



Mother and Child 2020 Newsletter

We are very grateful to all the mothers who are participating in the MC2020 study. About two thirds are from the ACT and one third from South-East NSW. We are accepting new registrations up unto 31st December. **If you know anyone who might be eligible, please invite them to join.**

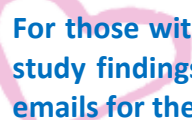


The “bushfire questionnaire” has been completed by over 920 women. Here is a word cloud arising from your comments about your bushfire experiences.



Over 740 women have completed the “COVID-19 questionnaire.” The importance of family and the challenges imposed by COVID-19 lockdowns is clearly evident in this word cloud.

More than 420 women have completed the “pregnancy questionnaire” to date. This questionnaire is completed once your baby is at least 3 months old and provides information on the care you received through pregnancy, your birth experience and how it has been looking after your baby through the challenges of the 2020 year.



For those with questionnaires not yet complete, please take the time to do these, as the study findings will be much stronger with more completions. Please go to your MC2020 emails for the links.

We ran two rounds of press coverage about the MC2020 study, the first around launch day in August and the second 9 weeks later. You can read about some initial findings here. <https://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/bushfires-and-covid-take-their-toll-on-new-mums-and-babies>. You might also have seen Professor Nolan on the evening news. We would like to thank all the wonderful mothers who spoke to the media about their experiences of having babies this year.

The team thank you for joining MC2020, together we can find answers.



For more information about how to support this project please visit the website.