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Lantern Club turns PINK for BreastScreen in October

Last year, the amazing people at the Lantern Club in Roselands raised \$100,000 to help us open our new BreastScreen NSW site in Campsie.

The Canterbury area has one of the lowest breast screening rates in NSW and we know language is a barrier so the funds were used to employ a Community Engagement Officer and interpreters to work with non-English speaking residents.

And it has worked with more than 4500 women screened at the Campsie site in its first year - and 80 per cent of them were from non-English speaking backgrounds. Thanks to the funds, we were also able to build a 'sensory suite' to create a much more relaxed environment for women during their scans.

The sensory suite allows women to choose relaxing scenes on big screens, and experience their associated sounds and smells, reducing anxiety and providing a welcome distraction. This year, funds raised will go towards a new vacuum-assisted biopsy system for women visiting the BreastScreen Centre at RPA and campaigns and advertising to reach more non-English speaking residents.

The fundraising has already kicked off at the club and you can get involved all month.

For more information, please visit <http://www.lanternclub.com.au/>



BreastScreen and Lantern Club are entering into their third year of working together to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer screening in Canterbury.

