

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0128

## Anderson, Shirley

(1928 - )

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**Born** 31 October, 1928, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Air traffic controller

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### Summary

Shirley Anderson attended Marrickville Girls High School and the Metropolitan Secretarial College in Sydney before travelling and working overseas. She obtained an unrestricted Private Pilot's Licence in 1950.

From 1960 until her retirement in 1985 she worked as an air traffic controller and instructor at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith Airport. She was the first woman in Sydney to be appointed to this position.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[Shirley Anderson - papers, 1928-1997](#)

### Author Details

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