

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4047

## Ketels, Olive Francis

(1915 - 2007)

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**Born** 11 October, 1915

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**Died** 25 August, 2007

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**Occupation** Journalist, Print journalist

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### Summary

Olive Ketels learned many aspects of running a country newspaper from her stepfather, George Hopkins, a newspaperman who started many newspapers in the 1920s and 30s in regional Victoria. She was the sole female linotype operator in Victoria, as well as a journalist, subeditor, layout artist and composing room stonehand at the family paper, the *Leongatha Echo*, which she kept going during the war, when her older brother was away in New Guinea. As a widow with a small child, she later went on to run a very successful business in Warrnambool (a corsetry & lingerie salon!) & was involved in many other aspects of the life of that town.

### Events

**1940 - 1960**

### Published resources

#### 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>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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