

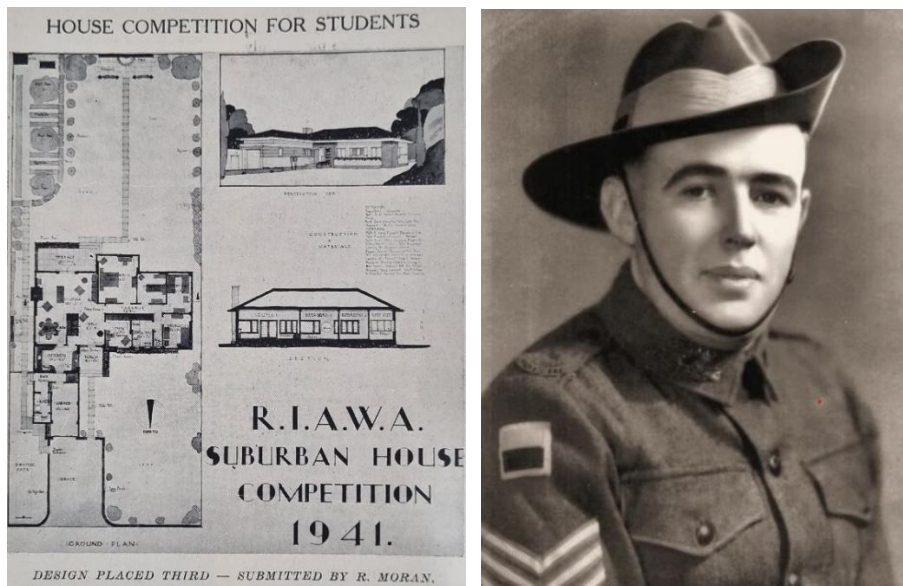


Ray Moran in the 1920s with parents Frank and Annie (funeral DVD, courtesy Jeff Moran)

Raymond Frank Moran (1922-2015) was born 26 September 1922 at 14 Edward Street Nedlands, the home of tram driver Frank Edward Moran and Annie Matilda (nee Jenkins) Moran. Born in Carlton, Victoria, 26 year old Frank Moran enlisted at Kalgoorlie for First World War (1914-1918) service in 1916. He served on the Western Front in France, and spent time in London hospitals with appendicitis and after being 'gassed'. From a change of next-of-kin notice in his service records, it appears that in late 1917 Frank married Annie, of 15 Senrab Street Stepney in London – a nurse to Frank. He was demobilized and returned to Western Australia with Annie on the *SS Benalla* in late 1919. An only child, 'Ray' Moran went to school at Nedlands Primary in the late 1920s, hence attending Christian Brothers College at Perth and moving on to complete his Leaving Certificate at the newly built Aquinas College, Manning in 1938.

Ray entered into an articulated pupil arrangement with the prominent architect F.G.B. Hawkins (1885-1956) at Perth from 1939. Ray became a member of the Architectural Students' Association (ASA), also entering into classes at Perth Technical College (PTC) and the University of Western Australia (UWA). The School of Architectural Design had commenced at UWA in 1936, and Ray became a member of the studio class under Bill Leighton (1905-1990) and Marshall Clifton (1903–1975), also attending evening lectures for students at UWA. By 1940 two ex-members of the Architectural Students Association, Jack Ballenger (1913-2005) and John McIlroy (1915-1987), were conducting architectural drawing classes at PTC. With the onset of the war, and many architects away, the UWA studio class experienced difficulties with support and was discontinued c.1941, with a formal architectural course not finally established at PTC until 1946.

Ray also attended lectures on architecture at UWA: 'A course of 15 free lantern lectures on "The History of the Evolution of the Styles of Architecture" has been arranged by the Architects Board of Western Australia, and will be delivered by Mr. E. W. Warne, A.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.A.W.A. ... Although the course is designed primarily for students of architecture, the lectures also will be open to all interested in the subject.' In 1938, architect Ernest Warne (1893-1968) succeeded the elderly Alfred Wright (1861-1939), who had provided architectural history lectures from the 1920s at UWA. In 1941 Ray took third prize in a student design competition held by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Western Australia (RIAWA) for the design of a residence to cost £1 500.



Ray Moran's third-placed design for a suburban house in a RIAWA competition of 1941 (*The Architect*, June 1941, p.22); and Ray in uniform c.1942 (Jeff Moran).

With the outbreak of the Second World War (1939-1945), Ray enlisted as a 19 year old draftsman with the Royal Australian Engineers in October 1941, at that time he was living with his parents at 9c Webster Street in Nedlands, the 'Beaumaris Flats' that had been developed by his father. He served overseas in New Guinea during November 1944 to April 1945, and in the Philippines from June 1945 to September 1945, undertaking many tasks including surveying and aerial photo interpretation duties. Returning to Perth, Ray joined the Public Works Department (PWD), and studied with other returned services men and women to meet the examination requirements for registration by the Architects Board of Western Australia, which Ray achieved in February 1948 (reg no 187). He was treasurer of the ASA in 1947, secretary in 1948.



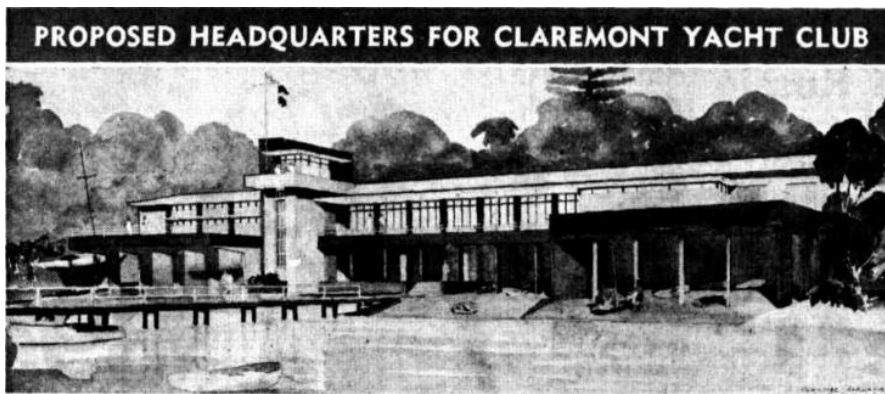
Architects at Rottnest Island early 1949: photo at left - rear Don Hall (reg no 191), Hal Menzies (reg no 214) with son John in lap, Poppy Hall, front Rhona Menzies, child Robin Hall, Ray (reg no 187) & Fran Moran; photo at right – couple at rear not identified, middle row Joan Wearne (later Shepherd), Alan Shepherd (reg no 217), Ray & Fran Moran, H. Richard Henderson (son of E. LeB., ASA Pres 1942), front row Rhona & Hal Menzies with son John in lap. (Jeff Moran).

In 1948 Ray Moran and architectural drafter Frances Ross Eagleton were married, they had children Jeffrey Raymond b.1950, Sandra Edwina b.1952, and David John b.1955. Also living at Dalkeith nearby to the Morans, pioneering female architect Marie Jackson-Harding (1916-1993) was Sandra's godmother - Marie had been President of the ASA in 1947, the year she married engineering lecturer at PTC, Lewis Harding. A youthful Tony Brand (b.1932), entering the PWD as a cadet in 1950, remembers Ray Moran and Ray's great friend Harold (Hal) Menzies (1922-2003) as solid contributors to his formation as an architect, assisting with advice on drafting and other initial skills.



From left - Lew and Marie Harding, Joan and Alan Shepherd; Catherine Sinclair, Fran Moran and Eileen Moyle; at the Harding's new Waratah Avenue Dalkeith residence designed by Marie, welcoming the Shepherds back to WA after 3 years in London. In 1950, Alan Shepherd had been a first graduate of the architectural course at PTC (*Daily News*, 16 September 1954, p.16).

In mid-1936 J.H.O. Hargrave (1899-1964) had acted in association with established architect Jack Ochiltree (1870-1954) on a project at Fremantle, and at the end of that year they entered into partnership as Ochiltree & Hargrave. Hargrave served in the Australian Army during the Second World War from 1942, and was discharged in 1946. With building austerity following the onset of the Second World War, and having achieved seventy-five years by the end of the conflict, Ochiltree stepped back and left Hargrave to direct and continue the work of the practice. Ray Moran left the PWD at the end of 1952, and in January 1953, Jack Hargrave and Ray Moran entered into partnership, with the firm styled Ochiltree Hargrave & Moran based at McNeil Chambers, 9 Barrack Street Perth.



Perspective of premises for Claremont Yacht Club, likely to have been sketched by Ray Moran
(*The West Australian*, 16 February 1953, p.12).

One of the first projects Ray took into the Hargrave & Moran practice was the new Claremont Yacht Club (he was an active member of the sailing club), built over the top of a Federation-era residence that had been previously converted for the Club's use, thus allowing some continuity of use of the lower level. Tender notices in the newspapers of the early 1950s illustrate that the practice undertook many other varied projects, including residential, bank and hotel works.



1961 Dandaragan Shire Office & Chambers (Google 2025)

Jack Hargrave died at Claremont in December 1964, aged 65 years. Ray Moran continued the practice into the 1970s, for a period in the mid-1960s with James William Hawkins (1920-1983) as Hargrave, Moran & Hawkins. With the Hawkins partnership dissolved in 1968, Hargrave Moran & Associates' West Perth office was moved from Colin Street to 29 Ord Street, and Andris (Andrew) Markovs also worked with the firm. Ray undertook many projects for the St John Ambulance Association – continuing a client association established by Ochiltree & Hargrave with their 1938 St John Ambulance Building at Wellington Street Perth.

In 2013, Ray recalled that other developments he was involved with were the Margaret River Shire Offices / Police Station, Claremont Police Station, a new school for CBC Kalgoorlie, and a pentagon shaped church at Gosnells early 1960s. This church is likely to have been the Church of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Albany Highway at Gosnells - the first Mass was celebrated there in November 1963.



National Australia Bank cnr Stirling Highway and Dalkeith Road Nedlands (as vet, Google 2025)

Sons Jeff and David recall that Ray ran an office at Kalgoorlie 1967-1975 – and that he commuted by train, staying for a few days each time and working on the way there and back. Clients at the goldfields town included Westland Autos (a Ford dealer), and one of his more controversial designs was a brothel, passed through the Council planning system after many changes to the nomenclature on the drawings! Other projects included Dandaragan Shire Council offices; the NAB Bank at Nedlands (now a veterinary clinic), the Gloucester Park trotting facility in East Perth; work at Wandering Mission; shearing sheds for the New Zealand and Australia Land Company at Yathroo (near Dandaragan), Yeri Yeri (also Yere Yere, near Dandaragan), and Mungada (in the Mid-West).

Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) membership year books list Ray's address at 9 Neville Road Dalkeith from at least 1960 through to 1986. By 1988 Ray is no longer listed in RAIA membership records, thus it appears he retired at around 65 years of age. In March 2014 Ray sold his duplex at Neville Road Dalkeith and moved into the Alfred Carson aged care home in Bay Road Claremont.



Fran and Ray Moran in later years - Aquinas College class of 1938 reunion (*Fish*, Autumn 2008, p.25).

Ray Moran died 17 July 2015 at Claremont aged 92 years. Fran Moran had passed away in April 2011 at Mosman Park aged 83 years. Ray's professional qualities were acknowledged by the conferring of the honorific titles Associate of the RAIA in 1948, and Fellow of the RAIA in 1970. Ray was one of the young Western Australian architectural students whose studies were severely impacted by the Second World War, but he was able to resume his career after the war, enjoying a long and successful family and business life, when many of his contemporaries were not so fortunate.

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Pers comm. John Taylor with Ray Moran 11 October 2013 at 9 Neville Road Dalkeith.

Pers comm. John Taylor with Liz Clements 3 October 2024 (Liz worked for Ray Moran 1968-69).

Pers comm. John Taylor with Jeff and David Moran, February 2025.

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