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FREE LOCAL BREASTSCREENING

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan MP is reminding local women that Queensland Health conducts free Breast screening for women aged over 40 years right across Queensland and a Doctor's referral is not needed.

The mobile BreastScreen unit will be at Winston Glades Shopping Centre from 10 to 28 April 2006.

Ms Nolan said "we cannot underestimate the importance of early detection. It doesn't take long to have the screening done, and it could save your life".

All women aged 40-49, and 70 years and over are encouraged to have a breast screen every two years, but women aged 50-69 years are especially encouraged.

"At a time when women are busier then ever, screening is imperative given breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed and the most common cause of cancer death among Queensland women," Ms Nolan said.

During 2001, there were 2,182 cases of breast cancer diagnosed among women in Queensland, with 471 Queenslanders dying as a result of the disease.

Over 75% of breast cancers occur in women over 50, and 90% of women who get breast cancer do not have a family history of the disease.

However, the latest data shows that more women are now surviving a diagnosis of breast cancer than in the past. This is due to the early detection of breast cancer through breast screening and improvements in treatment.

"All services have the latest medical technology, as well as friendly experienced staff who understand the needs of women," Ms Nolan said.

Women can arrange a free breast screen by calling 13 20 50, for the cost of a local call, and will be connected to their nearest BreastScreen Queensland Service.