

Frequently Asked Questions

Obstetric services at Tanunda Hospital

What changes are taking place to obstetric services at Tanunda Hospital?

From 5 March 2018, birthing services will no longer operate from Tanunda War Memorial Hospital.

A new General Practitioner (GP) shared care model for maternity and obstetric care is being implemented in the Barossa.

Under the new model, women can continue to access community midwifery support in the Barossa, including ante-natal and post-natal care, with birthing available nearby Gawler Health Service or Kapunda Hospital.

Why are these changes being implemented?

The decision to transition the profile of the obstetric service at Tanunda Hospital has been made following consultation with local GPs about the best way to support the birthing needs of the local community.

Over the past five years, Tanunda Hospital has been experiencing a steady decline in women choosing to birth at the facility. In 2012-13, 131 women birthed at Tanunda Hospital and it is projected approximately 60 will birth at Tanunda Hospital in 2017-18.

The changes are being implemented to ensure women can give birth at a facility with the available staff and resources required to provide the highest level of care.

When will the changes take effect?

From Monday 5 March 2018, birthing services will no longer operate from Tanunda Hospital.

Will any obstetric services continue to be available locally?

Community midwifery support, including ante-natal care and post-natal care, will continue to be provided in the Barossa.

Where will women go to give birth once these changes have been implemented?

Birthing services are available at nearby sites, Gawler Health Service and Kapunda Hospital.

Gawler Health Service and Kapunda Hospital are both located within 25 minutes of Tanunda Hospital, so women will not need to travel far from home to give birth. The facilities at these sites are large and well-equipped to accommodate birthing women and their families.

Will these changes impact any other services provided at Tanunda Hospital?

Tanunda Hospital has a proud history of providing high quality services to the local community. Changes to maternity and obstetric services will not impact any other services and Tanunda Hospital will continue to play an important role in our local community.



Where can I go for more information?

For more information, speak to your GP or visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/countryhealthsa

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