You are invited to the opening of *A Place to Call Home? Migrant hostel memories*

Friday 8 May 2015 at 6:30pm

To be officially opened by Associate Professor Peter Skrzynecki OAM

Peter Skrzynecki is an acclaimed poet who has written extensively about his experiences and the experiences of his family as migrants. Peter is of Polish/Ukrainian background and was born in 1945, in Germany, shortly before the end of World War II. He emigrated to Australia in 1949 with his parents. After a four-week sea journey the family arrived in Sydney on 11 November. They lived in a migrant camp in Bathurst for two weeks and were moved on to the Parkes Migrant Centre before settling in south west Sydney.

Children line up for milk at Scheyville, New South Wales, 1957. National Archives of Australia.

Nissen huts, boiled mutton, bottled milk and helping hands.

For many migrants after World War II, for better or worse, hostels were their first 'homes'. Short or long term, good or bad, hostel life was always memorable.


This photographic exhibition features highlights of a collection of government photographs taken between the late 1940s and the 1990s. Images from the Immigration Photographic Archive were
used to encourage re-location to Australia to prospective migrants and to help local Australians welcome new migrants to the community.

A Place to Call Home? Migrant hostel memories is a touring exhibition from the National Archives of Australia, assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its art funding and advisory body.

Date: Friday 8 May 2015, 6:30pm
Venue: Margaret Whitlam Galleries, Female Orphan School
        University of Western Sydney
        Cnr James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Rydalmere NSW 2116

RSVP to the Whitlam Institute by email info@whitlam.org or phone 02 9685 9210 by Friday 1 May 2015.

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. We do hope you can join us.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Sidoti
Director