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Special delivery arrives in time for Mother's Day

Babies were not the only deliveries that arrived at Werribee Mercy Hospital's maternity ward in time for Mother's Day this week – 40 hampers filled with goodies also made a timely arrival.

Pacific Werribee organised for the hampers to be filled and then delivered to the hospital for mothers who are staying in the maternity ward on Mother's Day and for mums of babies staying in the hospital's Special Care Nursery.

The hampers, which contain sweet treats, pampering gifts and goodies for newborns, will be a special treat for mums, Postnatal Nurse Unit Manager Louise Thompson said.

"What a wonderful offer," she said. "The mums will appreciate getting these gift hampers. We have 32 postnatal beds, which are usually full, plus there are additional women who will give birth on the day, so it's great that Pacific Werribee has generously donated so many hampers."

Special Care Nursery Nurse Unit Manager Jennifer Anning said the hampers will be a lovely boost for the mothers who are not yet able to take their babies home from the hospital's 16-cot Special Care Nursery.

"It's difficult for mums to not have their babies home with them on any day, but on days like Mother's Day, it is particularly hard. I'm sure these hampers will help brighten their day."

Mercy Health is grateful to Pacific Werribee, Werribee Hospital Foundation and Mercy Health Foundation for their ongoing support.

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