

What's news



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hello FROM PROFESSOR ARLENE CHAN



Prof. Arlene Chan
Medical Oncologist MB BS,
FRACP, MMed (Palliative Care)

Welcome to the final edition of 'What's News' for 2020. As I reflect on this year, I am incredibly proud of the significant milestone achieved with the establishment of the Perth Breast Cancer Institute.

In February 2021, we will be holding the Perth Breast Cancer Institute grand opening at our new location, Hollywood Consulting Centre. More information on this event will be available in the new year. We are excited to share this milestone with our patients, friends, and supporters.

In this edition of 'What's News' we feature a '[Meet the team](#)' introducing the new specialists and professionals who come under the Perth Breast Cancer Institute banner. We also spotlight a recent addition to our team, Clinical Psychologist Françoise Ballantyne. Françoise focuses on the emotional impact a breast cancer diagnosis has, not only on the patient, but also on family members including young and adolescent children. We are proud to welcome Françoise to our team and to provide additional support to families impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis.

Our medical article for this edition is provided by Associate Genetic Counsellor Bhavya Vora. In this article, Bhavya explains the role of genetic testing and how one might access this service. Read more on [page 5](#).

This edition also features two patient stories. The first patient story is from Kiara, a young woman who, having just celebrated her 30th birthday, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Kiara underwent five months of chemotherapy, a bilateral double mastectomy, and a reconstruction with tissue expanders. Her battle is not yet over but she has been and remains positive, resilient, and ready to fight. We have the great privilege of bringing to you her story on [page 4](#).

Our second patient story is from Tanja and is part of our Christmas 2020 appeal featured on our social media and Stories of Hope web page. Tanja was diagnosed at a young age and shares her journey in her own

words: 'There were dark times, fun occasions and heart felt moments'. Read Tanja's inspirational and uplifting story on [page 6](#).

October was a significant month for fundraising and I would like to personally thank the incredible fundraising work of Perth Radiological Clinic, Something Pink Kalgoorlie with VM Drilling, Shearing for Liz, the Morawa Long Table lunch and Bunnings (Belmont) for raising awareness and funds for us over the month of October. Read about our October fundraisers on [pages 8-10](#).

We have been overwhelmed by support from the many organisations and individuals who fundraised for and supported us throughout 2020. We are so grateful for your support and look forward to sharing our news, events and milestones with you all in 2021.

Meet the team

PBCI SPECIALISTS



PROFESSOR ARLENE CHAN

Medical Oncologist

AM, MBBS, FRACP, MMed Adjunct, School of Medicine, Curtin University, Director Breast Clinical Trials Unit, Hollywood Private Hospital, Deputy Chairperson of Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA

Dr Chan has been an academic breast cancer-specific oncologist since 1999 and is currently a Professor at the School of Medicine (adjunct) at Curtin University, the Director of BCTU at Hollywood Private Hospital and is Vice-Chair of Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA. She has been the principal investigator of more than 110 breast cancer trials, advises for several pharmaceutical companies and has authored more than 200 publications.

In June 2016, she was awarded Western Australian of the Year, Professions Division. She was a finalist in Australian of the Year Awards in 2017 and was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 2018.



DR PETER WILLSHER

Specialist Breast Surgeon

MBBS, DM, FRACS, Chairman of Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA

Peter is the Chairman of Breast Cancer Research Centre WA and a surgeon specialising in the management of breast diseases. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne Medical School and completed his surgical training in Melbourne. He then practised in the UK at the Nottingham City Hospital Breast Centre as a Clinical and Research Fellow. During that time, he completed a Doctorate of Medicine, undertaking a research project and thesis on biological changes in breast cancer.



DR JOSE CID FERNANDEZ

Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon

LMS, FRCS(Eng), DM, FRCS(Gen Surg), FRACS.

Jose is a Specialist Breast Surgeon, working at the forefront of oncoplastic surgical techniques.

In 2007 Jose undertook a sub-specialty fellowship training in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery, then worked as a Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Perth Hospital until January 2020. Whilst at RPH he was Head of the Multidisciplinary Breast Service from 2009 to 2011 and Head of Department of General Surgery during the years 2013-2018. He has published over twenty articles and abstracts, and a book chapter in familial breast cancer.



DR HILARY MARTIN

Medical Oncologist

MBBS, FRACP, PhD, MPH, BMedSci

Dr Hilary Martin is an Oncologist who sub-specialises in the management of breast cancer.

Her PhD focused on predictors of recurrence of hormone receptor positive breast cancer including mammographic breast density.

She has been principal investigator of multiple clinical trials, and has a number of publications and presented research she has undertaken both locally and internationally. She also regularly writes, by invitation, for the Breast Cancer Research Review.



DR KALLYANI PONNIAH

Oncoplastic Breast and General Surgeon

MBBS (India), MS (Malaysia), FRACS

Dr Ponniah is currently the Head of Department of the Breast Centre at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, practising as a General and Breast Oncoplastic Surgeon, operating in this field for over 15 years.

She held honorary lecturer positions at training hospitals in Malaysia and is at present an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at The University of Notre Dame.



DR FARAH ABDUL AZIZ

Oncoplastic Breast and General Surgeon

MBBS(UK), BMedSci, MRCS(Eng), FRACS

Dr Farah Abdul Aziz is a Fellow of Australasian College of Surgeons with extensive training in General Surgery, and a specialist in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery. She is also a surgical teacher and is involved in training medical students and surgical trainees at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

Dr Farah offers breast reconstruction for cancer or benign conditions, breast reduction surgery, breast augmentation and fat grafting. Her expertise also includes both open and laparoscopic General Surgery.



MR RICHARD MARTIN

Specialist Oncoplastic Breast, Endocrine and General Surgeon
MBBS, FRACS

Mr Martin has over 20 years surgical experience. He has two years post fellowship training specifically in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery encompassing all aspects of breast augmentation, breast reduction, breast reconstruction, breast oncology, and sentinel node biopsy.

Mr Martin holds current office bearing positions with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He operates at Hollywood Private Hospital, Bethesda, Mount Hospital and St John of God Subiaco, and is an active member of the breast section of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (BreastSurgANZ) and participates fully in the National Breast Audit.



DR BINDU KUNJURAMAN

Oncoplastic Breast and General Surgeon
MBBS, MS, FRCS, FRACS

Dr Kunjuraman is a General Surgeon with nearly 25 years of experience. Dr Kunjuraman allocates ample time for patient discussion and treatment planning. Above all she gives the assurance of quality to her patients.

She is skilled in partial and full reconstruction surgery of the breast following cancer surgery.

OUR BREAST CANCER SPECIFIC PERSONNEL



CATH GRIFFITHS

Early Breast Care Nurse (EBC)

Cath started work at Princess Margaret Hospital in the Oncology Ward in 1988 before moving to the Mount Hospital in 1994 where she began working on the Medical and Oncology ward. During

this time she completed her Degree in Nursing from Edith Cowan University (ECU) in 1998.

With an interest in breast cancer, Cath then did a Postgraduate Certificate in Breast Cancer Nursing.

Cath plays an integral role at BCRC-WA as a specialist Early Breast Care Nurse supporting patients, Breast Surgeons and Medical Oncologists.



MR PALAN THIRUNAVUKKARASU

Oncoplastic Breast and General Surgeon

MBBS, MRCS, FRACS, Adjunct Senior Lecturer
University of Notre Dame

Palan is a Breast Oncoplasty and General Surgeon, and currently a Consultant Surgeon at Hollywood Private Hospital, St John of God Hospital Midland and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

He is proudly a NO GAP provider for all breast cancer procedures, specializing in partial and complete reconstructions.



MARY SCOTT

Clinical Psychologist

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Mary has specialised in psychological support for people with breast cancer since 2000, with experience as a supervisor and senior clinician at Royal Perth and Fiona Stanley Hospital

Breast Clinics. She assists people to manage emotional distress and to learn constructive skills to address the impact of serious illness. A supportive, respectful and collaborative professional relationship is the foundation of Mary's practice.



AMANDA GODDARD

Advanced Breast Care Nurse (MBC)

Amanda graduated from Sheffield Hallam University in 2009 with an Advanced Diploma in Adult Nursing Studies. She subsequently obtained her BA (Hons) in Professional Practice in 2011.

Since 2011, Amanda has worked at the Mount Hospital and in the Cancer Centre at Fiona Stanley Hospital. Amanda is currently working as the Advanced Breast Care Nurse (ABCN) at BCRC-WA, having successfully completed a post graduate certificate in Breast Care Nursing at the Australian College of Nursing.

Amanda's role positively impacts the lives of patients and their loved ones living with metastatic breast cancer.



BHAVYA VORA

Associate Genetic Counsellor

(MHGSA) MSc (Hons) Genetic Counselling,
MSc Medical Genetics

Bhavya is an associate genetic counsellor with years of experience in hereditary cancer genetics. He currently counsels individuals.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Biotechnology and Master's Degree in Medical Genetics, and a Master's Degree in Genetic Counselling enables him to discuss medical and psychosocial aspects of genetic testing.

Bhavya supports his clients by helping them to make appropriate decisions regarding their options for genetic testing.



FRANCOISE BALLANTYNE

In this edition Françoise's skills and expertise are highlighted in our meet the team on [page 3](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON

Francoise



Francoise Ballantyne joined BCRC-WA in August this year. Together with Mary Scott, her role is to provide psychological services for families affected by breast cancer.

Supporting the relationship and emotional needs of people, within the context of the family, has been Francoise's area of speciality for the past 20 years. She began her psychology career working with children and families, in both community health services and private practice settings. Over the past 6 years, she has worked as the Senior Clinical Psychologist in the Women, Children and Newborn service in a tertiary hospital.

Francoise assists women to focus on both their important (often neglected) emotional needs, and in turn, those of their loved ones who are often foremost in their minds. We know that a breast cancer diagnosis not only has direct emotional impact on the patient, but also on family members, including children, adolescents and young adults.

The recent BCRC-WA 'Breast Cancer Offspring Study' found that adolescent females were particularly vulnerable to high levels of emotional distress following their mother's cancer diagnosis. Building on her research in the area of resilience, Francoise is excited to join the BCRC-WA

team to develop programs for adolescents and young adults to improve their emotional well-being and reduce their distress. From evidence-based research, we know that a focus on key areas such as building connections with others, including close family members, providing emotional coping strategies and enhancing self-worth will make a difference.

CEO REPORT



Carmelo Arto
Chief Executive Officer

2020 has been a year of growth for BCRC-WA as we continue to expand our team at the Perth Breast Cancer Institute. We are pleased to announce that our Breast Clinic will be opening from February 2021 and we welcome our three Breast Physicians.

As we set our sights on 2021, we see many more exciting opportunities for increasing our presence and awareness amongst the wider community.

We are also excited with the opening of Perth Radiological Clinic and GenesisCare on the ground floor of the Hollywood Consulting Centre in early 2021. This will allow imaging and radiation oncology services for our patients conveniently located in the one comprehensive cancer centre. We look forward to sharing more information on this in our next edition.

2020 has been a significant year for the many women and men who have been impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis. I have had the privilege to get to know many of you and your families in the past year, of which I am grateful. I look forward to seeing you all in 2021 as we continue to deliver world class treatment, research and support services to women, men and families affected by breast cancer.

We are excited to announce that our Perth Breast Cancer Institute Grand Opening will be on Saturday, 20 February 2021. We look forward to sharing more information about this with you in the new year.

Lastly, I wish you all a safe and happy holidays with your family, friends and loved ones.



KIARA'S STORY

I had just celebrated my 30th birthday, started a new job, formed a new relationship with my soul mate and I was blissfully happy. Just when I thought my life was perfect and nothing could burst my bubble my whole world was rocked.

On what was a normal Tuesday night at home, I was lying in bed with my partner watching Netflix, only for him to discover a lump in my breast. My stomach dropped, I felt instantly ill and had the gut instinct that what we had discovered was going to be a tumour. With the knowledge of me having the BRCA1 mutation I booked into the doctors immediately the next day. I was then referred for an ultrasound which acknowledged the lump was not a cyst, and I was then referred for a core biopsy the next day.

On the 27th March 2020 I was called in urgently to the doctors. My heart was racing, I knew the results were bad. Sitting down facing my doctor before she could even get the words out I said, "I have cancer don't I?", and on that day I was diagnosed with Stage 3 Hormone Receptor Positive Breast Cancer. It was aggressive and growing fast, but my first reaction was wanting to know what I had to do to fight this. Being told I had cancer was the easy part, then having to call my partner and family and explain to them my diagnosis was absolutely heart breaking.

Among all this madness COVID-19 had just hit and the world was in a frenzy as it was. Being diagnosed with cancer in a pandemic added extra stress to my situation.

I was lucky enough to have been recommended Professor Arlene Chan and Dr Peter Willsher by a friend, and booked in immediately with Dr Willsher three days later. After discussing my options with Peter it was obvious that my best chance of beating this was to attack the cancer straight away with chemotherapy, as my cancer cells were growing at 87%.

Only three weeks later, after a consultation with Professor Chan and several tests, I was in for my first round of chemotherapy. I felt numb, lost in a whirlwind of emotions that I cannot describe, but I was so determined that cancer was not going to beat me. I am so young, I have so much life to live and too many people I care about who I was not ready to leave.

After five and half months of gruelling chemotherapy I was well and truly knocked down and exhausted, but it still wasn't going to stop me. I finally made it through 11 rounds of chemo but not without the pain, fatigue, nausea and not to mention emotional strain.

Two months later it was surgery time. I had a bilateral double mastectomy and reconstruction with tissue expanders. After the surgery I got the most fantastic news that the surgery could not have been more successful, and between that and the chemotherapy they had removed all the cancer from my body. This made all the pain and exhaustion feel worthwhile.

Five weeks later I am still in recovery and pain every day, but it has all been worth it. I will keep fighting and do whatever I have to do to stay healthy. I will be forever extremely grateful for the amazing team which has got me to this point of my life, especially Professor Chan, Dr Willsher, and my amazing nurses Cath and Fran.



I believe that I am extremely lucky to have met all these amazing people and I couldn't have done it without them, my partner, family and friends.

The fight is still not over, with another surgery to follow in December for the removal of my expanders and insert of implants, and then also the scary confrontation of taking away all potential risks of me developing ovarian cancer, but I am a fighter and I refuse to give up and I will not let this beat me.

My biggest lesson from this experience has been that you need to be vigilant in looking after yourself, and staying on top of all testings and screenings to catch cancer early. Also that life is short. You never know what is around the corner, you need to make the most of it and appreciate the simple things in life like your family, friends and partners, and don't dwell on things because the good old saying is true - "Life is Short".

To anyone who is in a similar situation or the early days of diagnosis, no doubt you are frightened about what is ahead, and probably wondering how you are going to get through this. My best advice to you is:

- listen to your doctors - they are the professionals for a reason
- surround yourself with loved ones
- keep a positive mind, and
- don't be afraid to ask for help

Thank you to anyone who has taken the time to read my story or has been there through my journey, I hope to inspire people the best I can.

GENETIC COUNSELLING

Hi, I am a genetic counsellor (GC), collaborating with the Perth Breast Cancer Institute (privately) and I also work in public health at Genetic Services of WA. The role of a GC is to help individuals make informed decisions about their options for genetic testing, interpret test results and communicate the implications of these results for individuals, their immediate and extended family members. GCs work with doctors to help make appropriate recommendations regarding options for ongoing surveillance and management of an increased risk of cancer, either because of the family history or genetic fault.

Genes are like instruction manuals for our body making us who we are. We all have two copies of every single gene (including those genes that protect us from getting cancer); we inherit one copy from each of our parents. When we have children, we pass one of those gene copies to our children and they inherit the other copy of that gene from our partner.

There are several different genes involved in controlling normal cell growth and division, which help prevent cancer from developing. An increased risk of breast or other cancers may occur when a person acquires a fault in both copies of one of these genes.

For most people, cancer is a disease of aging which results from an accumulation of acquired faults in the genes that control our cell growth. These are not "hereditary", because at birth both gene copies are believed to be functioning appropriately. We acquire faults in both working copies of genes as we age, along with other contributing factors such as our lifestyle and the environment we live in. This transpires over decades; hence the risk of developing cancer increases with age.



A small number of gene faults are thought to be "hereditary", inherited from the time we are conceived as a fault in one of the two copies of the gene. This can lead to an increased risk for developing associated cancers. For example, inherited faults in genes such as BRCA1 or BRCA2, could increase the risk for developing breast, prostate, ovarian and in some rare cases pancreatic cancers at a younger age. At the same time, these individuals will still have a working copy of that gene protecting them from developing cancer. Therefore, although the risk of developing cancer is higher, not everyone with a gene fault will develop cancer.

There are criteria recommended by the National Cancer Council outlining who should be offered genetic testing in the public system. You can seek more information on this from your local public genetic services. Those who do not meet these criteria may still seek genetic testing privately, with tests costing from \$400 – \$600 making it more accessible than before.

Genetic testing information may change a treatment plan or help in making surgical management decisions. It is therefore important for those opting for private genetic testing to choose a service provider that has access to a genetic counsellor to help with interpretation of the test result and discuss emotional and practical implications of the result for the patient as well as their family members.



Cancer Genetic Counselling

Disclosure: Please note, I have my own private practice, Cancer Genetic Counselling.

Tanja's journey

My name is Tanja, and I am a cancer survivor!

My cancer journey started 7 years ago when I was diagnosed with early breast cancer on my 35th birthday. I also lost my sister to breast cancer at the young age of 45 years old. I have a strong history of breast cancer in my family and from a young age I had to undergo regular check-ups.

However, not in my wildest dreams have I ever thought it would happen to me. How can it be me? I was always pro-active and I made sure that I was doing the right things. In life, you are given all sorts of challenges that you can't control but you can control your attitude - and I chose to fight!

All I knew I had to do was to beat this terrible disease, not only for myself but for my family. With the help of my GP and my "Rockstar team" - Dr Peter Willsher, Professor Arlene Chan and my specialist plastic surgeon we had a plan to kick this cancer to the curb.

I went through an extensive treatment program over a period of 6-12 months. I had a bilateral mastectomy, axillary clearance and breast reconstruction, followed by chemotherapy every 21 days and 5 weeks of radiation. I also had the

opportunity to undergo gene testing and it was confirmed that I have the BRCA-2 gene. My family was also tested, and I was the only one who carried the gene.

To be honest I wasn't too worried about my breasts, I was more devastated in losing my hair! However, I had to adjust my attitude and I said to myself; "You have this one opportunity to rock a Sinead O'Connor look once in your life", and this was my attitude throughout my recovery process.

There were dark times, fun occasions and heartfelt moments and it was important that I was mentally strong and leaning on family and friends for support.

My mantra throughout my cancer journey and to this day is; "You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have" – Bob Marley

Sometimes we are only focusing on the physical recovery and forget to focus on our own mental health. I struggled and I'm still struggling to overcome my fear of recurrence. Facing the challenges is very real and with the help of professionals, I

am steadily working on getting stronger and understanding my circumstances.

My advice is to have regular checks from an early age - both women and men. Always make sure you do the triple check - check yourself, if you are not sure or have any concern seek medical assistance like a GP and if needed get an ultrasound or mammogram.

Make sure to take care of your mental health by joining a support group, talk and share your experience and seek professional help if you feel overwhelmed.

Every day is a blessing, and I am so grateful to have my health!

Please support breast cancer research at BCRC-WA this Christmas.

Your gift will help to save more lives.

By making a tax deductible donation, you are giving women and men with breast cancer in Western Australia world class, evidence-based treatment ensuring the best possible outcomes. Help us continue to achieve higher cure rates and longer survival rates. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible. BCRC-WA is self-funded and does not receive any government funding.

Do you have a story to tell?

Email us on media@bcrc-wa.com.au to share your story.



(Photo Credit: Natasha du Preez)



YOGA WITH COURTNEY BOURKE

The PYNKS group photo on the last day of Yoga with Courtney

Our PYNKS enjoyed five free yoga sessions donated to BCRC-WA by the very kind and gifted yoga instructor, Courtney Bourke. The gentle style of yoga was held at Soft Yoga studio in Leederville, which incorporated gentle movement and guided meditation.

'I had the pleasure of holding space for some very inspirational women for five weeks. We practised yoga asana, breathwork and mindful meditation. It was so beautiful to see these women let go and surrender each

week. I feel extremely blessed as a teacher to offer my time and learn from my students just as they learn from me. I have made some wonderful new friends and I hope we do it all again soon. Thank you for having me PYNKS and Breast Cancer Research Centre. Namaste' - Courtney Bourke

Thank you to Courtney for donating her time and teachings to our PYNKS.

PYNKS

A group for women living with Metastatic Breast Cancer

For more information please email:
info@bcrc-wa.com.au



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SOMETHING *pink* KALGOORLIE AND VM DRILLING

This October, Something Pink Kalgoorlie joined forces with VM Drilling to support Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA.

Thank you to Katrina and Steve Tedge of Something Pink Kalgoorlie, Gerri and Pete Nazzari for their afternoon tea which raised \$25,000 and to Courtney Pacey, General Manager of VM Drilling for their incredible support.

In addition to this, Something Pink also held a charity event this October, in which VM Drilling painted their rig pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Katrina Tedge and Gai Robinson are the co-founders of 'Something Pink for Breast Cancer', a fundraiser of humble beginnings, uniting the Kalgoorlie community to raise funds for breast cancer research. It is through the work of Gai, who lost her battle to metastatic breast cancer in 2019, Katrina a breast cancer survivor and a dedicated committee that the fundraiser continues to grow from strength to strength.



Steve Tedge Carmelo Arto, Katrina Tedge, Gerri and Pete Nazzari and Courtney Pacey, General Manager of VM Drilling

Introducing our BREAST CANCER JOURNALS

We are proud to announce that our new breast cancer journals are now available to patients who are currently seeing a BCRC-WA breast care nurse.

These journals, developed by Advanced Breast Care Nurse, Amanda Goddard, and Early Breast Care Nurse, Cath Griffiths, will be made available to our patients with both Early and Metastatic breast cancer.

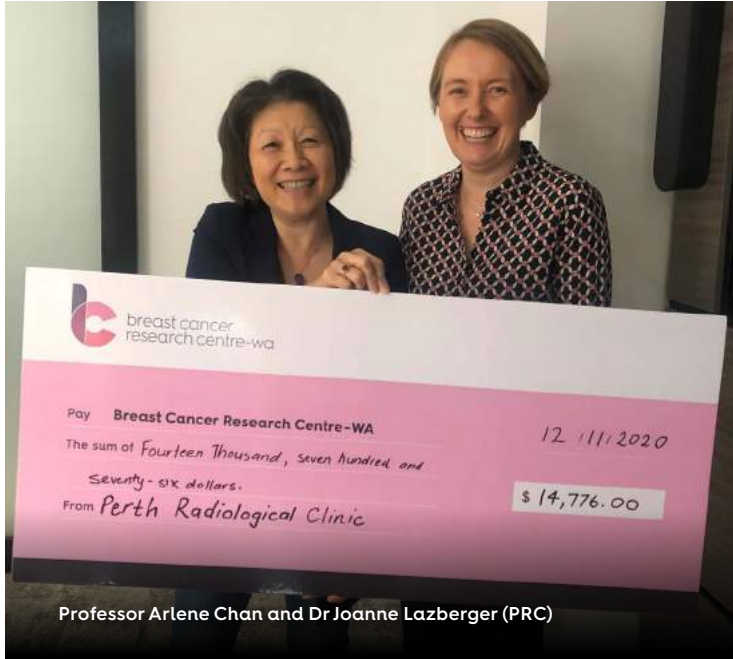
Our Early Breast Cancer Journal (Purple) and Metastatic Breast Cancer Journal (Pink) will provide a way for patients to record important aspects of their care under BCRC-WA. These include; patient treatment plan, pathology, aspects of care and important contacts.

A big thank you to Professor Arlene Chan, Dr Peter Willsher and our Breast Care Nurses for their work in developing this resource, and to Jess Danti and Edge Creative for their design contributions.



Perth

RADIOLOGICAL CLINIC



Professor Arlene Chan and Dr Joanne Lazberger (PRC)

Perth Radiological Clinic continue to support the work of Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA by donating \$10 for every mammogram performed by Perth Radiological Clinic over the month of October. Perth Radiological Clinics were once again decorated in pink and purple to raise awareness for breast cancer. This year, we are delighted to announce that \$14,776 was raised for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA.

As a significant supporter of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, each year Perth Radiological Clinic take the month of October to focus on breast cancer and its impact on those affected by the disease in our community.

Since 2015, they have raised over \$60,618 for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA. We would like to thank the team at PRC and all their clinics who made this such a successful event.



Chemo Wise Information Session

Chemo Wise is a free monthly information session for women with early breast cancer who are starting chemotherapy.

Open to patients under the care of the Perth Breast Cancer Institute.

For more information please contact info@bcrc-wa.com.au

Thank you FROM BCRC-WA

Pink Shearing for Liz Day

Shearing for Liz is an annual event held in Wyalkatchem. The fundraiser was founded by Jumbuk Shearing's Tom Reed and his wife Lucy, in memory of their friend, Liz Roberts who passed away from metastatic breast cancer in 2014. With great support from Quentin and Dianne Davies, who hosted the event, they are all raising awareness in their community.

**Raised
\$40,590**

Now in its seventh year, the event was initially postponed due to COVID-19. However, it was able to proceed on the August 28 with the Jumbuk Shearing team holding a shearing demonstration of stud rams and ewes from the Cardiff, Kamballie and Manunda studs.

The local "Wylie" community and businesses got behind the cause and supported the event. At the recent BCRC-WA Annual Appreciation Dinner, both Tom and Quentin spoke about their fundraiser, and presented a cheque to our CEO, Carmelo Arto, in a Shearing for Liz stubby holder and a personalised shearing singlet.



Carmelo Arto with Tom Reed and Quentin and Dianne Davies 'Shearing for Liz'.

The Morawa Long Table Lunch

The Morawa Long Table Lunch was held in August and organised by Karen Chappel and Jayne Leeson to raise funds for breast cancer research.

**Raised
\$12,181**

"The event was a huge success with 120 attendees, lifting the spirits of many ladies from our region whilst supporting a cause close to many of our hearts," said Karen.

They had several sponsors, including major supporters, Morawa Rural Enterprises and Bayer. Our sincere congratulations go to Karen, Jayne and the Morawa community for raising \$12,181.



Karen Chappel and Jayne Leeson

Bunnings Belmont

Bunnings Belmont showed their support for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA by raising awareness in their local store this October.

The Belmont team members wore pink t-shirts and BCRC-WA lapel badges every day during October. It was wonderful to see this engaged team get behind the cause!

Breast cancer is the most common cancer and has a significant impact on the lives of women, men and families within our community. Bunnings Belmont took this important opportunity to raise awareness and to remember that early detection provides the best chance of surviving the disease.

Thank you, Madison and Bunnings Warehouse Australia!



CONSIDERING DONATING TO BCRC-WA?

Thank you x



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Morawa Long Table Lunch, Karen Chappel & Jayne Leeson

Morning Tea, Cheyenne L'Herpiniere

Pink Ribbon Books, Jenny Lynch

Something Pink with VM Drilling & Katrina Tedge

Scones & Soup, Theresa Francis

Shearing for Liz Pink Day, Quentin Davies & Tom Reed

Zumba Party in Pink, Valentina Rosso

There are many ways to help us Achieve our aims at BCRC-WA.

What are we trying to achieve now and in the near future?

Establish our new Perth Breast Cancer Institute (PBCI)

Continue our ground breaking research via clinical trials

Find new and better treatments for breast cancer

Enhance patient well-being and increase survival rates

Become an education/information hub for patients, GPs
and the community

Why do we need your help?

To help establish comprehensive services at our new PBCI

To facilitate our care and support in the form of:

More metastatic (advanced) breast care nurses

More early breast care nurses

Establish oncology and surgical fellowships

Identify and implement new initiatives from
patient feedback

Donate today

You can donate online at bcrc-wa.com.au, or by direct deposit (NAB
BSB: 086-006 Acct No: 73798 6097) or contact us on (08) 6500 5501, or
in person at BCRC-WA, Hollywood Consulting Centre, Suite 407,
Entrance 5, 91 Monash Ave, Nedlands WA. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax
deductible. BCRC-WA is self funded. We do not receive any
government funding.

A gift in your will is a gift of hope



Recently a generous gift was received
from the Estate of the Late Wayne
Charles Bradley. His wife Eileen was
diagnosed with breast cancer in 1990
and is a testament today to the
advancements in clinical research,
treatments and support for breast cancer patients.

Wayne supported Eileen throughout her treatment and attended
every appointment with her.

"He was very supportive in everything to look after me and he was
very caring. He wanted to give back to BCRC-WA because of their
exceptional team, their commitment to the outcomes for patients and
successful clinical trials that have prolonged my life," said Eileen.

Remembering BCRC-WA in your Will is a special way to support our
world class breast cancer research and the development of
patient-centred support programs. Your gift will impact future
generations and will serve to honour your memory and give hope
to others.

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