

The Australian Women's Register

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Mitchelson, Mary

(1929 -)

Born 1 January, 1929, Orbost Victoria Australia

Summary

Mary Mitchelson was the first woman to fish commercially in the Gippsland Lakes. After her children left school she joined her husband, Kevin, in the family business, working full time as Kevin's deckie in the Gippsland Lakes.

She used seine nets to catch patches of mullet, trout and bream.

Kevin and Mary were inseparable and fished together for over 50 years, starting on the "Mary M", a 26' boat built by Kevin and named for her.

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