

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0467

## Dynon, Moira Lenore

(1920 - 1976)

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**Born** 4 September, 1920, Elsternwick Victoria Australia

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**Died** 23 October, 1976, Malvern Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Scientist, Servicewoman, Welfare worker

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### 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 Dynon's 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

#### 2042 - 2042

Commissioned in the Women's Royal Australian Air Force

#### 2043 - 2043

Posted to the Directorate of Armament

#### 2043 - 2043

Promoted to section officer

#### 2044 - 2044

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

#### 2046 - 2046

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

**2050 - 2050**

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

### Resource Section

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### Edited Book

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### Book

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

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

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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