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Maleny mothers supported by Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service

As part of International Day of the Midwife (May 5) the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service is celebrating greater access to post natal care for Maleny mothers.

Through Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital, new mothers now have access to home visits from a midwife free-of-charge for up to six weeks.

The hospital has a long standing successful antenatal clinic for expectant mothers, which has allowed midwives to build relationships with local women throughout their pregnancy.

Midwife Sally Carn says the post natal clinic gives families the opportunity to access vital healthcare for their babies in the weeks after birth.

“During our post natal at home visits we weigh the baby, take measurements, do a full physical assessment and address any issues the mother may be having with breastfeeding.

“Anyone in the community can access the service,” Sally Carn said.

Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital also offers services for infants and children at a specialised Child Health Clinic each fortnight.

“The service offers growth and development checks, breastfeeding support and feeding advice, adaptation and support in parenting. Appointments can be made by phoning Child Health Access on 5319 4824,” clinical nurse Beth Bailey said.

Group Parenting Program sessions are also available on demand.

An interview and photo opportunity is available with midwives Sally Carn and Fiona McTavish as well as a mother and baby who have participated in the post natal care program.

Where: Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Bean Street, Maleny

When: Tuesday May 5, at 10 am.

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