

The Story Project: Sunshine Coast Oral History Pilot Project

Participants: Sarah ("Sadie") McCarthy and Glenda McCarthy
Facilitator: Carol Low
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Place: Caloundra Events Centre, Queensland

Title: An Australian war bride.

Summary:

Sadie talks to her daughter Glenda about when she met her husband-to-be, Ted, whilst on a Lake District holiday in England, taking a break from her World War 2-affected home of Greenock, Scotland. Ted was a 'handsome Australian airman'. They soon planned to marry. Sadie later traveled on the MV Orvieta to Australia with other war-brides under the 'fiancee scheme', and married Ted a week later.

Life in Australia has been very good. Both Sadie and Ted were involved in the development of the Baptist Church, initially in Sydney and then in Queensland in Townsville, Clontarf and on the Sunshine Coast. Sadie expresses her great appreciation of Australia, and of Queensland. She was active in World Vision, and remains active in the Baptist Church, running groups such as the 'Challenge of being a woman' course.

Tags

Greenock, Scotland
War bride
Fiancee scheme
Baptist Church in New South Wales and Queensland
MV Orvieta
Multicultural

Picture

Sadie McCarthy (left) and Glenda McCarthy (right)