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## Update from the Medical Director



August-September has been a time of consolidation for the program. The Joondalup assessment clinic started in the first week of August. The BreastScreen WA program is indebted to Fiona Stanley Hospital for providing almost a year of Thursday assessment clinics when the Joondalup clinic development fit out was significantly delayed. The final Fiona Stanley extra Thursday clinic was held in the last week of June. BreastScreen WA staff moved back to Joondalup at the end of the Wanneroo clinic lease on 16 September 2022. Finally, the Mardalup clinic is renewed after the disastrous flooding on Boxing Day. The BreastScreen WA team is to be congratulated for the effort to re-establish the Mardalup clinic infrastructure and the end result is stunning.

Breast Cancer month is upon us and thankfully we as a team are emerging from the winter of sickness, and quarantining to be fighting fit for our busiest month of the year.

*Dr Liz Wylie*

## Wanneroo relocation

Wanneroo clinic's last day of screening was 16 September 2022. Women who usually attend the Wanneroo clinic, located at the ECU Health Centre, will now be invited to the new Joondalup clinic instead, which has replaced the Wanneroo location.



Old Wanneroo clinic at ECU Health Centre

## Mardalup Re-opening

BreastScreen WA's East Perth – Mardalup clinic has finally reopened after disaster struck on Boxing Day of 2021. The clinic originally opened in November of 2020, and was co-named after the Aboriginal land on which it resides, Mardalup. The clinic was built to replace the old location on Murray St. On Boxing Day of 2021, a water pipe burst in the building behind, and flooded the clinic with water up to 70cm high. This damaged not only the floors, walls, carpets, fittings, computers, and furniture, but the highly sensitive mammography machines. Finally, after almost 10 months of repairs, mould removals, and hard work from project staff and contractors, the clinic is open and ready to screen again as of Wednesday 28 September 2022. A smoking ceremony was held on 27 September by Noongar Yok and Elder Aunty Marie Taylor to bless the clinic, and we hope it stays flood-free from now on.



Smoking ceremony performed by Aunty Marie Taylor outside the clinic



Staff at smoking ceremony and reopening at East Perth- Mardalup



## Preparation for Pink Ribbon Breakfast



Left to right: Eric Khong, Ayor Makur Chuot, Angela Hellewell

Health Promotion Coordinator Angela Hellewell and General Practitioner Liaison Dr Eric Khong met with the Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot to go over the Pink Ribbon Breakfast proceedings. Ayor will be a guest speaker at the event as WA's first Member of Parliament of African descent and the first person from a South Sudanese background to occupy a seat in any Australian Parliament. Ayor's incredible story will be shared at this year's Pink Ribbon breakfast so don't miss out on tickets! Go to the EventBrite link below to purchase tickets to this year's event.

**Date: Monday 24th October**

**Time: 7:00am-9:15am**

**Venue: Fraser's Function Room King's Park**

**[Click here to purchase tickets \(external link\)](#)**

## Staff Update

Welcome **Deb Olds**, Support Services's new Specialist Support Services Officer for the next 8 months. Deb grew up in Saudi and other far flung countries before moving to Perth for study. Deb is a journalist by trade and worked for 10 years in Japan, Israel and Thailand. Back in Perth, Deb has worked for major resources companies (BHP, Chevron) and in all levels of government (i.e. local, state, federal) including North Metropolitan Health Service as Media Coordinator, where she dealt with BSWA extensively. She does a lot of animal welfare work and advocacy, especially around ending greyhound racing and rehoming dumped animals.



Deb Olds,  
Specialist Support  
Services Officer

## Staff Update



Kaylene Bowes-Smith, Senior  
Aboriginal Health  
Program Officer

Welcome **Kaylene Bowes-Smith** who is acting in the role of Senior Aboriginal Health Program Officer for 9 months in the Health Promotion team while Kelly Cameron is seconded to the Aboriginal Immunisation Program at Department of Health for 12 months. Kaylene is a Noongar Yok from the Wilman and Kaneang Noongar clan groups from the South West of WA - Boyup Brook and Kojonup areas. Her extensive career background is from Department of Education and Department of Justice. Kaylene is passionate about all aspects of her Aboriginal culture and brings a wealth of experience into working with Aboriginal women's health. In her new role with BreastScreen WA, Kaylene will focus on the importance and awareness of breast screening for women in the Aboriginal community.



Aiden Triffitt,  
Programmer

Welcome **Aiden Triffitt** to the role of Programmer within the IT Team. Aiden has previous experience at Fiona Stanley Hospital in their IT department. Prior to that, he worked on the development of military and defense training simulation software. Aiden says "I'm enjoying my time so far, and am looking forward to further developing my skills."

Welcome **Dr Joelin Teh**, a consultant at Royal Perth Hospital and Fiona Stanley Hospital. Dr Teh completed a combined 12 month breast/abdominal imaging fellowship at Royal Perth Hospital in 2020. In 2021, she spent 6 months at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Victoria focusing on body oncology, followed by a 6 month fellowship at St Vincent's BreastScreen. Dr Teh says "I'm very excited to join the BreastScreen WA team."



Dr Joelin Teh,  
Consultant Radiologist



## Screening Services In-Service Day

Screening Services held the annual in-service day this year in August. Clinic staff headed to a lecture theatre at the Harry Perkin's Institute at QEII instead of their usual clinic to listen to talks from a variety of speakers. This included updates from each area's managers; Business and Finance, Health Promotion, Screening Services (which included some audience participation with a tricky rostering task!), Support Services, ICT and Data, and a Q&A with Medical Director Dr Liz Wylie.

The staff also enjoyed fascinating talks from Associate Professor Jennifer Stone who discussed her new study into BMI and breast screening, Nicole Flendt who answered questions as a WNHS Executive, Converge International with a talk on Nutrition for Life, and Eoin O'Malley discussing Artificial Intelligence related to breast screening.



Clinic staff at in-service

## Women's Health Week events

From 5-9 September was Women's Health Week (WHW), and the Health Promotion (HP) team were out and about busy promoting BreastScreen WA and booking in new and overdue participants.

The schedule started off strong with a Ladies Night Out event in Rockingham on the Friday night before WHW which was held in the evening to cater towards working women.

On Tuesday, HP attended a WHW Health Expo at Joondalup's Women's Health and Family Services. That same day, HP attended an Ishar Multicultural Services event in Bentley.

On Wednesday HP held a stall at a WHW Health Expo at the Ottey Family Centre in South Lake, and on the same day, presented in Kwinana at the City's Healthy Lifestyles event.

Thursday saw another Ishar event, this time in Gosnells, another presentation in Kwinana and a presentation down in Waroona.

## Women's Health Week events

On Friday, HP attended the third Ishar event of the week, this time in Mirrabooka, as well as a presentation at the Bunnings Support office in Rivervale.

Across the whole week, hundreds of women were spoken to, and 45 bookings were made. Many of these participants were lapsed or first-timers.



Sonya Schultz and Hayley Campbell at the Ottey Family Centre Health Expo

## Kambarang Season



October marks the beginning of Kambarang season where we see an abundance of colours and flowers exploding all around us. The yellow of the Acacias, along with some of the Banksias and many other smaller delicate flowering plants, such as Kangaroo Paw and Orchids, as well as Balgas, especially if they've been burnt in the past year. One of the most striking displays of flowers this season will be the "Mooja", or Australian Christmas Tree (Nuytsia). The bright orange/yellow flowers serve to signal the heat is on its way. Kambarang is also a time that many young families of birds will be singing out for their parents to feed them. Koolbardies (Magpies) will also be out protecting their nests and their babies. Many things are undergoing transformation with the warm change in the weather. Longer dry periods accompany a definite warming trend.



Wildflowers at Kings Park  
Photo provided by staff member Lorraine Knott





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# BreastScreen WA presents Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2022



## Monday 24 October 2022

Enjoy breakfast at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park  
and talks from our wonderful guest speakers

### Hon Ayor Makur Chuot



Member of the  
Legislative Council  
of WA for the North  
Metropolitan Region

Ayor Makur Chuot  
is WA's first MP of  
African descent

and the first person from a South  
Sudanese background to occupy a  
seat in any Australian Parliament.

Ayor is passionate about  
multiculturalism, women's interests,  
and families, and hopes to inspire  
young people of colour to get involved  
in the community.

She is committed to improving  
opportunities for refugees and  
migrants in the workforce having  
overcome numerous barriers herself  
and is working hard for the North  
Metropolitan Region in the key  
areas of jobs, education, health,  
infrastructure, and local projects.

### Jane Armstrong



Community Mental  
Health Services and  
Rainbow LGBTIQ+  
Project Officer

Jane is a passionate  
advocate and activist  
on mental health,  
social and animal justice issues,  
diversity and equity issues, with a  
strong belief in inclusion for all people.  
Jane has over 28 years experience  
in nursing, and over 15 years in  
leadership in health, education and  
community development. They are  
a leader and ambassador for the  
LGBTIQ+ community, and assists in  
implementing changes in business  
operations to make the workplace  
more inclusive and to improve the  
patient experience for those in the  
LGBTIQ+ community. Jane is the  
Director and Co-Founder for a charity  
for the homeless and marginalized,  
and has ongoing involvement with a  
number of not-for-profits and charities.

### Details

Registration: From 7am  
Event: 7:30 - 9:00am

Fraser's Function Centre  
Fraser Avenue, Kings Park

\$40 including GST

RSVP by 17 October 2022

No table reservations

Register and pay online at  
EventBrite link below

[Click here for EventBrite tickets](#)

