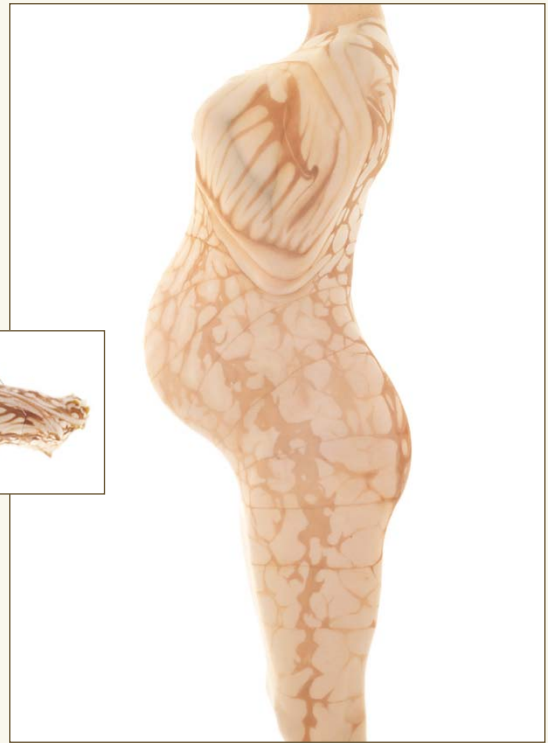


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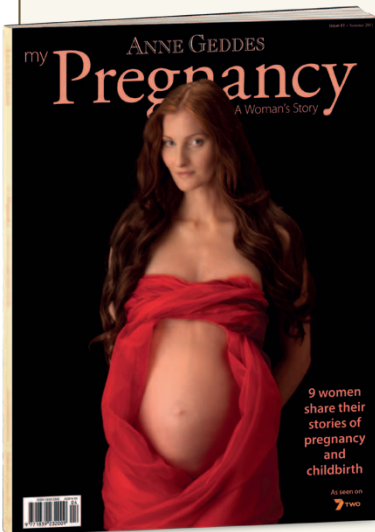
A Woman's Story

A message from Anne Geddes to the members of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia.

I have been working on a project called *my Pregnancy™ – A Woman's Story* for the past two years. The project consists of a quarterly magazine (the first issue released two weeks ago) in tandem with a television series. Over this time I have met and photographed some remarkable women, all in their final weeks of pregnancy, and all different shapes and sizes, because I truly believe that every pregnant woman is beautiful in their own unique way. After their babies were born, each of these women came back to the studio to tell their own personal stories of pregnancy, childbirth and beyond. They are rich and diverse stories, heart-warming stories, courageous stories, sometimes incredibly sad stories, and I believe all of these stories need to be shared.



Rachel (39 weeks pregnant)
Left: *Cressida cressida* (Clearwing swallowtail butterfly) pupa



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In particular, one of the most poignant stories in this first series, concerns the tragedy of stillbirth, and I feel that this particular story may be of help and interest to your members. ***This important episode airs on 7TWO this Saturday 29th October at 4.30 p.m., followed by a repeat on Monday 31st October at 2 p.m.***

In this episode, Rachel bravely and eloquently describes the stillbirth of her baby daughter Sierra Willow. I photographed Rachel when she was 39 weeks pregnant, and tragically, 3 days later Sierra died in utero. Everyone at the studio was devastated. I naturally thought that perhaps Rachel and her husband Jeff may not want their story to be included in the project, but Rachel told me that she wanted to help other women who may be going through the same experience. Her openness and honesty in the face of grief, moved us all deeply.

In addition to the television series, Rachel's story is more comprehensively told in the first issue of the magazine.

I feel (and know you will agree) that this is a very important story ... one which needs to be shared ... particularly with those who have been through a similar devastating experience. Therefore, I'm asking you to please pass this message on to friends, family or anybody you feel may benefit from sharing in Rachel's story.

Love from Anne



Photo by Kelly Geddes