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**MALETA:** These are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers from across Queensland who help save lives by encouraging women over 40 to have a free breastscan every two years. This film is going to show what happens during a breastscan to help more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women join BreastScreen Queensland and participate every two years.

**LIELA:** As Health Workers, we're concerned that not enough Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are having their free breastscan.

**SAMANTHA:** A lot of women feel embarrassed about having a breastscan. They think it's a shame thing but we want to show you that when you come to BreastScreen Queensland, there's nothing to be worried about.

**REGINA:** There are a few things that you need to know when having a breastscan.

**REGINA:** Your local Health Worker can help arrange an appointment for you and will help make sure you have everything you need.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Yes Auntie?

**CLIENT:** Got This Letter Today.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Auntie it's from the Breastscan and you're due for your appointment. Would you like for me to make appointment for you?

**CLIENT:** Oh but I can't go today. I've got my grannies at home.

**HEALTH WORKER:** OK.

**CLIENT:** Can I come see you tomorrow?

**HEALTH WORKER:** Yes you can.

**CLIENT:** Alright and you make appointment then?

**HEALTH WORKER:** Ok then.

**LIELA:** Sometimes we'll bring, you know, go and pick the ladies up, bring them into where the breast screening service is.

**CLIENT:** Oh hello.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Hullo Auntie, how you going?

**CLIENT:** Oh, you again? What you come for this one?

**HEALTH WORKER:** Yes, I did...

**HEALTH WORKER:** Have you got your papers for today?

**CLIENT:** Yes, my dear, I've got my papers here.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Good Auntie. You've filled your forms out?

**CLIENT:** Yes.

**HEALTH WORKER:** You've got your two-piece on? Now you didn't put any talcum powder on?

**CLIENT:** No. Not this morning.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Ok, what about scent?

**CLIENT:** No.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Perfume?

**CLIENT:** No.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Get your papers and your bag, and let's ready to go.

**CLIENT:** Alright my dear.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Ok.

**CLIENT:** Thank you.

**HEALTH WORKER:** So, how you feeling Auntie?

**CLIENT:** Oh well a little bit nervous.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Oh shouldn't have to be nervous... you know

**CLIENT:** I got you here now my girl. I'll be right.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Oh that's good that's what we're here for.

**SUE:** There is no reason for women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in particular to feel alone when they go through a mammogram and breast screening, because our, our health worker staff are there all the way and...

**CHARMAINE:** We'll be there to support you, that's the most important thing.

**LIELA:** Sometimes we'll organise, you know, a group booking.

**LIELA:** It's more fun for the ladies when there's more, you know, women there where they can chat and have a cup of tea and wait n that for their mammogram.

**CLIENT:** Morning you fellas!  
Greetings ...

**LIELA:** The service makes it personal for the women when they come in. They're greeted, warmly.

**ESTHER:** When the lady arrives we need to do an initial interview and fill in a personal questionnaire so we can gather the information that BreastScreen needs.

**RADIOGRAPHER:** So I'll just sign that and we can go through for the mammogram. Alright?

**LIELA MURISON:** All the radiographers are female and all the staff in there are female. So it is, culturally appropriate.

**LIELA MURISON:** When the radiographer takes them in to do the screening, they will explain to them how it works.

**RADIOGRAPHER:** We're going to do the right breast first. So just come this way. Just bring that shoulder down a little bit, that's good.

**RADIOGRAPHER:** This is the compression ok? It's going to be quite firm. So just stand steady for me there. That's great. Just hold your breath please. Now, we need to come to from the side for the next picture, so I'll turn the machine. Come this way, put your hand up there, that's great. Just take a little step to the left, that's good. Now, just lift that elbow with me and I'll lean you forward, across the machine. And this is the compression, coming down now. Well done. Now just hold your breath again for me and I'll take that picture.

**MALETA:** It might be a little bit uncomfortable but it'll only take a few minutes.

**SUE:** It's just a lot of pressure. Yeah so I wouldn't... so it's not painful, it's the pressure that you feel.

**LIELA:** you'll have few minutes of discomfort but it's better in the long run.

**RADIOGRAPHER:** How did that go?

**CLIENT:** Oh, that wasn't bad. Must let the women in the community know that there's not a problem coming here to have the breast screen.

**RADIOGRAPHER:** Good, good I'm glad to hear that. So we'll be seeing you in two years.

**CLIENT:** Yes, my dear.

**ESTHER:** At least two doctors will be looking at those pictures and checking those. By the time the lady gets the result it's usually about two weeks

**LIELA:** Sometimes in the community they might request that the results go to the health centre. But all women who have a mammogram will also get a letter in the mail.

**MALETA:** But when the results come back, if they don't understand... give the health workers a call and we can explain to them.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Ok, Auntie, I've got your results back today and everything is well. Everything is good.

**CLIENT:** Oh good. Good one dear...

**HEALTH WORKER:** BreastScreen is going to send a letter out in two years. And that's a reminder for you to come back. And thank you for coming.

**CLIENT:** Ok see you in two year's time my dear.

**HEALTH WORKER:** Ok

**MALETA:** Although it's a sensitive area in health it's just as important as everything else.

**HELEN:** A breast screen every two years is very important so you can watch your grandchildren grow up.

**MALETA:** Look after yourself first so that you can pass on the knowledge and information to your sisters, your family, your daughters, your grandchildren and so that you're there longer to be with your family.

**REGINA:** Don't be shame about showing your breasts, the ladies at the BreastScreen clinic will make you feel comfortable.

**COLLEEN:** Ask your Health Worker where your nearest BreastScreen Service is or when the mobile screening van will be coming to your community.

**END SCENE:** vision of mobile

**VOICEOVER COLLEEN:** For your free appointment please phone 13 20 50.

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**HEALTH WORKER:** Come on ya mob, come on down come and visit the breast clinic while it's in your community and town.

**CLIENT:** Do it. I'm glad I did. Do it, do it do it

**ALL:** Yeah!