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Maternity Services celebrates 1st birthday with 3000 births!

The 3000th baby has been delivered at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH), coinciding with the Maternity Unit’s first birthday on March 29, 2018.

Mother Scarlett Ryan gave birth to baby girl Eadie Rose today, marking our 3000 baby born at SCUH.

SCUH A/ Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Dr Beng Ng says the latest arrivals mark a very busy and successful first year for the first-class maternity service.

“Welcoming new life into the world every week is a joyful experience, but today is a proud moment for staff.

“The opening of Maternity Services at SCUH has offered birthing mothers and their families high levels of comfort and access to specialist obstetricians and neonatologists along with other services,” Dr Ng said.

“The state-of-the-art ward has also given staff and patients access to the latest technology and equipment for a variety of birthing options.”

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.

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