

Bus offers free screens

NINA is set to pay a visit to Cobden this week.

A BreastScreen Victoria Mobile Screening Service, Nina the van will allow residents the chance to have free breast screens.

BreastScreen Victoria chief executive officer Vicki Pridmore is encouraging women aged 50 to 74 from Cobden and district to take advantage of the van's visit.

"Nina is one of two mobile screening service vans which travel the state throughout the year," she said.

"This one-off visit to Cobden has been organised to ensure women in this part of Victoria have access to a potentially life-saving mammogram.

"BreastScreen has identified that women from Cobden and surrounds are screening below the state average of 52.3 per cent and we hope that bringing the van to Cobden will make it easier for local women to screen."

Women aged between 50 to 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.

Ms Pridmore said women will be "well looked after".

"The vans use the highest quality digital radiography machines ensuring that women receive the best service regardless of their proximity to major centres," she said.

Following the van's visit to Cobden, local women will be invited for two-yearly mammograms at BreastScreen's clinic at St John of God Hospital, Warrnambool.

Mammograms with BreastScreen Victoria are free, take 10 minutes and are with a woman.

Appointments for the Cobden visit, from February 24 to March 10 can be made online at breastscreen.org.au or call 13 20 50.

Nina will be located at the Rodney Grove Community Aquatic Centre on Victoria Street during the visit.



Health check: BreastScreen Victoria will be conducting free checks from its mobile service at Cobden's Rodney Grove Community Aquatic Centre over the next two weeks. 2017L