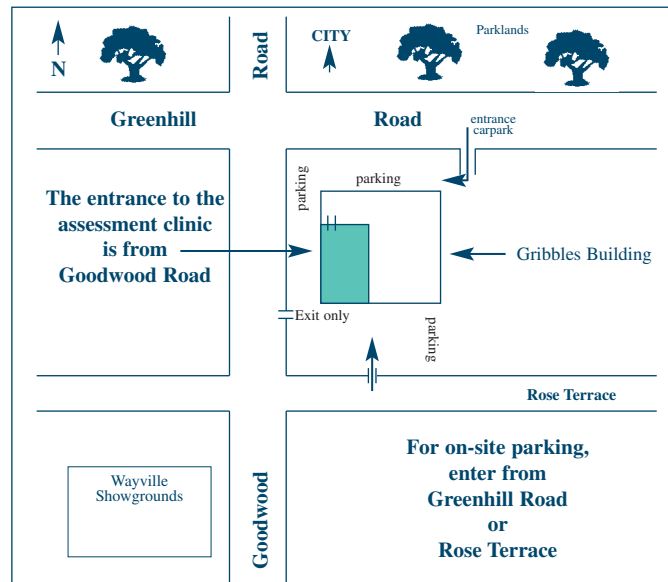


# Check List

- Wear a supportive bra and a two-piece outfit.
- Do not wear talcum powder, deodorant or skin ointment, as these may produce confusing shadows on your x-rays.
- Bring a list of your medications and allergies.
- Bring any available breast x-rays or ultrasounds.
- Let us know in advance if an interpreter is required.
- A light lunch is provided for women staying for an afternoon clinic.
- Parking is limited, so please allow extra time to find a car park.
- Please make the full day available in case you need to stay for the afternoon clinic.

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# Your visit to the Assessment Clinic



For further information, call one of our nurse counsellors on (08) 8274 7158.

The entrance to the Assessment Clinic is on the Goodwood Road side of the building. Walk up the ramp or steps to the green door on the right.



## What happens at the clinic?

Further imaging of the breast is done in the morning clinic. This will involve more detailed breast x-rays and/or ultrasound examination. You will then have a breast examination by one of our doctors, who will explain your results to you.

If the results are normal or benign (non-cancerous), no further investigations will be needed. A report will be sent to your nominated doctors, and you will receive a letter confirming your results.

**The morning clinic may take between two to four hours.**



If your tests indicate that further investigations are needed, you will be asked to attend the afternoon clinic. Fine needle aspiration biopsy and core biopsy tests are done in the afternoon. The results for fine needle aspiration will usually be available on the same day. Core biopsy results will usually be available within two working days after your visit. You will be seen by our surgeon and nurse counsellor, who will explain your results and discuss with you any treatment that may be necessary.

**Afternoon clinics may take a further two to four hours.**



## When are the results available?

All available results are given to you on the day by one of our doctors. Your nominated doctors are also informed. The final results of core biopsies will usually be available within two working days after your visit. We will arrange for you to receive these results as soon as possible, either at BreastScreen SA or from your nominated doctor. If you have not received your results within seven days, you **MUST** contact BreastScreen SA.

**When the biopsy result is benign, further tests or treatment are usually not required.**

If you require treatment we will inform you and your doctors, and arrange an appointment for you with your general practitioner so that you can discuss further management. Referral to a specialist is often necessary at this stage.

**Most cancers found by the screening program are very small, giving a high chance of successful treatment.**

## Why are further tests needed?

A screening mammogram is a basic set of breast x-rays designed to give an overview of the entire breast. When a screening mammogram shows an area of possible concern, more detailed investigations are necessary. These are done by BreastScreen SA at our Assessment Clinic at Wayville in Adelaide.

This clinic provides a free specialist service. Our staff consists of an experienced team of radiographers, radiologists, medical officers, nurse counsellors, pathologists and surgeons.

Our team will support you throughout the assessment process, answer your questions, and discuss the results of your tests with you on the day. The final results will usually be available within two working days after your visit.

**The majority of women called back for assessment will be reassured that they do not have breast cancer.**