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## *Childhood Recollections*

We lived in "Wyuna" in King Street Glenbrook. The main part of the house was sandstone, built by our neighbour Mr. John Dunn beforehand, with additions in brick for dining room, kitchen, laundry and bathroom. The house was compact and high enough above the line of Knapsack Creek which ran parallel to the disused railway line (now the Western Highway) to be out of the cold air in winter and the frequent heavy frosts in the morning.

Our grounds were about one acre and the allotments to the east, south and west of us were of equivalent size. To the east of us was the Dobson family, to the south east lived Mr. Horne and his housekeeper Mrs Clutterbuck and to the south was the home of Mr and Mrs John Dunn. To the west was the home of the Venn family and to the north on the far side of King Street was a vacant area – a great place for boys to play in the trees and undergrowth.

About 150 yards north was the original St. Finbar's Catholic Church which now serves as a hall in the St. Finbar's School grounds. The original St. Peter's Church of England building, now the office building of the Glenbrook Nursery in Ross Street, was opposite Mr. Horne's house in Hare Street. Mr. Horne used to teach the Sunday School and we young folk were regulars.



"Wyuna" Cottage in King Street, Glenbrook

My father had to be away in the country, travelling on insurance business for a week or so at a time and Mrs Dunn was very kind to my mother. They were a fine family. Mrs Dunn had a cow and used to supply us with milk. Her son Alec kept our woodbox full and daughter Jessie would pick up and post our mail.

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