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McEwan, Kathleen (Kitty) Agnes Rose

(1894 - 1969)

Born	18940315, Surrey Hills Victoria Australia
Died	19690817
Occupation	Golfer, Journalist, Print journalist, Sports Journalist, War Worker

Summary

Kitty McEwan was educated at Ormiston Ladies' College and became a freelance journalist working with *Australian Home Beautiful* in 1929. Interested in the game of golf, she began writing about women and golf, for the *Radiator* in 1937 and the *Sun News-Pictorial* in 1938. She organised fund-raising for patriotic appeals during World War II. In June 1942 McEwan was appointed superintendent in Victoria of the Australian Women's Land Army, a position she held until March 1946. After the war she returned to journalism, writing for the *Sun News-Pictorial* from which she retired in 1966. Kitty McEwan served as honorary publicity officer and an executive member of the National Council of Women Victoria and a councillor of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. She died on 17 August 1969, aged 75 years.

Details

Kitty McEwan was a keen sportswoman and was a member of several sporting clubs and associations, including the Barwon Heads Golf Club and the Women's Amateur Sports Council. She used her role as a journalist to promote women's sport to a wide audience. Her efforts in this area have seen her commemorated publicly. In 2003 she had a street in the Canberra suburb of Mckellar names after her, and the pre-eminent Victorian sportswoman of the year receives the VicSport Kitty McEwan Sportswoman of the Year award.

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Career in journalism active

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