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WACOL REMEMBERED

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Country of Birth: **The Netherlands**

Date of Arrival in Australia: **1971**

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# Andreas Flach

We arrived in Brisbane on 1 April 1971 and were temporarily housed in the Wacol Migrant Hostel, along the Ipswich Road.

With my background as an agriculturist, specialised in tropical plantation-management, there was not much opportunity to find a similar job in this field; not even one remotely related...

The children were lucky to be enrolled at the Oxley State High School as, at this school most of the students were migrant children from the suburbs Oxley, Wacol, Goodna, Inala, Darra and the Centenary suburbs, Jamboree Heights, Jindalee, Middle Park and Westlake. For the youngest son, who went to Primary School, the transition from Dutch to English was even less of a problem.

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