

## PEER VISITOR PROGRAM

SUPPORTING OLDER DOCTORS WITH COMPANIONSHIP



## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD BENEFIT?

All referrals for companionship for retired older doctors are welcome. If you know of an older retired doctor who would enjoy visits from a volunteer please contact us. For further information contact Kay Dunkley at AMA Victoria.

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## WHY A PEER VISITOR PROGRAM?

One of AMA Victoria's core philosophies is the notion of doctors supporting doctors.

Many older doctors miss the companionship of their peers and colleagues once they retire or move into an aged care facility - the opportunity to have a chat over a cup of tea, or perhaps simply the familiarity of a regular visitor.

We now offer a peer companionship program for older doctors who may be living in a residential care facility or simply feeling isolated.

## WHAT WE DO

This service facilitates links between elderly doctors and volunteer visitors who are also medical practitioners and can provide regular contact through friendly visiting. The match, based upon shared professional experience as a common interest, aims to keep the older doctor connected to their former professional life.

In aged care facilities the Peer Visitor Program works alongside the established Community Visitor Scheme (CVS), and all our volunteer medical practitioners who visit aged care facilities participate in the normal CVS screening, intake and reporting procedures.