



You're invited

Women
50-74 YEARS
are invited for
free breast screening

BreastScreen
AUSTRALIA

A joint Australian, State and Territory Government Program



The risk of breast cancer increases with age. The incidence of breast cancer is also increasing. That's why the free breast screening program has now been expanded to invite women up to 74 years.

This could possibly detect an
ADDITIONAL 600
breast cancers each year

This will deliver up to **220,000** additional breast screening services to Australian women over four years.

More than **75%** of breast cancers occur in women over 50 and **90%** of women who get breast cancer have no family history. So it's important that you make a breast screening appointment.



PREVALENCE

Among Australian women, breast cancer is the most common cancer and the second most common cause of cancer related deaths. Encouragingly, since the BreastScreen Australia Program was introduced breast cancer deaths have been reduced by a third.

SYMPTOM-FREE DOESN'T MEAN CANCER-FREE

Even if you don't have any breast cancer symptoms, regular screening is still vitally important. It can detect breast cancer **well before** any obvious symptoms appear, such as a lump.

EARLY DETECTION IS THE BEST PROTECTION

Detecting breast cancer early will give you the best chance of beating it. It means less invasive, more effective treatment. Up to **9 out of 10 women survive** thanks to early detection, management and treatment.

BREAST SCREENING IS FREE

If you are aged between 50-74 you should be screened every two years, and the test is **absolutely free**.

NO GP REFERRAL IS REQUIRED

There is **no need** to consult your family doctor or a specialist beforehand. Once you receive your breast-screening invitation, you can call BreastScreen Australia to arrange an appointment at the **screening clinic or mobile unit** closest to your home.

FIND OUT MORE

If you're over 75, talk to your GP or health professional to find out if breast screening is right for you. You can learn more about breast cancer, breast screening and what to expect at your appointment at **australia.gov.au/breastscreen** or call **13 20 50**





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