

Information sought on Depression years

I AM hoping that some of your readers can assist me with my PhD research.

I have decided to look at both the 1890s and 1930s Depressions in Bendigo and district, with particular focus on the impact of these depressions on average people's lives.

Since the 1930s depression happened relatively recently, I would like to interview elderly local residents who have clear recollections of the years 1929-1935 in particular.

I have four criteria which interviewees need to fulfil:

a. they must have been born between 1918-1925 (earlier is all right if b. applies).

b. they must have a clear memory.

c. they must have lived in Bendigo City, or within a 50 km radius, during the depression (e.g. Goorambat, Elmore, Bridgewater, Heathcote).

d. their parents had to have had a home or business loan with Bendigo, Sandhurst or Star Building Societies.

Bendigo girl who has worked as a local historian for the past 20 years.

My previous research includes Bendigo's contributions to Federation and the life and times of Sir John Quick (1852-1932).

I have been employed as the in-house historian by the then Bendigo City Council and Bendigo Bank.

I undertook research contracts for both the Interpretive Centre and the "Making a Nation" Exhibition, both housed in the old post office.

The periods of the two Depressions in Bendigo and district have never been examined before in detail.

I believe there is a great story to tell here. Input from older Bendigo residents will be invaluable to me.

Interested readers can contact me at home on 5449-6648.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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