

OLGA HARROP: BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Olga Harrop was born at Harden- Murrumburrah on 12 May 1923, one of the eleven surviving children of Gladys May and Frederick George Williams, a labourer. The family came to Canberra in 1925, living for two or three years in a tent in a camp near Scott's crossing on the Molonglo River. In about 1927 the family moved to a house in Riverbourne, and then in 1929 to the Russell Hill Settlement. When the Settlement closed in about 1932, the family was allocated a house in the Causeway where they lived until 1942. On leaving St Christopher's School, Manuka, in 1937, Olga worked first in Harry Notaris' café in Kingston, then in the Hotel Kurrajong. In 1942 she went to Sydney to work in the Australian Optical Company, where she met and married Jack Harrop, an optical mechanic. They returned to Canberra in 1950, living with her parents who had moved to Narrabundah in 1942, until they obtained a government house in O'Connor in 1952, where Olga still lives.

**OLGA HARROP INTERVIEW 16 AUGUST 2010:
TIMED SUMMARY**

TIME	TOPIC	KEY WORDS
00.00.01	Early life in camp on Molonglo River Canberra.	Harden Murrumburrah, Gladys May, Frederick George Williams, Scott's Crossing, Blundell's cottage, Riverbourne, Russell Hill, Kingston, Manuka Shops, Russell Hill school, Mrs McIntosh, the Gardeners.
00.05.22	Life in Riverbourne, Russell Hill Settlement.	Riverbourne, father's work, Cotter Dam, Coolgardie Safe, ice chest, Halstrom's Silent Knight refrigerator, housing, Russell Hill, garden, livestock, facilities, Causeway, washdays, Reckett's Blue, population of Russell Hill, Kowie family, Russell Hill closure, Matina St Narrabundah.
00.14.58	Life at the Causeway.	The Causeway, community life, Norgroves, Bluetts, Knights, Mr Bladen (hall caretaker), Harringtons, Noonans, services, Collett's Bakers, Queanbeyan. Civic, transport,

		Queanbeyan, Quodling's bus,
00.19.18	Schooling during depression, children's play, entertainment Russell Hill and Causeway.	Schooling, playing at Russell Hill and the Causeway, Molonglo River, Cotter, Russell Hill hall, dances, fancy dress ball, Mrs Mackintosh, Causeway picnics at Christmas, livestock.
00.25.40	St Christopher's school, Manuka, Causeway, public transport, the Depression.	St Christopher's school, nuns, Telopea Park, public transport, Hotel Kurrajong, Scrivener St O'Connor, Cotter Dam, the Depression, school uniforms, the Causeway.
00.33.11	Life at the Causeway, St Christopher's School. Manuka.	St Christopher's school, Causeway, accommodation, the Tenements, Kings Avenue Bridge, gardens, Mr Knight, Sr Verney, St Christopher's, Sr Joan, Capitol Theatre Manuka
00.38.45	Depression assistance, government and private.	Depression, vouchers, Colonel Goodwin, Red Hill, Goodwin Homes, Empire Circuit.

00.41.14	Children's play at the Causeway, sisters' jobs.	Causeway, children's play, swimming hole, surprise parties, music, singing dancing, sporting, play facilities, the hall, tennis club, Lill, Hotel Canberra, Hazel, Gorman House, bus conductress, waitress' uniforms, Mrs Stanley's Mess, Molonglo internment camp.
00.46.38	Kingston shops 1930s.	Kingston shops, Post Office, J.B. Youngs, Rees' Store, Highgate Cafe, Harry Notaris, Victors Café, Frawley's Shoe Store, Barracats, Cusacks, cake shop, Mrs Hughes' drapery, jewellery store, Lloyd's greengrocer, Pialligo market garden.
00.51.10	'Punching the bundy', bus route from Causeway.	'Punching the bundy', busses, Dr Findlay's corner, the Gun, the Bundy, the Causeway, Kingston.
00.53. 14	End session 1	

Session 2

TIME	TOPIC	KEY WORDS
00.00.01	Life in the Causeway, Russell Hill, St	'Wagga blankets', toilets, keeping warm,

	Christopher's church.	the 'Big Gun', 'Big Bertha', railway line, Scott's crossing, Civic, railway bridge, footings for government buildings, St Christopher's church, social centre.
00.08.00	The Causeway hall, teenage chores.	The Causeway hall, Mr Bladen, bingo, markets, private card games, eucree, YWCA craft classes, teenage chores.
00. 13.43	Causeway sounds, smells, importance in her life.	Causeway sounds, Powerhouse whistle, smells of cleaning, sandsoap, flypaper, flies, community life, the house and garden, the cold, dances, Kingston, waddi, shelleighli .
00.18.50	Police Station.	Policing, Constable Weiss, German, Mr Norgrove, Manuka Pool, stealing, crime, murder, Molonglo.
00.22.14	Molonglo Settlement, Capitol Cinema, Manuka Pool.	Molonglo Settlement, plovers, barracks, shop, Post Office, School, Aunty May, Capitol Cinema, Pearl Buck, Tom Mix, Roy Rogers, Hopalong Cassidy, boys' games, reading, libraries, Dr Doolittle, push me pull you.
00.27.30	St Christopher's school children, clergy,	St Christopher's school children, Prime Minister Joe Lyons'

		children, nuns, Mother Dymphna, Mother Katherine, Fr Haydon
00.29.40	Leaving school, first jobs, working in Sydney.	Leaving school, first jobs, Harry Notaris, Hotel Kurrajong, Second World War, Manpower, Australian Optical Company.
00.32.50	Medical services in Canberra.	Medical services in Canberra, old Canberra Hospital, Liversidge St., Dr Henry, hospital laundry, smells, ether, chloroform, matron, nurses, new Canberra hospital, Dr Nott.
00.38.23	Return to Canberra 1950, marriage, life in O'Connor.	Return to Canberra, Jack, optical mechanic, Stromlo, changes immigrants, the Pines, Carl Shriner, German workmen, Narrabundah, O'Connor, Turner Primary, Lynham High, Canberra High, services.
00.43.50	Brief interruption.	
00.44.04	Life in Canberra.	Life in Canberra, changes.
00.45.36	End of session 2 END OF INTERVIEW	