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## BreastScreen van coming to Wollondilly Shire

The mobile screening van will visit Picton from 1 - 19 June, at Davidson Lane car park, off Menangle St, near St Mark's Anglican Church.

BreastScreen NSW provides free mammograms to eligible women aged between 50 and 74 across the State.

BreastScreen NSW is taking all necessary measures in relation to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), to protect women, staff and the wider community. This includes:

- Pre-screening questions around personal health and travel
- Limiting the number of people in the clinic/van
- Practising physical distancing and providing hand sanitiser in waiting rooms
- A minimal contact check-in process
- Additional cleaning of equipment and commonly used surfaces.

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

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

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

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

“Bringing these vital services to Picton means more local women can be screened. Life gets busy and we want women to make their health a priority,” Dr Soon said.

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.

To book a mammogram with BreastScreen NSW, call 13 20 50 or visit [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au).