



Update from the Medical Director



BreastScreen WA has been very busy trying to increase our screening target by 16% to achieve a COVID-19 catch-up. The service is recruiting new Medical Imaging Technology staff however the state entry restrictions are causing quite a challenge.

The new Albany clinic underwent a virtual accreditation site visit and the accreditation report is on its way to the BreastScreen Australia National Quality Management Committee. August has been a particularly busy time for the nurse's office and the health promotion team, supporting the large number of women from Fitzroy Crossing and other North West centres with screen detected abnormalities who have had to be transported to Perth for assessment.

August has also been a time of farewell with not only Dr Jane Nuttall retiring from the program but also Associate Professor Anita Bourke announcing her retirement. Daffodil Day reminds us that spring is on its way, and in spring we hope to welcome some new radiologists to the service to assist with filling the big void caused by Anita and Jane's retirement.

Dr Liz Wylie

Farewell to longterm staff member



Dr Jane Nuttall who joined BreastScreen WA in 2002 as a radiologist has recently retired after 19 years of diligent service to the program.

Jane has made a very considerable contribution to BreastScreen WA, and we would like to thank her for years of consistent hard

work, which benefited many tens of thousands of women over this time. Jane will no doubt remain busy with her community work and caring for her young grandson.

NAIDOC Week 2021 - Heal Country

There was a WNHS NAIDOC Week photo competition. WNHS Staff were asked to send in their very own images of country with one image from each of the WA regions being declared a winner and displayed in Agnes Walsh House accommodation for our Aboriginal patients. BreastScreen WA has some very talented photographers as we had 2 winners. Lynne Finlay – Peel region (Mandurah) & Coby Pearson – Goldfields region (Laverton).



Executive Director Jodi Graham, announced the NAIDOC Award winner followed by Flag Raising and Smoking at the front of KEMH. The photograph below is of the WNHS staff showing off the new shirts, including our own radiographer Lynne Finlay pictured below.



New CRG Member



Welcome Stephanie Miles to BreastScreen WA's Consumer Reference Group (CRG) as the Country Women's Association (CWA) representative. Stephanie has been a member of the Board of CWA for nearly two years and looks forward to attending the CRG meetings and passing valuable information on to the Board and



wider CWA membership. BSWA is delighted to have Stephanie as part of our CRG and value her feedback and updates on behalf of the CWA. Here are some words from Stephanie regarding her annual screening visits to BreastScreen WA: I began my journey with you in the Fremantle clinic and have also used the pink van when it has been in my area. Now I am a regular at the Mandurah branch which is closest to me. Whenever I promote you to my friends I always tell them that the two things I do round about my birthday are a visit to the dentist and to you. They think it is funny, but it is an easy way to remember to do it and then I know I am covered for the next twelve months. I look forward to meeting with you and learning more about what you do. Thank-you again,

The Desert Rose in full bloom

During BreastScreen WA's recent visit to Broome, mammographer Fiona Mcmillian came across this beautiful Desert Rose which she described as being taller than herself. Fiona is currently carrying out visits in the North West Region on the Desert Rose mobile clinic.



Our contractors do an amazing job of getting our mobile clinics into tight spaces. The photograph below is the Desert Rose arriving at Fitzroy Crossing.



BSWA staff update



Welcome to new radiographer Wincy Chan. Wincy comes to BreastScreen WA with several years' experience in breast imaging, most recently in the Breast Assessment Centre at Fiona Stanley Hospital. Wincy is so far enjoying her new role, and is looking forward to the opening of the Northern assessment centre.



Welcome to Janine Davis who recently joined BreastScreen WA. Janine joins BSWA as an Admin Assistant. Before this Janine worked at King Edward Memorial Hospital as a relief clerk/secretary and prior to joining the health sector, she spent over 25 years working in Recruitment and Legal Services.

Janine loves hanging out with her "fur baby" (a mini schnauzer) and is a keen Rugby Union and sports fan who also enjoys socialising with friends over good food and wine.



Welcome to Tracy Deaville who has recently joined BreastScreen WA at our head office as a Support Services Officer in our Call Centre.

Tracy has come from Care in the Community and is very excited to be working at BreastScreen WA.



BreastScreen WA is pleased to welcome Meenal Puntambekar who has recently joined us at our head office as a Support Services Officer. Meenal has worked previously with the Justice Department in New Zealand and is very excited to be working at BreastScreen WA.





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BreastScreen WA presents Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2021



Monday 25 October 2021

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at Fraser's, Kings Park and listen to our amazing guest speakers....



Dr Richelle Douglas
Medical Director of
Derbarl Yerrigan Health
Service

Dr Richelle Douglas is currently the Medical Director of Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and is a practitioner Member of the Medical Board of Western Australia. Dr Douglas has worked in multiple settings around the world from Perth and rural Western Australia, through to remote areas of Peru, Ireland and the UK. She has worked as the Medical Director of Sexual Health Quarters, a General Practitioner and as a Senior Registrar in obstetric medicine.



Dr Sally Edmonds
MBBS, FRACGP, DA,
DRCOG

Dr Sally Edmonds works for Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Western Operations, currently at the Broome base, with a 25 year association with RFDS working in various roles. She has previously spent time working as a rural doctor in Port Hedland and Broome, and has gained a deep understanding of the clinical and logistic challenges faced by health services throughout rural and remote WA, through her own experiences, as well as through regular contact with a far-reaching network of colleagues across the state.

Dr Edmonds has participated in several committees representing RFDS and private general practice. These include Rural Health West, WA State Trauma Committee, Aeromedical Society of Australasia, Kimberley Division of General Practice, WA Divisions of General Practice, and Pilbara Aboriginal Health Planning Forum.



Registration: From 7am
Event: 7:30 - 9am

Fraser's Function Centre
Fraser Avenue, Kings Park

\$40.00 including GST

RSVP by 18 October 2021

No table reservations

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