

What's News



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WELCOME TO THE 2023/24 SUMMER EDITION

As we approach the festive season, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey that the year has been for the Breast Cancer Research Centre - WA. This summer newsletter serves as a testament to the strength, resilience, and unwavering support that defines our community.

In the heart of this newsletter, you'll find a celebration of two extraordinary individuals, Professor Arlene Chan and Dr Peter Willsher, who have dedicated their careers to advancing breast cancer research. **Pages 2 and 3** are adorned with poems dedicated to them, capturing the essence of their impactful contributions to our community. The farewell morning tea with the PYNKS on **Page 3** stands as a poignant moment. The PYNKS, our support group for patients with metastatic breast cancer, bid farewell to Prof Chan.

Page 4 brings you a note from Sarah, marking her one-year anniversary as CEO at BCRC-WA. Her reflections are followed by a recount of the team's efforts during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, BCRC-WA helped to spread awareness and foster support at Deloitte and South 32.

Our advanced breast nurse, Amanda Goddard, recommends Abstract Physio on **Page 5** followed by an introduction of the newest members to our BCRC-WA family - Barney & Steve.

Pages 6 and 7 unfold Glenda's inspiring Story of Hope. Receiving a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer is a formidable challenge, particularly when you reside hundreds of kilometers away from

your treating team. Without revealing too much, we assure you that her story is bound to give you hope.

Brendan, our dedicated oncology fellow, provides a medical update on CDK 4/6 Inhibitors - a promising treatment against hormone receptor-positive breast cancer. **Page 8** is a wealth of information for those seeking insights into the latest advancements in breast cancer research.

As you turn to **Page 9** and beyond, the spotlight shifts to the incredible fundraisers that have defined our year. A special mention goes to Perth Radiological Clinic, whose dedication has raised over \$90,000 since 2015. Acknowledgment is also due to the Commonwealth Bank Staff Foundation, who, for the second year, has awarded us a community grant.

We express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support we've received this year. It has been a year of astonishing fundraising, and we eagerly anticipate what the new year holds for us.

Wishing each of you a joyous holiday season filled with love, warmth, and moments of connection. Here's to a Happy New Year, filled with hope and progress.



Glenda's story - [pages 6 and 7](#)

Farewell

TO PROFESSOR ARLENE CHAN AND DR PETER WILLsher

Professor Arlene Chan

In the realm of medicine, you shine so bright,
A beacon of hope, a guiding light,
Professor Arlene Chan, your legacy is clear,
A life of compassion, knowledge, and cheer.

From Melbourne's halls, you embarked on your quest,
With AM, MBBS, and FRACP, you're the best,
A Master of Medicine in Palliative Care,
You showed the world how deeply you care.

In Toronto, you delved into breast cancer's domain,
Gathering knowledge, expertise, and strength to sustain,
Back to Australia, where your heart did reside,
At Royal Perth Hospital, your skills multiplied.

An academic breast oncologist since '99,
You've shone in the field, a brilliant mind,
At Curtin University, you share your wisdom with grace,
Guiding future doctors in this challenging space.

Director of Trials, Hollywood Private's pride,
Your work in breast cancer, a relentless stride,
Vice-Chair of BCRC-WA, you lead,
A champion for patients, their every need.

Over 110 trials, you've overseen and led,
A path of progress, where hope is spread,
Pharmaceutical guidance, and publications galore,
Your contribution to medicine, we truly adore.

More than 200 publications, your knowledge unfurled,
In the language of research, you spoke to the world,
170 conferences, where your voice did resound,
A testament to the expertise that you've found.

Understanding therapeutic response, your quest,
To conquer breast cancer, to give patients their best,
Optimizing care, both early and late,
Your dedication and passion truly are great.

Data collection systems, patient outcomes you measure,
In the realm of clinical research, you're a true treasure,
Western Australian of the Year, a well-deserved title,
Your accomplishments and expertise, truly vital.

Professor Arlene Chan, as you bid us adieu,
Your legacy will forever continue to renew,
In the hearts of patients and colleagues, your name,
A symbol of hope, in the fight against breast cancer's flame.

Your compassion, expertise, and dedication,
Have left an indelible mark on this generation,
As you embark on a new chapter in life's grand scheme,
Know that your legacy shines on, like a beautiful dream.



Professor Arlene Chan



Dr Peter Willsher

From Melbourne's halls, you emerged, a medical soul,
With MBBS, DM, and FRACS, your expertise took control,
A specialist in breast diseases, a true guiding force,
Navigating through challenges with skill, of course.

In the UK's Nottingham, you honed your art,
A Clinical and Research Fellow, a significant part,
A Doctorate of Medicine, a testament to your quest,
Understanding breast cancer, the biological bequest.

Mount Sinai in Toronto witnessed your surgical grace,
A Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery, a new phase,
An award from the American College of Surgeons, so grand,
International Guest Scholar, a recognition truly unplanned.

Back home in Australia, at Hollywood Private, you reside,
A beacon of hope for patients, on you they confide,
Your surgical hands, steady and sure,
Providing solace and healing, forever pure.

Around a hundred abstracts and papers bear your name,
In the world of research, you played a vital game,
Two book chapters, a legacy of knowledge profound,
In the realm of surgery, your expertise knows no bound.

A Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons true,
Your commitment to excellence, a virtue that grew,
At Hollywood Private, your surgical haven,
For BCRC-WA patients, a sanctuary given.

As you step into the realm of a well-earned reprieve,
Know that your impact, like ripples in a tranquil eve,
Will resonate in the lives you've touched, so deep,
In the hearts of those healed, your memory will forever keep.



The PRC Team with Professor Chan and Dr Willsher



Amanda Goddard, Prof Chan, Dr Willsher and Cath Griffiths

PYNKS MORNING TEA

with Professor Chan

On October 26, the Perth Breast Cancer Institute at BCRC-WA hosted the PYNKS Farewell Morning Tea to thank Professor Arlene Chan. Many PYNKS members, who had been under Prof Chan's care for years, gathered to express their appreciation before her retirement.

The boardroom, typically a space for more serious discussions, was packed to the brim with PYNKS. The atmosphere was sincere, reflecting the impact she has had on everyone in that room.

In a practical gesture, some of the ladies seized the opportunity to fundraise during the event. They showcased and sold handcrafted smocked dresses.

The PYNKS Farewell Morning Tea served as a straightforward yet heartfelt tribute to Prof Chan's impactful career. It was a moment to bid farewell to a respected oncologist and recognize the collective journey of the PYNKS under her guidance.



Note



As we mark the one-year anniversary of my tenure as CEO of Breast Cancer Research Centre - WA, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've undertaken together. This past year has been filled with milestones, challenges, and most importantly, kindness and dedication from our community.

The past few months have been bittersweet as we prepared to bid farewell to two remarkable pillars of our organization: Professor Arlene Chan and Dr. Peter Willsher. They have decided to embark on a well-deserved retirement. Their contributions to breast cancer treatment and research have been nothing short of extraordinary, and their departure leaves behind a legacy that will inspire and guide us for years to come.

As we navigate this transition, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our donors, whose generosity has been the lifeblood of our organization. Your support has enabled us to push boundaries, fund innovative research, and provide crucial resources for those affected by breast cancer. Together, we are making strides toward a future free from the impact of this disease.

To our incredible fundraisers, thank you for your dedicated efforts in organizing events and campaigns that unite our community in support of our cause. Your creativity and commitment have not only raised crucial funds but also strengthened community bonds.

Your names shine brightly on the back page of this newsletter, a testament to the impact each of you has made.

To our patients, your strength and resilience inspire us every day. Your stories fuel our commitment to advancing research and improving outcomes. I assure you that your well-being remains at the forefront of our mission, and we will continue to work tirelessly to enhance the lives of those touched by breast cancer.

A special thank you is also due to our dedicated staff, specialists, and volunteers. Your passion and expertise drive our progress, and your unwavering commitment is the backbone of our success. It is a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated team, and I am continually inspired by the collective effort to make a difference.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that await us and the impact we will continue to make together. As we bid farewell to the past year, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the bonds strengthened, and the shared commitment to our cause.

BCRC-WA RAISES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AT DELOITTE AND SOUTH 32

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The Breast Cancer Research Centre - WA (BCRC-WA) recently brought a wave of awareness and support to the Perth offices of Deloitte and South 32. Guided by the dynamic trio of CEO Sarah Fordham, clinical psychologist Françoise Ballantyne, and oncology fellow Brendan Kirwin, the sessions focused on breast cancer awareness, early detection, and how to have conversations with colleagues or family members impacted by breast cancer.

This collaborative effort exemplifies how organisations can play a pivotal role in raising awareness about critical health issues, ultimately making a positive impact on the lives of individuals and communities.

BCRC-WA were invited to present to both global and local staff members as part of Deloitte and South32's staff wellbeing and education programs. Employees from diverse locations such as South Africa, South America, Northern Queensland and the Pilbara joined the sessions via video conference.

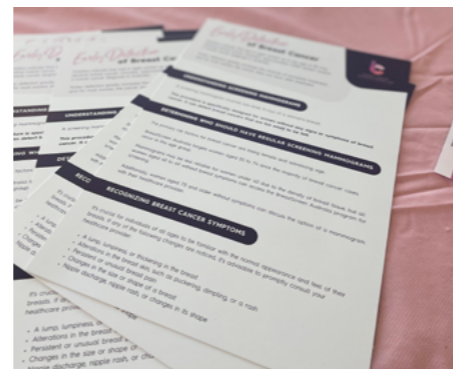
Leaders and teammates shared their personal breast cancer stories,

emphasising the importance of early detection, survival and the supportive impact their colleagues can have during their treatment.

BCRC-WA want to thank these organisations and the brave women within them who championed these events in an effort to increase awareness of this disease, raise funds for BCRC-WA and highlight the importance of solidarity among colleagues.

If you would like copies of BCRC-WA's Early Detection of Breast Cancer pamphlets, please contact info@bcrc-wa.com.au or ask a staff member at your next appointment.

Perth Offices



Above and Beyond



Abstract Physio

Recommended by Amanda Goddard, BCRC-WA Advanced Breast Care Nurse

I first crossed paths with Tracey from Abstract Physio during an informative session with members of the PYNKS support group for metastatic patients. Since then, several of our PYNKS members have continued their journeys with Tracey, and the feedback has been nothing short of inspiring.

Abstract Physio, led by the remarkable Tracey Harvey, is a sanctuary of healing and hope. Tracey is not just a physiotherapist; she's an exercise physiologist, an ALA Lymphoedema Therapist, a Pinc&Steel Oncology Physiotherapist, and believe it or not, a professional artist. She's woven together these talents and qualifications to create an environment that feels more like an art gallery than a rehabilitation centre.

Tracey offers personalized 1:1 physiotherapy and lymphoedema consultations, ensuring that each individual receives tailored care. If you're looking to regain your strength and fitness, the "Next Step" program features small group exercise classes designed just for that purpose. And for those of you seeking a more holistic approach to

About PYNKS

PYNKS is BCRC-WA's support group for patients with metastatic breast cancer. The group is free and open to Perth Breast Cancer Institute (PBCI) patients. Please visit our website to register or email jess.danti@bcrc-wa.com.au for more information.

WELL-BEING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BCRC-WA STAFF

well-being, the "Live Laugh Move Play" classes blend relaxation, art, and exercise in a supportive group setting that's simply uplifting.

From what I've heard from the PYNKS, it's clear that Abstract Physio's evidence-based programs and Tracey's uplifting approach are making a real difference in the lives of our patients.

For more information and to explore the myriad of services offered by Abstract Physio, simply head over to their website at abstractphysio.com.au.



Amanda Goddard

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Barney & Steve



Barney, the golden retriever with a heart as golden as his fur, a volunteer at Hollywood Hospital, has become the newest member of the BCRC-WA family. His mission is simple but powerful: to bring joy and comfort to the men and women in the waiting rooms of the Breast Cancer Research Centre - WA.

With his wagging tail and gentle demeanour, Barney effortlessly transforms the atmosphere of any room he enters. The automatic sense of happiness he brings is nothing short of magical, providing a momentary escape and emotional support to those navigating challenging times.

Behind the scenes, ensuring that Barney's therapeutic magic happens seamlessly, is Steve, a caretaker equally as friendly and compassionate. Six years ago, Steve's son welcomed Barney into their family, and from the very beginning, Barney exhibited a calm and friendly nature. This inherent disposition makes him the perfect candidate for a therapy dog, spreading positivity wherever he goes.

Together, Barney and Steve form a dynamic duo dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those facing health challenges. Through their volunteer work, they remind us of the healing power that a furry friend and a kind-hearted human can bring, even in the midst of difficult moments.





GLENDA'S STORY

of Hope

Those extra years of life have enabled me to see both of my children marry and have children. I now have 4 wonderful grandchildren.

Diagnosis

In 2005 I was living and working in Newman in the Pilbara when I noticed excessive sweat under my right armpit after my daily walk. This continued every day so I went to see my GP. He referred me to a surgeon in Port Hedland which was 450kms away. Before the appointment, the surgeon ordered an ultrasound that could only be done in Karratha 600 km away. Just before I headed off for the appointment in Karratha, I got word that a radiographer was passing through my hometown, Newman so I could have the scan done there.

Next, I drove up to Hedland to see the surgeon, only to find that my scan results hadn't turned up. Frustrated, he said that no matter what the rules were he was going to refer me to Perth as these things just couldn't be handled properly in the regions. As I had private health insurance, he referred me to a doctor at the Mount Hospital who he went to university with. I was able to get subsidised travel through the WA government, Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) to fly to Perth for assessment.

The testing done at the Mount Hospital revealed there was breast cancer. I was referred to the Breast Surgeon, Dr Ingram because he worked with an oncologist Dr Arlene Chan. Dr Ingram suggested I see Dr Chan first because chemotherapy could reduce the size of the tumour and make subsequent surgery easier.

On my first consultation with Arlene, she suggested I could be eligible for a clinical trial but as part of that, there would be extensive baseline testing including a PET scan. Two weeks later when I saw Arlene for the results, I remember she said "Do you want to hear the good news or the bad news?" The bad news was that the PET scan had shown that the cancer had metastasised to the neck which was confirmed by biopsy, so I would no longer be eligible for that clinical trial. However, the good news was, "I have another clinical trial that you can be part of". The new trial was an international trial using Herceptin which was not then available in Australia on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

My breast cancer treatment journey had begun having access to world-class clinical trials was working for me from the start.

Relocating to Perth

Although I was keen to get started on my treatment, the clinical trial required chemotherapy every week. This made continuing to live in Newman very difficult. I had to take leave from my job, leave my husband behind and stay in Perth for an indefinite period to undertake chemotherapy. Staying with my kids in a 2 bedroom unit wasn't feasible. So I had to rent a unit in Perth and buy a car so that I could commute weekly to the Mount Hospital where treatment took place in those days.

Undergoing treatment as part of a clinical trial

My diagnosis was HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer.

So on the 26th October 2005, I commenced chemotherapy. The clinical trial involved a combination of several treatments. In this trial, the chemotherapy, Herceptin was given by infusion weekly.

The first 6 months were hard. I suffered all the normal side effects... my hair fell out, I suffered from nausea, diarrhoea and fatigue. Dr Chan was positive though and this kept me positive as well.

After 6 months, I felt able to return to work. I couldn't go back to my job in Newman though because of the need for weekly chemotherapy. I was lucky that I was able to negotiate a job in the Head Office of the WA Department of Training and Workforce Development. The job was at a lower level than I had worked in Newman but it suited my health level, given that I still became fatigued by the end of the day. After 6 months back at work, the Department offered me an interesting job role at a higher level which I felt I could now cope with. They agreed that I could leave work early every Monday and go for Chemo.

This routine continued for the next 8 years. The trial was finalised and the results were reported in 2013. I was in the top 5% of respondents in the world to this treatment.

In 2014 at a multidisciplinary case conference with the surgeon and radiologist, it was decided that as I had responded so well to the chemotherapy, that I would not have surgery or radiation treatment for my cancer. So, Dr Chan continued with the infusions of Herceptin but I moved from having chemo once a week to the more normal 3 weekly doses.



Another Breast Cancer

Luckily for me, Dr Chan continued to monitor the effectiveness of my treatment. I had regular, CT scans, mammograms and ultrasounds of both breasts. In 2018 this regular screening picked up another unrelated early stage cancer in my left breast. This time I had surgery to remove the tumour followed by radiation treatment. No chemotherapy was needed for this one. I did have to take hormone tablets for the next 5 years though.

Cure for Metastatic Breast Cancer

When I went for my annual review in late 2021, Dr Chan surprised me by saying that after 16 years of regular chemotherapy, she regarded me as being cured of the metastatic breast cancer. I was sceptical and asked she keep reviewing me annually. However, all of my subsequent scans including PET scans have shown no evidence of disease.

I have a lot to thank Dr Arlene Chan for. Those extra years of life have enabled me to see both of my children marry and have children. I now have 4 wonderful grandchildren. My treatment has allowed me to be present in their lives and have the joy of seeing the next generation grow and learn. I look forward to spending more years with my precious family.



Medical update:

CDK 4/6 INHIBITORS



Cyclin Dependent Kinase 4/6 inhibitors or CDK4/6 inhibitors are a type of medication which is effective against hormone receptor positive breast cancer. One of the hallmarks of cancer is uncontrolled cell replication which allows the cancer to grow and spread. CDK 4/6 inhibitors block the cell replication pathway in cancer cells preventing any further growth and allowing your body's immune system to recognize the cancer and kill it allowing shrinkage.

There are three medications in the CDK4/6 inhibitor class: Abemaciclib, Palbociclib and Ribociclib. Large international trials have shown they are all very effective against metastatic hormone receptor positive breast cancer in combination with hormone therapy (Letrozole, Anastrozole or Exemestane). Based on international guidelines these are now the gold standard first treatment of choice for patients with metastatic hormone receptor positive breast cancer.

These medications are not chemotherapy and are a tablet which can be taken at home. There are some similarities and differences in the side effects of each of them. All three can cause low white cell and other blood counts so this needs regular monitoring especially in the first few months after commencing. Ribociclib can cause nausea and can affect the electrical conduction in the heart so most patients require an ECG (Heart trace) prior to starting. Abemaciclib can cause diarrhoea but this is usually manageable with supportive medication. Palbociclib can cause mouth ulcers but this is uncommon.

Due to their success in the metastatic setting, further trials have been undertaken to see if they are effective treatments for early breast cancer as an adjuvant therapy (treatment after the patient has had surgery). We enrolled a number of women to these trials here at BCRC-WA. The research is ongoing but for high risk breast cancers, Abemaciclib and Ribociclib seem to be effective

treatments in preventing the cancer from recurring (coming back). The applications are currently in process but we are hopeful that these medications will be listed on the PBS next year and be available to patients around Australia.

As mentioned CDK 4/6 inhibitors are now the standard first line treatment for hormone receptor positive metastatic breast cancer. However, progress sometimes leads to more questions. There is currently no standard treatment to use after the cancer becomes resistant to CDK4/6 inhibitors and it is currently the oncologist's choice on which treatment they think will be most effective.

One of my roles as clinical research fellow at BCRC-WA has been to investigate this question by examining how effective second line treatment after CDK4/6 inhibitors has been for women treated at BCRC-WA and if there is a front runner for which is more effective. The analysis is still ongoing and I'm hopeful to be able to present the results next year.

CDK4/6 inhibitors aren't appropriate treatments for all types of breast cancer but are another tool in our toolkit. They can invoke excellent long term responses with some women at BCRC-WA commencing these medications in 2015 and remain on them to this day with no evidence of cancer growth.

**Dr Brendan Kirwin
MBBS FRACP**

PERTH RADIOLOGICAL CLINIC (PRC) PROUD TO SUPPORT FUNDRAISER FOR

Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA

Perth Radiological Clinic (PRC) proudly announces the results of their recent fundraising campaign in support of Breast Cancer Research Centre-WA (BCRC-WA). As part of their commitment to community well-being, PRC has raised an astounding \$15,570 during October, with a contribution of \$10 for each mammogram conducted.

Throughout the month of October, the PRC team donned pink scrubs and BCRC-WA pins, creating a vibrant atmosphere that underscores their dedication. The clinics organized morning tea events, fostering community engagement, and actively encouraged patients to schedule their mammograms while supporting BCRC-WA.

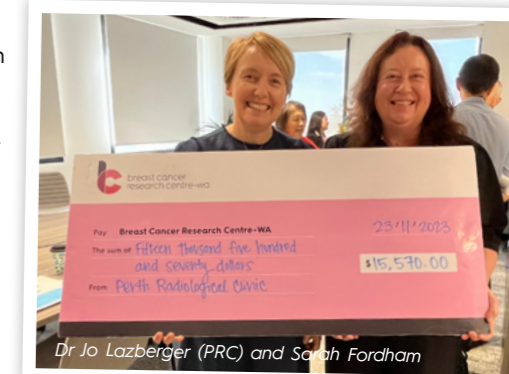
PRC Partner and Breast Radiologist Dr Joanne Lazberger says "It's our absolute privilege to assist BCRC-WA and their tireless efforts in supporting those impacted by breast cancer. Our long-standing relationship has had a great impact, particularly in strengthening the message around the importance of early detection."

Since 2015, PRC has been a supporter of BCRC-WA, actively participating in the shared mission to advance breast cancer research and awareness. "We take this opportunity to wish Professor Chan and Dr Peter Willsher all the best for their well deserved retirement, and look forward to continuing to support the BCRC-WA team going forward."

BCRC-WA CEO Sarah Fordham expressed, "The collaboration with PRC has been invaluable to our operations. Their support extends beyond financial contributions, enhancing our ability to provide comprehensive care. The proximity in the same building streamlines imaging processes, fostering a seamless experience for both patients and our dedicated staff."

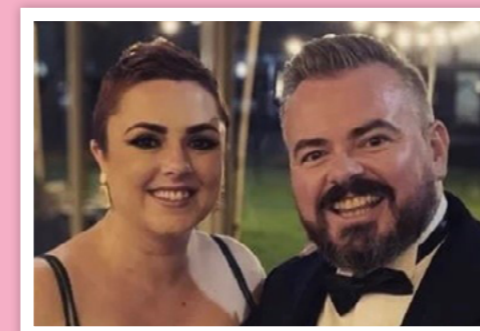
The longstanding partnership between PRC and BCRC-WA has now resulted in a cumulative fundraising total exceeding \$90,000. This achievement is a testament to the enduring commitment of PRC to contribute meaningfully to the ongoing efforts to understand, prevent, and treat breast cancer.

As PRC looks to the future, the clinic, celebrating its 75th year, remains dedicated to pioneering initiatives that support the fight against breast cancer. The success of this year's campaign serves as a testament to the power of collective action and the positive impact that organizations like PRC can have when driven by a shared commitment to making a difference.



2023 COMMONWEALTH BANK STAFF FOUNDATION

Community Grant



We're thrilled to share the fantastic news! For the second year in a row, we've been chosen as a recipient of the 2023 Commonwealth Bank Staff Foundation Community Grant. This year, we've been awarded \$10,000 to support our vital work within the community.

A heartfelt Thank You to all the dedicated CommBank staff members who participate in Workplace Giving. Your generosity and commitment have made this grant possible.

We want to extend a special shoutout to Paul Massie for nominating us once again. Stories like his and his fiancée Richelle's continue to inspire and motivate us.

ANH-VAN'S PEARL FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Raised \$5,105

When you walk into Suite 407, you may have noticed a small vase with gemmed flowers. Amidst the beauty, there lies a heartwarming story of Anh-Van's dedication to raising funds for Breast Cancer Research Centre - WA during October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Anh-Van's handmade pearl flower arrangements, including a 3D-printed vase, are not only a testament to her artistic talent but also serve a philanthropic purpose.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Anh but also to her supportive friends and family who have rallied and raised \$5,105 for BCRC-WA.



PAN PACIFIC PERTH'S HIGH TEA WITH HEART

Raised \$1,840

Pan Pacific Perth's High Tea with Heart event returned for its second year on October 22, 2023, creating a delightful blend of elegance and charity. Sponsored prizes, including a \$250 Uma Restaurant voucher, added excitement to the occasion.

BCRC-WA CEO Sarah Fordham emphasised the importance of breast health awareness and the mission of the Breast Cancer Research Centre - Western Australia (BCRC-WA). Guest speaker Julianne Sullivan, a breast cancer survivor turned wellness coach, shared her inspiring journey.

The event drew an impressive turnout and raised \$1,839, showcasing the community's commitment to supporting breast health initiatives. A big thanks to Pan Pacific Perth, the organisers, sponsors, and attendees for contributing to this impactful event.



Julianne Sullivan, Sarah Fordham and Pan Pacific Marketing Manager, Karlee Walker

PARTY IN PINK ZUMBATHON

Raised \$4,757

The 4th Annual Party in Pink Zumbathon took place on October 7, 2023 and raised \$4757 for BCRC-WA! Fifteen incredible local Zumba instructors from all around Perth led over 1.5 hours of high-energy, pumping tracks that got everyone moving and grooving!

Thank you to the organizers, instructors and all of the participants. Let's keep dancing for a brighter, healthier future!

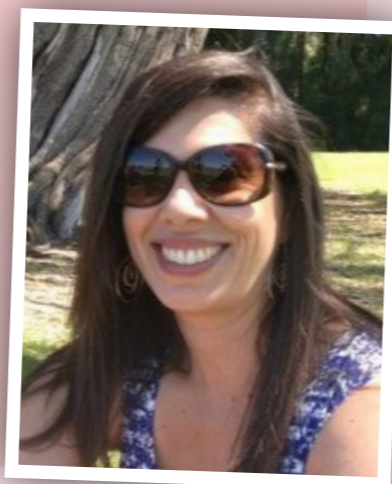


SUSANNA'S LEGACY FUNDRAISER

Raised over \$11,000

In remembrance of Susanna, her cherished legacy lives on through an annual fundraiser organised by her friends and family every October.

This year, the heartfelt efforts garnered \$6,190 through MyCause, supplemented by an additional sum of approximately \$5,000 raised during their traditional morning tea fundraiser. The enduring generosity of Susanna's dedicated tribe is profoundly appreciated, as it continues to make a meaningful impact in honouring her memory.



FLOREAT LADIES GOLF CLUB FUNDRAISER

Raised \$953

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CLAIRE'S VIRTUAL HIKE CHALLENGE

Raised \$1,430

The strength and resilience of Claire, a former patient of BCRC-WA, moved us. As a show of thanks to BCRC-WA, she and her friends embarked on a mission to give back during Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a Virtual Hike Challenge! They successfully raised \$1,430 for BCRC-WA.

What was the Challenge?

Claire and her friends took on the monumental feat of climbing the stairs at Whitford Nodes, all with the ambitious goal of virtually summiting a peak! Bluff Knoll, a majestic peak, took 52 climbs of stairs to match this incredible summit!



BREMER BAY TENNIS CLUB PINK DAY FUNDRAISER

Raised \$335

The incredible Bremer Bay Tennis Club aced it on and off the court, hosting their annual 'Pink Day' to raise awareness for breast cancer. Members sported a splash of pink, with some going all out with pink hair and beards!

We're overwhelmed with joy to share that they hit the perfect serve and aced generosity by donating the fantastic sum of \$355 to support BCRC-WA. Thank you to the club and to everyone who participated.



Thank you

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