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Chinchilla midwives celebrate international day with a ‘baby boom’

CHINCHILLA midwife Robyn Williams can not think of a better way to mark International Midwives Day than welcoming newborns into the world.

The day was on Tuesday, 5 May and as her colleagues paused to reflect on the work of midwives across the world, Ms Williams and her colleague Tarah Gale spent the day helping deliver two babies at the Chinchilla Hospital.

The babies’ arrivals were on top of already busy start to month of May.

“We had five babies in 48 hours born at the hospital,” Ms Williams said.

“And two of them were born on International Midwives Day, which was wonderful.”

Ms Williams said all five mothers did extremely well to deliver healthy babies.

“We occasionally do see spikes in births, and usually it is in May and September,” Ms Williams said.

First-time parents Megan and Brodie Neville of Chinchilla were pleased to welcome their son into the world during the busy time at the hospital. The couple was scheduled to give birth in Toowoomba, however their yet-to-be-named baby son made an unscheduled arrival.

“He was two weeks early,” Megan said. “We had arranged a water birth in Toowoomba but he had other plans!”

Both parents agreed it was comfort to be able to safely deliver their baby locally.

The Chinchilla Hospital has six midwives who work in the birthing suites as well as provide antenatal-check ups and home visits to mothers and their babies. The team works closely with Chinchilla Hospital’s medical superintendent Dr Felicity Constable.

Chinchilla Hospital acting Director of Nursing Michelle Wolski praised the efforts of the midwife team.

“Even during the really busy times, our midwives work together wonderfully to get the best outcome for local mums, their babies and families,” Ms Wolski said.

From 1 January to 6 May, 2015, 20 babies were born at the Chinchilla Hospital.

Chinchilla baby boom

- Baby one: 2am, Monday, 4 May
- Baby two: 11am, Tuesday, 5 May (International Midwives Day)

- Baby three: 5pm, Tuesday, 5 May (International Midwives Day)
- Baby four: 2am, Wednesday, 6 May
- Baby five: 8am, Wednesday, 6 May

Caption: Couples (from left to right) dad Adeel Ansari with baby son and mum Amna Saleem; Jade Fraser with baby girl and dad William Parker; dad Brodie Neville with baby son and mum Megan Neville celebrate the birth of their babies with midwives Robyn Williams (left) and Tarah Gale.

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