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Janet Brook, Chief Radiographer at BreastScreen WA retired on 17th November 2017. Janet joined the program permanently as a screening radiographer in 1993, when Mirrabooka was established as the second fixed metropolitan clinic. In 1996 Janet was appointed as a Senior Radiographer responsible for Training and Quality Assurance and in 2012 she became Chief Radiographer of the program.

In her 24 years with BSWA, Janet has played a major role in many and varied aspects of the program, one being the successful expansion of the program. In 1993 there were 2 metropolitan clinics and now there are 11 fixed sites including Bunbury. Janet was here when BSWA celebrated its millionth screening mammogram and also its 2 millionth screening mammogram.

The transition from analogue to digital technology was a significant and challenging project for the program and Janet's leadership during this time ensured not only that the transition went smoothly, but that staff felt supported and confident in embracing the change. Service delivery disruptions were kept to a minimum and this benefited the most important people in the program, the women attending for their screening mammograms.

Janet has represented BSWA on professional committees, such as the Medical Imaging Advisory Panel of ASMIRT (Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Technologists), and as a committee member on ASMIRT's WA Branch. She was also jointly responsible for ensuring that BSWA's training program for radiographers is accredited by ASMIRT. On a national level, Janet has been a member of BreastScreen Australia's Clinical Advisory Committee.

The WA Branch would like to recommend Janet Brook to the ASMIRT Board of Directors for the Nicholas Outterside award.