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GREEN VALLEY WELCOMES BREASTSCREEN NSW VAN

Women in Green Valley have better access to free potentially lifesaving breast screening. The BreastScreen NSW mobile van will be at Valley Plaza from 24 February until 15 May, providing free mammograms to eligible women.

A mammogram can pick-up cancers that cannot be seen or felt. In NSW one in seven women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. For women over 50 years, a mammogram is the most effective method of finding breast cancer early.

South Western Sydney Local Health District BreastScreen NSW Clinical Director Dr Patsy Soon said a screening mammogram is one of the most important things women aged 50-74 can do for their health.

“A mammogram every two years takes just 20 minutes and it could save your life,” Dr Soon said.

“Detecting breast cancer early increases your chance of survival while reducing the likelihood of invasive treatment, such as mastectomy or chemotherapy.”

Many women believe they aren't at risk of breast cancer because there's no family history of the disease.

“Around 90 per cent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history. This is why breast cancer screening is so important for all eligible women.”

Dr Soon said having a BreastScreen NSW van in Green Valley made it easier for women to attend their recommended two-yearly screening.

“Bringing these vital services to Green Valley means more local women can participate and get the support they need,” Dr Soon said.

“Life gets busy and we want women to make their health a priority.”

The BreastScreen NSW van is in town from 24 February until 15 May at Valley Plaza, 187 Wilkinson Road. The service is free and there's no referral needed.

BreastScreen NSW mobile vans include the latest digital mammography technology and secure wireless communication system. The NSW Government, through the Cancer Institute NSW, is investing \$62.2 million in breast cancer screening this financial year.

Book a mammogram with BreastScreen NSW phone 13 20 50 or book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au

Year round screening services are available at the BreastScreen NSW clinic at 157 – 161 George St, Liverpool.