



Update from the Medical Director

Another year has come and gone. It has been a year of great achievements such as the electronic client results letters, and the acquisition of Tomosynthesis at Bunbury and Mandurah. I would like to thank staff and supporters for their hard work and dedication throughout the year particularly dealing with the complexity of such high demand for assessment appointments. I am proud to work with colleagues and co-workers who care so much about the women and provide a service of such a high professional standard. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Dr Liz Wylie



Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2019

On a beautiful spring morning, over 140 people attended the annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast at Fraser's Restaurant to celebrate BreastScreen WA's 30th (Pearl) anniversary.

The Minister for Health, the Hon Roger Cook, MLA welcomed guests. Prof. Moira Sim from ECU and Pip Brennan, CEO of the Health Consumers Council of WA, delivered thought provoking and inspiring presentations. Pearls draped the tables and the guests had theirs on show to celebrate 30 years of providing a quality service to WA women.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, Bunbury staff also wore their pearls and enjoyed a morning tea (pictured right).



Prof. Christobel Saunders, UWA; Nicole Flendt, WNHS Nurse Midwife Co-Director and Dr David Russell-Weisz, DG



Roger Cook, Minister for Health; Dr Robyn Lawrence, NMHS Chief Executive and Dr Jodi Graham, WNHS ED



Dr Liz Wylie with some of BSWA's ambassadors



From left....Pip Brennan, Roger Cook, Prof Moira Sim, Dr Liz Wylie and Dr Eric Khong

Laverton trip

Another successful trip to Kalgoorlie and Laverton in early October 2019 with Kelly Cameron and Coby Pearson visiting the mobile in Laverton, where Alison Adams and Jenny Fardig were doing a fabulous job. Ladies came in from Ngaanyatjarra Lands in remote WA, near the NT/SA borders and this year 45 ladies were screened. The ladies (and Kelly and Coby) stayed at the Laverton Caravan Park and the ladies enjoyed being able to sit outside with each other and have a lovely evening of storytelling and a big kangaroo cook up.



Alison Adams, MIT and Kelly Cameron, Aboriginal Program Officer



Kelly, 2nd from left with ladies from NG lands at the mobile in Laverton

After the Laverton trip Kelly and Coby visited Kalgoorlie to make a few more connections with local agencies to help promote BSWA's arrival to the Aboriginal community in and around Kalgoorlie.

Picnic in the Park

About 45 women enjoyed the Picnic in Kings Park which included an activity station donated by Bunnings. Making bee watering stations was a popular activity. Morning tea and lunch was enjoyed by all and many wonderful prizes for the raffles were donated.



Taking Picnic in the Park to the suburbs was received well. The ladies loved the idea of having a picnic closer to home and the opportunity to have their mammogram on the day. Pinjarra will be our first stop with the mobile arriving in January. Watch this space in 2020!



Mobile in the Suburbs

Another busy round of mobile in the suburbs occurred throughout October with the BSWA "truck" parked outside King Edward Memorial Hospital, QEII and Parliament House. As always staff at each of these areas appreciated the opportunity to have their mammogram appointment at their place of work.



Kath Knight and Karen Richards



The view from the cycle path



Gareth Porter and Heather Taylor at QEII



Dr Megan Galbally and Dr Jodi Graham at the KEMH mobile

Welcome to new clinic staff



Julie Wilkes, Supervising MIT

Thank you for a very warm welcome to EPP and BSWA.

I am going to be very busy it seems, immersing myself in this new role. I beg your patience as I get to know all the routines and acronyms of the screening environment!

For those of you who don't know me, I have been working at RPH in general and breast assessment for over 30 years. I have loved working with the Breast Assessment team and now I'm excited to take on this role in Screening.

A massive thank you to Katy Grace for all the handover notes, carefully presented for me.



Gail Fielding, Senior MIT

Gail started with BSWA in July 2018 after moving here from the UK. She has a background in breast imaging, breast clinical trials, CT, General x-ray and Theatre. Whilst at BSWA, she has worked predominantly in the central and northern Perth clinics and enjoys promoting BSWA at various running events.

Outside work she is an active Surf Life Saver and can be found on the beach most weekends volunteering with the Nippers program as the under 10s age group manager.

Gail looks forward to supporting the BSWA MITs as their new line manager in 2020!

Share the Dignity



MITs from left; Sara-Jane Laurenson, Fiona McMillan and Rene Van Rooyen

Once again BreastScreen WA staff showed their generosity and donated to KEMH's Share the Dignity 'It's in the bag' drive.

BreastScreen staff put together 12 wonderful bags and sent over extra items to assist filling up those at KEMH.

A big thank you to all who donated.

Welcome to new Clinical Nurse Counsellors



Karen Lewis

I qualified as a nurse in 1996 and went to do further studies at Manchester University in Oncology. I have 16 years Oncology experience. I have worked at Europe's leading Oncology Hospital 'Chrisites' specialising in Bone Marrow Transplants, have experience in all areas of Oncology Haematology and have worked as a Clinical Nurse in the community administering chemotherapy and Immunotherapies.

I have also worked as a Support Services Coordinator for the Leukaemia Foundation where I organised monthly education seminars and other services for people living with an haematological malignancy including facilitating support groups. I am currently working as a Breast Care Nurse with BCCWA which I find very rewarding.



Elaine Thomas

I was born in York, England, quite a while ago now! I commenced my nurse training in Sheffield, England in 1986, qualifying as an enrolled nurse in 1988. I converted to become an RN in 1993. I travelled to Queensland in 1994 and worked in the specialist clinics in Caboolture Hospital. On my return to the UK in 1995 I worked as a breast cancer care link nurse, a liaison

between the breast care nurses and patients undergoing breast surgery. I became a breast care nurse specialist in 1998 working in the Sheffield NHS Trust Hospital, Wakefield and Pontefract NHS Trust Hospital and The Leeds Cancer Centre until my return to Australia in 2004. Whilst in Australia I have raised four boys who keep me very busy with their sports - rugby league, AFL and soccer, the two eldest play for WA. So that's where you find me on the weekends!



Susan Law

I'm a Perth girl by heart and completed my nursing undergraduate studies at ECU in the early 1990s. Since then, I've worked as a specialised Community Nurse in various community settings in Perth, London and Sydney, and seen many changes in community health service provision and in the nursing profession. My more recent nursing interest has been in Public Health in Australia and the social determinants of health particularly around chronic disease management, completing graduate studies from Flinders University in 2017. My personal interests include travelling, family and spending time with my ageing parents, going to festivals and markets, beach and bush walking and volunteering for the Red Cross. I love dogs and although I haven't a fur kid at the moment, I'm always happy to talk dogs.

BreastScreen WA Health Promotion in the Practice finalists

Thank you for participating in the 2019 competition and promoting breast awareness and the importance of screening to your local community.



Beechboro Family Practice



Booragoon Medical Centre



Earl Street Surgery Narrogin



Grantham House Medical Practice Wembley



Jupiter Health Byford The Glades



Kelvale Medical Group



North Street Medical Centre Midland



Nova Medical Centre Stirling



Ocean Village Medical Centre Wembley Downs



Pinjarra Medical Centre



Seville Drive Medical Centre



Shoalwater Medical Centre

The judging committee were impressed with the high standard of displays from all finalists! Congratulations to the winner **North Street Medical Centre, Midland**. A close 2nd and 3rd place were **Ocean Village Medical Centre** and **Seville Drive Medical Centre**.