# The Australian Women's Register

**Entry type:** Person **Entry ID:** AWE3522

# Irving, Freda Howy

(1903 - 1984)

Born	19030101, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	19841231, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Editor, Journalist, Print journalist

# Summary

Freda Irving began her career in journalism in Melbourne in 1925, working with the *Sun News Pictorial* in various guises until about 1949 when she joined the *Argus*. She also edited *Woman's Day* and the *Australian Women's Weekly* for short periods of time. In 1978-79, she was president of the Melbourne Press Club.

During the war she joined the Australian Women's Army Service as a private but before long she became Amenities Officer with the rank of captain for the three women's services Army, Air Force and Navy.

She was awarded an MBE for services to Journalism in 1981.

#### **Events**

#### 1978 - 1979

President of the Melbourne Press Club

#### 1981 - 1981

MBE for services to journalism

#### 1925 - 1984

Career in journalism active

# Published resources

## Site Exhibition

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

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

# Archival resources

# **State Library of Victoria**

Papers, ca. 1932-1984. [manuscript].

# National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

IRVING FREDA MARY HOWY: Service Number - VF398095: Date of birth - 16 Sep 1903: Place of birth - MELBOURNE VIC: Place of enlistment - MELBOURNE VIC: Next of Kin - IRVING SYBIL

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