



Government of **Western Australia**
WA Country Health Service



Derby Hospital

Start your country adventure

- ✓ **Work to your full scope**
- ✓ **Be part of a close-knit and supportive team**
- ✓ **Have the adventure of a lifetime**

Derby Hospital includes a seven bed midwifery-led maternity unit with two birthing suites. The unit is serviced by GP obstetricians and supported by visiting obstetric and gynaecological specialists and paediatricians. There are two clinics each week for early pregnancy and antenatal checks.

The hospital supports a large area of Aboriginal communities averaging 110 births each year. You will be part of the beautiful journey following women and their families through pregnancy, birth and up to six weeks post-delivery. With full emergency midwifery services available, there is a strong commitment to minimal intervention.

Derby is also unique in its ambulance service which is run by hospital staff. Crewed by an orderly/first aider and an RN from the ED, midwifery call outs are also attended by a midwife from the maternity ward.

When it's time to take a break, Derby is yours to explore. Some of the region's most spectacular natural attractions include the gorges of the Gibb River Road, the Horizontal Waterfalls and the Buccaneer Archipelago.



Our midwives service women in Derby, Mowanjum, Looma and Pandanus Park communities.



We provide:

- ✓ GP obstetrics continuity of care model
- ✓ Antenatal care
- ✓ Lactation support services (via telehealth)
- ✓ Option to utilise bath for analgesia during labour (not delivery)



We deliver 8-10 babies each month.

Excellence in country maternal and newborn care

WA Country Health Service strives to provide excellent maternal and newborn care to country women and their families, supporting them to remain closer to home and on country where possible.

We believe working with women and families during pregnancy and into early childhood provides the opportunity to improve the health of women and babies immediately, with flow-on benefits to the wider community for generations to come.

We offer supportive, collaborative maternity service models including our PROMPT education program, NeoResus program, K2 Infant Guardian CTG system, and coming soon, the Athena e-maternity record. We promote use of the full scope of practice with flexible work arrangements and opportunities for innovative midwifery staff to take on leadership roles and progress quickly up the career ladder.

We provide a range of maternal services in our hospitals including antenatal, birthing and postnatal care.

There are 18 maternity sites across the regions, with Midwifery Group Practice available at 10 of those sites. We operate a specialist model of care at our six major regional hospitals and GP Obstetrics at 11 maternity sites.



Midwifery and Obstetrics Emergency Telehealth Service

Our Midwifery and Obstetrics Emergency Telehealth Service (MOETS) is a 24/7 service that supports country clinicians caring for antenatal and intrapartum patients across our hospitals and health sites.

Support includes:

Consultant obstetrician advice via the regional on-call system

Maternal and neonatal transfers

Clinical policy advice and guidance

Care planning advice and decision-making

Escalation of care and clinical conflict of opinion

Second clinician reviews of Cardiotocographs (CTGs)

Second opinions

Perinatal loss and bereavement care advice

Virtual bedside support during obstetric emergencies

Support to non-birthing sites for unplanned maternity and gynaecological presentation

WA Country Health Service has a strong network of public hospitals, health services and nursing posts located across rural and remote Western Australia. Our core business is to provide quality, accessible health services to people living in large regional centres to small remote communities.

Hear from our staff why they love working in country WA

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