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Generous donation keeps tiny patients cosy and warm

SOME of Toowoomba Hospital's littlest patients have benefited from a donation worth over \$80,000.

Proceeds from the annual Toowoomba Children's Hospital Appeal, run by the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation, have been used to fund three pieces of equipment designed to keep newborn babies comfortably warm and healthy.

"Thanks to generous donations, three Panda Warmers valued at \$84,691 have been purchased for use in the Birthing Suite," Toowoomba Hospital Foundation Chief Executive Officer Peter Rookas said.

Midwife Fiona Kajewski said the Panda Warmers had been utilised a number of times since their arrival.

"They are designed to direct heat to the babies, rather than the nurses or caregivers," Ms Kajewski said.

"Their design allows us to stay cool and comfortable, without having to duck under a heating element.

"They also make it easier to assess the babies after they are born, while keeping them warm and content."

The three units proved useful recently when they were utilised during the birth of triplets on October 7.

"It was great to see the units being put to good use for the arrival of the triplets," Ms Kajewski said.

The Toowoomba Hospital Children's Appeal is one of the primary fund-raising activities for the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

Now in its 16th year, the Appeal has raised just over \$1 million dollars towards children's health, including the purchase of medical equipment and resources for the Special Care Nursery and the Paediatric Unit.

Numerous local events and activities are held throughout the year. The next major event is the A Christmas Wish production which will be staged on November 29.

For more information about the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation or to make a donation contact 4616 6166.

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