

ISLAND LIFE 

MAGIC MOMENT

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Elizabeth Hoare was overcome by emotion when she first came across a treasured black-and-white photo in a recent installation by Brigita Ozolins at the Brighton Army Barracks in Hobart. The poster-size photograph shows Hoare's Polish father Michael Krzywak holding her as an infant at the army barracks - the Krzywaks' home for almost two years after her parents emigrated to Tasmania in 1950, having wed in Switzerland.

"When I walked in and saw this very large photo of Dad it just hit me, because Dad passed away in a car accident in 1981, aged 63. It brought back a lot of lovely memories," Hoare says.


Her parents made lifelong friendships at the army barracks.

"We came in the early days when everyone was trying to build a new life, and the Brighton army camp was part of that," she says.

"A lot of the migrants that came out settled at Brighton and became friends. The men would hang over the fence and talk in Polish and their kids grew up and became friends, and then our children became friends, too."

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