

LEARNING GUIDE

GRADES 2-3

There are lots of stories to be told here at Bundoora Homestead. This learning guide explores two different eras of the homestead's history: the period when the Smith family lived here, and the time when it was used as a hospital.

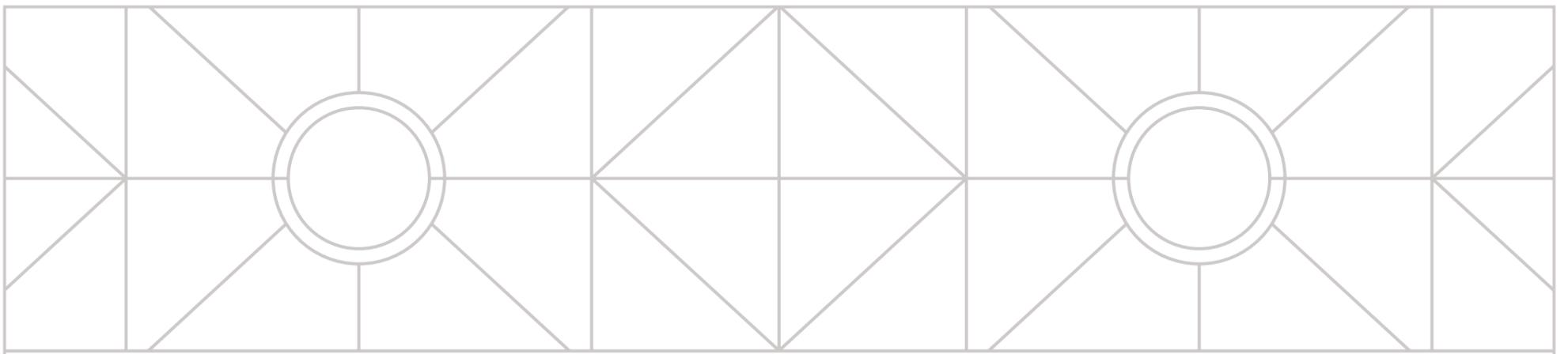
Around the Homestead there are stories in eight display stands that are scattered throughout the various rooms. You will find lots of useful and interesting information in these stands that will help with the following activities.



THE SMITH FAMILY CHILDREN

How many children did the Smith family have and can you find out their names?

How does the Smith family compare to your family? You could draw a picture of your family tree and a picture of the Smith family tree to compare. Or you could write some sentences about the differences between your families.



ADELAIDE FRANCES SMITH

Adelaide Smith was a housemaid at Bundoora Homestead. Her mother was the housekeeper, which meant her mum was the boss. Adelaide had a long list of jobs to do before the Smiths even got up each day, including: cleaning and lighting the fireplaces, putting on the kettle, setting the dining table for breakfast, sweeping the floor, cleaning the doorstep and polishing any dirty boots.

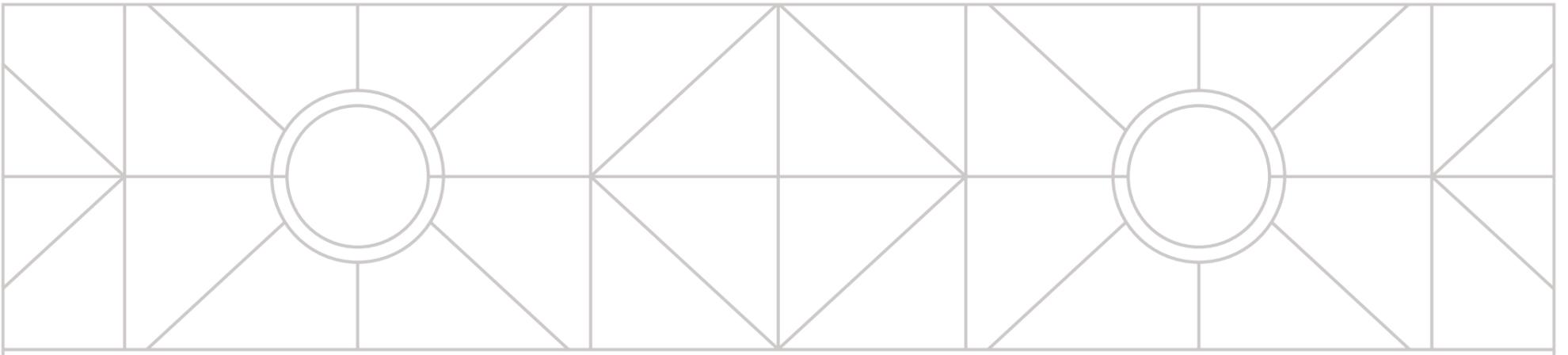


**What chores do you have to do at home?
Are they similar or different to Adelaide's chores?**

Who was Wallace?

Draw a picture of Wallace below and explain who he was and his connection to Bundoora Homestead.





BUNDOORA REPATRIATION HOSPITAL WARD

After the Smith family sold Bundoora Homestead, it became part of a Hospital. It was a place for injured soldiers to stay and recover in peace and quiet. Patients would do farm work like growing vegetables and tending chickens. It was called Bundoora Repatriation Mental Hospital. The word repatriation means "the return of someone to their own country" and refers to the soldiers that were coming home from war. It was called a mental hospital because it helped the returned soldiers with their mental health rather than with their physical injuries.

How does Bundoora Hospital compare to hospitals today?

See what photos you can find of the hospital in the stands around the homestead.

What looks the same? What looks different? Discuss with your group.



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Bundoora Homestead has been an important part of the Darebin community for many years. After completing the Heritage Trail tour, discuss with your group why Bundoora Homestead is a special place and why you think it should be preserved for future generations.

Write down some of your conclusions below:

Curriculum Links:

This education kit, combined with the Heritage Trail at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, can be incorporated into History inquiries for Level 2 of the Victorian Curriculum:

By the end of Level 2, students explain aspects of daily life to identify how some aspects have changed over time, while others have remained the same. They describe personal and family life, a person, a site, or an event of significance in the local community.

Students use sources (physical, visual, oral) including the perspectives of others (parents, grandparents) to describe changes to daily life and the significance of people, places or events. They compare objects from the past and present. Students create a narrative about the past using terms and a range of sources.



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