

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person

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Flett, Penelope (Penny) Ruth

Occupation Medical administrator

Summary

Dr Penny Flett, who settled in Australia in 1965, was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for service to the aged and disabled community through the Brightwater Care Group. Prior to becoming the Chief Executive Officer of the Brightwater Care Group on 23 July 1986 Flett worked in a variety of positions including four years with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). In 1974 she became the first woman in peacetime to hold a male rank and the first woman doctor to serve in the RAAF. Penny Flett was named Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year in 1998.

Events

2003 - 2003

Awarded the Centenary Medal

1999 -

Member St George's College Council

1986 -

Chief Executive Officer of the Brightwater Care Group (Inc.)

1974 - 1974

First woman in peacetime to hold a male rank and first woman doctor to serve in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)

1965 - 1965

Settled in Australia

1997 - 2000

Chair of the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Board

1998 - 1998

Telstra Australian Businesswoman of the Year

1999 -

Member of the Australian Bravery Decorations Council

1999 - 2002

Board member of the Positive Ageing Foundation, Western Australia

2001 - 2002

Board member of the State Training Board of Western Australia

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

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Report

Extended care services in metropolitan Perth : directions for change, Planning and Research Branch, Health Department of Western Australia., 1986

Archival resources

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[Biographical cuttings on Dr Penny Flett, first woman doctor to serve in peace time as an officer in the medical service, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

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