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Special Care Nursery gears up for second annual family picnic

Staff from Toowoomba Hospital's Special Care Nursery (SCN) are preparing to welcome a large crowd to the second annual SCN Family Picnic on 28 November.

Nurse Educator Vicki Stevens said the success of last year's event prompted organisers to make the day an annual gathering.

"We were amazed at the number of parents and babies who came along last year to catch up with other families and staff from the SCN Multidisciplinary Team who had helped care for their little ones in the SCN," Ms Stevens said.

"We had guests from as far west as Roma and as far south as Ballina, and of course a strong local contingent, so it made sense to make it an annual event.

"It's a great opportunity for those families who have the shared experience of having a baby in SCN to get together as a group and celebrate, and for us it's lovely to see how those babies are going.

"We'd also love to see and catch up with families whose baby has spent time in SCN in years gone by.

"There will be plenty to do, with a free barbeque lunch, thanks to the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation, face painting for the kids, plus a range of stalls and displays from groups including the hospital's pastoral care team, the Australian Breastfeeding Association and associated child health services."

The second annual SCN Family Picnic will be held from 11am to 1pm, Friday 28 November, at the UNARA Health Village, opposite the main entrance to the hospital.

Those wanting to attend are asked to RSVP by 15 November - phone 46166209 Monday to Friday between 9am and 12pm.

The Special Care Nursery in Toowoomba Hospital provides the regional service throughout the Darling Downs and is operated by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

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