



Ned Carew-Reid in the early 1930s (Carew-Reid family)

**Edward Marshall Carew-Reid** (1912-2012) was born 8 June 1912 at Nurse Anderson's Hospital, St George's Terrace Perth, son of Reginald Ernest 'Hastings' and Queenie Henritta (nee Fawkner-Grace) Carew-Reid. The couple had married at St Matthew's Church, Guildford in December 1908. In 1912 Hastings Carew-Reid was the yachting editor of *The West Australian* newspaper, later he would become a Hansard reporter at the Western Australian parliament. Edward (known as 'Ned') had siblings Laloa Hesketh (Pippin) b.1909, John Hastings b.1911, Desmond Mackennah b. 1913, Reginald James b.1917, David Lloyd 1921, and Penelope Hope b.1925 Carew-Reid.

Ned Carew-Reid attended various primary schools in West Perth and Darlington, then Hale School in West Perth and finally Wesley College in South Perth as the family moved around. From around 1930 he worked as the sports master at Woodbridge Grammar School, which was the prep school to Guildford Grammar. Ned wasn't satisfied with teaching, and moved to work as a jackaroo at Lake Way Station near Wiluna. Still seeking his career, Ned was articled to architect F.G.B. Hawkins (1885-1956) in October 1932, entering the work force within a depressed economy, still slumbering in the effects of the Great Depression.

Hawkins had arrived from Melbourne in 1928 to supervise the construction of the £30,000 Victoria Insurance Company Building at St George's Terrace Perth, and seeing opportunities, decided to stay and work in Western Australia on his own account. In the 1937 publication *Men of Western Australia*, Hawkins' work listed included: the Victoria Building, Atlas Offices, Yorkshire House, Messrs McPhersons, Woolworth's, Walsh's Limited, Dunklings, Wigmore's, Boans Limited, Soap Distributors, R.P. North's, Barnett Bros, Margaret River Hotel, flats, residences, etc. ... Hawkins was primarily a commercial architect in the 1930s, although he was versatile enough to also undertake many domestic works.

Whilst working in Hawkins office, Ned assisted in the formation of the Perth Architectural Atelier (PAA) in 1934, and was soon attending its design classes. The PAA was established at Perth Technical College under the directorship of Murray Forster (1907-1967), but relocated to the University of Western Australia (UWA) in 1936, and was renamed the School of Architectural Design. He also attended evening lectures for students at UWA, some given by the elderly Alfred R.L. Wright (1861-1939).



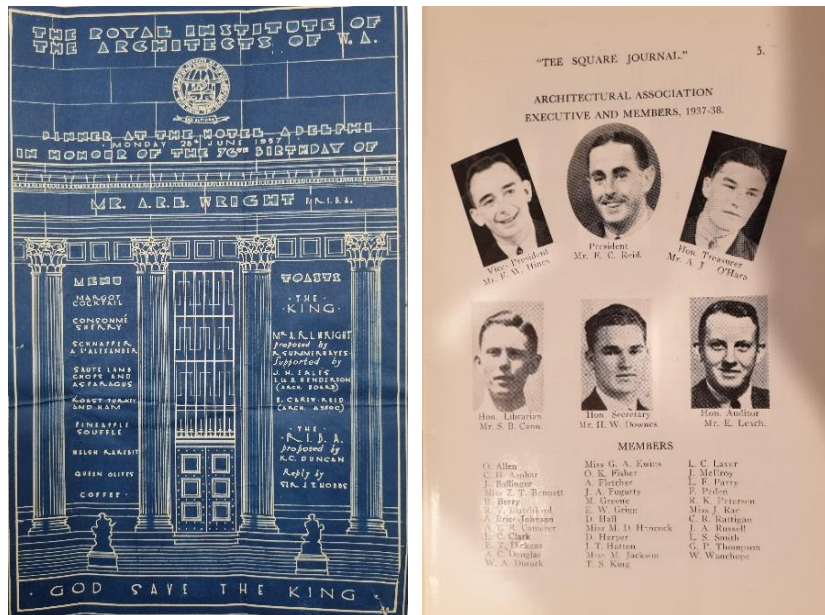
The Design Class at UWA Crawley, with Bill Leighton standing front left (Architectural Association's *Tee Square Journal* of 1937, p.27).

In April 1935, Edward and two colleagues were lucky to survive a serious car crash, particularly as seat belts and other modern vehicle safety aids were not in place. The press noted that: *Edward Carew Reid (22), Campbell Armstrong (24), and Robert Everett (24), all of Perth, were admitted to the-Busselton Hospital yesterday evening suffering from concussion, shock and abrasions as the result of a motor car accident on the Augusta road. The three men had been holidaying to the South-West and were motoring from Augusta to Perth. At a point known as the 19-Mile, near Cowaramup, the car skidded in loose gravel and turned a complete somersault. It was completely wrecked. The injured men were taken to Busselton by Desmond Bussell. Inquiry at the hospital elicited the information that the victims were progressing favorably.*



F.G.B. Hawkins designed the Margaret River Hotel, opened in 1936  
([www.margaretriverhotel.com.au](http://www.margaretriverhotel.com.au))

It is possible that Ned was also travelling for work at the time of the accident, as F.G.B. Hawkins designed the Margaret River Hotel, located not far south of the accident site. The hotel was opened in 1936, and the core of this building remains today as part of a much loved country destination. Ned completed his articles with Hawkins in 1936, and was then runner-up to George Pruett Thompson (1913-1997) for the Royal Institute of Architects of Western Australia's (RIAWA) Bronze (later E.G. Cohen) Medal.



Invitation to A.R.L. Wright's 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday held in 1937 (Carew-Reid Family); Architectural Association Executive and Members 1937-1938 (*Tee Square Journal*, 1937, p.5).

Carew-Reid was a member of the Architectural Association of WA, holding the various positions of Secretary, Treasurer and in 1937, President. He was one of the members of the WA architectural profession who were privileged to celebrate the 76<sup>th</sup> birthday of patriarch Alfred Wright. Ned gave a toast at the RIAWA dinner held in Wright's honor at the Adelphi Hotel in Perth on 28 June 1937.

Ned joined the staff of Harold Krantz (1906-1999) as chief draughtsman in 1937. He sat for the Architects Board of Western Australia (ABWA) examinations and was successful in a majority of the subjects, including: Professional Practice, Sanitary Science and Hygiene, Quantities and Estimating, Building Construction, Design 1, and Design 2. In a very busy period, Ned was a member of the Architectural Association's committee tasked with organizing the tenth annual T-Square Ball, held on 13 May 1938 at the Embassy Ballroom. Less than a week later he and Dorothy Moss were married at the Perth College Chapel.



Edward and Dorothy Carew-Reid leaving Perth College Chapel after their marriage in May 1938  
(*The West Australian*, 20 May 1938, p.6).

In 1937 Ned had designed a block of eight flats on the tennis court of 1325 Hay Street West Perth - his future father-in-law Dr Matthew Kasner Moss' house. Ned and Dorothy lived rent-free in one of the flats on the understanding they would collect the rent and do the accounting. It was a good start to the marriage.

In 1938 Ned agreed to move to Adelaide to open a branch office for Harold Krantz. Prior to leaving the State he sat once more for the remaining subjects in the ABWA examination, but was unsuccessful. None-the-less Ned opened the Adelaide office with a 'full book' of flat designs to be completed; to assist he engaged a supervisor and an articulated pupil. The practice was rapidly building up until the Second World War (1939-1945) was declared. In January 1940 Ned closed the Adelaide office and the Carew-Reids returned to Perth – a daughter Rosemary Ann had been born in December 1939. Carew-Reid joined the Architectural Division of the Public Works Department (PWD) whilst waiting for a call up into the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). During this period he designed the Wongan Hills State Hotel and carried out the supervision of its construction.



Wongan Hills State Hotel of 1940 pictured c.1955 (Rogers, 2002, p.47); current (Google 2024).

With the exception of oldest sister Pippin, Ned and his siblings all served in the Australian Forces at one time or another. Desmond joined the RAAF in 1940, Reginald joined the army in 1940, John joined the RAAF in 1941, and in 1942 Ned commenced his own time in the RAAF. At this time his small family was at 7 Finlayson Street Subiaco. Ned served in Australia and overseas until his demobilisation in late 1945. Penelope served in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve 1944-1945, and David served with the army in Korea c.1950-1953.



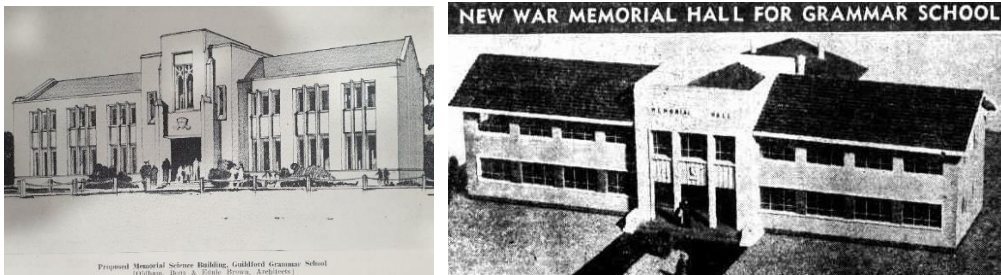
War service records photos of Edward, Desmond, Reginald and John Carew-Reid (NAA).

Ned rejoined the PWD Architectural Division in November 1945, was appointed Section Leader within eight months, and had at times up to seven qualified architects working under him. Despite his not having achieved registration in WA, Ned was classified as an Architect Grade 2. The projects he carried out included large schools, hospitals and public buildings. Ned was in charge of the new Midland Junction Abattoirs, built in the late 1940s at a cost of nearly three-quarters of a million pounds.

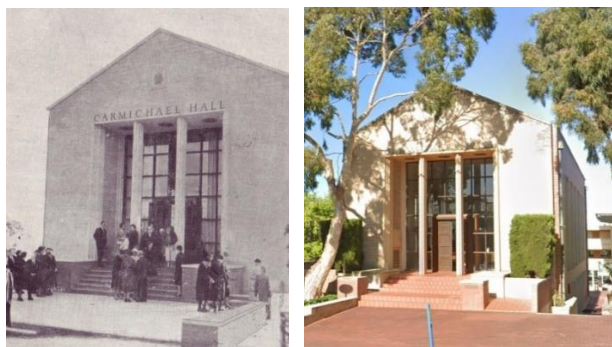


Coat of arms signed 'E. Carew-Reid PWD 1951', possibly prepared as part of Perth City decorations for an upcoming British Royal visit (Carew-Reid family).

Ned's parents Hastings Carew-Reid (1880-1953) died 25 August 1953 at Perth aged 73 years; and Henritta Anne Grace Carew-Reid (1881-1960) passed away 1 May 1960 at Floreat Park aged 79 years. In 1953 Ned resigned from the PWD to join a new construction company (perhaps Lloyd Mackennal International started by his brother John), in the capacity of Works Director. He later noted that 'much valuable practical experience was gained during this period'. Later in 1954 Ned joined the staff of architects Oldham Boas & Ednie-Brown (OB&EB), where he was employed up until his retirement. For the first few months he completed drawings and specifications for Guildford Grammar School War Memorial Hall and Science Block; and the Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) Memorial Hall and Gymnasium. The Guildford Memorial Hall had been under consideration for some time, as OB&EB had produced a design for the building as early as in 1947.

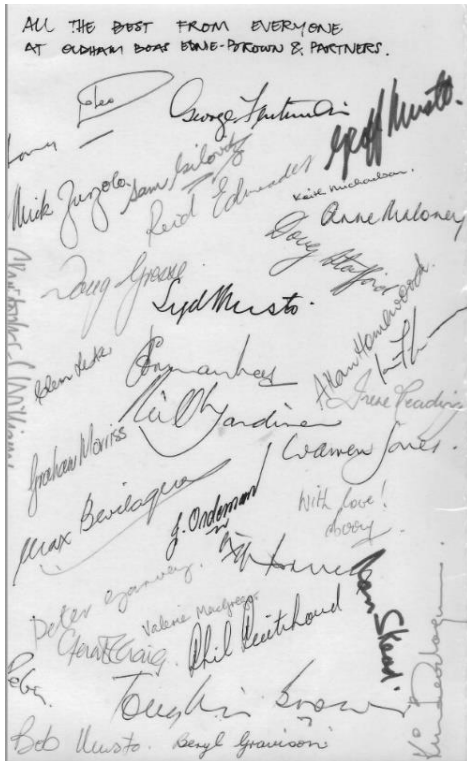


'Proposed Memorial Science Building, Guildford Grammar School' (1947 RAIWA Exhibition Catalogue, p.25); and model of War Memorial Hall and Science Block for Guildford Grammar School (*The West Australian*, 6 November 1954, p.10).



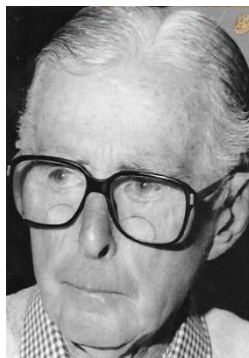
Carmichael Hall at PLC, View Street Peppermint Grove (*Kookaburra*, 1956, p.6; Google 2024).

Ned was then appointed to the position of OB&EB's senior supervisor for both town and country works. His duties included finalisation of all accounts, letting of sub-contracts, selection of prime cost items, correspondence, etc. By 1959 he was in charge of the drawing office. Ned's son Tim recalls going to various work sites with his father – Boyup Brook, Wongan Hills, Mt Barker, Moora, and Albany.



Retirement card for Edward Carew-Reid c.1975. OB&EB staff names include Tony De Leo, George Fentinen, Geoff Musto, Mick Zurzolo, Sam Gilovitz, Reid Edmeades, Keith Michaelson, Anne Maloney, Doug Gresse, Doug Stafford, Christopher Williams, Syd Musto, Allan Homewood, Clem Lester, Ian (or Jim?) Thomson, Nomanbey?, Irene Reading, Neil Gardiner, Graham Morris, Warren Jones, Max Bevilaqua, J. Ordeman, with love! Coory?, Peter Garvey, Peter Arney, Nan Skead, Gerry Craig, Phil Pritchard, Pebn?, Tony Ednie-Brown, Bob Musto, Beryl Gravison, Kim Bevilaqua [Card courtesy Carew-Reid Family; Tony Ednie-Brown notes that the artist signature 'pag' on the cartoon is Peter Ashley Garvey]

Ned designed alterations to the Nedlands Golf Club and was a life member there. His wife Dorothy passed away in August 2005 at Nedlands, aged 91 years, and Ned died 28 January 2012 at Nedlands, aged 99 years. A death notice recorded: *Just short of 100 packed years of life. Passed away in his beloved garden on Sat 28th January. A sense of humour to the very end. Much loved father of Tim, David and Rosemary.*



Ned Carew-Reid in later years (Carew-Reid family).

Obviously a highly talented individual – Ned was a near Cohen Medal winner, recognised by his young peers as the President of the Architectural Association, and sent to another State at 26 years of age to commence a branch business for the precocious Harold Krantz. Ned Carew-Reid's career is an example of war-interrupted personal development, where his not achieving registration as an architect was probably a personal disappointment, but given his significant talents, not a major hindrance to a long term career.

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