

Update from the Medical Director



2021 has galloped to a close. We have achieved a lot this year with the opening of the new Albany Clinic in May, and the new mammography rooms in Padbury and Mirrabooka. This increased facility capacity has allowed us to successfully undertake the COVID-19 catch up, with the goal of screening an extra 15,000 women this year in addition to our normal screening load. 2022 will be challenging when COVID is active in the community.

The service is committed to providing a client centred service, which is as safe as practicable for our clients and staff alike.

Matthew Shand was the successful applicant for the level 10 Operations Manager.

Please come back from your break, fresh and strong so we can face the challenges together and achieve goals of 2022.

Final CRG meeting for 2021

The final Consumer Reference Group (CRG) meeting for 2021 was held on 25 November. On behalf of BreastScreen WA we Thank You for your commitment to, and participation in, the CRG for 2021. Without the knowledge, expertise and advocacy you all provide to our service would not be nearly as successful in engaging women in mammography screening. Wishing you a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year. Looking forward to a successful CRG in 2022.



Final Consumer Reference Group meeting for 2021

Christmas Morning Tea

Monday, 13 December, Christmas came to Eastpoint Plaza. BreastScreen Staff gathered to celebrate the festive season, with guests from WNHS Executive including Dr Jodi Graham CEO of KEMH, Professor Megan Galbally and Ms Nicole Flendt in attendance to farewell two longstanding staff members. Cynthia Leal and Heather Boyle were presented with farewell gifts and Medical Director Dr Liz Wylie and Chief Medical Imaging Technologist Carolyn Madeley spoke of their achievements and contributions to the service over the years. Dr Wylie congratulated BreastScreen WA staff on achieving another year of outstanding service to West Australian women and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food organised by Lauren Dirksz and Rose Radici.



Dr Liz Wylie & Cynthia Leal



Heather Boyle & Carolyn Madeley



Staff of BreastScreen WA & guests from WNHS Executive



Dr Jodi Graham, Cynthia Leal, Nicole Flendt & Prof. Megan Galbally



Farewell to Cynthia Leal



Congratulations to Cynthia Leal who is taking up a new role as Assistant Director Governance and Stakeholder Engagement at the Mental Health Commission. Cynthia joined the BreastScreen WA as an Accreditation Officer over 20 years ago and worked her way up to the role of Business and Operations Manager. In

that time, Cynthia's strategic and people focus approach was instrumental in leading structural change as BreastScreen WA doubled in size; moved to electronic medical records; in the process receiving several awards and commendations. She has been an active and well-respected contributor to the National Breast Screening Program and was the elected Appointed Member of the National Quality Management Committee for BreastScreen Australia. Cynthia leaves BreastScreen well placed to open our next clinic in Joondalup, and with a road map to guide service expansion over the next ten years. Cynthia has a love for learning and mentoring of future leaders. During her MBA, she contributed to a new course at UWA, the Graduate Certificate for Health Leadership and Management. Cynthia will be greatly missed. We wish her every success as she embarks on the next chapter of her career.



Cynthia Leal



Dr Jodi Graham & Cynthia Leal

Farewell to Heather Boyle



On behalf of all the staff at BreastScreen, we would like to thank Heather for her valuable contributions to the service and wish her a wonderful retirement full of laughter, craft and adventure. Heather has been with the service for over 20 years and has been an integral part of business operations. Before Heather left she gave us an

account of what working at BreastScreen was like for her in her own words. "My first day at BreastScreen was 6th November 2000 and I was invited to join in the Melbourne Cup lunch on my second day. Talk about an awesome start! I started off working as a Radiologist Technical Assistant and Medical Records - developing X-rays, hanging films for the radiologists to read and pulling & filing medical records. None of these jobs are in existence today. We had six metro clinics and four mobiles. In 2001 I moved to my present position - in those days Field Services Officer and I've been happily organising "stuff" for Screening Services ever since. From time to time I've had a taste of mobile life. A block booking in Kununurra with our clients sitting in the shade under trees waiting very patiently on their turn. Meeting a client from my home-town Dundee in Hyden. Belly-dancing in Mullewa. Eating melt-in-the-mouth lamb off a plastic plate on plastic table-cloth in Narrogin. My plans for retirement include learning Tai-Chi, learning how to quilt and travelling with our caravan (and fishing rods). And catching up on my reading. The best bit about my job was getting to know so many incredible staff and sharing their highs (and sadly some lows). I think I will miss this the most.



Heather Boyle



Heather Boyle with BSWA staff

BSWA Staff updates



A warm welcome to Kat Tommen who has joined BreastScreen WA as a radiographer. Originally from Singapore, she worked there for ten years as a radiographer before moving to Perth four years ago. Prior to taking on her new role, Kat was working

at Capitol Radiology primarily conducting X-rays and CT scans. In her free time, Kat enjoys relaxing in cafes and watching Korean dramas on Netflix.



Welcome to Jane Heron who joins BreastScreen WA as a Clinical Liaison Officer. Jane is a qualified Medical Imaging Technologist and has come across many experiences throughout her career from the early days of "darkrooms and putrid chemicals for developing

hard copy X-rays to the 21st century of the digital world coming into radiology". Jane has worked in many public and private hospitals in Africa and England. One of Jane's many interests is Horticulture and searching for those elusive Western Australian Native orchids where bush walking has become another hobby she enjoys.



Debbie Fynn has come to BreastScreen WA from Perth Children's Hospital where she worked in the Equipment and Consumables Services, and the Medicine Division as Clinical Support Officer. Debbie brings experience gained in various

government departments and the private sector to the Specialist Support Services Officer role, that has been sitting vacant for a number of months. Debbie enjoys music, spicy food, and fluffy animals.

BSWA Staff updates Cont'd



Welcome to Dr Padma Menon who has joined BreastScreen WA as a radiologist. Dr Menon Completed Medicine (2011) and Radiology training (2016) in India. She then went on to work in the United Kingdom for a short stint after completing FRCR (2017)

and moved to Perth in 2019 pursuing fellowships in Breast imaging (2020) and Body imaging (2021) at Sir Charles Gairdner hospital. Dr Menon completed her fellowship exams for the Royal Australian College of Radiologists in May 2021. "I am grateful for this opportunity as I think BreastScreen makes a big difference to many lives."



Welcome to Megan Harvey who is a Medical Imaging Technologist. Up until the age of 45 Megan had worked in travel, including 20 years at Air New Zealand. When Megan had her first mammogram, a new graduate on her first day of work convinced her that she

was not too old to retrain as a radiographer. She worked for 2 years as a general radiographer when BSNT offered to train her as a mammographer. Megan currently works as a locum on Trailer 1 which has just relocated to Esperance. Megan's daughter who is also a radiographer, married and had her first baby, Lewis, just 6 weeks ago. Megan enjoys travelling and walking, when it's not too hot. She really likes meeting new people and loves to read.



Generous donation made by local artist

Thank you to Noni Lowther for her generous donations to BreastScreen. Noni has donated numerous pieces of her artwork which are displayed proudly in a number of BreastScreen clinics. It brings much joy to Noni that people enjoy her artwork. Noni spent over 40 years in the health industry as a physiotherapist in many and varied locations. So the last 7 years of delving into the art world is a surprising new adventure for her as a self-taught artist. Noni says that quite often her painting morphs into something else entirely from what she intended. She does this by layering her paints and thus getting a real mixture of highlights of colours and textures. Her paintings are quite different each time she produces a new creation to capture an essence of a certain spirit or concept. Her three exhibitions have been very successful, and she loves her recent association with the Ellis House Gallery in Bayswater.



Artist Noni Lowther

Breast Disease Education Forum

Breast Cancer Research Centre -WA held a breast education event for GPs and health professionals on Sat 2 Oct 21 at the Pan Pacific Hotel. Dr Eric Khong, BSWA's Liaison GP, was in attendance. Topics included benign breast disease, early breast cancer and survivorship issues.



Dr Eric Khong, BreastScreen WA's General Practitioner Liaison Officer

Health Promotion in the Practice Winner

Congratulations to Ravenswood Family Practice who were the winners in this years Health Promotion in the Practice competition. On Tuesday 21 December BreastScreen WA presented staff members with their prize for their wonderful efforts.



BreastScreen WA Health Promotion in the Practice finalists

Thank you for participating in the 2021 competition and promoting breast awareness and the importance of screening to your local community.



Ravenswood Family Practice



St John WA Medical, Dental & Urgent Care
Beckenham



Ocean Village Medical Centre



Ravenswood Family Practice



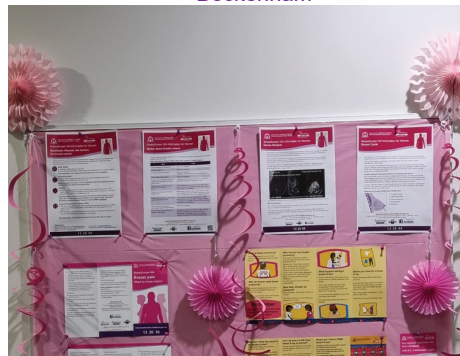
St John WA Medical, Dental & Urgent Care
Beckenham



Ocean Village Medical Centre



Ravenswood Family Practice



St John WA Medical, Dental & Urgent Care
Edgewater



Ocean Village Medical Centre

The judging committee were impressed with the high standard of displays from all finalists!

Congratulations to the winner **Ravenswood Family Practice**.
A close 2nd place was **Ocean Village Medical Centre**.