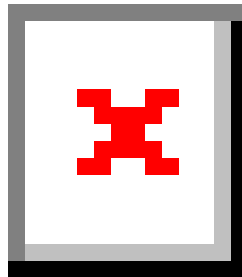


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CHRISTOPHER DORE
Editor-in-Chief

1. Firms urge Covid minimum wage delay

Low-paid workers in COVID-stressed industries could be [hit by a second year of delayed minimum wage increases](#) as the Fair Work Commission examines whether to again stagger pay rises for 2.2 million workers across the next financial year.

Citing the winding up of the JobKeeper scheme and doubts over the vaccination rollout, employers in hard-hit sectors are urging the commission to either impose a 12-month minimum wage freeze or delay pay increases in industries adversely impacted by the COVID-19 economic shock by up to seven months.

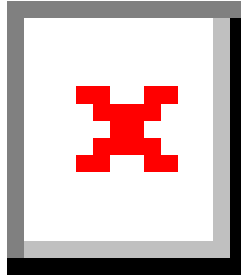
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Now that the vaccine rollout has been disrupted potentially, the most affected industries will continue to be the most affected and should not be forced to incur two wage increases within five months.

WES LAMBERT, RESTAURANT AND CATERING

2. Coronavirus briefing: PM shelves jab targets; Recovery on track despite rollout delay; 'Please explain' on hotel quarantine

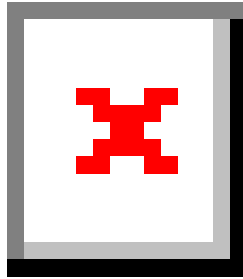


Prime Minister Scott Morrison says it is not possible to know whether every Australian will receive a vaccine shot before the end of the year, saying the federal government has no plans to set new targets. Keep up with the latest in our [live blog](#).

A further delay to the national vaccine rollout means most Australians will [not enjoy a return to pre-COVID normality](#) until early next year, but economists are confident the latest news around the AstraZeneca jab will not be enough to meaningfully “shift the dial” on the pace of the recovery.

Another coronavirus case has been added to Queensland’s COVID-19 tally after it was revealed [a woman who attended a party in Byron Bay last month tested positive](#). Health authorities have been quick to assure the community the newly identified case poses no risk to the public, as the patient had been in self isolation.

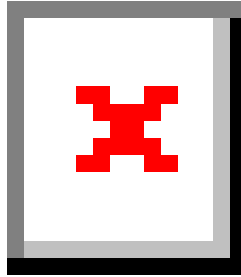
And Victoria’s opposition has called for the state’s Auditor-General to investigate why contracts to operate the state’s hotel quarantine scheme were [given to security operators](#), including one that was linked to a \$4.5m collapse.



Private security contractors were directly responsible for triggering Victoria's catastrophic second wave, resulting in the deaths of more than 800 Victorians, 250,000 job losses and immeasurable social and economic harms.

DAVID SOUTHWICK, OPPOSITION POLICE SPOKESMAN

3. The outsiders: How Prince Philip and Diana were alike



Viewed through the prism of the woke, gender-fluid, cancelled culture of the 2020s, Prince Philip seems an anachronism: epitomising the rigidity of the British establishment of which he was at the heart, writes **Anne Barrowclough**. In fact it was Philip who dragged the monarchy out of the 19th century, who encouraged Britons to see themselves as innovators, who despised the stuffy elitism of the world he entered on his marriage to the young Princess Elizabeth.

Even before the royal wedding in 1947 and in the early years of Elizabeth's monarchy, [the young naval officer was seen as the Princess Diana of his times](#); a modernising force, the man who would, some hoped and others dreaded, drive a musty establishment into the 20th century.

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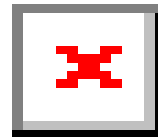
4. In Business today

The four major bank CEOs will be asked to [rule out any acquisition of Suncorp's bank](#) when they face a parliamentary committee this week. Stocks are [poised to open marginally higher](#) after fresh Wall Street records, as the ASX/200 index eyes the key 7000 point level. And Fiserv's local boss Kees Kwakernaak [expects another wave of consolidation](#) in the banking sector.

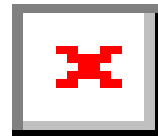
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5. In Commentary today

Federalism grounds our entire system of government, and COVID has transformed it, possibly permanently, changing the game like Kerry Packer changed cricket, leaving the states in charge, writes [Greg Craven](#).



Anonymity has given trolls free rein to defame without incurring financial penalty or reputational risk. But the victims of slander on social media are fighting back, led by Peter Dutton, writes [Jennifer Oriel](#).



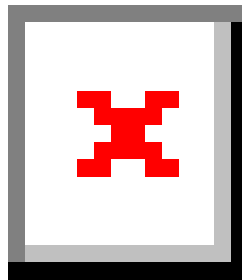
Dutton tolerated his abusers for many years, but after Greens senator Larissa Waters dubbed him an ‘inhuman, sexist rape apologist’ on Twitter, he appeared to reach his limit.

JENNIFER ORIEL

The Editorial: The principle that all employees are entitled to at least a minimum wage — the lowest amount they can be paid for their work — is an accepted part of workplace relations in Australia. Those workers, traditionally, all receive a pay rise at the same time. A second year of delaying pay rises for workers in sectors experiencing economic hardship could set a precedent, one that unions would oppose vehemently. But it would bring some flexibility to workplace relations and link wage rises to employers' ability to pay, [which would help struggling small businesses](#).

Delve into **Letters to the Editor** [here](#).

6. Life & Times: Breaking silence on the 'silent killer'



Fashion house Camilla and Marc isn't just another label looking for a cause to latch on to — and its ovarian cancer fundraiser, now in its second year, [isn't a just a marketing exercise](#). Nor are the powerful women rallying in support of the Ovaries: Let's Talk About Them campaign the types who usually go looking for publicity, write **Elizabeth Colman** and **Glenda Korporaal**.

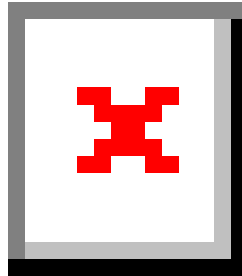
7. Monday focus: Media

The journalist who broke the story of Brittany Higgins' alleged rape will [write a book on the issue](#) just in time for next year's election, reveals **Nick Tabakoff** in Media Diary. Many Neighbours staff say they were [left blindsided](#) by fresh claims racism was rife on set. **Chris Mitchell** writes that in media, content is the business, and

executives who rely on management process to keep content at arm's length [are not doing their job](#).

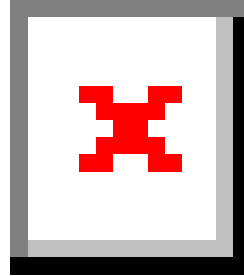
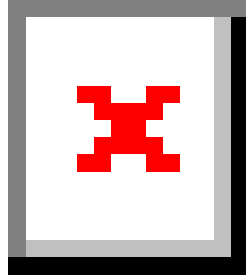
The cyber attack is [still causing havoc](#) across media company Nine Entertainment two weeks after it first emerged. And former editor of The Age Alex Lavelle has [revealed what transpired](#) when he suddenly exited the Melbourne newspaper last year.

8. In Sport today



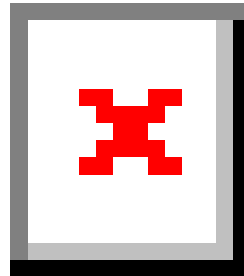
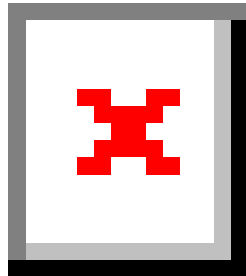
The Wests Tigers celebrated club legend Tommy Raudonikis on Sunday but their players let supporters down with a [woeful first half](#), writes **Brent Read**. Cronulla's chief executive is set to [hold crunch talks](#) with representatives of John Morris, with the meeting to determine the coach's future. And Tom Mitchell might have stemmed the tide before half-time against Fremantle, but [Hawthorn's stuttering starts](#) must be a headache for coach Alistair Clarkson.

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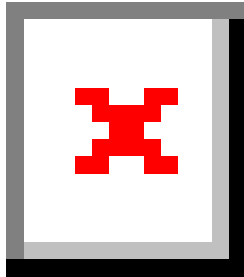
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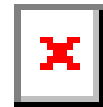
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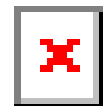
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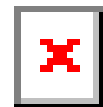


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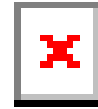


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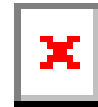
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