



**THE HON JUSTINE ELLIOT MP**

**Minister for Ageing**

## **MEDIA ALERT**

22 April 2008

### **NOELINE BROWN (AMBASSADOR FOR AGEING) GETS HER FREE FLU SHOT**

Australia's first Ambassador for Ageing, cultural icon Noeline Brown will undertake one of her first official duties tomorrow in Sydney by having a flu shot, provided free by the federal government to all Australians aged over 65.

Ms Brown, 69, will be accompanied by the Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot and Member for Grayndler (Minister for Infrastructure) Anthony Albanese on a visit to the **Petersham Medical Surgery** where Dr Ashleigh Morgan is providing free vaccinations for people over 65 in the local community.

"In the last five years, influenza and pneumonia combined were responsible for 2.5 per cent of all deaths in Australia - and in 2006 resulted in 2725 deaths – making it the 12th highest cause of death, with older Australians over-represented in these grim statistics.

With the flu season just around the corner, tomorrow's event is a timely reminder for older Australians to take advantage of the free influenza vaccine program provided by the federal government.

Media invited to attend.

**WHEN: Wednesday, 23rd April 2008**

**WHERE: Petersham Medical Surgery  
50 Fort Street, Petersham**

**TIME: 10.00 am**

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