



Dear Maggie,

Thank you for such a wonderful few days at Birthspirit cottage for the midwifery intensives. Your home and the surrounding areas are delightful. The course was fantastic, as was the food, thank you Tony.

We are still in 'no man's land' in Australia regarding maternity reform and where homebirth sits within it, but there are many wonderful women and men keeping up the fight and pushing hard for change.

Who would ever have thought that the simple act of birthing my baby in my lounge room would become such a political hot potato?

As Obama says "change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek".

Warm regards

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Editor's note: see Jo's update on the reforms on pages 49-50.



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Congratulations to Sarah Pallet whose article 'Training, What Training?' from Issue 1 of *Birthspirit Midwifery Journal* was reprinted in the September issue of *MIDIRS Midwifery Digest*.

Thanks also to Sally Marchant, Editor of *MIDIRS*, for the encouraging editorial note which accompanied the article reprint:

"This article is published in a journal called Birthspirit Midwifery. MIDIRS would like to welcome the arrival of this new journal birthed in New Zealand. As the Editor notes in the introduction – a demonstration of the coming of age for midwifery in New Zealand. The journal offers an eclectic mix of what constitutes the framework and substance of midwifery and we look forward to it maturing and developing over the years to come."¹

Reference

1. Marchant S. Editor's note. *MIDIRS Midwifery Digest* 2009;19(3):325.

Hi Maggie

Just received my copy of issue 3 of your journal, just as good as the first two issues. I am so glad that you are publishing this great journal and sharing such a wealth of midwifery knowledge.

Here in Australia we independent midwives appreciate your editorial on our current legal and political situation that has huge implications for us and for women choosing home birth. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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