



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK

# 2021 LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS



## Recollections of Mary Ambrose

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## **Recollections of Mary Ambrose (Heath)**

### **Albany Highway, Victoria Park**

In the late 1960's I had a sandwich shop on Albany Highway in Victoria Park, it was a few doors along from the Post Office. But my recollections and association with Victoria Park go back many years before.

In the 1930's I lived with my family in the country town of Lake Grace and a neighbour there was a great friend of my mother's. This lady's married name was Mrs Edith Tempany and she was a member of the Mitchell family who lived in Victoria Park for many years. At that time Mrs Tempany's mother, sister and brother were still residing in Victoria Park. In her young days her father had a shop on the corner of McMillan St and Albany Road, as it was called then; over the road from the Post Office. In the many stories Mrs Tempany told us one was that they tethered their cow on the site that became the Victoria Park Post Office.

Her sister Eva was married to Joe Higgins and another sister Nellie was married to Harold Hawthorn. Both men were members of the council for Victoria Park and did wonderful work as has been revealed over the years for the seniors in particular. The Harold Hawthorn Community service and Mackie Street Seniors Complex I believe was Joe Higgins instigation.

Later Mrs Tempany and her husband returned to Washington St in Victoria Park to be near her family. In 1948 my parents built our family home in King George St. We lived quite near to some of the Mitchell families and were good friends with them.