

CAMD Case Study – CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND BELONGING:

Hostel Stories

Migration Museum, Adelaide



New beginnings

In SA History Week 2010, the Migration Museum, Adelaide launched an exciting new project called 'Hostel Stories'. The aim of the project is to collect records of migrant hostel life, which will culminate in an exhibition in 2013.

Thousands of migrants passed through South Australia's migrant hostels – including Elder Park, Gepps Cross, Glenelg, Rosewater, Pennington/Finsbury, Smithfield, Willaston and Woodside – from the 1940s to the 1980s. The hostels were temporary homes to a wide range of migrants, from Displaced Persons and refugees, through to 'Ten Pound Poms'.

The opportunity to gather first-hand accounts of day to day life in the hostels is diminishing as the years pass by. This project will help ensure that the memories are captured for future generations.

The museum will be undertaking interviews, seeking loans of cultural material and having other relevant material scanned.

<http://history.sa.gov.au/migration/exhibitions/hostel-stories.html>