

# Media Release

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## Jack is back

Jack was the most popular name for boys last financial year, while Ella took the number one spot with girls' names registered at the South Australian Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office (BDM).

The Registrar of Birth, Deaths and Marriages, Val Edyvean said that the top names for boys have been much the same over the past three years.

"Jack and Joshua always seem to appear in the top three boys' names, but popularity among the the girls' names changes from year to year. This financial year, Ella is at the top with Charlotte and Emily to follow."

The most popular names registered at BDM last financial year were

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>1</b>	Jack	Ella
<b>2</b>	Lachlan	Charlotte
<b>3</b>	Joshua	Emily
<b>4</b>	Thomas	Sophie
<b>5</b>	Ethan	Chloe
<b>6</b>	William	Mia
<b>7</b>	Samuel	Olivia
<b>8</b>	Riley	Amelia
<b>9</b>	Noah	Isabella
<b>10</b>	Liam	Lily

Last financial year 18 928 babies were registered at the BDM office. In South Australia it is compulsory to register the birth of a child, whether born alive or stillborn. The birth must be registered within 60 days.

"Not all births are advertised in the newspapers and therefore this baby names listing is the most comprehensive in South Australia."

Ms Edyvean is concerned that some parents do not register the birth, usually by oversight. They may forget about it until the child needs a birth certificate to enroll in school.

"Birth Certificates are required for many reasons including school enrolment, obtaining a passport or driver's licence, or social security benefits."

"There are many benefits to registering a child. The registration of a child provides the newborn with its own identity. The child is also recognised in state and national statistics, which governments use for planning and funding allocation purposes. Importantly, registration is free."

To register the birth of a child parents complete and lodge the Birth Registration Statement, which is provided by the hospital or midwife. A replacement Birth Registration Statement is also available

from the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office if registration has been delayed or forgotten. While early registration is encouraged, late registrations are still accepted.

For information about registering the birth of your baby (which is compulsory), baby names, designs of Commemorative Birth Certificates and how to apply for certificates, telephone BDM on 8204 9599 or visit [www.ocba.sa.gov.au](http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au).