

Breast Screening

Breast Cancer is the most common cancer affecting women; with 1 in 8 women in NSW developing breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast screening can find cancers before they can be felt or noticed offering a better change of successful treatment and recovery.

[BreastScreen NSW](#) provides free screening mammography to asymptomatic women aged 40 or over every two years, with the aim of diagnosing breast cancer at an early stage.

BreastScreen actively invites women aged between 50 to 74, to have a screening mammogram every two years. This is because more than 75 per cent of breast cancers occur in women aged over 50.

A referral is not required, with women encouraged to call **13 20 50** to book an appointment.

Women aged between 40 and 49, or 75 and older should talk to their GP about whether they should have a free screening mammogram. Screening mammograms are not effective for women under 40.

Useful links:

[BreastScreen Australia](#)

[RACGP Early detection of Cancers: Breast Cancer](#)

[Your Role as a GP in BreastScreen NSW](#)

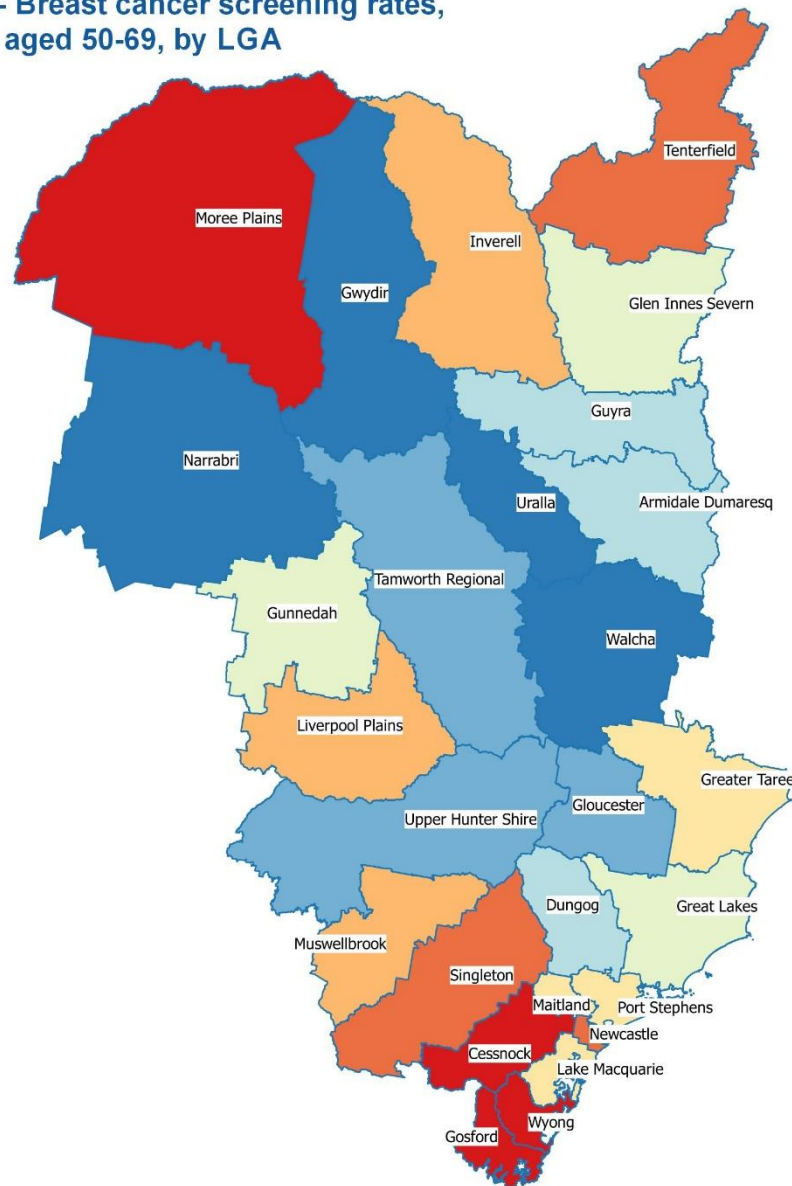
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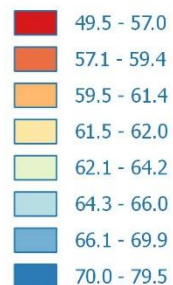
HNECC Primary Health Network - Breast cancer screening rates, 2015-2016, Percentage of women aged 50-69, by LGA



NSW breast cancer screening rate - 53%
HNECC PHN - 58.5%

Breast cancer screening rates (%)

Quantile data grouping (equal counts of LGAs)



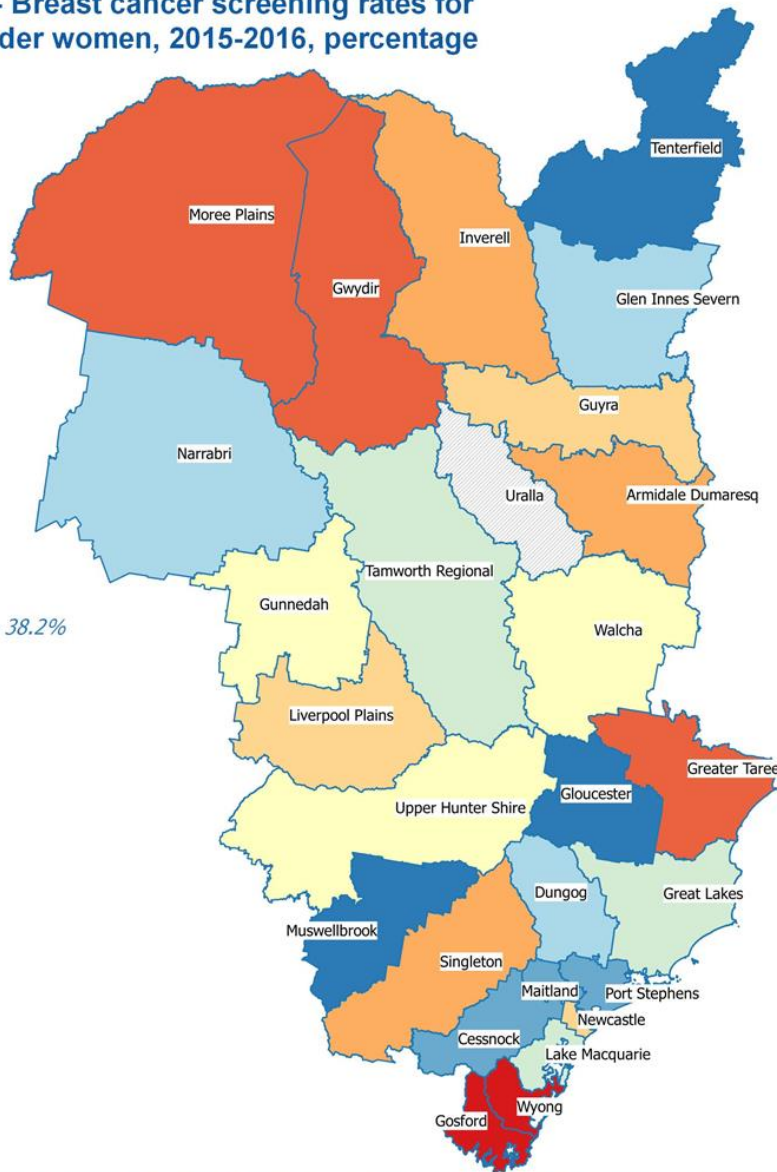
Source: Reporting for Better Cancer Outcomes- 2017 Report Hunter New England Central Coast PHN. Cancer Institute NSW

| Local Government Area | % |
|-----------------------|------|
| Armidale Dumaresq | 65.6 |
| Cessnock | 56.6 |
| Dungog | 65 |
| Glen Innes Severn | 64 |
| Guyra | 65.4 |
| Gloucester | 69.7 |
| Gosford | 49.9 |
| Great Lakes | 63.3 |
| Greater Taree | 61.8 |
| Gunnedah | 63.6 |
| Gwydir | 70.8 |
| Inverell | 61 |
| Lake Macquarie | 61.5 |
| Liverpool Plains | 59.5 |
| Maitland | 61.8 |
| Moree Plains | 49.8 |
| Muswellbrook | 60.4 |
| Narrabri | 69.9 |
| Newcastle | 59.3 |
| Port Stephens | 62 |
| Singleton | 58.2 |
| Tamworth Regional | 66.7 |
| Tenterfield | 58.2 |
| Upper Hunter Shire | 66.4 |
| Uralla | 75 |
| Walcha | 79.5 |
| Wyong | 49.5 |

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HNECC Primary Health Network - Breast cancer screening rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, 2015-2016, percentage of women aged 50-69, by LGA



NSW breast screening rate for Aboriginal women - 38.2%
HNECC PHN - 49.3%

Breast cancer screening rates (%)

Quantile data grouping (equal counts of LGAs)

- Not available
- Less than 40.7
- 40.8 - 42.7
- 42.8 - 45.3
- 45.4 - 50.8
- 50.9 - 52.8
- 52.9 - 55.9
- 56.0 - 59.2
- 59.3 - 65.7
- 65.8 - 71.1

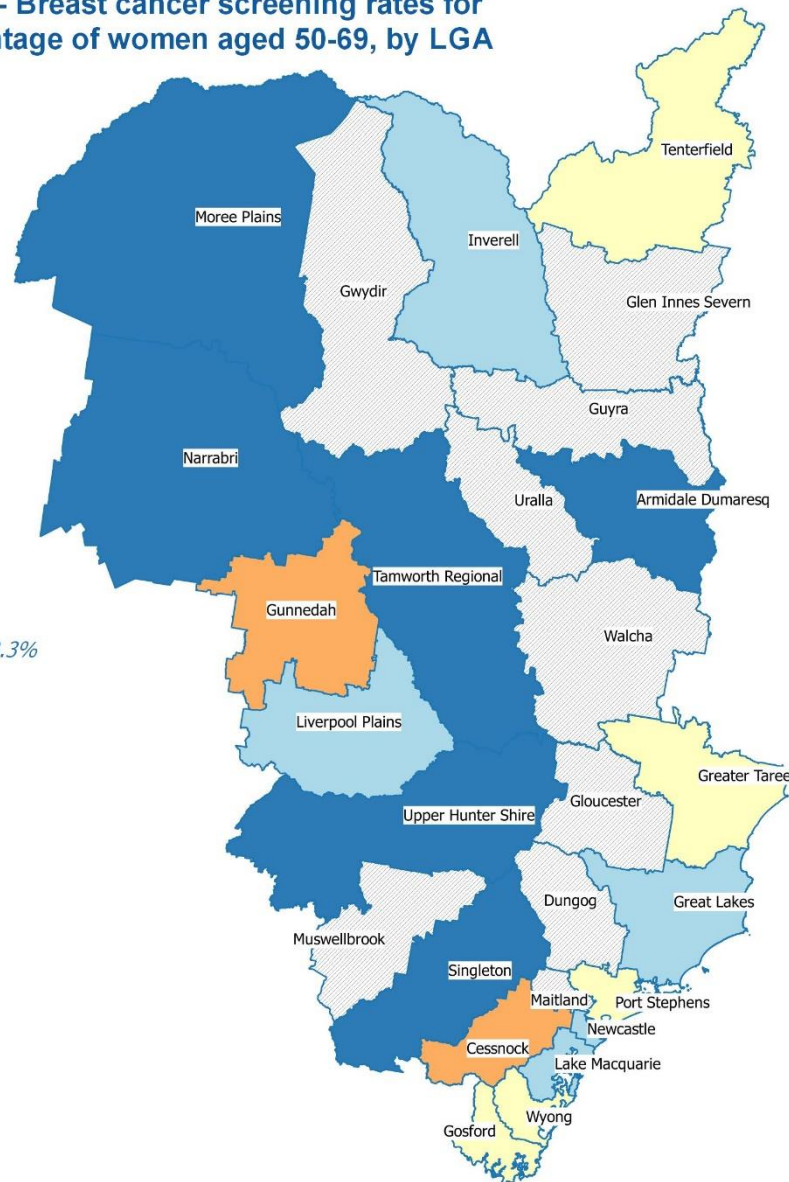
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| Local Government Area | % |
|-----------------------|------|
| Armidale Dumaresq | 43.1 |
| Cessnock | 60.7 |
| Dungog | 58.8 |
| Glen Innes Severn | 56.3 |
| Gloucester | 71.1 |
| Gosford | 27.5 |
| Great Lakes | 54.1 |
| Greater Taree | 42.1 |
| Gunnedah | 52.5 |
| Guyra | 47.7 |
| Gwydir | 42.2 |
| Inverell | 44.8 |
| Lake Macquarie | 53.2 |
| Liverpool Plains | 45.5 |
| Maitland | 60.6 |
| Moree Plains | 41.1 |
| Muswellbrook | 67 |
| Narrabri | 58.2 |
| Newcastle | 50 |
| Port Stephens | 65.6 |
| Singleton | 42.8 |
| Tamworth Regional | 55.7 |
| Tenterfield | 66.2 |
| Upper Hunter Shire | 52.3 |
| Uralla | n/a |
| Walcha | 51.4 |
| Wyong | 37.6 |

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HNECC Primary Health Network - Breast cancer screening rates for CALD women, 2015-2016, Percentage of women aged 50-69, by LGA



NSW breast screening rate for CALD women - 48.3%
HNECC PHN - 47.3%

Breast cancer screening rates (%)

Local Government Area (2011)

- Not available
- Less than 36.7
- 36.8 - 45.0
- 45.1 - 59.9
- 60.0 - 79.6

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| Local Government Area | % |
|-----------------------|------|
| Armidale Dumaresq | 71 |
| Cessnock | 33.9 |
| Dungog | n/a |
| Glen Innes Severn | n/a |
| Gloucester | n/a |
| Gosford | 43.3 |
| Great Lakes | 45.5 |
| Greater Taree | 44.2 |
| Gunnedah | 35.3 |
| Guyra | n/a |
| Gwydir | n/a |
| Inverell | 55.2 |
| Lake Macquarie | 46.7 |
| Liverpool Plains | 55.4 |
| Maitland | n/a |
| Moree Plains | 67 |
| Muswellbrook | n/a |
| Narrabri | 61.2 |
| Newcastle | 49 |
| Port Stephens | 44 |
| Singleton | 79.6 |
| Tamworth Regional | 61 |
| Tenterfield | 38.9 |
| Upper Hunter Shire | 72.4 |
| Uralla | n/a |
| Walcha | n/a |
| Wyong | 43.6 |

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