

**Bursary Report- Symposium Mammographicum 2025, Bournemouth, UK**

I would like to sincerely thank the trustees for awarding me a bursary to attend Symposium Mammographicum 2025 in Bournemouth. It was an incredibly valuable experience that expanded my professional knowledge and provided an excellent opportunity to connect with international colleagues.

From the moment I arrived at the conference, I was impressed by the organisation and the warm hospitality of the UK breast imaging community. It was inspiring to be surrounded by such a passionate and dedicated group of professionals. I particularly valued the opportunity to share ideas and compare practices with fellow radiographers. These conversations made me reflect on my own service in Australia and consider ways we might innovate or adapt.

The entire programme was outstanding, with every session offering relevant and thought-provoking content. Two sessions that particularly stood out to me were 'Wellbeing in the Workplace' and 'How to adjust your screening practice to ensure equity in neurodiverse clients'.

The wellbeing session was a timely reminder of the importance of supporting mental health and job satisfaction. It offered practical strategies to encourage a positive workplace culture, something I believe is essential for both staff retention and the delivery of high-quality care.

The neurodiversity session was equally impactful. It provided clear, practical guidance on how to adapt communication styles, environments, and appointment processes to make breast screening services more inclusive and accessible. This is an area gaining more attention within our service, and I believe there is significant opportunity to improve client experiences by adopting many of the approaches discussed.

The presentation on sustainability in breast imaging was also very insightful, challenging us to consider how we can reduce our environmental footprint in our service while maintaining service quality. This is something I will be discussing with my colleagues to explore how we might implement similar initiatives in our own department.

I found learning about advanced and consultant radiographer roles very valuable and interesting. This is something we currently do not offer in Australia. It was inspiring to see how these roles support both the radiographers' professional development and improve service delivery.

I really enjoyed exploring the posters and exhibitor stands. It was exciting to see all the new research and practical tools that could help improve our everyday work.

I would highly recommend Symposium Mammographicum to others in the breast imaging field. This conference was both educational and inspiring.

Once again, thank you to the trustees for making this experience possible. I am confident that the knowledge and connections I have gained will have a lasting impact on my professional development.

Kind Regards,

Jane Brooks  
Chief Radiographer,  
St Vincent's BreastScreen, Victoria, Australia