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New Special Care Nursery at Kareena Private

Media are invited to the opening which will be held at 3pm on 13 February 2007.

A newly refurbished Special Care Nursery with state-of-the-art equipment, will be formally opened at Kareena Private Hospital on 13 February by Councillor Kent Jones and Dr Simon Clarke, Director of Adolescent Services, Westmead Hospital.

The Nursery, which cares for extra sick newborn babies born at the Hospital, will be named *The Elizabeth AC Davis Special Care Nursery* in memory of Sutherland Shire Paediatrician Dr Elizabeth Davis who was involved in the foundation of neonatal services at Kareena in 1992. Dr Davis cared for many babies and their families over the ensuing years until her untimely death in 2005.

For two little babies, the new special care nursery upgrade at Kareena Private Hospital is a very welcome and timely initiative

Twins Ashleigh and Mitchell born 7 weeks premature were the first babies cared for in the new nursery.

Mum Kylie Roberson said 'We knew that Ashleigh and Mitchell would need special care after they were born and we were very anxious. Happily though our babies have come along in leaps and bounds in the new nursery and we now have them home with us.

"The nursery is fabulous and the staff and doctors were outstanding – we couldn't have asked for better care."

Kareena Obstetricians and Paediatricians are also delighted with the new upgraded nursery. The doctors and nurses will be able to continue the wonderful care that has existed at Kareena and improve the ability for the hospital to treat and care for extra sick newborn babies in the Sutherland Shire.

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