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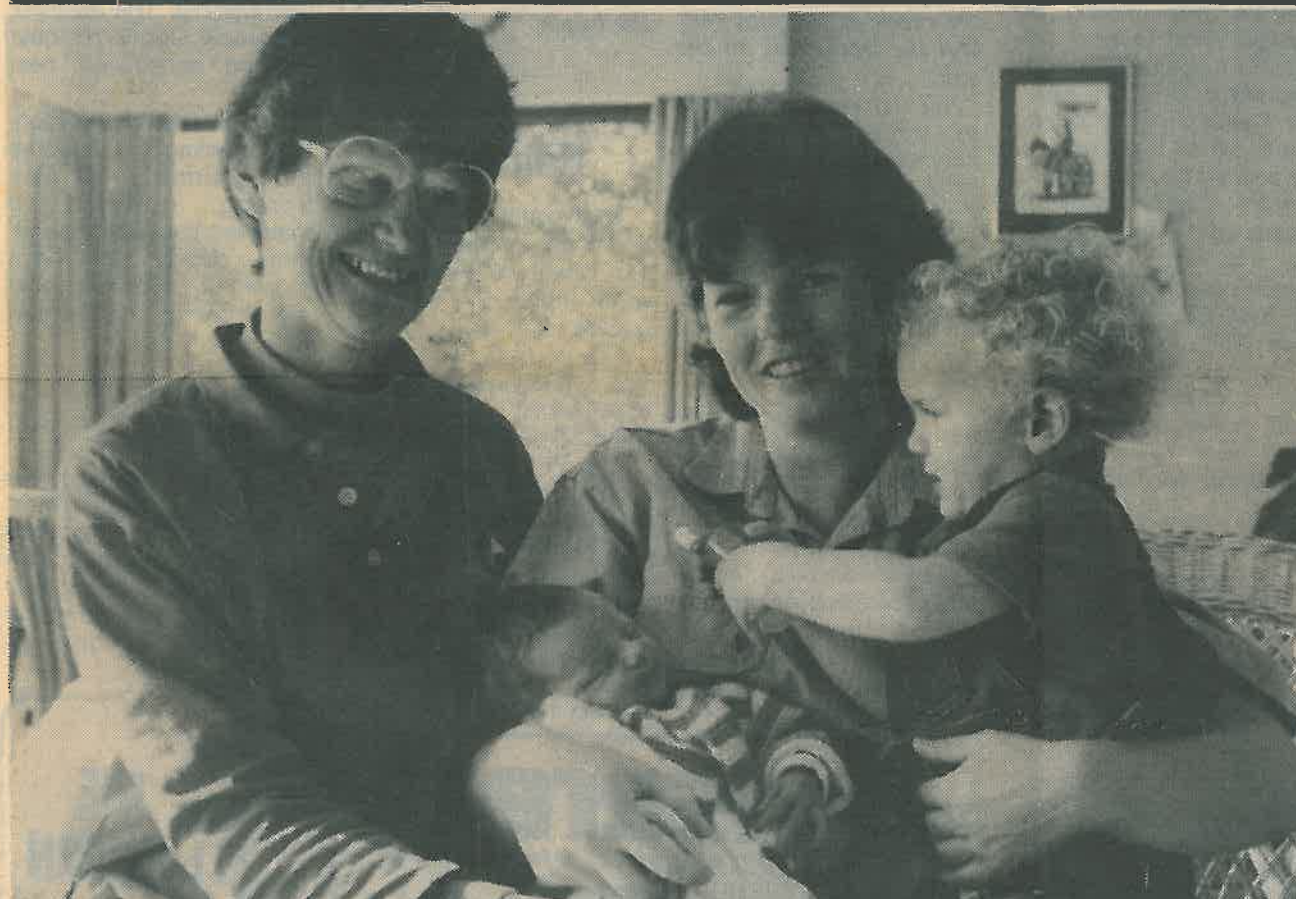
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THEY HAVE PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT. Mrs Robyn Easton (left) and Mrs Kathy Graham with baby, Perry, and two-year-old Benjamin.

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Robyn's first home delivery

Perry, Robin Peter Graham, now just over two weeks old, was born at his parents' home at Bryan's Beach, with Mrs Robyn Easton as midwife, and his father, Dr Patch also present.

Mrs Kathy Graham said she wanted her second baby to be born at home, "where we could have control of the situation."

"Our older boy is now two, and we wanted him to be involved, and not be in the position of mum going away and coming home with a new baby."

Mrs Graham said it was a much more relaxing experience than having to go to a hospital. "But naturally, if you were an at risk person, you wouldn't be thinking of a home birth," she said.

For Mrs Easton, it was her first home delivery.

"Midwives must go through the process of ap-

plying to the Department of Health to be registered," she said.

"Midwives in New Zealand must have the permission of a general practitioner and he is there at the time of delivery."

"One of the functions of a midwife is that she must know which doctor to refer to, as a number won't do home births."

Mrs Easton said she had always wanted to be a domiciliary midwife, as she believed women should have the choice of where their babies should be born.

"I also believe that pregnancy and childbirth are normal functions of healthy women."

Local women, some of whom have had their babies at home, are starting a home birth association, and for those interested there will be a meeting in the Women's Room on Monday, August 14.