

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Organisation

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## Women's Royal Australian Air Force (WRAAF)

(1950 - 1977)

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**Born** 1 July, 1950

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**Died** 31 December, 1977

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**Occupation** Armed services organisation

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### Summary

A new Australian women's air force was formed in July 1950 and in November became the Women's Royal Australian Air Force (WRAAF). The WRAAF was disbanded in 1977 and female personnel were absorbed into the mainstream RAAF. Australia's first female air force pilots graduated in 1988 and today, with the exception of the airfield defence units, there are few jobs within the RAAF barred to women.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Australian Women and World War II: Kit,  
[http://infocus.sl.nsw.gov.au/res/resdesc.cfm?res\\_code=1269](http://infocus.sl.nsw.gov.au/res/resdesc.cfm?res_code=1269)

The mobilisation of women into active services / the 'Yankee' invasion / How the war affected women,  
[http://infocus.sl.nsw.gov.au/res/resdesc.cfm?res\\_code=1272](http://infocus.sl.nsw.gov.au/res/resdesc.cfm?res_code=1272)

#### Book

We also served, far north coast N.S.W. ex-servicewomen 1939-1945, Buckley, Martin J., c1995

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

[Australian servicewomen's memorial](#)

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