



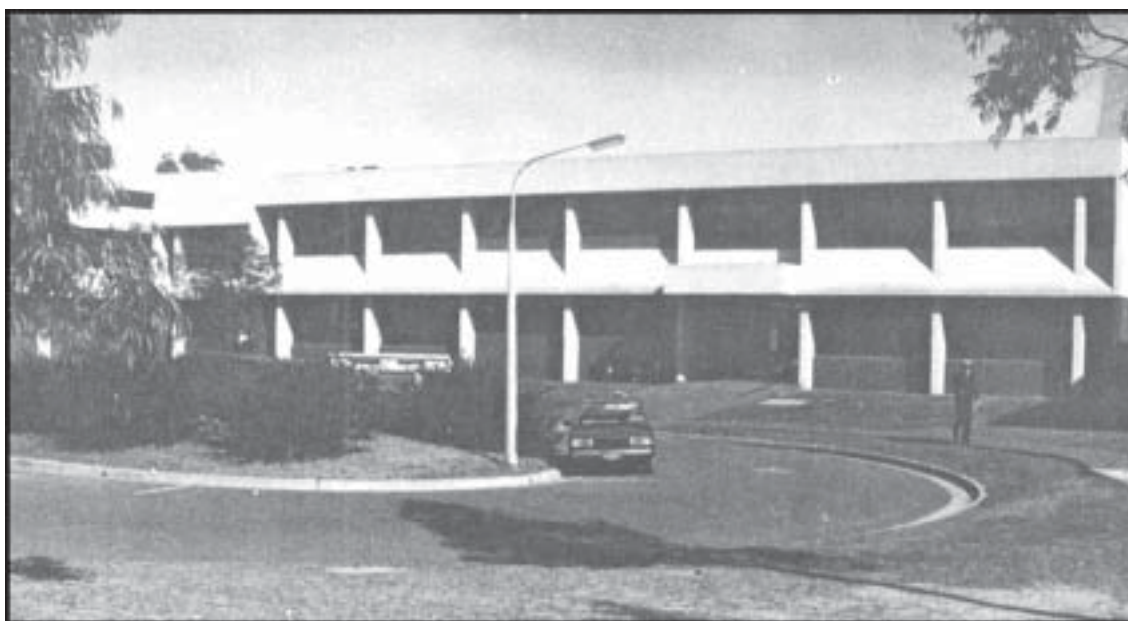
The Department of Housing and Construction Depot in HMAS NIRIMBA is the oldest established section of the infrastructure of HMAS NIRIMBA. In the many years since the personnel of the Department of Housing and Construction first came to NIRIMBA, the name of the Department has changed several times. It has ranged from Commonwealth Department of Works through Department of Transport and Construction to its latest title. In 1944 the layout and construction of the Royal Naval Air Station which was NIRIMBA's first role was organised by the Department of Works. This authority under its new name is still responsible for the maintenance of assets and services and for supervision of new construction in HMAS NIRIMBA.

The first post war building erected by the Department of Works in HMAS NIRIMBA was building 259 the large hangar on the eastern side of the grounds. This building was erected by the Department of Works in 1952 for the Australian Fleet Air Arm for use as an aircraft engine and maintenance bay. That building was later to become the first Apprentice training workshops in 1956 and later, the Weapons Electrical Engineering School building.

Over the past thirty nine years the Department of Housing and Construction has been responsible for the supervision of the building of the many fine buildings in HMAS NIRIMBA and for the construction of Depot services and facilities. The latest NIRIMBA buildings constructed under supervision of the Department of Housing and Construction are the Civilian Amenities Building, MEDB classrooms, Junior Sailors change rooms and two Junior Sailors' accommodation blocks.

The Department's Depot has been located in three sites in HMAS NIRIMBA - originally in the current Naval Stores Compound and presently opposite the Naval Stores Compound.

Formerly administered from the Richmond Depot the NIRIMBA staff of the Department of Housing and Construction became semi-autonomous with the arrival of the first Supervisor in 1974.



Academic Building - HMAS NIRIMBA

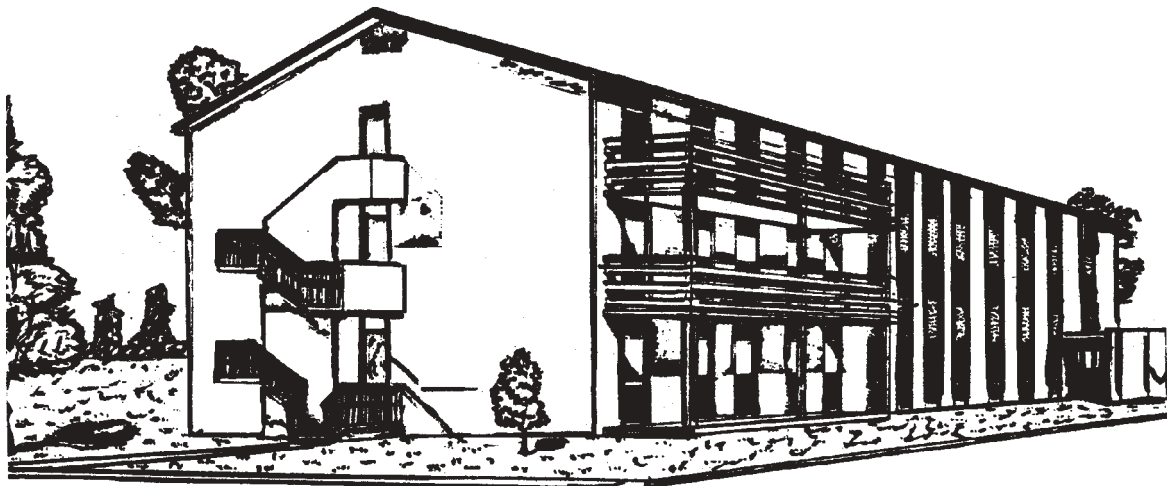
Senior personnel of the NLRIMBA Depot of the Department of Housing and Construction have been:

Mr Max Foley  
Mr Norm Demmery  
Mr Henry Saundercock  
Mr Charles McIntosh  
Mr John Brown  
Mr Charles McIntosh (1982)

The current staff of the Department allocated to HMAS NIRIMBA Depot are:

Mr Charles McIntosh (Supervisor)  
Mr Barry Gane (Foreman)  
Mr Barry Ferguson (Leading Hand)  
Mr Allan Dent  
Mr Robert McFawn  
Mr Greg Boss  
Mr Lea Harris  
Mr Wayne Elliott  
Mr Mervyn Rothwell  
Mr Keith Hawes  
Mr Ron Links  
Mr Don Gardiner

The Department has given a fine service to HMAS NIRIMBA for over twenty six years. Their record is a proud one indeed.



Apprentices'  
Accommodation Building

