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## Update from the Medical Director

Another busy October month has come and gone. This year we had a raucous, colourful Pink Ribbon Breakfast at Fraser's Kings Park.

The Program has been busy particularly with the roll out of GP electronic messaging. The Service has used this initiative as an opportunity to revise and refresh the look and content of client and GP invitations and results letters.

- Dr Liz Wylie

## Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2016

October's breast cancer awareness month promotion lifts bookings in to November with record bookings via the call centre and online bookings occurring now as the full effect of the extra promotion that October brings takes effect.

BreastScreen WA's premiere annual event the Pink Ribbon Breakfast at Frasers was a highlight with approximately 100 people in attendance including the Hon. Mr John Day, Minister for Health; Dr David Russell-Weisz, Director General, Department of Health and Mr Wayne Salvage, Chief Executive, North Metropolitan Health Service alongside stakeholders and friends of BreastScreen WA from Zumba Gold, National Council of Women WA, our consumer reference group and many



Pictured from left. (and surrounded by Free Spirit Gypsies in pink) Mr Wayne Salvage, Dr Liz Wylie, Ms Paddi Creevey, Mr Graeme Boardley and Dr Eric Khong

WA Health colleagues.

Ms Paddi Creevey entertained everyone with interesting tales from her past and we received a lot of feedback saying they wanted to hear Paddi talk more!

The Free Spirit Gypsies lifted spirits with their brilliant bellydance performance.



## Other October activities



Picnic in the Park



Fremantle Women's Health Day

Other events that kept the Health Promotion team busy in October included the 10th Anniversary of Picnic in the Park for Aboriginal women, Fremantle Women's Health Day and displays at RACGP 2016 National Conference, Western Power Kwinana, Cockburn Integrated Health Service, Rockingham Seniors and Carers Expo, WA Practice Nurses Conference, Department of Commerce OSH & Wellbeing Expo, Nedlands Community Care Engaging the Ageing Expo, City of Perth Murray St Mall Info Display, City of Wanneroo Living and Leisure Living & Leisure Expo ft. Dogs Breakfast, Life starts at 50 Expo at Claremont Showgrounds and hospitals (RPH, SCGH, KEMH, JHC & FSH).



Display at Joondalup Health Campus



New use for our pink bags at City of Wanneroo Expo



WA Practice Nurses Seminar

## RPH dressing gowns



RPH Breast Clinic staff, pictured left, modelling the new dressing gowns available for clients to wear while they are waiting for their procedures.

Helen Perry, Chief Medical Imaging Technologist organised for candy, white and purple plush robes to be purchased to make the client's time in the Clinic waiting area a bit more luxurious and comfortable.



## Online Booking system expands

Women all over WA can now book mammograms online! BreastScreen WA has expanded their online booking system to include all of WA.

The original online booking appointment system was launched in February 2014 and since January 2015 the use of online bookings has nearly doubled, from 1062 appointments booked online in January 2015 to 2000 appointments in October 2016.

This utilisation is expected to grow more as online bookings were initially limited to appointments at BreastScreen WA's permanent clinics. As of November 2016 BreastScreen WA's online bookings have expanded to include rural WA.

Clients may now book online in to any one of BSWA's four mobile units. When towns are open for bookings they will appear on the map within online bookings, indicating they are open. If the town does not appear on the map it is not open for bookings yet.

Clients can see when a mobile unit will be in their town using the "Find your town" feature at

<http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au/Breast-screening/Rural-and-remote-women>

## Welcome to.... Barbara and Renu



**Barbara Hasenoehrl**  
*Clinical Nurse Counsellor*

I was born in Germany. I have worked as a tour director and travelled around Australia for a few years before starting my nursing career. Since then I have worked in metropolitan, regional and remote health facilities around WA. I have worked as a registered nurse, research nurse, staff development nurse and

clinical nurse specialist in breast cancer. I have mainly worked in medical areas like critical care (ICU, Coronary Care) and oncology (wards, chemotherapy units). I have a passion for education and love being a tutor and mentor to young nurses and staff. I have worked as a lecturer in health for TAFE in Kalgoorlie.

I have completed a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, as well as a postgraduate certificate in Breast Cancer Nursing and a Masters in Clinical Oncology.

My husband and I have lived in many areas around Australia and we have now settled down again in Perth. My hobbies include my husband, my sausage dog and my cat. I love running, being active and travelling.



**Renu Puri**  
*PACS/RIS Project Officer*

I'm Renu and excited to be a part of the BreastScreen team where I feel like I am directly contributing to the wellbeing and nurturing of numerous Australian women.

I have worked as a Business Analyst and IT Lead in various sectors like Education, Mining and Government during my IT career in Australia.

Previously I lived in Africa for 10 delightful years and taught English and Maths in the Mine Primary School there – again it was wonderful to directly enhance the lives of so many little ones.

I have a son in finance and a daughter who is a doctor – I have enjoyed parenting my children and guiding them to become sensible, responsible and useful members of society.

Every career change is a new challenge and I am looking forward to building strong relationships and friendships here.

## BreastScreen WA is going paperless

**B**reastScreen WA is changing the way we communicate with GPs. By the end of 2016 the majority of correspondence GPs receive from BreastScreen WA will be by electronic secure messaging.

BreastScreen WA's GP Liaison Dr Eric Khong explained further, "GPs and their patients will benefit by receiving their patients' Normal Result and Screening Reminder letters via electronic secure messaging. GPs will receive the information faster, and it will be easier to incorporate this in to patients' electronic medical records."

In November we sent notifications to all practices listed in the database either informing them of the commencement of secure messaging or inviting them to connect to receive secure messages.

The trial phase will involve a 2 month period where we will send both electronic and hard copy results. Once the trial period is complete we will cease to send hard copy results to those practices who can receive electronic copies.

A brochure (pictured right) will be sent (during the trial phase) with all hard copy GP results letters to inform the practices of our intention to send the majority of correspondence via secure messaging.

The trial phase of the project involves sending GP Normal Results letters however other letters such GP Follow Up and dense breasts will be incorporated into secure messaging in the near future.

### BreastScreen WA is going paperless for GPs



I'm excited that BreastScreen WA is changing the way they communicate with GPs.

Shortly, GPs will receive the majority of correspondence by secure messaging.

If you don't wish to receive your patient's screening mammogram results electronically please email BreastScreen WA at

[breastscreenwa@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:breastscreenwa@health.wa.gov.au)

- Dr. Jas Mudhar, Cannington GP -

Spread the message

[www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)

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