

BOSOM BUDDIES NEWSLETTER

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Good Afternoon Ladies,

Our next meeting is next Tuesday 13th June. We have Shannon Short coming to speak about exercise and BC.
We meet from 10AM – 12 NOON AT THE BATHURST RSL. Some ladies also like to stay and share lunch at the RSL.

Support women with metastatic breast cancer – sign our petition now

We need your help to have a vital new drug added to the PBS.

Palbociclib (also called Ibrance) is used to treat hormone receptor positive, HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer. It has been shown to extend the length of time before cancer spreads, and does not result in common cancer treatment side effects such as hair loss and nausea.

Currently palbociclib is not approved for sale in Australia. The only way Australian women can get palbociclib is to participate in a clinical trial or buy it from one of the 52 countries overseas where it is currently available.

Those who have missed out on a clinical trial can pay up to \$10,000 a month for palbociclib. For example, BCNA member Carolyn has spent around \$100,000 of her superannuation funds buying the drug from overseas.

I am grateful that I have been able to get it up until now but cannot keep paying for it for much longer. It breaks my heart to think of so many other Australian women who know it's there but can't get access to it. – Carolyn

Help women like Carolyn who need this vital new drug on the PBS – sign our petition today.

SIGN OUR PETITION NOW

<https://www.bcna.org.au/about-us/advocacy/current-advocacy-issues/palbociclib-petition/>

The Encore Program in Bathurst will run again on 11th October. YWCA Encore is a program for women who have been through or going through breast cancer, it is Water based program to help with flexibility and gentle exercise. **Please ring either Ann 6331 5217 or Carole 6336 9116 for information regarding enrolling in this program.** I highly recommend it.

The Latest copy of the Beacon can be read here..

http://beacon.bcna.org.au/?utm_source=MayEDM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Beacon79

Meeting Dates for 2017

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12noon at the Bathurst RSL, unless it says outing.

13th June - Bathurst RSL

11th July - Outing TBC

8th August - Bathurst RSL

12th September - Outing TBC

10th October - Bathurst RSL

14th November - Bathurst RSL

12th December - Outing TBC



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