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**Remembering every baby this Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, 15 October 2017**

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) will remember every angel baby this Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, Sunday 15 October 2017.

On 17 October, families are invited to attend a reflection service to acknowledge and honour their experiences of miscarriage, still birth or the death of a baby.

The health service provides support, education and awareness for families who have experienced miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still birth, or the loss of a baby.

Sadly, each year in Australia about 2000 babies are still born and another 850 babies die shortly after birth. A further one in four pregnancies ends in miscarriage.

International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day recognises the profound sadness of losing a baby and the impact it can have on families, often for the rest of their lives.

The chapel is located on the ground floor of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. Volunteers are available to meet and guide you to the chapel from the front foyer of the hospital.

Refreshments will be provided following the reflection service at the chapel.

Those unable to attend this event, are welcome to attend regular monthly memorial services held every second Tuesday of the month.

If you have any questions regarding the reflection service or memorial services please phone our chaplaincy service on 5202 8961.

Anyone affected by the loss of a baby is warmly invited to attend any of these services or to simply light a candle on this day.

For support during loss of a baby, national bereavement counselling is available from SANDS by phoning 1300 072 637, emailing support@sands.org.au, or visiting the website www.sandsgld.org.au

SCHHS along with SANDS (miscarriage, still birth and newborn death support group) will host a reflection service on **Tuesday, 17 October at 10am in the Chapel at Sunshine Coast University Hospital.**

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