

The Information Day has been organised in collaboration with Pink Hope and Breast Cancer Network Australia

## Testimonials

**Carmen:** "My younger sister and I attended the genetic support group in the hope that maybe we could get some answers and information on what to expect. It was an emotional day and bought back a lot of things that I had put to the back of mind, I guess I just wasn't ready to hear it. I think I'm always a little nervous attending such things. However it was wonderful to meet the other women and family members who all shared these emotions. It's so important to know you're not alone. I'd like to say thank you for continuing this important work in reaching women with this gene mutation because there is clearly a lack of support out there for families in this position. You have given families information and answers that I believe they truly need to make the informed decisions on how to move forward."

**Gillian:** "As I am at the beginning of my journey I found it a reassuring and relaxing atmosphere where I was able to listen to others' experiences and share my own over a cup of tea and lunch. Within this group my feelings were validated and I gained from others wisdom and was able to gather information for myself. I didn't feel that I was on such a solo journey."

**Nicholle:** "It's great to be informed and up-dated each year with new information and it is fantastic to talk to other people with similar experiences in a relaxed and caring environment. The group and the room are conducive to speaking your mind and getting things off your chest."

**Laurie:** "Before speaking to other women in my position I felt completely isolated and lost. The coming together of these people enables us to discuss the different aspects of where we are in our journey; it is a reminder that we are not alone."

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# BRCA

You are invited to attend Genetic Alliance Australia's  
**16th Annual Information Day**  
for those living with BRCA1/2/unknown  
gene faults, their families and support people

*Sunday 9th October 2016*

9.30am – 3.00 pm

The Auditorium, L1, Garvan Institute  
of Medical Research, 384 Victoria Street  
Darlinghurst NSW 2010 (entry via Burton Street)



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# BRCA Information Day

In 2001, Genetic Alliance Australia (GA) was approached by a number of people to set up a support group for people living with an inherited gene fault predisposing them to certain cancers.

At the first meeting it was agreed that an annual information day was preferred. Consequently each year, in October, an information seminar has been held.

It is an information day with presentations from doctors, genetic counsellors and individuals. Conducted in an informal setting, the day gives people the opportunity to receive up-to-date information and the chance to share stories, to network and to ask questions.



**Who attends?** Those at higher than population risk of the cancers associated with faults in the genes BRCA1/2/unknown gene faults, their family and support people.

## The 2016 Program SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2016

- 9:30am **Registration**
- 10:00am **Welcome & Review of Annual Information Day**  
Dianne Petrie, OAM, Executive Director, Genetic Alliance Australia
- 10:10am **Gene faults and breakthroughs**  
A/Prof Paul James, Associate Director – Familial Cancer Centre, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne
- 10:40am **New technologies in genetic testing**  
Prof David Thomas, Director – Kinghorn Cancer Centre
- 11:10am **Morning Tea**

- 11:30am **Latest treatments in breast cancer**  
A/Prof Elgene Lim, Oncologist and Laboratory Head – Connie Johnson Breast Cancer Research
- 12:00pm **Cancer risks for men**  
Dr Tom Jarvis, Urologist and Urological Surgeon – Prince of Wales Hospital
- 12:30pm **Personal story**  
Lisa Bunby
- 12:45pm **Lunch**
- 1:30pm **Personal stories**  
Brione Smink, Megan Hambley
- 1:45pm **Discussion forum – A chance to raise issues and concerns / Q & A Panel & Networking**
- 3:00pm **Close**

## Details

**Where:** Garvan Institute of Medical Research

**Time:** 9.30am to 3.00pm

**Cost:** \$50 – includes registration, morning tea, lunch and refreshments

### By train or bus - Transport from the City

**Bus:** 389 from Hyde Park, Park St Stand B Sydney (Stop 200151) drops you right outside the Garvan Institute in Burton St opposite St Vincent's Hospital.

**Train:** Kings Cross Station (Darlinghurst Rd Exit) and then a 10min walk along Victoria Street to the Garvan Institute on the left.

**Parking:** St Vincent's Hospital Public Car Park in Victoria St (\$8 for 1 hr, \$12 for 1½hrs and \$19 for 3hrs, \$22 for 4hrs, 4+ \$28). Limited metered street parking.

## Who is GA?

Genetic Alliance Australia is a tax-deductible Registered Charity formed in 1988 to provide peer support and information for individuals and families living with a rare genetic condition. GA provides the opportunity for people who are experiencing a similar or the same genetic condition to make contact with each other.

# BRCA Info Day Registration

To attend, please complete and return by 30th September 2016:

**Cost: \$50 per person** includes registration, lunch and refreshments. Payment must be made before attending.

Participant 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Please name the Familial Cancer Clinic you attend  
(This helps avoid receiving a number of invitations, and for future planning and analysis we would be grateful if you could note the name of the Family Cancer Clinic that you are associated with on the registration forms)

Keep me informed about future events?  Yes  No

Comments/Questions/Issues?  
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