

share the stories share the memories

Illawarra Migrant Stories



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 the Illawarra as a migrant. 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 to help you get started 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. You do not have to use the template – it is just a guide. To navigate through the template use the Tab key. If you prefer to compose your story on a word document instead please request a copy via an email to the Secretary of the MHP (email address below).

Please attach a copy of a photograph of you or your family that depicts life as a migrant. It could be a photograph of your or their stay at a hostel or first home, journey or working life, celebrations or traditions, these are just a few examples of photographs you may consider sharing with your story.

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

Please provide your contact details on the questionnaire or your email 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 participation. Your story is important 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

Your Details:

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

Why did you or your family decide to migrate to Australia

From what country did you leave to come to Australia

How did you travel to Australia? (If by sea name of ship, if by air please name of airline)

What was your port or place of departure?

What was the date of your departure?

What was your journey like to Australia (ports visited during sea journey etc)?

What was your date of arrival to Australia?

What was the place of your arrival in Australia?

What was your first impression upon arrival in Australia?

How did you travel to the Illawarra after you arrived in Australia?

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What was the date you came to Wollongong?

Where did you live when you came to the Illawarra? (if in a hostel the Block and hut number)

What was the dates you lived in your first accommodation?

What was it like living in your first accommodation in the Illawarra?

Where did you live next?

What was your first impression of Wollongong (the Illawarra)?

Where did you or your parents find work?

Where did you go to School (if applicable)?

What was life like living in the Illawarra as a migrant, for you, your parents or grandparents?

(What was life like living in the Illawarra as a migrant, for you, your parents or grandparents? Cont.)

Please attach copies only or scanned images of photographs and if you need more room to record your story please attach extra pages to this questionnaire. Thank you