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# The Mooring

Caring for families of patients in Intensive Care

#### **The Mooring Units**

The Mooring has provided two units to accommodate families in crisis for 7 years, with occupancy at around 90%.

In response to high demand at the end of last year, when many families struggled to find crisis accommodation, The Mooring has been able to secure a third unit to house families with loved ones in Intensive Care.

The unit is in a fantastic location, just a few minutes' walk to the hospital, shops, and transport. It has been great to have this unit available and a number of families have already had the benefit of staying there.



Bedroom in new unit



Kitchen in new unit









## **The Mooring Babies**

Approximately 50% of our clients are mums with babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

It is so beautiful to be part of the journey with all of our families, each individual holds a special place in our hearts! Every story is unique and we feel incredibly blessed to share in the highs and lows that come with NICU admissions.

We acknowledge the wonderful work of the medical staff who care for these fragile little ones, many of whom are born extremely prematurely. The NICU Social Workers also play an important role in taking care of the needs of the families and The Mooring works closely with them to provide accommodation and support.

Thank you to the parents who were happy for us to share the above photos with supporters of The Mooring.

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#### **World Social Worker Day**

What a pleasure it was recognising the amazing Social Workers at both Robina Hospital and GCUH on March 21, World Social Workers Day! Social Workers play a huge role in The Mooring process and we appreciate all they do.



Robina Hospital Social Workers

# **Introducing carer - Georgia**

I joined The Mooring team in early 2021. I had always known of The Mooring and what they do, but it wasn't until I had the privilege of diving in and serving first hand that I really understood the heart behind this ministry.

Being with families who are going through the toughest time of their lives, offering them support and care when everything they know has been ripped away, is one of the most special and meaningful things I've ever been part of.

Since joining the team I have also had the opportunity to assist Judy with some administrative tasks. It is such a pleasure to work with Judy and serve alongside the rest of The Mooring team. I feel that I get back so much more than I give!



### **The Mooring Cooks**

The Mooring carers and cooks enjoyed a morning tea together, to say 'thank you' to Sandra who has retired as our cooks' coordinator. We appreciate all the time Sandra invested to make sure The Mooring always had a supply of meals available, as well as cooking meals herself. Our new Cooks Coordinator is Hannah, who already keeps an eye on supply and contacts the cooks when meals are needed.



Thanks also to our amazing volunteer cooks, who keep those meals coming! We are pleased to have welcomed some new cooks this year, to spread the load, and we also acknowledge some of our faithful cooks who have been contributing meals for many years.

Special 'Thank You' and congratulations to our 2 SUPER COOKS
Jeanie Young and Kim Bergman, who have both made over 200 meals
and counting! Both have been cooking for The Mooring since
2018. Well done, what a huge contribution to the families we care for.



Thank you Sandra!



Super cook Kim!



Super cook Jeanie!

#### **End of Financial Year**

With the end of the 22/23 financial year approaching, we would like to remind our supporters that The Mooring relies on donations to fund the organisation.

We are so grateful to all who financially support us, the impact your generosity makes goes far wider than we could ever realise! Thank you so much. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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