



1920 - 2020
A Colourful Tribute
to



100 Years of Service to the Community
A revised Edition 2020 in Digitally Enhanced Colour

An updated Personal appreciation of Tweddle Expertise

In 2015 I wrote “*No one has ever been born at the Tweddle Hospital.* It has never been a birthing hospital, all infants, and mothers have been admitted or received treatment from Doctors, Nurses and medical staff as and when required.”

Five years later with new knowledge and technology it has become possible to digitally enhance some of the original black and white photos to colorise them and it is now appropriate on the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the organisation to upgrade this document.

I consider myself one of the lucky ones for that original expertise, born at Kelvin Grove Private Hospital in Yarraville, 11 weeks premature on the 8th August 1939, I was informed later in life by my mother that I was not expected to live through the night of my birth, I was immediately named after my two Grandfathers, and was told later that I was kept warm in a basket on top of a stove in the Kelvin Grove kitchen before being taken to the Tweddle Hospital the next day. The Tweddle in 1939 was receiving and attending to premature birth babies on site at Footscray.

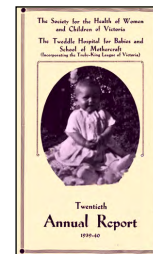
After my mother's death in 2010, I discovered the 20th Annual General Report for 1940 amongst my mother's possessions, and came across an article within the report under the heading

“*Notes on Interesting Cases*”:



James Leonard Hevey - Admitted to hospital on 9th August 1939 Age 14 hours - Condition 11 weeks premature. Not weighed or oiled for 10 days, weight then 2 pounds 10^{1/2} ounces. Discharged at 3^{1/2} months, weighing 7 pounds 9^{1/2} ounces.

He is now a happy normal baby.



There is no doubt that I owe my survival to the treatment and expertise of the staff at that time.

Jim Hevey

Note: **Kelvin Grove Private Hospital** in Yarraville

(3 Tongue Street) was the birthplace for many locals, the site was originally the home of Eliza and George Sheppard a plasterer who lived there in 1912. The property had at least two other owners before it was purchased by Harriet Campbell, who hired architect Marcus Martin to design a private hospital on the rear of the site that opened in 1934. Historical documents show Kelvin Grove operating into the 1950's after which the property became a boarding house until the 1990s.



It has since been renovated and returned to a private residence.

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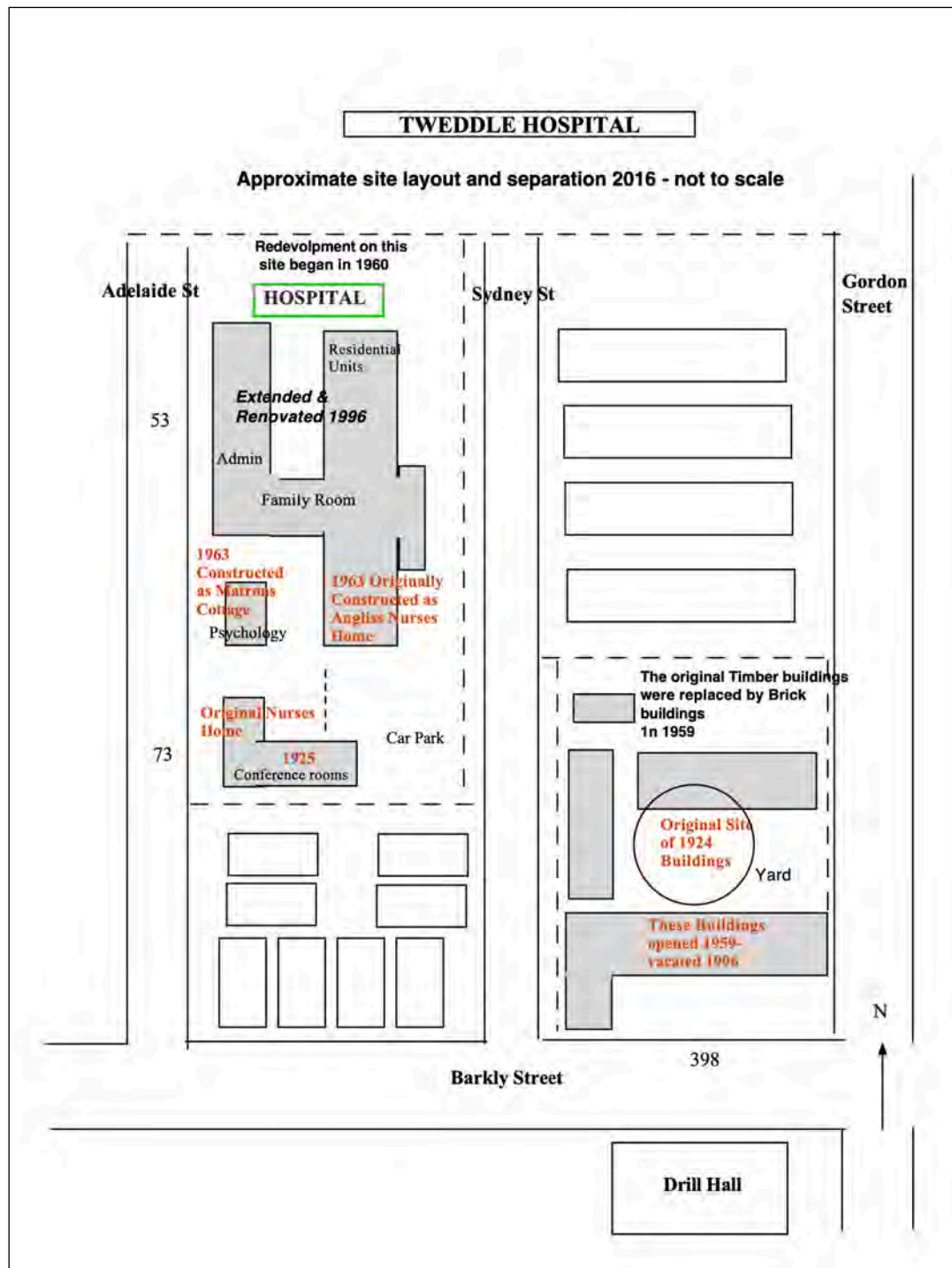
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100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

DR. SPRINGTHORPE

*SAID OF THE PLUNKET SYSTEM , HE BELIEVED THE NEW SYSTEM
“WOULD SAVE 30 TO 40 BABIES PER 1000, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE DIE”*

Approximate site layout



JOSEPH THORNTON 'THORN' TWEDDLE
PHOTOGRAPHER UNKNOWN, C1900
SYDNEY LIVING MUSEUMS

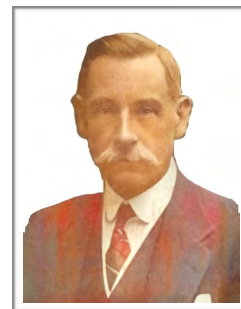


1920 - How it all Began



The entity that is now known as *'Tweddle' child + family health service* has evolved from the formation and amalgamation of several groups, following the formation of The Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria (Plunket System) with their first centre in Coburg in 1919.

Founders of this Society were Dr. J.W.Springthorpe (Pictured below Left), Sister Maud Primrose (centre), and Mr.J.Hume-Cook (Hon Secretary of the Society) (Pictured below Right).



The Plunket System



DR.(SIR) FREDRIC TRUBY KING

The Tweddle Hospital was the first school of Mothercraft in Victoria it was originally run by the Society for the Health of Women and Children, that was based on Dr.Fredric Truby Kings ‘ Plunket system of infant care’.

New Zealand born,Frederic Truby King, later Knighted for his services ,becoming Sir Frederic Truby King, established the Plunket Society in Dunedin ,New Zealand in 1907.

His speciality was child health and his vision was to help mothers, and save babies who were dying from malnutrition and disease.

He believed that scientifically formulated methods on nutrition and infant care were the key to reducing the death rate among babies and children

Truby King called for a public meeting in Dunedin and succeeded in winning the support of influential Dunedin Women and received a pledge to form a Society to carry forward his vision for a new health regime based on the support and education of mothers.

Sir Truby King founded the Australian Mothercraft Society in May 1923, the Society adopted the same constitution.aims and objectives as the New Zealand Society.

1920 - Arrival of the Plunket System in Footscray



There were concerns about Melbourne's falling birthrate around the end of the 19th century and social reformers began campaigns for the introduction of methods to decrease the rate of infant mortality.

Local milk distribution Institutes commenced in some inner suburbs with little effect apparent, after World War 1, Baby Health Centres were funded, first in Richmond, with other suburbs following and nine centres existed by 1919 after the addition of Government funding.



The Victorian Baby Health Centres Association, founded in 1918 brought together a number of other institutes, and Hospitals were encouraged to refer babies to centres now trained by specialist nurses, trained initially by the Association and later at the Royal Women's Hospital.

The Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria founded by Dr.J.W.Springthorpe (pictured),and funded by businessman Joseph Tweddle, introduced the rival New Zealand based Plunket system in 1920

The arrival of the Plunket system and the eventual establishment of the Tweddle Hospital in 1924 is understood to be the result of the general review of health procedures and the growing awareness of germs causing disease as a result of unsanitary conditions in homes and industrial areas.

The Hospital gained prestige because it offered residential treatment for mothers and babies based on the teachings of Dr. Frederick Truby King, and the guidance and establishment of the Truby King League of Victoria, founded by Sister Maud Primrose, whose 'Plunket' nurses visited families who paid for advice.

Health centres gradually became established across the metropolitan area, carrying out the usual routine of weighing and measuring of babies. The services have extended into monitoring of council based immunisation programs, and the establishment of playgroups and gathering places for new mothers.

The system was named after **Lady Victoria Plunket** the wife of Sir William Plunket, the wife of Sir William Plunket, Governor General of New Zealand,Lady Plunket is pictured right circa 1905.



Dr. J.W.Springthorpe

One of the Founders



This photo depicts (Doctors Sir Stanley Argyle and Colonel Springthorpe)

Australian War Museum (Photo AWM PS1087.)

In a lecture on 28 May 2011 - with the Title, "Less than Six Degrees of Separation - for the National Portrait Gallery, by Dr. Anne Sanders:

Dr. Sanders chose as the subject:

'John Springthorpe',

"Chosen for his enthusiastic support for setting professional Standards for many helping professions, and his ongoing and dedicated support for better care of the mentally ill and later shell shock victims and repatriated soldiers"

Dr. Springthorpe enlisted for active service, at age 59 in 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of war. In Egypt he became senior physician in No.2 Australian General Hospital and he received the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

He returned to Australia early in 1916 and presented a report to the authorities criticising the general organisation of Red Cross work in Egypt. After a month in Australia he returned to Egypt where he served with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, and then he went to France and Belgium, and later to the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford, where he took a special interest in shell-shock and neurasthenic cases. He returned to Australia in December, 1918."

An enthusiastic worker for child welfare and mothercraft, Dr. Springthorpe took an active part in the foundation of the Tweddle (Truby King) home at Footscray.'

(The Argus Melbourne - Monday 23 April 1933)

Born in 1885 in Staffordshire England he immigrated with his family arriving in Balmain, Sydney in 1861.

His first medical position was at the Beechworth Asylum.

He eventually returned to London in 1881 working at a number of Hospitals and in 1883 returned to Australia as a

pathologist at the Alfred Hospital.

Married to Annie Constance Inglis on

26 January 1887 they took up residence in a building then named

'Camelot' at 83 Collins Street Melbourne. (pictured right - courtesy State Library of Victoria)

In later years following the death of his first wife (giving birth to Guy), he remarried and moved to Murrumbidgee.



The Springthorpe Memorial in Kew

The Springthorpe memorial is a Victorian Era memorial built for Doctor John Springthorpe in memory of his wife **Annie Springthorpe (nee Inglis)** who died in 1897 giving birth to their fourth child (Guy).

(Pictured right is Annie Inglis on her wedding day.)



It is located in the Boroondara General Cemetery Kew, and was completed in 1901.

It is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register, and is considered to be of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

Nowhere on the memorial is there any mention of the deceased's name.

There is an inscription:

Loves Music Hushed and Two Hearts Dumb

And Death Not Life Thine Angel Now

My Own True Love

Pattern Daughter Perfect Mother and Ideal Wife

Born on the 26th day of January 1867

Married on the 26th day of January 1887

Buried on the 26th day of January 1897

In 1933 The Argus praised it as the most beautiful work of its kind in Australia.



ONE OF THE INSCRIPTIONS AROUND THE MEMORIAL

Dr. J.W.Springthorpe M.A.,M.D.

**A MAJOR INFLUENCE IN THE TWEDDLE STORY
HE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
OF VICTORIA**

**FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF
VICTORIA 1921 - 1933**



Tweddle Collection

1920 - Sister Maud Primrose

SHE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE HEALTH OF WOMEN
AND CHILDREN OF VICTORIA



THE EXCELLENT PHOTO ABOVE - APPEARED IN "WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD OF WOMEN
CENTENARY

EDITION Vol.II,1934 -Published by the Reference Press Association.

In 1918 Maud Primrose, a trained nurse who became the Secretary and a Life Member of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association, wrote to the Footscray Council, suggesting the establishment of a 'fees for services' scheme for the services of visiting nurses, using a the New Zealand scheme, as New Zealand had a world record low infant mortality rate.

She had undertaken specialised training for a year in about 1913, at the Plunket Society in Dunedin NZ.

Returning to Melbourne she began to promote the Truby King method of caring for babies and with the support of a mentor, *Dr. J.W.Springthorpe* between 1916 and 1920, helped to establish the *Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria (Plunket System)*.

This eventually led to the establishment of the Tweddle, and the training of nurses at the “Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft from 1921, the nurses were formally named as ‘Primrose Nurses’.

‘She was a Life member of the Royal Victorian College of Nursing. In 1909 she founded the Visiting Trained Nurses Association of Victoria and was Hon. Secretary. She is credited as being mainly responsible for the first Truby King Centre in Victoria, which was opened by Sir Truby King, in the presence of Lady Helen Munro Fergusson (pictured) at Coburg in 1919.



She founded the Truby King Mothercraft League of South Australia in October 1934.

In recognition of her spade work from 1916, the Victorian Society for the Health of Women and Children named the Primrose Nurses of the Tweddle Hospital after her. She is a Hon. Life member of the Society’.

WHO’S WHO IN THE WORLD OF WOMEN 1934

THE TRUBY KING LEAGUE SECTION	
Kelvin Hall, 55 Collins Place, Melbourne. Telephone: Central 1437.	
President: LADY IRVINE	
Deputy President: MRS. JAMES WILSON	
Vice-President: MRS. W. A. LEITCH	
Hon. Organising Secretary: MISS M. V. PRIMROSE	
Hon. Treasurer: MRS. T. F. McMULLEN	
MRS. A. F. BELL	MRS. R. ELLIS WOOD
MRS. R. V. S. McPHERSON	MRS. C. W. SEXTON
MISS GERTRUDE MILLAR	MISS MARGARET LEITCH
MRS. B. C. WHEELER	MRS. W. P. BROWNELL
MRS. FRED HILL	MRS. HENRY KELLY
Founder: The Late SIR TRUBY KING, K.B., C.M.G., M.B., B.Sc.	
Life Members: MRS. JAMES WILSON J. T. TWEDDLE, Esq. MR. MALCOLM BRODIE	
Hon. Auditor: MR. N. V. SALTER	
Hon. Architects: MESSRS. MARCUS MARTIN & TRIBE	
Sister in Charge of Centre: SISTER G. JOHNSTON	
R.V.C.N. and Truby King Certificates (Triple Certificate)	
Visiting Truby King Sister: SISTER LAY	
R.V.C.N. and Truby King Certificates (Triple Certificate)	

Her official address for contact in 1934 was noted as The Truby King League, Kelvin Hall, 55 Collins Place Melbourne

The 1940 Annual Report shows her as Hon. Organising Secretary of the Truby King League Section.

Public information available indicates Maud Violet Florinda Primrose (1872-1954) was born on the 31st July 1872 at Bendigo in Victoria, she grew up on a farming property at Kerang and after nursing training at Wagga Wagga General Hospital in New South Wales qualified as a trained nurse she was appointed Matron and after seven years returned to Victoria where she worked for a Doctor and began her progression towards her life interest in the improvement of health for mothers and children.

She was described as “An attractive strong woman, known as “Sandy” because of her hair colour.

She died on 16th July 1954 in the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg.

No birth records are readily available but information in the **1901 census** shown below confirms that at that time she was a nurse working from 127 Collins Street Melbourne, with the spelling of her first name as ‘Maud’.

1419 Primrose, Maud Violet, 127 Collins st., Melbourne, nurse, F

1920-Beginning the path to the Establishment of the Tweddle Hospital

On **October 28, 1920** Footscray Council advised the Victorian Treasurer that £80 pounds was voted towards the establishment of the **Footscray Infant Welfare Centre**.

The Council agreed on an annual contribution of £150 pounds, conditional on a government subsidy of an equal amount.

April 4, 1921 - The Secretary of the Public Health Department promises the Council a subsidy of £25 pounds per centre, and Ministerial approval was gained to operate three rooms at 78 Nicholson Street Footscray. (rent of 17 shillings and sixpence per week, furnished by the Council, and a Plunket nurse was placed in charge. (From Footscray Council Annual Report 1920-21).

Public support was sought and the Footscray Centre unofficially opened on May 30 1921

In 1921 another centre was opened in Preston.

A 15 year lease was granted by the Footscray Council to the **Society for the Health of Women and Children**, in 1922 to land on the corner of Gordon and Barkly Streets Footscray.

On March 10 1924 the **Tweddle Hospital for Babies and the School of Mothercraft** was officially opened by the Countess of Stradbroke.

It was a Training Centre for Plunket and Primrose nurses and was the first School of Mothercraft in Victoria.

The first Matron was Miss L. Moreland, (pictured) who was for a time Matron of Truby Kings Hospital in Dunedin.

She was Matron at Tweddle from 1923 until 1935.



Further information about establishment of the Hospital



A publication titled **“Footscray’s First 100 Years 1859-1959”** issued by the Footscray Advertiser and Footscray Council included an article regarding the early days of the establishment of the Tweddle, and also comments regarding the opening of a new building on the site on the 10th June 1959.

1920-“*Tweddle came into being in 1920 through Sister Maude Primrose, a graduate in infant welfare, and disciple of Dr. (later Sir) Truby King of New Zealand*”.

Approaching a Mr. J.T.Tweddle in company with the Hon.J.Hume Cook, and Dr.J.W.Springthorpe, a well known lung, chest and heart specialist who was appalled at the infant mortality figures.

This little band wanted something done about it and although infant welfare centres controlled by Plunket Sisters had been set up in Coburg and Footscray there was no place to train further double certificated sisters in the methods of baby care that had proved to be so successful in New Zealand.

Miss Primrose and Dr.Springthorpe put the case to Mr.Tweddle who had a property at Greensborough, which it was rumoured he would be willing to provide as a hospital.

But in 1920 Greensborough was virtually in the ‘wilds’,so that idea was scrapped. In the meantime Miss Primrose had enlisted other helpers including Mr. Gent, the Town Clerk of Footscray and a Mr. J.Levy.



They called on Mr. Tweddle (pictured) again, Footscray Council granted the present site ,and Mr. Tweddle donated £3000 pounds to start building operations, and the guaranteed the overdraft up to £7000 pounds, the amount he received for his Greensborough property.

Miss Moreland, who had been one of Dr. Truby King’s Sisters was brought from New Zealand as Matron for Tweddle and was so keen to improve conditions that she worked for at least the first six months without salary.

Matron Moreland who eventually returned to New Zealand was followed by Matron Gertrude Graham (pictured) and upon her retirement Matron Evelyn Ross was appointed to take charge of Tweddle (1948).



1921 - First Annual Report

The Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria

PLUNKET SYSTEM

The first office bearers for the Society were shown as:

Patroness: Her Excellency Lady Stradbroke

Officers:

President: The Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Vice Presidents: The Lady Mayoress

Mrs. J. Booth

Councillor: William Cash and Mr. E.D. Patterson

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L.J. Levy

Hon. Secretary: Hon. J. Hume Cook, J.P.

Honorary Advisory Medical Board:

Dr. Stanley Argyle, Dr. Allen Robertson, Dr. Charles Perry,

Dr. J.W. Springthorpe, Dr. Ramsay Webb

Honorary Consultant:

Dr. Truby King

The report has comments including;

‘As you are aware, the Society was formed in September 1920, after a very careful study of the methods and practices of Dr. Truby King with regard to Infant Welfare in New Zealand’.

OBJECTS

- 1: To educate potential mothers and mothers, in the essential work of mothercraft.
 - 2: To promote the natural feeding of infants.
 - 3: To see that the baby, where the natural supply has failed, is put on to a food approximating as nearly as possible to human milk.
 - 4: To disseminate knowledge with respect to maternity matters.
 - 5: To place fully qualified Plunket nurses in charge of given districts, in order that those requiring attention may receive it.
- ‘During the year, Her Excellency the Countess of Stradbroke has consented to become a Patroness of the Society.’

ATTEMPT AT CO-ORDINATION

With a view at arriving at a co-ordinated effort, and in hope that the Plunket System might be adopted, efforts were made to junction with the Baby Health Centres Association. The endeavour proved resultless, notwithstanding the fact that your Council’s representatives did their utmost in the matter.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report, your Council desires to place on record its keen appreciation of the wholehearted way in which Matron Moreland has devoted herself to the cause and her work. As will be remembered, she was Matron for Dr. Truby King in New Zealand, the founder of the Plunket System, and came directly from there to undertake the work in Victoria.

J.W. SPRINGTHORPE, Chairman - J. HUME COOK, Hon. Secretary

John Gent -Town Clerk - An Influential Benefactor



John Gent mentioned previously, the Town Clerk of Footscray, was in that position for 29 years from 1917 until 1946, as well as helping establish the construction of the Tweddle had a distinguished career in his own right, he was founder of the Municipal Officers Association, Drew up the Local Government Act, Established the Footscray Children's Library, worked for Red Cross and was member of Rotary.

He was described as "*The Prince of Town Clerks*".

He died in 1966 aged 90 years.



THE OBITUARY THAT APPEARED IN: THE AGE DECEMBER 1 1966

1922 - A Group Photo

The original Photo depicted below from the Tweddle collection taken in 1922 has a notation on the rear which identifies three of the persons within the photograph.

*Back row left, Dr. Hancock,
Back row centre, Dr. J Springthorpe,
Front row second from right, Matron L. Moreland*

It was in 1922 that the foundation stone for the Hospital was laid and this photo included persons in attendance at the ceremony

*It seems likely that the man on the right rear is
Cr. J. H. Stephens the Mayor of Footscray and seated in front
of him right of photo his wife.*

*Centre front holding bouquet of flowers would seem to be
Mrs. Daisy Springthorpe*

(Right is a caricature of Mrs. Springthorpe depicted in 'Table Talk Melbourne'
29 November 1928 indicating a likeness)



1922 - Foundation Stone Laid of the Tweddle Plunket Baby Hospital and the School of Mothercraft



The Age (Melbourne) 27 November 1922.

The Society for the Protection of the Health of Women and Children in Victoria, adopting the Plunket System has established various centre in the metropolis, Preston, Coburg, Footscray and Williamstown being included.

Recommended from New Zealand, the system has been wonderfully successful, and the health of mothers, and particularly the lives of children, has been considerably benefited. On Saturday afternoon the ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of The Tweddle Plunket Baby Hospital and the School of Mothercraft, at the corner of Barkly and Gordon Streets Footscray, was attended by a large number of interested persons, there being included in the gathering the mayor of the City of Footscray, (Cr. and Mrs. J.H. Stephens), Messrs. Angus and J. Lemmon, M's. L.A. and R. Williams, J.H. Disney and W.H. Edgar M's. L.C.

In performing the ceremony Mr. J.T. Tweddle who has donated the building to the cause, stated that after the horrible destruction of life in the world war something had to be done to restore the wastage, and in every country there was the cry, "Save the Babies". That day he was assisting in the function of laying the foundation stone of the first hospital for babies and school of mothercraft in Victoria, and the second in Australia. (Applause) Footscray had been selected as the most suitable place for the inauguration of the hospital. It would be surrounded by an excellent block of land, and he would urge the residents of Footscray to make its beautification their responsibility (Applause)

Votes of thanks were passed to the mayor and Mr. Tweddle.

The building is to stand on about three quarters of an acre of land, is to be one story, and is to consist of a north block, a matron's block, a mothers block, nurseries, an isolation ward, other wards, a laundry, and nurses quarters. It is estimated that the final cost will exceed £5000 pounds.

The Independent (Footscray) Saturday 2 December 1922

For Baby's Sake Mothers to be trained

Excerpt

Mr Tweddle said "The hospital would be built and opened free of debt, but the grounds had to be levelled and beautified.

He was very sorry for the absence of Sister Primrose. The hospital was due to her in great measure for she had battled for years to get it. She had faith, and that faith had been realised.

Independent (Footscray) 2 December 1922

A REPORT ON THE BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Members of Parliament, well known philanthropists, prominent members of the medical and nursing professions and visiting and local councillors were amongst those who attended and important ceremony at the junction of Barkly and Gordon streets last Saturday afternoon. The occasion

was the affixing of a bronze commemoration tablet to the Victorian Training School in Mothercraft and Hospital for babies building, which is in course of construction on a site provided by the municipality of Footscray.

The Mayor, Cr. J. H. Stephens, said there were several Baby Welfare centres in the metropolis - at Preston, Coburg, Footscray and Williamstown. In New Zealand Dr. Truby King's system had been wonderfully successful. Not only with mothers and children, but the whole community had benefited considerably through this fine system. He had much pleasure in calling on Mr. Tweddle who had donated the buildings, to affix the tablet.

Mr. Tweddle who was received with applause, said that 1914 saw the beginning of the most horrible destruction of human lives in the world's history. The veneer of civilisation disappeared and the senseless destruction continued for four long years. Nothing was gained by it, and when the fumes and reek of war lifted the cry went up all over the world that something had to be done to make good the wastage of war. Every where one heard "Save the Babies!". During the war period Australia lost 50000 babies, and a great percentage of these young lives could have been saved.

Footscray had the honour - for it was an honour - to have the first infant welfare hospital and mothercraft school in Victoria and the second in Australia. They were very necessary institutions. In Preston, since the centre was established the death rate amongst infants and been reduced by half. In New Zealand the deaths per 1000 had been reduced from 80 to 40. Could anyone think of a better work for a man or community to do?.

Footscray would do it. In addition to being a hospital it was to be a school in mothercraft. The mothers would go to school again to be taught the best way to rear their babies. He hoped Footscray would appreciate the honour of having the first school. The public could do much to help the committee. The hospital would be built and opened free of debt, but the grounds had to be levelled and beautified. He was sorry for the absence of Sister Primrose. The hospital was due to her in a great measure, for she had battled for years to get it.

She had faith, and that faith had been realised.

Mr. Tweddle then tightened the bolts with a spanner presented to him by the Mayor amidst applause. Dr. Springthorpe spoke eloquently upon the subject of saving children and their mothers, and then quoted figures from the official year book, which showed that in the matter of vital statistics Victoria was in a deplorable condition. The number of births in the State in 1921 was 1783 below the figures for 1914. In 1870 the birthrate was 88 per 1000, and in 1919 it had dwindled to 21.5 per 1000.

It had gone up since, but was far from satisfactory. There could be only one future for a place of that sort. It would take Victoria 60 years to double its population, whereas Australia as a whole could do it in 48 years.

As the birthrate was low, so was the death rate alarmingly high. For the years 1919 to 1921 the figures were 68, 73 and 72 per 1000, as against 45, 50 and 57 in New Zealand. The Truby King system was doing wonderful work in Victoria. In one year Preston's death rate had been reduced from 146 to 49, from the highest to the lowest.

The school and hospital in Footscray could not have been realised except for the generosity of Mr. Tweddle. The possession of wealth was magnificent when the wealth was properly used. For those who dissipated wealth at the races and in other foolish pleasures, he had no words to express his contempt. He hoped the people of Footscray would improve the grounds and perhaps furnish the rooms.

Dr. Springthorpe moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Tweddle for his magnificent gift, and this was carried by acclamation.

Dr. Robertson then moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Councillors for the splendid way they had assisted the committee, and hoped they would see good results at an early date.

The Mayor said it was a pleasure and a duty to him and his colleagues to assist in such a noble work. It was to the ex-Mayor, Cr. J. R. Johnson, to whom they were most indebted, for he was the prime mover in getting the work done.



At the conclusion of the ceremony the visitors were the guests of the Mayor and Mayoress at afternoon tea in the drill hall (pictured Left 2016). The health of Mr. and Mrs. Tweddle was drunk. Mr. Angus M.L.A., proposed the toast and Messrs. Edgar and Lem-

mon M's.L.A., and Cr. Roberts, Mayor of Preston supported it. All referred to Mr. Tweddle in terms of high praise.

Mr. Hume Cook proposed the health of the Mayor and Councillors, the responses being made by Crs. Stephens, Johnson and Drew, all of whom promised to do all they could for the hospital.

*The plaque below commemorates the Foundation of the First Victorian Training School for Mothercraft and the Hospital for Babies (Plunket System)
Affixed by Joseph Thornton Tweddle in 1922*



1923 - New Plunket Training Home



**THE ARGUS MELBOURNE THURSDAY 22 MARCH 1923
NEW PLUNKET TRAINING HOME**

The Countess of Stradbroke yesterday inspected the new Training Home and School of Mothercraft at Footscray. The buildings which are nearly completed are shown below. Above from left to right are: - Dr. J.W.Springthorpe, Mr. J.T.Tweddle, the Countess of Stradbroke, the mayor of Footscray (Councillor J.H.Stephens, and the mayoress (Mrs.Stephens).

1923 - Various Individuals appear in Newspaper Article



THE ARGUS MELBOURNE SATURDAY (17 NOVEMBER 1923)

The photo above appeared with the caption:
INTERESTED IN BABY WELFARE

Dr. Truby King the noted New Zealand authority on infant welfare, who is in Melbourne for the Medical Congress, accompanied the Countess of Stradbroke on an official visit yesterday to the training school baby hospital and school of mothercraft at Footscray, conducted by the Society for the health of Women and Children of Victoria (Plunket system). From Left to Right are :- Upper row, the President (Dr. J.W.Springthorpe), the matron and assistant secretary (Miss L.C.Moreland), the Countess of Stradbroke. Below, Dr.Truby King, Mrs.Springthorpe, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J.Hume Cook)

1924 - Tweddle Hospital for Babies & The School for Mothercraft Opened



The Argus Melbourne 11 March 1924

The Tweddle Hospital for Babies and the School of Mothercraft, Footscray was opened yesterday by the Countess of Stradbroke, who is above shown receiving the key from Mr. J.T.Tweddle.

It was reported that a Gold Key was used for the door opening ceremony

Below in the photo,Lady Stradbroke is thanking Master John Springthorpe for the bouquet presented to her.

Pictured Left is a Badge in possession of Museums Victoria.

This is their only example of a Hospital Day badge to include a patroness (or a patron)

Lady Victoria Stradbroke was the wife of the third Earl of Stradbroke who led various brigades of the Royal Field Artillery during World War I, before serving as Governor of Victoria from 24 February 1921 to 7 April 1926. Lady Stradbroke was known for her philanthropic nature, which is evidenced by her patronage of this Hospital Day.

According to Table Talk magazine, Lady Stradbroke advocated for Hospital Days during her husband's tenure as governor in the early 1920s.

Physical Description:

A Round metal badge in brown and white.Brown border has white printed words,-Portrait of a woman (appears to be The Countess of Stradbroke) in the centre.



1924 - School of Mothercraft

The Australasian Melbourne 11 March 1924

(An extract)

'Many people including the Minister for Health (Dr.Argyle),accepted the invitation of the President (Dr.Springthorpe) and executive of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria (Plunket System) to the official opening on,



Monday afternoon,March 10,By Lady Stradbroke of the Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft.The hospital, which is conveniently situated at the intersection of Barkly and Gordon streets, Footscray, is an attractive building, set in a large garden, and arranged on the latest approved lines for such institutions.The work of the hospital is to train already qualified

and registered nurses in the care of children.There is accommodation for six post-graduate nurses, and each of these will have complete charge, under the supervision of the matron (Miss Moreland) of two infants.Each child will be in residence for a fortnight, and so there will be ample opportunity for the nurses to acquire knowledge of how to detect and treat all ailments.In a small detached ward there is accommodation for three mothers and their babies.There will be no distinction concerning the place where the patients come from, and the hospital will admit children from all over the State, and the fees charged to the nurses for training and for the patients will be devoted to the upkeep of the institution.The entire scheme of the hospital and School of Mothercraft was developed under favourable circumstances, owing to the interest taken in it.

The municipality of Footscray granted an acre of land.Mr.J.T.Tweddle generously provided the funds for the building, and the complete furnishings were provided

by public subscription.On the arrival of Lady Stradbroke, she was



presented with a posy of flowers, and the mayoress of Footscray (Mrs.Farnsworth),and Mrs.Tweddle were similarly honoured.The Lady Stradbroke proceeded to open the door of the hospital with a gold key, but before doing so she expressed her

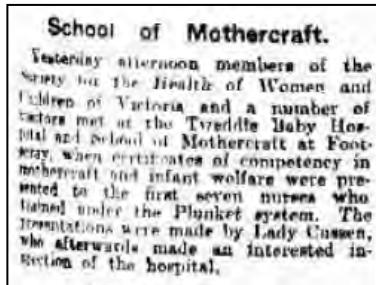


gratification in taking part in the ceremony, because the welfare of the women and children of the State were of great interest to her.She hoped that all present would spread the news of the establishment of the new hospital, for she did not think the interest in such matters was as active as it should be.It was true splendid work was being done, but much work remained to be done.With the rapid growth of Melbourne, societies for the benefit of women and children were essential, so that the work of already overstrained hospitals might be eased'

Lady Stradbroke concluded by expressing admiration for Mr.Tweddle's generosity.After the inspection of the hospital all present were entertained at afternoon tea by the mayor and mayoress of Footscray in the drill room opposite.'

1924 - First Nurses Trained under Plunket System Graduate

THE AGE MELBOURNE 14 AUGUST 1924



SCHOOL OF MOTHERCRAFT

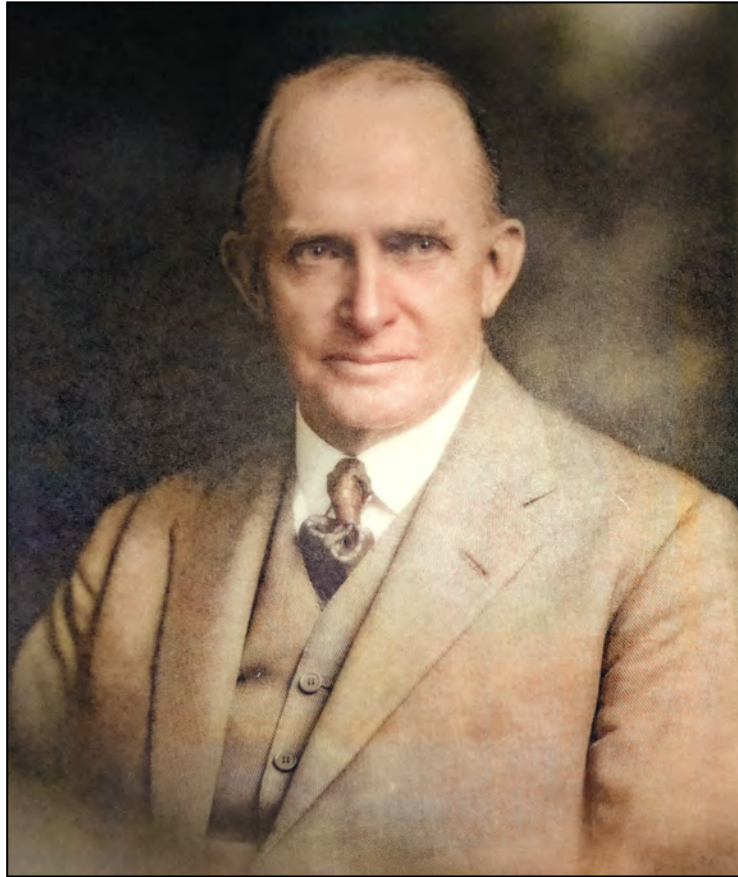
Yesterday afternoon members of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria, and a number of visitors met at the Tweddle Hospital and School of Mothercraft at Footscray, when certificates of competency in mothercraft and infant welfare were presented to the first seven nurses who trained under the Plunket system. The presentations were made by Lady Cussen, who afterwards made an interested inspection of the hospital.

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LADY CUSSEN, WAS THE WIFE OF SIR LEO CUSSEN, A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, SHE IS PICTURED BELOW WITH SIR LEO CUSSEN IN 1924.



Joseph.T.Tweddle
DONOR OF FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THE HOSPITAL



Joseph Thornton Tweddle was born on 14 April 1865 in Durham England, beginning to suffer ill health he was assisted by his father emigrate to Victoria in 1887, where he began to work on a farm at Mincha West.

He later joined Colonial Gas Association as a clerk, this was a company which began in 1888, when gas works in suburban areas and country towns around Australia were purchased, gas at that time was used mainly for lighting.

He became an Accountant and in 1896 joined Andrews Brothers Pty.Ltd, at their woollen and manchester warehouse in Flinders Lane Melbourne, he was a Director by 1899.

Tweddle was appointed Managing Director of Andrews Brothers in 1915.

The company business expanded greatly during World War 1, because of the need for their materials and had branches in every State and later a London Office.

He became a Councillor and later President of Queens College, University of Melbourne and also a Councillor of Wesley College, funding extensions to both institutions.

Later being influenced by the efforts of Maud Primrose, and Dr. J.W.Springthorpe he financed the Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft as a training centre for Plunket and Primrose nurses which opened in Footscray in 1924.

J.T.Tweddle - Obituary 1943



The Tweddle family home was known as “Yallambee”(pictured), in Hargrave Street Hawthorn East (Auburn).

The house no longer exists having been demolished and the estate sold in 1937.

J.T.TWEDDLE OBITUARY

The Obituary for J.T. Tweddle appeared in the Argus Melbourne 19 July 1943 stating that the Death occurred in a Private Hospital on Friday 16 July 1943, he was survived by his widow, one son a member of the RAAF, and two daughters, and after a private funeral was cremated at Springvale.

OBITUARY

MR J. T. TWEDDLE

Mr Joseph Thornton Tweddle, FFIA, whose death occurred in a private hospital on Friday, was one of the best-known figures in business, pastoral, and art circles in Melbourne. Born in England 78 years ago, he came to Australia and joined the firm of Andrews Bros Pty Ltd, Melbourne, as accountant, and became a director 3 years later. In 1915 he was managing director, and chairman of directors in 1933, a position he held at the time of his death. Soon after his arrival in Australia, in association with Mr Henry Angus, he took up suitable areas of grazing land in northern Victoria, and in later years also had other properties in various parts of the State. He became well known as a breeder of outstanding stud stock, notably Suffolk sheep, Friesian cattle, and Percheron horses.

The late Mr Tweddle sponsored erection of Tweddle Baby Hospital and school of mothercraft at Footscray. He was a member of the council of Wesley College and a former chairman of Queen's College Council. He was a member of the National Gallery Trustees, and was an enthusiastic collector of all objects of art. He was a member of the Victorian directorate of the Union Assurance Society Ltd.

He is survived by his widow, one son, who is a member of the RAAF, and 2 daughters. After a service at Sleigh's chapel, St Kilda rd, conducted by Rev A. H. Overend, the funeral, which was private, took place at Springvale Crematorium on Saturday.

Mrs. J.T. Tweddle (Isabel Hunter)
PATRON AND FUNDRAISER FOR THE HOSPITAL



The Photo above - Appeared in "WHO'S WHO in the WORLD OF WOMEN CENTENARY EDITION Vol.II,1934-Published by the Reference Press Association.

Mrs. Tweddle, born Isabel Hunter in Deniliquin N.S.W.,as well as assisting in fund raising activities for the Hospital auxiliary, was an established artist with paintings exhibited in London and Australian galleries. She was member of the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and the Victorian Artists Society. She studied under Bernard Hall and Fred McCubbins at the Melbourne National Gallery.

1925 - Tweddle Hospital

ADDITIONAL NURSES QUARTERS

The Age Wednesday 23 December 1925

A splendid gift, increasing the accommodation at the Plunket Tweddle Hospital at Footscray materialised when the additional nurses quarters which have been erected at the cost of £1000 pounds, and were donated by Mr. and Mrs. T.M.Burke, were opened by Mrs Burke yesterday. The new building is on land presented by the Footscray council, just across the road on the western side of the hospital. There is accommodation for six nurses, there being six single bedrooms, with a bathroom in every three rooms. Verandahs are both at the front and the back, with an open covered space between each three rooms and bathroom. The rooms are tastefully and well furnished, and practically everything in the quarters was donated by business firms. There is an extensive space between the gate and building, where Footscray council will make a croquet lawn and garden, and judging by the beautiful garden that has been made by the council in the hospital grounds, the approach should be very attractive.



Dr. J.W.Springthorpe, president of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria in introducing Mrs.Burke, referred to the necessity of reducing



the infant mortality in Victoria, which was too high when compared with New Zealand where the Plunket system of infant welfare is universal. He also pointed out that seven times too many women died in child birth. He had offered questions to the Government, but they were a little ahead of the Government. He mentioned that the society campaign against infant diarrhoea would commence on Monday next to provide one nurse for every 220 babies as recommended by Sir Truby King at their centres in Coburg, Footscray, Preston, Williamstown and Yarraville and appealed to the public for co-operation.

Mrs. Burke declared the building open and expressed her pleasure at being associated with the work of the association.

Mr. Burke said he thought they should go back to the fundamentals and aim at the preservation of life, the happiness of life and the safety of life.

He thought they owed a debt of gratitude to Dr. Springthorpe who for years had been working to preserve the health of babies.

They had the report from the National Commission on Health but politicians would not do much unless the people developed a national conscience on health matters.

Thomas Michael Burke (1870-1949) was a businessman and philanthropist and a member of the Victorian Hospitals and Charity Board.

Other speakers were Mr. J.T. Tweddle through whose generosity the hospital was established: Mr J.Hume Cook (Hon secretary of the society) and the mayor of Footscray (Cr.O'Toole).

The guests were subsequently entertained at afternoon tea on the verandahs of the hospital by the Matron, Miss L.C. Moreland and her staff.



Pictured: Left: Mrs. Mary Burke, Mr. T.M. Burke, Mrs. Tweddle, Mr. J.T. Tweddle, Matron L. Moreland - (Table Talk Melbourne - 31 December 1925)

Pictured below is a photo of the Nurses Quarters
(Photo from the Tweddle Collection)
(This is now known as 73 Adelaide Street)



1925 - Tablets noting service by Mrs J.W.Springthorpe & J.Hume Cook



The tablet above reads:

THE SOCIETY FOR THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF VICTORIA
THIS TABLET
IS TO COMMEMORATE THE GREAT SERVICES OF
MRS J.W.SPRINGTHORPE
WIFE OF DR. J.W.SPRINGTHORPE
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS INCEPTION
12TH AUGUST 1925



The tablet above reads:

THE SOCIETY FOR THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF VICTORIA
THIS TABLET
IS TO COMMEMORATE THE GREAT SERVICES OF
THE HON.J.HUME COOK J.P.
HON.SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS INCEPTION
12TH AUGUST 1925

Matrons Cottage

PICTURED BELOW POSSIBLY CIRCA 1925-1930 IS A PHOTO OF THE TIMBER WALLED MATRONS COTTAGE, FROM THE TWEDDLE COLLECTION, BELOW IS ANOTHER CLOSER VIEW OF THE COTTAGE



Circa 1925-1928 A view of the Hospital Buildings and Driveway

THE PHOTOS BELOW FROM THE TWEDDLE COLLECTION SHOW (1) A VIEW FROM THE FRONT OF THE ENTRY DRIVE, SECTION OF THE GARDEN AND THE TIMBER BUILDINGS AND (2) BABIES RECEIVING A 'SUN BATH' WITH NURSES IN ATTENDANCE.



1925 - Visit by Lady Stonehaven



THE ARGUS MELBOURNE - 11 NOVEMBER 1925:

Her Excellency Lady Stonehaven paid a visit of inspection to the Tweddle hospital for babies ,which is conducted in Footscray by the Society for Health of Women and Children.

She was presented with a bunch of flowers by a very small patient who was reared in the hospital on the Plunket system.

With Lady Stonehaven is the president of the society,Dr.J.W.Springthorpe

Lady Stonehaven was the wife of The Viscount Stonehaven, 8th Governor General of Australia in Office from 8 October 1925 - 21 January 1931.(Pictured right) and in a family group below



1928 - Visit by Lady Somers

The Argus Melbourne 12 September 1928

The Argus reported that Lady Somers visited the Tweddle Baby Hospital and School of Mothercraft, West Footscray, yesterday morning.

(image - State Library of Victoria)

She was welcomed by Matron Moreland, Dr.Springthorpe, Mr. J.H.Cooke and Mrs.Tweddle.

The mayor and mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Mullins),Councillor D. and Mrs O'Toole, Mrs. D.McCormack ,representatives of the auxiliary committees and other societies.Drs.V.Griffiths (Footscray Health Officer) and Ward were among those invited by the hospital authorities to accompany Lady Somers in an inspection of the establishment and to see a demonstration of the work of caring for the babies.

Great interest was taken by the visitors in the infant welfare work of the hospital.

Lady Somers expressed herself as very favourably impressed with the methods of caring for the infants in the hospital, and with all its activities.



Reference was made to a gift by Mr.Angliss M.L.C of a sun verandah

Lady Finola Somers was the wife of Lord Somers ,Governor of Victoria

A view of the sun verandah (Tweddle Collection)

1930 - The clipping below is from The Age Melbourne

19 MARCH 1930 REPORTING ON AN EXECUTIVE MEETING

It includes a report from the matron Miss Moreland noting that "the builders have almost completed the new building for trainees and mothers".

TWEDDLE HOSPITAL.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

The executive meeting of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria and Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft was held at the Town Hall yesterday morning. Dr. J. W. Springthorpe presided.

The matron (Miss Moreland) reported that the builders had almost completed the new buildings for trainees and mothers. On the matter of finance, gratification was expressed that several efforts are being made towards the raising of £1500 to cover the balance due on the new buildings (costing £2000 altogether) and the furnishings (costing about £500). The central auxiliary has promised to furnish the mothers' sittingroom (costing approximately £80), and with this object in view a bridge afternoon is being arranged. Footscray auxiliary has various functions under way, culminating in a gymkhana, to be held on Footscray football ground about next September. Williamstown auxiliary has promised to furnish a bedroom in the mothers' cottage, and will hold a bridge evening in Williamstown town hall on 16th April.

The matron's report discloses a very satisfactory position at the hospital, four babies and two mothers having been admitted, and three babies and a mother discharged during February. Reports were also received from the Kyneton and district centre and Donald and Birchip centres. Summary centre reports showed:—New cases, 128; total attendances, babies only, 2078; visits to homes, 780.

It was resolved to ask Mr. Anglin to accept a position on the financial advisory committee.

1930 New Buildings Opened

The Age Melbourne 25 June 1930



LADY IRVINE OPENS NEW BUILDINGS ADDITIONS COST £3000 POUNDS

The report stated:

'In consequence for demands for accommodation the Tweddle Baby Hospital and School of



Mothercraft found it necessary to enlarge the hospital buildings at Footscray, and yesterday the new cottage for mothers, the additions to the nurses home and a summer house were opened by Lady Irvine. There is now room for nineteen babies and four mothers, while eighteen trainees, including those who are training to become Primrose nurses, can be accommodated. The whole of the new building cost £3000 pounds to erect and furnish, and all this sum has been donated with the exception of £700 pounds. Mr W. Angliss M.L.C, donated the sum of £500 pounds and promised to increase it to £800 pounds if that amount was required. The mothers cottage is named after his daughter Irene. Mrs. J.T. Tweddle has given £100 pounds for the erection of a summer house, while Mr. Tweddle has guaranteed the society's overdraft to the extent of £2000 pounds and has presented to the hospital £100 pounds worth of pictures.

In declaring the buildings open, Lady Irvine also referred to the excellent work that had been done by the Footscray Council for the benefit of the women and children of Victoria.

Lady Agnes Irvine was the wife of Sir William Irvine former Premier and Lt. Governor of Victoria.

Primrose Nurses in Training



THE IMAGE ABOVE FROM THE TWEDDLE COLLECTION SHOWS 'PRIMROSE NURSES' IN TRAINING AT THE TIME THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN, THE BUILDING IN THE BACKGROUND IS TIMBER INDICATING THAT THE IMAGE IS PROBABLY CIRCA 1930.

Circa 1930 - Lady Angliss pays a Visit



The Photos above from the Tweddle collection show Lady Angliss with nurses and below Lady Angliss with Matron Moreland, Lady Angliss, made many visits to the site so the exact date of these photos is unknown



The 'Mothers Cottage' was named the Eirene Angliss cottage in memory of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Angliss.

Dame Jacobena Angliss

Dame Jacobena Angliss DBE (23 May 1896 - 10 November 1980)



Was born in Epping, Victoria, as Jacobena Victoria Alice Grutzner.

She married butcher and meat exporter William Charles Angliss (1865 - 1957) on 31 March 1919.

Her husband William (Knighted in 1939), was a member of the Legislative Council in Victoria from 1912 to 1952.

As Lady Angliss she was involved in several charities, and as indicated previously she had an interest in the activities at Tweddle, she was President of the SHWCV for over 40 years.

On 1 January 1975 she was created a Dame Commander (DBE) of the Order of the British Empire for community and welfare services. She had previously been made a Commander of the Order (CBE) on 9 June 1949 for her work as President of the Child Welfare Association of Victoria.

THE ANGLISS CONNECTION WITH FOOTSCRAY

ANGLISS MEAT WORKS



The Angliss Meat Works was one of Footscray's biggest industries in 1960, and the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. (Footscray's First 100 Years-Advertiser Press 1960)

Trading as W. Angliss & Co. (Australia) Pty. Ltd. it was founded by William Angliss (Left) born in Kent (not far from *Foots Cray* (Foots Creek) after which the Footscray is named) and he came to Australia in 1884.

He entered the meat trade as a butcher in Carlton in 1886 and in 1892, moved to

larger premises in Bourke Street Melbourne.

The Footscray establishment was opened on 6 September 1905 by Sir Thomas Bent then Premier of Victoria (pictured Right).



1932 - Sister Primrose had moved to Dandenong then to Broadmeadows

SISTER PRIMROSE

Interest is felt, in Dandenong, concerning Sister Maude Primrose, whose name is so impressed upon all those who are working on behalf of the Baby Health Centre, which she aided so splendidly in establishing. She has now gone into residence at the Foundling Hospital, Broadmeadows, that she might impart to the Nuns the benefit of her experience in rearing babies on the methods outlined by Sir Truby King. Her appointment is the outcome of a visit paid to the hospital of Sir Truby King, nine months ago, and Sister Primrose will take charge of a ward with twenty babies, and eight Nuns will enter upon a course of infant nursing training under her supervision, and the adoption of the Plunkett system will be followed.



By 1932 Sister Primrose had moved on to Dandenong and this entry from the Dandenong Journal in 1932 indicates that at that time she then moved into residence at the Foundling Hospital in Broadmeadows (pictured), so that she could impart to the Nuns the benefit of her experience in rearing babies

Circa 1932 Lady Angliss and Daughter Eirene Rose



Above is a photo from the Tweddle collection circa 1932 of Lady Angliss and daughter Eirene Rose.



THE AGE 23 DECEMBER 1941

Announced the Engagement of Eirene Rose Angliss to David Knox son of Sir Robert and Lady Knox.

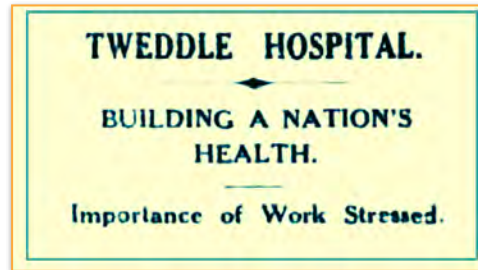
They were married in 1942.

Below is a plaque on site currently in Adelaide Street



1936 - Tweddle Hospital & Society Annual meeting

BUILDING A NATIONS HEALTH



The Age Melbourne 26 August 1936
(Excerpts)



‘The importance of correct feeding in building up the health of the nation was expressed by several speakers at the sixteen annual meeting of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria, and the Tweddle Hospital for Babies



and School of Mothercraft held yesterday at the Hotel Windsor when the president, **Mr. J. Hume Cook** (pictured), presided.’

(Note: J. Hume Cook served as Hon. Secretary of the Society for 10 years, 4 years as Honorary Treasurer, and after the death of Dr. J. W. Springthorpe became President)

Emphasising the importance of breast feeding and of the care of the premature baby, both outstanding features of the work of the society, Dr. Vera Scantlebury, Director of Infant Welfare, said that artificial feeding of babies was now made so easy in the home as to become almost a danger. A baby should be naturally fed up to nine or ten months of age, but it was a rather depressing fact that in 162 infant welfare centres in Victoria only about 50 percent of the babies under nine months were naturally fed.

It was pleasing to see such a forward movement as this society in our midst.

A year of excellent progress recorded in the annual report was referred to by Mr. Hume-Cook, who said that in the past three years the finances of the society had greatly improved; in eighteen months time its assets would be increased by the gift, from the Footscray council of the freehold title to the land.

James Hume Cook CMG, was born in New Zealand, 24 November 1866, and later became a Member of the Legislative Assembly Victoria, he died 8 August 1942

1938 - Fund Raising Ball Melbourne Town Hall



Tweddle Hospital Ball

Silver boxes filled with mixed flowers will be an attractive feature of the decoration for the ball which will be held in aid of the Tweddle Hospital on Thursday in the lower hall of Melbourne Town Hall. Members of the committee are arranging the floral decorations themselves, and will bring the flowers from their own gardens, while they have also been promised flowers from the Botanic Gardens for the occasion.

The committee, headed by Mrs. S. E. Brunning as president, held its final meeting yesterday. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be present at the ball.



Fund raising events were a necessity of raising money to ensure the operations of the Hospital.

The Age Melbourne

5 October 1938

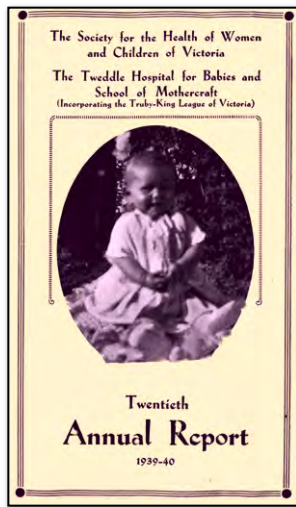
Reported on preparations for one such event, a **Tweddle Hospital Ball** to be held at the Melbourne Town Hall within the lower hall.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of

Melbourne were to attend.

Fund raising has always been a need since establishment of the Hospital past events in the early days included, Bridge & Card parties, Picture nights, Linen Tea parties, Cabaret Dances and the like.

1939 -1940 The Annual Report



The Twentieth Annual Report for:

The Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria.

The Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft (Incorporating the Truby-King League of Victoria).

Hon. Medical Consultants were;

Dr. Charles Perry, Dr. Allan Robertson, Dr. Guy Springthorpe

Hon. Medical Advisers;

Dr. W.H. Ward, Dr. Frank Ross

Matron - Miss G.F. Graham.

It was reported that owing to abnormal times receipts had fallen to £400 pounds, mainly through the ceasing of a grant from the

Karitane Society of New Zealand of £300 pounds per annum.

During the year £260 pounds was spent on painting the hospital.

Sisters on the staff acted as judges at Baby shows - Prestige Ltd., Footscray and District Out-Patient Welfare Centre, Mothers Club Hyde Street School, Yarraville Methodist Guild

Demonstrations were given by Students of Tweddle hospital and the public invited.

Nine Primrose probationers entered for training

Notes on interesting cases - Marilyn Annette Bock and James Leonard Hevey

From 1 July 1939 to 30 June 1940, 108 babies and 52 mothers were admitted.

There were also reports included from:

The Truby King League Section (Kelvin Hall 55 Collins Place Melbourne)

Central Auxiliary (President Lady Angliss)

Primrose Nurses Auxiliary (President Sister Walker)

Footscray Auxiliary (President Mrs John Gent)

The 1940s - Wartime

Between 1939 and 1945 Australia was at war with Germany and Japan.

The Western Suburbs of Melbourne at that time was a major industrial area with occupations and storage areas that were at that time being used for the production of materials and goods for use by the military forces.

From 1935 on as it became apparent that a war would eventuate plans were being considered and put into place by the Australian Government.

When war commenced many local sites became involved in the war effort.

For Example:

Munitions Establishments

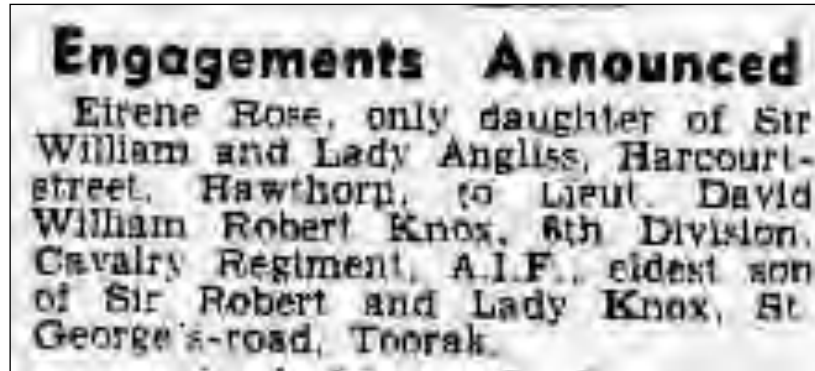
Ordinance - Maribyrnong

Ammunition - Footscray

Explosives - Maribyrnong

Local Companies	
Victorian Railways Newport	Shells
Victorian Railways Melbourne	Electrical Instruments
Australian Glass Manufacturers Spotswood	Shell machining, Shell forging, Fuses, Diecasting, Tool setting
McKay Massey Harris Sunshine	Shells
McKenzie & Holland Newport	Fuses
ICI Albion and Deer Park	TNT, Cordite, Gunpowder, Chemicals
Purvis Glover Footscray	Fuses and Primers
Goetz and Sons Spotswood	Fuses
Dominion Can Company	Fuses
Melbourne Iron & Steel Brooklyn	Casting of Bombs, Ingots, Steel
Albright & Wilson Yarraville	Grenades, Phosphorus
Commonwealth Fertilisers Yarraville	Sulphuric Acid
Ammonia Company Spotswood	Ammonia
Various Oil & Petroleum storage area	Yarraville & Spotswood

1941 Engagement Announced of Eirene Rose Angliss & David Knox



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1942 - Plans to move to a New Home

The Age Melbourne 18 June 1942

Tweddle Hospital

Plans have been completed for the evacuation of the Tweddle Hospital to Riversdale golf house, Jordonville, and when it is accomplished the hospital building will be taken over as a private boarding house for woman munition workers.

At a meeting of the central auxiliary yesterday £50 was voted to the central executive for hospital maintenance, while the auxiliary is supplying extra linen, curtain nets and kitchen equipment needed for the new building. It was reported that £42 was raised at the recent bridge party.

WARTIME PLANS

An announcement was printed that 'Plans have been completed for the evacuation of the Tweddle Hospital to the Riversdale golf house in Jordonville, and when this is completed the hospital building will be taken over as a private boarding house for woman munition workers.'

The reason for this was obviously concern for the welfare of babies, nursing staff and mothers, but it would also release the premises for needed accommodation for workers from the nearby munitions factory.

The Age 18 September 1942

EVACUATION COMPLETED

On 18 September 1942, The Age gave praise for the competent manner in which the problems of evacuation.

The (Riversdale) clubhouse having been transformed in the past two months into a smoothly running hospital, capable of accommodating ten babies and three mothers.

Tweddle Hospital in New Home

Praise for the competent manner in which members of the staff of the Tweddle Hospital for Babies have overcome the problems of evacuation, was expressed by Mr. J. T. Tweddle when he presided at the annual meeting of the Society for the Health of Women and Children at the Riversdale Golf club yesterday.

During the past two months the clubhouse has been transformed into a smoothly running hospital, capable of accommodating ten babies and three mothers. Sun porches on the ground floor have been equipped as sleeping and treatment rooms for the babies, while the upstairs rooms have been utilised for a mothers' ward and staff sleeping quarters.

In presenting the annual report Lady Anglias said 110 babies and 62 mothers had been cared for during the year. Due to increased grants from the Government, a credit balance was shown for the first time in the history of the hospital. The surplus sum of £283 would assist in providing improvements for the new quarters.

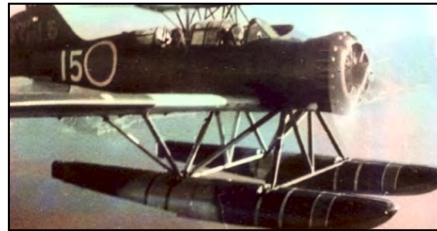
During the past year more than 8620 infants attended the 21 infant welfare centres and sub-centres maintained by the society.

1942 - A Japanese Plane sighted over Melbourne

Although an announcement was not officially made for some time because of wartime secrecy, a Japanese plane was seen to circle above Melbourne in 1942.

The Japanese had developed submarines which were capable of carrying a plane externally which could be used for surveillance purposes and this was done above Melbourne as well as Sydney and Hobart in 1942, and later Suva and Auckland.

As mentioned earlier Melbourne was in a state of war preparedness and this included aircraft searchlight and gun batteries around the area, for example the sports ground adjacent to Australia Glass Manufacturers factory in Spotswood was so equipped.



Jap Plane Over Melbourne In 1942

THE ARGUS 20 AUGUST 1945 REPORTED:

It is now revealed that the Japanese made reconnaissance flights over several Australian cities and Wellington and Auckland early in 1942, says our New Zealand correspondent.

The information has been obtained from captured enemy documents describing the movements of large Japanese submarines, some of which carried small seaplanes and others the midget submarines which raided Sydney Harbour.

The first flight over New Zealand was made from a submarine carrying a tiny seaplane it flew over Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart in 1942, and then came to New Zealand waters.

Few further details were available from sources in Melbourne last night, but it was stated that a Japanese reconnaissance plane was sighted over Laverton early in 1942. It came from a submarine moving in Australian waters, and although the flight was made in daylight bad weather conditions made it impossible to attempt interception.

THE NEWCASTLE SUN 21 AUGUST REPORTED:

(Melbourne) Further information about a Jap plane which flew over Melbourne in 1942 was revealed today by RAAF headquarters. It was stated that an unidentified plane was sighted over Laverton (13 miles from Melbourne) at 5.45 a.m. on February 25.

Laverton reported that the plane was at an altitude of between 800 and 1000 feet and flew in the direction of Melbourne. It was described as a dark coloured twin-float monoplane with covered cockpit.



1946 - Death of Mrs. David Knox

THE ARGUS MELBOURNE 6 FEBRUARY 1946

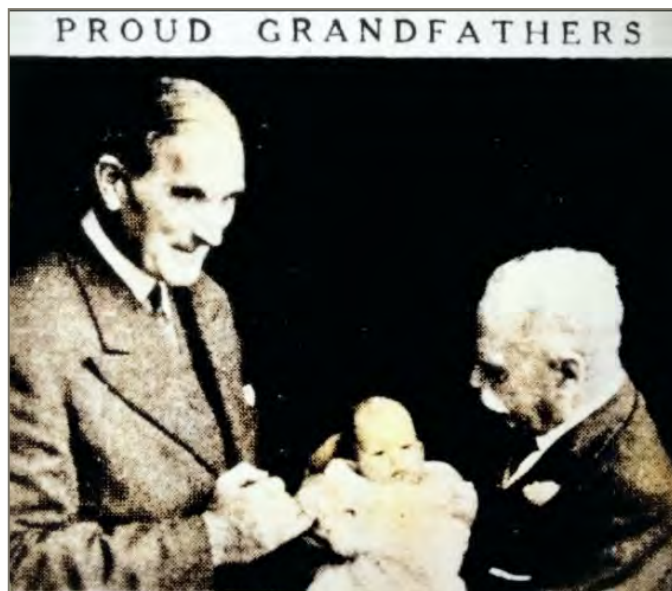


Published a Death Notice for Eirene Rose Knox, after a short illness.

As you will see below she sadly died one month after her daughters christening.

She left an infant daughter, Diana Eirene, and the photo below from the Argus Melbourne 4 January 1946, shows the grandfathers Sir Robert Knox and Sir William Angliss with their granddaughter, who was christened Diana Eirene Angliss Knox at her parents home, 'Greystones' Bacchus Marsh yesterday (**3 January 1946**) .

2016 - *Mrs Diana Gibson AO (nee Knox), was Chair of the William Angliss Charitable Fund and a Life Governor of Tweddle.*



1946 - A Nursery to be Built

THE AGE (MELBOURNE) 19 MAY 1946

Nursery to be Built

Plans for the establishment of a maternity home at the old Footscray Tweddle Hospital were discussed at yesterday's meeting of the hospital council at Melbourne Town Hall, when Lady Anglias presided. The hospital building, which has recently been used as a hostel for munition workers, is in a central position, and to help alleviate the present problem of what mothers are to do with their young children when entering hospital, the council proposes to build a toddlers' nursery adjoining, where the children could be accommodated during their mothers' stay in hospital.

Plans to establish a 'toddlers nursery' were discussed at a meeting of the hospital council.

The report stated that 'the hospital building has recently been used as a hostel for munitions workers'



As mentioned earlier the site was taken over in 1942 under wartime regulations for use for this purpose, and babies and staff were evacuated to Riversdale Golf Club to be housed.

1948 - AGM - Matron Graham Resigns

THE ARGUS 21 SEPTEMBER 1948

A report appeared on the Annual Meeting of the Society for Health of Women and Children of Victoria, and Tweddle Hospital for Babies and the School of Mothercraft.



Advising that a year of satisfactory work had been reviewed, and reporting that Miss Graham (pictured) had resigned in June and Sister Evelyn Ross was appointed in her place. Lady Angliss presided.

Tweddle Hospital

A year of satisfactory work was reviewed yesterday at the annual meeting of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria and the Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft.

A total of 181 babies and 120 mothers were admitted. Seventeen trainees for the infant welfare course passed the hospital examination, and 17 trainees also passed the State Infant Welfare Nurses' Board examination.

Miss Gertrude Graham resigned in June as matron-in-charge, and Sister Evelyn Ross was appointed in her place.

Sir William Angliss gave £600 to buy a motorcar for the use of matron and sisters and the hospital generally. Finances showed a small surplus of receipts over expenditure.

Speakers at the meeting included Dr John Dale, City Health Officer, Dr Barbara Meredith, director of maternal and infant welfare, and Cr G. R. Boulton, a member of the City Council's health committee. Lady Angliss presided.

1954 - Dr. Guy Springthorpe M.R.C.P.

Dr. Guy Springthorpe (1897-1984), son of Dr. J.W.Springthorpe, pictured below with his wife Annie and family, followed the family tradition, became one of Melbourne's best known psychiatrists and acted for a number of years as a honorary medical consultant to the Tweddle organisation.

Pictured below from **The Argus 30 December 1954**, with the text:

"Helping their children choose records for the teenage party they gave this week at 'Kilrae', their Sorrento home are Dr. and Mrs. Guy Springthorpe.

The home was an early Sorrento school, and the girls - Sonia in front and Susan - found the converted classroom ideal for dancing.

Records indicate that his mother Annie Inglis married Melbourne doctor, John Springthorpe in 1887, unfortunately after only 10 years of marriage, Annie died in 1897 giving birth to their fourth child, Guy."



1954 Obituary Miss M.V.Primrose

THE KILMORE FREE PRESS THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 1954

Kilmore Free Press (Kilmore, Vic. : 1870 - 1954)

Thursday 19 August 1954



OBITUARY

MISS M. V. PRIMROSE

The death occurred in Melbourne recently of Miss Maud V. Primrose, one of the pioneers of Infant Welfare work in Victoria.

After completing her nursing training, Miss Primrose conducted a private hospital for some time at Kerang. Later she settled in Melbourne where she inaugurated and ran for some years the Visiting Trained Nurses' Association. From her earliest days, Miss Primrose's principal object in life was to work for the benefit of mothers and babies and this aim she achieved after undergoing a special course of training at Karitane, New Zealand, under the famous Sir Truby King, for whose work

she had the deepest admiration.

Returning to Victoria, she set to work to establish the Truby King system of Infant Welfare in Coburg. The Coburg Centre which opened in 1919, was the first Truby King Infant Welfare Centre in Victoria. Others followed quickly, especially the very large and important ones at Dandenong, Springvale, Noble Park, Kilmore, Broadford and Pyalong, all of which are the direct result of Sister Primrose's personal efforts. She established the Truby King League in Victoria and was its Honorary Organising Secretary until ill-health forced her to give up the work to which she had dedicated her life.

The founding of the Tweddle Hospital for the training in Truby King methods of Nursing Sisters and Mothercraft Nurses, supplied the means by which the great teachings of Sir Truby King were spread throughout our State.

Great honor is due to women such as Sister Primrose, who saw the "vision Splendid" and over-rode all obstacles in their efforts to promote the welfare of our mothers and babies.

Thus passes a woman of great courage to whom many have cause for deep gratitude. Her work lives in the Primrose Mothercraft Nurses, trained at the Tweddle Hospital; and in the Truby King League of Victoria.

1958 - Dame Jacobena Angliss and Lady Herring at Laying of Foundation Stone

On 25 October 1958 the Foundation Stone for the new hospital building was laid in place.

Pictured below is a photo depicting Dame Jacobena Angliss and Lady Herring at the ceremony together with Matron Graham and nurses

Photo Tweddle Collection



Patronesses of the Hospital

Dame Mary Herring DBE who died on October 26, 1981, at the age of 86 was Patroness of the hospital from 1956-1982. Dame Mary was a daughter of Sir Thomas Lyle who was Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Melbourne. She graduated in Medicine at the University of Melbourne in 1919.

Central Auxiliary of The Hospital

1939 – 1963	Mrs J. W. Springthorpe
1956 – 1980	Jacobena Angliss DBE



Dame Mary Herring 1895-1981

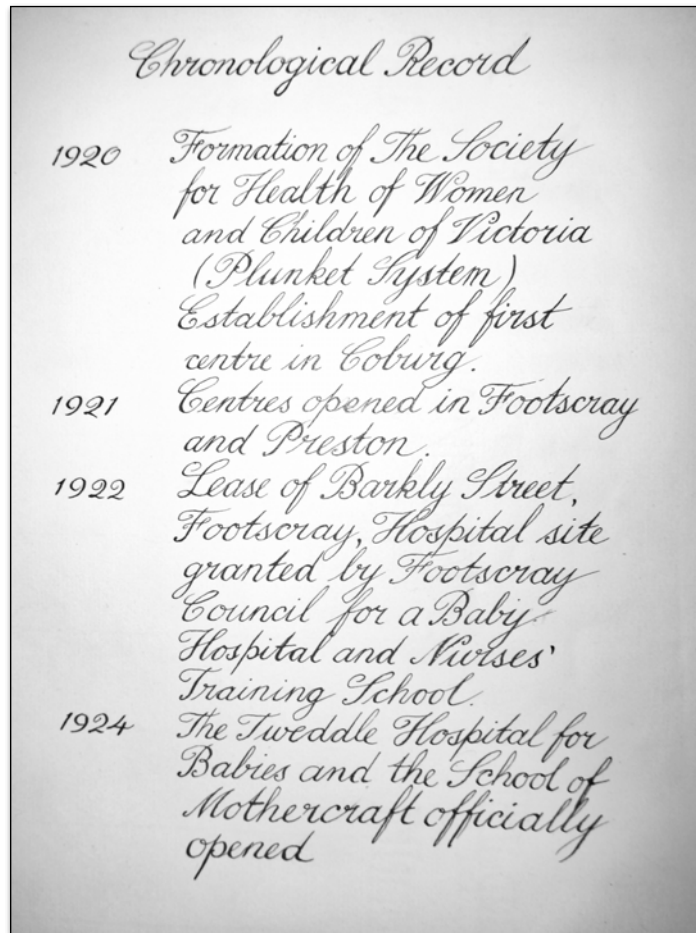
Medical Practitioner.

Wife of Sir Edmund Herring, a Barrister who became Lieutenant Governor of Victoria in 1945.

She was a tireless worker and patron for many charities.

Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol.17 (MUP) 2007

1965 The Tweddle Baby Hospital Book of Remembrance



The Hospital has in its possession, 'The Tweddle Baby Hospital Book of Remembrance', a bound, hand inscribed document that sets out information available at that time in regard to the formation of The Society for the Health of Women of Victoria, and a Timeline that details some of the important aspects regarding the development of the Tweddle.

The details that follow are covered in other sections of the book preceding and following this point but the details are shown to give a context to explain the timeline of formation more succinctly.

Some details mentioned in the book have been updated during the research for this publication.

The Tweddle Baby Hospital Book of Remembrance – 1965

THE SOCIETY FOR THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF VICTORIA

Founder: Sister Maude Primrose (trained by Sir Truby King of NZ)
Dr J. W. Springthorpe
Mr J. Hume Cook

Formation 13th September 1920

First Office Bearers

President :

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne The Hon J. G. Aikman MLC

Vice Presidents :

The Lady Mayoress - Mrs J. L. Stein
Mrs.J.Booth
Mrs D. A. Skene
Councillor William Cash
Mr E. D. Patterson

Hon. Treasurer

Mr L. J. Levy

Hon Secretary Mr J. Hume Cook

Chairman of Council

Dr J. W. Springthorpe

The Tweddle Baby Hospital Book of Remembrance – 1965

Medical and Advisory Board

Dr Stanley Argyle
Dr Charles Perry
Dr Allen Robertson
Dr J. W. Springthorpe
Dr Ramsay Webb

Honorary Consultant

Dr Truby King (New Zealand)

Objects of the Society

1. To educate potential mothers and mothers in the essential work of mothercraft
2. To promote the natural feeding of infants
3. To see that the baby, where the natural supply has failed, is put on to a food approximating as nearly as possible to human milk
4. To Disseminate knowledge with respect to maternity matters
5. To place fully qualified Plunket nurses in charge of given districts in order that those requiring attention may receive it.

Termination

Taken over by The Tweddle Baby Hospital, 1st July 1958, from the then Trustees, Messrs I A Davis and A I H. Gifford.

Founder:

Mr J. T. Tweddle

The Tweddle Baby Hospital Book of Remembrance – 1965

Land

Hospital site originally leased from Footscray Council pending resumption for non-payment of rates. Eventually donated by the council to the Society in 1945 with Certificate of Title Volume 6784 Folio 1356712 in the names of Messrs I A Davis and A I H Gifford as Trustees.

Old Nurses Home site donated for the purpose by the Footscray Council in 1925 with Certificate of Title Volume 6003 folio 1200572

New Nurses home and Matrons Cottage site Crown Land reserved for The Tweddle Baby Hospital by Order in Council published in Victorian Government Gazette No 27 of 12th April, 1961

The first hospital buildings were of weatherboard because of the then uncertainty of permanent use of the leased area. Initial finance was provided as follows ;

Hospital block by Mr J. Tweddle

Nurses Quarters by Mr T. M. Burke

Mothers and Babies Cottage by Mr (later Sir) William Angliss

The present (1965) brick buildings erected during the years 1958 to 1964 were financed by the proceeds of a public appeal launched in 1959, many private donations prior to and subsequent to the appeal and very substantial grants from The Hospitals and Charities Commission of Victoria.

The Architects were Messrs Stephenson and Turner.

Timeline

1920	Formation of the Society for Health of Women and Children of Victoria (Plunket System). Establishment of first centre in Coburg
1921	Centres opened in Footscray and Preston
1922	Lease of Barkly Street Footscray, Hospital site granted by Footscray Council for a Baby Hospital and Nurses' Training School
1924	The Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft officially opened by the Countess of Stradbroke. Training of certified Sisters in Infant Welfare (Plunket Sisters) in addition to Primrose Baby Nurses commenced.
1925	Erection of Nurses' Quarters on block facing Sydney St Footscray – land donated by the Footscray Council.
1926	The Jane Douglas Endowment Fund established
1927	The first grant (for maintenance) made by the Government of Victoria
1927	The first Hospital Auxiliary formed in Footscray
1929	A Mothers and Babies Cottage erected
1930	Kiosk built at the show-grounds of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Ascot Vale
1942	The Hospital and Training School removed to temporary premises at the Riversdale Golf Club at Burwood. The buildings at Footscray were leased to the Government of Victoria for war purposes as a Girls Hostel.
1943	(J. T. Tweddle passes away) Not recorded in Book of Remembrance
1945	Operation resumed in the buildings at Footscray. Freehold title to the Hospital site donated by The Footscray Council.
1958	The Tweddle Baby Hospital incorporated under the Companies Act 1938 as a Company Limited by Guarantee. Foundation Stone of new Hospital laid by Dame Mary Herring.
1959	Official opening of new Hospital by Her Excellency, Lady Slim. First reception of Toddlers in residence.

Timeline

1960	Blackall Estate block in Sydney Street Footscray resumed by the Government of Victoria for Hospital purposes.
1961	Completion of new dining room, kitchen and store block
1963	Official opening of the William Angliss Nurses Home on Crown land in Sydney Street by Dr. J. H. Lindell. Donation of a Show grounds Building by the Commissioners of The State Savings Bank of Victoria. Completion of Matrons Cottage
1964	Completion of new Eirene Angliss Mothers and Babies Building. Old Nurses quarters in Sydney Street renovated and lay-out altered.
1965	Children for foster care and adoption admitted for examination and development.

Infant Welfare Training & Mothercraft Nurse training

The infant welfare nursing course commenced at Tweddle in 1924. This course was phased out in February 1980 as directed by the Health Commission of Victoria.

872 Nursing sisters trained and qualified for their third certificate and 49 completed refresher courses.

The Mothercraft Nursing Course commenced at Tweddle in 1924. This course was phased out in November 1978 as directed by the Health Commission of Victoria. 731 students qualified as Mothercraft nurses at Tweddle over this period.

Auxiliaries of the Hospital

1927	Footscray
1930	Central
1931	Primrose Nurses
1944	Southern (ceased in 1952)
1946	Plunket Sisters
1949	Primrose Past Nurses (ceased in 1959)
1964	Hospital Group

Long Service Awards

1958	Mrs J. W. Springthorpe (Hon Life Member)
	Professor V. L. Collins (Counsellor Emeritus)
	Mr I. A. David (Counsellor Emeritus)
1965 – 1970	
	Mrs J. W. Springthorpe, widow of Dr Springthorpe died in 1966 after serving on the Hospital Council until 1957.
1967	Lady Angliss was awarded the Victorian the Victorian Council of Social Service's Community Service award for 1967, which was presented to her on the 25 th July by His Excellency Sir Rohan Delacombe, for her initiative and leadership in establishing Child Care Week in Victoria, the first such week held anywhere in the world.
1968	Miss Evelyn E. Graham retired as Matron of 'Tweddle' a position she held with distinction for 18 years during which time the present 'Tweddle' buildings were planned and erected.

The Plunket Auxiliary was inaugurated by Matron G. Graham in 1946 when Miss E. Walker was elected President. Forty-eight members joined in 1946 and of these Miss H. Binks, Mrs G. Miller, Miss J. Brennan, Miss H. Rawolle and Mrs M. Elcott were still interested members in 1980. From 1946 to 1980 the auxiliary raised \$14,876 for the purchase of equipment for the hospital and contributions to the Endowment Fund and Maintenance Account.

Auxiliaries of the Hospital

Tweddle Baby Hospital Women's Group

The Women's Group was founded by Dame Jacobena Angliss in 1963, in order to raise \$40,000 for an Endowment Fund for the Hospital. Dame Jacobena was elected the Convenor of the group and Mrs H E Williams and Mrs A W Butler were appointed its representatives to the Council.

The group was open to all women interested in the hospital and aimed to raise the money in two ways, special functions and seeking bequests and donations including three highly successful Golf Days were held at the Riversdale Golf Club. The endowment fund now stands at \$163,000. Investment of this amount produces an annual income of approximately \$15,000 for the hospital.

Tweddle Baby Hospital Footscray Auxiliary

Formed in 1975, the leadership included Miss Iris Williams, Cr Kerry and Cr Phil Easton. Now known as Group 26, this auxiliary has contributed over \$7,000 to the hospital.

Endowment Fund

This fund originated in 1926 from a bequest from the Estate of Mrs Jane Douglas of Footscray, £1074 pounds. Trustees of the fund in 1937 were Mr Hume Cook and A. I. H. Gifford and The Union Trustee Company of Australia Ltd.

When the fund was taken over by the Hospital Company in 1958, the capital had increased to £1500 pounds. In 1964 the Tweddle Hospital Group – Women's Committee was formed to assist the growth of the fund. In 1965 the Council, encouraged by the support of the William Angliss Estate Charitable Fund approved a capital objective of £20,000 pounds.

1992 Hospital Auxiliary ceased

The Primrose Nurses Auxiliary

The 1940 Annual Report included a section on the operations of the Primrose Nurses Auxiliary ,the list of officers indicated that they had no trouble in raising committee members.

PRIMROSE NURSES' AUXILIARY

President: SISTER WALKER.

Hon. Secretary: MISS A. G. BINNS

Hon. Treasurer: MISS B. PERRY.

Committee:

MISS J. ALLEN	MISS G. GRIFFITH
MISS M. ANGES	MISS N. GODFREY
MISS J. BERRY	MISS J. FETHERS
MISS J. BARREL	MISS M. HUGHES
MISS E. BROWN	MISS P. HOLGATE
MISS A. BROWN	MISS L. HENRY
MISS. P. BRYAN	MRS. D. HORNE
MISS J. BARTON	MISS E. KERR
MISS M. BURNELL	MISS A. LACEY
MRS. BAGSTER	MISS V. McEWING
MISS J. BEGG	MISS M. MARTIN
MISS A. BINNS	MISS J. MOLE
MISS K. BROWN	MISS R. B. CARBOY
MISS LENNOX-BIGGER	MISS E. MORSHEAD
MISS P. CANE	MISS H. M. McARTHUR
MISS A. CLARKE	MISS R. NEVITT
MISS J. CATLING	MISS M. NEWMAN
MISS M. CONNELLAN	MRS. A. NEWTON
MISS N. CHAFFEY	MISS U. O'SULLIVAN
MISS E. CARTER	MISS P. HARRISON-OWEN
MISS B. CLAY	MISS G. PENNEFATHER
MISS V. CAREY	MISS MORGAN-PAYLER
MISS T. DOUGLAS	MISS M. PARKHOUSE
MISS E. DAVIES	MISS B. PERRY
MISS D DREYER	MISS H. PARKER
MISS M. DREYER	MISS M. ROCKE
MISS P. DAUNT	MISS D. ROCKE
MRS. B. DUNLOP	MISS B. ROBINSON
MISS B. M. DOWLING	MISS OSLER-SAYLE
MISS M. ELY	MISS O. STEWARD
MISS W. ENGLISH	MISS M. SAMUEL
MISS S. GRABHAM	MISS E. T. SIM
MISS I. GALLAUGHER	MISS G. STEWART
MISS N. GARDNER	MISS M. SCHMIDT
MISS E. GRINROD	MISS E. SEABROOK
MISS Y. GRINDROD	MISS J. WILSON
MISS SPENCER-GARDNER	MISS E. WILLIAMS

1965 - Main Building Block viewed from South east Corner

**TOP-THE CORNER BARKLY STREET AND GORDON STREET
BELOW-A VIEW OF SECTION OF THE SAME BLOCK JANUARY 2016**



1965 - Photo - The Nurses Home and Matrons Cottage

THE NURSES HOME 398 BARKLY STREET FOOTSCRAY OPENED 9 OCTOBER 1963
PICTURED IN 1965
BELOW IS METAL PLAQUE DEDICATING OPENING IN 1963



1971 - Princess Mikasa pays a Visit



Photo Tweddle Collection

The photo above shows Princess Mikasa of Japan, meeting with a baby and Mother during a visit to the hospital in 1971.

The Canberra Times ACT 7 January 1971 reported:
A BUSY SCHEDULE

Princess Mikasa of Japan, accompanying her husband Prince Takahito Mikasa arrived in Canberra yesterday for a six day visit.

(It then detailed various activities around Canberra)

and

At home Princess Mikasa is president of the Boshi Aikukai (the Welfare Association for Widowed Mothers with Children}, and is honorary vice-president of the Japan Red Cross Society.

With these interests in mind tour organisers have included a visit to the Tweddle babies Home at Footscray, Melbourne in the Princess' schedule.



Undated Photographs of Medical Advisers and Nursing staff



This photograph undated shows Medical advisers, left of photo is Robert Smithwick, local Dentist, Lady Angliss (Awarded CBE in 1949) with a walking stick for support is centre rear, and a nurse attends to children.

Photo 2 below also undated again includes Dame Jacobena Angliss (Appointed Dame Commander in 1975), with a group of nurses

Both photos Tweddle Collection



Undated Photographs of Nursing staff

Tweddle Collection



NURSES WITH CHILDREN OUTSIDE PLAYHOUSE

Left to Right Nurses: Cheryl Reynolds, Kaylene Sheehan, Nada Todic

Tweddle Collection

INFANT WELFARE AND MOTHERCRAFT NURSES



1973 - Mayor Fred Maddern Reports

THE FOOTSCRAY MAIL 30 MAY 1973



The Mayor of Footscray, Cr. Fred Maddern reported in the The Footscray Mail

Established in 1924 after receiving a land grant by the Footscray Council two years earlier, The Tweddle Baby Hospital has certainly made a name for this city throughout the world in the field of mothercraft nursing.

With 30 sisters and nurses constantly in training, the hospital is one of only three similar training institutions in this State and enjoys the unique distinction of being the first centre of its type in this country, caring for up to 33 children at any one time.

Offering advanced training in the fields of mothercraft nursing and infant welfare, its students come from all parts of Australia and from many overseas countries. In fact last Wednesday 24 of the hospital's proud students graduated, 13 of them as qualified infant welfare sisters and 11 as mothercraft nurses.

The present modern hospital, rebuilt from the decrepit wooden buildings which occupied the site for many years was opened in 1959 during Footscray's centenary celebrations by Lady Slim, wife of the former Governor-General, Sir William Slim.

A feature of the hospital's 50 years of service has been the inspiring leadership of the hospital's president of the committee of management, Lady Angliss who has held the position for over 40 years'



Named after the Kentish hamlet of *Foots Cray*, (Foots Creek) the name of Footscray according to early historian Claude Smith, was first used as the name of the home of an early settler living on a rise overlooking the river, in what is now known as Seddon'.

City of Footscray 125th Anniversary Celebrations
Publication June 1984

1981 -1982 Council of the Tweddle baby Hospital

President	Mrs Betty Burton
Vice President	Dr J. Glyn White
Honorary Secretary	Mr A. J. Mangan
Honorary Treasurer	Mr K. E. Hambly
Honorary Public Relations Officer	Mr J. Mc Dougall
Elected Member	Miss E. M. Angliss
	Mrs M. J. Angliss
	Mrs M. V. Angliss
	Mrs H. David
	Mrs R. R. Downe
	Mrs A. J. Mangan
	Mrs J. Mercer
	Mrs C. Redman
	Miss P. Brennan
	Mrs W. Jamieson
	Mrs P. R. Angliss
	Mrs Diana Gibson
	Mrs W. M. K. Stephens (daughter Jacqueline Stephens a donor)
Patroness	Mrs Diana Gibson
Director of Nursing	Miss M. N. Ballard

1991 - 'Mums and babies together again'

FOOTSCRAY MAIL 20 FEBRUARY 1991

Under the heading caption above, the Footscray Mail newspaper reported:

After more than 30 years mums and babies have been brought back together at the Tweddle Child and Family Health Service in Footscray.

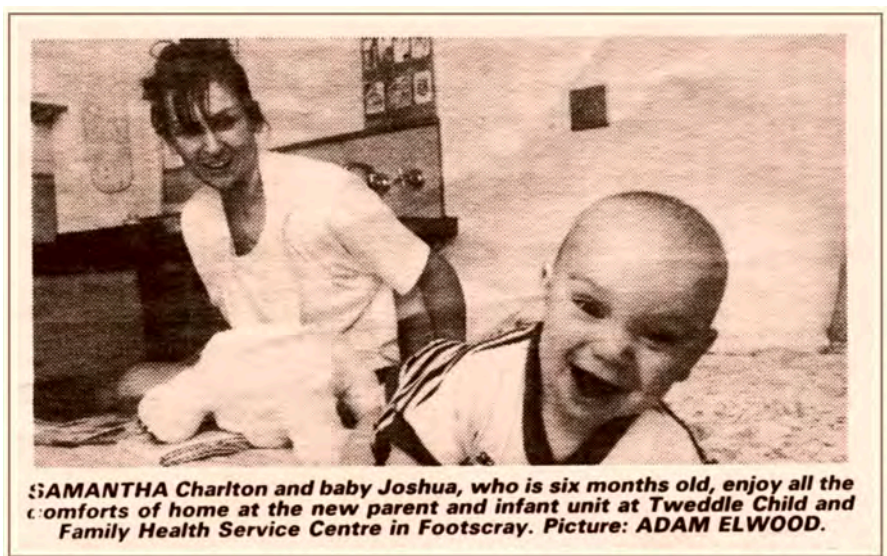
A wing of the baby hospital built in the late 1950s, has been used since then to house mothers while their infants were cared for in the main building.

Now that the building has been remodelled to allow parents who are having problems with some form of parenting or care giving, to stay with their new born in the same room.

Tweddle's new parent and infant unit was officially opened by the member for Footscray Mr. Fordham last Wednesday.

It has 12 beds, six for adults and six for children, including one room which can house both parents. It is designed to allow western suburbs' families access to local rooming-in facilities for the first time where they have access to professional nursing staff to attend to their problems.

"It is just like hotel accommodation but now we don't have to separate the mums and dads from the babies" said Tweddle chief executive officer Ms Betty Hassold. The picture below accompanied the article



FUND RAISING

Over the years a variety of methods have been used to raise funds to aid in the continued use and development of the Hospital, much of the early work was carried out by patrons, donors and Auxiliary's.

THE AGE (MELBOURNE) WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 1929 REPORTED:



(Excerpts only of the report are shown)

A well attended meeting was held in the Town Hall Yesterday morning to establish a central auxiliary in connection with the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria and the Tweddle Hospital for babies and School of Mothercraft. The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. H. Luxton) presided.

Lady Irvine who is the patroness of the Society, in a short speech said that the Society for the Health of Women and Children was like other institutions at the time — in sore need of funds to carry on the good work it was doing.

Dr. Springthorpe, the president of the Society, said that the societies hospital besides being a training centre for infant welfare nurses also cared for babies who were dietetically ill, and in addition it provided a training school for young women who were eager to learn the care of infants with the object of earning their living as infant nurses.

It might be interesting to learn that the matrons of two hospitals were coming into the Tweddle Hospital for training in infant welfare.

On the motion of Mr Cook and Mrs. Dye, those present decided to form themselves into a body, to be called the Central Auxiliary of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria and the Tweddle Hospital and the School of Mothercraft, formed for the purpose of obtaining a steady flow of income for the needs of the institution and the forward the aims thereof.

The following office bearers were elected:

Patronesses-Lady Irvine and Lady Cussen: President, the Lady Mayoress: Vice Presidents, Mrs. Springthorpe and Mrs. C. Perry, Secretary, Miss M. Rimmington: Treasurer, Mrs. W. Angliss, Mrs. Parker being appointed, acting Treasurer During Mrs. Angliss being absent abroad.

It was decided to hold a bridge afternoon at The Rex on 25th July.

FUND RAISING

The method of raising funds over the years has varied, Bridge parties, Dance functions, Fetes and the like.

1931

**The Age 29 May 1931
TWEDDLE BABIES HOME**

Plans for a novel Subscription scheme were announced at a meeting of the central auxiliary of the Tweddle Hospital yesterday. It was stated by Mrs. Springthorpe, who presided that a yearly subscription of 2d., a day for each member was being formed, and it was hoped that £100 pounds would be raised in the next six months by this method.

It was stated that 80 tables had been taken for a bridge party in the Ormond Hall on 22nd June, and that as the rest of a linen tea at the home of Mr. J.T. Tweddle, £80 pounds worth of linen had been received.

Arrangements were discussed for a dance to be held at the Rex on 11th June. Each ticket carries a chance of winning one of five prizes.

1934

**The Age 25 May
Tweddle Hospital
Auxiliary**

At a meeting of the Tweddle Hospital Auxiliary held at the Melbourne Town Hall yesterday morning, when the president (Mrs. J.W. Springthorpe) presided, it was reported that the proceeds of the linen tea held at the home of Mrs. Tweddle on 26 April, amounted to more than £40 pounds in goods and cash.

1933

**Fete at Tweddle Hospital
The Age 11 December 1933
Primrose Nurses Auxiliary**

The Primrose nurses of the Tweddle Hospital for Babies and the School of Mothercraft at Footscray held their annual garden fete in the grounds of the hospital, with much success. Proceeds will be devoted to the hospital maintenance. The fete was opened by the mayoress of Footscray (Mrs. Hester), who was introduced by the president of the Society for the Health of Women and Children (Mr. J. Hume Cook). Prettily decked stalls, stocked with all kinds of good things were thronged with interest buyers, were presided over by the nurses in their blue and white uniforms.

FUND RAISING

There were a number of individuals and Auxiliary groups involved in fund raising from time to time. The details below are from to 20th Annual report for 1939-40.

CENTRAL AUXILIARY.	
President: LADY ANGLISS.	
Patroness: MRS. J. W. SPRINGTHORPE.	
Vice-Presidents: MRS. E. CAMPBELL, MRS. W. A. COXEN.	
Hon. Treasurer: MRS. J. C. FARRIN WEBB.	
Asst. Hon. Treasurer: MRS. E. M. DYE.	
Hon. Secretary: MISS MAY ANGLISS	
Asst. Hon. Secretary: MISS F. INGLIS.	
MISS F. ANDERSON	MRS. W. F. MERRELL
MRS. G. ANDERSON	MRS. J. B. MILLS
MRS. E. M. ANGLISS	MRS. J. W. MITCHELL
MRS. S. E. BRUNNING	MRS. F. G. MORGAN
MRS. A. CAMPBELL	MRS. C. McCORMACK
MRS. P. CRIVELLI	MRS. E. K. McKAY
MRS. S. DAVIS	MRS. O. J. NILSEN
MRS. K. DODSHUN	MRS. C. OGILVIE
MRS. K. M. DOE	MRS. RANKKIN
MRS. C. EBELING	MRS. H. J. ROBERTSON
MRS. E. J. FREAME	MRS. STRUAN
MRS. J. V. GRIFFITH	ROBERTSON
MRS. J. HUME COOK	MRS. W. J. SENNITT
MISS A. M. KIELLER	MRS. A. D. SPIERS
MRS. H. KERR	MRS. F. B. SUHR
MRS. J. P. KNIGHT	MRS. J. T. TWEDDLE
MRS. EDGELL LITTLE	MRS. G. S. TAYLOR
MRS. A. R. LOVE	

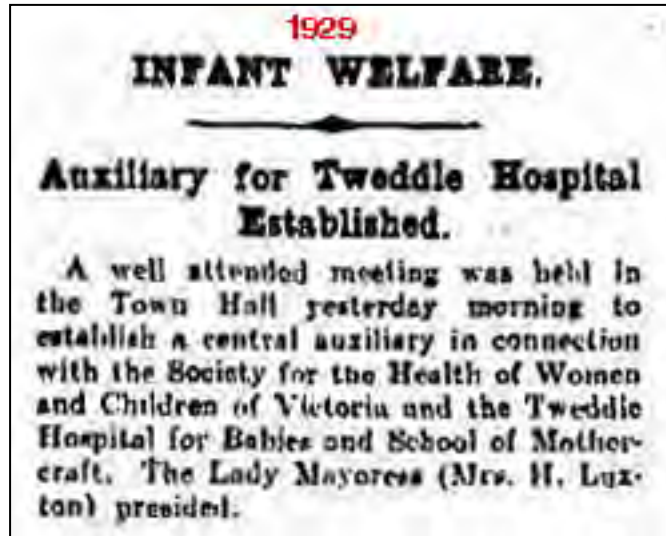


Tweddle Aux.

Photos above - Appeared in "WHO'S WHO in the WORLD OF WOMEN CENTENARY
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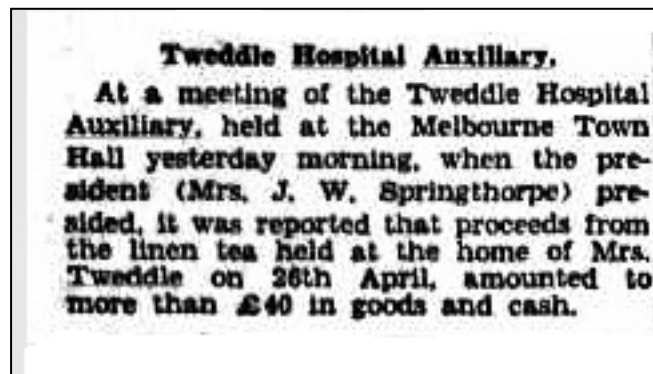
PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE WOMEN INVOLVED IN FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

FUND RAISING



The Central Auxiliary mentioned on the previous page had been established originally in 1929.

1934 A linen tea raised £40 pounds



1934 THE AGE 16 AUGUST

TWEDDLE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY DANCE

The arrangements for the dance to be held at 9 Darling Street on Wednesday next were completed at the monthly meeting of the Tweddle Hospital Central Auxiliary in the Town Hall yesterday morning. The programme includes a number of novelty dances, prizes for which have been donated.

The sale of tickets has been very satisfactory. They may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Angliss

FUND RAISING

1935 THE AGE - THE PRIMROSE NURSES AUXILIARY RAISE £510 POUNDS

Tweddle Baby Hospital

In four years members of the Primrose Nurses' Auxiliary, founded in 1931, have raised £510 for the Tweddle Baby Hospital. Dr. A. Rosenberg spoke at the last meeting of the auxiliary. Miss I. Gallagher was elected president.

1938 THE AGE - MRS TWEDDLE PRESENTS A CHEQUE FOR £190 POUNDS RAISED FROM DANCE AND A BRIDGE PARTY

Cheque Presented at Tweddle Hospital

Mrs. J. T. Tweddle presented a cheque for £190, representing proceeds from the dance and bridge party held recently, to Mrs. Hume Cook, wife of the president of the hospital council, at the final meeting for the year of the Tweddle Hospital auxiliary yesterday afternoon. After the business meeting members were guests of the matron for afternoon tea.

Among those present were the Mayor of Footscray, Cr. A. Turner, accompanied by the acting Mayoress, Mrs. Turner, and members of the Footscray auxiliary and the Primrose nurses' auxiliary.

Roll of Presidents

1920 – 1921	Hon. J. G. Aikman
1921 – 1932	Dr J. W. Springthorpe
1933-1941	Hon. J. Hume Cook
1941-1980	Lady Angliss
1980 -	Mrs A. W. Burton

Roll of Matrons

1920 – 1934	Miss J. G. Moreland
1934 – 1948	Miss Gertrude F. Graham
1948 – 1950	Miss Evelyn E. Ross
1950 – 1968	Miss Evelyn Graham
1968 – 1988	Miss Ballard

Roll of Chief Executive Officers

1988 - 2003	Betty Hassold
2003 – 2013	Vivienne Amery
2013 - 2020	Jacquie O'Brien

Roll of Medical Officers

Dr Stanley Argyle

Dr Charles Perry

Dr Allen Robertson

Dr J. W. Springthorpe

Dr Ramsay Webb

Dr J. V. Griffith

Dr John Adamson

Dr W. E. Ward

Dr Kevin A. McCarthy

Dr Gavin McCallum

Dr L. A. Love

Dr Guy Springthorpe

Dr John W. Gowland

Dr Frank Ross

Dr Alan Murray

Dr T. F. Buxton

Dr V. L. Collins

Dr L. Lloyd-Green

Dr A. D. Wilson

Dr Mary Fraser

Dr J. G. Glyn White

Dr L. E. G. Sloan

Dr P. Phelan

Dr G. Gilham



Picture from Tweddle Collection

Dr. Glyn. White - Honorary Medical Consultant

Doctor John George Glyn. White O.B.E.,FRACP,RACP. (1909-1987)

A highly respected Paediatrician he was a Honorary Medical Consultant to the Tweddle Baby Hospital for many years.

His biography notes indicate that he was a pioneer of Paediatric tests.

He was appointed as a member of Committee, and made a Honorary Life Member of Council in recognition of his services to the Hospital.

A physician and Army officer he served in the A.I.F force in 1940, as a Major, was sent to Malaya, promoted to Lt.Colonel and later Colonel.

Served as a Medical officer at Changi, and after war service returned to Melbourne and resumed his medical practice.

Upon retirement from military and CMF service he was placed on the retired list as a Brigadier.



(Dr.) Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle

SIR STANLEY ARGYLE-1927

(Dr.) Sir Stanley Argyle,(1887 - 1940),Premier and Medical Practitioner, had an interest in the supply of fresh milk and founded the Willsmere Certificated Milk Company, of which he was a Director until 1920.

During World War 1 he served in the AIF, in Cairo, on Lemnos and later in France and England.

He became a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria and was Premier of Victoria 1932-1935.

His name leads the Roll of Medical Officers.

Sir Stanley was obviously a long time acquaintance of Dr.Springthorpe, they are depicted together in the photo from World War 1 on page 9, he was a Honorary Medical Consultant to The Association in 1921, and attended the opening of the Tweddle Baby Hospital, as Minister for Health in 1924

A pen picture from the roll of Presidents



Hon. John George Aikman

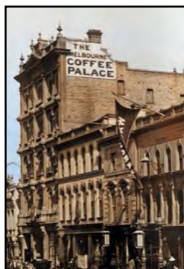
Image - State Library of Victoria

The Hon. John George Aikman ,Born 24 June 1858

Died 29 July 1928

Draper and Businessman, Owner and co-owner of drapery stores in **Footscray**, Dimboola, Warragul and Korumburra, later purchased Melbourne Drapery firms.

Owned the Melbourne Coffee Palace-(pictured)



Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne 1919-1920.

First President of the Association for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria 1920.

The Lady Mayoress 1920 Mrs. Jean L Stein



The Lady Mayoress, to the Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne, the Hon. John George Aikman, mentioned on the previous page, was Mrs. J. L. (Jean) Stein. She is shown on the First Annual report to the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria 1920-1921 as a Vice President. **THE ARGUS 15 DECEMBER 1948 CONTAINED HER OBITUARY.**

It notes that she was also associated with the Austral Salon of Music which was founded in 1890 as a club for women writers, which later developed as a club to introduce aspiring musicians.

The Wattle League was a fund raising group.



The Duke of Windsor visited in 1920 as a thank you to Australia, for the role in WW1.

OBITUARY MRS J. L. STEIN

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs J. L. Stein, who, as Lady Mayoress during the term of office of Cr J. G. Aikman, MLC, entertained the Prince of Wales (now the Duke of Windsor) on his visit here in 1920.

Mrs Stein, who was a well-known Melbourne hostess, resided at Silver Hills, Gembrook. She was president of the Austral Salon for seven years, and was also actively associated with the Wattle League and philanthropic organisations.

The funeral will leave the residence of her daughter, Miss A. Stein, Brighton, this afternoon for Melbourne Cemetery. Tobin Bros are in charge of arrangements.

2016 - 53 Adelaide Street

ENTRY FROM ADELAIDE STREET



LONG VIEW OF FRONTAGE



PLAQUE ON WALL OF 53 ADELAIDE STREET-PROBABLY ORIGINALLY FROM A KIOSK
DONATED BY THE STATE BANK AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOWGROUNDS

2016 - The former Nurses Quarters

CURRENTLY KNOWN AS 73 ADELAIDE STREET



THE CURRENT SITE IN ADELAIDE STREET STILL CONTAINS THE FORMER NURSES QUARTERS (SEE PAGE 26), THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN LOOKING EAST IN 2016.



2016 - 73 Adelaide Street



THE FORMER NURSES QUARTERS USED AS THE PSYCHOLOGY BUILDING

2010-2016 Comments from Annual Reports

2010 - 2011

- *Major Clinical practices in place



2013 - 2014

- *There was the farewell to CEO Ms. Vivienne Amery after more than 10 years of Service.
- *The new CEO is Ms. Jacquie O'Brien.
- *There was the acknowledgement of a Transition from "Sleep School" to sophisticated multi disciplinary therapeutic interrelationship for the parent child relationship.

2014-2015

Highlights of 2014-2015

- *Ballert Bubup, an indigenous parenting program
- *Partnership with MRC in delivering important programs for dads in prison, with thanks to Mary McKillop Foundation
- *Partnership with Sons of the West, delivering five Health Expos, and five 'Dad Factory' presentations to hundreds of men across the west.
- *Change of service model to offer in home support to vulnerable families
- *Hosted the Australasian Association of Parenting and Child Health Conference.
- *Partnered in Stronger Relationships trial.
- *Consumer participation group launched.
- *Parliamentary Secretary, launched Tweddle's new infant and Perinatal Psychology Service and in Home Support Service.
- *Improving online referral accessibility and the pilot of a duty worker.
- *Priority partner in the Maribyrnong 'Family Strengthening Strategy 2015-2018'.
- *Working with the Family Drug Treatment Court

2020



SERVICES
Assessment and Intake Services
Residential parenting programs
Parenting Assessment and Skill Development Service for child protection clients
Infant and Perinatal Psychology Service Group and individual support and counselling
Social support services and family therapy
Childbirth education program
Community based Day Stay program
Parenting support for families with additional needs
In Home support
Prison Programs
Lactation support

As a government publicly funded early parenting centre, Tweddle provides a range of services to families with children up to school age. Services are delivered in partnership with other agencies and directly in the community.

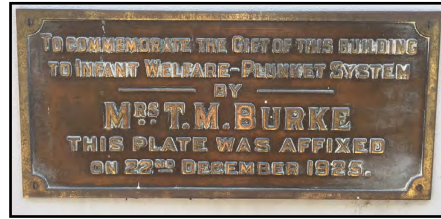
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LIFE GOVERNORS
Mrs. Margery Maskell
Mr.Valentino Adami
Ms.I.Brennan
Mr. Ian Broadway
Mrs.Loris Charlton
Ms.Julie Collette
Ms. Prue Digby
Mrs. Diana Gibson
Ms. Louise Glanville
Mr. Kenneth Hambly
Ms. Betty Hassold
Dr. Nigel Hocking
Mr. Graham Jasper
Mr. Rod Jones
Mrs. Denise McGregor
Mrs. Gwen Redman
Ms. Hilary Russell
Ms. Lesley Yates

Thomas.M.Burke CMG

BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST



Thomas Michael Burke (1870 - 1949), donated the funds for the Nurses Quarters.

A business man and philanthropist, who was a member of a number of groups including the Australian Natives Association, National Chairman of The Knights of the Southern Cross a Catholic Fraternal Organisation, and a member of the Victorian Hospitals and Charities Board.

He was in several business operations, including managing the Co-operative Store in the early 1900s, also ventured into Finance and Investment, before commencing a Real Estate Agency, which became one of the best known in Australia (T.M.Burke P/L).

He pioneered the use of door to door sales, mass advertising and the development of large planned residential areas ,as distinct from individual property sales.

As well as assisting the Tweddle Baby Hospital he gave a gift to the Catholic Archbishop, Dr. Mannix of funds to develop Studley House in 1921, part of the Xavier Junior School, this was later renamed Burke Hall (below), and a later gift was that of a Chapel built in 1926.



Mrs. Diana Gibson AO

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The tradition of family involvement with the Tweddle Baby Hospital continues in a number of areas.

Mrs. Diana Eirene Gibson, the daughter of Eirene Rose Angliss and David Knox, and the Grand daughter of Sir William and Lady Angliss and Sir Robert and Lady Knox (see page 53), continues to have an interest in the activities of Tweddle to-day.

In 1980 she was elected as a Patroness to the Tweddle Baby Hospital, and has been a Member of Council.

In 2016 she was the Chair of the William Angliss Charitable Fund, and is a Life Governor of Tweddle.

Her other interests include the National Gallery of Victoria, Arts Centre, Lighthouse Foundation, and the Heide Museum of Modern Art at Heidelberg.

In the Queens Birthday Honours of 1980 ,she was awarded the Order of Australia as an Officer in the General Division (AO), for service to the community through philanthropy and support for a broad range of health and aged care, medical research ,child welfare and cultural organisations.



Nurses in Uniform - circa 1965

This undated photo possibly circa 1965, from the Tweddle collection shows nurses in full uniform of the period that the photograph was taken, they are outside the Nurses Home



The William Angliss Nurses Home was opened 5 October 1963 by Dr. J.H. Lindell the Victorian Hospital and Charities Commissioner



2016 - An Update on the Japanese Plane over Melbourne in 1942

See Page 49 for earlier comments

THE HERALD SUN MELBOURNE 26 FEBRUARY 2016

The Herald Sun reported that it was 75 years to the day that, on 26 February 1942, a Japanese plane flew low over the city in a pre dawn reconnaissance mission.



The floatplane piloted by Nobuo Fujita (pictured) took off from a submarine near King Island, and flew over several suburbs and the CBD.

There were comments from former South Melbourne Mayor and State MP Reg Macey stating “The only significant recorded information on it is in the notes of the Japanese pilot” and “Darwin had been bombed only one week before”.



The plane was an Imperial Japanese reconnaissance plane Yokosuka E14Y known by the Allied Forces designation ‘Glen’.

Piloted by Warrant Officer Nobuo Fujita it was launched from the Japanese submarine L 25.

Above is a photo of a Glen plane in flight and Right, WO Fujita beside his plane

The activities of the Tweddle were removed to the Riversdale Golf Club in 1942 as a safety precaution and the buildings taken over as a Hostel for munitions workers.



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End Notes

I commenced the research for these notes about the 'Tweddle' knowing little more than the location, and the advice from my mother many years ago that, "It had been started by a New Zealand Nurse", this was of course not quite correct but had some validity.

The search has been a pleasure and engrossing, I now know a little more about some of the individuals involved through the Hospital's 100 year history to date, and there are some unusual features apparent.

Right from the start in 1920 there has been an indication of the dedication of those involved at various stages through the evolution to the current, Tweddle - child and health service.

There has been the outstanding individuals including Nurse Maud Primrose, Dr. John Springthorpe, James Hume-Cook, the Matrons and Nurses, including the quaintly named Primrose Nurses, the Trainees, the Hospital Auxiliaries, Honorary medical advisers and administration staff.

There has been right from the start the influence of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Governor General's, Dukes, Earls, a Countess, Knights and Lady's, and other similar high ranking officials.

There is a hint of the Freemasons behind the scenes with a Grand Master involved, and a similar office holder from the Knights of the Southern Cross, the Catholic equivalent of the Freemasons social group.

But perhaps most important of all is the evidence of the driving force of the need for the improvement of the health of women and children, and the efforts to reduce child mortality rates that grew from the end of World War One, and continues.

The influence of the Women of Victoria has played a great part in the relatively unique continued growth of what is perhaps a "Mighty Mouse" of hospitals, small but strong and perhaps not as widely known as the larger public and private hospitals, but serving its place in a specialised market.



The meetings in prestigious buildings such as the Melbourne Town Hall, Kelvin Hall, Temple Court, Windsor Hotel, The Women's Auxiliary Groups, Nurses Auxiliary Groups (the amusing and to me amazing number of nurses shown as committee members on page 64, as members of the 1939 committee). Fund raisers held at private homes in Toorak, Hawthorn, South Yarra and the like show the wide spread influence of the women involved.

To find that the Hospital retains every Annual Report from the First meeting of the Society for the Health of Women and Children in Victoria in 1920 through to the latest current issue is a marvel of record keeping because within those records will be more data and photographs that could build on the history of the group.

My special thanks go to Kerrie Gottliebsen, the Communications manager at Tweddle for her assistance in 2015 and continuing to bring this project to completion.

Jim Hevey - 2020

A History Timeline of Events

The history of the Hospital sites is a little complicated to follow because of the demolition of buildings on the original site, the construction of new buildings on the original site, additional buildings built on Sydney Street, the renovation and construction of new buildings on Sydney Street and Adelaide Street and the relocation of all services to what is now known as 53-73 Adelaide Street Footscray in 1996.

The following timeline is reconstructed from the data available.

Timeline		
1920	Land Acquired compliments Footscray Council	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1922	Foundation Stone Laid for proposed Hospital	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1923	School of Mothercraft & Training Home - nearing completion	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1924	Tweddle Hospital for Babies opens	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1924	First Nurses Graduate	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1925	Nurses Quarters constructed	Sydney Street
1930	New Buildings for trainees and Mothers nears completion cottage named 'Eirene Angliss cottage'	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1930	New buildings opened & summer house added	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1930	Kiosk funded by State Bank of Victoria constructed	Royal Agricultural Showgrounds Ascot Vale
1942	Wartime Evacuation	To Riversdale Golf Club
1945	Land Title Transfer by Footscray Council to Tweddle	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1958	Foundation Stone laid for new buildings	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1959	Official opening of new buildings 10 June 1959	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1960	Blackall Estate block resumed by Government and reserved for Hospital use	Sydney Street
1961	Land reserved for new Nurses Home and Matrons Cottage	Sydney Street
1961	Dining room, Kitchen & Store added	Barkly Street - Gordon Street

Timeline		
1962	State Bank donate Building	Royal Agricultural Showgrounds Ascot Vale
1963	William Angliss Nurses Home opened	Sydney Street
1963	Matrons Cottage completed	Sydney Street
1964	Eirene Angliss Mothers and Babies Building opened	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
1964	Original Nurses Home renovated	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
1990	Parent and Infant unit added	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
1994	Building Extensions	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
1996	One unit remains in operation	Barkly Street - Gordon Street
1996	18 March full relocation to new premises	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
2010	Refurbishment of old nursing quarters into psychology consulting rooms	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
2013	'The Block' TV contestants, refurbish the Footscray Day Stay Unit	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
2015	Future planning continues	Adelaide Street - Sydney Street
2018	Centre for Early Planning Govt. commits to provide \$9 million	Adelaide Street and other locations
2019	Funding Approved for Early Planning Centres	Various locations
2019	Parenting App and Video Projects funded	Footscray
2020	Coved 19 effecting operations	State Wide
2020	Therapy Dog assists on site	Footscray
2020	The First 1000 days remains an important ongoing project	State Wide

Important Stages along the way to 2020 and the Future

The information contained within this publication, shows some important time frame incidents on the path to the 100 years of existence, these include :

1920 - The formation of the Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria, and setting the aims of the Society

1922 - The generosity of the Footscray Council in allowing a 15 year lease of land.

1924 - The provision of funds from Joseph Tweddle to allow construction of the Hospital and Training school to commence, it is noted that the original buildings were constructed of timber because of the term of the land lease.

1945 - The transfer of the land title from Footscray Council to the Tweddle Hospital.

1958 - With title secure this allowed for more permanent brick buildings to be constructed.

1990-1991 - **The Annual report indicates that Tweddle went from being the Tweddle Baby Hospital to being Tweddle Child and Family Health Service.**

'Incorporation proceeded as planned and on 31 October 1990, the Tweddle Child and family Health Service came into being. Incorporation under the Health Services Act 1988 resulted in the disbanding, after many years, of the Tweddle Council. This action was viewed with great sadness as the Councillors have given so much to Tweddle over very many years. The Tweddle Board conferred Life Governorships upon all immediate and past Council Memberships.'

1990-2020 - The Hospital has continued to carry out its tasks and staff have continued to evolve and become innovative as community needs arise and change, the premises has been modernised and expanded and they look forward to the future with enthusiasm.



Important Stages on the way to 2020

1996-THE REDEVELOPMENT OF AND RELOCATION TO 53 ADELAIDE STREET

The Sydney Street Nurses Home was transformed from a very ordinary cream brick residential facility into a stylish, colourful and distinctive building. It was planned that the new extensions should dominate the existing building in order to diminish its institutional feel and to create a new atmosphere and personality for Tweddle.

Hede architects provided the concept and brought it to reality with the assistance of the Project Control Group.

The building process was not without its pain and difficulty.

Weather and other problems turned a six month project into a nine month event. The scope of the redevelopment was enormous and included the construction and or addition of;

- * Six new bedrooms and the refurbishment of 21 existing bedrooms
- * Two new bathrooms and three refurbished bathrooms
- * Two new parent lounges and family rooms
- * A large education room
- * Nurses station and inquiry booking nurse office
- * Development of storage room/medical records
- * Six kitchens including a commercial kitchen
- * An industrial laundry and plant room
- * Refurbishment of the Administration wing
- * Landscaping and automatic watering system
- * Hydronic heating and air conditioning
- * New computer facilities
- * Two new car parks
- * New security system
- * New upgraded telephone system
- * Window coverings, furniture and equipment

This listing gives a brief glimpse of the scope of the work undertaken during the redevelopment. The capital cost of the project was \$1,636,552. This figure increased to \$1.9 million when plant, equipment and furnishings were included. After many delays the services finally relocated to 53 Adelaide Street on Monday 18 March 1996.



In 2019 the Premier Daniel Andrews announced a \$9 million dollar redevelopment investment for an upgrade of the site.

An unusual feature — a ‘Wall of memories’

An unusual feature of the Tweddle site is the retention and display of a number of wall plates and memorabilia that have been in place on the various buildings and sites since the Foundation.

In my working career in the Insurance profession with more than 40 years on the road carrying out inspections of Heritage listed buildings, Offices, Warehouses, Factories, Nursing Homes, Town Halls, Council Buildings I would estimate that over 15000 sites were visited, but nowhere have I seen a collection of memories retained and displayed in a manner such as exists at Tweddle.

They indicate to me the general nature of the care by the Administration over the years to ensure that the many contributors to the success of the Hospital are remembered.

The wall plates were of assistance in working out in some order, the past developments around the sites.

The South wall of 53 Adelaide is pictured below, and as many plates as possible are reproduced together on the final page.



The On Site Tributes



1922 Foundation - J. T. Tweddle



Stradbroke Ward



1933 Eirene Angliss Cottage



Tribute to Dr. J. W. Springthorpe



1925 Tribute to J. Hume Cook



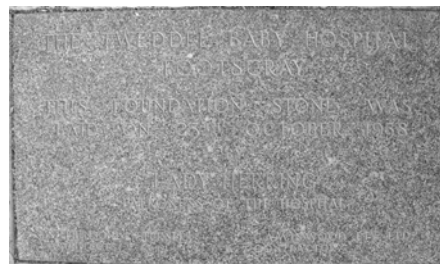
1925 Tribute to Mrs. J. W. Springthorpe



1962 State Bank Donated Building at Showgrounds



1925 Tribute to Mrs T. M. Burke



1958 Foundation Stone

The 1958 Foundation Stone reads: **The Tweddle Baby Hospital Footscray**
*This Foundation Stone was laid on 25 October 1958 by Lady Herring
 Stephenson & Turner Architects - C. A. Winwood Pty. Ltd. Contractors*

2019 & 2020 Activities in Brief




The 99th AGM in November 2019 indicated that planning was underway for Centenary Celebrations in 2020

December 2019 saw plans announced for the launch of ‘**Working out Parenting**’ program

2020-Therapy Dog ‘Ajay’ joins the Tweddle team, a specially trained and registered therapy dog ‘Ajay’ comes in weekly to spend time with families.





Residential, Community & In-home Programs

- **Home-Based Programs & Telephone Consultations**
The in-home and telephone consultation team provide funded and fee-for-service support designed to help families experiencing parenting challenges and who prefer or need therapeutic support in the home.
- **Day Programs**
Tweddle's Day Stay programs provide families with additional support and parenting education over the course of one day at Footscray, Geelong, Kings Park (Thursday), Bacchus Marsh in partnership with Djerriwarrh Health Service, Whittlesea with City of Whittlesea, and Terang with the Terang and Mortlake Health Service.
- **Residential Program**
The 5 day residential program assists families who require higher levels of support with parenting. Tweddle recognises that families are unique and as such strategies are tailored to best support each individual family. Staff are on hand day and night to work with families.
- **Parenting Assessment and Skills Development**
Tweddle's Parenting Assessment and Skills Development Service (PASDS) is a 10 day residential program for parents with children between 0 and 3 years who are currently involved with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The aim of this program is to assess and support parenting capacity and competency.
- **HoPES**
Tweddle's Home Parenting Education Service is an 8 week home based program available to children 0-4 years and their families residing in the Western and Barwon Regions currently involved with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The program has a focus on family preservation and reunification.
- **Prison Program**
The prisoner parenting support and education program offers both group and one-on-one sessions to help parents identify and develop their parenting strengths and practical ways to enhance parent-child relationships during and following separation.
- **Childbirth Education**
Tweddle, in partnership with Western Health, offers a comprehensive range of weekday and weekend education classes in providing the best care for parents before and after the birth of their baby.
- **Breast Feeding Support Service**
In partnership with Brimbank City Council, Tweddle provides a breastfeeding support service in Kings Park for parents of babies up to 3 months of age. The service is provided by a qualified lactation consultant in a comfortable community setting.
- **Working Out Dads**
Working Out Dads is a 6 week, therapeutic, afterhours group work program for dads of children aged 0-4.

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