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Multiple Mayhem!

It will be a case of seeing double – and in some cases triple - when more than 20 sets of twins and triplets, born at the Royal Women's Hospital over the past year, reunite on Sunday 30 April to launch the hospital's annual **Mothers' Day Appeal**.

Gathering to swap stories with other mums and families, and to showcase their beautiful new bubs, the launch of the **Mothers' Day Appeal** is also a great opportunity for families to reunite with some of The Women's staff who cared for them throughout their pregnancies.

Six years ago the Royal Women's Hospital started the first multiple pregnancy antenatal clinic of its kind in Australia. These mothers met in specialised multiple birth antenatal classes at The Women's.

"Twins have a huge impact on a family and being able to talk to other parents experiencing the same challenges really helps" said Sue Cheney (an identical twin herself), Midwife and Childbirth Educator at the Royal Women's Hospital.

Hosted by well-known actress, comedienne, and theatre sports performer Julia Zemiro, the **Mothers' Day Appeal** launch will include some fun games to test these new parents on their twin and triplet trivia and multitasking skills.

Last year, the Royal Women's Hospital welcomed 170 sets of twins and four sets of triplets into the world.

The **Twin and Triplet Reunion** is just one event on the **Mothers' Day Appeal** calendar which raises funds to support the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment and fund innovative and ground-breaking research.

The community can show how much they care for mums, and support the valuable role the hospital plays in the lives of women and newborn babies, by making a donation or attending a mother's day event. Visit www.mothersday.org.au or call 1300 788 749 to support the Royal Women's Hospital.

The Royal Women's Hospital Mothers' Day Appeal runs until the end of May.

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