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BreastScreen van coming to a location near you

The new BreastScreen NSW vans are on the move in Macarthur and will be visiting a location near you soon.

Local women aged 50 and over are encouraged to call now to book their mammogram appointment.

South Western Sydney Local Health District's Chief BreastScreen Radiographer Vicki Green said now was the perfect time for women living and working in the area to take advantage of this important health check.

"Women in NSW currently have a one in eight risk of developing breast cancer in their lifetime," Ms Green said.

"A woman diagnosed with breast cancer in NSW today has among the highest chances of survival in the world. However, we know that early detection is the key to survival.

"The best time to treat breast cancer is when it is small. Without screening, cancers are more likely to be noticed or felt when they are much more advanced.

"Mammograms can locate cancers as small as a pea, so 30 minutes of your time every two years could be life-saving.

"There is a small chance that an abnormality may be detected, and if it is, early detection gives women a much higher survival rate - up to 98 per cent.

"It is vital for all women aged between 50 and 74 to have a mammogram every two years at a BreastScreen NSW van or clinic. It is a free service that could save your life," she said.

The van has private change rooms and all women will be attended to by friendly, female staff. Women can call **13 20 50** to book an appointment. No doctor's referral is needed.

The free BreastScreen NSW mobile van will be located at **Minto Marketplace** from 15 June until 1 July and **Rosemeadow Marketplace** from 27 June until 22 July.

In addition, the mobile van will be at Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service in **Airds** from 4 to 6 July 2016.

Women can also book an appointment at BreastScreen's year-round facility at Mawson Centre, 4 Browne St Campbelltown by calling **13 20 50**.