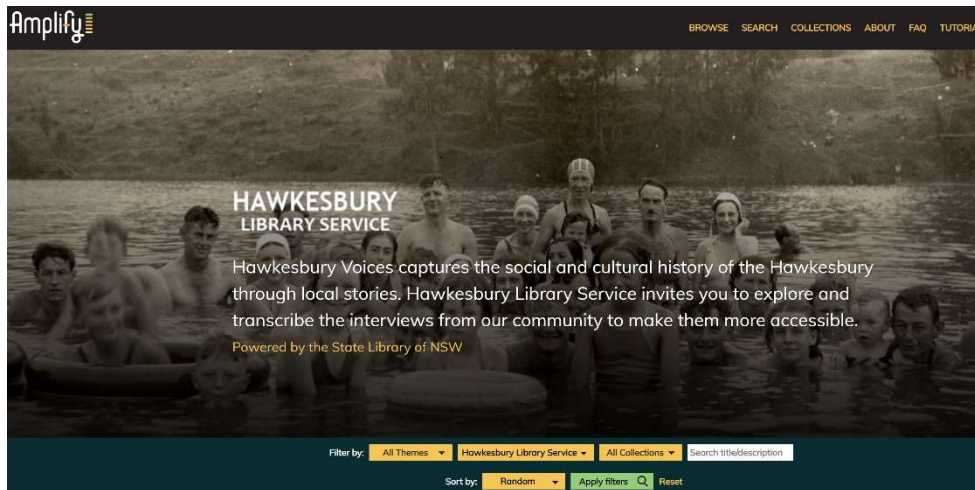# AMPLIFY – TRANSCRIBING ORAL HISTORIES
HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE - LOCAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

What is Amplify?

Amplify https://amplify.sl.nsw.gov.au/ is a State Library of NSW platform that delivers digitised audio collections from cultural institutions across NSW. The sound file is paired with machine-generated transcripts that can then be corrected online by volunteers. Hawkesbury Library Service has been selected to participate in the Amplify project to transcribe our oral history collections.

Looking for Volunteers

A selection of Hawkesbury Library's digitised oral history collection has been temporarily placed on the platform, along with a copy of the interview, as interpreted by a machine. We are looking for volunteers who can assist by listening to the interviews and then correcting the transcription, which will help make them more accessible. This can be done from the comfort of your own home, or anywhere with an internet connection and a device.
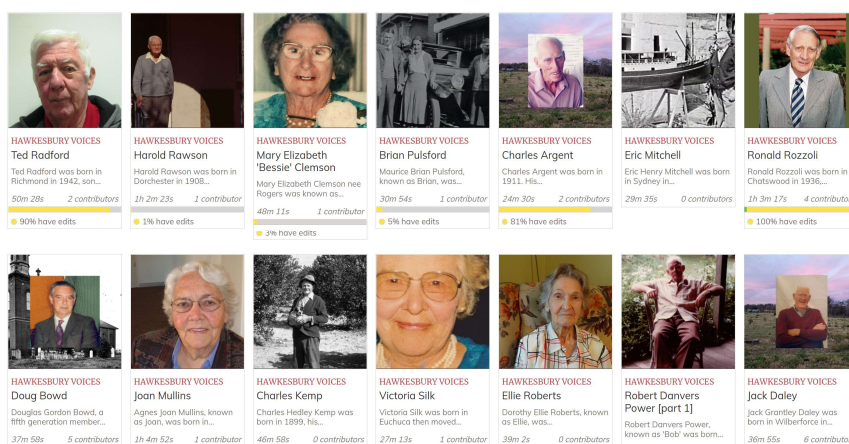
Transcribing

To find out how to help, go to **Hawkesbury Voices** on Amplify at https://amplify.gov.au/hawkesbury and click on the Tutorial, or go straight to https://amplify.gov.au/page/tutorial

You can jump in and start editing interviews from here https://amplify.gov.au/hawkesbury by just selecting an interview. If you'd like to listen to some of our audio collections before you start transcribing, select an individual item and then click the **Play All button**.

Once the interview is selected, you just need to listen to a line of the interview, then correct what the machine has interpreted. The transcripts were computer generated using speech-to-text software, so there are probably errors.

Do I need to be logged in to contribute?

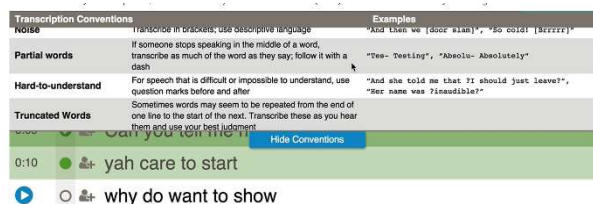You do not need to log in to participate. If you want to keep a tally of all your own edits, activate Track Your Progress (top right corner). Your edits will be automatically saved but may not be immediately visible by others. Once three or more people have transcribed – and agreed – on the text for an individual line, it will be visible to all but no longer editable and will then become part of our official transcript.

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Ted Radford	Harold Rawson	Mary Elizabeth 'Bessie' Clemson	Brian Pulsford	Charles Argent	Eric Mitchell	Ronald Rozzoli
Ted Radford was born in Richmond in 1942, son...	Harold Rawson was born in Dorchester in 1908...	Mary Elizabeth Clemson nee Rogers was known as...	Maurice Brian Pulsford, known as Brian, was...	Charles Argent was born in 1911. His...	Eric Henry Mitchell was born in Sydney in...	Ronald Rozzoli was born in Chatswood in 1936,...
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90% have edits	1% have edits	3% have edits	5% have edits	81% have edits		100% have edits

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Doug Bowd	Joan Mullins	Charles Kemp	Victoria Silk	Ellie Roberts	Robert Danvers Power [part 1]	Jack Daley
Douglas Gordon Bowd, a fifth generation member...	Agnes Joan Mullins, known as Joan, was born in...	Charles Hedley Kemp was born in 1899, his...	Victoria Silk was born in Euchuca then moved...	Dorothy Ellie Roberts, known as Ellie, was...	Robert Danvers Power, known as 'Bob' was born...	Jack Grantley Daley was born in Wilberforce in...
37m 59s 5 contributors	1h 4m 52s 1 contributor	46m 58s 0 contributors	27m 13s 1 contributor	39m 2s 0 contributors		36m 55s 6 contributors

Transcription Conventions

There is basically one recommendation - **Use your best judgement to transcribe as you hear it.**

For common tricky transcriptions, there is a handy list of conventions. Quickly access this reference by selecting the Conventions button on the top of the Transcription page.

Verify

Lines highlighted in orange await verification. Click on the line and select the best transcription from those presented or flag that none of these transcriptions are correct. Once three or more contributors agree on the correct transcription, the line will be finalised. Administrators will be alerted if a line has no correct transcriptions.

Do I need to save my work?

No. All your work is automatically saved. When you have done enough for the day, just stop and leave, you don't need to do anything extra to save your work.

Frequently Asked Questions

There is further help with a collection of FAQs here https://amplify.gov.au/page/faq Enjoy and have fun!

Contact details

If you have any questions about Amplify or the Oral history project, please contact the Local History Librarian at history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or 02 4560 4466.

More information

For additional information about our Oral History Project and Hawkesbury Voices see the **Local Studies Fact Sheet** titled **Oral History in the Hawkesbury.**

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