



### Update from the Medical Director

The year is moving along, International Women’s Day, Harmony Day and Easter has come and gone. We are well and truly into Autumn. The program has been very busy, and we have seen an excellent uptake of our expansion of services invitations to women 70 to 74. Since the previous newsletter we have welcomed Carolyn Madeley, Diane Grennan and Dragana Flynn to Eastpoint Plaza and farewelled Michelle Rampant from the Bunbury Clinic. The program is currently working hard on upgrades to the online booking platform and I hope to bring news of these upgrades to our next newsletter.

*Dr Liz Wylie*

### Accreditation achievement



Pictured from left: Graeme Boardley (WNHS A/Executive Director), Dr Parisa Aminzadeh (Radiologist), Judy Dahlke (BreastScreen Australia National Surveyor), Dr Jane Brazier (Program Manager), Christine Kumar (Data Assessor) and Maureen Kennedy (Radiographer)

BreastScreen WA has been granted four year accreditation until March 2022. BSWA is governed by the BreastScreen Australia National Quality Management Committee (NQMC) Accreditation Standards, which includes a site visit audit to assess seven key areas: access and participation, cancer detection, breast assessment, timeliness, data management and information systems, client focus and governance and management.

BSWA aims to deliver a high quality service to women in WA and we are extremely proud that the NQMC “commended BreastScreen Western Australia for the provision of very high-quality services to women in a diverse and dispersed population context” and considered that we have “a well-run Service with a sound quality improvement focus”.

BSWA has achieved invasive cancer detection rates well above the required standard, in particular small cancer detection has been “impressive” over the last few year. This translates to women having a far better health outcome because the disease is detected early.

This significant achievement for our Program would not have been possible without the diligence and commitment to quality and client care shown by all staff within the service. We acknowledge and thank each and every member of BreastScreen WA for your contribution.

### Farewell to Michelle in Bunbury

Michelle Rampant has been with BreastScreen WA since 2013, and has defined the role of the Bunbury Breast Assessment nurse. BreastScreen WA is indebted to Michelle for her tireless joyful professional attitude, and practical skills.

The multidisciplinary team at BreastScreen WA is going to sorely miss Michelle. The clinic celebrated her ground breaking contribution on her last day with the service on 16 March. Michelle is leaving BreastScreen WA to take a position as a breast care nurse with the McGrath Foundation, working with women in the Bunbury area.



Michelle Rampant (right) with Bunbury colleagues.

### BSWA staff outstanding award



Congratulations to Janet Brook who was presented with the Nicholas Outterside Medallion at the recent ASMIRT conference in Canberra, for services to the profession. Janet has been an active member of ASMIRT for many years, both within the WA Branch, and nationally as a member of the Medical Imaging Advisory Panel 2, which deals with issues pertaining to mammography and breast imaging. On a national level Janet has also been a member of BreastScreen’s clinical advisory committee. Janet was nominated for the award by the WA Branch of ASMIRT, who would like to acknowledge her outstanding contribution in the field of breast imaging over her career. Well done Janet.

## International Women's Day and Harmony Day

March was a busy month with BSWA's Health Promotion Team involved in a number of events, displays and community information sessions.

Each year Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre hosts a walk to support International Women's Day, this year more than 130 women took to the streets of Mirrabooka with brightly coloured parasols to highlight the journey.

BreastScreen WA banners lined St George's Terrace and the HP team also attended IWD events at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Notre Dame, Ethnic Communities Council of WA and the Murray Street Mall.



BSWA Program Officer Sonya Schultz participating in the Ishar walk.



BreastScreen WA's new banners brightened up St George's Terrace from Barrack Street to Victoria Avenue during International Women's Day week.



Our information stall in Murray Street Mall during International Women's Day week saw us book in 14 ladies. Most women admitted ignoring their reminders but felt our presence was a "sign" to book!



Wednesday 21 March was Harmony Day and BreastScreen WA participated in Harmony Events in Mirrabooka and Cockburn.



Graduate Student Jane Ong and Aboriginal Program Officer Kelly Cameron at the Mirrabooka Harmony Day event.

## BSWA's increased radio coverage

BreastScreen WA recently engaged in a radio campaign with advertising on 6PR, 6IX, Curtin FM and Noongar Radio.

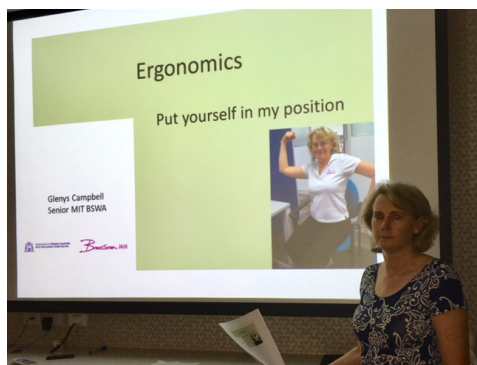


Part of the arrangement led to Kelly Cameron, BSWA's Aboriginal Program Officer (pictured left), being interviewed on Noongar Radio twice and Dr Liz Wylie, Medical Director doing three live crosses with John Burgess on his Saturday morning show on 6IX.

You can listen to the 6IX interviews in the BSWA Newsroom...

<http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au/Newsroom/BreastScreen-WA-hitting-the-6IX-air-waves>

## Screening Services In-service



The radiographers and receptionists were treated to a preview of the BSA National Conference at their annual in-service day on 29 March, with excellent presentations from Glenys Campbell (picture), Coby Pearson, Fiona Smith and Kelly

Cameron. The day was a balance of mandatory training and CPD.

Dr Donna Taylor gave an excellent overview of Contrast Enhanced Mammography, and Dr Jennifer Stone spoke about breast density and the height and weight trial.

Thanks also to Andrew and Helen for providing an update on future directions in IT and data.

The afternoon focussed on improving customer service, and highlighted the importance of a positive client experience at BSWA. Feedback from the day has been positive.

Thanks to Heather for all her hard work organising the event.

## Meet CRG member ..... Maria Waton



Maria started her nursing career in the UK in 1984 in acute medicine and oncology, later specialising in neurosurgical nursing. She then trained as a District Nurse and spent 15 years delivering nursing care in the community leading a team of nurses, supporting patients with complex health care needs, including those with long term chronic conditions and cancer.

After completing a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies in 2009, she migrated to Perth in 2010 with her husband and four sons. Maria joined the acute oncology unit at St John of

God Hospital as an Oncology Nurse and then Breast Care Nurse and Clinical Nurse Consultant in Cancer Services. Maria completed a Post Graduate Certificate in Oncology Nursing at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and more recently the Post Graduate Certificate in Breast Care Nursing through the Australian Nursing Federation. Her current role is as a Breast Care Nurse at Breast Cancer Care WA. A role Maria finds particularly rewarding being able to utilise all of her previous experience to support people from diagnosis, throughout their cancer treatment and through survivorship.

Maria said; *"I believe in the best possible care for the individual; physically, mentally and spiritually and to meet these needs requires a cohesive team, who are skilled and can work in collaboration. I am so pleased to be working in such a team. This is a special role and I feel strongly about the importance of delivery of quality client care to meet positive outcomes."*

## Welcome new staff....



**Carolyn Madeley** in to the Screening Services Management Team as the Acting Chief Medical Imaging Technologist. Carolyn has been working in the field of breast imaging for over 20 years in the Breast Assessment Clinic at Royal Perth Hospital. She has extensive experience in all aspects of mammography and breast assessment, including further views, stereotactic biopsies and lesion localisation; as well as the newer technologies of tomosynthesis and contrast enhanced mammography.



**Diane Grennan** in to the Nursing team. Di Grennan currently works as a McGrath Breast Care Nurse for Breast Cancer Care WA and has also recently been working as a Breast Care Nurse at Royal Perth Hospital where she provides a holistic, coordinated care approach for anyone who is diagnosed with breast cancer.



**Dragana Flynn** as Business Support Officer. Dragana joins BreastScreen WA with a professional history in advocacy, training, data analysis and research.



Sunday 13 May  
Supreme Court Gardens,  
Riverside Drive, Perth

Join the *BreastScreen* team **Breast Friends WA**

## Walk or run 4km or 8km!

Our team, Breast Friends WA, is live and is ready for people to join.

All participants registered to the BSWA team are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on the day.

**BSWA staff and their friends and family are welcome to join our team!**

## Questions?

Any questions about the day or the registration process please contact Coby Pearson - 9323 6734, [coby.pearson@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:coby.pearson@health.wa.gov.au)

## Registration

Register through the online registration system as yourself/family at:

<http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/register/>

Once the event and race has been selected, team members will be prompted with a page asking if "you would like to join a team". Once selected that you wish to join a team, you can start typing the team name and a drop down menu will appear with team name(s). Select the correct team name to join the team and continue with your registration.

Team name: Breast Friends WA

Password: breastscrenwa

8am 8km run starts  
8.45am 4km run starts  
9am 4km and 8km walk starts

**Early bird** (cheaper entry fees) closing date 17/4/18

<http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/events/event-map/perth/>

