

The Australian Women's Register

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Bryant, Millicent Maude

(1878 - 1927)

Born 8 January, 1878, Wellington New South Wales Australia

Died 3 November, 1927, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Occupation Aviator, Pilot

Summary

Millicent Bryant was the first woman in the in Australia to gain a pilot's license.

Details

Millicent Bryant was 49 when she became the first woman in Australia to receive a category 'A' private pilot's license, with her test undertaken at the Australian Aero Club of New South Wales on 23 March 1927.

Millicent competed in the inaugural Ladies Oakes flying race on 6 October 1927 and came second with Margaret Reardon coming first and Evelyn Follett coming third in the three-entrant race. Millicent's last recorded flight in her logbook was on 10 October 1927.

Tragically Millicent was killed on 3 November 1927 in the Greycliffe ferry accident on Sydney Harbour.

In 2001 Millicent was inducted into the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame and in 2007 the Australian Women Pilot's Association attached an official plaque to Millicent's tombstone, to mark the 80th anniversary of her pilot's license.

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Millicent Bryant, 1927 \[manuscript\]](#)

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