



Jeffrey St vehicle ferry ramp with Koondooloo (1924-1972). The car ferries also carried pedestrians.

On that day we always wore our new winter outfit and while it was not always as hot as we would wish, we gladly suffered for the sake of elegance. In those days it was not popular to be a catholic. My father had gone to Riverview and my brothers went to St Josephs.

I also had an uncle who was a member of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and, during my school holidays, over the

Xmas period, he would take me to view the yacht races. I never really knew when the races were starting or finishing but I always knew when afternoon tea was being served.

Then, of course, there was always the beloved trip on the Manly ferry. I was encouraged by my mother to take deep breaths of fresh air while crossing The Heads. We loved the music and always we hoped it would be a rough crossing and we could pretend a fear that we certainly did not feel so our escorts could show their manhood and offer 'protection.'

When I was older I shared rooms at the end of Jeffrey St, Milsons Point and, as we were always running late, we often used to catch one of the vehicular ferries from Jeffrey St to the Quay (sic) [Bennelong Point]. We then ran like hares up Macquarie St to the Treasury Building where we worked as typists.

I hope I have not been too garrulous and I thank you for reviving my memories for me. I think of how beautiful the river was and how peaceful and protected our lives and how simple our enjoyments.

A Happy Xmas to you and to yours,

Yours faithfully,
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