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Utting, Margaret (Peg) Vivian Moile

(1922 - 2023)

Born	19221031, Nyah West Victoria Australia
Died	20230725, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Servicewoman

Summary

On 15 March 1941 Peg Cockburn (later Utting) was one of ‘The Original Mob’ who enrolled in the Women’s Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) at the No 1 RAAF Recruit Centre. After completing a ‘rookie training’ course she was employed as a teleprinter operator and trainer during World War II. Peg Utting was one of the servicewomen that the WAAAF used for recruiting photographs.

Details

Following the war Peg Utting settled with her husband, Mac, in Black Rock, Victoria, and there they raised their two sons. She became involved in the local community becoming treasurer of the kindergarten and helped at the state school. Besides working clerical positions on either a casual or part-time basis, Utting joined the Southern Golf Club and was president of the Lady Associates. After being contacted by a previously unknown relative she became involved in recording her family history. A member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria she also joined the Sandringham & District Historical Society of which she was secretary for six years. On 7 March 2002 Utting was awarded an Honorary Life Membership for her contribution to the Historical Society. She self-published *Their Life Their Legacy*, a family history of her paternal side, in 2002.

Peg Utting, who joined the Women’s Air Training Corps when she was 18, states that patriotism and a desire to do what all other young people were doing led her to enrolling in the WAAAF. Through the Service, Utting met a range of people and has maintained lifelong friendships with many especially those from ‘The Original Mob’.

Published resources

Journal Article

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WAAAF 'Mob' well met again, Gillies, Fiona, 1991

007 notches up a golden, Filmer, Natalie, 1991

War veterans honoured, 2001

The Way We Were, 1991

Resource Section

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Book

The WAAAF in Wartime Australia, Thomson, Joyce A, 1992

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Interview with Margaret Utting,
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