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## 'Why would you do this to us?': Northern Territory nurses and midwives rally against Middle Arm Industrial Precinct

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Robert Fedele, Page 16

In April, Northern Territory (NT) nurses and midwives, flanked by healthcare colleagues, stood on the steps of NT Parliament to voice their opposition to the contentious Middle Arm Industrial Precinct and its potential health and climate impacts. A Senate Inquiry is currently scrutinising the development, particularly the federal government's \$1.5 billion funding commitment, and most importantly, the associated health and climate impacts that extraction of natural gas and oil through fracking in the Beetaloo Basin, and subsequent processing at Middle Arm's proposed petrochemical hub, could trigger.

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## Ageing: Loneliness of older Australian men diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Peter 'Kevin' O'Shaughnessy and Michelle King-Okoye, Page 50

Prostate cancer (PCa) is the most diagnosed cancer among older men in Australia. Whilst it has a high prevalence, older Australian men are more likely to die with PCa rather than from PCa due to improvements in treatment and nursing care. [...] References 1. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Cancer in Australia, Cancer series no 133. Canberra: AIHW; 2021 [cited 2024 Mar 30]. AIHW cat. no. CAN 144.

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## The loophole that let me buy weed just blocks from the White House

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 20/06/2024, Farrah Tomazin

Hello from weed-loving Washington. A few days ago I arrived home from the grocery store to find someone had slid a business card into the side of my apartment door. [...] Figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, for instance, show that about 11.5 per cent of the population uses cannabis, with 21 per cent doing so at least once a week, 60 per cent sourcing it from friends and about one in five buying it from drug dealers.

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## 'Deeply troubling'

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 23

Over half of elderly residents on antipsychotics have no diagnosis for psychosis, a national report has shown, reigniting calls to embed trained pharmacists into aged care. In March the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released its first quarterly quality indicator report for residential care to include polypharmacy rates and antipsychotic usage.

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## Tobacco road turns vapour trail: police seize 11,000 vapes on Hume Highway

Canberra Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Peter Brewer

After seizing more than \$1.2 million in illegal tobacco products transported on the Hume Highway recently, an intensive police road safety operation this week has now turned up thousands of illegal vapes. In two days, police have seized more than 20,000 vapes and over \$270,000 in cash during three separate road stops while patrolling the Hume near Gundagai as part of the five-day Operation

Furious, aimed at reducing the number of impaired drivers and vehicle crashes on the busy arterial freeway

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## Menopause must not be 'catastrophised', warn endocrinologists

Australian Doctor, Other, 20/06/2024, Lauren Kelly

Professor Susan Davis says offering leave for menopause risks labelling women as being impaired in their work performance. Two leading endocrinologists are questioning the focus on giving women experiencing menopause symptoms mandatory leave entitlements.

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## I'm a knee surgeon and this is why I'd never do the same type of exercise every day

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 20/06/2024, Shania Obrien

A knee surgeon has revealed two things you should always remember if you want healthy joints - and the best way to prevent pain. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare revealed that over 2 million Australians suffer from osteoarthritis, which is a degenerative joint disease, with millions more complaining of everyday knee pain.

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## 'I don't think we can wait': Vape and tobacco busts only a step in the right direction

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 20/06/2024, Emily Anderson

Some people caught transporting vapes and illegal cigarettes in the Riverina in a recent spate of arrests could be getting off with "low-end charges". Police have arrested and charged eight people for possessing vapes and illegal tobacco during car stops on Riverina roads,

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### 'Our goal is zero deaths from melanoma'

Daily Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Finn Coleman, Page 5

Early detection of melanoma is vital, with 90 per cent of cases cured with simple surgery if the potentially fatal disease is caught early. This was the key message given to general practitioners (GPs) from the Riverina region and beyond, who gave up their Saturday to take in a dermoscopy workshop in Wagga.

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### The cancer capital

Daily Mercury, General News, 21/06/2024, Heidi Petith, Page 7

Shock findings reveal CBD is No.1 in the nation Mackay's CBD is officially the cancer hotspot of the nation, with residents 57 per cent more likely to be diagnosed with the devastating disease compared to the average Australian. [...] The new data has been published in the Australian Cancer Atlas 2.0 - a collaboration between Cancer Council Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology.

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### Program to assist cancer survivors

Shepparton News, General News, 21/06/2024, Alice O'Brien, Page 6

Shepparton locals who have completed cancer treatment have the chance to participate in a free education, exercise and wellness program. Cancer Council Victoria's cancer wellness and exercise program will begin at Goulburn Valley Health on Wednesday, July 10, but participants can join at any time.

## Twelve months on from a world-first brain cancer treatment

In Daily, Other, 20/06/2024

Georgina Long and Richard Scolyer have been at the forefront of Melanoma research for years. Richard Scolyer was diagnosed with terminal Stage 4 Glioblastoma in June 2023. He was given six to nine months to live.

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## Vaccinate kids to reduce hearing loss

Medical Forum, Other, 20/06/2024

A study led by Menzies School of Health Research has recommended that Northern Territory First Nations children aged 12-36 months have improved access to an effective vaccine that could prevent hearing loss. Published last week in PLOS Medicine, the 5-year study looked to uncover which type of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), +P or +S, could best reduce debilitating hearing loss caused by chronic otitis media.

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## How nutrients can fight cancer

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 20/06/2024

An international team of researchers have discovered a way to treat cancer using nutrients to reactivate suppressed metabolic pathways in cancer cells. The researchers used a common amino acid, tyrosine, packaged as a nanomedicine, to change the metabolism of melanoma, a deadly skin cancer, and prevent cancer growth.

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## Reprogramming the immune system to fight type 1 diabetes

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 20/06/2024

New Treatments that reprogram the immune system could work as an early intervention for children at high risk of developing type 1 diabetes (T1D), one of the most serious and common chronic diseases of childhood. Dr Claire Jessup from Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute (FHMRI) in the College of Medicine and Public Health has been awarded a two-year Tim Welborn Early Mid-career Research Fellowship from Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Australia to explore an innovative approach that dampens down autoimmune responses to, and prevent the progression of, T1D.

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Country Victorians can smell a dead rat

Age, General News, 21/06/2024, Jan Beer, Page 27

This past week the Allan government's stocks in regional Victoria plummeted to a new low. On Saturday, The Age revealed secret Labor plans would potentially consolidate Victoria's 75 public health services into 12 networks, forcing the amalgamation of a number of rural health services into just six new entities.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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### Just a cheat's death

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Sean Fewster, Page 1

The Supreme Court has been convinced to sentence the Bicycle Bandit on Monday, so he can use his assisted dying kit, but one of his victims said he should die naturally in jail instead. In a twist, the victim is also terminally ill with cancer.

## If it's mercy for Parsons, what about von Einem?

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, David Penberthy, Page 19

Those of us who are not religious struggle with the concept of the deathbed confessional. It all seems a bit cute and convenient that someone can spend their life making bad choices repeated, conscious decisions which cause hurt to others then neatly tie up their affairs with an 11th-hour chat with their chosen deity.

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

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## 'This was no way to live': Single mum uses VAD

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 23

Loving single mum Liz was 48 when she decided to die peacefully with her teenage daughter and sister by her side. She'd been battling lung cancer for 3 years when doctors told her she didn't have much time left.

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

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## The right to die for criminals is a very bitter pill

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 21/06/2024, Page 24

Bicycle Bandit Kym Allen Parsons should die in jail, naturally. He is a villain who should be denied the right to use a voluntary assisted dying kit that he has arranged at the Flinders Medical Centre.

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## Sentenced to life

The Nightly, General News, 20/06/2024, Mike Smithson, Page 17

The victims of armed robber Kym Allen Parsons are still haunted by his crimes. Should he be allowed to die in peace when they have none?

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

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## Nurse vows to advocate over hospital

Border Mail, General News, 21/06/2024, Anthony Bunn, Page 5

Nurse Geoffrey Hudson will lead the Greens party ticket for the upcoming Albury Council election and he plans to use his personal experience to push for a better Border hospital. The central Albury resident will be No.1 for the group ahead of incumbent councillor Ashley Edwards who was elected for the Greens at the last poll in 2021.

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## An industry in need of a remedy

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 21/06/2024, Peter Martin, Page 69

Despite appearances, Australia's pharmacies don't much compete with each other. Many are commonly owned, especially those near each other. They are ripe for disruption. There's something odd about the proposed merger between Chemist Warehouse and Sigma Healthcare.

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

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## GP tax deal delivers bulk winners but won't inoculate all

Newcastle Herald, General News, 21/06/2024, Alex Mitchell, Page 14

A tax-relief incentive for GPs who bulk-bill has been designed to put a floor under declining rates of doctors seeing patients without charging out-of-pocket costs, NSW officials say. But prices are likely to



go up for people in areas where bulk-billing doctors are few and far between as GPs pass the extra tax impost to their clients.

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## Health campus tender call-out

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 21/06/2024, Page 3

The Kirwan Health Campus expansion project is forging ahead, with the tender now open for construction companies to express their interest. An initial investment of \$40m by the state government is set to deliver a new two-storey facility, expanding on the existing centre to provide midwifery community clinics and dental services, improved accessibility and more parking.

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## 'Where's our PET scanner?'

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 21/06/2024, Ben Silvester, Page 1

Neville Seis was diagnosed with cancer of the gall bladder in late 2023. Regular scans are the 78-year-old Warrnambool man's only hope of keeping the cancer at bay, but that means a two-day overnight ordeal every time.

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## A big heart

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Denise Cummins and Kristine Louis, Page 34

The NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Act (2022) allows an eligible adult to access medical help to end their life. The person must fulfil eligibility criteria and be in the late stages of an advanced disease, illness, or medical condition. Depending on the medical diagnosis some people who plan to access VAD may also be eligible to be an organ donor. If the person raises this issue, appropriate health professionals can discuss the options with them.

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## Call for rural ratios

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 4

Nurses have condemned the "shocking" findings of a NSW government report which highlighted chronic understaffing, lack of access to services and discrimination in regional, rural and remote healthcare. The report included harrowing accounts by people who say the system failed them, including an 85-year-old whose daughter said he had to beg hospital staff for food and water before he died.

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## Freedom of choice?

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 10

A new voluntary patient registration scheme is set to come into effect in July as part of the government's primary care health plan. Under the new reforms, all public health care patients in Australia will be required to register with a GP before they access telehealth services.

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## Integrated primary health care key to oral health improvement in rural and remote Australia

AHHA (Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association), Other, 20/06/2024

Access to oral health care for rural and remote Australians is limited, particularly for underserved populations that rely on public dental services. This includes First Nations Peoples.

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## Hole in AMA WA accounts now sitting at \$3 million, annual report reveals

Australian Doctor, Other, 20/06/2024, Paul Smith

AMA WA recorded a \$3.2 million deficit in its accounts at the end of last year, although the organisation says it's over the worse and on "the road to recovery".

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## **Nurse-led clinics costing taxpayers \$195 per consult: official figures**

Australian Doctor, Other, 20/06/2024, Bageshri Savyasachi

Health officials misled the public about the cost per service at ACT's nurse-led walk-in clinics by burying roughly \$10 million in expenses, reveal documents obtained by The Canberra Times. Canberra Health Services previously stated it did not record the cost of each presentation at the clinics but provided an average of "less than \$110" per service.

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## **8CPA feedback 'generally very positive': Guild leader**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 20/06/2024, Ian Jacobi

After 15 months of grappling with the potential impacts of 60-day dispensing the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) has delivered a "much-needed shot in the arm" for the

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## **'This is a very successful outcome'**

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 20/06/2024, Ajp Staff

The Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement will provide the profession with opportunities to play a greater role in the provision of healthcare, Bruce Annabel says...

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## **'Gross lapse' in medical care before death in custody**

Canberra Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Duncan Murray

The prison where Indigenous man Michael Baker died had just one regular GP working six hours a week to care for hundreds of inmates, an inquest has revealed. The 44-year-old Awabakal man died alone in his cell at the Lithgow Correctional Centre, west of Sydney, on June 25, 2019.

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## **'Bicycle Bandit' Kym Allen Parsons could die within days as his sentencing date is fast-tracked**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 21/06/2024, David Southwell

A notorious bank robber who gained infamy by staging a series of armed heists during a 10-year spree is reportedly so ill that he may die within days before he's sentenced. Sources close to Kym Allen Parsons, 73, claim that he is 'suffering' with late stage terminal cancer and should be freed from custody to end his life with a voluntary assisted dying kit he is in possession of at South Australia 's Flinders Medical Centre.

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## **WA polities get a health check**

Medical Forum, Other, 20/06/2024

A delegation of GPs visited State Parliament last week to talk with politicians about improving both their own health and the health of WA. The visit was organised by the Royal Australian College of GPs and provided health checks for politicians, including risk assessments for diabetes, heart disease, and high cholesterol.

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## **NSW pharmacists to treat skin conditions**

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 20/06/2024

Pharmacists in New South Wales will soon be able to supply treatment for four skin conditions under the next phase of the NSW Pharmacy Trial.

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## **NCN Health theatre services will not return to Cobram**

Shepparton News Online, Other, 20/06/2024

Theatre services at Cobram Campus are have been permanently transferred to Numurkah to ensure NCN Health continues to meet rigorous safety standards. NCN Health board chair Tricia Quibell said the permanent transfer of the theatre to the Numurkah Campus would ensure the delivery of high-quality services both now and in the future, while still remaining accessible to the Cobram community.

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## **Channel 7, Seven News, 20/06/2024, Rosanna Mangiarelli and Will Goodings**

The emergency departments of all our SA major hospitals are well over capacity. It comes as top doctors slammed the state government over a new campaign encouraging sick and injured South Australians to go elsewhere.

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## **Channel 9, Nine News, 20/06/2024, Peter Overton**

Patients in Sydney's east and north are at risk of paying more to see a doctor, despite major tax rebates for clinics. GPs today conceding that the Minns government's budget centrepiece is unlikely to encourage more to take up bulk billing. The Government will waive unpaid taxes and give rebates to Sydney doctors, who bulk bill 80% of their patients going forward in a bid to stop GPs from switching to private billing, leaving people with no opportunity other than to attend their local emergency department

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## **Channel 9, Nine News, 20/06/2024, Brenton Ragless and Kate Collins**

There are concerns tonight vulnerable South Australians will stop going to hospital amid a controversial new advertising campaign. It suggests that people reconsider where they seek care.

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## **Channel 10, 10 News First, 20/06/2024, Sandra Sully**

Finding a doctor who bulk-bill will hopefully become easier after the NSW Government announced some tax relief for GP clinics. NSW Health Minister Ryan Park is backing the incentive to hold the troubling decline in bulk-billing rates, which will ease the pressure of the suffering emergency departments. Dr Rebekah Hoffman, RACGP NSW, says if GPs are over the \$1.2m threshold for payroll tax and are required pay to pay payroll tax, then it is expected that prices will go up.

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## **Channel 10, 10 News First, 20/06/2024, Kate Freebairn**

The SA Government is being accused of trying to shift blame for the public hospital crisis to sick South Australians. It comes as medical groups fear a graphic new campaign might mean people who need help won't reach out to get it.

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## **5AA, Mornings, 20/06/2024, Matthew Pantelis**

Interview with Chris Picton, SA Health Minister. Picton points out that they are trying to remind people that there are other means of getting health assistance other than going into hospitals for minor injuries or illnesses. He adds that they have added the ability to speak to a GP through telehealth chats with a GP through Healthdirect. Picton says this can help people avoid emergency departments as well.

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## Feeling lonely? Here's what to spend money on

Daily Telegraph, General News, 21/06/2024, Tara Meakins, Page 67

They say money can't buy happiness but can it cure loneliness? According to researchers, it can, but it depends entirely on what you spend your cash on.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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## Anorexia patients double in 10 years

Herald Sun, General News, 21/06/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 11

Anorexia admissions at one of Victoria's only public eating disorder units have doubled in the last decade, while at the same time becoming harder to diagnose. Admissions at Austin Health's eating disorder unit spiked during the pandemic reaching a record 70 in 2021 and have remained high since, while cases of "atypical anorexia" have also risen.

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## Mental health help for all the rural mums

Hobart Mercury, General News, 21/06/2024, Elise Kaine, Page 3

Almost a full year after the St Helen's private hospital closed, leaving a dearth of services, critical mental health counselling for expectant parents has another home in Hobart. Rural women's advocate and 2024 Tasmanian of the Year Stephanie Trethewey moved to a farm in Tasmania with a six-month-old.

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## Crisis lurks beneath

West Australian, General News, 21/06/2024, Jay Hanna, Page 13

Following a recent PR tour for the animated film Inside Out 2, which reimagines emotions as cartoon characters, actor Amy Poehler told the Guardian UK that her character Joy seemed to be the predominant emotion she would associate with Australia.

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## Chilly chats in chinos

Burnie Advocate, General News, 21/06/2024, Sarah Fittock, Page 1

Don some shorts, brave the cold and have an important conversation about mental health. That is what not-for-profit SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY is asking Tasmanians to do on Friday for its fourth annual Shorts Day.

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## 'I didn't give birth to my son, so I didn't feel like my feelings were valid'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 20/06/2024, Alexandra Feiam

For as long as Daniel can remember, he has lacked a good male role model; without someone to look up to, he struggled to find a sense of belonging. It was something that trickled into his everyday life, failing at school and finding it hard to keep up.

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

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## Suicide threat loophole worrying family violence experts

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 20/06/2024, Sarah Perillo

Domestic abusers who threaten suicide are dodging immediate safety orders, leaving their "desperately fearful" victims without urgent protection. This self harm threat loophole results in aggressors being hospitalised on mental health grounds, with police admitting they are unable to issue perpetrators with crucial safety notices while in care.

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

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### New surgery is killing doctors

Herald Sun, General News, 21/06/2024, James Dowling, Page 21

Pioneering X-ray-guided surgery techniques are exposing nurses and surgeons to radiation levels on par with uranium mining. Operations are now frequently carried out with live X-ray images beamed into the theatre, meaning nurses, surgeons, radiologists and anaesthetists are accruing radiation exposure over time.

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

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### Outrage over nurse attack

Adelaide Advertiser, Edition Changes, 21/06/2024, Leon Georgiou, Page 21

Staff safety has been called into question at Modbury Hospital after a nurse was assaulted while walking to her car. The incident is alleged to have occurred while the nurse was walking to the Tea Tree Plaza Interchange Park'n'Ride after finishing her shift at Modbury Hospital on May 22.

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

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### So proud to nurture nurses

Shepparton News, General News, 21/06/2024, Jesse Robertson-Torres, Page 49

Every year funds are raised and big money spins for a good cause out of Shepparton Golf Club. Following an annual fundraising day that took place in late February, Shepparton Golf Club produced its final tally of money raised for another sterling contribution to some local community organisations.

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### Closing loopholes

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Page 10

Strengthening protections for workplace delegates The Australian government has enacted the Closing Loopholes laws, which will be implemented in stages from December 2023 to August 2025. A key aspect of this legislation is the introduction of delegates' rights within the modern award system, seen as a transformative step for workplaces to enhance protections for union delegates.

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### Undergraduates and poverty placement

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, James Lloyd, Page 14

The financial hardship experienced by student nurses and midwives in Australia during mandatory clinical placements has become desperate. These placements, integral to their training, require student nurses and midwives to work unpaid for hundreds of hours, accruing significant personal expenses without compensation.

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## The crisis of gendered occupational violence and aggression

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Page 33

The global crisis of gender-based violence is inseparable from occupational violence and aggression (OVA) experienced by the healthcare workforce.

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## Nurses, midwives, and substance use

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Melise Ammit and Nick Miles, Page 44

Nurses and midwives, like the general population, use alcohol and other drugs. However, they may face unique challenges related to substance use within their professional context due to the standards and codes inherent in being a registered practitioner.

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## Making a difference

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Page 1

Ahead of International Nurses Day on May 12, Nursing Review asked ACN's chief executive what the day means to her. She said that 2022's theme: 'A voice to lead: Invest in nursing and respect rights to secure global health' is very fitting considering the past couple of years.

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## Safety inquiry launched

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Eleanor Campbell, Page 5

After nurses reported escalating rates of workplace assault, a state inquiry has been launched into the working conditions inside a Canberra mental health facility. The ACT government announced an inquiry into the Dhulwa Mental Health Unit following repeated calls from the nurses' union to investigate high rates of occupational violence.

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## Taking its toll

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Elise Hartevelt, Page 6

Paramedics and nurses reported poorer mental health and higher levels of social isolation than other health care workers during the pandemic, a new study has found. The pandemic has impacted nurses heavily, leading to higher chances of psychological stress such as burnout.

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## Any number is too high

Nursing Review, General News, 01/06/2024, Elise Hartevelt, Page 8

Some emergency department nurses are suffering with PTSD after routinely experiencing high levels of verbal and physical violence, according to a James Cook University survey. Fourteen nurses at a major rural hospital in NSW told the researchers that they expect to go to work searching patients for weapons and to be touched inappropriately.

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## St John Ambulance NT warns of 24-hour delay to paramedic pay, with union warning of mortgage, rent and bill stress

The Mercury, Other, 21/06/2024, Zizi Averill

Territory paramedics are pushing for an emergency Fair Work Commission hearing after being told their salary would be frozen for 24-hours due to financial issues at St Johns Ambulance service. Legal documents seen by the NT News show that the United Workers Union has commenced action with the ombudsman after paramedics and other staff were told on Thursday that they would not be paid on time for the last fortnight of work.

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## Dr Caitlin Rutherford-Heard of Townsville Hospital to speak at RDAQ

## conference

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 20/06/2024, Cameron Bates

When Dr Caitlin Rutherford-Heard was born with a rare vascular disorder called Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome (KTS), the obstetrician told her terrified mum that Caitlin could still grow up to be anything she wanted to be. It turned out that she wanted to be just like that doctor, but it would not be an easy path.

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## MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

### Asif gives blood to 'support' Australia, but his visa status makes him ineligible for 'basic rights'

SBS, Other, 20/06/2024, Mujeeb Muneeb and Shirley Glaister

Asif Ali Bangash was 22 when he left his home in Parachinar, a city in eastern Pakistan that shares a border with Afghanistan. As a minority Shia Muslim in that region, he said he faced the possibility of abduction and target killings every day, which contributed to his decision to take up the arduous journey to Australia by boat.

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Baby dies in homebirth

Courier Mail, General News, 21/06/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 1

A baby has died during a homebirth at a Queensland property where two doulas were helping the delivery. It comes as the state government is set to clamp down on doula homebirths, with the coroner investigating a similar case.

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### Mum's worst nightmare

West Australian, General News, 21/06/2024, Josh Zimmerman, Page 1

It was supposed to be the happiest day of her life, but for Suzan Al Hulow this image is now a haunting reminder of unimaginable grief - and another tragedy at Joondalup Health Campus. The expectant mother was left unmonitored at the hospital for several hours after being induced on March 22, despite raising concerns that her water had broken.

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### Qld midwife accused of assault, driving offence and wilful damage

The Courier Mail, Other, 20/06/2024, Vanda Carson

A Queensland midwife who has been charged with serious assault, dangerous operation of a car and wilful damage has been suspended from working, the health watchdog has announced. [...] According to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, Tascas graduated from Griffith University last year with a midwifery degree.

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## Baby's death referred to coroner as health officials warn against 'freebirthing'

ABC Online, Other, 20/06/2024, Kate McKenna and Janelle Miles

A baby's death in south-east Queensland, during a medically unsupervised birth at home, has been referred to the coroner. The ABC understands the baby died near Toowoomba on Wednesday.

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## GP regains right to practise after her clinic is linked to a woman's death following abortion

Australian Doctor, Other, 20/06/2024, Heather Saxena

A GP whose women's health clinic was linked to the death of a woman following an abortion has won a battle to continue practising medicine. Dr Michelle Kenney was suspended under emergency powers in May after her Hampton Park Women's Health Clinic was banned from undertaking surgical procedures following concerns of mismanagement.

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## Physio overturns work ban despite sexual assault charges

Canberra Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Ben Silvester

A physiotherapist has successfully lifted a work ban despite facing criminal sexual assault charges from a female patient. Hany Bebawy was granted a stay on his practice ban by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on the condition that he work only in pre-approved locations and not have any contact with female patients.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, Mornings, 20/06/2024, Sarah MacDonald

Interview with Dr Ranjana Srivastava, Medical oncologist. MacDonald mentions the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency [AHPRA] wherein someone she knows was having trouble checking for a patient and she believes that it should be easy to check details through AHPRA. Srivastava admits that she does not work at AHPRA and does not know the processes done there.

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## HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

### Georgia's gift lives on

Sunshine Coast Daily, General News, 21/06/2024, Sam Turner, Page 7

A Sunshine Coast mother has reflected on the ultimate gift her daughter made after her sudden, tragic death, which saved the lives of many people. Georgia Bourke was an active 18-year-old girl playing in a touch football game in the southern Queensland town of Goondiwindi in January 2014 when she collapsed on the field due to a brain bleed.

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## SPORT

### Australian medal hope eyes court to to beat ban

Age, General News, 21/06/2024, Chris Barrett, Page 10



China's domination of global markets like critical minerals has caused angst among Western nations including Australia, not least because of the potential implications for their national security. The geopolitics of sport are far less consequential but Beijing's preeminence in the world of table tennis has brought its own concerns and Australia's best-ranked player has been tangled up in it.

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## The 25 hectare site for a new stadium

Canberra Times, Sport, 21/06/2024, Page 82

The ACT government has identified a 25-hectare plot of land where it hopes to build a new stadium and precinct in Bruce, signalling its intent to completely revamp the Canberra Institute of Technology campus. The government has invited tenders for a stadium due diligence report as it pushes ahead with a joint health, sport and education precinct.

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## Hopes grow for rink return

Hobart Mercury, General News, 21/06/2024, Judy Augustine, Page 9

Tasmanian ice sports athletes who have had no rink to skate in for two years, after the closure of the state's only facility, have welcomed news of a potential path to opening a new one. The state government released the results of a feasibility study, which revealed a preferred location of Goodwood Park and Kingborough Sports Centre as an alternative.

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## Cut off from sport, it's just not Australian

Border Mail, General News, 21/06/2024, Page 52

In case you were not aware, Australia is currently contesting a cricket world cup. There is a chance, however, that even the most ardent cricket fans may not be up to date in what is taking place in the West Indies and the US as television access is slightly different to what many would be used to.

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## The man playing the danger game

Burnie Advocate, General News, 21/06/2024, Caden Helmers, Page 63

Did the founder of the Enhanced Games - and Olympic-style event promoting performance enhancing drugs - ever anticipate the White House would be issuing a statement condemning his vision? Or Olympic Games and international sports power brokers like Thomas Bach, John Coates and Sebastian Coe would convene "a war cabinet to engineer a smear campaign against us"?

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## More rain, more stress for Goldminers

Western Advocate, General News, 21/06/2024, Amy Rees, Page 2

Another near cancellation for the Indoor Sports Stadium has basketball players eager to get repairs underway. Bathurst Goldminers Basketball members have been advocating for upgrades and repairs for years, particularly for the roof.

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## With surfing worth almost \$3b annually to Australia's economy, surf spots need more protection, study finds

ABC Online, Other, 20/06/2024, Adriane Reardon

The feeling of riding a wave might be priceless, but a new study has put a dollar value on what surfing means to Australia. Research from the Australian National University (ANU) has found surfing injects \$2.7 billion into the Australian economy each year, with surfing considered to be the country's second-most popular water-based sport after swimming.

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## Advocates hope complaint alleging age discrimination over young gymnast's bullying claims will help address 'power imbalances'

In a corporate boardroom in Melbourne's CBD, a young girl was ready to speak. Across the table were two investigators from Sport Integrity Australia (SIA), there to interview her about allegations of bullying and verbal abuse she had made against her gymnastics coach and club.

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## Sports racism getting louder, yet witnesses stay silent

The New Daily, Other, 20/06/2024, Abe Maddison

Australian sports fans believe racist behaviour at matches is growing but most bystanders fail to report the actions of other spectators, a study has found. A University of South Australia survey of more than 2000 spectators found that half of AFL fans had seen racist "barracking" at matches such as name calling.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Women in booze binge danger

Daily Telegraph, General News, 21/06/2024, Tileah Dobson, Page 11

An alarming number of women in Australia are drinking alcohol at dangerous levels, despite knowing the harm it can cause, new research has found. A Flinders University study found that over 300,000 Australian women regularly binge drink alcohol at high-risk levels - considered 11 or more standard drinks in one sitting at least once a month.

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### Heads up, women: How to live for longer

Courier Mail, General News, 21/06/2024, Page 56

Women who eat small fish whole - including the head and bones - may face a lower risk of dying from cancer and other causes, a Japanese study finds. "Previous studies have revealed the protective effect of fish intake on health outcomes, including mortality risks.

*Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).*

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### Women's drink is spiking

Herald Sun, General News, 21/06/2024, Robyn Riley, Page 3

Young Victorian women are being urged to curb their binge drinking after new research revealed a spike in their dangerous use of alcohol. Cancer Council Victoria (CCV) said its Shape of Australia survey found binge drinking had increased with one in three Victorian women now admitting they do not feel confident cutting back.

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### Snoring a warning of high blood pressure

Hobart Mercury, General News, 21/06/2024, Page 15

That loud snoring keeping you up at night could be more than an annoyance it could be an early warning sign of dangerously high blood pressure. Flinders University research found people, particularly overweight middle-aged men, who regularly snore at night were more likely to have elevated blood pressure and uncontrolled hypertension.

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## Prostate drug may help with dementia

West Australian, General News, 21/06/2024, Xantha Leatham, Page 28

Prostate medication could reduce the risk of a common form of dementia, research has suggested. A team analysed data over three years on 643,000 men who were each taking one of six drugs to treat an enlarged prostate.

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## Breastfed link to cut obesity

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Page 34

Any kind of breastfeeding whether it's exclusive or mixed feeding should be promoted to lay early foundations for obesity prevention. In a new research paper published in the journal *Advances in Nutrition*, Dr Miaobing (Jazzmin) Zheng, from Deakin University's Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition (IPAN), investigated how early nutrition can impact a baby's lifelong health, particularly their body mass index (BMI).

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## The nursing experience of delivering virtual care during COVID-19: A qualitative study

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, General News, 01/08/2024, Jessica-Rose Tait, Page 22

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about many challenges to the healthcare system. For example, the pandemic forced and accelerated the implementation of virtual technology to provide adequate clinical care to patients whilst at home.

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## Walking three times a week 'nearly halves' recurrence of low back pain

The Guardian, Other, 20/06/2024, Andrew Gregory

Walking three times a week to ease back pain almost halves the risk of its recurrence, according to the first study of its kind. About 800 million people worldwide have low back pain, and seven in 10 who recover experience flare-ups within a year.

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## 'Little to no risk' of birth defects with metformin in early pregnancy: study

Australian Doctor, Other, 20/06/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

The findings are 'timely and welcome', says Dr Ka-Kiu Cheung. Pregnant women with type 2 diabetes can safely use metformin in the first trimester, according to US epidemiologists who report no increased risk for congenital malformations or non-live births.

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## New metric for work-related illnesses

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 20/06/2024

Australia loses 41,194 work years annually due to work-related injuries, disease and mental health conditions, new research has revealed. The Monash University team has developed the new 'Working Years Lost'(WYL)metric to measure the national burden of work-based injury, illness and disease resulting in compensation claims.

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## What is Xylitol? What to know about the low-kilojoule sweetener

Prevention, Other, 20/06/2024, Madeleine Haase

What experts want you to know before eating products with the sugar alcohol. Xylitol is a common low-kilojoule sweetener used in gums, sweets and oral care products.

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## Elders share their wisdom to help men

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 20/06/2024, Anneke De Boer, Page 1

Aboriginal elders in Kalgoorlie-Boulder offered wisdom and shared stories as they encouraged younger men to look after themselves and each other at a men's mental health lunch. Bega Garnbirringu Health Service hosted the event on Thursday, with Indigenous men given the chance to connect with one another over a meal.

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## Indigenous language program for patients takes flight

Canberra Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Nyk Carnsew

Indigenous language-speakers in rural Northern Territory can expect better communication with air ambulance staff after a leading service introduced cutting-edge digital communication tools.

Aeromedical service CareFlight has developed animated video content in Indigenous languages to foster better communication between First Nations patients and English-speaking staff.

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

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## No adverse findings made by coroner into death of Indigenous man in custody, despite care falling "well short of an appropriate level"

National Indigenous Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Dechlan Brennan

The healthcare provided to an Aboriginal man who died at a New South Wales prison fell "well short of an appropriate level," a coroner has found, but concluded there was no breach of NSW correctional policies. Awabakal man Michael Raymond Baker died in custody in Lithgow Correctional Centre as a result of cardiac arrhythmia on June 25, 2019, deputy state coroner David O'Neil has found.

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## 'Racist': child protection system saw 17-year-old girl's request to connect with culture before taking own life ignored

National Indigenous Times, Other, 20/06/2024, Dechlan Brennan

"I identify as a proud Wemba Wemba women [sic] and would like the associated support that a young Aboriginal female should be provided with further care. This is a human right," a young girl, taken from her family and put in the child protection system in Victoria, wrote in December 2020. It is a system that is struggling with systemic racism, Coroner Simon McGregor said on Wednesday.

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## This organisation is lobbying for Aboriginal kids in First Nations care after 'devastating' death of teenager

SBS, Other, 20/06/2024, Rachael Knowles

A Victorian Aboriginal organisation has backed coronial recommendations to better invest in cultural connections for Indigenous children in care. On Wednesday, Victorian Coroner Simon McGregor handed down his findings into the death of a Wemba Wemba teenager who died by suicide while in state care.

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# INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

## Coalition hits back at nuclear memes

The Australian, General News, 21/06/2024, Rhiannon Down, Page 6

Energy experts and the Coalition have dismissed attempts by Labor to stoke fears about the safety risk

posed by nuclear power, as the Albanese government begins its scare campaign in response to Peter Dutton's atomic plan. Several federal Labor MPs and Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan shared images on their social media implying nuclear energy would harm the environment on Thursday, after the Opposition Leader unveiled his proposal to build seven nuclear reactors across the country.

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

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## AUKUS deal 'negates the argument'

Australian Financial Review, General News, 21/06/2024, Phillip Coorey, Page 8

The Albanese government's embrace of the AUKUS security pact has denied it the use of nuclear waste arguments against Peter Dutton's atomic energy plans, the Coalition says.

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

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## GPs told to cut scripts for kids

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 21/06/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 5

Health authorities have urged GPs to cut back on prescribing some antibiotics to children amid a national shortage of the medication and a surge in children and workers coming down with pneumonia, whooping cough and other respiratory viruses. NSW Health sent a letter to general practices, medical and nursing staff on Tuesday recommending alternative medications to treat a higher-than-usual number of cases of mycoplasma pneumonia and whooping cough contributing to shortages of oral liquid antibiotics for children.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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## Running scared

Daily Telegraph, General News, 21/06/2024, Angira Bharadwaj, Page 1

Anthony Albanese and his minions are running a "deeply embarrassing" scare campaign over nuclear power, one of Australia's top scientists says. Assistant Employment Minister Andrew Leigh posted a cartoon of a three-eyed mutated koala, while for Victoria's Premier Jacinta Allan, it was a three-eyed deformed fish.

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## Mpox caught in SA

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Page 3

Three locally acquired cases of mpox (formerly called monkeypox) have been reported to SA Health - in a man in his 20s, one in his 30s and another in his 50s. Officials stress the risk to the general public is low as transmission usually requires prolonged close or intimate contact.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#). Similar Stories: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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## Reactor next door? It's not a worry for us

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Lachlan Leeming, Page 7

Residents living in the footprint of Australia's only nuclear reactor say they have no concerns and are open to nuclear as a new energy source. Lucas Heights, 31km southwest of Sydney's CBD, is home to a 20-megawatt multipurpose reactor which is used for nuclear medical research, located within the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation's (ANSTO) headquarters.

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## Disinformation

Three-eyed koalas, countless Simpsons memes, jokes about radioactive waste and nuclear-mangled family dogs formed day one of a crude campaign from Labor and other opponents of the Coalition's signature energy policy. In a grim pointer to the "mother of all scare campaigns" that Australians can expect in coming months, senior Albanese Government frontbenchers launched childish social media posts and then took to the airwaves to defend their reductive approach.

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## Officials warn of increase in syphilis case numbers

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 21/06/2024, Amaani Siddeek, Page 7

Health authorities have issued an urgent warning for the Gold Coast after 131 cases of syphilis were recorded last year. It comes as Queensland grapples with an ongoing outbreak of the highly communicable disease.

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## Respiratory infections circulate the Darling Downs in winter

The Courier Mail, Other, 20/06/2024, Christine Schindler

Doctors warn multiple respiratory infections are circulating across the Darling Downs this winter as clinics see spike in patients. As the winter chill sets in and emergency departments in hospitals fill up, GP clinics across the region are in for a busy season as a cocktail of respiratory illnesses spread through the community.

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## Child under-vaccination driving global resurgence of measles, more to the picture than vaccine hesitancy and refusal

ABC Online, Other, 20/06/2024, Heloise Vyas

A sharp rise in measles cases is being witnessed worldwide, with outbreaks occurring in almost every part of the world. After decades of declining rates, it made a resurgence so strong in 2023, UK authorities were prompted to declare a national incident this January and the World Health Organisation (WHO) calling for an urgent response

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## Dutton's nuclear power plan relies on convincing the states and managing waste, but first there's an election to win

ABC Online, Other, 20/06/2024, Jane Norman

Right now, across Australia, seven Olympic swimming pools worth of radioactive waste is sitting in hospitals and universities because for 40 years, state and federal governments have been locked in a debate about where, and how, to dispose of it. Since the late 1970s, surveys and field assessments have been carried out, legislation passed and agencies established all to locate the safest, most remote and stable site.

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## Warning as surging flu cases, hospital visits squeeze NSW health system

9News, Other, 20/06/2024, Yashee Sharma

Authorities have warned serious cases of the flu have jumped 33 per cent across New South Wales, leaving an increasing number of people sick in emergency rooms. The number of influenza cases and presentations in hospitals rose within the span of a week?

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## Deformed pets, three-eyed fish and even Lara Bingle in a bikini: Anthony Albanese's anti-nuclear power campaign is an insult to Aussie voters

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 20/06/2024, Peter van Onselen

It's taken less than 24 hours for the childish scare campaign around Peter Dutton 's nuclear energy

policy to flood social media. I'm not talking about posts by the average user.

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### **Channel 7, Seven News, 20/06/2024, Sharyn Ghidella and Max Futcher**

Queensland cases are soaring of a highly contagious virus that's dangerous for babies. The State has recorded more than 20,000 cases of RSV, with 1300 toddlers and babies ending up in hospital. A rollout of vaccines is showing promising results, though 7500 babies have had the RSV jab and none have been to hospital.

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### **Channel 7, Seven News, 20/06/2024, Rick Ardon**

With Australia digesting the Coalition's new plan for seven nuclear power stations, attention is now focusing on what to do with the nuclear waste. One of those waste stations is expected to be set in Collie. The CSIRO says it will take 15 years to build Australia's first nuclear reactor, with a life of around 40 to 60 years, you absolutely cannot store nuclear waste safely, and responsibly in the time frame that it remains dangerous to human health.

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### **SBS, World News Australia, 20/06/2024, Janice Petersen**

Opposition leader Peter Dutton is defending the Coalition's nuclear power plant and the decision not to release its costings. It comes as Dutton released seven sites for the proposed nuclear reactors which PM Anthony Albanese has dismissed as a "fantasy". The unavoidable questions are around the cost to taxpayers, where nuclear waste would be stored and the overall time frame.

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### **Sky News Live, The Bolt Report, 20/06/2024, Andrew Bolt**

Compere mentions a story from the Daily Telegraph mentioning that no member of the public has been exposed to radiation from nuclear power plants on the waste issue. She adds that there has never been an incident that has had any effect on anybody from the storage of nuclear waste for a nuclear power plant, yet PM Anthony Albanese is still peddling this today.

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### **ABC Radio Canberra, PM, 20/06/2024, Samantha Donovan**

One of the biggest unanswered questions is where the waste material would be stored. It took decades and several false starts for authorities to settle on Kimba in South Australia, as the site for a national nuclear waste storage facility, only for that choice to be overturned by a court last year. The coalition says waste would be stored on-site for the life of each power station, and then transferred to the same as the yet unbuilt repository that would host nuclear waste generated by AUKUS submarines.

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## **THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION**

### **Closing Bell: ASX ends Day of the Guzman flat as a tortilla; And kids, did you see the Terra soar?**

The Australian, Other, 20/06/2024, Christian Edwards

The local benchmark index went limp in my hands on Thursday, curling over at the run of consumer stocks, healthcare and tech companies. [...] Control Bionics (ASX:CBL) was also moving quickly on Thursday morning, after revealing that its autonomous wheelchair module, DROVE, has been officially included as a Class 1 Medical Device in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, which means CBL can now commence commercial sales of the DROVE module in Australia.

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

## ASX Health Stocks: Control Bionics surges over 50pc after TGA approval of DROVE wheelchair

The Australian, Other, 20/06/2024, Eddy Sunarto

Control Bionics's shares surge after TGA approval surged by 51% this morning after announcing a TGA approval for its DROVE autonomous wheelchair module. DROVE has now been officially classified as a Class 1 Medical Device in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.

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

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## Market Highlights: GYG and VanEck's Bitcoin ETF to make ASX debut today, and 5 small caps to watch

The Australian, Other, 20/06/2024, Eddy Sunarto

The ASX 200 is poised to edge slightly lower when the market opens on Thursday, with Wall Street out for the Juneteenth national holiday. [...] Control Bionics (ASX:CBL) CBL has achieved a significant milestone with its DROVE autonomous wheelchair, after the TGA classified it as a Class 1 Medical Device in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.

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## ASX wellness stocks offering calm and anxiety relief – Part 1

The Courier Mail, Other, 20/06/2024, Nadine McGrath

While many Australians are turning to doctors and other health professionals to assist with their mental health and stress management, the ASX wellness sector is also increasingly looking to provide support. [...] Australia become the first country in the world to recognise psychedelics as medicine, after the TGA approved psychedelic substances used in magic mushrooms and MDMA last year.

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

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## TGA takes RAT action

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 20/06/2024

Queensland-based company, Key Promotional Products Pty Ltd (KPP) and the husband of the firm's director are facing Federal Court action relating to the supply of unapproved Covid-19 rapid antigen tests (RATs). The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) announced it...

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## Vyvanse shortage

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 20/06/2024

Takeda Pharmaceuticals Australia have notified the TGA that its Vyvanse 20mg capsules are now in shortage. It is also expected that from late Aug, Vyvanse 60mg caps will be in limited supply.

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## Clear out stocks of vapes

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 20/06/2024

As the sweeping vaping reforms bill is being debated in Canberra, suppliers and retailers around the nation are being given advance warning by the TGA to work towards running down their stocks of vapes and related products. The Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024 is currently before Parliament and, if passed, may take effect as early as 01 Jul, or the day immediately following Royal Assent, whichever is later.

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## Why are whooping cough infections surging in Australia and should you get a booster jab?

The Guardian, Other, 21/06/2024, Melissa Davey

There has been a stark rise in cases of pertussis – known as whooping cough – this year compared with the last two years, with 10,035 cases reported to health departments around Australia so far in 2024, after just 2,447 in the whole of 2023 and 482 in 2022. [...] A spokesperson for the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) said the shortage is expected to continue until 29 November 2024, driven by increases in demand globally.

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## OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

### Ban risk for Vailo chief

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 21/06/2024, Andrew Hough, Page 3

A millionaire South Australian entrepreneur embroiled in a state tax debt is being investigated for a potential director ban over a failed medicinal cannabis venture. The state government has slapped a legal "caveat" restriction on a luxury \$4.6m Glenelg South property, and a \$345,000 Holdfast Bay boat marina berth that Vailo founder Aaron James Hickmann owns.

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

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### Disgusting act behind McDonald's counter leaves foul taste in the mouth - just weeks after another filthy incident

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 20/06/2024, Brett Lackey

The hygiene standards at an Australian McDonald's restaurant are again under scrutiny weeks after a employee was pictured drying a mop over the food warmer. A customer at the Booval restaurant in Queensland filmed a tradie standing on the counter on Sunday with their boots firmly planted on the food preparation surface.

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## AICIS

### ABC Radio Sydney, Breakfast, 20/06/2024, Craig Reucassel

Interview with Gayle Sloan, CEO, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia. Sloan points out that ideally, taking out hazardous chemicals like PFAS, but they haven't hit that requirement either, which is why they are putting PFAS out there as well and utilising it. She states that PFAS is a forever chemical that they've looked at during the war on waste and that was one of the most frustrating situations they've looked at.

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