

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Olive, Win

(1918 - 2000)

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**Born** 2 August, 1918, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Died** 10 December, 2000, Yaroomba Queensland Australia

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**Occupation** Author, Peace campaigner, Writer

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### Summary

Win Olive was heavily impacted by the events of the Second World War, particularly as most of her male friends were deployed overseas to fight. This experience motivated Win's later anti-war activities, as well as her defence of the environment, her concern for Indigenous people and their fight for justice, and her decision to embark on the journey of the *Pacific Peacemaker*.

The *Pacific Peacemaker* sailed around the Pacific in protest of nuclear weapons, specifically the launch of the Trident nuclear submarines in North America. Setting sail in December 1981, the journey took the yacht's eleven crew members nine months. The voyage was documented in the film *The Land My Mother* by David Roberts and Win also published a book about their journey, titled *Voyage of the Pacific Peacemaker*.

### Archival resources

**National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**  
[Papers of Win Olive, 19-- \[manuscript\]](#)

**National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection**  
[Win Olive interviewed by Anne Edgeworth](#)

**Noel Butlin Archives Centre, Australian National University**  
[Tom and Mary Wright Collection deposit 2](#)

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