

A MESSAGE FROM DR ROD HUNT, DIRECTOR NICU

"In the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at The Royal Children's Hospital we care for many sick babies, some who require lifesaving surgery and somewho have rare medical conditions requiring specialist care. Caring for these babiesand their families is a great privilege sharing in the life of a family at their point of crisis, alleviating suffering in their precious child, and providing reassurance and support. *Of course, no single person takes care of a baby.* In fact, a large team of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals are often involved in a baby's care. To this end we have been very fortunate to have recruited the first two Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NNP's) - Jane Langford and Jo Scott. These women are both highly trained and capable individuals, who are working hard to provide excellent care to our patients. Jane and Jo are now highly valued and established members of our team, bringing aspects of both nursing and medical care to their work. Our partnership with you - through Opera in the Roses - makes employment of these key staff possible. Your care and generosity are as important to the care of our vulnerable patients, as the care provided by myself and my team at the bedside".

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE NEWBORN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MELBOURNE

Funds raised at this event support the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) at the RCH. The establishment of the NNP role within the NICU at the RCH further optimises the care of infants and their families through the integration of nursing and medical roles at an advanced level. The NNP position encompasses the promotion of evidence based nursing care through research, autonomy, professional control and personal achievements for the clinical nurses, who possess high level communication skills and clinical expertise to promote professional nursing practice at this advanced level.





at Cruden Farm in support of the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Proudly presented within the EXCLUSIVE grounds of Cruden Farm, Langwarrin VIC

Friday 21st November 2014 11.30am - 3.00pm

Ticket Price \$160 each (Input Taxed Event) Includes a three course lunch, gift bag, operatic performances and entry to Cruden Farm

Operatic performances courtesy of Opera Australia Part of the Melbourne Ring Festival supported by the City of Melbourne Performance courtesy of Yamaha Music Australia

> Gorgeous gift bags for each guest. Superb raffle prizes. Irresistible silent auction. EFTPOS facilities available.

RSVP: 8th November 2014 • No refunds after 8th November Guests to enter Cruden Farm via Cranhaven Road. MEL Ref: 103 G5

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