



# Too many local women not having BreastScreen checks

MORE than 2000 Sale women between the ages of 50 and 74 aren't prioritising regular breast screen checks, recent data shows.

The latest BreastScreen Victoria participation data from 2013-2015 shows more than 56 per cent of local women aged 50 to 69 screen regularly, above the state average of 54 per cent, but a large proportion of Sale's residents aren't screening two-yearly.

BreastScreen Victoria chief executive Vicki Pridmore said women should take advantage of the excellent availability of appointments at Sale's Palmerston St clinic, near Central Gippsland Health Service's pathology unit.

"One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and the early

detection that a breast screen can give offers women the best chance of successful treatment and recovery," said Ms Pridmore.

"A breast screen once every two years could be life saving.

"Sale women should make the most of the available appointments and book now."

BreastScreen Victoria offers a free service for women between the ages of 50 and 74.

Breast screens are free, take 10 minutes and are with a woman.

Appointments at the BreastScreen Victoria clinic at the Central Gippsland Health Service on Palmerston St, Sale can be made online at [breastscreen.org.au](http://breastscreen.org.au) or by calling 13 20 50.