

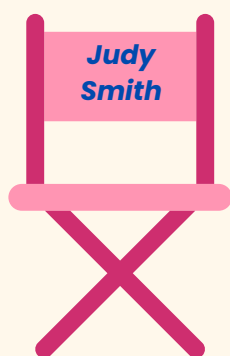


# NTBCV NEWSLETTER

June 2023

## OUR MISSION

"NTBCV aims to ensure the continual improvement of services and conditions for all Territorians affected by a breast cancer diagnosis."



### A word from our Chairperson

So much has happened in the last couple of months.

As members on our email list receiving this e-Newsletter some of you will have been able to attend our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception in Parliament House generously hosted by our Chief Minister, the Honourable Natasha Fyles MLA. It was great to see a real mix of longer term members and newer members – some familiar faces and some new faces.

It was also gratifying to have some wonderful testimonials sent through from some of our amazing foundational supporters, who were only too willing to lend a hand and encourage us in those early days. Many fond memories were shared.

Thank you also to Michelle Hanton OAM (a Founding Member) for travelling from Queensland to share her perspective in our celebrations.

25 years, an amazing achievement – but still work to be done in the advocacy arena!

## Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) Forum

For those who were able to attend the BCNA Forum the day after our Reception a good assortment of presentations from a variety of local health professionals covered off on both early diagnosis breast cancers and metastatic breast cancer, including personal perspectives from 2 of our locals.

The afternoon sessions included Allied Health services including Lymphoedema support services and Physiotherapy and Hydrotherapy.

It was good to see that some of those who were unable to attend the NTBCV Forum in October last year did manage to take advantage of the BCNA Forum. More importantly, it was really good to connect with BCNA on home ground and to make some enduring personal connections.

# Lymphoedema Think Tank

Early July, 3 of our members will be attending a Think Tank, "Improving lymphoedema care in Australia – identifying key priorities". This is being organised through Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute, Flinders University, South Australia.

They will be looking at the position of services, especially barriers to care delivery and how those afflicted could be supported better, especially those who have difficulties due to living remotely.

There are considerable inequities across the country! The intention will be to progress the findings to a national inquiry and subsequently hopefully an improvement across the board.

Any members who would like to comment/have any input please email by the end of June to [ntbcvdarwin@gmail.com](mailto:ntbcvdarwin@gmail.com)

## Open General Meeting

**DATE:** Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**VENUE:** Luke Gosling's Electorate Office in Casuarina  
*–limited parking out the front but plenty of parking across the road in the carpark near Woolworths*

**TIME:** 10.00am

**Please indicate if you plan to attend so we have an idea of numbers and can plan accordingly.**

An email has already gone out advising members that an Open General Meeting is being planned with Chloe Oliver, Clinical Psychologist as a guest speaker. Chloe has agreed to speak to an NTBCV General Meeting.

## Management Committee

June 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next Management Committee meeting. We are currently working on a calendar of events for the remainder of the year which will hopefully include an activity focussed session and another Open meeting with a guest speaker. Please forward any ideas or preferences to [ntbcvdarwin@gmail.com](mailto:ntbcvdarwin@gmail.com)

There are currently a few Management Committee positions vacant. We would be grateful for any expressions of interest. Please direct queries or expressions of interest to [ntbcvdarwin@gmail.com](mailto:ntbcvdarwin@gmail.com)

This may be handy for some of our members



A reasonably priced purchase for those who have to deal with a PICC or IV Line and trying to shower without the site getting wet.

One of our members has just purchased one and has found it to be very practical and useful.

Even better quite reasonably priced – around \$42.00 for the large size including postage.

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