



FRIENDS OF THE WOLLONGONG CITY LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY PRIZE 2021: TEACHERS NOTES

INTRODUCTION

2021 is the second time the Friends of Wollongong City Library Local History Prize has been extended to Primary School students. The prize aims to:

- Increase students' knowledge of their local area.
- Develop students' research skills and use of library resources.
- Allow students to contribute their connections to places and their ideas of the future.

SYLLABUS CONNECTIONS

The competition is aimed at Stages 2 & 3 students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It supports key syllabus content, skills and outcomes.

NSW K – 10 HSIE syllabuses

www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/hsie

HISTORY

Students investigate their personal, family and community history.

Students learn about:

- Historical concepts such as viewing an historical event from a different point of view
- Historical skills, such as using historical sources for an investigation.

GEOGRAPHY

Students investigate people, places and environments. They explore geographical concepts, such as place and sustainability, through real world examples and issues. Students learn how to acquire, process and communicate geographical information using geographical tools and inquiry.

REFERENCING

Learning to reference sources used is good preparation for high school skills.

Last time we ran the prize some students thought that putting 'library' or 'internet' was what was meant by source or reference. It would be helpful if teachers can give some instruction in referencing.

Detailed referencing using a particular system is not required. It is just expected that students would record the specific reference they used. For books or articles, the author, title and date of publication is expected. For websites, the title of what was accessed, website address and date accessed is adequate.

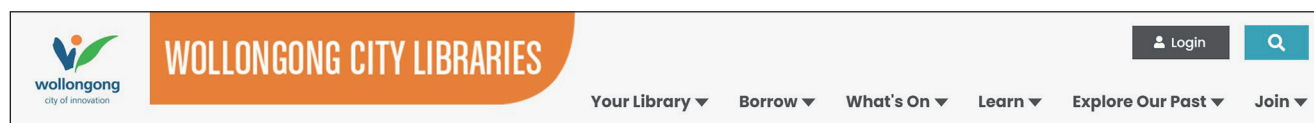
Local Studies staff will be presenting some short videos on how to enter the prize, finding images, resources and referencing. These can be accessed on the Local History Prize page on Wollongong City Libraries webpage.

www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/explore-our-past/local-history-prize

RESOURCES

'Explore our past' on the Wollongong City Libraries website is a good place to start to see what resources are available in the library. Many can be accessed digitally from home:

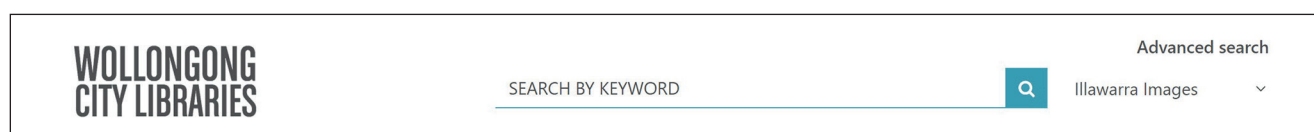
wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/explore-our-past/local-studies



1. To find a historic local image go to Illawarra Images search in Wollongong City Libraries' online catalogue:

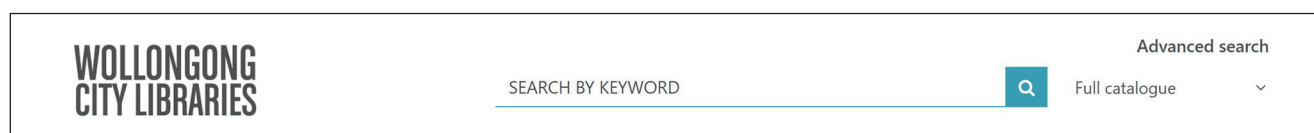
wollongong.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME

Choose 'Illawarra Images' from the drop-down menu to see images only.



2. To find information about your chosen place go to Wollongong City Libraries' online catalogue:

wollongong.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME



This search will help you find information in the library including:

- **Local Studies reference collection** at Wollongong Library.
- **Illawarra reference collections** and borrowing collections Wollongong City Libraries (Helensburgh, Thirroul, Corrimal, Wollongong, Unanderra, Dapto and Warrawong).
www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/usingthelibrary/Pages/branches.aspx

You may also find information at other websites:

- **Wollongong City Libraries Oral History Project Illawarra Stories:** <https://illawarrastories.com.au/>
- **Local museums and historical societies:** www.wollongongheritageandstories.com/museums
- **Online databases** accessed through Wollongong City Libraries:
www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/learn/online-research
- **Trove** The National Library of Australia online database: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>
- **Educational** institution libraries including schools
- **Online databases** accessed through school or other educational institution libraries
- **People:** interview people with memories or association with your chosen place.

CONTACT

We are happy to provide a demonstration to students on how to research and access resources either at the Library or at your school. Please contact the Local Studies Team for more information or to arrange a visit.

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Thank you for your support of this unique event.