

# Our newest arrivals

## at Northeast Health Wangaratta



# Please, keep our hope alive

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Mrs Keenan's condition, of Sporadic Cerebellar Ataxia - Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), causes the shrinkage of cells within the cerebellum - the rear part of the brain which coordinates muscle movement - and results in speech and balance difficulties, sharing symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease.

Over the course of her six weeks of treatment at Nanshan Hospital in Shenzhen, China, she received five stem cell injections into her spinal chord, in addition to intensive physical therapy, which has been maintained back in Wangaratta where the family has set up a home gym.

Mr Keenan said his wife had made improvements in speech and her ability to write and walk. "But I can't honestly say the stem cell treatment was the only thing that helped, given the extensive rehabilitation and physical therapy also undertaken," he said.

"What I do know is that there were improvements, which have helped us cling on to hope. "And our researchers need to be able to continue to look for more answers."

Unfortunately, a recent fall which cracked Mrs Keenan's sacrum, has setback her ongoing treatment, "perhaps by as much as six months", Mr Keenan said.

"I just know Jill's strengths and courage to do these (treatment) things is phenomenal," Mr Keenan said.

"I hope it's the same for our politicians."

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### Dylan Lucas White



Dylan Lucas White was born on Monday November 6, at 1.38pm, weighing 8lb. He is the son of Romany and Travis White of Wangaratta, and little brother to Liam and Caleb.

### Sienna Louise Watts



Sienna Louise Watts was born on Sunday November 5, at 7.40am, weighing 7lb 5oz. She is the daughter of Jasmine Bourne and Phil Watts of Wangaratta.

### Jack Brenden Gambrell



Jack Brenden Gambrell was born on Wednesday November 1, at 6.10pm, weighing 5lb 2oz. He is the son Sheree Aldridge and Darrell Gambrell of Wangaratta, and they would like to thank everyone who helped.

### Jaxsun Charles Williams



Jaxsun Charles Williams was born on Sunday November 5, at 2.20pm, weighing 6lb 15oz. He is the son Becky Williams of Wangaratta, and grandson to John and Amanda Williams.

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