



Leigh Morgan, with daughter Arwyn, who was born at 25 weeks, has welcomed a new support group at Monash Medical Centre for parents of premature babies.

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Group supports parents of prem babies

WHEELERS Hill mother Leigh Morgan says a new Monash Medical Centre group will be a welcome help for parents facing the trauma of a premature birth.

Voluntary parents' association Life's Little Treasures, made up of people who have experienced the birth of a premature baby, will begin a monthly

morning tea at the hospital from next week. Ms Morgan said she did not find out about the group until a year after her daughter, Arwyn, was born at 25 weeks' gestation.

"It's been really useful since then, but it would have been even better if I had known when I had Arwyn," Ms Morgan said.

Life's Little Treasures president Parool Shah said the group started at Royal Women's Hospital and was now expanding to Monash, where 1062 babies were born prematurely last year. The group holds regular morning teas. Details are available at www.lifeslittletreasures.org.au and www.prembaby.org.au.