

What to expect working for our organisation

Our midwifery service:

At Benalla Health, we believe in providing as much information as we can to potential employees.

Our maternity unit is located adjacent to the acute ward.

It has three fully contained birthing suites where mothers are admitted and usually remain for the duration of their stay.

Antenatal classes and a booking-in program are offered to expectant women and their partners to assist in the preparation for delivery.

General practitioner obstetricians work closely with our midwives, supported by a specialist obstetrician.

Last year, 88 babies were delivered at Benalla Health. In 2018, this is expected to be 120 births.

The service is best described as follows:

- A low risk midwifery service
- Midwives support women and their family's through the entire midwifery continuum.
- Midwifery care on site 24 /7; provided through a rotating roster
- Robust clinical governance systems which support excellent maternity outcomes;
- Highly skilled GP obstetricians, GP anaesthetists and midwives working in a shared care service
- Midwife led public antenatal clinic (no cost to women)
- Specialist Lactation Consultant clinics (no cost to women)
- State of the art equipment
- Contemporary labour wards with modern décor which enables partners to stay overnight. Simultaneously the midwifery department is safe, secure and quiet.
- Access to 24/7 theatre for elective and emergency caesarean sections;
- Excellent clinical support and advice from the Central Hume Director of Obstetric Services, who is based at Northeast Health Wangaratta.
- Women stay up to 48 hours post-delivery for normal uncomplicated deliveries.
- Healthy and nutritious menu for new mothers.

Additionally Benalla Health's Strategic Plan 2016 -2020 states that we commit to delivering high quality healthcare that is efficient, safe and sustainable and we will deliver on this promise by strengthening our maternity services.



For more information, go to benallahealth.org.au

Why Benalla is a great choice

About 14,000 people live in Benalla and the surrounding district, about two hours' drive north-east of Melbourne via the Hume Freeway.

Benalla is built on both sides of the Broken River, which generally flows in a northerly direction through the town. Damming the river near the railway at the northern end of town created Lake Benalla.

Benalla is the gateway to Victoria's High Country, which is great for those who love hiking and skiing.

It is also located close to some of Australia's best wineries.

It is home to Australia's largest gliding club, attracting pilots from around the globe to experience the area's world renowned flying conditions.

Other highlights of this beautiful town are:

Benalla Art Gallery: One of the best regional galleries in Australia with works by Arthur Streeton, Frederick McCubbin, Fred Williams and Sidney Nolan. Surrounded by beautiful botanical gardens and Lake Benalla, the Art Gallery precinct is a Benalla 'must do'.

Winton Wetlands: The restoration of Winton Wetlands is the largest wetland restoration project in the southern hemisphere. You can circumnavigate Lake Mokoan or enjoy the peace and tranquility of the bush with a network of bike paths snaking through the reserve. Grab lunch and a coffee at the Mokoan Hub while you're there.

Gliding over Benalla: The Gliding Club of Victoria is the largest Gliding Club in Australia. There are intensive seven day 'learn to glide' packages or half hour bookable joy flights, making Benalla the ideal place to learn how to fly.

Wall to Wall Festival: World class street art is the legacy of the Benalla Street Art Festival. Search for the soul of the city on walls and buildings around Benalla.

Helpful sites:

Information on what to see and do: <http://www.enjoybenalla.com.au/>

Tourism information: <http://www.victoriashighcountry.com.au/>

Information about Benalla Region current events: <http://www.highcountryharvest.com.au/>

