

Bathing

Grandparent King

Grandparent King grew up in the inner city.

When I was young the children would jump into the bathtub one after the other. I was the eldest and went first.



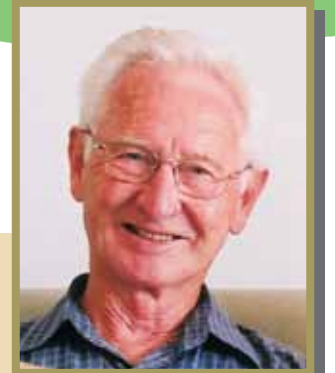
Some people bathed in a big tub in front of the fire. Not many houses had hot running water in the bathroom.



Babies were sometimes bathed in a tub on the verandah.

Grandparent Trevor

When I was young we would have a bath on Friday night before going out to the pictures on Saturday.



Some families had heaters that warmed the water for a bath or shower. Some heaters needed wood chips or gas to heat the water.



The water heater was usually on the wall next to the bath.

Changes to washing

Electricity changed the way people washed and cleaned. It meant:

- ★ hot running water in the home
- ★ new **appliances**, such as washing machines and vacuum cleaners.



This advertisement shows an electric washer being turned on with the flick of a switch.

Hot running water

Hot running water meant women did not have to heat water for baths or to do the washing. People could have hot baths and showers by turning on the tap.



Advertisements for electric hot water systems showed hot water running straight from the tap.

Electric washing machine

The electric washing machine made washing clothes and linen faster and simpler than washing by hand. The machine heated the water, stirred the washing and spun the water out.



Advertisements for electric washing machines showed how easy it was to do the washing.

Electric vacuum cleaner

The electric vacuum cleaner sucked dust out of carpets and floor rugs while they were on the floor. Before vacuum cleaners, women had to take floor rugs outside to shake or beat them clean.



The electric vacuum cleaner made cleaning floors easier.