

Update from the Medical Director

I would like to acknowledge 2017 as a very busy and successful year for BreastScreen WA despite staff shortages across the service. I am particularly proud of the resourceful and committed staff that have maintained such a high standard of care to our clients. The service in these times of significant financial constraint has managed to continue making service improvements particularly in efficiencies in the nurses booking screen and progress towards a paperless medical record.

During the year the service achieved the milestone of its 2 millionth screen and we celebrated Janet Brook's career with BreastScreen WA. In November, BSWA underwent a comprehensive accreditation process.

Katy Grace, Chief Medical Imaging Technologist for training and quality will be taking extended leave in 2018, and we thank Carolyn Madeley from Royal Perth Hospital for undertaking a secondment to cover Janet's position, and Gaye Moffitt for stepping up to cover Katy Grace.

Best wishes for the festive season.

Dr Liz Wylie



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

From all of us at *BreastScreen WA*



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www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au
or phone 13 20 50

BreastScreen WA Christmas hours

Our last screening day is 22 December 2017 and clinics will reopen for screening on 2 January 2018.

The call centre will operate from 9am - 4pm over the Christmas break, except public holidays.

Farewell to Janet Brook

BreastScreen WA bids a fond farewell to Janet Brook, Chief Medical Imaging Technologist, who retired in November 2017.

Janet joined the program as a screening radiographer in 1993. In 1996 Janet was appointed as a Senior Radiographer responsible for Training and Quality Assurance and in 2012 she became Chief Radiographer of the program.

In her 24 years with BSWA, Janet has played a major role in many aspects of the program, including the successful expansion of the program. In 1993 there were 2 metropolitan clinics and now there are 11 fixed sites including Bunbury. Janet was at BSWA in 2008 to celebrate its millionth screening mammogram and in 2017 at its 2 millionth.

The transition from analogue to digital technology was a significant and challenging project for the program and Janet's leadership during this time ensured not only a smooth transition, but that staff felt supported and confident in embracing the change. Service delivery disruptions were kept to a minimum and this benefited the women attending for their screening mammograms.

Janet has represented BSWA on professional committees, including the Medical Imaging Advisory Panel of ASMIRT (Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Technologists), and as a committee member on ASMIRT's WA branch. She was also jointly responsible for ensuring that BSWA's radiography training program is accredited by ASMIRT. On a national level, Janet has been a member of BreastScreen Australia's Clinical Advisory Committee.

The Program wishes Janet a long and happy retirement.



Janet Brook (centre) at her retirement morning tea at Eastpoint Plaza



When did you
first have a
screening
mammogram
50 or over
We have a
screening
mammogram



Mobile in the City

In an exciting new initiative BreastScreen WA located one of its mobile screening clinics in the western suburbs in December to provide free breast cancer screening for women in Claremont and Cottesloe.

This project was possible because the permanent clinic in Mandurah has freed up one of our mobiles for about 15 months of every two year cycle.

GPs and community groups were emailed and provided with images to share on their website and Facebook pages and *Western Suburbs Weekly* featured the visit.



Coby Pearson (left) promoting the Claremont visit with Town of Claremont employee and BSWA client Anne Arrigoni.

Women in the area who were due for their mammogram were invited via SMS.

The response was so well received that the two visits booked up quickly. 145 women visited BSWA at Claremont (4 - 8 December) and 122 clients attended at Cottesloe (11 - 15 December).

BreastScreen WA is pleased to continue this initiative in 2018 with the mobile going to LeisureFit Booragoon 5-16 February, with the option to continue for another week.



The mobile in the Town of Claremont carpark

Thank you to CRG



A heartfelt thank you to our Consumer Reference Group members who give so generously of their time and expertise throughout the year. Pictured at our last meeting for 2017 is, from left, Sue Hassett, A/Prof Jennifer Stone, Diane Grennan, Bettine Heathcote, Janet Pages-Oliver, Coby Pearson (standing) and Angela Hellewell and Prof Lesley Cala (seated). Thanks also extended to integral members not present at the November meeting - Jenny Hall, Delyse Ward and Hope Alexander.

We look forward to working with most of our existing members and welcoming a couple of new members in 2018. Profiles to follow in future newsletters.

Fundraising for Cancer Council WA

We are pleased to announce that BreastScreen WA has raised a total of \$2,509 in 2017 to support Cancer Council



WA. Each year Daffodil Day and Pink Ribbon Day merchandise is available at all BSWA clinics. Money raised is used to fund vital research and provide education and support programs for those affected by cancer and their loved ones in WA.



Many thanks to everyone for your committed and ongoing support with this important fundraising initiative!



BreastScreen WA Health Promotion in the Practice finalists

Many GP practices in WA took up the challenge in 2017 to “be in the pink” and participate in BreastScreen WA’s Health Promotion in the Practice to promote Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October.



Australind and Eaton Medical Centres



Bicton Palmyra Medical Practice



Brecken Health Care



Joondalup Drive Medical Centre



Oasis Drive Medical Centre



Ocean Village Medical Centre



Onslow Road Family Practice



Queens Park Medical Centre



Third Avenue Surgery

Congratulations to the 2017 winner Seville Drive Medical Centre



Seville Drive Medical Centre



BSWA's Dr Eric Khong (pictured far right) presenting a gift hamper to Seville Drive Medical Centre staff members (L-R) Kelly, Rebecca, Dr Mudhar and Jodie



Seville Drive Medical Centre

BreastScreen WA would like to thank all GPs and practice staff for participating in the 2017 competition and promoting breast awareness and the importance of screening in their local community.