

## Doctors Meeting Group sessions now off and running at Kew Gardens

Since early 2015, Kew Gardens Lifestyle Manager, Vicki Fraser, has been working very closely with Darren Zammit from Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) and Kay Dunkley from AMA Victoria Ltd, who is the Coordinator of the Doctor Well-Being program. Collaboratively, they have introduced a very exciting initiative — Kew Gardens Doctors Meeting Group — designed to benefit both our retired Doctors/professionals and the young student Doctors currently in training.

Over the past few months, the group of inspiring medical and health masters and apprentices have been meeting to discuss various medical issues and other health industry news. The following Kew Gardens residents were thrilled to participate in a group dedicated to their area of professional expertise:

- Dr. Brendan Dooley — Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon at St. Vincent's and The Mercy hospitals; one of the finest in Australia.
- Dr. Mary Parkin — Highly-regarded anaesthetist, who was asked to work all over Australia, as required.
- Dr. Bill Coglein — General Practitioner in Malvern and Mornington Peninsula.
- Professor Richard Bennett — Professor of Surgery at St Vincent's Hospital in Victoria and South Australia.
- Dr. Bill Jamieson — Plastic Surgeon during the war.
- Ms. Judith Jarman — Physiotherapist.
- Mr. John Ball — Owner/Director of John Ball & Sons Ltd.: Legal Advisor for the medical profession of Victoria (Medical Association of Vic) , Drs joined the association for protection and cover and then went to see John when required. John was also involved in various coronial enquires.
- Justice Barry Beach — Supreme Court Judge. Represented the Insurers: his role was to work out the breakdown of awarded damages.

We now have all our meeting dates booked for 2016 with just two meetings each month starting at 5pm until 6pm in the training room behind reception, so as not to disturb our other residents.

We also are pleased to have in attendance Dr. Rosalind Terry (retired) to Chair these meetings. Up-and-coming medical students who also participate in these informative sessions are: Annabel Loane, Ruth Maslem, Eleanor Pryor, Marwan Shawki, Omar Ismail, Dr. Katherina Michaelidis, Farzana Zaman, Felix Grushe and Sida Cheng.

