



## To make an appointment

You do not need a referral to access care from Leeton Midwifery Group Practice. Just call us on **(02) 5943 2148** to make an appointment.

We encourage you to book-in with the Leeton Midwives at 16 weeks of pregnancy.

For more information

### Leeton Midwifery Group Practice

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Local care, close to home.



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## Care close to home

A small group of dedicated midwives will provide expert care throughout your pregnancy, and after your baby is born. You will get to know the midwives, and experience continuity of care.

Leeton Midwives work closely with specialist doctors in Griffith, Wagga and Canberra if you or your baby should require specialist consultation or referral.

You may choose to birth in Leeton, Griffith or Wagga.

## Pregnancy Care

Women are encouraged to make an appointment to book-in with the Leeton Midwives at approximately 16 weeks. The midwives will undertake a detailed assessment and advice a plan for your care. Even if you want to birth in Griffith or Wagga, or have risk factors, you can have most of your care in Leeton.

Your partner or support person is very welcome, and appointments with the Leeton Midwives can be customised to you and your partners needs.



## Birth Care

You may choose to birth in Leeton, Griffith or Wagga.

Leeton midwives are able to provide birthing care at Leeton Hospital in a safe and comfortable setting. If any complexities are identified, the midwife may recommend transferring.

Some women are recommended to birth in a larger centre due to complexities and will be cared for by the midwives and specialist doctors working in those hospitals.

## Postnatal Care

The Leeton Midwives will continue to care for you and your baby after birth.

If you live within 20kms of Leeton, we can visit you at home. This is a more relaxing environment, and much easier to manage with a newborn. You may chose to go home as early as 6 hours after birth, and the visits continue until you feel comfortable to be referred to the Child and Family Health Nurse.

If you live further than 20kms, visits with the midwives can continue at the hospital, like they did when you were pregnant.

If you birth in Griffith, Wagga or Canberra, you are welcome to come back to Leeton Hospital for inpatient care, before going home.

## 24 hour service

Leeton midwives do not work shifts in the hospital, and are on-call 24 hours a day. **Should you have any concerns about yourself or your baby, please phone the midwife on-call (02) 5943 2148.**



## What is a Midwife?

A midwife is a trained healthcare professional, who specialises in caring for women throughout pregnancy, labour, birth, and until baby is 6 weeks old. You will find midwives at every maternity facility in Australia.

## What does a midwife do?

Midwives partner with women throughout their journey, to provide individualised, empowering care.

Midwives focus on the individual woman's needs, expectations, culture and family.

Midwives perform detailed assessments to ensure the optimal health of you and your baby.

Midwives collaborate with other healthcare professionals as needed, for optimal care.

Midwives recognise a woman's right to self determination—your right to choose.

Midwives provide support, education and information throughout your experience.