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Gawler women offered free breast cancer screening

Free breast cancer screening will be returning to Gawler and the surrounding area, as part of the national breast screening program and proudly supported by the Town of Gawler.

BreastScreen SA will bring its mobile screening unit to Gawler on Monday 1 March and offer free breast cancer screening to women aged 50 to 74-years-old.

The service helps to detect breast cancer at a very early stage which leads to much better health outcomes.

Women aged 40 to 49-years-old and 75 years or older can also attend but are encouraged to speak to their doctor when deciding whether a breast cancer screen is right for them.

The mobile screen unit will be located at the Gawler Showground, in the carpark of the Gawler Sport and Community Centre.

The length of the visit will depend on the number of community members who access the service.

Screening mammograms (breast X-rays) are currently the only clinically proven way to detect breast cancer early before symptoms develop.

Research shows that one in seven Australian women will develop breast cancer before the age of 75, with 90% of those diagnosed having no family history of the disease.

Town of Gawler Mayor Karen Redman encouraged women aged 50 to 74 to make a booking for breast cancer screening.

"We are pleased that this lifesaving initiative will be returning to Gawler once again, making it very easy to access without travelling long distances," she said.

Residents can call 13 20 50 to book or visit www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au to find out more.

BreastScreen SA said "Early detection of breast cancer saved lives. Early detection can maximise the options for simpler treatments and more successful outcomes".

Appointments take as little as 10 minutes and provide women with peace-of-mind about their health. We hope to see as many women as possible visiting the mobile screen unit during our time in Gawler.

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