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Keeping abreast of BSWA News

## Update from the Medical Director

2016 has been a time where BSWA has been able to consolidate on major service improvement initiatives commenced in 2014 through 2016. The recruitment of additional radiology consultants for screen reading and the process redesign in the Nurse's office has led to marked improvements in service timeliness. The soft copy reading project has seen progress towards a paper-light medical record.

2016 has seen considerable reorganisation in Health with the enshrinement in legislation of the new Area Health Service arrangements. Ongoing Health reform initiatives are highly likely to impact all of us in some way over the forthcoming months. As a service we should be proud of our outstanding culture of caring for our clients and our commitment to ensuring the women of WA have a safe, high quality Breast Cancer Screening and Assessment service.

- Dr Liz Wyllie



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

From all of us at BreastScreen WA



Book online [www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)  
or phone 43 20 50

## Christmas hours

Our last screening date is 22 December 2016 and screenings reopen 3 January 2017. Assessments reopen 9 January with emergency assessment clinic on 3 January. The call centre will operate 9am-4pm over the break.

## Will you join our walking team in 2017?

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## The Perth Activity Challenge returns for 2017!

12 weeks - 10,000 steps (or more!) a day.

A representative from Self eHealth will come to EPP on Friday 3 February to explain the Challenge and how to get involved.

Earlier this year BreastScreen WA were involved in this Challenge in an 11-strong team (Breast Friends WA) and in 2017 we want to be bigger and better!

Everyone enjoyed the Challenge and it did encourage all participants to step more. In 2017 the joining fee has been dropped to only \$10.

You do need a FitBit though so don't forget to put that on your Christmas wish list! More info to follow in 2017...



## Christmas celebrations

Thank you to Kris Kringle (Kath Knight) and her Elf in training (Sally Larter) for organising yet another wonderful Screening Services Christmas Breakfast celebration at Zamia Café Kings Park.





## 2016 CPD meeting at Pan Pacific

More than 200 delegates from across Australia and New Zealand attended the combined BSWA and ASMIRT event, *Breast Imaging: Balancing Harms and Benefits*. The 8<sup>th</sup> Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Conference was held 19-20 November at the Pan Pacific Hotel Perth WA.

The major sponsors were Hologic and Volpara Solutions and the conference provided an excellent opportunity to learn from many talented presenters whilst earning valuable CPD.

Dr Liz Wylie, Medical Director of BSWA opened the Conference followed by a wonderful welcome to Country by Ms Marie Taylor, a local Nyoongar elder.

A varied and interesting program was presented by the keynote speakers: Dr Mike Michell, a Consultant Radiologist from Kings College Hospital London and Professor Nehmet Houssami, a Breast Physician and clinical researcher from Sydney NSW. Other speakers included surgeons, pathologists radiologists, radiographers and clinicians, mainly from WA.

Overall feedback from the delegates was extremely positive with topics such as imaging the male breast, dilemmas relating to screening the elderly and the radiographer effecting the likelihood of returning to screening rating very highly.

Other responses included :-

*"Well done. There was ample variety between the speakers and their perspectives, covering interest from the different disciplines and the community."*

*"Thank you so much. A really good conference. Great topics and well-presented. Worth travelling from the East coast!"*

*"Probably best conference that I have been to"*

BreastScreen WA and ASMIRT are to be congratulated on an outstanding conference and a special thanks to Rose Bryant who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure such a successful outcome.



Marie Taylor



Dr Liz Wylie



Dr Mike Michell



Professor Nehmet Houssami



## Congratulations....



Congratulations to BreastScreen WA's Radiologist Consultant, Dr Donna Taylor.

Dr Taylor has been awarded a \$30,000 2016 RANZCR Research Grant for her Contrast Enhanced Subtraction Mammography work at Royal Perth Hospital.

## Pink Ribbon fundraising



We are pleased to announce that BreastScreen WA's support for Cancer Council WA Pink Ribbon Day Fundraising 2016 raised a total of \$1384.25 across all clinics and some health promotion events. Many thanks to everyone for your committed and ongoing support with this fundraising initiative!



Glenys Campbell and Janet Brook



IT support Jonathan Morris



Many GP practices entered the 2016 competition to promote breast awareness and the importance of screening to their local community.



Bedford Family Practice



Beechboro Family Practice



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Fleat Medical



Glengarry Medical Group



Murray Medical Centre



North Street Medical Centre



Phoenix Medical Centre



Pioneer Health Albany



Seville Drive Medical Centre



Trigg Health Care Centre



Wellington Medical Centre, Harvey

It was so difficult to choose with so many worthy finalists - we have a dead heat with the joint winners... Trigg Health Care Centre and Seville Drive Medical Centre. Congratulations!

