

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2864

## Keavney, Kay

(1921 - 1989)

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<b>Born</b>	19210101, Drummoyne New South Wales Australia
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<b>Died</b>	19890628
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<b>Occupation</b>	Journalist, Print journalist, Writer
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### Summary

Born in Sydney, Kay Keavney completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney before being employed by the ABC. She was both the youngest person and the first woman to be hired as a scriptwriter by the national broadcaster. In the late 1940s she wrote serials and plays for various networks and production companies but unfortunately most of the scripts of these shows were not preserved. Keavney also adapted many plays for the Macquarie Radio Theatre, and books for the Library of the Air. She won two Walkley Awards for articles published in the *Australian Women's Weekly* and was a regular columnist for that magazine.

### Events

#### 1968 - 1968

Best Story Published in an Australian Magazine, The Australian Women's Weekly

#### 1970 - 1970

Best Story Published in an Australian Magazine, The Australian Women's Weekly

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

AustLit: The Australian Literature Resource, 2002,  
<http://www.austlit.edu.au/>

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

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