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Royal Perth Hospital visited by Australian Actor Royalty

The WA Centre for Health and Ageing (WACHA) based at Royal Perth Hospital was treated to a special visit from actor Noeline Brown who was visiting in her capacity as Australia's Ambassador for Ageing.

Minister for Ageing Mrs Justine Elliot announced the first ever- appointment of an Ambassador for Ageing in April this year in order to promote 'positive ageing'.

Ms Brown met with RPH health professionals and representatives from the WA Centre for Health and Ageing (WACHA), to discuss issues relating to ageing in the community.

"I feel this is a great opportunity to learn about ageing and promote healthy and active ageing," Ms Brown said.

"I want to be an example and really live it!"

The Federal Government created the Ambassador for Ageing position to promote respect for the continuing contribution of older Australians and to promote positive and active ageing.

Ms Brown is one of Australia's best loved actors, a well respected media personality, an active community member and an Australia Day Ambassador.

She has had a long and successful career in radio, television and theatre and is known for her roles in Blankety Blanks and The Naked Vicar Show and recently appeared in the film 'Razzle Dazzle' and the TV series "Dancing with the Stars".

Ms Brown already speaks on the subject of healthy ageing to clubs and volunteer groups around the nation and is involved in a range of activities and events that promote positive and active ageing within the community.

"I enjoy the opportunity to travel and meet new people and because people know me from TV they see me as non-threatening and are happy to come and talk to me and give me their thoughts," Ms Brown said.

Next year Ms Brown is looking forward to continuing her ambassadorial duties and explode some of the myths related to ageing.

"It is important that people realise that ageing people are still useful and have a great deal to contribute to society," Ms Brown said.

Head of Geriatric Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital, Dr Mark Donaldson, was delighted Ms Brown was able to visit RPH and meet staff from the university and clinical areas.

“It was immediately apparent that hers was an inspired appointment,” Dr Donaldson said.

“Her message is really positive and she gives wonderful expression to her beliefs in the importance of positive and active ageing. This is especially important in relation to the hospital, where we deal with so many frail aged members of our community.”

“We hope she will return and spend some more time sharing views on this initiative,” Dr Donaldson said.

PHOTO of Noeline Brown and RPH staff available upon request.

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