

## Kevin Rudd's 'surprise' visit to Canning Division

While Prime Minister (PM) Kevin Rudd was in Perth to talk about health reform recently, he spent the morning talking to staff and directors at Canning Division and toured Canning Division's After-Hours Clinic in Bentley.

Staff at Canning received less than 24 hours notice that the PM 'may' visit. Despite the short notice staff at the Division handled his visit with grace and professionalism.



Karin Orlemann was lucky enough to get a few minutes to speak with the PM about her role as an Australian Primary Care Collaboratives Program Manager, and about the seven Canning practices currently involved in the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease & Chronic Disease Prevention and Self Management wave. On her time with the PM, Karin said, *"He seemed like a really nice guy and he was very interested in what we are doing at the Division. I was even able to show him the de-identified feedback graphs I provide to my practices!"*

Data Extraction Tool developer Ian Peters (pictured with Kevin Rudd and Karin Orlemann) was able to describe the Canning Tool - used by many APCC practices - to the PM.

Mr Rudd followed up his visit with a 'doorstop' interview which was attended by representatives from national and state media.

Commenting on his visit to the Division, Mr Rudd said *"It's a good example of what divisions of General Practice are already doing on the ground in terms of providing good, generalised health care for the community. I've been impressed with the conversations I've had with the staff here and what they are seeking to do in preventative care and primary care and also in chronic disease management for patients."*

To view the full transcript of Mr Rudd's interview visit <http://www.pm.gov.au/node/6599>