BOOBLIOGRAPHY

Biopsy	Removal of tissue by a needle that is then examined under a microscope.
BRCA1 & BRCA 2	A mutated BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene can be inherited from either parent and means a carrier has a much higher risk of developing breast cancer [and some other cancers] compared with the general population.
Breast Tissue	A collection of fat cells that extends from the collarbone, across under the arm and down to the middle of the ribcage. All genders have breast tissue.
Chemotherapy	A treatment that destroys cancer cells. It is chemotherapy treatment that can lead to a loss of hair for a cancer patient.
Genes	Biological information we inherit from our parents, affecting the way we look and how our bodies work and grow.
Hormones	Chemical messengers that regulate growth and reproduction.
Lumpectomy	A surgical procedure to remove a lump believed to be cancerous.
Mammogram	A breast x-ray.
Mastectomy	Removal of all the breast tissue including the nipple area.
Oncologist	A doctor who specialises in cancer.
Prosthesis	An artificial breast used to restore shape when part or all of the breast has been removed.
Radiotherapy	A treatment that uses high energy x-rays to destroy cancer cells.
Reconstruction	Surgery that rebuilds the breast shape after all or part of the breast has been removed.
Remission	When signs and symptoms of a disease partly or completely disappear. This may be temporary or permanent.
Secondary Breast Cancer	When cancer cells from the breast have spread to other parts of the body such as the bones, lungs, liver or brain. (Also called Stage 4 breast cancer)
Stage	The size of the cancer and how far it has spread.
Terminal	The cancer diagnosis is not treatable and will be life-ending.
Tumour	An overgrowth of cells forming a lump - may be benign (not cancer) or cancer.
Ultrasound scan	Uses high frequency sound waves to produce an image.