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	Harden
	River Canberra.	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	Riverbourne, father's
	Settlement.	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,
	1	Knights, Mr Bladen
		(hall caretaker),
		Harringtons, Noonans,
		services, Collett's
		Bakers, Queanbeyan.
		Civic, transport,

		Queanbeyan,
		Quodling's bus,
00.19.18	Schooling during depression,	Schooling, playing at
	children's play, entertainment	Russell Hill and the
	Russell Hill and Causeway.	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,	St Christopher's
	Causeway, public transport, the	school, nuns, Telopea
	Depression.	Park, public transport,
		Hotel Kurrajong,
		Scrivener St
		O'Connor, Cotter
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		school uniforms, the
		Causeway.
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		accommodation, the
		Tenements, Kings
		Avenue Bridge,
		gardens, Mr Knight,
		Sr Verney, St
		Christopher's, Sr Joan,
		Capitol Theatre
00.20.45		Manuka
00.38.45	Depression assistance,	Depression, vouchers,
	government and private.	Colonel Goodwin,
		Red Hill, Goodwin
		Homes, Empire
		Circuit.

00.41.14	Children's play at the Causeway,	Causeway, children's
	sisters' jobs.	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
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00.51.10	'Punching the bundy', bus route	'Punching the bundy',
	from Causeway.	busses, Dr Findlay's
		corner, the Gun, the
		Bundy, the Causeway,
00.53.14	End session 1	Kingston.
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	Russell Hill, St	toilets, keeping warm,

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		Second World War,
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00.32.50	Medical services in	Medical services in
	Canberra.	Canberra, old Canberra
		Hospital, Liversidge St.,
		Dr Henry, hospital
		laundry, smells, ether,
		chloroform, matron,
		nurses, new Canberra
00.00.00		hospital, Dr Nott.
00.38.23	Return to Canberra	Return to Canberra,
	1950, marriage, life in	Jack, optical mechanic,
	O'Connor.	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	
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