



Update from the Medical Director



BreastScreen WA, has literally been inundated this year, not only with the challenges of providing a screening service, in the rapidly changing COVID environment, but also staff changes as you will see with our medley of farewells in this newsletter, and two of our clinics have flooded. The Mardalup, Adelaide Terrace clinic was very severely damaged when a water pipe exploded on Boxing Day and the clinic insurance claim negotiations, damage assessment, and clinic fit-out deconstructions, has meant that we are only just now in the rebuild stage. Hopefully this clinic will reopen later this year in October. On 23 May during a winter down pour the Mirrabooka clinic roof leaked, and we sustained severe rain damage to one room with the loss of the recently replaced mammogram machine. It is a testament to the resilience, agility and hard work of the BreastScreen WA team that we have soldiered on despite these recurrent misadventures.

Dr Liz Wylie

Brand New BSWA Website

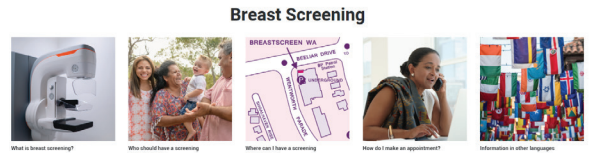
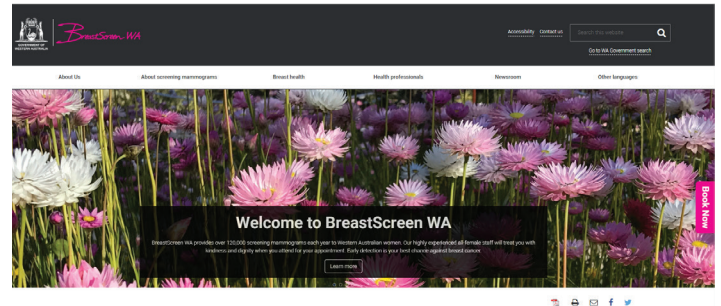
BreastScreen WA finally has a refurbished website. Program Officer Hayley Campbell worked on the project for over three months. This not only involved learning how to create a new website but also collaboration with colleagues, Health Support Services, and the BSWA Consumer Reference Group to produce a more user-friendly, accessible, up-to-date, and sleek-looking website.

Go to www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au to see the new design.



Hayley Campbell working on the new website

Brand New BSWA Website



Front page of the new website

Joondalup Assessment

Joondalup Clinic had it's first day of assessment this week. Chief MIT Carolyn Madeley said the day went really well and the team working there are to be congratulated for their hard work over the past few months in learning the many new processes needed, compared to a screening clinic. Feedback from patients was all positive. Well done to all.



Staff after first assessment day



Imaging room at Joondalup Clinic

EveryWoman Expo 2022

EveryWoman Expo was a great success for BSWA again this year, as the Boronia truck visited for the second year running. EveryWoman Expo, held from June 17-19, at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, is an Expo of over 150 businesses featuring health, beauty, fashion, food, love, lifestyle, fitness, spiritual solutions and more. Popular attractions include fashion catwalks, empowering seminars, cooking demonstrations, beauty advice, psychic readings and more. This year, BSWA staff were more prepared than ever and ready to screen as many women as possible. Last year, 136 women were screened.



Mobile screening unit Boronia at the Expo

This year, staff efficiency and hard-work resulted in 184 women being screened across the whole weekend. Sixty percent of the women screened were first-time clients, with one client in particular noting: *"Thank you for having this at the Expo, I wouldn't have done it if this was not in place."*

Health promotion and screening staff spoke to over 800 people across the whole weekend, and made over 300 appointments for screening mammograms. Overall, the event was very successful and BSWA looks forward to returning next year to engage with even more of the community.



Health Promotion staff member Kelly Cameron talking to patrons at the booth



Screening staff Shari Donovan, Ettina Whicho, Ebonie Roberts, Jenna Govan, and Simone Skinner at the Expo

Staff Update

This newsletter features many BSWA retirements. Thank you to all for your many years of service and all the best for the future.



Yvonne Witheridge

Yvonne Witheridge retired from BreastScreen in 2007, however came back to continue X-raying for another 13 years. She has now completed 54 years as a radiographer and 27 of those were spent at BSWA. Yvonne says she is now finally retiring for good.

"I would like to thank all at BreastScreen for the friendships formed, laughter and memories. I shall miss you all. Goodbye, Good Luck, I wish you all Kindness, Love and Success".

Rachael Manning farewells BSWA after working as a Consultant Radiologist at the Bunbury Assessment Clinic and reading at BSWA since 2020. We thank Rachael for her dedication and wish her well in the future. Dr Manning is returning to London England, to work at Guys and St Thomas Hospital as a consultant radiologist with an interest in breast, gynaecology and oncology. Rachael wishes to "thank everyone at BreastScreen WA for their support, teaching and friendship and hope to work with you again in the future."



Rachael Manning

Staff Update

Mary Nelson has given an incredible 28 years to BSWA, and was personally thanked by Nicole Flendt, WNHS Nurse Midwife co-director, who visited EPP and acknowledged how many changes Mary must have seen BSWA go through over the years. Mary farewelled everyone after receiving gifts from staff and said: "The whole service is remarkable, and everybody chips in and the team is a great team. I have made some lovely friendships over the years. Special thanks to everyone, I wish everyone well, it's been a great privilege to be a part of it."

Debra Mulder after 5.5 years at BSWA is also retiring and says she will always remember her call centre spiel. "It was a good time, I enjoyed meeting all the people here. I worked outside in the clinics occasionally and that was a good experience... Thank you for the morning tea and the gift and just thank you so much."



EPP staff say farewell to Debra Mulder and Mary Nelson with a visit from Nicole Flendt from WNHS

Carol-Ann Ballack farewells BSWA after 13 years. "I found my purpose at 12yrs old – Radiography. This was the core of my life. Being a mother was a gift and a whole new life and world.



Carol-Ann and Jan Maree's retirement brunch

But my purpose remained a reason to wake up each morning. Having to bid this adieu is a massive shift in my life. In the 13 years I have been able to help, listen to, and hug many, many clients. I never minded the 6.30am call to go from Pads to Freo because there was a special lady I had to cross paths with and talk to. Thank you all at BreastScreen for the generosity, love and laughter at my farewell do.

With this, I bid you all happiness, health and fun for the future."

Jan Maree Panton

is also saying farewell to BSWA after a decade: "It has been a pleasure working in such a supportive and welcoming environment and I will miss my colleagues greatly. I have enjoyed working at BreastScreen WA for the past 10 years and I will treasure the memories I have made from this experience."



Jan Maree at her retirement brunch

Diana Ryan farewells BSWA and said her last day was "bittersweet". "It has been a fantastic experience for me being part of this team. I have thoroughly loved getting to know you all and sharing many laughs and tears with you. During my time here, I have had the opportunity to be part of many wonderful projects and I feel very grateful contributing to this amazing service that I hold so



Diana Ryan

dear to my heart. Thank you for all the guidance, mentorship and kindness you have shown to me which has enabled me to gain so much experience and enhance my skills. I will take this forward with pride, appreciation and many fond memories of BreastScreen."

Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2022

BreastScreen WA's Annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast will be held on Monday 24th October this year at Fraser's Restaurant King's Park. Guest speakers will be the Hon Ayor Makur Chuot and Jane Armstrong. See the official invitation on the following page.





Government of Western Australia
North Metropolitan Health Service



BreastScreen WA presents Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2022



Monday 24 October 2022

Enjoy breakfast at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park
and talks from our wonderful guest speakers

Hon Ayor Makur Chuot



Member of the
Legislative Council
of WA for the North
Metropolitan Region

Ayor Makur Chuot
is WA's first MP of
African descent

and the first person from a South
Sudanese background to occupy a
seat in any Australian Parliament.

Ayor is passionate about
multiculturalism, women's interests,
and families, and hopes to inspire
young people of colour to get involved
in the community.

She is committed to improving
opportunities for refugees and
migrants in the workforce having
overcome numerous barriers herself
and is working hard for the North
Metropolitan Region in the key
areas of jobs, education, health,
infrastructure, and local projects.

Jane Armstrong



City East Community
Mental Health Services
and Rainbow LGBTIQ+
Project Officer

Jane is a passionate
advocate and activist
on mental health,
social and animal justice issues,
diversity and equity issues, with a
strong belief in inclusion for all people.
Jane has over 28 years experience
in nursing, and over 15 years in
leadership in health, education and
community development. They are
a leader and ambassador for the
LGBTIQ+ community, and assists in
implementing changes in business
operations to make the workplace
more inclusive and to improve the
patient experience for those in the
LGBTIQ+ community. Jane is the
Director and Co-Founder for a charity
for the homeless and marginalized,
and has ongoing involvement with a
number of not-for-profits and charities.

Details

Registration: From 7am
Event: 7:30 - 9:00am

Fraser's Function Centre
Fraser Avenue, Kings Park

\$40 including GST

RSVP by 17 October 2022

No table reservations

Register and pay online at
EventBrite link below

[Click here for EventBrite tickets](#)

