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- [The Australian](#) (page 3) reports an inquest hearing will likely proceed for a 21-year-old Victorian woman Natalie Boyce who died after receiving a third COVID vaccine, state Coroner Catherine Fitzpatrick says. *Also reported by:* [The Australian](#)
- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 5) reports mothers adopting a high-fibre diet while pregnant could reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease for the children, new research by Monash University has found, with benefits extending into adulthood. *Also reported by:* [Daily Telegraph](#), [Adelaide Advertiser](#), [Courier Mail](#), [Hobart Mercury](#)
- The [Canberra Times](#) (page 14) reports Health Minister Mark Butler has appointed respected Canberra GP Antonio Di Dio as director of the Professional Services Review.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (Online) reports Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney has pledged to give families using infant formula more support in hospitals in community settings, while the government has asked the ACCC to extend formula marketing guidelines for an additional three years. *Also reported by:* [The Age](#), [Brisbane Times](#), [WA Today](#)

- [SBS](#) (Online) reports the government is investing to end systemic bias against women in Australia's healthcare system, Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney says, including \$160 million for women's health in May's budget.

MINISTER BUTLER

Ramsay to refinance French asset

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 18/07/2024, Michael Smith, Page 15

Ramsay Health Care says earnings at its majority-owned French hospitals group were hit by lower subsidies and inflation in the nine months to the end of March, as it started a process to refinance 1.65 billion (\$2.7 billion) in debt with lenders in the Eur...

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Di Dio to root out medical 'bad apples'

Canberra City News, General News, 18/07/2024, Page 14

Well-known Canberra medical leader Antonio Di Dio has been appointed as director of the Professional Services Review. The PSR is Australia's safeguarding agency against inappropriate medical practice when providing Medicare and Pharmaceutical Benefits services. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said: "Associate Professor Di Dio is a trusted member of the medical community and will bring his expertise to an essential role in our healthcare system, ready to separate the bad apples from the bunch.

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Bulk billing rates rise

Coast Community Pelican Post, General News, 18/07/2024, Page 29

More GPs are bulk billing patients in Robertson as a direct result of the tripling of the bulk billing incentive by the Federal Labor Government, with over two million additional bulk billed visits across the country since November 1, 2023. In the month before the bulk billing incentive was tripled 73 per cent of all GP visits were bulk billed in Robertson. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said doctors' groups have called the tripling of the bulk billing incentive a game changer.

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Listening key to forging path on services

Western Advocate, General News, 18/07/2024, Jess Jennings, Page 5

Since the Bathurst Integrated Medical Centre withdrawal, I have sought meetings with multiple stakeholders to identify the best way forward to induce future private hospital investment in Bathurst. [...] This forum has value because it presented the opportunity to personally talk to Prime Minister Albanese, as well as federal ministers Catherine King, Ed Husic, Chris Bowen, Kristy McBain and Mark Butler about Bathurst's challenges and opportunities.

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Name change for Dapto urgent care as feds take over funding of state centre

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 17/07/2024, Kate Mcilwain

There's some new signage and a slight change to the name, but otherwise patients won't notice too much difference as the federal government takes over funding of the Dapto urgent care centre. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler noted the urgent care clinic in Corrimal had made a big difference, and said the government wanted to make it easier for people to see a doctor.

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Annual hypertension screening vital to reach national BP control target: leading doctors

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/07/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

Professor Markus Schlaich says roughly 50% of people with high blood pressure are undiagnosed and untreated. All adults visiting general practice should have their blood pressure measured at least once a year regardless of cardiovascular risk factors, according to the National Hypertension Taskforce. [...] The task force was established by Hypertension Australia and the Australian Cardiovascular Alliance and was launched by federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler in 2022.

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Vape sales 'a decision for individual businesses'

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 17/07/2024

Pharmacy owners will be able to choose whether or not to supply nicotine vaping products, Mark Butler the Minister for Health and Aged Care says Just like opioid replacement therapy and professional services, some pharmacies will decide not to stock nicotine vapes, Butler tells Heidi Murphy on 3AW.

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Australia's RNA Blueprint to guide medical manufacturing growth

LabOnline, Other, 17/07/2024, Sean Anthony Eddy

The Australian Government has this week released Australia's RNA Blueprint, in an effort to grow the country's medical manufacturing capability and help create more high-paying jobs. According to the government, it has been estimated that the RNA sector could add up to \$8 billion to Australia's GDP over the next 10 years. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler added, "We need to utilise our talented medical researchers and grow a medical manufacturing industry that will be world leading, keeping more of our investment and development in Australia.

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ABC Illawarra, 12:00 News, 17/07/2024

A recent visit to the Milton Medical Centre by Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has highlighted the role of the new endometriosis and pelvic pain clinic, nearly a year after it opened. The clinic opened in September last year, where the federal funding commitment of \$700,000 over four years

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Mental health to get new help

Cairns Post, General News, 18/07/2024, Samuel Davis, Page 7

Far North Queenslanders will soon have access to free mental health services with a Cairnsbased service set to open its doors in the coming months. The state and federal governments have committed \$14.3m to establish the Medicare mental health facility with a second centre, based in the Torres Strait, expected to be completed in 2026. [...] Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride announced the new Medicare mental health centres while visiting Cairns yesterday.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#).

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Federal homelessness program expands to the Coast

Coast Community News, Other, 17/07/2024

A program helping to break down barriers to accessing government payments and services for people experiencing homelessness has expanded to include the Central Coast. The region is one of nine new

partnerships announced this week by Minister for Government Services Bill Shorten, bringing the total to 27 nationwide. [...] Federal MPs Gordon Reid and Emma McBride "This is an important service that is making a huge difference to vulnerable people in need," he said.

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Seven Cairns, Seven Local News, 17/07/2024, Rob Brough and Joanne Desmond

The Federal and State Governments have invested tens of millions of dollars into the future of health in the Far North. It comes as a specialised centre is expected to be established in Cairns to better train the next generation of nurses, aged care, and mental health care workers. Emma McBride, Assistant Minister for Mental Health, says they are rolling out 61 Medicare mental health centres across the country.

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Triple M The Border, 09:00 Local News, 17/07/2024

Albury Council is once again at odds with its Wodonga counterparts over the hospital redevelopment saga. Albury Council Mayor Kylie King says despite claims of a greenfield site being discussed when she and other local mayors met with Assistant Rural and Regional Health Minister Emma McBride a couple of weeks ago, that possibility was not discussed.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

'My milk dried up': Assistant minister says mums who formula feed need support

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 17/07/2024, Jewel Topsfield

Women who are unable to breastfeed are not always given adequate information about infant formula or receive the support they need, says Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney. She said while it was important to continue to promote the message that breastfeeding gave babies the best start in life, it was not easy or manageable for everyone.

Also reported by: [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#).

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Hysterical: the shocking findings from government inquiries into women's healthcare

SBS, Other, 17/07/2024, Catriona Stirrat

Two thirds of women in Australia say they experience gender bias in the health system. That's according to the federal government's End Gender Bias survey, which more than 2,500 women responded to and which forms part of the government's attempts to address medical misogyny. [...] That's Assistant Minister for Health Ged Kearney speaking at the National Women's Health Summit in March.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCCARTHY

New renal dialysis units announced for remote Australia

National Indigenous Times, Other, 17/07/2024, Dechlan Brennan

Three new renal dialysis units have been announced in remote Western Australia and Queensland which the federal government says will allow First Nations people with severe kidney disease better access to lifesaving treatment closer to their home, family, and Country. [...] Assistant Minister for

Indigenous Australians, Malarndirri McCarthy said on Wednesday it was "absolutely critical" the renal dialysis units were closer to the homes of remote communities in Australia.

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ABC Radio Darwin , 10:00 News, 17/07/2024

The Federal Government has announced three new renal dialysis units in remote Queensland and Western Australia to give Indigenous Australians with severe kidney disease better access to life-saving treatment. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults are twice as likely as non-Indigenous Australians to have chronic kidney disease, and almost four times as likely to die from the condition. Assistant Indigenous Health Minister Malarndirri McCarthy says the new units will help many people.

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ABC News, Breakfast, 17/07/2024, Thomas Oriti

Interview with Australian Indigenous Health Minister Malarndirri McCarthy. McCarthy points out that for places like Badu Island, they can announce four [dialysis] chairs on the island. She adds that they'll also be able to send some in the Pilbara at the Aboriginal Health Alliance at Tom Price.

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CORONAVIRUS

Probe on death after vax

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 18/07/2024, Blair Jackson, Page 11

The death of a woman in her 20s after she received a Covid-19 vaccine could progress to a full coronial inquest. Coroner Catherine Fitzgerald said she would tighten the reins on expert reports filed to the court, as mountains of medical information piled up. Natalie Boyce, 21, died in March 2022 at The Alfred hospital five weeks after a Moderna vaccine booster. At a mention hearing on Wednesday, Moderna Australia lawyer Jesse Rudd said an expert it had been working with required further medical information.

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

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

How much did Kiama council get for Bonaira?

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 18/07/2024, Glen Humphries, Page 11

The sale price of Blue Haven's Bonaira aged care facility was revealed at Tuesday night's Kiama council meeting. There are also plans to sue the builder of the facility. The matter of the sale was dealt with in confidential session but, as is standard practice, CEO Jane Stroud read out the council resolutions at the session's completion. That included what the council will receive from Hall & Prior, the buyers of the Bonaira facility and the land it sits on - \$95 million.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Australian Seniors News \(Online\)](#).

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The must-ask questions if considering retirement living

Canberra Times, Other, 17/07/2024, Rachel Lane

The results of the PwC 2023 Retirement Living Census were released last week. The census is run in collaboration with the Property Council and provides a comprehensive overview of the retirement village sector including data on village characteristics, resident demographics, financial structures, and future development plans.

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32 new social homes for seniors to be built in Hervey Bay

Fraser Coast Chronicle, Other, 17/07/2024, Carlie Walker

The state government has announced 32 social houses to be built in Hervey Bay, with the project to begin next month. More than 30 affordable homes are set to be built in Hervey Bay under the state government's Housing Investment Fund and Homes for Queenslanders plan.

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Food icon Maggie Beer, chef Matt Moran and dietician Emma Falconer are here to answer your questions about food and nutrition for older people

ABC Online, Other, 17/07/2024, Anastasia Safioleas and Maggie Beer

Do you have a loved one in care or are you looking after an older Australian? Or are you simply hoping to eat better as you get older? Over four months Australia's food icon, Maggie Beer and a team of experts made it their mission to revive the meals and quality of life for residents and staff in aged care. Now, Maggie – together with chef Matt Moran and dietician Emma Falconer – is sharing what she learnt to help others do the same, whether they are in or out of care.

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Docs warn of 'big pharmacy' in aged care

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 17/07/2024, Megan Haggan

President of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Dr Nicole Higgins has warned that the long-awaited program, which began on 1 July 2024, will exclude GPs and fragment care.

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Aged Care Act: jail time and hefty fines for providers spark political standoff

HelloCare, Other, 17/07/2024, Jakob Neeland

The introduction of the new Aged Care Act to Parliament remains in limbo as the Federal Government and opposition are at odds over two critical issues: the enforcement of fines and prison sentences for errant directors, and the adjustment or elimination of lifetime contribution caps.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Genetics a key factor in addressing a weighty problem

Newcastle Herald, General News, 18/07/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 8

A new era of personalised nutrition will involve genetic testing for more targeted advice on diet and medication, University of Newcastle Professor Clare Collins says. Professor Collins will give a lecture in Newcastle on Friday, titled 'Are you what you eat? Discovering the science of personalised nutrition'. Run by the Royal Society of NSW and the university, it will "bust common nutrition and diet myths about what to eat" to help people "feel and get better".

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Doctors warn DV driving 'traumatised' staff out of jobs

The severity of domestic violence at Northern Territory hospitals is driving healthcare workers away from the job, doctors warn. Domestic violence accounted for the majority of their workload but the trauma of treating heinous injuries was contributing to ongoing staff shortages, says Alice Springs-based Australasian College of Emergency Medicine president Stephen Gourley. [...] Hospital presentations as a result of domestic violence in the NT were 1000 times higher than anywhere in the nation in 2022, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data shows.

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

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Researchers make breakthrough in asthma prevention, linking disease to early-life antibiotics exposure

ABC Online, Other, 17/07/2024, Heloise Vyas

The development of asthma has been linked to antibiotics exposure in toddlers, with research finding this increases the risk of allergy later in life. Scientists have found this can be mitigated by a dietary supplement of gut microbiome IPA, which directly counters impairments to the lung, and in turn the risk of asthma. [...] Asthma affects about 11 per cent of the Australian population — 2.8 million people — according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)'s statistics for 2022.

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How dependent is Australia on IMGs? Here are the numbers by specialty

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/07/2024, Antony Scholefield

IMGs have gone from 34% of GPs to 42% in around 10 years. The Federal Government doesn't doubt that Australia needs more IMGs to patch the medical workforce; hence its plan to shrink the role of medical colleges in specialist IMG assessments. [...] Newly released Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) data show that IMGs made up 42% of the GP workforce in 2022, up from 34% in 2013.

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Pollies vs Science: Senate's excess deaths inquiry is an ideologically driven waste of time

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/07/2024, Sue Ieraci

As some of you following the news may know, the Australian Senate is currently holding an inquiry into excess mortality. It sounds important and you could be fooled into thinking it is — that it's an examination into the lives that could be saved with better funding of general practice or public health initiatives. [...] In Australian, detailed analysis has been carried out by teams within the Department of Health and Aged Care, the ABS and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, to name but a few.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Brave Fletcher inspires pride

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/07/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 19

When two-year-old Fletcher Buchanan suddenly developed an insatiable thirst, was soaking his bed and losing weight last month, his mother Alex knew something was wrong. She took him to their local Yorketown Hospital where a fingerprick blood test revealed the youngster had type 1 diabetes.

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

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Perth parents flip a coin to give son a lifesaving kidney transplant

West Australian, General News, 18/07/2024, Harriet Flinn, Page 7

It's unusual after winning a coin flip that you lose something. But winning meant losing a kidney for

Lucy Thomas, who with husband Andrew Sproul were complete matches to donate an organ to their son Tom, who has been given a new lease of life. "As soon as Lucy and I found out we were both compatible, I thought why don't we just flip a coin," his dad said.

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Prostates are complex know what your normal is

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 18/07/2024, Page 35

To screen, or not to screen ... why are prostates so complex? If you have a prostate, or known someone who does, you have probably occasionally thought about the possibility of prostate cancer impacting on your life or that of your loved one. But prostates can be a problem even if they are not cancerous.

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'He only knew his daughter for four weeks before he passed'

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 17/07/2024, Aisling Brennan

A Queensland man who had only become a father four weeks before he died from brain cancer is being remembered as living a life filled with love. Tom Feldman was first diagnosed with brain cancer in January 2020. After completing surgery, chemo and radiation, doctors told Mr Feldman and his partner of 10 years, Tarsha, the results had stabilised. Want to join the family? Sign up to our Kidspot newsletter for more stories like this.

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'I'm scared and I want Charlie Teo': Aussie woman's crushing diagnosis at just 22

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 17/07/2024, Cydonee Mardon

At 22, Amy Norman felt like her world had fallen apart when a routine MRI found a lesion in her brain that doctors said would kill her in a matter of months. Worse was the news that neurosurgeons at the Queensland hospital couldn't operate or even perform a biopsy because it was considered "too dangerous". The mental health support worker hasn't been back to work since the May diagnosis and is desperate for options. "We googled and we googled and we googled," Ms Norman said.

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Penis cancer cases are surging around the world – here's why

The Courier Mail, Other, 17/07/2024, Andrew Court

It's every man's worst nightmare. Penis cancer cases are rising around the world and are expected to surge a staggering 77 per cent in the next 26 years, according to an alarming new investigation by BBC. The British news outlet says cases in Germany increased by 50 per cent between 1961 and 2012, while the UK has also seen a significant spike.

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Sports stars launch Telethon Kids Institute's new resources to encourage Type 1 diabetes kids to be active

West Australian, Other, 17/07/2024, Claire Sadler

A first-of-its-kind collection of sports resources has been designed to help coaches better understand Type 1 diabetes and encourage youth living with the chronic condition to stay active. Developed by researchers at the Telethon Kids Institute Diabetes Centre and Perth Children's Hospital, the Take PART resources (Physical Activity Resources for Type 1 Diabetes) were launched on Wednesday with the help of sports stars including West Coast Eagles player Jamie Cripps and former Wildcats champion Shawn Redhage.

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Free skin cancer screening for Manjimup to help detect early signs and save lives

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 17/07/2024, Anjelica Smilovitis

The Lions Cancer Institute will be providing free skin cancer screenings in Manjimup next month to

help the early detection of cancer. Lions Club of Manjimup's Paddy Pemberton said early detection of lesions saves lives and reduces the need for invasive surgery.

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Sunshine Coast father of four Dan Fong fighting rare, aggressive cancer

Sunshine Coast Daily, Other, 17/07/2024, Madeline Grace

A devoted dad of four has spent the last 10 weeks in hospital after what he thought was just a surfing injury turned out to be the only cancer case of its kind in Australia. A devoted dad of four has spent the last 10 weeks in hospital after what he thought was just a surfing injury turned out to be the only cancer case of its kind in Australia.

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Brisbane woman grateful to be in remission from sarcoma as scientists warn rare cancer is often missed

ABC Online, Other, 17/07/2024, Kenji Sato

Jacqui Cooper says she views her life differently after being struck down by a sarcoma. The sarcoma community's peak body says there is not enough research funding for this rare cancer. Sarcoma Awareness Month will wrap up at the end of July. One summer's day Jacqui Cooper discovered a cancerous lump on her foot that would rob her of the ability to walk, work, and look after her two-year-old son.

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The unsettling secret behind Tony Abbott's worrying new appearance - as doctors reveal why his face is now pockmarked by sores

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 18/07/2024

Tony Abbott attended a MH17 memorial at Parliament House However, the former PM had number of painful marks on his face Tony Abbott has appeared at a memorial in Parliament House soon after getting potentially cancerous sunspots removed from his face. The former prime minister, 66, gathered with his peers in Canberra on Wednesday to mark 10 years since Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was shot down, killing all 298 passengers - including 38 Australians.

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Australia, Cochlear support Japan programme for child hearing implants

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/07/2024

Hearing impaired children in Japan's coastal city of Shizuoka will from next year be able to listen, learn and speak better thanks to an A\$6.5 million (\$4.4 million) programme funded by the city and the government of Australia. Under the pilot programme, Australian child hearing not-for-profit The Shepherd Centre will send personnel to train experts at the Shizuoka Prefecture Hospital for three years, as Japan tries to address hearing problems sooner and younger.

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Melbourne teen details moment he realised he was having a stroke

9News, Other, 17/07/2024

A Melbourne teen who survived a stroke is raising awareness about the tell-tale signs of a stroke in the hope of preventing disability and saving lives. Martin Hercog, 16, underwent brain surgery seven months ago after he was rushed to Monash Children's University. The teen had suffered a stroke while bending down to put his shoes on. "That's when the pressure went to my brain, and that's where the stroke occurred," Hercog said.

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I value my health, which is why I always wear a P2 mask when crossing busy roads

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/07/2024, Vicki Kotsirilos

John is a 66-year-old who has worked with diesel vehicles most of his life. He has never been a smoker and exercises regularly. [...] According to the Cancer Council, diesel exhaust emissions are the second most common carcinogen workers are exposed to in Australia, behind ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure.

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A new way to discuss inhaler technique

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 17/07/2024, Debbie Rigby

Most Australians don't use their asthma inhalers correctly. By distinguishing between the two different types of inspiratory flow rates, this new inhaler label could help to improve a dismal status quo. [...] To promote better inhaler technique, the National Asthma Council Australia (NAC) and PSA have developed supplementary labels to be affixed to inhalers in addition to the dispensing label.

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PRIMARY CARE

Rats in the RAH

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/07/2024, Brad Crouch, Page 1

It's being called RAHtatuille a photo purportedly taken at the Royal Adelaide Hospital which seems to show a rodent. The photo with a headline "RAHtatuille!" posted to social media platform X by user "Rattled Doc" appears to show a rodent and is accompanied by the words: "Top tip to hospital managers: Cutting cleaners duties to save costs probably works out worse in the long term when it results in rodents in said hospitals."

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

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Staff cleared to restrain

Hobart Mercury, General News, 18/07/2024, Amber Wilson, Page 12

A woman has been legally forced to stay in a Hobart hospital for treatment, with staff authorised to use reasonable force, or physical or chemical restraint. The 69-year-old woman has been living as an inpatient at the hospital, apparently with serious cognitive dysfunction, but has repeatedly tried to leave. In appointing an emergency guardianship to protect the woman from harm, having "easily" come to the view one was needed, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal said it took "no pleasure, but some comfort" in acting in her best interests over her "clear wishes".

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Things can go wrong, but patient care is always the goal

West Australian, General News, 18/07/2024, Renaud Mazy, Page 38

Sixty days into my tenure as the newly appointed CEO of Joondalup Health Campus, I am conscious that we have featured in the news recently and not for the reasons we would customarily want. Having been CEO of one of Newsweek's World's Best 200 hospitals, Saint-Luc University Hospital, in my native Belgium for 13 years, I am acutely aware of the fact that hospitals are environments where highly trained and hugely dedicated healthcare professionals do their very best to help and treat all who present to them.

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NDIS and aged care issues hit hospitals

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 18/07/2024, James O'Doherty, Page 17

Hundreds of National Disability Insurance Scheme patients are languishing in NSW hospitals waiting for funding, putting strain on emergency departments and making hospital wait times worse. Crippling aged-care shortages are also clogging up hospital beds, with patients unable to leave because they have nowhere to go.

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Group goes online to save services

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 18/07/2024, Monique Patterson, Page 5

A group of concerned Warrnambool residents have set up a Facebook page - Save our Southwest Hospitals. A spokesman for the group, who did not want to be named, said there were grave concerns about the future of health services in the city. "The group is extremely concerned and the community should be too," he said. Warrnambool "Consolidation equates to reduced services locally which means loved ones will be treated in metropolitan centres."

Also reported by: [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#).

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Extending VAD laws to dementia an inevitability and a minefield

West Australian, Other, 17/07/2024, Kate Emery

I don't want US President Joe Biden to die. Obviously. [...] As it happens, it also coincided with my last remaining grandparent being moved into a nursing home; an experience that has only reinforced my opinion that voluntary euthanasia laws must — and ultimately will — be expanded to include dementia. I just hope that it happens before I'm in my grandma's slippers.

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Region's paramedics forced to make life-changing decisions due to lack of ambulances

Warrnambool Standard, Other, 17/07/2024, Monique Patterson

On Sunday, July 14, Warrnambool paramedic David Keane experienced what is the worst nightmare for anyone in his life of work. A call came in reporting a woman had suffered a cardiac arrest and the closest ambulance that could be dispatched was in Port Fairy.

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Wet weather forces Royal Flying Doctor Service pilots to use the Eyre Highway as a landing strip

6PR, Other, 17/07/2024

Royal Flying Doctor Service pilots have been forced to use the Eyre Highway as a landing strip twice in the last month due to wet weather which has flooded the airstrip at Eucla. Nadia Somers, the head of logistics at the Royal Flying Doctor Service joined Julie-Anne Sprague to discuss the logistics.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Grain Producers Australia brings back Farmer Mates Mental Health Initiative

West Australian, Other, 17/07/2024, Olivia Ford

Australian cricket legend Brad Hogg will be making an appearance in Dowerin as part of a mental health initiative run by Grain Producers Australia. GPA will be bringing back its Farmer Mates Mental Health initiative, and recently announced Mr Hogg will return as the scheme's National Ambassador.

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'There's no manual on how you cope with dying': mum making every moment count

The Border Mail, Other, 17/07/2024, Jodie O'Sullivan

It's the pain, more than anything, that "infuriates" Brianna Livermore. Pain that cruelly robs her of what little time she has left with her husband Aaron, their two young boys, family and friends. "The pain is horrible - that's the worst part," the 32-year-old admits. "Emotionally I'm okay ... most days." Today is

not a good day, Brianna confesses as we sit in the lounge room at her sister and brother-in-law's Jindera home.

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Why mental ill-health is on the increase across rural Australia

The Senior, Other, 17/07/2024

All is not well on the farm with Australian primary producers saying they are feeling overworked, underappreciated and anxious. Rural Aid chief executive officer John Warlters said in recent months the rural charity was seeing increasing numbers of farmers who were battling increased levels of mental ill-health.

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'My daughter loved being a vet. Until the client abuse destroyed her.'

Mamamia, Other, 17/07/2024, Nicole Madigan

Growing up, Sophie Putland adored animals. In fact, she loved all living things. So it was no surprise to her parents when Sophie told them she'd like to become a veterinarian "It seemed like the perfect career for our kind, caring daughter," says Sophie's mum, Kate Putland. "And for a long time it was." Sophie's love of animals never wavered, but life as a veterinarian was different to what she had imagined.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Respect for ambos

Herald Sun, Editorials, 18/07/2024, Page 28

As Victoria cries out for more health professionals to be trained for vital frontline sectors, a parallel challenge is to retain many of the workers already in the field. Workloads and, increasingly, physical attacks and verbal abuse are now issues for both safety and service provision.

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Australian surgeon returns home from Gaza describing 'unfathomable' conditions

ABC Online, Other, 17/07/2024, Zena Chamas

Australian surgeon Bushra Northman was holding back tears trying to describe her time as a volunteer at the Shuhada al-Aqsa Hospital in Gaza. She recently returned home to Melbourne, after an "unfathomable" three-week medical mission at the hospital in Deir Al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip. There are things she'll never forget. "The smell of burnt flesh of babies and children" rushing into the emergency room, remained etched in her mind.

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AMA denounces proposal to replace PIP, WIP and care plan items

Australian Doctor, Other, 17/07/2024, Antony Scholefield

The Scope of Practice Review is going beyond its remit by suggesting "cashing out" a string of GP programs to fund multidisciplinary care teams, the AMA says. The AMA also says opening up allied health referrals risks blowing out the health budget. The Scope of Practice Review went beyond its

remit when it suggested "cashing out" the Practice Incentives Program and Workforce Incentive Program to fund multidisciplinary care teams, the AMA says.

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Queensland regulatory updates

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 17/07/2024

New opportunities and changes continue for Queensland pharmacists, and PDL would like to remind Qld-based members of these changes for the benefit of patients and pharmacists.

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GMBA welcome new member

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 17/07/2024

Prioritising patients' access to affordable medicines is a shared mission of the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (GBMA) and its newest member, JAMP Pharma Australia. The GBMA CEO, Ms Marnie Peterson, welcomed JAMP Pharma Australia and said the membership expansion marks a pivotal time for the peak body for affordable medicines.

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

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PSA launches hormonal contraceptive prescribing training for Queensland pharmacists

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 17/07/2024

Queensland pharmacists participating in the Queensland Community Pharmacy Hormonal Contraception Pilot can now enrol in the Sexual and Reproductive Health Contraceptive Service – Queensland training program launched by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) today. Completion of the course allows pharmacists to autonomously prescribe hormonal contraception for female patients aged 16 years and older under the Pilot.

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

'Huge divergence' in govt's health data

Canberra Times, General News, 18/07/2024, Lucy Bladen and Bageshri Savyasachi, Page 20

The ACT's two health agencies use different datasets for the number of people who visit walk-in centres, but doctors are emphasising the need for "consistent, accurate data". Internal emails reveal a discrepancy of more than 10,000 presentations between ACT Health and Canberra Health Services, figures show over a nine-month period. ACT Health said there were 93,246 presentations between July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, but Canberra Health Services said there were 104,533.

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Aus digital health agency publishes new info-exchange roadmap

FST Media, Other, 17/07/2024, Yasmine Raso

The Australian Digital Health Agency has published a new roadmap to enhance the usage of the Healthcare Identifiers Service (HI Service). A collaboration between the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) and Services Australia, the roadmap outlines the use of healthcare identifiers, unique numbers for individuals used by healthcare providers to connect to their related information, as

part of a "connected and interoperable health system" where every stakeholder can be "accurately and quickly identified.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

GP in 'fake' exemption claims

Herald Sun, General News, 18/07/2024, Gianni Francis, Page 12

A doctor suspended over allegations of issuing fake Covid-19 vaccine exemptions and prescribing Ivermectin claims he "told the truth" to patients about vaccines. VCAT has dismissed Mark Hobart's attempt to have official misconduct proceedings against him thrown out. The Medical Board of Australia suspended Dr Hobart's practising licence in November 2021 after his North Sunshine clinic was raided by the health department.

Also reported by: [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [9News \(Online\)](#).

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Hospital in a slip after fall

Herald Sun, General News, 18/07/2024, Sarah Booth and Olivia Jenkins, Page 22

A Victorian hospital has blamed an "administrative error" after it failed to publicly respond to a coroner's findings into a patient's fatal fall for more than two years. Much-loved mother Eileen Smith died after she collapsed while trying to reach the bathroom while she was a patient at Mildura Base Public Hospital in September 2019. The 88-year-old hit her head and suffered a "significant" brain bleed.

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Nurse reinstated after pushing anorexic teen

Canberra Times, Other, 17/07/2024, Sophia McCaughan

A nurse has won his appeal to be re-registered as a practitioner, subject to restrictions, after he pushed a teenage girl suffering from anorexia. Peter McPherson was a nurse on the mental health unit at Sydney's Westmead Children's Hospital in November 2019, when he was hit on the head by a 15-year-old girl following a conversation after the girl failed to finish her breakfast.

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

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SPORT

AFL umpires skip skills sessions

The Australian, Sport, 18/07/2024, Sam Landsberger, Page 27

With afl umpires coming under increasing criticism, it can be revealed the group of match officials have not completed a skills session together in several years. The standard of umpiring has emerged as the biggest on-field crisis this season, with more than 10 games decided by contentious decisions and the AFL changing the holding-the-ball interpretation mid-year.

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

US at risk of losing hosting rights, says Pound

Age, Sport, 18/07/2024, Steve Keating, Page 44

The United States is at risk of losing both the 2028 Summer and 2034 Winter Olympics if American law enforcement over reaches in its investigation of Chinese swimmers, said former senior International Olympic Committee member Dick Pound. Any country wanting to compete in or stage an international sporting event must be compliant with the anti-doping code.

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Oval & out: AFL snubs Adelaide

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 18/07/2024, Matt Turner, Page 1

South Australian AFL fans will be denied the chance to see a game at Adelaide Oval in the final round of the season, with both the Crows and the Power hitting the road. Adelaide will play Sydney at the SCG while Port Adelaide takes on Fremantle in Perth. The situation has only arisen in any regular season round three times since Port entered the AFL in 1997, excluding bye weeks and Covid-hit seasons.

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The knock out blow

Canberra Times, General News, 18/07/2024, Chris Dutton, Page 1

The Olympic Games reality dawned on Monique Suraci at some point between being an "angry little girl" and quitting her job as a real estate receptionist. To win gold, she had to make sacrifices. So that's exactly what she did - walked away from a steady income at a 9-5 job and started selling T-shirts, raffle tickets and even her car to fund her Paris dream. "People don't realise that a lot of us don't get paid, but not many people get to say they're an Olympian," Suraci said.

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Collard cops six-week suspension for homophobic slurs

Canberra Times, Sport, 18/07/2024, Page 35

AFL chief executive Andrew Dillon is adamant the league doesn't have a homophobia problem despite St Kilda teenager Lance Collard becoming the third player to be suspended over the issue this year. Collard will serve a six-game ban after being investigated for directing "unprompted and highly offensive homophobic slurs" towards two Williamstown opponents in a VFL game.

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Foxtel masters coup

Daily Telegraph, Sport, 18/07/2024, Page 62

Foxtel Group has secured the broadcast rights for the US Masters for years to come with confirmation of a new deal with Augusta National Golf Club across platforms including Foxtel, Foxtel Now and Kayo Sports. The new agreement continues Foxtel Group's long-term partnership with Augusta National that spans almost two decades and includes a dedicated channel during Masters week on Foxtel and Kayo Sports.

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Maroons dominate

Courier Mail, General News, 18/07/2024, Page 1

We may have lost the footy, but Queensland is about to prove we're the real winners. As we do at every Olympics, Queensland athletes are ready to dominate at the Paris Games, which starts in just eight days time. While we don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves, you can pencil in three gold from the athletes above.

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Data says our fine city is fit to burst

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 18/07/2024, Paul Weston, Page 10

Low space and will to sweat Gold Coasters are among the unfittest in Queensland as the tourism capital faces a looming crisis to provide enough sporting fields for the population boom, research reveals. The latest council plan update which considered the Gold Coast's health and activity ranking shows just under 60 per cent of people are undertaking enough daily physical workouts.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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\$1m injection to upgrade sports facilities in league

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 18/07/2024, Simpsonjessica Greenan, Page 3

A south-west recreation reserve will soon receive a \$1.39 million upgrade. It comes after the Simpson Recreation Reserve Committee received a million-dollar contribution from the state government's Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. Reserve committee secretary Michele Fratantaro said she was "stoked". "The current rooms have been described as up there with some of the worst in the Colac and District Football Netball league," she said.

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Origin campaign labelled weak and a 'front' for liquor lobby by domestic, sexual and family violence charities

ABC Online, Other, 17/07/2024, Claudia Long

Advocates say the updated Always Respect, Always DrinkWise campaign is being used by alcohol companies as a "slimy tactic." Alcohol has been found to be an accelerant in situations of sexual, family and domestic violence.

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

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ABC News, ABC National News, 17/07/2024, Joe O'Brien

AFL Chief Executive Andrew Dillon has defended the role of the Match Review Officer on the Tribunal as players and coaches get more clarity over tackling rules. It comes as Brisbane and GWS launch appeals over lengthy suspensions. Meanwhile, the AFL has handed down its biggest-ever ban for a homophobic slur, suspending Saint Kilda's Lance Collard for six weeks.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 17/07/2024, Peter Mitchell

A young Saint Kilda star has been hit with a season-ending ban for using a vile homophobic slur. Lance Collard has been handed a six-match ban. Collard was playing for the Saints VFL side Sandringham last Saturday when he used the homophobic slur against two Williamstown opponents.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

TPG, Affinity lob bids for Healius imaging unit

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 18/07/2024, Page 16

At least two private capital big wigs have submitted nonbinding indicative bids for Healius' Lumus Imaging, as newly installed boss Paul Anderson tries to lock in a \$700 million sale to pacify angry shareholders. Street Talk understands the \$US224 billion T...

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

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Sydney researchers take the bite out of snake venom

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 18/07/2024, Angus Dalton, Page 17

If a cobra strike doesn't kill you, the snake's potent venom can eat into your flesh, inducing necrosis

and often forcing the amputation of festering limbs. Thousands of people meet such a fate each year. But now scientists from the University of Sydney have uncovered a new antidote for cobra venom, after previously discovering new cures for box jellyfish stings and poison from death cap mushrooms.

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

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Fake papers threaten medical science

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 18/07/2024, Angus Dalton, Page 23

Medical research has a major problem: an alarmingly high number of trials are based on fake, fraudulent or misinterpreted data. Research misconduct sleuths call them "zombie" studies. They look like real research papers but they're rotten to the core. And when these studies go on to influence clinical guidelines, that is, how patients are treated in hospitals and doctors' rooms, they can be dangerous.

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Cancer risk for women

Daily Telegraph, General News, 18/07/2024, Page 17

Women with endometriosis could also be at higher risk of ovarian cancer. In worrying news, researchers at the University of Utah in the US found that the type of endometriosis a woman suffers from also seems to affect the risk and cancer type. The team found women with endometriosis had a 4.2-fold higher ovarian cancer risk than those without endometriosis, but women with ovarian endometriomas (cysts) and/or deep infiltrating endometriosis had a 9.7-fold higher risk compared to those without.

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

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How diet change could save baby

Herald Sun, Edition Changes, 18/07/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 5

A change in diet during pregnancy can help protect babies from cardiovascular disease for decades after they are born, Melbourne researchers believe. Monash University found a mother's high fibre diet which could be as easy as eating common foods like beans, nuts, oats and even potatoes and pasta passed on crucial cardiac benefits to babies.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Minty habit killing both good and bad

The Nightly, General News, 17/07/2024, Caroline Jones, Page 31

A swift swill of mouthwash is part of many people's daily dental routines. But there's growing evidence to suggest it may do more harm than good: a study has found that antiseptic mouthwash increases levels of "bad" bacteria in the mouth that may in turn raise the risk of gum disease and certain cancers.

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World-first peanut allergy trial seeking participants

Canberra Times, Other, 17/07/2024, Rachael Ward

World-first human trials of a new treatment for peanut allergy likened to a "heat-seeking missile" will soon start, with hopes it could eventually stop reactions to shellfish. About three in every 100 Australian children have a peanut allergy and current treatments focus on reducing symptoms rather than stopping it at the source.

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

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Bushfire smoke sparks surge in Perth hospital admissions, Curtin and Murdoch University study reveals

Bushfire smoke is sparking a surge in Perth hospital admissions for heart and lung issues, prompting concerns about West Australians' health following horror blazes. The study by Curtin and Murdoch University researchers tracked fine particulate matter (PM2.5) levels in smoke and analysed more than half a million hospital admissions from 2015 to 2017 in Perth, which revealed children, the elderly and people from disadvantaged areas were at higher risk of hospitalisation due to bushfire smoke.

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Roche reports positive early results in obesity drug trial

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 17/07/2024

Roche said on Wednesday its CT-996, a new drug being developed to treat obesity and type 2 diabetes, has had positive results for weight loss in phase one of its clinical trial. Roche is among a growing number of would-be rivals to Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly, whose weight-loss drugs have caused a storm in demand as experts up their sales forecasts for such treatments to as much as \$150 billion by the early 2030s.

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Steps fix ulcers

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 17/07/2024

A supervised exercise program could help to accelerate healing of foot ulcers for people with diabetes, new evidence is suggesting. The Federal Government has contributed \$713,532 towards a 12-week study conducted by University of South Australia nursing lecturer, Dr Lisa Matricciani, in collaboration with the Central Adelaide Local Health Network.

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Seeking support

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 17/07/2024

A Monash University study has given a boost to the impetus for additional support and training for pharmacists, GPs and nurses seeking to deliver sexual and reproductive health services in Australia. Published in BMJ - Sexual and Reproductive Health, the AusCAPPS study revealed pharmacists and others are looking for peer support and online resources to help them deliver long-acting reversible contraception and early medical abortion in primary care around the country.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Cultural leader for Hearing Australia Azizah Roe urges ear checks for Indigenous children in Mid West-Gascoyne

West Australian, Other, 17/07/2024, Jessica Moroney

Hearing Australia is encouraging families in the Mid West-Gascoyne to get their children's ears checked, after an alarming 26 per cent of First Nations children were found to have an undiagnosed ear disease. More than 120 children received hearing assessments in the Mid West-Gascoyne in 2022-23.

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Exclusive footage shows children being placed in isolation cells in Queensland

SBS, Other, 17/07/2024, Jennifer Luu and Madeleine Wedesweiler

Cctv footage obtained by Guardian Australia and SBS The Feed shows a 13-year-old Indigenous girl being put into an isolation cell at a Cairns watch house. She struggles with police and tries to escape, until her arm is caught in the door. 'The box' is an isolation cell with no toilet, mattress or running water inside Queensland's police watch houses.

Also reported by: [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [The Guardian \(Online\)](#), [SBS \(Sydney\)](#).

INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

'Killer' dust use not fine

Canberra Times, General News, 18/07/2024, Lanie Tindale, Page 15

Worksafe ACT has issued two notices to at least one Canberra business for cutting materials containing "killer dust". Dry-cutting materials with silica dust, or crystalline silica, has been illegal in the ACT since 2022. This dust has been dubbed the next asbestos because it can cause silicosis and other fatal diseases. Silicosis is a lung disease caused by breathing in tiny bits of silica.

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Bird Flu closes in on Australia

The Mandarin, Other, 17/07/2024, Dan Holmes

Australia's chooks could be at risk from highly infectious strains of bird flu circulating the country. Three separate H7 strains of avian influenza have been detected so far. Biosecurity-restricted zones have been set up around the farms to prevent the spread, as state authorities battle to control separate outbreaks in New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Mornings, 17/07/2024, Steve Austin

Queensland's peak medical body is calling on the state government to make the whooping cough vaccine free for the public. The free shot is currently only available for pregnant women, babies aged two months to four years and children aged 12 to 13. The Australian Medical Association Queensland says that should be expanded amid a rise in respiratory infections. More news in half an hour of conversations.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Imricor Medical in \$35m raise

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 18/07/2024, Page 16

Listed medtech Imricor Medical Systems was seeking to raise up to \$35 million yesterday to see it through to US Food and Drug Administration approvals for its flagship product aimed at the market for treatment of irregular heart rhythms. The offer was str...

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

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Inquest likely for Covid-19 vaccine death

The Australian, General News, 18/07/2024, Tricia Rivera, Page 3

The family of a young Melbourne woman who died five weeks after receiving a Covid-19 vaccine has fought a request from Moderna's lawyers to access medical documents from four years prior to the death, as a coroner speculated a full inquest could eventuate. Natalie Boyce, 21, fell ill after getting a Moderna vaccine in February 2022 and was admitted to the Alfred Hospital where she died in March. The Therapeutic Goods Administration accepted that there was a link between the law student's death and the third jab she received in February.

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

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Doctors call for AI rules to prevent medical mistakes

Newcastle Herald, General News, 18/07/2024, Jennifer Dudley-Nicholson, Page 17

Australian doctors are using AI tools, including ChatGPT, to deal with patients every day despite a lack of guidelines or oversight from the nation's medical regulator, an inquiry has heard. [...] But Professor Farah Magrabi, from Macquarie University's Australian Institute of Health Innovation, said the technology was being used without professional oversight as it did not qualify for scrutiny from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Parents protest ban of 'liquid gold' colic remedy amid health warnings

9News, Other, 17/07/2024, Sarah Swain

Parents of newborns are calling for a ban on a mixture they describe as "liquid gold" for colic, but which health authorities warn can cause "serious side effects", to be lifted. [...] Australia's medical watchdog the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) issued a warning about compounded products containing belladonna earlier this month, saying it had been linked to "serious side effects".

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Hysterical: the shocking findings from government inquiries into women's healthcare

SBS, Other, 17/07/2024, Catriona Stirrat

Two thirds of women in Australia say they experience gender bias in the health system. That's according to the federal government's End Gender Bias survey, which more than 2,500 women responded to and which forms part of the government's attempts to address medical misogyny. [...] That's Assistant Minister for Health Ged Kearney speaking at the National Women's Health Summit in March.

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OFFICE FOR DRUG CONTROL

Weed Week: Getting a grip on the cannabis scene amid a pending regulatory shakeup

The Australian, Other, 17/07/2024, Eddy Sunarto

The cannabis industry is poised for growth, driven by evolving legalisation globally. Investment opportunities therefore exist across the sector. We take a look at the ASX weed stock winners over the past month. The cannabis industry is drawing substantial interest, driven by expectations of significant growth in the coming years.

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FOOD STANDARDS

Cancer Council Victoria wants the five new train stations slated to open across

9News, Other, 17/07/2024, Allanah Sciberras

Melbourne's CBD next year to be free from junk food advertising. Unhealthy food and drink advertising is currently allowed on all public transport across the state. According to data supplied by the peak cancer body, about 66 per cent of parents are in favour of removing unhealthy food and drink advertising on public transport. Meanwhile, 80 per cent wanted government action to remove the advertising.

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

Cheese best before date sale sparks supermarket food labelling standards debate

Adelaide Now, Other, 17/07/2024, Natalie Vikhrov

An online post about blue cheese sold past its best before date has sparked a debate about food labelling standards. less than 2 min read Our Cow Co-Founder Bianca Tarrant has called for tougher regulations on labelling in the meat and livestock industry so consumers "can make more educated decisions" about the food they are buying. [...] Food Standards Australia New Zealand says foods that are labelled with a use-by date can't legally be sold beyond the marked date and shouldn't be eaten because they could pose a health or safety risk.

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BHP operations contaminate groundwater with 'forever chemicals' next to homes in WA's north-west

ABC Online, Other, 17/07/2024, Jessica Shackleton

BHP will install monitoring wells across Port Hedland to trace PFAS contaminants in groundwater extending to Wilson and Anderson streets. It is the second drilling investigation in less than two years. The iron ore miner has told residents it will fully assess the risk to local marine life and impacts on groundwater.

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