

share the stories share the memories life in migrant hostels

Unanderra Berkeley Balgownie



Thank you for considering sharing your stories and memories of your experiences of the early days of your journey, arrival and what it was like living in a migrant hostel in Wollongong. The Migration Heritage Project is collecting these stories for true life historical purposes to increase awareness of what it was really like to be part of the early days of immigration in Wollongong.

It can be your story, your parent's story, your grandparent's story.

This template has been provided for you to compose your story using the headings. It can be handwritten or typed; preferably in English. If you need more pages to tell your story, please just attach more pages to the returned questionnaire.


Please attach a copy of a photograph of you or your family at the hostel. If you have no photographs of living in the hostel then please attach a copy of a photograph depicting your early days in Wollongong. Please do not send original photographs – copies or scanned photos only.

Where and How to Send in your Story and Photograph

By email to: secretary@mhpillawarra.com.au

By mail to: Migration Heritage Project
PO Box 1589
South Coast Mail Centre NSW 2521

Or just click on the submit button on the Share the Stories Share the Memories Template.

If you are using the PDF version of the template you will require Adobe Acrobat Reader which is a free download <download Adobe Reader DC>  and navigate through the template using the TAB key.

This is a Migrant Heritage Project research project. Please provide your contact details on the questionnaire so that we may get in touch with you to get permission to publish your story. All completed questionnaires and photographs will be centrally located with the Migration Heritage Project. Your story will not be used nor passed onto third parties without your permission.

Thank you for participating in this research project. Your story is important to the Migrant Heritage Project and deserves to be recorded.

If you have any questions please email the secretary at secretary@mhpillawarra.com.au

SHARE YOUR STORIES SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

MY JOURNEY TO WOLLONGONG AND LIVING IN A MIGRANT HOSTEL

Like the two people in this photograph taken at Balgownie Hostel are you one of the many people who migrated to Australia and ended up living in a migrant hostel either at Balgownie (later called Fairy Meadow), Berkeley or Unanderra Hostels. If so, please share your stories and memories here of your early days in Wollongong.

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Your Details:

Name:			
Address:			
	Suburb	State	Postcode
Date of Birth:			
Country of Birth:			
Contact Ph. No:			
Email Address:			

From what country did you leave to come to Australia?

Why did you leave?

How did you arrive?

When did you arrive?

What were your first impressions of Australia?

Which migrant hostel did you live in?

What were the dates you lived in the migrant hostel?

What was life like living in a migrant hostel?

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Do you have any photographs when you lived in the migrant hostel or when you first arrived in Wollongong? (please attach copies only or scanned images)