



# Police Quarters

## 1898 to 1973



Joy, Les and Jennifer Mumme  
at back of police quarters.  
Courtesy Joy Mumme

### Hello, I'm Mrs Joy Mumme

I moved here in 1941 with my husband Constable Les Mumme. We lived here for eight years and all our children were born here.

We were expecting a lovely Claremont house, and when we arrived we were shocked to find this big old barn of a place. But we made it into a home and were very happy here.

I loved cooking – roast dinners, stews and always a cooked breakfast. The kitchen looks a bit like it did, except then we had pinky cream lino on the floor.

I used to do all my own sewing, making trousers and pleated skirts for the children from my husband's old uniform trousers. I had a treadle machine in the back room and often pushed the pedal with one foot and rocked the pram with the other.

During the war we had to have all the windows blacked out with paint or thick brown paper.

We moved the old office desk into the front room for an air raid shelter. And we used to stand out the back sometimes and watch the Catalina planes taking off from the river.



1. Edwin Ward, Mrs Ward and friend, about 1933. 2. Edwin Ward, about 1933. 3. Lois Ward, now Cade, 1938.  
Courtesy Lois Cade



4. Jennifer, Frank and John Mumme in front of old police stables. 5. Mumme children on parallel bars in the back yard, 1940s.  
6. Jennifer and Frank Mumme, early 1940s. Courtesy Joy Mumme