

What's news

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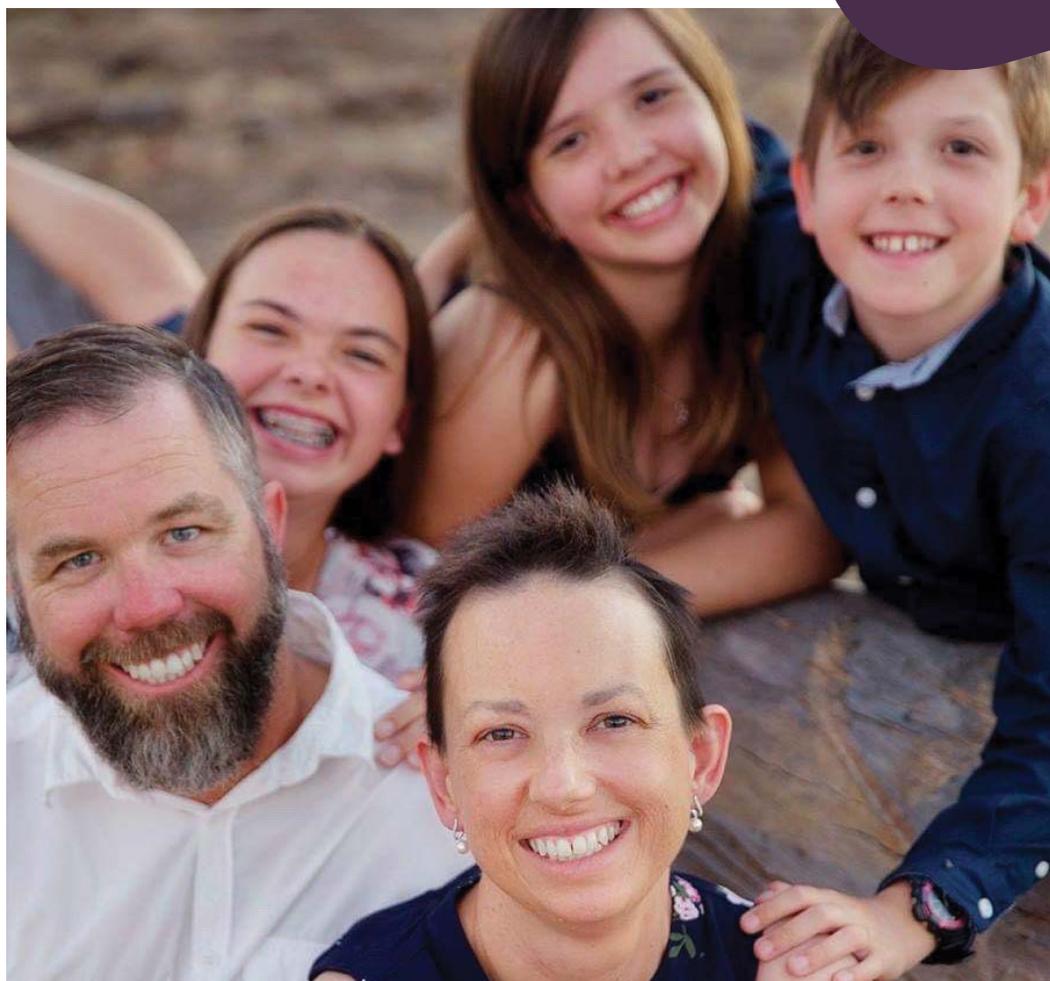


Prof. Arlene Chan AM

Medical Oncologist MB BS,
FRACP, MMed (Palliative Care)

We are delighted to bring you the first edition of 'What's News' for 2021. This year commenced with the Grand Opening of Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA, incorporating Perth Breast Cancer Institute (PBCI), located at the Hollywood Consulting Centre. Our grand opening allowed the opportunity to bring together those who have supported us since our establishment in 2009. We would like to thank those able to attend and share this momentous day with us.

This February we opened our PBCI Breast Clinic and welcomed our three highly experienced Breast Physicians, Dr Pamela Thompson, Dr Judy Galloway and Dr Susie Kitchin. This newest addition of the Breast Clinic ensures that men and women can be supported by the same team in the same location from the very beginning of their breast cancer journey. In addition, patients with breast symptoms or lumps that are not cancer are evaluated by these doctors who then can recommend if further treatment is needed. Our partnership with Perth Radiological Clinic will also mean patients requiring urgent review will be able to undergo breast imaging and see a breast



physician on the same day. The streamlining of these services is key in the overall patient journey. Read more about our breast physicians on [page 2](#).

This month we also shared a collective grand opening with Ramsay Health Care, Perth Radiological Clinic and GenesisCare celebrating the official opening of the Hollywood Consulting Centre. We are honoured to be partnering with world class expertise within all the specialist disciplines accessible to women and men with breast cancer.

This edition of What's News features 'Nat's Story'. Nat is a young mother of three living north of Cunderdin, a small farming community two hours from Perth. (Pictured above: Nat with her husband Darren and their children) Nat was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014 and metastatic breast cancer in 2017. Nat gains amazing support from her

friends, family and community and has connected with our PYNKS group, bringing new friendships. Recently Nat celebrated her 40th Birthday and raised just over \$7,690 for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA.

We are honoured to share Nat's story on [page 5](#).

Our medical article in this edition focuses on Mastalgia, or breast pain. Mastalgia is a common symptom experienced by women at some time in their lives. This article is an introduction to our new breast pamphlets that will be made available on our website and in our suites. To read this article visit [page 7](#).

We are passionate about educating the wider community on breast cancer. Our PYNKS education talk on Metastatic Breast Cancer is a free community event which will be held on Saturday 24 April at Hollywood Private Hospital. We invite all those who would like to

find out more about the advancements made in treating Metastatic Breast Cancer to attend. We are holding an all-day Breast Disease Education Forum on 15 May for General Practitioners and will include information on benign breast issues as well as current best practice in breast cancer care.

For more information on these events please contact our team on 08 6500 5501.

I would also like to welcome our new Fellow, Dr Claire Beecroft who joins us to complete her final year of medical oncology training. Claire is a great addition to the BCRC-WA team and we look forward to working with her.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who have donated and fundraised for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA, including participants who completed the South32 Rottnest Channel Swim in February. Your support and efforts are invaluable.

Meet the team

BREAST CLINIC

Our new Breast Clinic brings three very experienced breast physicians into the already impressive multidisciplinary team of breast and oncoplastic surgeons, medical oncologists, genetic counsellor, RNs, clinical psychologists and other dedicated support personnel at BCRC-WA.

Referrals

Referrals can be sent to: Suite 404, Level 4 Hollywood Consulting Centre 91 Monash Ave, Nedlands, WA 6009
Health link EDI: breasts, Telephone: 6500 5576, Fax: 6500 5574, Email: reception@bcrc-wa.com.au



DR PAMELA THOMPSON
MBBS (HONS), FRACGP, DRANZCOG

Pamela is a local graduate who began her medical career as a rural General Practitioner with a special interest in women's health, obstetrics, paediatrics and anaesthetics. She has enjoyed working in private general practice in Perth as well as in the South-West of WA, the Kimberley and overseas. She is a fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and a diplomate of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

In 2013, she began practicing as Breast Physician at Royal Perth Hospital and she continues to work in the Breast Assessment Clinic at Fiona Stanley Hospital. Her particular interests are in the management of women with screen-detected or symptomatic breast problems and women who are at higher risk of breast cancer due to a family history or genetic fault.

She is excited to be a part of the multidisciplinary team at Perth Breast Cancer Institute as she strongly believes that this approach will provide women with the best possible care and outcomes during their journey.



DR SUSIE KITCHIN
MBBS, FRACGP

Dr Susie Kitchin is a local graduate and experienced Breast Physician who has been working in the public sector for many years.

After graduating Medicine from University of Western Australia 1999 she worked at Fremantle Hospital, King Edward Memorial Hospital, overseas at Cork University Hospital and then completed her General Practice training in Perth, Kalgoorlie and Karratha, including at Bega Gambirringu Aboriginal Health Services. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Since 2013 Susie has been working in the Multidisciplinary Breast Service at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, including BreastScreen WA assessment clinics. With her General Practice background, Susie believes in the holistic care of all patients to complement timely diagnosis and evidence-based management. She is excited to be contributing to the World-class facility of the new Perth Breast Cancer Institute.



DR JUDY GALLOWAY
MBBS (LONDON), FRACGP

Judy is an experienced Breast Physician who has worked for many years in both the private and public sector. She was born in the north of England, going on to study Medicine at The Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London. She worked briefly in the UK before moving to Perth with her Australian husband. She has three sons of whom she is very proud.

On arriving in Australia, Judy initially worked at Fremantle Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital before completing her Fellowship of General Practice (FRACGP) in 1991. After nearly 20 years in General Practice Judy decided she wanted a change in direction and specialised as a Breast Physician. Judy

worked in the Multidisciplinary Breast Service at Royal Perth Hospital from 2007 before transitioning to Fiona Stanley Hospital in 2015.

During her time at Royal Perth Hospital and Fiona Stanley Hospital, Judy has enjoyed working in general, symptomatic, breast cancer follow up, high risk surveillance and BreastScreenWA assessment clinics. She continues to work at Fiona Stanley Hospital whilst being involved in the new world-class multidisciplinary breast service here at the Perth Breast Cancer Institute. Judy is a member of the Australasian Society for Breast Disease and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Welcome

NICHOLLE

Hello, my name is Nicholle and I have been working for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA since the move to the Hollywood Consulting Centre last year.

I am the Perth Breast Cancer Institute (PDCI) receptionist for sessional specialists, Medical Oncologist, Dr Hilary Martin and Specialist Surgeons Dr Jose Cid Fernandez, Dr Kallyani Ponniah, Dr Palan Thirunavukkarasu and Dr Bindu Kunjuraman. I am privileged to be able to assist a range of specialists under the Perth Breast Cancer Institute.

I've been in medical administration for almost seven years and one of my favourite elements of my work has been the rapport with my colleagues and patients. I enjoy hearing peoples' stories, swapping recipes, giving movie recommendations and showing off the latest photos of my beloved doggo, Floyd.

Prior to beginning in administration, I taught swimming lessons to children, which I loved. Kids' honesty can sometimes be blunt...but also very amusing, and I always enjoy a good laugh.

I'm proud to be part of the Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA incorporating PBCI team.

I'm also thankful to all the generous people in our community, for raising funds and donating their time and energy to help the many women and men impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis.



APPLE CRUMBLE

INGREDIENTS

5 medium Granny Smith (Green) Apples (900g), peeled, cored and cut into 2cm dice

½ cup (110g) caster superfine sugar

2 tablespoons lemon juice

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Store-bought vanilla ice-cream, to serve

CRUMBLE TOPPING

1 ½ cups (225g) plain all-purpose flour

¾ cup (165g) caster superfine sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 cup (90g) rolled oats

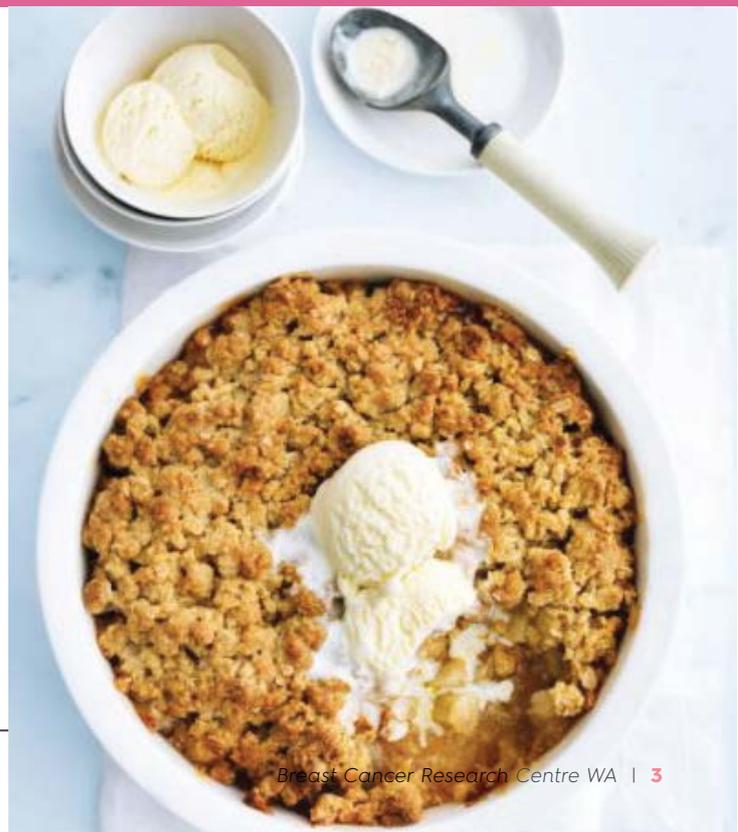
225g unsalted butter, melted

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F). Place the apple, sugar, lemon juice and cinnamon in a large bowl and mix to combine. Transfer to a 1.5-litre-capacity oven proof dish.
2. To make the crumble topping, place the flour, sugar, cinnamon, oats and butter in a large bowl and mix until just combined.
3. Spoon the crumble mixture over the apple and place the dish on a large baking tray. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until the crumble is golden and the apples are soft.

Chef's tip

Serve with vanilla ice-cream or any other topping you desire!



CEO REPORT



Carmelo Arto
Chief Executive Officer

As we enter an exciting era for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA, I reflect on some of the major milestones that have been reached. This February, we held the grand opening including the opening of our breast clinic. These major events occurred alongside the opening of Perth Radiological Clinic and GenesisCare on the ground floor of the Hollywood Consulting Centre. A patient centred model led by world class specialists is the vision we have now realised providing best outcomes for patients.

I am also pleased to announce our upcoming 7th May luncheon which will be held at the Pan Pacific Perth. This event will be proudly supported by Channel Nine, Guru Productions and Pan Pacific. The luncheon will feature Channel Nine talent, renowned chefs and will hopefully be a significant fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA. The luncheon will then be televised

on Channel Nine at a later date. For more information on the event contact our staff on 08 6500 5501.

In addition to this we have partnered with Perth Racing for Italian Day on Saturday, 15 May 2021. We invite all our friends and supporters to join us with tickets now available to purchase on their website.

www.perthracings.org.au/calendar/2021-05-15/italian-day

I had the pleasure of meeting many of our patients and supporters at our recent grand opening. 2021 will be a watershed year for BCRC-WA and we very much look forward to updating you on significant initiatives that will enhance breast cancer research, treatment and support for our patients and breast cancer patients globally.

Our Grand Opening

Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA



L: Professor Arlene Chan

Top R: Steve & Katrina Tedge and VM Drilling GM Courtney Pacey

Bottom R: Guest Speaker Joanne MacDonald

Nat's Story

Hello, my name is Nat Beard. My husband, Darren and I are farmers living north of Cunderdin- two hours from Perth. My first diagnosis of Breast Cancer was in 2013, at the age of 32. This was a complete shock to our family, having three children who were 9, 7 and 3. Living in a rural area presents many challenges but small communities are amazing as dear friends held weekly sleepovers for the kids while Darren and I attended chemotherapy at The Mount Hospital.

Meals, lunchbox snacks etc were donated and we certainly felt blessed to live where we do. I found online BC chat groups very helpful, I didn't know anyone in our community who had breast cancer, let alone anyone close to my age.

At the beginning of 2014 I stayed by myself at Crawford Lodge beside SCGH to receive my five weeks of radiotherapy. The kids were juggled between Darren on the farm and my Mums house in Perth. It was the most lonely point in my life. Thankfully my schedule allowed me to attend our youngest child's first day of school.

The end of my active treatment came in mid 2014, as I was receiving Trastuzumab infusions three weekly for twelve months.

For almost five years post initial diagnosis we lived a very full life, taking opportunities to travel as often as we could. My lifelong dream of attending the Tour de France became reality as we spent seven weeks travelling Europe, we've visited theme parks in Queensland, and attended the AFL grand final. I was fortunate to go to Singapore and Sydney on girls trips.

Late 2017, we travelled to Victoria to spend Christmas with my extended family. After attending the Ashes Boxing Day Test, we went on to visit Tasmania. I had become quite ill with a terrible cough and struggling to breathe. It was in Hobart on New Years Day 2018 I was diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. My whole world seemed to crumble down around me. I was in the hospital alone as

Darren had gone back to our holiday house to look after the kids. Having to tell Darren, then our children and my parents (via phone), was probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do. We cut the trip short and flew back to Perth for further testing. It all seemed so grim, until Professor Chan gave us a treatment plan. Her complete and unwavering commitment to me and my health always fills me with such positivity. My mantra is to just do exactly what Professor Chan asks of me!

I'm not going to lie, treatment this time around was very tough. Our eldest was already away in Perth at boarding school and our middle child was due to start. The boarding school community were wonderful and took extra special care of the girls. Canteen are also a great help for the girls.

My body responded well to the chemotherapy, after 15 doses we were able to stop, I was then successful in gaining a place in a trial. The trial was a huge commitment, extra travel and testing was required. I swear my car could drive itself from home to Hollywood Hospital by itself!

We bought a camper trailer and have spent time travelling our beautiful state. Our love of music has meant we've downed tools to attend concerts and shows.

I started attending the PYNKS coffee catch ups. I've met and made friends with some wonderful women, it is a long drive for me to attend but I believe the friendships I've made is worth it. I'd urge anyone who is Stage 4 living in a rural area to reach out to the breast care nurses and to try and attend the PYNKS catch ups, we have such a unique connection. I leave the meetings feeling as though my 'cup' has been filled, ready to tackle the next month! Some of



the members even came to visit me for lunch on the farm.

The trial medication stopped working towards the end of 2018, I was taken off the trial and we started a new treatment course, which I'm still receiving now. I travel down every three weeks to receive the transfusion in the Starcevic Suite. The nurses in there are amazing and I love having a chat and a laugh, you will often find the PYNKS ladies crowded in one cubicle having a mini catch up and sharing our recent adventures. The support we receive from Amanda, our advanced breast cancer nurse is amazing and I love catching up with all the staff in Professor Chan's office. In case you hadn't noticed I love to have a chat, it can get lonely living in an isolated community.

Recently, I celebrated my 40th birthday, each milestone brings with it such wonder that I'm still here but is also tinged with sadness as I wonder which ones I'll miss in

the future. I had the most wondrous evening surrounded by family and friends. I was also happy to be able to fundraise just over \$7000 for the Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA, an organisation so close to my heart. I'm not planning on going

anywhere fast, I'll remain eternally optimistic that someone will find a cure and my girls won't have to worry about this terrible disease.

"Our whole way of life changed. Spending quality time doing what we loved, with those we loved became priority."



PERTH GLORY PARTNERSHIP

Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA is a proud club partner of Perth Glory for the Westfield Women's League 2020/21.

This year our logo is proudly featured on the back of the club's W-League playing shirt and shorts.

Our CEO, Carmelo Arto recently met with the Perth Glory Women's team to share the significance of our partnership, 'Perth Glory is aligned with our vision to support the many women, men and families impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis ...our new comprehensive centre at Hollywood Consulting Centre offers world leading research, treatment and support services to breast cancer patients'.

Club CEO Tony Pignata shared, "I know that our W-League players will share that sense of pride when wearing Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA's logo in the upcoming campaign, and we look forward to working with the organisation on a number of exciting awareness-raising initiatives in the coming months."

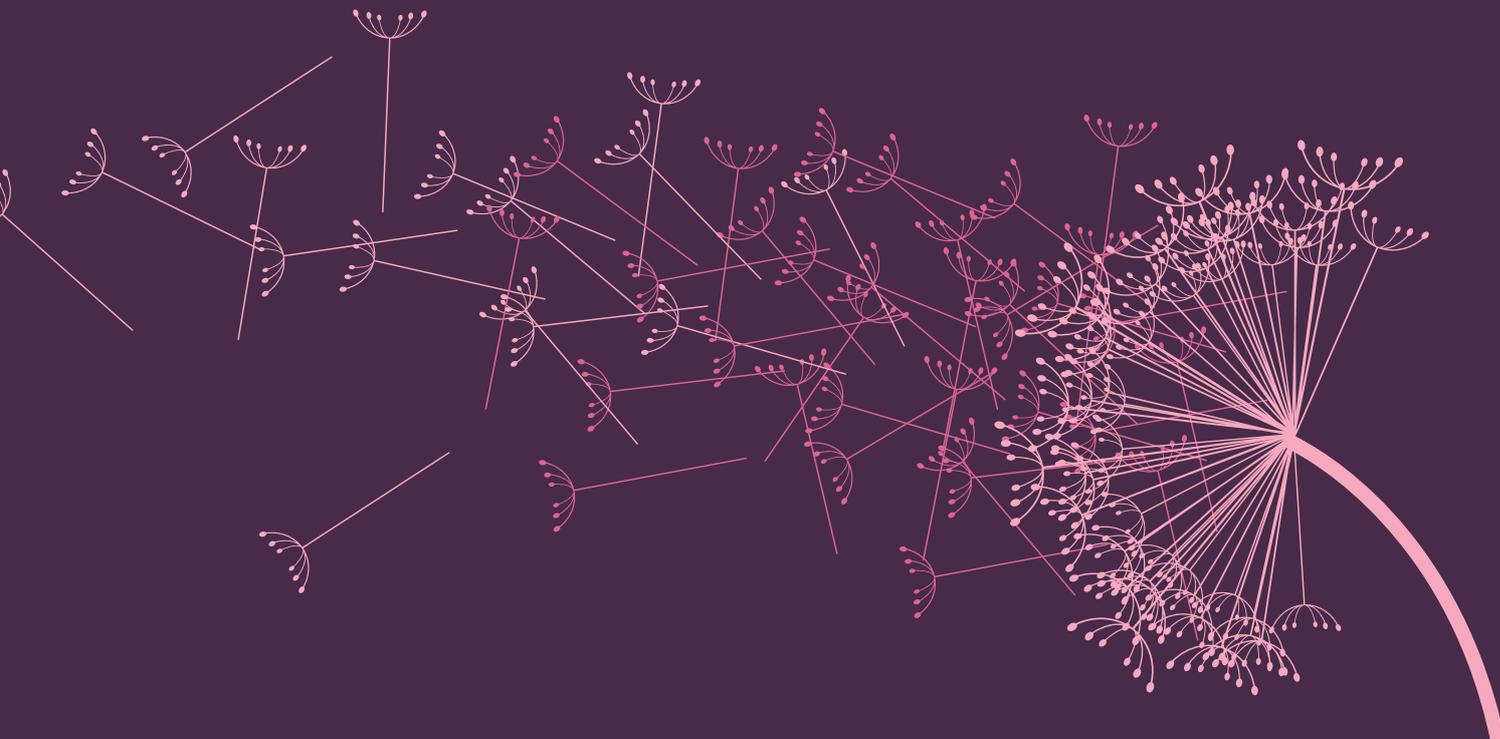
We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Perth Glory FC.



PYNKS

A group for women living with Metastatic Breast Cancer

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



MASTALGIA

(BREAST PAIN)

Did you know?

Mastalgia, or breast pain, is a common symptom experienced by up to 70% of women at some time in their lives and is in many cases considered a normal experience in life. However, it can at times be severe enough to cause a woman to seek medical advice regarding its possible cause and management. Mastalgia is often accompanied by other breast symptoms including lumpiness or feeling of heaviness or fullness of the breast, increase in breast size and localised or generalised breast tenderness.

The commonest type of breast pain experienced by women is pain related to the menstrual cycle. It occurs with greatest frequency in the premenopausal years, especially to women in their 30s to 40s.

The pain tends to vary with the menstrual cycle, usually increasing in intensity from mid-cycle and then easing with the onset of the menstrual bleed.

Breast pain which is not related to the menstrual cycle is more common in women in their 40s or 50s.

Breast pain may also be experienced in women with large heavy breasts, in early pregnancy, during breast feeding and in young girls during early breast development. Breast

infection (mastitis) or breast abscess can be a cause of breast pain, as can trauma to the breast, either accidental or post-surgical.

Regular or heavy alcohol consumption and hormonal treatments including the oral contraceptive pill and menopausal hormone therapy may contribute to or cause breast pain. Other medications may rarely be the cause of significant breast pain.

Breast pain alone is usually not a sign of breast cancer (less than a one in one hundred chance for women under the age of 60).

It is important that a woman sees her doctor if she experiences any unusual, severe or persistent breast pain or if she is worried.

A thorough assessment should be performed including a breast examination and breast imaging (mammogram and/or ultrasound) and biopsy if indicated.

In many cases a specific cause for the pain is not found and the woman will be reassured that she does not have a significant underlying breast condition. In more than 75% of women the pain resolves without any specific treatment.

If treatment is required, the type of treatment depends on the underlying cause.

For more information on breast pain, you can refer to our new patient information pamphlet, "Mastalgia" available on our website or in hardcopy from our suites at Hollywood Consulting Centre.

KAREN'S STORY

My name is Karen, I'm a mother, grandmother (of seven), friend, breast cancer 'thrivor' and was a participant in a clinical trial at Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA.

In December 2006 at the age of 44, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and since then I have required assistance and support from a range breast cancer professionals. At the time the location of these services was in a variety locations and settings, which added another level

of complexity to my treatment and the management of my ongoing wellness.

Now that comprehensive cancer centre, Perth Breast Cancer Institute (PBCI) has opened its doors, this level of complexity no longer exists for women, men, and their families requiring breast cancer services and support.

Thankfully, there is no cancer evident and I no longer require any cancer related treatments. I have no doubt this fabulous outcome is due to the dedication and

tireless work of caring professionals like Professor Arlene Chan and her amazing team.

Over the past three years, through the sale of Entertainment Books, I have raised over \$4,000 for BCRC-WA to continue their much needed and valuable work and I look forward to raising even more this year to support this wonderful organisation.

Order a book today!

Please feel free to contact me via the email address below if you have any queries.

entertainmentbooks.bcrcwa@gmail.com



Laura Nelson (Entertainment Book)
Ann Chan (Fundraising & Bequests Coordinator)
Karen Smith (Karen Smith, breast cancer thrivor and Entertainment Book fundraiser)

Welcome

PERTH RADIOLOGICAL CLINIC & GENESISCARE TO THE HOLLYWOOD CONSULTING CENTRE

Perth Radiological Clinic (PRC) has opened a new Radiology Clinic at the Hollywood Consulting Centre. We are pleased to welcome an outstanding team of talented radiologists, medical imaging technologists and support staff who make up PRC. The location of this clinic means that patients will no longer have to travel to other locations to have their imaging done. This is a key element to providing a comprehensive range of services to breast cancer patients who are under the care of the PBCI. The new location provides a spacious, comfortable environment offering the best standard of medical imaging and is an addition to their 16 different sites conveniently located across Perth.

We would also like to welcome GenesisCare to the Cancer Consulting Centre. GenesisCare provide high quality oncology services to Western Australians, with more than 250 doctors, nurses, engineers, medical physicists, radiation therapists and practice support team members deliver care across their five locations in Western Australia. The location of GenesisCare, now situated downstairs from Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA Incorporating Perth Breast Cancer Institute, means that patients under our care will be able to access high quality oncology services in the one location.

BCRC-WA CEO, Carmelo Arto welcomes the addition of these services to Hollywood Consulting Centre, "We would like to welcome Perth Radiological Clinic and GenesisCare to the Hollywood Consulting Centre. We look forward to a great partnership which will have a positive impact on the lives of our patients."

Both services are now open on the Ground Level of Hollywood Consulting Centre.



L to R: Carmelo Arto CEO, Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA, Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA, GenesisCare, Hollywood Private Hospital and Perth Radiological Clinic

Are you experiencing the
emotional and interpersonal impact
of cancer treatment?

A cancer diagnosis is a major stressor for most people. It can bring challenges including coping with the uncertainty of the future, worry, insomnia, physical changes, a sense of loss, feeling isolated, mood swings, and the impact on family.

Support is available

**Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA
incorporating Perth Breast Cancer
Institute provides a Clinical Psychology
Service by appointment.**

There is no cost to patients.

**Please ask one of our team members
for more information.**



Thank you FROM BCRC-WA

In Memory of Susanna De Castro

Fundraising has looked a little different since COVID-19 and fundraisers have been creative in how they are able to raise funds. We congratulate Linda and Ester Vicentini and Ric De Castro for their continued support and for organising their fundraiser primarily through the online giving platform, MyCause.

"Susanna De Castro fought breast cancer for nine years prior to losing her fight in May 2018. She was cared for by Professor Chan and the wonderful staff at BCRC-WA. Susanna organised an afternoon tea in October each year to help raise funds to support this beautiful cause.

In her loving memory we wish to continue fundraising for BCRC-WA so that they can continue to undertake their wonderful work in caring for the community of Western Australia." Vicentini and De Castro families

**Raised
\$7,205**



L to R: Ester Vicentini, Dino Vicentini, Linda Vicentini, Fernando Vicentini, Susanna (dec) and Ric De Castro

Nat's 40th Birthday

Patient, Natalie Beard created an online fundraiser for her recent birthday in lieu of gifts and raised \$7,690 for BCRC-WA.

In her own words, Nat said, "It was the most magical evening. I breathed in all that happiness, watching the most stunning smiles, listening to all the laughter. A total feast for all my senses. The vibrant colours of a wheatbelt sunset, echoed in the stunning dresses. The scintillating smells of delicious food cooked as we mingled away. We are so lucky to live where we do and be surrounded by the most wonderful, inspiring people. My thoughts turned to those special friends and family who were unable to attend, some near, some far and those who've passed before us. I loved every millisecond of it."

Nat's personal story can be read on [page 5](#).

**Raised
\$7,690**



Natalie and Darren Beard

Zumba Party in Pink

You can move to Salsa or Hip Hop to raise funds, and that's what Valentina Rosso organised at the Party in Pink Zumbathon!

100 people attended at the North Perth Town Hall and raised \$1,725 for BCRC-WA. Thank you so much Valentina, Kim, Sharon, Zumba instructors and participants. What a fun and vibrant Zumba Community.



**Raised
\$1,725**



Perth Zumbathon fundraiser supporters

CONSIDERING DONATING TO BCRC-WA?

Thank you x

Thank you to the following organisations and fundraisers for their generosity. We also thank the many individuals who have donated.

Bremer Bay Tennis Club	PayPal Giving Fund
Bridgewater Village Arts and Crafts Centre	Rotary Club of Busselton
Dept of Justice, Kalgoorlie Court House	Swing Golf Club
Floreat Ladies Golf Club Inc	The Lovely Smocking Ladies, Pam Seligmann
Narrogin Senior High School Staff Fund	TopDup Donuts
Nat Beard's 40th Birthday	WA Police Force



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.

When should I make a Will?

A Will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign. It is a legal document setting out who gets part or all of a person's property when they die. Your property is called your 'estate'. A badly written Will can often lead to delays and disputes. It is commonly thought by people that if they are young and healthy, that they do not need a Will. However, everyone over the age of 18 should seriously consider making a Will as it is an important part of estate planning, because we do not know what might happen in the future. It is recommended to seek professional legal advice.

What is Intestacy?

If you do not leave a Will, your property will be distributed in a way laid down by the law. A person who dies without leaving a valid Will is said to have died intestate. Intestacy also occurs when a deceased person has left a Will that only deals with part of their estate, or the Will is not valid.

In Western Australia, if you die without leaving a valid Will, your estate will be distributed in accordance with legislation, namely, the Administration Act 1903. In order to administer the deceased's estate, an eligible person will need to apply for Letters of Administration. Normally, the spouse or de facto partner of the deceased, or their next of kin, should apply for letters of administration. If a person entitled to a share of the estate is not available, the court can appoint another person or body as Administrator of the estate. Applying for letters of administration is quite complicated and may require a lawyer.

For confidential enquiries contact Ann Chan, Fundraising & Bequests Coordinator on (08) 6500 5515 or fundraising@bcrc-wa.com.au.

Excerpts from Legal Aid Western Australia:

[www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/
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managing-your-affairs/
wills-and-estates](http://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/find-legal-answers/managing-your-affairs/wills-and-estates)



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