

**Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Emeritus PROF. KIM OATES AO**



**“ERRORS in HEALTHCARE – Why They Occur and Your Role in Making Your Own Healthcare Safe”**

### **Introduction:**

Patients, consumers and the community trust clinicians and health service organisations to provide safe, high-quality health care and most Australians have access to such care.

In Australia, however, a report in the Medical Journal of Aust. states that medical errors result in as many as 18,000 unnecessary deaths and more than 50,000 patients become disabled each year.

More than 80% of diagnostic errors are deemed preventable.

### **Our Guest Speaker: Emeritus Professor Kim Oates. AO**

*MD, DSc, MHP, FRACP, FRCP, FAFPHM, FRACMA, DCH, Discipline, Child and Adolescent Health, Sydney Medical School Clinical, Consultant, NSW Clinical Excellence Commission*

Prof. Oates has a 50-year career in paediatrics and has long-standing clinical and research interests in child development, child behaviour and child abuse. He is internationally recognised, particularly with regard to his pioneering research in child protection and as a clinician, researcher, teacher and administrator.

He was Chairman, Division of Medicine, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children at Camperdown and was CEO of the Children’s Hospital at Westmead for 9 years.

Prof. Oates developed a passion for patient safety and from 2008 to 2018, he was a consultant for the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC). There, he developed a program for patient safety education for undergraduates to show how doctors can work more safely to reduce patient harm.

He lives in Mosman, has been married for 56 years, has 3 children and 9 grandchildren, and enjoys travelling, theatre, politics and kayaking amongst other things.

In 2020 he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia.

**His Presentation:** Prof Kim Oates AO will treat us to a very interesting, topical, amusing and thought-provoking presentation on factors that lead to healthcare errors and on ways a patient can lessen the risks involved.



## **Emeritus Professor Kim Oates AO**

**Please Note: This Flyer does not do justice to the incredible achievements this man has realised throughout his life.**

**He has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers, written or edited 15 books, written 62 chapters in other books as well as numerous reports, reviews, editorials and opinion pieces.**

**This is a presentation you should not miss ..... it may be a life saver.**