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Auxiliary purchase helps mothers of Goondiwindi

Women admitted to the birthing suite of Goondiwindi Hospital now have access to medical equipment that will provide convenient pain relief.

The oxygen/nitrous oxide mixing and delivery system is a portable device, allowing labouring women to move around freely while still receiving analgesia.

The medical equipment worth almost $10,000 was funded through the generosity of the Goondiwindi Hospital Auxiliary.

Goondiwindi Hospital Director of Nursing/Facility Manager Lorraine McMurtrie said previously labouring women had to stay close to the hospital’s inbuilt delivery system to access the pain relief.

“This piece of equipment will be advantageous to the women birthing, given they can walk around and not labour in one position,” Ms McMurtrie said.

“The equipment is small, lightweight and transportable with a built-in carrying handle.”

Ms McMurtrie thanked the hospital auxiliary for their ongoing support of the rural facility.

“On behalf of the patients and staff of the Goondiwindi Hospital, I would like to thank the auxiliary for their continued generosity,” she said.

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Photo caption: Director of Nursing/Facility Manager Lorraine McMcMurtrie and Midwifery Nurse Unit Manager Kerryanne Maddox accept the donation from Auxiliary President Maurie Ryan and Auxiliary Secretary Graham Mills.

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