



Update from the Medical Director



Friday the 13th, was an auspicious day for BreastScreen WA, we opened the new Joondalup Clinic. The clinic looked resplendent in its fabulous Barbie Pink coat of paint. The clinic project team is to be congratulated for delivering such a screening participant centred service. Not only does the clinic look splendid from the street, the thoughtful touches shown in the general clinic layout, and room decoration are wonderful. The whole feel of the clinic is that of a work and caring space that shows a deep understanding of the women's experience, at an all-day assessment clinic. I would particularly like to thank Fiona Smith and Carolyn Madeley for their tireless efforts to develop and supervise the fit out of the clinic. I know Carolyn Madeley is still looking for your old paperbacks to populate her bookcase for women to purchase with a gold coin if you have any spare keep her in mind.

Dr Liz Wylie

BSWA new Joondalup clinic launch

BreastScreen WA celebrated the launch of a brand-new screening and assessment centre located in Joondalup on Friday 13 May. Distinguished guests included the Honourable Amber-Jade Sanderson Minister for Health, as well as Dr Shirley Bowen Chief Executive North Metropolitan Health Service, Dr Jodi Graham WNHS Executive Director, Nicole Flendt Nurse Co-Director WNHS, Emily Hamilton MLA member for Joondalup and Mayor of Joondalup Albert Jacob.



The Minister for Health officially opened the new facility and recognised the "champions" of this monumental project. Noongar Elder Auntie Marie Taylor performed a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony to cleanse and ward off bad spirits.



Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson, Minister for Health and Auntie Marie Taylor

The new facility will be able to perform 11,000 screens per year, as well as provide diagnostic mammography, ultrasound, and biopsy services. Murals featuring a world map and images from around the world cover the walls of screening rooms, and the ceilings of ultrasound rooms to help bring comfort to women during their screening and/or assessment. Women waiting for assessment will be able to relax in their own kitchen area, featuring a library of books, puzzles, knitting, and art supplies to occupy themselves while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. Additional photos from this wonderful event can be seen on the back page.



Carolyn Madeley Chief MIT and Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson, Minister for Health

New look for BSWA mobile units

BSWA mobile screening units have a fresh new look. All four units have undergone a transformation to make them bright and inviting to all BSWA clients. The new wrap decals incorporate the Aboriginal artwork that was commissioned specifically for BSWA along with a unique desert flower featuring as the hero of each design and the perfect pop of colour by adding a light pink wash to the background of the graphics. The feedback has been very positive with everyone loving the new bright and colourful looks. The images below display the evolution of the wraps on mobile units and a before and after image of one of the trailers.



Mother's Day Classic



BSWA staff Angela Hellewell and Hayley Campbell

BSWA supported the hundreds of runners and walkers at Victoria Gardens in Perth CBD as they came together on 8 May for the Mother's Day Classic 5km fun run/walk event to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research. BSWA had a booth at the event, taking bookings for mammograms, answering questions, and handing out brochures and merchandise. The Mother's Day Classic events across Australia raised a combined \$1.7 million for the cause.



Vale Dr Roslyn Adamson (1942-2022)



Dr Roslyn Adamson passed away on 15 May 2022 peacefully in Melbourne. Ros worked as a Consultant Radiologist with BreastScreen WA for 13 years and over 25

years of service with Royal Perth Hospital before retiring in 2006.

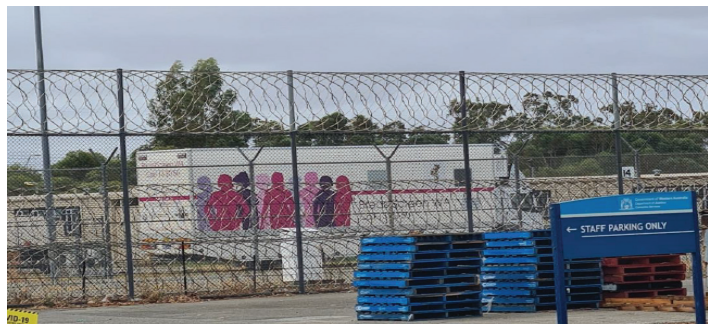
In 1987, Ros was appointed to a Working Party formed by the Minister of Health to report on the advisability of implementing a WA Statewide Mammography Screening Program. The report was submitted to the Minister of Health and the advice that a pilot programme be instituted was accepted.

In 1988, Ros was appointed Chairman of the Mammography Subcommittee to advise in the setting up of a WA breast cancer screening service. In 1989, Ros was appointed as the Minister of Health's representative in the Women's Cancer Preventative Unit Advisory Board.

Ros was an active National Accreditation Visitor and will be fondly remembered across the country for her work and leadership in Breast Imaging and Population Screening Mammography.

Ros was active on the Curtin University Senate for a number of years. Ros was a talented cook, and avid reader. Ros will be remembered as a great mentor and teacher to many WA Radiologists and BreastScreen WA is indebted to her for her service.

Bandyup Women's Prison Visit



On Tuesday 1st March and Wednesday 2nd March 2022 BSWA staff Gaye Moffitt MIT and Jenna Govan receptionist screened 38 prisoners and 7 prison staff at Bandyup Women's Prison.

Every staff member at Bandyup was extremely friendly, supportive and enthusiastic to have BSWA at the prison. The prisoners were very happy to have the service and very receptive. The estimated cost for a prisoner to attend for a screening mammogram at Fiona Stanley hospital is \$3000/prisoner. BSWA visiting the Prison directly, has saved the Department of Justice approximately \$100,000.

Jean Applin, the nurse interviewed by the media at the prison, spoke of the positive effect on the prisoners making them feel part of a community, being able to walk freely into the clinic. This experience also provided education around respecting their bodies and health and how the prisoners can take this knowledge with them when they are released and share that information with their own families and communities.

BSWA Staff Update



A very warm welcome to Thuy Le who has been appointed as the new Finance and Business Officer. Thuy (pronounced Twee). has worked at PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA and Department of Health for 16 years, and comes to BSWA

with 16 years government financial and budgeting experience.

In her various roles, she has had experience with financials, budgets and reforms of financial processes.

She looks forward to being able "to apply my current knowledge at Breastscreen WA and also develop a wider understanding of contract development and management." Thuy describes herself as being "passionate and dedicated to creating a happy work environment and hopefully making all financial issues easier to understand." In Thuy's spare time she is a budding photographer that started with taking photos of her 2 daughters, then expanding into landscapes, predominately astrophotography.

She can be found sitting in the office to the west of Support Services and has suggested staff "Please pop your head in and say hello if you are going past."



Wishing every success for the future to long term staff member Dr Michael Krieser. Thank you for your many years of commitment and contribution to BSWA which has been invaluable to the service. Dr Krieser says "After 21 rewarding years, I have come to the difficult decision to end my time

reading mammograms at BreastScreen WA. I am way too young to retire but have decided to shift and narrow my focus within Radiology. I would like to thank Liz for her support throughout and her tireless advocacy of the program and all the Radiologists. I would also like to thank everyone at BreastScreen for making it such a friendly and enjoyable place to be. I will miss you all."

