

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person

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Dynon, Moira Lenore

(1920 - 1976)

Born 4 September, 1920, Elsternwick Victoria Australia

Died 23 October, 1976, Malvern Victoria Australia

Occupation Scientist, Servicewoman, Welfare worker

Summary

The eldest daughter of medical practitioner, Percy and Lily (née Johnston) Shelton, Moira Dynon was educated at Presentation Convent, Elsternwick, Loreto Convent, Toorak and the University of Melbourne. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1941, Dynon was commissioned in the Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force and assisted Wing Commander R J W Le Fevre with chemical warfare munitions. Following her discharge she became a research officer with the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and later with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

On 2 December 1950 she married John Dynon and they had five children. At this stage Dynon became involved with community organisations. These included the Catholic Mothers' Club Federation, the Catholic Women's Social Guild and the Australian Council of Catholic Women. In 1952 the Dynons established the Malvern branch of the United Nations Australia Association, Victorian division. In 1960 she initiated and ran an appeal to provide secondary education for Japanese children of returned Australian servicemen. Moira Dynon became chairman of the Aid for India and president of its successor Aid India. She also helped with famine-relief campaigns in Bengal, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Events

1942 - 1942

Commissioned in the Women's Royal Australian Air Force

1943 - 1943

Posted to the Directorate of Armament

1943 - 1943

Promoted to section officer

1944 - 1944

Promoted to flight officer

1967 - 1967

National President of the Aid India Campaign

1964 - 1964

Chairman of the Aid India Campaign

1942 - 1942

Graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Science

1946 - 1946

Discharged from Royal Australian Air Force

1946 - 1947

Research officer (Antibiotics) with the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, Victoria

1947 - 1950

Worked with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

1948 - 1948

Appointed female officer on the staff council at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

1950 - 1950

Married barrister and solicitor John Francis Dynon at Xavier College, Kew

1954 - 1955

Established and foundation president of the Federation of Loreto Old Girls' Associations

1958 - 1959

Vice-president of the Catholic Mothers' Clubs' Federation

1962 - 1968

Member of the executive committee for the Catholic Women's Social Guild

1966 - 1968

Vice-president of the Catholic Women's Social Guild

1961 - 1967

President of the Italo-Australian Welfare Association Women's Division

1967 - 1967

Received the Knight Order of Star of Italian Solidarity

1963 - 1965

Member of the National executive committee of the A J Ferguson Memorial Appeal for Care of Australian-Japanese Children in Japan

1965 - 1965

Trustee of the National Fund of the A J Ferguson Memorial Appeal for Care of Australian-Japanese Children in Japan

1968 - 1968

Vice-president of the Australian Council of Catholic Women

1969 - 1969

Section chairman of the UNESCO Seminar "Human Rights" at Madras

Published resources

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The WAAAF in Wartime Australia, Thomson, Joyce A, 1992

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Archival resources

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SHELTON MOIRA LENORE : Service Number - 104057 : Date of birth - 04 Sep 1920 : Place of birth - Unknown : Place of enlistment - Unknown : Next of Kin - SHELTON PERCY

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