

# Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project [sound recording], National Library of Australia

2009 – 2012

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The 'Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project' was established in 2009 after the National Apology to people who had been in out of home care as children, including people who lived in foster care as children. It is a collection of audio interviews. The project sought to embrace the complexity of the 'care' sector across Australia. The interviews with people who were in care as children encompass experiences from their childhood and throughout their life, and demonstrate the diversity of their experiences and life outcomes. The interviews record the impact of experiences of being in care in Australia from the 1920s onwards and relate to over 140 different institutions across Australia. Advocates for 'care leavers', staff and religious personnel of children's homes, administrators of out of home care systems, politicians, lawyers and family members are also included in this collection of interviews.

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Access conditions vary. The digital master is held in the National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore collection, and a selection of the audio recordings are available online.

## Records

The Collection consists of more than 200 interviews with people from many different backgrounds and experiences which took place between 2009 and 2012. They include interviews with people who were in care as well as with other associated with child welfare, such as welfare officers and institutional staff.

## Gallery



## Prime Minister says sorry

**Description:** The Parliament of Australia issued a national apology to the Forgotten Australians on 16 November 2009. 'Prime Minister says sorry' is a video of then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivering that apology to Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra.

# More info

## Organisations in these records

### Related Events

- [Inquiry Into Child Migration, Parliament of Australia \(2000 - 2001\)](#)
- [Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care, Parliament of Australia \(2003 - 2005\)](#)
- [Inquiry into the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Reports, Parliament of Australia \(2008 - 2009\)](#)
- [Apology to Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants, Parliament of Australia \(16 November 2009\)](#)  
Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project received funding following the Australian Parliament Apology to Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants.

### Related Organisations

- [Care Leavers Australia Network \(2000 - current\)](#)

### Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

## Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- Senate Community Affairs References Committee Secretariat, Parliament of Australia, [Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Reports](#), 2009
- Senate Community Affairs References Committee Secretariat, Parliament of Australia, [Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children](#), 2004
- [Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants Oral History Project](#), National Library of Australia, 2010
- [Tony Young interviewed by Caroline Evans in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 18 February 2011
- [Michael Harvey interviewed by Caroline Evans for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 11 May 2012
- [Maurice Crawford-Raby interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 12 August 2010
- [Jane Monaghan interviewed by Caroline Evans for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 30 August 2012
- [Les Batchelor interviewed by Caroline Evans for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 7 February 2012
- [Joy Stewart interviewed by Caroline Evans for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 18 April 2012
- [David Bartlett interviewed by Caroline Evans for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 22 June 2011 - 24 June 2011
- [Victoria Stuart interviewed by Rob Willis for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 15 October 2011

- [Heather Crawford-Raby interviewed by Rob Willis for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 12 August 2010
- [Ivor Snaith interviewed by Karen George in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants Oral History Project \[sound recording\]](#), 15 February 2012 - 24 February 2012
- [Laurie Humphreys interviewed by Bill Bunbury in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\] 2010](#), 28 July 2010
- [Ken Pound interviewed by Gwenda Davey in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 29 November 2010 - 13 December 2010
- [John Walsh interviewed by Hamish Sewell in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 28 March 2011
- [Denis Hayden interviewed by Ciena Fitzgerald in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 2011
- [David Plowman interviewed by John Bannister in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 18 February 2010 - 25 February 2010
- [Tony Costa interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 11 May 2010
- [Bob Taylor interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 27 June 2011
- [Carol Taylor interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 27 June 2011
- [Peter Bidwell interviewed by Virginia Macleod in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 19 September 2011
- [Barbara Henderson interviewed by Virginia Macleod in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 5 September 2011
- [Joy Milligan interviewed by Mary Hutchison for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 17 April 2012 - 20 April 2012
- [Tony Holmes interviewed by Hamish Sewell in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 21 December 2010
- [Natalia Josephs interviewed by John Bannister in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 26 August 2010 - 2 September 2010
- [Beryl Grant interviewed by Christine Choo in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 20 October 2011
- [Jasmine Bidwell interviewed by Virginia Macleod in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 19 September 2011
- [Joanna Penglase interviewed by Susan Marsden in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 2 June 2010
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- [Bert McGregor interviewed by Caroline Evans in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 1 October 2010
- [Ivor Knight interviewed by Christine Choo in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 14 June 2011 - 28 June 2011
- [Dilys Budd interviewed by Ann-Mari Jordens in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 9 March 2010
- [Stephen Irons interviewed by Garry Sturgess in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 24 November 2011
- [Maria Harries interviewed by Christine Choo in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 23 November 2011 - 28 November 2011
- [Anthony Brennan interviewed by Christine Choo for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), February 2012
- [Margaret Stride interviewed by Marilyn Rock for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 16 June 2012
- [Oliver Cosgrove interviewed by Christine Choo for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), February 2012
- [Allan Allaway interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 9 August 2010
- [Caroline Carroll interviewed by Karen George in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]](#), June 2010 - August 2010

- [\*James Luthy interviewed by Hamish Sewell in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 4 July 2011
- [\*Neil Morrison interviewed by Rob Linn for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 25 August 2011
- [\*Yoonthalla Close interviewed by Anne Monsour in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 5 July 2011
- [\*Ronald Arthur interviewed by Jeannine Baker for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project\*](#), August 2011 - September 2011
- [\*Phileppa Doyle interviewed by Virginia Macleod for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 25 April 2012 - 26 April 2012
- [\*Marie Wood interviewed by Ann-Mari Jordens in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 13 May 2010
- [\*Effie Ray interviewed by Joanna Penglase in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 28 November 2010 - 29 November 2010
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- [\*Michael Snell interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 17 November 2009
- [\*Allan Luchetta interviewed by Carolyn Rasmussen in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 20 October 2010
- [\*Charlie Walker interviewed by Rob Willis in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 23 February 2010
- [\*Valda Hogan interviewed by Suellen Murray in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 9 February 2010
- [\*Frank Golding interviewed by Rob Linn in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 15 June 2010 - 16 June 2010
- [\*John Padfield interviewed by Sarah Rood in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\] \(2011\)\*](#), 2 November 2011 - 16 November 2011
- [\*Deborah Findlay, interviewed by Gordon Dowell in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants Oral History Project \[sound recording\]\*](#), October 2011 - November 2011
- [\*Donella Jaggs interviewed by Jill Barnard in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 20 January 2011 - 18 February 2011
- [\*Betty Jensen interviewed by Carolyn Rasmussen in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]\*](#), 24 February 2011
- [\*Daphne Falconer interviewed by Jennifer Barrkman in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\] \(2011\)\*](#), 31 August 2011
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