

MALE MIDWIFERY ONE OF A KIND



PRIVILEGED EXPERIENCE Sam Gale is final year at Mater Hospital and will finish his studies at James Cook University this year. **PICTURE** MATT LUNN

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AFTER completing more than 2500 hours of placement, Sam Gale will be the only man in his cohort as a midwife.

Mr Gale is about to graduate from JCU with a bachelor of nursing studies/midwifery and will start next year at the Mater Hospital in Townsville.

the birth suite and on the floor in the women's units.

"I'm the oldest of seven kids and I've always been around pregnant ladies."

"Midwifery is about working with women to have really good outcomes."

"I do that whole process with women throughout their pregnancy, and it's such a unique and such a privi-

leged experience to be with those women at all times. It's the reason why I'm here."

Mr Gale said he didn't think being a midwife was a career path he had ever proached the job.

He also raised his female colleagues for taking good care of their patients.

"These women are really strong and resilient. They're not afraid of anything, he said.

"We try to understand what she needs and what she wants. We try to make her feel safe, what she wants."

It's about you to be able to provide her with the care she needs.