



HEALTH ALERT

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KEY DECISIONS

1 September 2017 - [Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation v Alfred Health \[2017\] FWCFB 4420](#) - Enterprise agreement – dispute about matters arising under the Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2012-2016 and the Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020 – accrual of paid leave entitlements whilst on a period of workers compensation.

This case related to a dispute regarding clauses 14 and 18 of the *Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2012-2016* ('the 2012 Agreement'). This agreement was superseded by the *Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2016 - 2020* ('the 2016 Agreement'), and as such a second application was lodged which was synonymous with that under the 2012 Agreement. In particular, the dispute related to whether Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation ('ANMF') member, Ms Elizabeth McNamara, was entitled to take or accrue annual leave and personal leave under the 2012 Agreement during periods when she was absent from work due to a workplace injury for which she received workers compensation. The court held that the 2012 and 2016 Agreements are not ambiguous and do not restrict employees from accruing leave whilst in receipt of workers compensation. Further, the court held that there was no common understanding between the parties as to the accrual of leave whilst on workers compensation. Finally, the court held that employees could accrue annual leave whilst in receipt of workers compensation but not personal leave under the Victorian legislation. As such, Alfred Health was required to accrue Ms McNamara's annual leave entitlements for the periods in which she was in receipt of workers compensation pursuant to section 130(2) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

4 September 2017 - [Eve Hemp Pty Limited v Secretary to the Department of Health \[2017\] FCA 1051](#) - ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – judicial review – whether the delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Health took irrelevant matters into account in deciding to amend the Poisons Standard of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (Cth).

In this case the applicants challenged amendments made by a delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Health ('the Delegate') to the Poisons Standard under Part 6-3 of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (Cth) ('the TGA'). Part 6-3 concerns the scheduling of substances. Before the amendments, the entries for cannabis and THC in Schedule 9 of the TGA contained a number of exceptions: the Hemp Fibre Exception (cannabis and THC), the Hemp Seed Oil Exception (cannabis and THC) and the Hemp Products Exception (THC only). The Delegate decided to amend the cannabis and THC entries in Schedule 9 by:

- a) changing the Hemp Seed Oil Exception in each entry to impose a stricter cannabinoid content limit - namely 50mg/kg or less of total cannabinoids including 20mg/kg or less of THC; and
- b) removing the Hemp Products Exception from the THC entry.

The applicants alleged that, in deciding to amend the Poisons Standard, the Delegate had regard to irrelevant considerations so that the amendment was invalid. The court did not accept any of the challenges to the validity of the decision. The application was dismissed and the TGA amendment commences on 1 October 2017.

JUDGMENTS

Commonwealth. Fair Work Commission (FWC)

7 September 2017 - [The Willows Private Nursing Home Pty Ltd \[2017\] FWCA 4655](#) - Application for approval of The Willows Private Nursing Home Pty Ltd NSWMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

7 September 2017 - [Hannah Thompson v Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution \[2017\] FWC 4643](#) - Application for an unfair dismissal remedy.

6 September 2017 - [Arete Health Care \(Lansdowne\) Pty Ltd T/A Lansdowne Nursing Home \[2017\] FWCA 4650](#) - Application for approval of the Arete Health Care (Lansdowne) Pty Ltd, NSWMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

6 September 2017 - [Korlim Pty Ltd T/A Windermere Nursing Home \[2017\] FWCA 4642](#) - Application for approval of the Korlim Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

6 September 2017 - [Benessere Health Care Pty Ltd T/A Parkview Nursing Home \[2017\] FWCA 4649](#) - Application for approval of the Benessere Health Care Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

6 September 2017 - [Montana Aged Care Facility \[2017\] FWCA 4646](#) - Application for approval of the Montana Aged Care Facility, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

6 September 2017 - [Garden View Aged Care Pty Ltd T/A Garden View Aged Care \[2017\] FWCA 4647](#) - Application for approval of the Garden View Aged Care Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

6 September 2017 - [Roseneath Aged Care Centre Pty Ltd \[2017\] FWCA 4644](#) - Application for approval of the Roseneath Aged Care, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

6 September 2017 - [Sebastian Sajish Kanamkombil v St John of God Health Care Inc \[2017\] FWC 4634](#) - Application for an order pursuant to s.590(2)(a) requiring a person to attend before the Fair Work Commission Application for an unfair dismissal remedy.

5 September 2017 - [Family Planning NSW \[2017\] FWCA 4631](#) - Application for approval of the Family Planning NSW Medical Officers' Enterprise Agreement 2017.

5 September 2017 - [4 yearly review of modern awards - Blood donor leave \[2017\] FWCFB 4621](#) - The Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association (SDA) made an application to insert provisions relating to leave for blood donors into the Pharmacy Industry Award 2010, the General Retail Industry Award 2010, the Hair and Beauty Industry Award 2010, the Fast Food Industry Award 2010 and the Mannequins and Models Award 2010 (the Awards).

5 September 2017 - [Pennant Hills Aged Care Facility Pty Ltd \[2017\] FWCA 4604](#) - Application for approval of the Pennant Hills Aged Care Facility Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

5 September 2017 - [Kingswood Court Aged Care Facility Pty Ltd \[2017\] FWCA 4605](#) - Application for approval of the Kingswood Court Aged Care Facility Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

5 September 2017 - [Summer Hill Aged Care Service - Nursing Home Pty Ltd \[2017\] FWCA 4606](#) - Application for approval of the Summer Hill Aged Care Service - Nursing Home Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

5 September 2017 - [Mircourt Pty Ltd T/A Miranda Aged Acre \[2017\] FWCA 4607](#) - Application for approval of the Mircourt Pty Ltd, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

4 September 2017 - [The Buckland Convalescent Hospital T/A Buckland Aged Care Services \[2017\] FWCA 4581](#) - Application for approval of the Buckland Aged Care Services, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

4 September 2017 - [Sir Joseph Banks Residential Care \[2017\] FWCA 4584](#) - Application for approval of the Sir Joseph Banks Residential Care Facility, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

4 September 2017 - [Bays Care Pty Ltd as trustee for Bays Care Settlement T/A Bays Care Pty Ltd \[2017\] FWCA 4576](#) - Application for approval of the Pathways Residences, NSWNMA, ANMF NSW Branch and HSU New South Wales Branch Enterprise Agreement 2017.

1 September 2017 - [Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation v Alfred Health \[2017\] FWCFB 4420](#) - Enterprise agreement – dispute about matters arising under the Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public

Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2012-2016 and the Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020 – accrual of paid leave entitlements whilst on a period of workers compensation.

1 September 2017 - [Sebastian Sajish Kanamkombil v St John of God Health Care Inc \[2017\] FWC 4523](#) - Application for an order pursuant to s.590(2)(c) for production of documents etc; application granted in part.

Commonwealth. Federal Court

4 September 2017 - [Eve Hemp Pty Limited v Secretary to the Department of Health \[2017\] FCA 1051](#) - ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – judicial review – whether the delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Health took irrelevant matters into account in deciding to amend the Poisons Standard of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (Cth).

Commonwealth. Federal Circuit Court

4 September 2017 - [Tyndall v Goulburn Valley Health \(No 2\) \[2017\] FCCA 2112](#) - INDUSTRIAL LAW – Contraventions of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) – failure to pay employee motor vehicle allowance – declarations – compensation – pre-judgment interest – penalty payable to the Applicant.

New South Wales (NSW)

7 September 2017 - [Murphy v Trustees of Catholic Aged Care Sydney \[2017\] NSWCATAP 183](#) - INTERIM ORDER – where retirement village has a ‘no dogs’ rule – where resident has a dog – whether stay should be granted to allow the dog to remain with the resident pending the appeal – prospects of success – balance of convenience – interests of justice.

5 September 2017 - [Health Services Union NSW v Secretary, NSW Ministry of Health in respect of Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network \[2017\] NSWIRComm 1060](#) - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE – claim for a special environmental allowance to be paid to Clinical Support Workers – Determination by the Health Administration Corporation – allowance paid to nurses to also apply on the same basis to non-nursing staff – substantial, regular and direct contact with inmates – time & motion study – quantitative measure of time spent in contact with inmates – qualitative assessment of the nature of contact with inmates – determination made that Clinical Support Workers are entitled to be paid the environmental allowance – recommendation made.

4 September 2017 - [Lee v Medical Council of NSW \[2017\] NSWCATOD 132](#) - Medical practitioner suspended following enquiry by Medical Council on the basis of allegations of criminal conduct – application for stay by applicant pending hearing of appeal – no-fault found with practitioner's conduct in her professional duties – absence of potential risk to any patient – stay granted pending determination of practitioners appeal against suspension. Medical practitioner and persons who are not patients of the medical practitioner seeking continuation of an interim non-publication order arising out of alleged conduct of medical practitioner – no valid grounds for continuation of a non-publication order – open justice overriding any issue of personal embarrassment of medical practitioner or of other persons allegedly impacted by conduct of a medical practitioner – interim nonpublication order discontinued.

1 September 2017 - [Australian Medico-Legal Group Pty Ltd v Claireleigh Mosman Pty Ltd \[2017\] NSWCA 218](#) - 'LIMITATION OF ACTIONS — Postponement of the bar — Confirmation — whether the primary judge erred in determining the identity of the creditor — whether the acknowledgment of loans in the respondent's financial statements amounted to sufficient confirmation of the debt – whether acknowledgement of the debt was made to the appropriate party.

CIVIL PROCEDURE — Court of Appeal — Costs orders — Application for leave to appeal from costs order — no error in exercise of discretion — no question of principle — leave refused'.

7 September 2017 - [Findings of inquest into the death of Bruce Thomas 2015/377772](#) - Mr Thomas died at Prince of Wales hospital of natural causes whilst serving a custodial sentence.

Queensland

7 September 2017 - [Ssenyondwa v Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia \(No 2\) \[2017\] QCAT 288](#) - PROFESSIONS AND TRADES – HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS – NURSES – OTHERS

MATTERS – where the registrant had conditions placed on his registration – where the registrant applied to the Tribunal to have the decision reviewed – where the Tribunal set aside the conditions imposed by the Board – where the Tribunal imposed conditions on the registrant’s registration – where the parties were subsequently asked to make written submissions on the question of costs – whether the parties should bear the party’s own costs for the proceeding.

Victoria

31 August 2017 - [Finding into death of Kenneth Albert Hargreaves without inquest COR 2017 1065](#) - Mr Hargreaves died at St Augustine's Ward, St Vincent's Hospital from metastatic tumour in the setting of known renal and bowel cancer. The Coroner was satisfied that the medical care and management provided to Mr Hargreaves was reasonable and appropriate.

Western Australia

1 September 2017 - [Clarke v Ramsay Health Care Australia \[2017\] WADC 117](#) - 'Workers' compensation. Schedule 1 cl 17 expenses. Sufficiency of evidence. Connection with compensable injury'.

REPORTS

Australia. Department of Health

Media releases

5 September 2017 - [Encouraging women to make health a priority during Women’s Health Week](#) - As part of Women’s Health Week, all Australian women are being encouraged to take time to think about making positive changes that can improve their health and wellbeing.

4 September 2017 - [Game On grants open to get Queensland moving](#) - *Game On Queensland* grants are now available to local councils to deliver sport and recreation events and programs in the lead-up to, during and after the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

4 September 2017 - [Kimberley post-residential rehabilitation program supports sustained recovery](#) - A new \$1 million Australian Government initiative aims to give Kimberley residents completing drug and alcohol treatment programs their best chance of making a full recovery and leading productive lives.

3 September 2017 - [Compulsory flu vaccination for aged care workers](#) - The Australian Government will investigate ways to boost vaccination rates among workers in aged care facilities, including making the flu vaccine compulsory, following an increase in deaths this winter.

2 September 2017 - [Mannum residents and region benefit from aged care expansion](#) - A \$1.5 million Australian Government investment has helped increase residential care options for older people living in the South Australian centre of Mannum.

Private Health insurance Circulars

[PHI 43/17 Private Same-Day Hospital Information](#)

Medical Benefits Schedule

[The 1 September 2017 XML file is now available to download](#)

Immunise Australia

1 September 2017 - [Public consultation on proposed changes to the infant pneumococcal schedule recommendations in the Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) - A public consultation is currently open on proposed changes to the infant pneumococcal schedule recommendations in the Australian Immunisation Handbook. The public consultation document can be accessed on [Citizen Space](#). The public consultation will remain open until 11.59 pm on Monday 2 October 2017.

28 August 2017 - [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation advice on the use hepatitis B vaccines during supply shortages](#) - There is currently a shortage of the adult formulation of hepatitis B vaccines Engerix-B[®] (GlaxoSmithKline) and H-B-Vax-II[®] (Seqirus) in Australia. The shortage has impacted on private market supply.

Supply for the National Immunisation Program (NIP) has not been affected at this time, so the adult formulation of hepatitis B vaccines as part of the NIP expansion measure should continue as scheduled for all eligible individuals.

The substitute options that ATAGI recommends for adult hepatitis B vaccination in the event of unavailability of Engerix-B[®] or H-B-Vax-II[®] are as follows:

Concurrent administration of two doses of the paediatric formulation of a hepatitis B vaccine (0.5mL per dose) – the doses can be administered at adjacent sites (≥2.5cm apart) on the same arm or separately with one dose in each arm; OR Administration of an adult dose of the combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccine (Twinrix[®] (GlaxoSmithKline)) – there may be further dose requirements of hepatitis A-containing vaccine if protection against hepatitis A is also desired.

Australia. Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the boards

8 September 2017 - **Communiqué from the Board** - The Podiatry Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué.

7 September 2017 - **Legislative changes welcomed to establish a new National Board for paramedicine and provide stronger protection for the public** - The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and National Boards welcome the passage of legislative reforms to establish the Paramedicine Board of Australia and introduce additional measures to protect the public.

7 September 2017 - **Communiqué from the Board** - The Chiropractic Board of Australia releases its August communiqué.

7 September 2017 - **'Staying active' with your obligations helps keep the public safe – National Board recognises special day for physios** - The Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) has commended Australia's 30,153 registered physiotherapists for their important contribution to the health and wellbeing of the Australian community at all stages of their lives.

5 September 2017 - **Communiqué from the Board** - The Physiotherapy Board of Australia releases its latest communiqué.

5 September 2017 - **Co-Chairs announced to help lead the way for the first ever National Scheme Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health strategy** - The National Scheme is pleased to announce the appointment of co-Chairs for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy group.

5 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Medical Radiation Board has released its quarterly registration data.

5 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Physiotherapy Board has released its quarterly registration data.

5 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Podiatry Board has released its quarterly registration data.

5 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Psychology Board has released its quarterly registration data.

4 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Dental Board has released its quarterly registration data.

4 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Osteopathy Board has released its quarterly registration data.

1 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Board has released its quarterly registration data.

1 September 2017 - **Quarterly registration data released** - The National Optometry Board has released its quarterly registration data.

1 September 2017 - **Update on animal physiotherapy from the Physiotherapy Board of Australia** - As a registered physiotherapist you renew your registration with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) every year.

Australia. National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

NHMRC Research Tracker—8 September 2017

Australia. Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)

5 September 2017 - [Introduction of mandatory arrangements for Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy \(EFC\) claims](#) - From 1 December 2017, Approved Suppliers will be required to enter a Compounder ID when submitting claims for eligible PBS EFC items through PBS Online.

Australia. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

6 September 2017 - [Medical Devices Sponsor Information Day - 2017](#) - Gain a better understanding of Australia's regulatory framework for medical devices.

6 September 2017 - [Consultation: Proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard - ACCS, ACMS and Joint ACCS/ACMS meetings, November 2017](#) - Invitation to comment on proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard - ACCS, ACMS & Joint ACCS/ACMS meetings, November 2017.

5 September 2017 - [Ausganica Soothing Herbs Toothpaste](#) - Recall – may contain an ingredient that is a danger to your health.

5 September 2017 - [Platinum ICDs and CRT-Ds](#) - Hazard alert – potential for reduced device longevity.

5 September 2017 - [Prescription medicines: new or extended uses, or new combinations of registered medicines](#) - We have just published newly-registered extended uses of already-registered medicines.

5 September 2017 - [Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities in Australia](#) - Newly-registered new chemical entities added.

5 September 2017 - [Consultation submissions: The Scheduling Policy Framework and Advertising of Pharmacist-only medicines \(Schedule 3 substances\)](#) - Submissions received on the Scheduling Policy Framework & Advertising of S3 substances consultation have been published.

4 September 2017 - [Medical devices and IVDs: Suspensions from the ARTG](#) - Suspension of Endotherapeutics Pty Ltd SerenoCem Granules BCG050 effective 31 August 2017.

4 September 2017 - [Medical devices and IVDs: Cancellations from the ARTG](#) - Cancellation of Genesis Biotech Pty Ltd - 'PregSure Digital Pregnancy Test' and 'PregSure' Pregnancy Test.

4 September 2017 - [Medical Devices Safety Update Volume 5, Number 5, September 2017](#) - Requirements when supplying accessories & consumables; errors & device design; 'once ceramic, always ceramic'; surgical stapler incidents.

1 September 2017 - [Pharmacovigilance Inspection Program](#) - Initiative to help sponsors of medicines to meet their pharmacovigilance obligations.

1 September 2017 - [Submissions received: Provisional approval pathway for prescription medicines](#) - Submissions received on the consultation provisional approval pathway for prescription medicines have been published.

1 September 2017 - [Submissions received: Strengthening monitoring of medicines in Australia](#) - Submissions received on consultation Strengthening monitoring of medicines in Australia have been published.

Australian Digital Health Agency

1 September 2017 - [SNOMED CT AU and Australian Medicines Terminology \(AMT\) August 2017 Release](#) - The National Clinical Terminology Service (NCTS) is pleased to announce that the August combined release of SNOMED CT® AU[1] and the Australian Medicines Terminology (AMT) is now available to registered users from the [NCTS website](#).

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

On the Radar – 4 September 2017 – Issue 337 ([PDF 276KB](#)) ([Word 212KB](#))

New South Wales. Ministry of Health

Media Releases

7 September 2017 - [Review into seclusion, restraint and observation on the North Coast for public consultation](#)

5 September 2017 - [NSW Health investigating hepatitis A outbreak in Sydney](#)

5 September 2017 - [\\$2.46M to unravel genetic mystery of bipolar disorder](#) - Groundbreaking genomic research into the cause of bipolar disorder could significantly impact the way people are treated for the illness, thanks to a \$2.46 million NSW Government grant. Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Minister for Mental Health Tanya Davies today announced the grant would fund a major collaborative project to map the genetics of 1200 people in NSW with bipolar disorder. Groundbreaking genomic research into the cause of bipolar disorder could significantly impact the way people are treated for the illness, thanks to a \$2.46 million NSW Government grant.

4 September 2017 - [New lifesaving asthma tools for schools](#) - Children with asthma will benefit from two statewide initiatives launched today, which will greatly improve their care at school and potentially save lives. Health Minister Brad Hazzard said a first aid eBook and a standardised asthma action plan will help teachers and other school staff better identify a flare-up and act quickly to effectively manage asthma attacks.

Policy Directive

5 September 2017 - [Kidney Transplantation - Participation in the Australian Paired Kidney Exchange Programme](#) - Document number: PD2017_030.

Publications

4 September 2017 - [Reducing alcohol-related harm snapshot 2017](#)

Northern Territory (NT). Department of Health

6 September 2017 - [Improving Health Services – EOI for New Territory-wide NT Clinical Senate](#) - The Territory Labor Government is continuing to improve health services across the Territory and today is calling for Expressions of Interest for its new multi-disciplinary NT Clinical Senate.

3 September 2017 - [Building Safe, Vibrant and Inclusive Communities: Modernising the Anti-Discrimination Act](#) - The Territory Labor Government has launched its review of the Anti-Discrimination Act with a Discussion Paper released today. The Attorney-General Natasha Fyles said a three month public consultation process will hear from members of the public - with a targeted stakeholder consultation plan launched to seek advice from organisations, interested parties and industry groups.

1 September 2017 - [Making Our Community Safer –1262 people on the BDR](#) - More than 1,200 people are now banned from buying takeaway alcohol today as the Territory Labor Government's Banned Drinker Register (BDR) returns across the NT. The Minister for Health Natasha Fyles said the BDR will make our community safer by blocking problem drinkers from purchasing take away alcohol.

Queensland. Department of Health

8 September 2017 - [Ground-breaking surgery another world first for Queensland Health](#) - In a world-first, surgeons at Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) have transplanted a 3D printed shinbone (tibia) into a patient.

7 September 2017 - [More than 3400 new nursing and midwifery graduates state-wide](#) - The Palaszczuk Government's nursing and midwifery recruitment program has reached a record figure, recruiting 3443 new graduates in the past two financial years.

7 September 2017 - [Palaszczuk Government increases staff for vital health service](#) - The number of registered nurses taking everyday Queenslanders' calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the vital 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) has received an important boost as part of the Palaszczuk Government's 2017-18 State Budget.

6 September 2017 - **Queensland leads the way for national registration of paramedics** - Queensland is ensuring thousands of the State's frontline heroes receive the professional recognition they deserve as it leads the nation in the establishment of a national registration scheme for paramedics.

6 September 2017 - **Managing your asthma symptoms** - Over 2.5million Australians live with asthma, making it the most common chronic disease affecting our population. Some people's asthma can be mild and affect them only occasionally, while others might experience severe symptoms every day. What all people with asthma have in common is that asthma can be a life-threatening illness.

In January this year, **over 8,000 Victorians sought hospital treatment¹** after a thunderstorm struck, the sudden change in weather causing them to experience symptoms of asthma. For a week, asthma hit the headlines around the country, but for 1 in 9 Australians asthma is an everyday occurrence.

5 September 2017 - **Spring in Queensland** - It's that time of year again – we've survived the (very mild) winter and spring has come to Queensland. So what does this season have in store for us health-wise?

4 September 2017 - **Subtle symptoms at heart of problem** - Did you know a woman experiencing unusual back or neck pain, nausea, vomiting or feeling short of breath, may be having a heart attack? Heart attack symptoms for women can be subtle, with up to 40 per cent of women not experiencing the well-known heart attack symptom of chest pain.

South Australia (SA). Department for Health & Ageing

6 September 2017 - **CHSALHN - Media release: Wallaroo Hospital provides great service** - Staff at Wallaroo Hospital would like to publically thank the Wallaroo Hospital Foundation and Wallaroo Heartbeat for their recent generous donations. Last month the foundation donated 20 beds and mattresses valued at more than \$65,000, and Heartbeat donated a bed and 10 patient chairs worth \$7,200.

1 September 2017 - **Media release: Measles case** - SA Health has been notified of a case of measles in a 28-year-old female from metropolitan Adelaide. SA Health's Chief Medical Officer Professor Paddy Phillips, said the adult is recovering well, but had travelled to many locations while infectious.

Tasmania. Department of Health & Human Services

7 September 2017 - **New Chief Psychiatrist for Tasmania** - I am pleased to announce that Dr Aaron Groves has been appointed to the position of Chief Psychiatrist in Tasmania. Dr Groves will commence in late November and work closely with local stakeholders, including mental health services, the community sector, consumers and carers, to support the delivery of high quality, integrated mental health care that meets the needs of those who use it.

7 September 2017 - **Think and act fast during National Stroke Week** - Tasmanians are encouraged to join the FAST Response Team by knowing and sharing the signs of stroke during National Stroke Week 2017.

7 September 2017 - **Lazy Labor strikes again** - Labor has failed to put in a submission to the Legislative Council Subcommittee Health Inquiry. This confirms that they are all complaint, and no solutions. After three and a half years in Opposition, the best Labor can come up with in health is to put sick people into hotel beds. The fact is Labor have no policies, no plans, and simply aren't ready.

6 September 2017 - **LegCo Subcommittee Health Inquiry submission** - Every Tasmanian deserves to have access to the best health services available – it's a belief that is at the heart of the Hodgman Liberal Government's record investment in health, including extra beds and hospital staff.

It is however an unfortunate reality that our health system has become a victim of the most hypocritical politics and the subject of Labor and union scare campaigns and false claims. As a result I have chosen to provide a separate submission to the Subcommittee, which is in addition to the Government's broader submission, in order to provide some important context.

5 September 2017 - **Targeted paramedic responses to improve care** - The Hodgman Liberal Government will immediately move to employ a medical specialist, supported by a triage nurse and paramedics, in the State Operations Centre to ease pressure on our hospitals.

This comes on the back of the Ambulance Tasmania (AT) review released in June, which showed that in some areas of Tasmania more than 40 per cent of transported patients are non-acute and do not require transport to hospital.

2 September 2017 - **Strathdevon influenza outbreak** - My heart goes out to the family and friends of those affected by the influenza outbreak at Strathdevon as we do whenever people pass away. This is a sad and difficult time for those affected. While aged care homes are regulated by the Commonwealth Government, I have full confidence in the Tasmanian Director of Public Health and Public Health Services in supporting the community generally during what has been a very difficult flu season.

Victoria. Department of Health

7 September 2017 - **More Sexual And Reproductive Services For Bendigo Women** - The Andrews Labor Government has announced a new community-based sexual and reproductive health centre that will be based in Bendigo. To mark Women's Health Week, Minister for Health Jill Hennessy today announced the family planning centre will be located at Bendigo Community Health Service to deliver timely, affordable, locally-based sexual and reproductive health advice to all local women.

5 September 2017 - **Record Numbers Of Women On Hospital Boards** - More women than ever are sitting on hospital boards, thanks to an Andrews Labor Government push to ensure equality and diversity among Victoria's healthcare leaders. As Victoria celebrates Women's Health Week, Minister for Health Jill Hennessy today announced the Labor Government has gone above and beyond targets set just two years ago for health service board appointments. In 2017, women now make up 54 per cent of all Victorian health service and public hospital service board members, compared to just 45 per cent in 2015. There are now more than 400 women on Victorian hospital boards – an increase of more than 70.

4 September 2017 - **Making Bendigo Hospitals Safer For Health Workers** - Frontline workers at Bendigo Hospital will be safer at work with the rollout of behavioural assessment rooms in emergency departments as part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$40 million plan to prevent violence and aggression towards the health workforce.

4 September 2017 - **Study Shaping A Healthier Future For The Latrobe Valley** - The Andrews Labor Government is taking action to improve the health of the Latrobe Valley community, with new programs in place to tackle local health issues. The summary findings from Monash University's Hazelwood Long Term Health Study – released today – provide a vital insight into how best to improve the health and wellbeing of the Latrobe Valley community in the wake of the Hazelwood Mine Fire in 2014.

4 September 2017 - **Making Victorian Hospitals Safer For Health Workers** - Frontline workers at 16 Victorian hospitals will be safer at work with the rollout of behavioural assessment rooms in emergency departments as part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$40 million plan to prevent violence and aggression towards the health workforce.

Western Australia (WA). Department of Health

Media Releases

6 September 2017 - **WA researchers in hunt for key thyroid genes** - A WA Health thyroid researcher is one of 139 high-performing awarded funding by the Medical Health Research Infrastructure Fund.

6 September 2017 - **People urged to share selfies for science** - Western Australians are being encouraged to share their selfies for science to help researchers gain new insights into rare diseases.

6 September 2017 - **Short stay unit first step towards long-term benefits** - A new Short Stay Unit has opened at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH).

6 September 2017 - **Improving operating theatre efficiency at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital** - More patients have passed through Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital's (SCGH) operating theatre doors this year compared to the same time last year.

6 September 2017 - **Strength of Tanzanian women inspires Broome midwife** - Kimberley Community Midwife Kristy Newett recently swapped the red dirt of Broome for the dusty streets of Tanzania and had an experience she will never forget.

Policy Framework

6 September 2017 - MP 0065/17 **Aboriginal Cultural eLearning Policy** - The purpose of the Aboriginal Cultural eLearning (ACeL) Policy (Policy) is to build the cultural knowledge of the WA health system workforce and strengthen its capacity to provide health care that is culturally respectful and non-discriminatory. ACeL training is one step towards improving the cultural effectiveness of the WA health system and its interaction with Aboriginal clients and colleagues.

The WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework 2015-2030 (Framework) provides the guiding principles that underpin the requirement for this Policy. The Framework recognises a culturally respectful and non-discriminatory health system is a key strategic enabler for improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people. This Policy is also directly aligned to priority four of the WA Health Strategic Intent 2015-2020, which is Aboriginal Health Services.

This Policy demonstrates a whole-of-organisation approach and an ongoing commitment to grow and sustain a culturally responsive WA health system. This Policy is a mandatory requirement under the Employment Policy Framework and supersedes OD 0599/15 Aboriginal Cultural eLearning - 'A Healthier Future'.

Policy framework: **Employment Policy Framework**

New Zealand. Ministry of Health

8 September 2017 - **Health Promoting Schools: Impact on Targeted Student Outcomes** - This report assesses how successful the Health Promoting Schools service has been across schools in New Zealand.

5 September 2017 - **Increased Deceased Organ Donation and Transplantation: Towards a national strategy** - This publication provides detail and context for the national strategy for increasing deceased organ donation and transplantation.

Australian Medical Association

7 September 2017 - **A Pregnant Pause for the FASD Cause** - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is Australia's most common preventable cause of non-genetic developmental disability, yet one in four pregnant Australian women continue to drink alcohol after their pregnancy is confirmed. This Saturday is International FASD Day and the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) has made available tools to support GPs to discuss alcohol consumption with women of child bearing age.

7 September 2017 - **Medicines with codeine: online resources for GPs** - From February 2018 all medicines containing codeine will require a prescription, following the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) decision.

7 September 2017 - **Stakeholder consultation: infant pneumococcal vaccination schedule** - The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) Secretariat has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to infant pneumococcal vaccination recommendations in The Australian Immunisation Handbook. The changes are intended to improve protection in children beyond 12 months of age by moving the third dose of the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine from 6 months of age to 12 months of age. ATAGI intends for this and other changes to improve disease control in older unvaccinated age groups through improving current herd protection. GPs and health professionals that wish to make a submission are welcome to do so by following this [link](#). The consultation closes on Monday 2 October 2017.

7 September 2017 - **Asthma Australia: new online training modules** - GPs have access to new Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) training modules courtesy of the Lung Foundation Australia.

7 September 2017 - **Reducing Bad Debts (Sponsored article)** - Prushka Fast Debt Recovery provides advice to general practices for reducing bad debts.

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