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Melbourne-based business Mrs Splashback and Canberra’s The Pink Plumber have both found success with female clients, who feel more comfortable inviting women into their homes.

“Tradies earn really good money, so it’s about time women got in on that,” Mrs Splashback managing director Rebecca D’Angelo said.

Australia’s largest network of trade professionals, Hipages.com.au, now has 28,600 tradeswomen as members.

Last year was the strongest year for women tradies joining Hipages with almost 5000 signing up, a whopping 480 per cent increase on the year before. It comparison, the number of male trades on Hipages grew by 259 per cent.

But the figures show women have a long way to go to match men – especially in Victoria, where they make up just 14.4 per cent of the state’s total tradies on the website.

National Association of Women in Construction director-chairwoman of the board Helen Bagget said many tradeswomen were starting their own businesses and discovering “the fact they’re a woman is a highly attractive marketing aspect.”

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Human kindness winning formula

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A NOONAMAH family with a 10-year-old daughter in intensive care at a Melbourne hospital had to rely on random strangers found through social media for their child’s food source.

The Imms family spent a frantic 24 hours trying to source a common food formula – Pediacare – as the supplies they brought from the Territory ran out. None could be sourced locally, with suppliers telling staff at Melbourne’s Royal Children’s Hospital all stock had been shipped to China.

Glen Waverly mother of four, soon to be five, Thien Pocza, stepped in to help the distraught family, giving up her supplies for Jordan, who has undergone open heart surgery as part of complications associated with Williams Syndrome.

The woman handed over 12 200ml bottles of blended formula she no longer needed for her cerebral palsy child.

A relieved Jackie Imms was grateful at the kindness of people and especially her Darwin friend Sam Baker, who co-ordinated the media rally.

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The family then turned to social media, asking if anyone coming to Melbourne could bring the formula they had at their home.

“My faith in human kindness has been restored and I have to thank Sam Baker, who got the message for formula out there because I was so occupied in ICU,” Ms Imms said.

The swift work of Facebook had them on several pages, including one for children with special needs.

Jackie said Jordan is recovering after the surgery but was still struggling with her breathing, had fluid on her lungs and high blood pressure.

Six more tins of the formula were put on a plane last night by a family member and were to arrive in Melbourne today.

Inked up and revved by return of show

MOLLY BAXTER

ANGRY Anderson, bikes, babies and tattoos were all part of this year’s Berrimah Bike and Tattoo Show at Hidden Valley Tavern.

After a 15-year hiatus, the show was back bigger and better than ever with hundreds of bikes filling the surrounding carparks.

Tattoo enthusiasts got some more inspiration and adult entertainment kept the majority sticking around.

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