



# Amanda talks up new ward

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FIVEa afternoon presenter Amanda Blair is spearheading a fundraising drive to upgrade a surgical ward for babies at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

The Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation and Woolworths are aiming to raise \$350,000 during their Fresh Future Appeal.

"It's tremendous that we can raise money in a really easy way, for services that are much needed in our health sector," she said. "And for many parents, the thought of a child in hospital is just their worst fear."

Her commitment comes from the heart.

Her son Frank, seven months, recently spent three days in the hospital with cellulitis – a severe leg infection. "The staff were fantastic, sensational," she said.

Money raised will help upgrade the

17-bed Rose Ward, a surgical facility for babies from birth to 12 months old. The ward can accommodate parents while their children are being treated.

The \$350,000 goal is much more than last year's total of \$256,000 but Ms Blair, the mother of three, is confident the charity can reach it.

"If everyone who has used the hospital donates about \$3 there should be no problem," she said.

"It's an important charity, it's an important facility and, sadly, it's a reality that most parents will spend time in the Women's and Children's Hospital."

Donate to the Fresh Future Appeal at any Woolworths shopping centre this month or visit the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation website at [www.wchfoundation.org.au](http://www.wchfoundation.org.au)



**CAMPAIGN:** Amanda Blair with Sid, 4, Ginger, 2, and Frank, 7 months