Robyn Lambley
Minister for Health

**BreastScreen Bus screens 1000th remote woman**

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The BreastScreen Bus has celebrated screening its 1000th patient during a visit to Yulara that is wrapping up this week.

Minister for Health Robyn Lambley congratulated the service on the milestone, just five months after the bright pink bus first hit the road in July this year.

“This service is reaching women in remote communities to provide regular breast cancer screening that they would otherwise be forced to travel to town for,” Mrs Lambley said.

“I am delighted to be advised that women in remote communities and regional towns are embracing this new service which aims to improve breast cancer outcomes through early detection.”

Along with providing breast screening mammograms, the remote BreastScreen service provides women’s health education to strengthen understanding of women’s health issues.

The bus’s visit to Yulara was wrapped in to a two-day women’s health event coordinated by Remote Outreach Midwife, Katie Michell who saw the BreastScreen clinics as an opportunity to gather women from surrounding communities for education, primary healthcare checks and cultural activities.

A group of 30 women from Aputula, Docker River and Yulara joined together for the event ‘Keeping grandmothers strong and culture alive’ – aimed at empowering older women with positive health messages to share with their daughters, nieces and granddaughters back in their communities.

“Strong women make for a strong community and it is excellent to see an impressive collaboration between Health staff, community and local businesses to make this event such a success,” Mrs Lambley said.

Ayers Rock Resort very generously donated accommodation and meals for the women during their stay at Yulara, while The Centre Bush Bus, Centrecorp and Uluru Express all assisted with transport to make the visit possible.

During the event health educators delivered sessions on a range of topics including sexual health, incontinence, alcohol, movement and pregnancy care.

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