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

## 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

## 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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## Digital resources



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