



In memory of our founder Dr Ros Worthington

STATEMENT

7 October 2024

Breast Cancer Care WA (BCCWA) is deeply saddened to hear about the passing of our founder, Dr Ros Worthington OAM. With admiration and gratitude, we remember Ros as a visionary leader whose dedication to championing causes and supporting West Australians with breast cancer has left a significant mark on our community.

Today, we extend our deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.

In 2000, Ros established BCCWA, drawing from her personal experiences with chronic breast disease, including a mastectomy at the age of 34. Over the years, BCCWA has evolved from grassroots support into one of Western Australia's most successful charities, raising over \$40 million to assist thousands of West Australians facing breast cancer and their families.

BCCWA understands Ros's personal choice regarding Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) and her decision to allow a documentary film crew to capture her end-of-life journey following her unexpected lung and brain cancer diagnosis in July 2024. While we honour her choices, BCCWA remains neutral and committed to supporting our clients as they explore all their healthcare options. We believe in empowering everyone to navigate their decisions and make the best choices for themselves.

As we honour Ros's memory, we celebrate the wonderful legacy she leaves behind—one of hope and unwavering commitment to making a difference.

In 2025, to mark the 25th anniversary of BCCWA, we will host a special community event in her honour. We will always remember Ros as a powerhouse of compassion and her influence will continue through our support services at BCCWA.



Available for interview Max Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, BCCWA
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