



June - Housing

The housing, we originally lived on the second floor, and we used to have a toilet on a balcony out the back. And then when I was about 10, we moved to the floor above because it had an extra room. The toilets then were shared toilets midway between the two floors. Plus that was where the tap was to get your drinking water. So consequently, you had to fill a big container up with water every day and take it.

And we didn't have any indoor water until probably about '62, 1962, so I was coming up to 18 before we actually had a sink in our kitchen, and we had a little heater installed. So, in order to have a bath, you had to boil pans of water, tin bath, whatever. Yeah, wash your hair, things like that.

For washing your clothes, it was known as the bag wash. So you put all your clothes in like a big sack and take them down the local laundry and go and get them a few days later. 'Course they'd still be damp and hang them out to dry. We had lines on the roof where you could hang your washing out to dry.

But yes, so housing is so much better nowadays. Can you even imagine having to share a toilet with, you don't know how many other people? And not have any water? That you can just go and get cold glass.