



# BreastScreen van 'Nina' to visit offering free mammograms in Warracknabeal

**BREASTSCREEN** Victoria's Mobile Screening Service will be returning to Warracknabeal this month to provide free breast screens to local women. BreastScreen Victoria's bright pink van, known as 'Nina', will be located at Rural Northwest Health, 18 Dimboola Road from 9 to 31 May.

BreastScreen Victoria CEO, Vicki Pridmore, is encouraging women aged 50 to 74 from Warracknabeal and surrounds to take advantage of the van's visit to town.

"Nina is one of two mobile screening service vans which travel the state throughout the year. This visit to Warracknabeal has been organised to ensure women in this part of Victoria have access to a potentially life-saving mammogram," said Ms Pridmore.

The van was last in town in 2015, which saw 60.7 percent of local women aged 50 to 74 book an appointment. This compares to 52.3 percent of women statewide who screen regularly.

"While this is a fantastic result, more than 500 women in this age group from Warracknabeal and surrounds aren't prioritising regular breast screens. We hope

that bringing the van to Warracknabeal again will make it easier for all women to screen," she said.

"Women will be well looked after by our experienced, senior radiographers. The vans use the highest quality digital radiography machines ensuring that women receive the best service regardless of their proximity to major centres," said Ms Pridmore.

Women aged between 50 and 74 benefit the most from regular breast screens, which are the best way of finding cancer early, before any symptoms are noticeable and when treatment is most successful.

Following the van's visit to Warracknabeal this year, the van will return in 2019. Women aged 50 to 74 will receive a reminder to book their next breast screen shortly before the van returns.

Mammograms with BreastScreen Victoria are free, take 10 minutes and are with a woman. Appointments for the Mobile Screening Service visit to Warracknabeal can be made online at [breastscreen.org.au](http://breastscreen.org.au) or by calling 13 20 50.



• VISITOR: 'Nina' the Breastscreen van will visit Warracknabeal from May 9. Breastscreen Victoria urges all women to take advantage of the van while it is in the district.



• **FREE:** Appointments can be made now for Nina's visit. Appointments are free, take ten minutes and are with a woman.