

ONE MAN IN HIS TIME

Growing up in Nazi Germany



- I grew up in a Nazi family from 1926-42 in Silesia (Polish since 1945).
- Volunteered for the Waffen-SS, aged sixteen. After induction in 1943 and basic training in Graz (Austria), Front Service until 1945.
- Aged 17, in prisoner of war camps until 1946; found my parents in Thuringia, escaped to West -Germany.
- 1947-49 Jail in Butzbach (framed by US intelligence), 1950 -59 Coal miner "Westende" Duisburg.
- 1959 Migration to Australia.
- 1959-77 Port Kembla steelworks, Union Delegate and Member of Committee of Management Ironworker's Association Port Kembla.
- 1977-86 first Community Librarian (Illawarra) at Port Kembla Library.
- From 1964 active in Peace movement, (Vietnam War), Humanist Society, WEA, Good Neighbourhood Council, and declared myself an anarchist.
- 1973 agitated successfully for Welfare Certificate Course at Wollongong University College, which I attended from its first intake 1975-77.