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Carter, Doris Jessie

(1912 - 1999)

Born	19120105
Died	19990728
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 in both the Canberra Bomber and the Vampire Jet. Her proudest moment was in 1996 she co-led the Melbourne ANZAC Day parade.

An authoritative biography can be found in the Australian Dictionary of Biography (see below).

Events

1957 - 1957
Appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire

1946 - 1948
Department of Post-War Reconstruction

1951 - 1960
Director of the Women’s Royal Australian Air Force

1960 - 1960
General secretary of the YWCA, Melbourne

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

1941 - 1946
Member of the Women’s Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF)

1948 - 1951
Officer-in-charge of the Child and Youth Migration with the Department of Immigration, London

1946 - 1946
Officer-in-charge of the WAAAF Victory Contingent to London

1937 - 1939
Played interstate hockey

1952 - 1961
President of the Australian Women’s Amateur Athletic Union

1938 - 1938
Represented Australia at the Empire Games, Sydney

1929 - 1941
Teacher with the Victorian Education Department

1936 - 1936
Track and Field Athletics – placed sixth in the high jump

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

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

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