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New home for BreastScreen at Domain

A ‘party planner’ for oldies will be among the first North Queenslanders to get their biannual check-up at BreastScreen Queensland’s new multimillion dollar premises at Domain Central.

‘Floss’ Hanforth, 62, traded in the weather of Yorkshire, UK, for tropical Maggie Island 16 years ago and has always kept up to date with her screening.

As an entertainment coordinator with Anglicare, Floss said her job keeps her out and about in the community and it is significantly more accessible to get her check-up at Domain Central.

Floss said her past six check-ups had been at The Townsville Hospital but was looking forward to trying out the new location.

“It is just so easy to duck in and get the screen done here,” she said.

“Plus, I also get to go and do a bit of shopping afterwards.”

BreastScreen Queensland began operating from Domain Central yesterday and will become a one-stop-shop for preventative breast screens for more than 16,000 Queensland women each year.

Member for Thuringowa Aaron Harper said the move was made possible thanks to a $1.6 million investment from the State Government and $575,000 from the Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

Mr Harper said Domain Central was an ideal location for BreastScreen due to its central location and high visibility.

“Every day thousands of North Queenslanders visit this major shopping precinct to grab a bite to eat, to go to work or to shop,” he said.

“BreastScreen Queensland having a large and prominent physical presence in this high-activity area will encourage at risk women to check if they are due for a screen.

“This is about providing modern health care facilities where they are needed and where they can be best utilised by the community.”
BreastScreen Queensland Breast Imaging Director Elizabeth Phillips said while the location was new somethings are not changing.

“It is the same great service but now in a bigger, better and more central location,” she said.

“We will still be sending out our reminder letters and we will continue to operate our mobile services in North Ward, the northern beaches and at a new site at Kelso.

“I am really excited about our new facilities and cannot wait to show it off to our deserving clients.”

The BreastScreen screening program is specifically designed to target women 50 to 74 years as this is the age group most at risk of developing breast cancer. However, our program also accepts women in their 40s or 75 years and over.

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