

## **A HOLIDAY IN MARYSVILLE**

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I was born in Melbourne and lived there until 1948. I spent a holiday at Mary-Lyn in Marysville in January 1940. I was aged 16 at the time and now I'm 86 - it's hard to believe.

I thought you might like the four photos that were taken on that holiday at Mary-Lyn. I am the girl on the white horse outside the guesthouse. It was a packed house full of you people.

The photo of the ten boys dressed as ballerinas called themselves the, 'Ten Pretty Girls'. At the time there was a song of that name which they sang and danced to. Two of the boys on horseback, are also in the ballerinas photo – the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> boys from left.

As World War 2 was only four months old, most of the boys would be having a final fling and holiday before joining up. I guess Mary-Lyn would never have a crowd like that again.

(Source: letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010)