

## Let's tackle stillbirth

I WAS saddened by Carolyn Thomas's predicament and the stillbirth of her daughter, Phoebe ("Give me justice for Phoebe", *SHS*, July 5).

In view of this and my involvement with the subject, I congratulate Wendy Hargreaves on her column "Lift the silence on stillbirth" (*SHS Focus*, July 5) and the *Sunday Herald Sun* on presenting an accurate and understanding picture of stillbirth and associated grief.

More than 2000 children are stillborn every year in Australia. This is six a day.

We wish to change this with funding and research into stillbirth.

We also aim to increase public awareness so that stillbirth is no longer a silent topic.

I liken this to what cot death faced 20 years ago when it was not talked about.

Today, almost every adult Australian is aware of SIDS and recognises it as a reality (even though it is less common than stillbirth).

Readers, please look at our website, [www.stillbirthfoundation.org.au](http://www.stillbirthfoundation.org.au)

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**Heartbroken:** Carolyn Thomas delivered daughter Phoebe, whose ashes she keeps, stillborn in a hospital corridor.