

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0496

## Craig, Audrey Beatrice

(1910 - 1994)

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**Born** 28 January, 1910

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**Died** 11 May, 1994, Western Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Journalist, Print journalist, Servicewoman

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### Summary

On 17 March 1946, Wing Officer Audrey Herring was appointed to the position of Staff Officer in the Directorate of Personal Services Women's Auxiliary Australian Airforce (WAAAF). Previously the Deputy Director WAAAF since 17 November 1943, in this new appointment Herring became responsible for all WAAAF matters.

Prior to joining the WAAAF, Herring worked as a journalist at the *Courier Mail* in Brisbane and also wrote for *Women's Weekly* before she worked on Fleet Street, London, in 1937. Following the outbreak of the World War II she returned to Brisbane and became a Red Cross volunteer, at times cooking breakfasts for servicemen on leave.

After joining the WAAAF, Herring completed the No 1 administrative course at Methodist Ladies College, Kew. During her time in the Service she was promoted through the ranks and before being discharged was effectively in charge of the organisation.

In 1947 Herring was recruited by Sir Keith Murdoch to become the women's editor for the *Herald and Weekly Times*. She left the company in March 1948 to marry Dr John Craig and the couple moved to Western Australia.

In Perth Audrey Craig became involved with community services. She was a member of the Western Australian branch of the Save the Children Fund and sponsored children from destitute backgrounds for 35 years. Also she was a board member of the Western Australian Hospital Benefits Fund for 15 years as well as being a friend of the Royal Perth Hospital for 25 years and a financial supporter of the Bible Society of Australia.

Audrey Craig died on 11 May 1994 in Western Australia.

### Events

**1930 - 1940**

## Published resources

### Newspaper Article

High-flyer in print and volunteer work, 1994

### Resource Section

HERRING, AUDREY BEATRICE, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1069835>

### Book

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

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Site Exhibition

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

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## Digital resources



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