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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 1) reports New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters has criticised Australia's Covid inquiry, claiming it was a "whitewash". Health Minister Mark Butler has defended the inquiry as a "very comprehensive, measured, sensible report that does examine a range of decisions that state governments were taking" and that "it doesn't pull its punches at all".
- **[The Herald Sun](#)** (page 1) reports a new cardiac arrest treatment known as E-CPR that utilises an ECMO life support machine while CPR is underway has been used to save the life of 50 per cent of patients at Austin Health, according to the head of Austin's ECMO program.
- **[The Sydney Morning Herald](#)** (page 3) reports NSW will launch an education program urging women over 25 undertake cervical screening as data shows almost 40 per cent of women in NSW are overdue for the screening which tests for HPV and ovarian cancer.
- **[The Australian](#)** (page 4) reports Medicines Australia has accused the government of failing to inform them of delays to PBAC assessments until October 22, despite Health Minister Mark Butler asking his department to inform MA of the delay on October 9, according to a department timeline of events.

- [The Australian](#) (page 4) reports infrastructure costs for the Brisbane Olympics could increase to \$681 million, according to the new LNP government, who has accused the previous government of knowing about the blowout and covering it up.
- [The Guardian](#) reports Australian researchers have recommended a change to guidelines around dealing with overweight pregnancies, claiming stigma in the medical field adversely affects health outcomes for women who experience discrimination and an “over-medicalisation of obesity” based on societal norms rather than medical evidence.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Subsidy delays hit drug sponsors

The Australian, General News, 11/11/2024, James Dowling, Page 4

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### NZ foreign minister blasts COVID inquiry

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/11/2024, Matthew Knott, Page 1

New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters has blasted the Australian government's inquiry into the handling of the pandemic while warning Canberra against taking further steps to make deporting New Zealand-born criminals easier. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler defended the inquiry yesterday, describing it as a "very comprehensive, measured, sensible report that does examine a range of decisions that state governments were taking".

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

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### Many children are waiting in pain

Central Western Daily, General News, 11/11/2024, Tim Keys, Page 12

Our dental care system is in crisis. But it is easy to fix. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler's response to any cry for dental reform is that the government is too busy dealing with GP reform.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Canberra\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).

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### Greater RSV protection on way

Canberra Times, General News, 11/11/2024, Page 11

Pregnant women and babies will have greater protection against a condition known as respiratory syncytial virus as part of an expanded vaccination program. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the expanded vaccination scheme would help to keep 10,000 babies out of hospital each year.

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## Vaccines to target RSV in children

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 11/11/2024, Page 2

The Federal Government will spend more than \$174 million to give pregnant women a free vaccine for RSV ahead of next year's winter, with national access also expanded for newborns and young children. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the expanded vaccination scheme would help to keep 10,000 babies out of hospital each year.

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### ABC News, ABC News - 15:00 (Weekend), 10/11/2024, Ruby Cornish

Pregnant women and newborn babies will have access to free vaccines for RSV before next winter. Health Minister Mark Butler says it will improve the health of babies and parents as well as reduce pressure on hospitals in winter.

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### Channel 9, Today on Sunday, 10/11/2024, Sophie Walsh & Clint Stanaway

Interview with Mark Butler, Health Minister on providing free nationwide access for RSV vaccine for pregnant women and newborn babies by the Albanese Government. Butler says this is the leading cause of hospitalisation for babies under the age of six months, and a quarter of them end up in intensive care units. He states this vaccine program will drop hospitalisation by up to 90%.

*Also reported by: Channel 9 (Adelaide), Channel 9 (Brisbane), Channel 9 (Melbourne), Channel 9 (Perth), Channel 9 Darwin (Darwin), Channel 9 Gold Coast (Gold Coast North), Imparja Alice Springs (Alice Springs), Imparja Longreach (Longreach), Imparja Mt Isa (Mt Isa), NBN Central Coast (Gosford), NBN Coffs Harbour (Coffs Harbour), NBN Gold Coast (Gold Coast), NBN Lismore (Lismore), NBN Newcastle Hunter (Newcastle), NBN Tamworth (Tamworth), NBN Taree (Taree), WIN Ballarat (Ballarat), WIN Bendigo (Bendigo), WIN Cairns (Cairns), WIN Canberra (Canberra), WIN Dubbo (Dubbo), WIN Gippsland (Sale), WIN Griffith (Griffith), WIN Hobart (Hobart), WIN Mackay (Mackay), WIN Mildura (Mildura), WIN Mt Gambier (Mt Gambier), WIN Orange (Orange), WIN Riverland (Berri), WIN Rockhampton (Rockhampton), WIN Shepparton (Shepparton), WIN Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast), WIN Toowoomba (Toowoomba), WIN Townsville (Townsville), WIN Wagga Wagga (Wagga Wagga), WIN Western Australia (Perth), WIN Wollongong (Wollongong)*

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### 2GB, 14:00 News (Weekend), 10/11/2024

All pregnant women and newborn babies will soon have access to two free vaccines against RSV. Health Minister Mark Butler says there has been a huge reduction in hospitalisation in WA and Queensland which have already rolled out the measure.

*Also reported by: 2CC (Canberra), 2GN (Goulburn), 2LT (Lithgow), 2YOU FM (Tamworth), Outback Radio 2WEB (Bourke)*

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### 2GB, 05:00 News, 11/11/2024

A new medication is being made available for Australians living with type two diabetes. Sudovia will cost concession card holders no more than \$32 a month. Now it's listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Health Minister Mark Butler says it's an important change.

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### 2SM, 11:00 News (Weekend), 10/11/2024

Pregnant mothers and newborns will receive free vaccinations against RSV under the Federal Government's new nationwide immunisation program. Health Minister Mark Butler says children under 2yo would be eligible for the jab during winter.

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### ABC Radio Sydney, 14:00 News (Weekend), 10/11/2024

The Federal Government is making vaccinations against RSV free nationally for mothers and their third trimester or newborns. Health Minister Mark Butler says he is expecting it will prompt a big increase in

the vaccination rate.

Also reported by: ABC Alice Springs (Alice Springs), ABC Ballarat (Ballarat), ABC Broken Hill (Broken Hill), ABC Capricornia (Rockhampton), ABC Central Coast (Erina), ABC Central Victoria (Bendigo), ABC Central West NSW (Orange), ABC Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour), ABC Esperance (Esperance), ABC Eyre Peninsula and West Coast (Port Lincoln), ABC Far North (Cairns), ABC Gippsland (Sale), ABC Gold Coast (Gold Coast), ABC Goldfields WA (Kalgoorlie), ABC Goulburn Murray (Wodonga), ABC Great Southern (Albany), ABC Great Southern WA (Wagin), ABC Illawarra (Wollongong), ABC Kimberley (Broome), ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt (Geraldton), ABC Mildura - Swan Hill (Mildura), ABC New England North West (Tamworth), ABC Newcastle (Newcastle), ABC North and West SA (Port Pirie), ABC North Coast NSW (Lismore), ABC North Queensland (Townsville), ABC North West Qld (Mt Isa), ABC Northern Tasmania (Launceston), ABC Pilbara (Karratha), ABC Radio Adelaide (Adelaide), ABC Radio Brisbane (Brisbane), ABC Radio Darwin (Darwin), ABC Radio Hobart (Hobart), ABC Radio Melbourne (Melbourne), ABC Radio Perth (Perth), ABC Riverina (Wagga Wagga), ABC Riverland SA (Renmark), ABC Shepparton (Shepparton), ABC South East NSW (Bega), ABC South East SA (Mt Gambier), ABC South West WA (Bunbury), ABC South Western Victoria (Warrnambool), ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba), ABC Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast), ABC Tropical North (Mackay), ABC Upper Hunter (Muswellbrook), ABC Western Plains NSW (Dubbo), ABC Western Queensland (Longreach), ABC Wide Bay (Bundaberg), ABC Wimmera (Horsham), Radio National (Newcastle), Radio National (Sydney)

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## ABC Radio Sydney, 05:00 News, 10/11/2024

Pregnant mothers across the country will soon be able to access free immunisation for the contagious RSV virus to protect newborn babies. The federal government says 12,000 babies are hospitalised with the respiratory virus RSV each year. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says women will now have free access to that vaccine, while a monoclonal antibody will be available for all new babies, the government says.

Also reported by: ABC Radio Adelaide (Adelaide), ABC Radio Brisbane (Brisbane), ABC Radio Canberra (Canberra), ABC Radio Hobart (Hobart), ABC Radio Melbourne (Melbourne), Radio National (Adelaide), Radio National (Sydney)

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## FIVEAA, 08:30 News (Weekend), 10/11/2024

Sidapvia is being made available for type two diabetes patients in Australia. It will cost concession cardholders no more than \$32 a month with the medicines listed on the PBS. Health Minister Mark Butler says it is an important change.

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## MINISTER WELLS

### Aged care homes fail targets

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 11/11/2024, Julie Cross & Annabel Fleming, Page 7

More than six in 10 aged care homes in Queensland are not spending enough time caring for residents, according to the latest figures. [...] In an open letter to providers, Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells issued a warning about performance, saying providers had received a significant uplift in funding since October 2022, to help pay for staff.

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

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER KEARNEY

### Unhealthiest electorate tag

Riverine Herald, General News, 11/11/2024, Emily Donohoe, Page 2

Nicholls has been determined as Victoria's most at-risk federal electorate, according to the Wesfarmers Health Index. [...] Federal Assistant Health and Aged Care Minister Ged Kearney believes the index findings show critical health challenges.

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### Reforms set to open options for mums

Newcastle Herald, General News, 11/11/2024, Jessica Belzycki, Page 10

New laws will help end gate keeping of maternity care, according to Hunter private practice midwives. [...] "They [Australians] were missing out on high-quality and timely care, they were waiting longer for appointments and paying more in gap fees, because of this needless red tape," Assistant Health Minister Ged Kearney said.

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## DEPARTMENT

### Subsidy delays hit drug sponsors

The Australian, General News, 11/11/2024, James Dowling, Page 4

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### SA aged care residents are not getting enough time with staff, as providers blame shortages

Herald Sun, Other, 10/11/2024, Julie Cross & Annabel Fleming

South Australian aged care residents are not getting the care they are entitled to, as providers reveal the extreme lengths they're using to hire staff. [...] A Department of Aged Care spokeswoman said there has been a steady increase in care minutes delivered since it became mandatory on October 1, last year.

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### Register now for the StewartBrown Retirement Living Performance Report

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/11/2024, Ian Horswill

The widely respected aged care benchmarking accountant will now provide an independent survey and report for the retirement living sector advocacy. [...] Senior Partner Grant Corderoy (pictured), a speaker at the NSW Property Council's annual retirement forum last Friday, was a lead member of the Aged Care Taskforce and consults with the Department of Health and Aged Care.

## VACCINES

### Media failed the test on Covid, Trump

The Australian, Media, 11/11/2024, Chris Mitchell, Page 24

This column, forecasting a Trump election win, last week expressed surprise so many news consumers remain loyal to media sources that regularly get things hopelessly wrong, even national elections. The left-liberal US media got Trump and the electorate wrong for nine years but last week showed little sign of understanding why.

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### Aussie life expectancy

Cairns Post, General News, 11/11/2024, Page 10

Health Life expectancy in Australia has fallen slightly for the second straight year, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. "A boy born today is expected to live to 81.1 years and a girl to 85.1 years," ABS head of demography Beidar Cho said.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Heart health risks concerning

Shepparton News, General News, 11/11/2024, Nicola Ceccato, Page 5

A recent report has shed light on the alarming health gap between regional and metropolitan areas, with Nicholls facing particularly worrying cardio metabolic risks. The Wesfarmers Health: Australia's Health Index report was recently launched and provides a comprehensive real-time view of Australia's heart health.

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### This group has the highest Long COVID diagnosis rates. But that's not the whole story

SBS, Other, 10/11/2024

A new study has shown that rich, middle-aged women are most likely to be diagnosed by a GP with Long COVID but that doesn't mean they're most likely to suffer from it. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) estimates up to 10 per cent of COVID patients will develop Long COVID.

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### New framework provides roadmap for clinical quality registries to drive health care improvement

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 11/11/2024

New best practice guidance will support Australia's national clinical quality registries to provide more timely and meaningful feedback to clinicians and health service organisations. There is a wealth of data to monitor health care outcomes in Australia, but some of it lacks the detail and timeliness that clinicians and health service organisations need to improve the care they deliver.

## **Dementia is the chronic condition of the 21st century**

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 11/11/2024

As dementia edges closer to becoming the leading cause of death for Australians, it is crucial that we adopt a dual approach to focus on the future brain health of the nation as well as providing more targeted, effective support to those impacted by dementia. [...] The 2024 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Dementia in Australia report highlights that dementia is already the leading cause of death in the ACT, SA and NSW and is the leading cause of death of women, the second leading cause of disease burden overall, and the leading cause of burden for people aged 65 years and over.

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## **CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS**

### **Women still delaying cervical screens**

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/11/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 3

Shanny Pyke had no reason to think she might have cancer. So when it came time to have her five-yearly cervical screening test during the pandemic, she put it off, thinking it was more trouble than it was worth.

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### **Here are new guidelines for preventing stroke, Australia's 3rd biggest killer**

9News, Other, 10/11/2024

The majority of strokes could be prevented, according to new guidelines aimed at helping people and their doctors do just that. Stroke, also known as cerebrovascular disease, was the third leading cause of death in Australia in 2023, behind heart attacks and dementia.

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### **My son took one bite of his first birthday cake and I knew something was terribly wrong. Then we got news of his devastating diagnosis**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 11/11/2024, Cindy Tran

Baby Harris was happily enjoying his very first birthday cake when, out of nowhere, he suddenly started vomiting. At first, parents Tyler and Alix Richardson assumed their son, whom they affectionately nicknamed Hazy, was having a bad reaction to the sugar.

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### **I was 38 when I noticed a minor change to my body. It was a symptom of the 'very dangerous' and aggressive cancer growing in my chest**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/11/2024, Shania Obrien

Ellie Rogers was 38 when she felt a lump the size of a ballpoint pen on her collar bone and almost dismissed it - only to receive a devastating diagnosis that would change her life a few days later. The Melbourne mum, now 45, was busy juggling two children and personal creative endeavours when she noticed something was wrong.

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### **Off a cliff: Lack of support left terminal cancer patient feeling excluded**

Newcastle Herald, Other, 10/11/2024, Rowan Cowley

The news that she was going to die of breast cancer came as a huge shock to Andrea Smith, and almost as shocking was the lack of available support services. At the time, she was just 49 and had been experiencing symptoms such as exhaustion and muscular pain in the ribs, spine, and hips.

Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser](#)



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## PRIMARY CARE

### Pregnancy game changer

West Australian, General News, 11/11/2024, Claire Sadler, Page 3

A new screening program will be rolled out to test pregnant WA women for the risk of pre-eclampsia with a daily dose of aspirin all it takes to prevent a condition that can cause serious complications including premature birth. Currently most women are not screened in early pregnancy, meaning if they develop pre-eclampsia the only way to stop the high blood pressure condition is by giving birth early.

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### Strength in difference

West Australian, General News, 11/11/2024, Andrew Miller, Page 13

While working as a doctor in America during the Clinton years, I came to feel that the US was a bit like Asia on steroids lacking many of the safety nets we take for granted in our wealthy Medicare-enabled country but providing incredible opportunity for diverse cultural experiences and agile innovation. While we value our peace, the US has always been pugilistic, domestically and internationally.

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### US anti-abortion contagion must be kept out of Australia

West Australian, General News, 11/11/2024, Alison Evans, Page 13

America has spoken loud and clear. On the presidency, the economy and the role of women's rights within public debate. The world is awash with pundits casting their verdict around what caused the "biggest political upset" ever seen.

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### Taken a turn

Ballarat Courier, General News, 11/11/2024, Michelle Smith, Page 1

Ballarat Base Hospital is seeing more patients who are sicker when they arrive at the emergency department. The increasing number of high-acuity patients those with severe illness or injury began during the COVID-19 pandemic and sees no signs of slowing.

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### Wake-up call for doctors

Border Mail, General News, 11/11/2024, Layton Holley, Page 1

Two days after her GP had accused her of "seeking pain pills", Claudia Warburton went into septic shock. After a hysterectomy, the biomedicine student knew that worsening pain and non-stop bleeding was a red flag.

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### Call out for men's health centre

Daily Advertiser, General News, 11/11/2024, Finn Coleman, Page 3

Calls for a dedicated Wagga-based facility to provide comprehensive health and support services for men in the Riverina have reached Wagga City Council. Councillor Richard Foley is seeking the council's support for the future establishment of a Riverina Men's Health Centre, which would offer a holistic service.

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### Specialist grants to help deliver top healthcare



The Victorian Government is making a change to the accessibility of required allied health services, opening new opportunities and grants to assist in speech pathology and occupational therapy in regional Victoria. "All Victorians should be able to access the care and support they need, no matter where they live," Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas said.

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## Data healthier than some

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 11/11/2024, Ben Silvester, Page 1

Regional Victoria's biggest hospitals have all claimed unwanted records, despite emergency and surgical wait times declining in the latest state government data. The statistics - which run to September - showed every major regional hospital lagging the statewide average for emergency department wait times over the past year.

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## Scope of Practice Review comes under fire

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 11/11/2024

The Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce – Scope of Practice Review final report was delivered last week. It's caused a stir among Australia's peak doctor groups but has been welcomed by the nation's nurses and midwives.

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# MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

## Honouring the past & present

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/11/2024, Tyson Jackson, Page 15

Remembrance Day has a new call to arms - honour those who have fallen in the past, but also make it a day of action to recognise the surviving veterans of the present. With the royal commission into veterans' suicide shedding light on the trauma and stresses of the modern returned servicemen and women, the RSL is calling on Australians to look ahead as well as to the past when they attend Remembrance Day services today.

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## RSL 'can do more to help'

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 11/11/2024, Ian Royall, Page 4

The president of RSL Victoria has admitted the organisation needs to do more to help ex-service personnel in the aftermath of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. Robert Webster has spoken out on Remembrance Day to urge "brave" action to help current and former ADF members.

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## 'We're coming for you' the message for fiends

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 11/11/2024, Rebecca Borg, Page 15

St Patrick's College Ballarat student Rohan Cosgriff was just 17 when he took his own life after being blackmailed by a Nigerian criminal in an evil sextortion scam in 2022. Two years on, his parents Anthony and Beck Cosgriff say not enough is being done to protect young people online and want the government to step up.

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## TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

### **4BC, Weekend Breakfast, 10/11/2024, Olympia Kwitowski**

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### **Nurse stripped of registration after act that distressed patient**

Daily Advertiser, General News, 11/11/2024, Emily Anderson, Page 8

An aged-care nurse, who bashed a doll's head in front of an elderly patient who believed the toy was real, has been stripped of her registration and banned from providing health services. Former Junee residential aged care facility nurse Sudisksha Ahuja will not be able to seek a review of her deregistration as an enrolled nurse for 12 months after the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) made its decision on November 4.

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## HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

### **Men's shed plans community health day**

Sunraysia Daily, Other, 10/11/2024, Wade Stephens

The Dareton Men in a Shed are planning an event in February next year to engage local seniors and get them to focus on their wellbeing. Based off a Spanner in the Works event held in collaboration with the Australian Men's Shed Association and Men's Health Australia six years ago, Dareton members have submitted a grant application to the New South Wales Government's Connecting Seniors program.

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## SPORT

## Labor accused of 'hiding' huge Games blowout

The Australian, General News, 11/11/2024, Mackenzie Scott, Page 4

A blowout in costs in delivering the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games could climb to \$681m, with a major infrastructure project expected to run over budget by half a billion dollars. The revelation came as Queensland Premier David Crisafulli promoted former senator Amanda Stoker to his "next-gen" assistant ministry alongside six other newly elected MPs.

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

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## Crows' Thebby HQ work to begin

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 11/11/2024, Simeon Thomas-Wilson, Page 7

Work will finally begin on Adelaide Football Club's new training base and headquarters at Thebarton Oval after the Crows finalised an agreement with a South Australian building company to finally get the project under way. It can be revealed the AFL club has partnered with Commercial and General's Tandem Building Group to bring its transformation of the historic oval into its new headquarters and training base.

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## Roth: Act to stop abuse

Adelaide Advertiser, Sport, 11/11/2024, Matt Logue & Michael Randall, Page 37

Fed-up NBL players want the online abuse to stop, pleading with officials to provide greater protection for the barrage of personal vitriol they're subjected to on social media. Online trolling in the NBL has long been widespread but, days after Perth star Keanu Pinder posted screenshots of disgusting abusive messages he'd received, emotional Tasmania coach Scott Roth called on the NBL to take action.

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## Add \$500m to the tab

Courier Mail, General News, 11/11/2024, Hayden Johnson, Page 1

The construction of Brisbane Arena for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games could force the state government to spend an extra \$500m upgrading the Roma St Station. Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning Jarrod Bleijie revealed the figure yesterday, arguing it was "another blowout" the former Labor government hid from Queenslanders.

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

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## 2032 plans stuck in election mode

Courier Mail, Editorials, 11/11/2024, Page 20

During the recent state election and the months leading up to the campaign, Premier David Crisafulli and his deputy Jarrod Bleijie successfully played the small target strategy. With a tired government that the electorate wanted to punish, the LNP reasoned there was little to be gained in making bold commitments - notwithstanding Mr Crisafulli's promise to resign if he could not reduce the number of crime victims (with caveats), or his (eventual) revelation of his personal views on abortion.

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Boost to obesity as NBN rolls out

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 11/11/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 3

The NBN rollout may have inadvertently increased our waistlines, Melbourne research has found, changing everything from our snack habits to couch time. A Monash University study found access to

high-speed internet was associated with increased obesity in Australia, with the link even more pronounced among young adults and males.

Also reported by: [9News \(Online\)](#)

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## 'Troubling truth' hidden in some health campaign messages

NEWS.com.au, Other, 10/11/2024, Loai Albarqouni

Barely a week goes by when we aren't bombarded with health campaigns urging us to check for cancer, manage our diabetes, reduce anxiety or lower our cholesterol. But be wary of who is sending out the message.

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## Ahlia says her GP 'laughed in her face' when she asked for a water birth – and that weight stigma in pregnancy has to stop

The Guardian, Other, 10/11/2024, Natasha May

When Ahlia\* was waiting to check in for a routine pregnancy appointment, she says a receptionist walked by calling out directions to gestational diabetes education – then looked at her, waiting for Ahlia to follow. "I'm not here for that," Ahlia recalls saying in front of the waiting room full of people.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Telstra upgrade put lives at risk

Northern Territory News, General News, 11/11/2024, Alex Treacy, Page 7

Telstra has defended itself against claims it has placed another health service in a difficult position by pulling the 4G rug out from underneath it, after an Aboriginal health corporation in the remote Barkly said lives had been put at risk. Earlier this week, this masthead exclusively revealed Darwin's Tiwi campus, which contains Royal Darwin and Darwin Private hospitals, had lost Telstra 4G connectivity, with the telco admitting it failed to follow proper processes when it switched off the base station for upgrades.

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### Premier: We will still close the gap

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 11/11/2024, Page 3

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will see improvements in key Closing The Gap statistics despite the state government axing a landmark Truth Telling and Healing Inquiry, the Premier maintains. David Crisafulli's pledge comes after a long-awaited meeting between Truth Telling and Healing Inquiry chairman Joshua Creamer and minister Fiona Simpson was delayed last week while she seeks more information on the issue.

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### An Indigenous person is 4 times more likely to die from diabetes. We need to better understand how exercise can help

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 11/11/2024

It's estimated almost 1.9 million Australians have diabetes, and numbers are growing. Between 2013 and 2023, the total number of people known to be living with diabetes across the country rose by 32%.

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### Food security vital to closing the gap in health

National Indigenous Times, Other, 10/11/2024, Malarndirri Mccarthy

I recently returned home to my community of Borroloola, in the remote Gulf region of the Northern

Territory. It's home to around 900 people including the Yanyuwa, Garrawa, Marra and Gudanji peoples.

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## Mission to inspire generation of Indigenous pharmacists

Newcastle Herald, Other, 10/11/2024, Keira Jenkins

Combining a love of chemistry with his passion for helping others, Jared Miles made the "obvious choice" when he took up pharmacy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are under-represented in the field, making up just 0.3 per cent of pharmacists, and it's something the senior university lecturer and proud Yuwi man wants to change.

*Also reported by: [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).*

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## Jacinta Allan warns against 'American-style division' as Indigenous treaty negotiations begin in Victoria

The Guardian, Other, 10/11/2024, Adeshola Ore

The Victorian premier, Jacinta Allan, has warned against "American-style division" surrounding the state's nation-leading Indigenous treaty, ahead of negotiations beginning this month. The First Peoples' Assembly – Victoria's democratically elected Indigenous body – will begin negotiating a statewide treaty with the Allan government in the coming weeks.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### Union push to manage silica dust in mining

West Australian, Business News, 11/11/2024, Adrian Rauso, Page 49

Australia's biggest union will kickstart a fight against silica dust safety loopholes in the mining industry when its highranking officials meet in Perth this week. A motion will be tabled at the biennial Australian Workers Union national conference, which starts at Crown Perth on Monday, to affirm that "all workers deserve and require the same level of protection from silica dust exposure regardless of their industry".

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### State government's pill testing bill falls short: MP

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 11/11/2024, Monique Patterson, Page 6

Member for South West Coast Roma Britnell is concerned the state government's pill testing bill won't do enough to save lives. There will be 20 automated vending machines that will supply safe life-saving opioid reversal medication naloxone across the state.

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### Riverina's worst whooping cough outbreak in years as national record broken

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 10/11/2024, Andrew Mangelsdorf

Riverina residents are being encouraged to check their immunisation status for whooping cough as the region's healthcare system feels the effects of its worst outbreak in years and the nation's bleakest one on record. The Murrumbidgee Local Health District has recorded 772 notifications of the bacterial infection, also known as pertussis, since January 1.

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## Lifesaving new heart attack fix

Herald Sun, General News, 11/11/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 1

Victorians in cardiac arrest who had zero chance of survival are being saved from "certain death" with a novel, hi-tech approach to CPR. The treatment uses a machine that takes over from a patient's heart and lungs while compressions are still under way.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

### Researchers pinpoint alarming possible cause for surge in heart attacks in young people - and how one decision has left 20-somethings with the 'heart age' of 60-year-olds

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 10/11/2024, Ashley Nickel

Emily, a part-time receptionist at a cardiology centre in a small New South Wales town, wasn't used to seeing people her age at the clinic where she worked. So when a 21-year-old - pretty, stylishly dressed, in towering heels and carrying a pricey tote - announced she had an appointment with the specialist, her first thought was that she had come to the wrong place.

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## FOOD STANDARDS

### Salmonella warning

Courier Mail, General News, 11/11/2024, Page 18

A popular acai product has been recalled over fears of salmonella contamination. Tropical Brazil issued a recall for its Acai with Guarana products this week, with the NSW Food Authority warning the microbial contamination poses health risks to consumers.

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## AICIS

### Victorian government criticised over 'barbaric' use of firefighting foam to kill 30,000 farmed ducks

The Guardian, Other, 10/11/2024, Benita Kolovos

About 30,000 farmed ducks were killed using firefighting foam as part of the Victorian government's effort to contain bird flu, a method Animal Justice party MP Georgie Purcell has condemned as "nothing short of barbaric". The state's agriculture minister, Ros Spence, confirmed Agriculture Victoria used Phos-Chek, a class-A foam, while responding to a highly contagious strain of avian influenza, or bird flu, which emerged earlier this year at several poultry farms.

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