

On A Shoestring Project Facts

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Seventy-two contributors who lived in Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater localities during the Depression era told the stories which have formed the basis of On A Shoestring. 106 tapes and 90 hours of interviews were recorded over the course of the project. The group was composed of 30 men and 42 women. Within the group there were three couples, and three sets of siblings. The youngest person was 1 year old in 1930, and the oldest person was 30 years old in 1930. Of those interviewed, a great majority were born in Australia though several were first generation as their parents had migrated from England. Most of those we talked with still live in the same area and they sustain many continuities between the past they remembered for this project, and their everyday life as elderly people now.

On A Shoestring contributors by suburb

Location	Men	Women
Manly	13	12
Mosman	8	14
Pittwater	4	10
Warringah	5	6



ABOUT THE REGION

The Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah region, located on Sydney's north shore is bordered on three sides by water, namely the Pacific Ocean, the Hawkesbury River and Sydney Harbour. Today, these suburbs cover an area of 263.45 sq. km.



MOSMAN AND NORTHERN BEACHES DEPRESSION ERA STATISTICS

Population by suburb in 1933

Location	Dwellings	Men	Women	Total Population
Manly	5,962	10,415	12,844	23,259
Mosman	6,184	10,076	13,589	23,665
Warringah	4,348	8,118	7,936	16,054
Narrabeen	4,348	768	787	1,555
Palm Beach	66	107	101	208
Leichhardt	6,467	14,914	15,295	30,209
Balmain	6,524	13,926	14,346	28,272

Females with income

Location	Under £52	Over £260
Manly	1,800	280
Mosman	1,980	430
Warringah	1,115	99



Foreign born males –in NSW

Origin	Under 21	Over 21	Unspecified Age	Total
Yugoslavia	49	530	8	587
Italy	501	4,062	28	4,591
Germany	41	2,443	10	2,494
China	112	3,337	23	3,472



Population during the period

Location	1911	1921	1930	1933	1934	1937
Manly	10,465	18,507	26,230	23,259	23,940	24,760
Mosman	13,243	20,056	n/a	n/a	23,665	24,800
Warringah	3,300	9643	16,000	16,054	n/a	33,176

Population – 1932

Location	Population	Persons/acre
Sydney	1,259,660	n/a
Manly	26,300	9.4
Mosman	25,200	11.8
Newtown	28,680	59.8



Religion - A selection of statistics

Men - 1933

Location	Ch. of England	Roman Catholic	Hebrew	No Religion	Unspecified	Total
Manly	5,030	1,481	43	45	3,816	10,415
Mosman	5,007	1,200	75	99	3,695	10,076
Warringah	4,138	961	7	12	3,000	8,118

Women - 1933

Location	Ch. of England	Roman Catholic	Hebrew	No Religion	Unspecified	Total
Manly	6,265	1,950	44	46	4,539	12,844
Mosman	6,884	1,760	84	112	4,749	13,589
Warringah	4,089	1,010	8	8	0	5,115

(Comparative data sourced from 1933 Census and relevant year books)