John Franklin was born on 28th October 1928. He is the oldest of 4 children, they all ended up in various orphanages in Victoria.. His mother took him to the Melbourne Zoo when he was about 10 years old and left him alone.

Mostly, his memories of the orphanage were happy. He talked about how he used to look for his Mother to come and visit him at the Orphanage.

Faye said she had had a happy childhood and loving family. It was hard for her to understand how a family could be split up and the children all separated and have no mother or father.