

West Coast District Health Board Te Poari Hauora a Rohe o Tai Poutini

Media release **Maternity web pages born** Wednesday 9 July

After several months of gestation, health professionals and educators up and down the coast would like to announce the birth of the West Coast maternity services web pages.

Organised through the West Coast District Health Board, the web pages deliver information including: How to find and register with a midwife; maternity services available on the West Coast; and links to support groups.

West Coast DHB Quality Coordinator, Hospital Services, Vicki Piner has been working closely with West Coast and Canterbury DHB Maternity Quality and Safety Programme Coordinator Lesa Freeman to collate information that is now available on a one stop online shop, <u>www.westcoastdhb.health.nz/maternity</u>.

"We wanted to make it simple for newly pregnant women to get information all in the one place. Having this information online means it can be updated at any time, so it stays relevant and timely," Ms Piner says.

Business card-sized "purse pack" cards will be distributed around the coast, so women can easily find the web address and understand what the web pages contain.

A celebration to launch the pages was held today (Wednesday 9 July) at the Grey Base Hospital, Buller and South Westland DHB facilities.

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