

# *LIFE'S EXPERIENCES by EDDIE MacKENZIE*

*memories of Eildon P.S. 25th November 2015*

## *My School.*

*In 1927,*

*I was 7.*

*Eildon State School*

*Number 3931*

*Became my School.*

*What do I remember?*

*Headmaster*

*Henly Joblin*

*Loved gardening.*

*We learned to love gardens too!*

*We grew magnificent Chrysanthemums*

*Miss Rogers*

*Taught the Littlies.*

*Miss Rogers*

*Gave me the cuts*

*On my right hand too,*

*For not listening.*

*It swelled right up.*

*Dad came to school*

*Next day*

*... and sorted that out!*

*Lord Summers*

*Our Art Teacher.*

*He wore glasses.*

*He played cricket with us too.*

*We were a legend*

*In our time!*

*Victoria's Best State School*

*The John Monash Prize*

*For that!!!*

*One big family*

*Caring for one another.*

*My school*

*Until 1934.*

*Eildon State School*

*Number*

*3931*

# *The Great Depression by EDDIE MacKENZIE*

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## *The Great Depression*

*The Great Depression  
Changed everything.  
School was not important.  
Bread on the table was.  
Families had to eat.  
At 14 I left school behind  
I worked.  
Any job  
Put bread on the table.*

## *The Great Depression : A Job!!!*

*One job in Eildon  
Coller's Boarding House  
For fishermen.  
50 of them.  
Every Day  
I ironed serviettes,  
50 of them at a time,  
Helped change the beds,  
50 of them at a time.  
Helped Set, clear and wash up after  
50 diners at a time.  
When dusk came  
I lit the lamps  
In the great Dining Room  
... and the 30 bedrooms.  
The Great Depression  
Made us grow up.  
We all did.*

## *Depression Tucker*

*Not much  
Flour, sugar or tea.  
Depression tucker  
Was different tucker.  
Dad  
Trapped rabbits.  
**Underground Mutton.**  
We raided the bush bees  
Took honey from their hives  
We picked the fruit  
From deserted farms  
Around the Eildon Weir.*