

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2288b

## Durack, Sarah (Fanny)

(1889 - 1956)

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**Born** 21 October, 1889, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 20 March, 1956

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### Summary

Sarah (Fanny) Durack battled local swimming authorities to become the first Australian woman to compete at the Olympic Games. In 1912, at Stockholm, she won the gold medal in the 100 meters freestyle event, beating her compatriot and training partner, Wilhelmina (Mina) Wylie. She went on to break numerous world records until she retired from competitive swimming in 1921.

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### Events

Gold Medalist at the Stockholm Olympics – Swimming – 100m Freestyle

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

**Sources used to compile this entry:** *Cochrane, Peter, 'Two Much Boldness and Rudeness': Australia's First 'Olympic Ladies Swimming Team*

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