

The Beautiful Shawl Project (BSP)

July 2021 to June 2022

Over July 2021 to June 2022, BreastScreen Victoria and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) collaborated with 12 Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to bring cultural screening shawls and accessible breast screens to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.



11
distinctive shawl artworks were developed

580
shawls were distributed to ACCOs

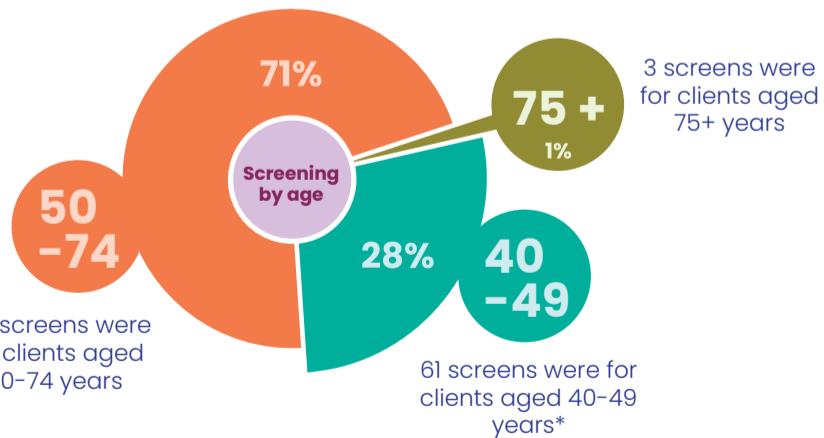
"It was deadly. I am 56 and never had my breast tested before. It was awesome from the time I walked in the bus seeing our young women greet us and make sure we were all ok. It was a very safe space for Community to come."

"Gotta say the best mammogram I've ever had. Didn't hurt at all. You get pretty spoilt there too with showbags and tucker."

L-R: Amanda Morgan and Auntie Carmel Hood wrap themselves in Amanda's stunning shawl design for Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Operative (GECAC)

Aboriginal clients

219 219 screens were provided to Aboriginal clients as part of the BSP

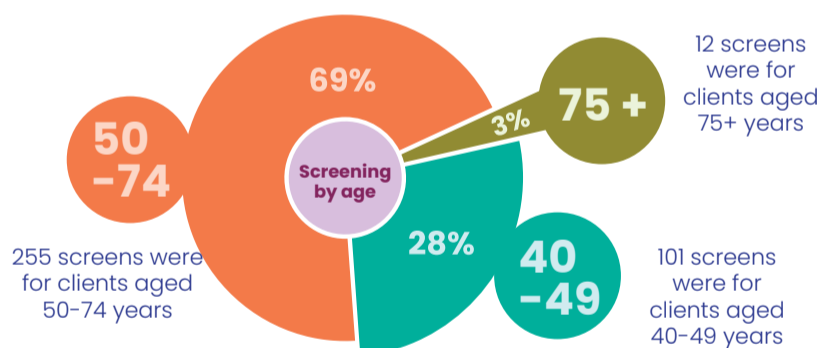


*Breast screening is targeted to women aged 50-74 years, but is available to women aged 40+, and some Aboriginal women aged 40-49 years attend screening as part of the BSP

All clients

(Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal* clients)

368 a total of 368 screens were provided to all clients as part of the BSP



*Non-Aboriginal women could include ACCO staff, non-Aboriginal family members, or walk-ins from the broader community.

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ACCOS

- DWECHS
- Winda-Mara
- Gunditjmarra
- Kirrae
- Wathaurong
- Rumbalara
- Ramahyuck (Morwell)
- Ramahyuck (Sale)
- GEGAC
- LEAHA
- MDAS (Kerang)
- MDAS (Swan Hill)

