

AMA (WA) *in the Media*

At the AMA (WA), we take pride in being a strong voice for doctors, patients, and the healthcare system as a whole. Over the past two months, the AMA (WA) has regularly been in the media, speaking up on relevant issues like the findings of the AMA's 2026 Public Hospital Report Card. Here's a look at some of our media appearances.

HIGHLIGHTS



CHANNEL 10 NEWS

Free RSV vaccines for aged care

AMA (WA) President Dr Kyle Hoath welcomed the State Government's announcement of free RSV vaccinations for aged-care residents aged 65 and over. RSV is a leading cause of pneumonia and hospitalisation among older and immuno-compromised patients, and expanding access to vaccination helps reduce serious complications.

ABC RADIO PERTH



"Creaking" hospital system

Following the release of the 2026 Public Hospital Report Card, Dr Kyle Hoath joined Oliver Peterson to discuss the extraordinary strain currently facing Western Australia's public hospitals. The discussion highlighted a system "creaking under the weight of long-term demand that outpaces investment," leaving both patients and clinicians in increasingly difficult positions.

Vaping crackdown

Western Australian health professionals are hopeful that amendments to the State's Tobacco Products Control Act could have a positive impact on the overall health of the community. Dr Kyle Hoath said illegal trade in cigarettes and vapes undermines efforts made over decades to curb rates of smoking in the community.

MEDICAL FORUM



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Psychiatrists condemn govt plan to use acute mental health beds for patients awaiting aged care

Twenty-five of 75 beds would be reallocated.
 News • Care December • 22 March 2025 • 6 Comments
 Leading psychiatrists have urged the WA Government to abandon a plan to divert a third of beds at a women's mental health facility to patients awaiting aged care placement.
 The Department of Health has confirmed it will allocate 25 of the 75 beds at Perth's Cackburn health inpatient facility for women to other hospital patients who are waiting for a place in an aged care home.
 Did senior doctors from the facility, which is part of Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals, are urging it to abandon the plan.
 Almost 50 psychiatrists, clinicians and managers, led by Dr



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Mental health beds concerns

Leading psychiatrists urged the WA Government to abandon a plan to divert a third of beds at a women's mental health facility to patients awaiting aged-care placement. Dr Kyle Hoath said the Government needed to explain its contingency plans if it diverted mental health beds to other patients, as it would represent a significant and further reduction in specialist women's mental health capacity at a time of extreme demand.



SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

The top-performing post on Facebook by far was about an Australian-first surgery from a multidisciplinary medical team at **Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital**. This post reached **135,684** people, with **2.8K** reactions, **126** comments and **91** shares.

AMA (WA) President Dr Kyle Hoath expressed concern about current plans for the **Osborne Park Hospital** expansion. This post reached **11,553** people and got **1,133** engagements.

The AMA (WA) is collaborating with the **Australian Institute of Company Directors** to deliver another highly acclaimed five-day Company Directors Course™ from 11-15 May 2026. A post introducing guest speaker **Dr Denise Glennon**, Deputy Chair of the East Metropolitan Health Service, reached **7,932** people and got **349** engagements. The course is fully booked for 2026.

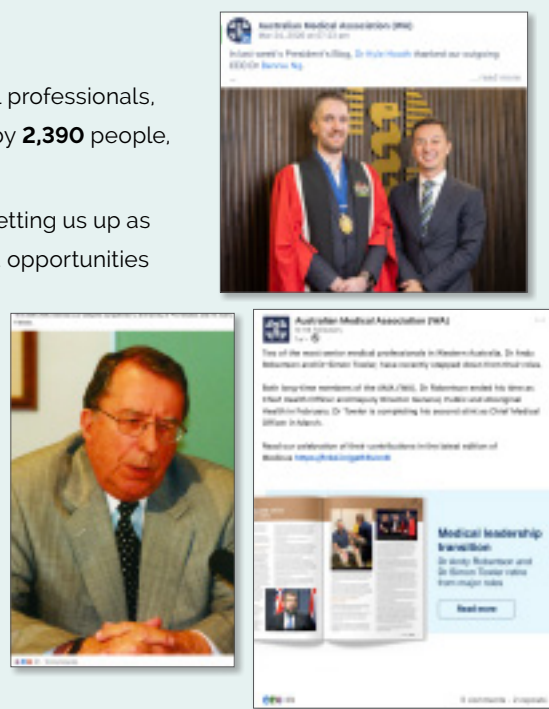


LINKEDIN

We commemorated the retirements of two of WA's most senior medical professionals, **Dr Andy Robertson** and **Dr Simon Towler**. The LinkedIn post was seen by **2,390** people, with **39** reactions, **5** comments and **2** reposts.

Dr Hoath thanked our outgoing CEO **Dr Bennie Ng** for his hard work in setting us up as an agile, responsive organisation equipped for the many challenges and opportunities ahead. The post had **52** reactions and was seen by **1,919** people.

The AMA (WA) acknowledged the passing of former AMA (WA) President and giant of the Western Australian health system, **Professor Bryant Stokes AO**. Affectionately known to his colleagues as Bars, Bryant was recognised as one of the nation's leading neurosurgeons and contributed to the development of neurosurgery both in WA and Australia. The post had **61** reactions, **10** comments and **5** reposts, and was seen by **1,856** people.



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