

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Midwives, mums and babies join together in celebration

Midwives and maternity staff got together with mothers and babies today to celebrate International Day of the Midwife.

Dr Robyn Henderson, Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Executive Director for Nursing and Midwifery Services, praised the work of midwives throughout the HHS.

“The contribution our midwives make cannot be overstated,” Dr Henderson said.

“Their role is one that puts them in a truly privileged position, helping families welcome their newborns into the world, and the work they do in our rural and regional facilities is remarkable.

“I would encourage anyone with an interest in midwifery to consider it as a career choice because there are very few professions that are as potentially rewarding.

“Each year we look forward to celebrating the work of midwives worldwide on 5 May.”

Leah Gorkow, Clinical Midwife Consultant with maternity services at Toowoomba Hospital, said the celebrations got off to an early start this morning.

“At 6.30am we started proceedings with a breakfast for all of our multidisciplinary team members who work here in maternity,” she said.

“We had our morning tea at 10am and it was wonderful to have plenty of mums and babies joining us.

“It’s always an enjoyable day when we get to celebrate a career that is really a labour of love, and it’s particularly special to catch up with those mums and babies who we may not have since the babies were born.

“It’s also a great way to raise awareness of the unique role midwives play around the world.

“We’d like to say a special thank you to the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation for their generous support of our celebrations.”

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