

# FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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## Five Steps for Archiving Family Slides

In the days before digital cameras, video and digital recording, people often captured their memories and stored them on coloured photographic slides. From the late 1950s families would meet and have 'slide nights' using a slide projector and screen to view photos. If they didn't have a screen, a white sheet was an acceptable substitute. Slides were stored in boxes to ensure they were protected from sunlight and pests.

Here are five steps to archiving and preserving slides.

### 1. Decide which slides to save

In the past, slides were an affordable way to retain photographic images, and sometimes poor-quality photos were taken. Select and choose slides that best represent the occasion. These will be the ones that you will want to convert to a digital format.

### 2. Record the date

Use an archival acid-free pen to write on the plastic frame or the cardboard mount that frames the slide. Identify the people pictured in the slide, the date, event, and location. Write any additional information on acid-free paper and include it in the box of slides. Keep another copy of the list stored safely with family history research.

### 3. Get organised

Organise family photos in the same way as a photo album. Place all the slides on a table. Start grouping the slides in event or date order. Whenever possible, keep the slides in their original order. Knowing the date of a photo can help to identify people and places. Number the boxes and create a list that has as much detail as possible about each slide.

### 4. Digitise your slides

Purchase a flatbed scanner with a film option or have the slides digitised by a professional photographic business.

#### If you have a scanner

- Scan at a higher resolution than print photos. The usual setting is 3200 dpi, full colour.

Set scanner for film transparency.

- Spray glass cleaner and wipe gently with a soft microfibre cloth.

Gloves from your local chemist.

- Wear white cotton gloves when handling the film. Cotton gloves can be purchased from a supermarket or department store.

The cloth – never on the scanner bed.

- Use a photographer's lens brush to gently clean any dust on the surface of the slide.



### 5. Store the slides safely

Place the slides inside archival-safe polypropylene slide pages. Store those pages inside an acid-free file, binder or box for easy access and viewing. You can purchase acid-free files, binders, and boxes from an archival stationery supplier or online.

**Never** remove the film from the mount for storage.

Store box of slides in a cool location that is away from light, heat, and moisture.

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# Welcome to the Family and Local History Newsletter Winter 2022

## History of Craigie

Aboriginal people have inhabited the land around Lake Joondalup for at least 40,000 years. The lake was a good place to stay enroute to and from Perth or further north due to its abundance of food, water, and shelter.



P02894 View from Mayflower Crescent Craigie ca. 1970.

Use of the land between Lake Joondalup and the coast is not well known until the 1800s when European's moved north of Perth and occupied the Wanneroo region. In the 1850s drovers were known to travel through Craigie as they moved their cattle along the North-West Stock Route which followed the Old North Road. This route was based on the location of water sources used by Aboriginal people. It passed through the eastern boundary of present Craigie and Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park. The Craigie area was then a part of George Shenton's lease. Later in the early 1900s dairy cows from

farms near Lake Joondalup were known to wander and graze in the Craigie area.

In the 1920s Frank Whitford, a developer, owned much of the land along the coast from Mullaloo to Waterman's Bay. In 1969 the state government rezoned this land known as Whitfords Estate and divided it into four suburbs: Kallaroo, Hillarys, Padbury, and Craigie. In 1971 a new land release called Glenmere in the suburb of Craigie was released as an affordable place to live and an easy commute for people working in the new Wangara light industrial area. Craigie was very popular with

new homeowners and newly arrived migrants from the UK who wanted a home near the ocean.

Jennifer Oxwell an early Craigie resident remembers:

*We wanted to be definitely near the coast and of course Sorrento going up that way was quite expensive as well. Then, we just went out for a drive and went up Marmion Avenue which was a dirt track and there was this land out, and that was Glenmere, not Craigie. (Oxwell E0476)*

Taylor Woodrow Corser Pty Ltd project managers for the owners North Whitfords Estates Limited offered lots for sale in Glenmere from \$3,700 to \$5,150 in April 1971. Heritage Construction also offered package deals starting at \$12,000 for a three-bedroom economy house design.



P00524.02 Mary Walker hanging washing in her backyard at 18 Mayflower Crescent Craigie in 1975.

Edward (Eddie) Walker, his wife Mary and their children moved to Craigie in late 1971 after migrating from Scotland. The Walkers were told that the land beyond their fence was earmarked as a golf course. It later became Whitfords Avenue.



P01253.01 Swimming lessons at Wanneroo Water World, Craigie, 1990

Eddie recalled his disappointment:

*When we looked at the plans, across the back in the road from us was the new golf course. So, I thought, 'Yep, we'll buy a block there, golf course right across the road,' because at that time I was round about a 14-handicap golfer ... Now we got a four-lane highway and more houses than you can poke a stick at across the back, no golf course. At the time there were four families in this street all from the hostel and when we moved in here there were 12 families a week moving off the hostels into the Whitfords area.*

(Walker E0478-E0479)

Access to Craigie by car was a challenge. The main roads north from Perth were West Coast Highway and Wanneroo Road and neither was a direct route to Craigie. Locals had to negotiate a network of unmade roads to Marmion Avenue to get home. Whitfords Avenue was opened



P02893 Construction of Whitfords Avenue ca. 1970.

in 1972 but only stretched from Alexander Road, Padbury to West Coast Highway. It did not connect with Wanneroo Road until 1977.

Craigie residents had no amenities, services, or street lighting during their first years in the suburb. Shopping involved a trip to Duncraig where Charlie Carter's, a fish and chip shop, the doctor's surgery and a chemist were located. Later, Tom the Cheap grocer operated from a demountable building in Cook Avenue, Hillarys. Weekly shopping was done at Northlands Plaza in Balcatta.

In 1972, children in Craigie attended primary school at the new Springfield Primary School in Kallaroo. Craigie Primary School was not opened until 1974. High School students travelled to Carine High School until Craigie High School was built in 1976. Residents fundraised to build the kindy with the help of local businesses including Waldeck's Nurseries who donated trees to sell.

On 20 November 1977, Mr Rushton (the Minister for Urban Planning and Development and Town Planning) approved 2.9 hectares of land on Eddystone Avenue for a shopping centre, tavern, civic building, C class hospital and medical centre. On 27 July 1978 the shopping and medical centre opened. Craigie Tavern opened at the end of the year.



Joe Stenson featured in *The West Australian* on 2 November 2000, page 30.

## Joe Stenson - Craigie resident

Craigie resident, Joe Stenson was a well-known character. Joe served in the British Navy and was a physical education instructor. He was the lightweight wrestling champion of the Mediterranean fleet for six years and a competitor in the 1948 London Olympics, before migrating to Western Australia in 1964. Joe ran fitness classes at the Whitford Senior Citizens' Club. In 2003 aged 87 Joe was a finalist in the Senior of the Year - Sport and Recreation category. He was also known locally for his athletic feat of hanging sideways on a street signpost to celebrate his birthday. Joe lived to be 100.

By 1981 the population of Craigie had reached 5,000 and blocks were selling at a rate of 100 per month. Homes and gardens were becoming well established and Whitfords Apex Club and North Whitfords Estates held a competition for the best lawn and garden and the tidiest street. The competition was very popular.

In April 1981 the West Coast Roller Skate Rink opened next to Craigie Plaza and became a popular hangout with local teenagers. In July 1988 the skate rink was sold and became an AMF ten-pin bowling alley. Construction also began on

Wanneroo Water World swimming pool complex located on Whitfords Avenue. The complex was heavily used and was expanded and reopened in 1993 as Craigie Leisure Centre.

Debate emerged in October 1994 over a proposal to develop an 18-hole golf course next to Craigie Leisure Centre on a portion of the Craigie Open Space bushland reserve. The plan was rejected in June 1999. Environmental awareness and the need to conserve the unique Quindalup Dunes ecology resulted in the establishment of the Friends of Craigie Bushland group. The community embraced the need to protect the Craigie bushland and by 2001 walk trails were opened to the public. The reserve's abundance of flora and fauna has ranked it in the City's top five bushland areas.

As the population changed school numbers dwindled and Craigie High School and Camberwarra Primary School closed. Both areas of land were rezoned for residential development. In October 2013 new residential development on the old high school site was named The Vive. The state government insisted the new development preserve the dunes and vegetation and be sensitive to the history of the site. The first 28 housing lots were released for sale in January 2014. Lots were from 563sqm and were priced from \$295,000.

The Vive and the state government's Housing Opportunity Areas strategy has rejuvenated Craigie resulting in many residents redeveloping their blocks. Investor interest has also increased. A new generation of residents can now enjoy the simple and affordable lifestyle that Craigie



P01337.02 Craigie Leisure Centre under construction 1992.



P00424.01 Craigie Leisure Centre as viewed from the car park off Whitfords Avenue 1993.

promised from the beginning. Craigie now has two primary schools; Craigie Heights built in 2008 and Whitford Catholic Primary School, established in 1978.

With plenty of open spaces and access to Whitford Shopping Centre and its entertainment precinct,

nearby Hillarys Boat Harbour along with bus and train connections, Craigie continues to stay true to its origins by providing a vibrant lifestyle to its residents.

## Genie Exchange: Unlocking the past, for the future

Come along to research your family history with help from skilled and knowledgeable volunteers.

Free access is available to online research tools such as Ancestry.com and FindMyPast. Resources from the Genealogy Collection are available to borrow.

No cost. No bookings required.

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