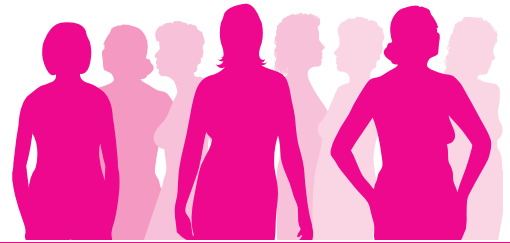




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# Keeping abreast of BSWA News

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## Update from the Medical Director

We have been enjoying cold bright winter days with occasional showers. With the cold weather has come the usual spate of winter illness. I would like to thank the staff that have managed to hold the fort, and cover the work of sick colleagues. The IT team/2cc programmers is busy progressing with the picture archive development and soft copy reading development. The service coordinators have commenced a series of strategic planning meeting sessions to start developing plans for soft copy reading implementation next year. The coordinators will lead discussion in their areas about how soft copy can best be implemented.

- Dr Liz Whyte

## Every Woman Expo



BreastScreen WA's Health Promotion team with the assistance of call centre staff had a stall at the Every Woman Expo from the 13-15 June at the Perth Convention Centre. Over the three day Expo BreastScreen WA staff made 91 appointment bookings and spoke to over 650 women. It was a fantastic event again this year, and BreastScreen WA received many positive comments about clinic staff and the service we provide to the women of Western Australia.

## Family Gathering Place KEMH



Pictured above left: Leanne Pilkington, unveiling the plaque displaying the new name Moort Mandja Mia along with Denese Griffin, Manager from WNHS Aboriginal Maternity Support Unit.

Leanne Pilkington, BreastScreen WA's Aboriginal Program Officer attended and spoke at the opening of the new Moort Mandja Mia at King Edward Memorial Hospital. The opening was granted a new beginning on Monday 26 May with a smoking ceremony to cleanse the space and officially announce its new name, "Moort Mandja Mia". Leanne spoke about the value of providing such a space, not only for Aboriginal families but for all visitors. Leanne is on the working group of Women and Newborn Health Service who along with Janinne Gliddon, Anne Rae, Mark Stokoe and Kevin Salfinger who have dedicated many hours of their time to this project.

## Rockingham Health Expo

On Saturday 21 June Sonya Schultz and Lorraine Knott from the Health Promotion Team attended the DISCOVER SHARE CELEBRATE Health Expo. Hosted by the City of Rockingham and the City of Kwinana, the event attracted approximately 300 participants. Over 25 Exhibitors provided health and wellbeing information to participants in the Rockingham and surrounding areas. Sonya and Lorraine spoke to well over 70 people and made eight bookings.



## Welcome to Helena Green Bunbury Clinic, Nurse Counsellor



I'm the mother of three adult children and I live in Bunbury with my husband Steve. I grew up with a love of ballet which I still enjoy in my adult life, dancing once a week still striving for my prima donna status! I love travelling, with us winning a few overseas trips in the past few years. We were fortunate enough to win a trip to Las Vegas in 2011 and another to China in 2013 courtesy of the television show, Deal or No Deal. Just waiting now for the next win!

I've worked as a Registered Nurse since 1980 and later completed a Certificate as a Specialist Breast Nurse.

Some people might remember me working as the Specialist Breast Nurse in Bunbury for about six years from the early 2000s. More recently I completed Post Graduate Diplomas in Sexology and another in Counselling. I currently work part time with the Menopause Symptoms after Cancer Clinic at King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth as a Clinical Nurse Specialist/Clinical Sexologist, and also one day a week with the organisation, Sexuality Education Counselling and Consultancy Agency (SECCA) in Perth working with people with disabilities in the area of sexuality.

I also have a private practice as a Sexologist/Counsellor working in both Perth and Bunbury. I look forward to joining the team at BreastScreen.

## Expansion of BreastScreen Australia 70-74

As part of the 2013-14 Federal Budget, the Australian Government committed \$55.7 million over four years to expand BreastScreen Australia's target age range by five years, from women 50-69 years of age to women 50-74 years of age.

This initiative will mean more than 220,000 additional screening services can be delivered throughout

BreastScreen Australia over the next four years. From 2016-17, an estimated additional 600 breast cancers may be detected each year.

BreastScreen WA has commenced invitations to women 70-74 and we are having an excellent uptake of invitations.

## Congratulations to Sarah Bright NMHS Leadership Development

Sarah Bright, Health Promotion Officer BreastScreen WA is currently on secondment and has been the successful applicant for twelve months as a health promotion officer (Non Communicable Diseases) with the National Center of Public Health (NCPH) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The NCPH is Mongolia's main national public health centre and sits under the Ministry of Health. The NCPH's mission is to reach excellence of public health research and intervention through development of research capacity and public health prevention intervention.

In this role, Sarah will be responsible for conducting training sessions on topics such as; sharing international best practice on NCD prevention, and alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention. She will also conduct capacity building training and assist in the development of non-communicable disease surveillance guidelines and other public health materials.

Sarah grew up in Perth and completed a Health Science degree with a double major in Public Health and Anthropology at the University of Western Australia. Sarah has worked with the BreastScreen WA health promotion team and has most recently held a position with the WA Healthy Schools Project.

Sarah has a passion for health promotion and finds the work very rewarding. Sarah is looking forward to sharing her experience and gaining knowledge from new colleagues, assisting staff to network and build partnerships with international organisations and hopes to raise awareness about the importance of non-communicable disease management and prevention.

Having never travelled to Mongolia, Sarah is really *setge/dogdolj* (excited) for the opportunity to immerse herself in the 'worlds coldest city', discover treks in the Summer and meet great people along the way!



Pictured from left: Cynthia Seenikatty (ED Workforce), Sarah Bright (BreastScreen WA), Erica Cunningham (Program Coordinator).

Coming up .....

- 6-13 July NAIDOC Week
- 27 October Pink Ribbon Day
- 8-9 November Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Conf - Realising the benefits of digital breast imaging