



# *Intangible Heritage: Becoming custodians of community archives*

**FAIRFIELD CITY**  
Heritage Collection

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## Why Community Heritage Collecting?

- Our many communities make up our heritage
- Fairfield community is diverse and highly multicultural
- Role of libraries is changing with the change of technology and accessibility is becoming easier to achieve
- Space for physical collections is limited.
- Empowering our communities to be educated and involved in preserving their heritage. Ownership remains with the community.
- The process will create strong community relationships



## Our approach

- One community group at a time. The Assyrian Community, was chosen where we have strong connections with. This community is used as a model of what we want to achieve with other communities.
- Second community is the Cabra Vale Club archives.
- Meet with key people in the chosen community, explaining the aim, objectives and the process



## Our approach

- Find out what they have in their collection that is significant to them and meets our collection Development Policy.
- Negotiate digitisation including copyright inclusion, cost, industry contacts.
- Upload the materials to the Heritage Website
- Feedback and input session with community representative.
- Share with the community and ask them to share via their social media
- Evaluate. Gather site statistics and community feedback



## Working together with community:

- The community group to identify materials to be included. This can include books, journals, pamphlets, photographs, objects, oral histories , etc....
- The community group to prepare an inventory to ensure all issues are available. For missing issues, they can call on the wider community.
- Library Heritage staff to seek quotes to determine cost of digitisation. Quotes to be broken down by collection and format. Digitisation costs to be met by the community group.
- Potential to support groups in sourcing grant funding.
- Library Heritage staff to create a collection tile on the Fairfield City Heritage site. Examples. <https://heritagecollection.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/3543> and the Netball Association <https://heritagecollection.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/4356>
- Library staff will upload records and add the necessary data and descriptions.
- Timeline to be determined once the volume of items is identified.
- The site to be promoted by the library and the community
- Launch



<https://heritagecollection.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/3543>



# FAIRFIELD CITY

## Heritage Collection

Welcome Guest

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### The Ashurbanipal Library Collection - Assyrian Community - Australia

#### Collection Summary

This is a digital presence of part of the Assyrian Community's Ashurbanipal Library in Sydney.

The library is home to items written either about Assyrians or by Assyrian authors.

The collection contains several formats of materials relating to the Assyrian community's history that include: oral histories, digitised publications (in the Assyrian, English and Arabic languages), photographs, videos and presentations.

The physical collection of the Ashurbanipal library is located at the Assyrian Australian Association premises, 673-683 Smithfield Road, Edensor Park NSW 2176.

The Ashurbanipal Library is a cultural heritage collection of Assyrian history. Established by the Assyrian Australian Association. The library aims to preserve, promote and enlighten Assyrian culture and heritage among the Assyrians around the world and the wider communities.

The library will open to the general public as reference only library.

### Ashurbanipal Library Collection



#### CONNECTIONS

##### Oral History

Assyrian Community

<https://heritagecollection.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/3543>

Publications



The Assyrian Cultural Resource Guide



Assyrians in Australia



Kin'arah : Fiftieth anniversary of Assyrian Australian Association (1969-2019)



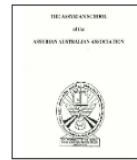
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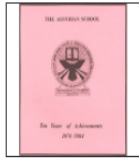
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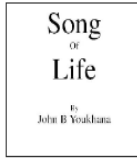
The Assyrian School 26th Anniversary 1974 - 2000



The Assyrian School Twenty Years of Achievements 1974 - 1994



The Assyrian School Ten Years of Achievements 1974-1984



Song of life & the poems of love and freedom



Assyrian Language - Young beginners book



Assyrian Language - Book six



Assyrian Language - Book five



Assyrian Language - Book four



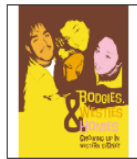
Assyrian Language - Book three



Assyrian Language - Book two



Assyrian Language - Book one



Bodgies, Westlies, Homies: Growing up in Western Sydney - Publication



From Iraq to Australia: Jewels from my Journey



Writings & Ideas. Title Transliteration: Kteawatheh W'ri'yaneh



Fairfield Bulls Football Club - Commemorative edition of the 50th anniversary 1971-2021



Pride & Passion: Photographic Portraits of Fairfield

Oral History

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## Local History Resources

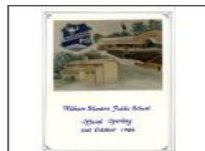
### Collection Summary

Collection of publications, local newspapers, historical maps and Council minutes

### Collection



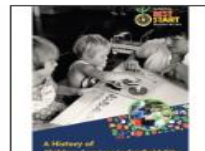
2022 City Photographer



Documents & Archives



Fairfield City District  
Netball Association



Fairfield Children and  
Family Services History



2021 City Photographer



Tune in to Fairfield City - A  
Multicultural Driving Tour



Videos



Webinars & Events



The Ashurbanipal Library  
Collection - Assyrian  
Community - Australia



Sands Directory



Our Stories: Fairfield's  
daily life during COVID-19



Heritage Blog



The Rosarian - Patrician  
Brothers, Fairfield -  
Annual magazine



Mayors and Councillors



Publications



Council Minutes



Historical Maps and Plans



Digitised local newspaper



## Oral Histories

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Sophia Kanna - Oral  
History - Fairfield  
Belongings



Sargon Hallaby - Oral  
History - Fairfield  
Belongings

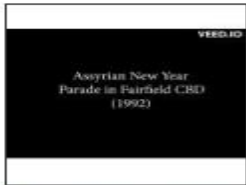


Mar Meelis Zaia Oral  
History



Philimon (Phillip) Darmo  
Oral History

## Videos



1992 Assyrian New Year Parade in Fairfield CBD..



1980 Official Opening of Nineveh Club



June Ishtar Jako Oral History



Albert Oshana Oral History

## Photographs



This castle in Smithfield Road, Bonnyrigg is being built for the Assyrian Australian Association. Bonnyrigg, NSW



The Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, Greenfield Park NSW



St. Mary's Assyrian Church of the East, Fairfield NSW

## Objects



Assyrian Winged Bull Sculpture



## Audio

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Tune in to Fairfield City -  
Stop 4 - Saint Hurmizd's  
Cathedral

## Collection

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Assyrian Community

## Kinarah Magazine Collection

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Kinarah: Journal of the  
Assyrian Australian  
Association- Collection



Questions???