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interviewed by the Collingwood History Committee.



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## PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

The Collingwood Historical Society welcomes the reprinting of *In those days: Collingwood remembered* in this its third edition.

It is timely that the book should be made available in 1994 which is likely to be a very significant year in the history of Collingwood. At the time of writing this, negotiations are under way for the City of Collingwood to amalgamate with the City of Richmond and possibly also with other councils. The interviews with long-time Collingwood residents which form the basis for this book were commenced in association with the 1976 celebrations of the centenary of the City of Collingwood. Collingwood's history as a municipality had started in 1855, twenty-one years before it was proclaimed a City. After nearly 140 years Collingwood's municipal era is coming to an end.

We would like to thank the Collingwood Council of 1994 for providing the funding to enable the reprinting of *In those days*.

Thank you to David Tuck, the Local History Librarian at Carringbush Library, for his work in to making the new edition a reality. The book has been out of print and the process of reprinting has involved getting new bromides of the photographs used and replacing a few that were no longer accessible. Thanks also to Karen Cummings, the Convenor of the Collingwood Historical Society, for her expertise with the photographs.

The photographs used in the book are part of a much larger collection held at the Collingwood Library and described in detail on a special database created by Karen Cummings. Also in the Collingwood History Collection are the original tapes and transcripts from which *In those days* was written. For readers interested in the Collingwood History Collection, access can be arranged through the Local History Librarian at Carringbush Library.

The book concludes with comments made by residents in the 1970s at the time of its first publication. This has not been updated for this edition. However Collingwood continues to evolve and we are continuing to collect material about its past and its present to be available for future generations. We warmly invite any readers with recollections or photographs of Collingwood that they would like to share to contact the Local History Librarian.

In conclusion I would like to thank again those who contributed their recollections of their lives in Collingwood for this book in interviews between 1975 and 1979. Thirteen of the contributors were born before 1900 and their accounts take us back to the turn of the century. Many of the people we interviewed then are no longer with us, but I believe they would have been pleased to know that their stories continue in this book.

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