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Keeping abreast of BSWA News

## Update from the Medical Director

2018 has been a big year for BreastScreen WA with the October launch of the online booking enhancement we have seen a rapid increase in online bookings.

This year we had a number of record breaking screening months. I want to particularly congratulate the Screening Services team for achieving these increases in screening numbers without additional staff. The spirit of innovation and service improvement is strong across the whole service and the Information Technology team has made this possible by ongoing improvements in our Information Technology platform.



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Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

From all of us at BreastScreen WA



Last screening day 21 Dec 2018\* - Reopening 2 Jan 2019

Book online [www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)  
or phone 13 20 50

## The numbers for 2018.... so far

As at the end of November 2018 BreastScreen WA has screened 117,389 women this year. December is still to be calculated.

The BSWA website has received nearly 400,000 page views as at the end of November.

36,742 women have booked their appointment online so far this year. This number continues to grow exponentially.

Our Facebook page from January to end of November 2018 has reached nearly 260,000 people! We commenced the year with 722 likes and have ended the year with 1,255 likes.

Well done everyone, we look forward to seeing how much higher these numbers can get in 2019!



I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and comes back in the New Year refreshed and invigorated ready for the challenges and opportunities that 2019 will bring us.

*Dr Liz Wylie*

## Over and above the call of duty!

Picture this. Trailer 3 arrives in Wyalkatchem the afternoon of 21 November, only to find out the Hospital has been rewired – except for our 3 phase power point. The electrician



is confident he can get us connected but it will take a week to get the parts he needs. The problem is we are only scheduled to be in Wyalkatchem for 3½ days. What to do? We borrowed a generator for the first day from the Shire. We then found a generator for hire mounted on a small trailer with the capacity to run the service - in Kwinana. Next problem... how do we get it to Trailer 3 to continue screening the next day? No worries – Katy

Grace's husband jumped in his car, picked it up in Kwinana and delivered it to Trailer 3. He collected it after the visit and took it back to the company's yard. Thank you Barry!

Fast forward one week and 450 kms to the south. The Truck is due to arrive in Margaret River on 29 November. There will be no power that day at the Recreation Centre due to a Synergy shut down. Margaret River has already booked up 3 weeks in advance. What to do??? We hire a generator from a company in Margaret River and have it delivered in time to meet the Truck on site. Screening continued until the power was restored.

And the moral of this story? There is no such thing as the "too hard" basket. There is however the "don't panic, keep thinking and we can work this out" basket. That's the one with the BreastScreen logo on it.



## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

**B**SWA staff got in to the Christmas spirit with a lunch at Eastpoint Plaza and breakfasts in Kings Park and Rockingham on 18 December.



*Clinic staff breakfast at Zamia's in Kings Park*



*Clinic staff breakfast in Rockingham*



*Cynthia Leal, Carolyn Madeley, Katy Grace*



*Call Centre rocking around the Christmas tree*



*Dr Liz Wylie, Carolyn Madeley*



*Margaret Abbott, Barbara Hasenoehr*



*Secret Santa has been!*

## Share the Dignity



*Pictured from left is Dragana Flynn, Ashleigh Crawford, Natasha O'Sullivan and Darryl Christian.*

**B**reastScreen WA was thrilled to be able to contribute 17 handbags to the Share the Dignity campaign, a women's charity that makes a real, on-the-ground difference to homeless women and victims of domestic violence.

## Farewells and Hellos



*Dragana Flynn*

**D**ragana Flynn is leaving us at the end of December. Dragana has been a joy to work with and been a fantastic member of the IT team. She is off to pursue additional study and greater adventures. BSWA wishes her well. Ashleigh Crawford will act in the Business Support Officer position for the next 3 months during which time we will openly advertise and appoint someone into that position beyond the 3 months.

Gaylene Larsen has worked on Trailer 1 since November 2017 as a MIT. She has experienced the highlights (Esperance) and the lowlights (a mice plague in Ravensthorpe & losing a shoe in a sinkhole in Lucky Bay). Gaylene is packing up her knapsack in Corrigin and setting off to pastures new (Tasmania) on Friday 21 Dec. Thanks to Gaylene for all her hard work and we wish her well as she embarks on her next adventure.

Farewell to Jordana Scala who is leaving us to join SKG. Jordana has been offered an ultrasound traineeship. We would like to congratulate her and wish her all the best with this exciting opportunity.



*Jordana Scala*

Farewell to Bunbury receptionist Tracy Evans who has chosen to retire after 7 years with BSWA. Thank you Tracy for your contribution to BreastScreen WA and best wishes for a relaxing retirement.

After temporarily transferring to BSWA in January of this year, Carolyn Madeley was pleased to accept the permanent position as Chief MIT in November. Carolyn says she has been extremely impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the clinic staff, and their willingness to go the extra mile for the women of WA.

# BreastScreen WA Health Promotion in the Practice finalists

Many GP practices in WA took up the challenge in 2018 to “be in the pink” and participate in BreastScreen WA’s Health Promotion in the Practice to promote breast awareness and the importance of screening to the local community in October. The judging committee were impressed with the high standard of displays from all finalists (pictured below).

Congratulations to the winner **Seville Drive Medical Centre**.



Canning Vale Medical Centre



Collie River Valley Medical Centre



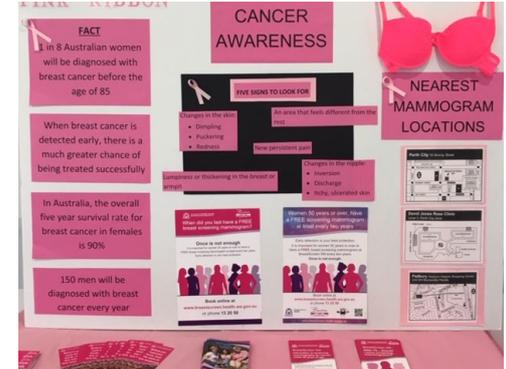
Joondalup Drive Medical Centre



Kelvale Medical Group



Ocean Reef Medical Centre



Ocean Village Medical Centre



Seville Drive Medical Centre



Shoalwater Medical Centre



Three Springs Medical Centre



Trigg Health Care



Victoria District Medical Centre



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