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National Archives of Australia – Welcome Walls Information

The [National Archives](#) collection of original Australian government records is a rich source of information for people wishing to add names to the Western Australian Maritime Museum's Welcome Walls.

We can help you ...

... find when your relatives arrived in Western Australia by providing access to our records and indexes on migration. Among these records are:

- Inward passenger lists for the Port of Fremantle (1898–1974, with an online database of [arrivals](#) for January 1926 to August 1938)
- Inward passenger lists for various Western Australian outports, such as Albany, Geraldton, Broome and Cossack (there are gaps in this collection for 1904–54)
- Alien registration documents
- Certificates of exemption from the dictation test
- Migrant selection documents
- Immigration case records
- Citizenship records (1904–63)
- Passports and/or travel documents
- Commonwealth police investigations records
- Shipping registers

Some useful advice ...

Use the Archives' online databases [RecordSearch](#) and [PhotoSearch](#) to identify relevant records.

Before you contact us, find out as many details as you can about the arrival of the person or family that interests you. You can do this by asking family members or friends about the name of the ship they travelled on and when and where it arrived.

Even when you have only a little arrival information about the people you are interested in, don't give up. We can do a limited amount of research for you free of charge and sometimes all we need is a name to identify the relevant arrival details.

But remember ... finding arrival information can take time, so please contact the National Archives as soon as you can.