

The Australian Women's Register

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Carter, Doris Jessie

(1912 - 1999)

Born 5 January, 1912

Died 28 July, 1999

Occupation Hockey player, Olympian, Servicewoman, Sports administrator, Track and Field Athlete

Summary

Doris Carter became Australia's first women's field athlete to compete at an Olympic Games when she placed sixth in the high jump at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. She also represented Australia in international hockey, and was General Manager of the Australian Women's Team at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956. A Wing Officer and Director of the Women's RAAF, she was the first woman to fly both the Canberra Bomber and the Vampire Jet. Her proudest moment was in 1996 she co-led the Melbourne ANZAC Day parade

Events

1951 - 1960

Director of the Women's Royal Australian Air Force

1960 - 1960

General secretary of the YWCA, Melbourne

1929 - 1941

Teacher with the Victorian Education Department

1941 - 1946

Member of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF)

2057 - 2057

Appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire

1946 - 1946

Officer-in-charge of the WAAAF Victory Contingent to London

1946 - 1948

Department of Post-War Reconstruction

1948 - 1951

Officer-in-charge of the Child and Youth Migration with the Department of Immigration, London

1936 - 1936

Track and Field Athletics – placed sixth in the high jump

1938 - 1938

Represented Australia at the Empire Games, Sydney

1937 - 1939

Played interstate hockey

1952 - 1961

President of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union

1956 - 1956

Manager of the Australian Women's Team at the Olympic Games, Melbourne

1963 - 1963

Member of the Board of Trustees at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra

1971 - 1971

Member of the National Fitness Council, Victoria

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia, 1971, Legge, J S, 1971

Book

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

A Proper Spectacle: Women Olympians 1900-1936, Daniels, Stephanie and Tedder, Anita, 2000

Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project,
2003,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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