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St George Hospital midwife scoops New South Wales Midwife of the Year Award

St George Hospital midwife Nicole Greig has been awarded the 2013 JOHNSON'S® Baby Midwife of the Year Award for New South Wales.

Ms Greig, a skilled midwife with more than 14 years' experience was nominated by the mothers she has cared for.

This Award recognises the incredible work midwives do around Australia. It is the only award which allows mothers to nominate midwives who they feel provide exceptional support before, during and after the birth of their child.

Ms Greig said she felt humbled to receive such a prestigious award and that it was an honour and privilege to support women during such a special time in their lives.

"I work in the Birth Centre and Homebirth Service as a caseload midwife. This is a very unique role that enables me to support low risk women in the hospital setting and at home during their labour and birth," Ms Greig said.

"The most rewarding part of my role as a midwife is being able to provide continuity of care to women from their booking appointment to up to two weeks postpartum. The women I care for feel that having a known midwife is the most important thing to them during their journey.

"I feel very fortunate to be part of a team of passionate midwives at St George Hospital who aim to provide a positive birthing experience for women and their families."

Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services, Vicki Manning, praised the efforts of Ms Greig.

"Nicole Greig is a compassionate, competent midwife who is committed to providing quality care to mothers and ensuring families have the best possible experience in our service. We are very proud that one of our excellent midwives from St George Hospital has won this state-wide award," Ms Manning said.

"It's important that we pay tribute to our midwives for the exceptional work they do – they help make the experience of having a baby a memorable one."

St George Hospital has Baby Friendly Health Initiative (BFHI) accreditation. This means that mothers are provided with advice and support during their hospital stay, and in the immediate newborn period to enable parents to achieve the goals they have for feeding and caring for their new baby.

Ms Manning said the midwifery team at St George Hospital is committed to providing the best care for mothers.

"Midwives provide a high level of care, support and advice and play a key role in providing high quality maternity care in our communities.

"Last year our midwives welcomed more than 2,460 babies, and numbers continue to grow, with the support of a highly experienced midwifery team at the hospital," Ms Manning said.