

# Hospital Grade Breast Pump Hire

## Information for consumers

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A hospital grade double electric breast pump is the best choice for a mother who needs to express her breastmilk frequently. For example:

- To express breastmilk for a preterm or unwell baby.
- To increase a low milk supply.
- To maintain milk supply during long periods when baby can't breastfeed.
- Full time working and breastfeeding.
- If the mother prefers to express and bottle feed full time.

## Where can I hire a hospital grade breast pump?

### Australian Breastfeeding Association

Hire includes support from a trained volunteer breastfeeding counsellor. Member discounts are available.

Phone 03 53376315.

For more information go to: <https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/local/vic/ballarat-vic>

### UFS Ballarat

40 Bridge Mall Ballarat  
Ph. 53270400

717 Sturt St Ballarat  
Ph. 53319811

### UFS Bacchus Marsh

25-27 Grant St Bacchus Marsh  
Ph.53678600

### Grampians Health Horsham

**Maternity Outpatient Clinic** 20 McLachlan Street Horsham Ph 53819010  
OR Yandilla Ward Ph 53819261

## What does it cost?

Deposit and hire costs vary.

**A deposit** is charged which will be refunded when the pump is returned.

**Hire cost:** Weekly or monthly fees are charged.

**Milk collection kits:** These attach to the pump and cannot be hired for health reasons.

You must buy your own from wherever you hire the pump.



## **Breast pump hire for mothers of babies in Special Care Nursery at Grampians Health Ballarat**

If your baby is in Special Care Nursery (SCN) at **Grampians Health Ballarat**, you can borrow a hospital grade breast pump from SCN until your baby is discharged home. Please speak with your midwife or a nurse in SCN about this.

A deposit is charged, which is refunded when you return the pump, but there is no other cost. Disposable milk collection kits for these pumps are available from SCN at no cost, or you can purchase a re-usable kit from UFS pharmacies.

**The pump must be returned before your baby is discharged from SCN.**

### **What about buying a breast pump instead of hiring one?**

You can buy some good quality double, 'hospital grade' pumps from retail stores and online. These can be quite expensive but are a good choice if you are establishing your milk supply and you plan to express breastmilk often.

Single mini - electric and hand pumps are only suitable if your milk supply is well established and you only need to express 1 or 2 times each day for 3 to 4 days per week. Please speak to your Midwife, Nurse, Lactation Consultant or Australian breastfeeding Association counsellor about the right type of breast pump for your current needs.

### **For further information and support please contact the Grampians Health Breastfeeding Services:**

#### **Ballarat**

Phone: 0439 981 937 Monday to Friday

#### **Horsham**

Phone 53819010 Monday to Friday or Yandilla Ward Ph 53819261

Or call the **Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA)** 24-hour helpline  
Ph. 1800 686 268  
[www.breastfeeding.asn.au](http://www.breastfeeding.asn.au)