

WACOL REMEMBERED

Country of Birth: **The Netherlands**

Date of Arrival in Australia: **9 March 1956**

Annie & Joop Vierveyzer

In the mid-fifties, things were not so good in the Netherlands and many people decided to migrate. We had been married for a few years and had three children. My husband . . . worked for the Police, which did not pay well at the time.

We arrived in Brisbane on 9 March 1956 and were sent to the Wacol camp. At times, we wondered what we got ourselves into! At least we had a roof over our head and we had to make a go of things.

The first priority was finding work. Joop found a job on the trams but that was not for long. Without our own transport, the distance was just too great to get to work.

After three months in Wacol, we were able to rent a house in Yeronga.

Editor's Note: This story was reproduced from "Our Story: Experiences of the Dutch in Queensland", produced by the Dutch Australian Community Action Federation—Qld Inc. Reproduced with kind permission.

From the archives



The Wacol general store—1957