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BreastScreen's mobile service popular in and around Toowoomba

Local women aged 40 and over are encouraged to take full advantage of BreastScreen Queensland's mobile service when it visits various locations in and around Toowoomba during June, July and August.

Jessica Hobbs, Health Promotion Officer at BreastScreen Queensland's Toowoomba Service said the accessibility of the state-of-the-art digital mobile service provided a great opportunity for local women to look after their health.

"The mobile service has been very well received in and around Toowoomba all year," Ms Hobbs said.

"Over the coming months the mobile service will be at Masters Home Improvement, 471 Hume Street Kearneys Spring, from 2 to 19 June; Northpoint Shopping Centre, Ruthven Street, North Toowoomba, from 22 June to 1 July; Withcott CWA Hall from 8 – 17 July; and Gatton Hospital 27-28 August.

"This is a great opportunity to book in for that first breast screen that you've been promising yourself to have, or to come back for a regular two-yearly screen.

"Given the popularity of the mobile service we recommend you make an appointment as soon as possible."

Ms Hobbs said it was vital for women to make their health a priority and book in for a breast screen.

"One in eight Queensland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and of those 90 per cent will have no family history of the illness," she said.

"That's why we encourage all women aged 40 and over to have a free breast screen every two years, and also be sure to carry out regular breast checks.

"If you find something unusual, or have any concerns about your breast health, see your GP as soon as possible.

"Come and see us at Toowoomba Hospital or make an appointment to visit the mobile service."

Women aged 40 and over should phone 132050 to book a free breast screen. A doctor's referral is not required.

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