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Maternity Services celebrates 5000 births!

The 5000th baby has been delivered at Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH).

A healthy baby boy was safely delivered at the hospital today, marking an exciting milestone of 5000 births at SCUH.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) Director of Women’s and Families Services, Dr Marc Miller says the latest arrival marks a very busy and successful 2018 for the first-class maternity service.

“Experiencing the joy of birth each day is a wonderful experience, but today is a particularly special moment for staff.

“The opening of Maternity Services at SCUH a little over 18 months ago has offered birthing mothers and their families on the coast high levels of choice, access to skilled midwives working with specialist obstetricians and neonatologists, as well as other supporting services,” Dr Miller said.

“The state-of-the-art facility has also given staff and patients access to the latest technology and equipment for a variety of birthing options such as the 396 water births and 60 twin births since opening.”

There are currently 15 birth suites at SCUH. Each is a private, single room with the following features:

- A special bath designed to be used for pain relief during labour, and water birthing
- Telemetry monitoring of babies’ heart rates during labour, allowing birthing mothers to remain mobile
- Resuscitation facilities for newborns
- A fold-out bed for partners to rest
- A comfortable and modern environment, with space for family members to visit
- Individually controlled air conditioning

There are 12 neonatal cots available for babies who require specialist monitoring, including babies with medical conditions born after 30 weeks of gestation. The Neonatal Unit has been
designed around a family centred model of care and also provides facilities for one parent to stay over with their baby.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY
A photo/interview opportunity to meet our 5000 baby and Mum Kylie Eggeling is available at SCUH Maternity Unit tomorrow.

WHERE: Sunshine Coast University Hospital, meet in Main Foyer
WHEN: TODAY 16 November 2018, 2018 at 2pm

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