

Enjoy diverse work experiences and shape my community for the better?

Make an impact and build relationships with patients in a country community

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The Mount Barker Districts Soldiers' Memorial Hospital is a 34-bed acute facility with services including obstetrics, acute medical, palliative care, surgery and post-operative recovery.

Maternity services are important for this growing Adelaide Hills region, which is attractive to young families due to its proximity to Adelaide.

Briarne – Associate Clinical Services Coordinator of Maternity Mount Barker Districts Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

Briarne, a midwife with 15-years experience, has been Associate Clinical Services Coordinator of Maternity at the hospital for three years. She loves caring for women and families and enjoys being part of the local community.

Briarne's career move from the city to Mount Barker has significantly impacted her work as a midwife.

"At Country Health SA, I really appreciate being able to work across the full scope of midwifery roles," she said. "It's satisfying to see the patient throughout the whole pregnancy; from when the woman first finds out she is pregnant through to delivery and to when she goes home with her baby".

Briarne enjoys getting out into the community and seeing the mothers at home with their babies. "This is very different to the type of midwifery work I was doing previously where I didn't have that ability to be part of the community or to develop a relationship with patients over the course of their pregnancy," she said.





"It's very special to be able to share in a woman's journey at this important time in her life. Rather than just seeing someone for five minutes, you get to see them consistently throughout their pregnancy and afterwards as well.

"The midwifery team believes every family is unique and we recognise individual needs. We are able to tailor care to suit their needs."

The birthing facilities at Mount Barker hospital are modern and include everything a woman needs to birth. "It is a home-like environment with less of a hospital feel," Briarne said.

Briarne believes there are many benefits for midwives working in a country setting

"I would encourage graduates and less experienced midwives to work in the country so they can use all the skills they developed during their training," she said.

"I really enjoy the work life balance I get working for Country Health SA at Mount Barker. It enables me to do all those things that are important to me, such as attend after school activities with my daughter."

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