

It's free to register bub, go down to your local courthouse, visit the website, or call.

Elsie Seriat – Mother and proud Goemu Sipingur, Moegi Buway, Kaygas Clan and Kaurareg Nation Descent woman



We look to support mothers registering their babies and to understand the importance of it.

Joanne Doyle – Early Childhood Manager and proud Wopaburra woman from Keppel Island



Birthing Tree – Artii Nganhi, 2020



My name is Brooke Sutton and I'm a contemporary Aboriginal artist from the Kalkadoon people from the Mount Isa area in Queensland.

This is my interpretation of "Artii Nganhi" which means in the Kalkadoon language "Birthing Tree".

The leaves of the tree represent the generations that have come before us and the roots of the tree is a strong foundation which helps to build and grow a better future for our kids, because we count and our kids count.

We're here to help.

If you're unsure about anything, call us at the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages on **13 74 68**.

- you can call us from Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm (AEST)
- you can also send an email to bdm-mail@justice.qld.gov.au. Tell us your full name, address and phone number and we'll reply within 2 working days.

If you're in hospital, talk to your local Liaison Officer or Community Support Workers.

You can also yarn with your local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community health service, or Community Justice Group.

Remember, our kids count, so call us on 13 74 68 – we're here to help!

For helpful tips and more information, follow us at  www.facebook.com/rbdm.qld

~ Register your bub ~

Our

Kids

count



It's important to register the birth of your bub with the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages – the hospital doesn't do this for you. Registering your bub is **FREE!**



Queensland Government

It's really important to register the birth of your bub!

It helps them as they get older to do things like start kindy, school, or play for a sports team.

What do I need to know about registering bub?

- It's FREE
- Hospitals **DO NOT** register bub
- Medicare and Centrelink **DO NOT** register bub
- It's bub's right to be registered within 8 weeks of birth

The handprints represent family and the strong connection and bond between the parents and their children.

There are 3 ways to register bub

By post



- Call us and ask for a 'birth registration form'. We will post it out to you.
- It's FREE to post it back to us.

Online



To apply online at www.qld.gov.au/births, you will need:

- internet
- 2 forms of ID (such as a driver licence a medicare card, or a birth certificate) for both parents.

Don't have 2 forms of ID for both parents? Call us – we're here to help!



In person



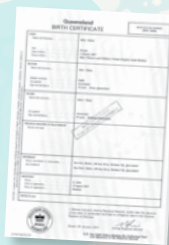
Fill in the birth registration form at your local courthouse or Queensland Government Agent Program office, or come in to the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.



When bub grows up, they will need a birth certificate to go to school, get their driver licence or a passport.

Aunty Margie – Assistance in Midwifery and proud Samsep woman from Darnley Island

Once bub is registered you can buy a birth certificate. It's an important document every Queenslander needs.



I registered through the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages website and it was quick and easy.

Shelby Griffiths – Mother and proud Kamilaroi and Wanaruah woman with ancestors located in Gunnedah and Coonabarabran



How to fill in the paper form

1. A parent fills out the form – a grandparent or a guardian can help.
2. If a parent identifies as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, you can say so on the form.
3. Both parents sign the form.
4. Another adult (18 years and over) signs as a witness.

What if one parent is not around to sign the form?

This happens. We can still register bub – call us.

What if it's been more than 8 weeks since bub was born?

No worries. You can still register bub. You can even register your other children if they're not registered. We're here to help you!

The footprints represent the child's journey through life from birth to adulthood when they are ready to start a family of their own.

The brown and pink mountains and the blue and green waves represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's connection to the land, sea and to country.

**We're here to help,
give us a call on 13 74 68.**