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Hospital thanks family for generous donation in most difficult of times

Goondiwindi Hospital Director of Nursing Lorraine McMurtrie has thanked a local couple for thinking of others after facing the most difficult of circumstances themselves.

In April 2015 Reacheal and Michael Sheridan experienced the most tragic of times when their daughter Evelyn was stillborn.

“Reacheal and Michael expressed their thanks and gratitude to the nursing and medical staff who provided care to them during this time,” Ms McMurtrie said.

“Their one concern was that they would have liked to have been able to spend more time with their daughter, and this inspired them to organise a fund raising effort to purchase a ‘Cuddle Cot’.”

A Cuddle Cot is a cooling system that fits into a cot. It allows parents and family members to have more time with their baby, which is proven to help with the grieving process.

Ms McMurtrie said the Sheridan family’s fund raising efforts yielded \$6354.05 of which \$5500 was used to purchase the cot, with the remaining \$854.05 being donated to the Goondiwindi Hospital maternity unit.

“On behalf of Goondiwindi Hospital and particularly the maternity unit I would like to express our sincere thanks for this donation,” Ms McMurtrie said.

“It is comforting to know that if parents have to face such a tragic event they have the choice to spend as much time as they need with their baby.”

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