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Flowers to brighten the day at BreastScreen Queensland

The Nambour Floral Art Society has donated floral posies for women returning to the BreastScreen Queensland clinic at Nambour General Hospital for their assessment on Friday, 18 March 2016.

Promotional Officer for BreastScreen Queensland Sunshine Coast Service, Kelly Hart said the gesture meant a great deal to the women coming in for the assessment clinic.

“One in eight Queensland women will develop breast cancer at some stage in their life. As there is currently no means of preventing breast cancer, the focus in reducing deaths from this disease has been on finding breast cancer as early as possible. For a small number of the women attending the assessment clinic, the results they receive will be life changing,” Ms Hart said.

President of the Nambour Floral Art Society, Sue Fingleton said their group prepared floral posies to give out in random acts of kindness each year, but this was the first time they had chosen specific recipients for their flowers.

After her last breast screen at BreastScreen Queensland Sunshine Coast, Mrs Fingleton was contacted and asked to come in for further tests at the BreastScreen Sunshine Coast assessment clinic.

“I have experienced the stressful emotions of attending the assessment clinic, and I know firsthand how draining it can be,” Mrs Fingleton said.

“I thought to myself how nice it would be for someone to give you flowers when you're at the clinic and feeling so concerned and unsure, to be reminded you are special. We also gave posies to the staff and volunteers at the breast screen clinic. These ladies are amazing and go the extra mile to make you as comfortable as possible.”

Ms Hart said the risk of breast cancer increased with age. Women aged 40 years and over were eligible to attend the BreastScreen program, and women aged 50 to 74 years were encouraged to make an appointment every two years.

There is no need for women to put off this regular health check. It’s quick, simple, convenient and free. A doctor’s referral is not required.

Phone 13 20 50 to make an appointment at one of the BreastScreen Queensland Sunshine Coast services located at Caloundra, Maroochydore, Nambour, Noosaville or Gympie.

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