



Update from the Medical Director

May, June and July has been an exciting and exacting time for BreastScreen WA. We are preparing for National Accreditation in October this year.

Our Kimberley visit has been an outstanding success in no small part due to Anne Lenard's, Senior Aboriginal Health Worker, commitment to recruiting women and facilitating successful clinic block bookings.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 2 millionth screen in August.

- Dr Liz Wylie

North West mobile visit



Halls Creek clients

It's been a successful tour of WA's north west this year. In our seven day visit to Fitzroy Crossing we were expecting 175 ladies but we actually screened 309 plus 6 women for further views. Well done to Chris, Paula and Alison on Trailer Two. Special thanks to our wonderful ambassador in the community Anne Lenard, Senior Aboriginal Health Worker, Kimberley Population Health Unit, Fitzroy Crossing. Look out for a feature on our community advocates in the next newsletter.



Fitzroy Crossing - watch out lamp post!!!



Radiographer Alison Adams with Fitzroy Crossing clients

Reconciliation Walk



BreastScreen WA staff took part in the Reconciliation Walk down St George's Terrace in June. Commencing at Supreme Court Gardens we made our way down the Terrace (in our pink shirts!) to Government House gardens. After watching some dancing everyone was encouraged to join in and it was truly celebratory event for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.



2 millionth screen is imminent!!

2,000,000 screens

BreastScreen WA says thank you

As we are only weeks away from reaching our 2 millionth screening client, preparation is underway to celebrate this momentous occasion on Daffodil Day (Friday 25 August) with a celebratory morning tea at Perth City Clinic. In attendance will be our 2 millionth client and WA Health dignitaries.

Every Woman Expo

Health Promotion and Support Services teamed up from June 16-18 to staff a display at the 2017 Every Woman Expo.

Over the three days more than 11,000 visitors attended the Expo and our staff spoke to over 670 people, made 173 bookings and checked or changed the details of 46 women attending the event.



NAIDOC Week: 2-9 July 2017



“Our Languages Matter” was the theme of NAIDOC week 2017; with an emphasis on the unique and important role Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land, their history, family and spirituality through story and song. The Health Promotion team attended eight events throughout the week; they spoke to over 200 people, made 21 bookings and checked or changed the details of 13 women.



BSWA's Aboriginal Program Officer Kelly Cameron (pictured right) with Janinne Gliddon, Aboriginal Senior Health Promotion Officer, Women and Newborn Health Service

Meet CRG member: Prof. Lesley Cala



Lesley Cala is a Clinical Professor at The University of Western Australia, providing teaching to medical students and also science students who are studying the clinical aspects of disease. Her teaching covers all organ systems. She is a local graduate in the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, holding a MB BS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) and later the MD (Doctor of Medicine) conferred for her thesis dealing with the diagnosis of brain tumours. Her basic speciality is Diagnostic Radiology with further specialisation in Neuroradiology.

Lesley is also committed to work with the community, especially dealing with issues that affect women and children. She is a Life Member of the National Council of Women WA (NCWWA) and represented that group, as well as UWA, on the Advisory Committee to the State Minister for Women's Interests for 2 terms. At national level Prof. Cala was Vice-President, NCWA and at international level with ICW was International Adviser for International Relations and Peace for 6 years, followed by

Co-ordinator of Communications for 3 years ending in 2012.

As President of Australian Federation of University Women, newly named Graduate Women of WA (GWWA), Lesley was an advocate for women in the area of health, as well as education. Prof. Cala has been elected a Life Member of GWWA.

Lesley was a Convocation-elected Member of the UWA Senate (the governing body) for 15 years, where she highlighted issues particular to women's quality of life. This was followed by election in 2010 to the Council of Convocation which deals with issues from all past graduates of UWA and this position has just been renewed for 3 years in recent elections of the graduate body (55,000 voting members).

Lesley said, “As an advocate for women's health, it was a pleasure to accept Clinical Associate Professor Wylie's invitation to be a Member of CRG. I feel my contribution to the Members of the panel highlighting developments in the areas of mammography/MRI may be of use, as I try to scale down the complexity to a level that the lay public might be able to understand. Women need to know that efforts are still being made to obtain early, accurate diagnosis, which hopefully will minimize disfiguring surgery and/or repeat surgery and worse still, loss of life.”

Clinical Prof. Lesley Cala was awarded a Medal from UWA (pictured left) this year for her work in the university, the community and women's advancement.



More out and about.....

Mother's Day Classic

For the seventh year running....or walking, BreastScreen WA participated in the Mother's Day Classic on Sunday May 14. The 12 members of the Breast Friends WA team were among 3,000 community members who walked or ran 4km or 8km to raise money and awareness for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. At the BreastScreen WA marquee staff members spoke to over 50 people and made 16 appointments.



Women of the World Wellbeing Expo

BreastScreen WA partnered with the City of Gosnells, the City of Canning and Richmond Wellbeing to organise this event for Multicultural women in Beckenham on May 15. More than 150 women attended the event. Participants had the opportunity to talk to health professionals from 26 organisations and participate in a variety of health and wellbeing activities.

Activity Challenge Update



The **Perth Activity Challenge** wrapped up in June 2017 and Breast Friends WA team member Lisa Harrison won the prize (a gym membership) for most improved walker!! Congratulations Lisa, it is very well deserved!

Farewell to Jenny Pikoos



Radiographer Jenny Pikoos recently retired after 14 years with BSWA in which time she screened over 38,500 women. BreastScreen WA thanks Jenny for her contribution and wishes her well for the future.

Farewell to Anna and Elsa



From left.... Anna Watts, Jan Pickering and Elsa Hoogland

Anna and Elsa have worked within Support Services at BSWA for a total of over 30 years between them. Both ladies have worked through some significant changes at BSWA during their working lives and have always welcomed new initiatives. We wish Anna and Elsa both a well-earned rest as they start the new chapters in their lives after taking voluntary redundancies.

Dr Sarah Paton's Ride to Conquer Cancer



Well done to Dr Sarah Paton, breast physician at RPH BSWA assessment clinic for reaching the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in May. This was an extra challenge to add to her upcoming 200km Ride to Conquer Cancer challenge. The Ride to Conquer Cancer challenge will help support and raise much needed funds for life saving medical research at the Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

Pictured is Sarah (in pink) with the Perkins flag on the summit (5895ms, -15+ degrees+ wind++). Sarah said it was "the toughest and most extreme thing ever both physically and mentally" she'd done.