



2018 AFL Lunch Results

Dear Denis,

What an excellent day we had at our recent AFL Lunch with Tim & Jobe Watson and the comedic cameo from Simon & Justin Madden. The 510 guests who attended the lunch set a new attendance record!

We are delighted to announce that the record attendance has produced a record result with over **\$312,000** being raised for The Ruben Centre.

Including **\$55,000** raised for the much-needed ambulance at Ruben, the subject of a special appeal made at the lunch by Aidan Jackson, which has now been purchased. There are some photos below of the new ambulance at Ruben.



Since the AFL Lunch we have been notified by Frank O'Shea that the new birthing unit has

been opened at the Clinic and the first 35 babies have been delivered, including the emergency delivery of a 27 week “preemie”. The baby needed to be transported to hospital for neonatal care, however, there was a 2-hour delay in the arrival of an ambulance which again highlighted the need for the Centre to have its own ambulance available for such emergencies.

While the opening of the birthing unit is wonderful news, Frank has written to us describing a situation he has on his hands. *One of the nurses came to him “Frank we have a problem, they don’t want to go home, nice meals, cooked for them, good beds with fresh sheets, big rest, great care and attention, and a hot shower”. Never having had a baby I can only guess what it feels like having your first ever hot shower, all just after giving birth.*

We hope that you are as excited by this tremendous result as Frank O’Shea and his team at the Ruben Centre are. They make an extraordinary difference to the lives of so many children and families in the Mukuru community, but they can’t do it alone. They need our support and our funding, and once again it has been forthcoming.

We look forward to seeing you back at the G on Tuesday 30 October 2018 for our Spring Racing Lunch.

The 500 Supporters' Group
<http://www.500supportersgroup.org>

To make a donation towards The Ruben Centre, you can do so [here](#) or to donate via an EFT, please call Louise at the Foundation office on 03 8359 0115.





“The ambulance is a huge story. i am being besieged with ‘WOW’ . i may have built a school for 3,000 but that pales into insignificance compared with AN AMBULANCE FOR THE PEOPLE of MUKURU. And another two babes born today and the watchman says that the presence of the ambulance will empty the back yard local birthing places" Frank O'Shea (24/062018).

[Click here to view more photos from the lunch on our website.](#)



