

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Weir, Margaret Williams

( - 2015)

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**Died** 1 October, 2015

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**Occupation** Educator, Naval officer, Teacher

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### Summary

Read more about Margaret Williams Weir in our sister publication [The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia](#).

Margaret Williams passed away in 2015, not long after she was recognised for her contribution to the development of Indigenous education policy by the University of Melbourne through the naming of the Dr Margaret Williams-Weir Lounge in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, and the Dr Margaret Williams-Weir Vice-Chancellor's Fellowship, of which Noel Pearson is the inaugural recipient.

A life-long educator, Dr Williams-Weir was an Alumna of University Women's College, where she was offered a scholarship. She was the first Aboriginal graduate of an Australian University.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

#### Article

First Aboriginal graduate, Margaret Williams-Weir, honoured by Melbourne, Trounson, Andrew, 2015,  
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/first-aboriginal-graduate-margaret-williams-weir-honoured-by-melbourne/story>

#### Resource

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