

The Australian Women's Register

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2WG Women's Club

(1937 - 1960)

Born 1 January, 1937, Wagga Wagga New South Wales Australia

Died 31 December, 1960

Summary

One of Australia's early radio clubs, the 2WG Women's Club was an important fundraising group as well as an essential communication tool for women in the Wagga Wagga region with its twice daily broadcasts and weekly meetings especially for women.

Details

Established in the 1930's, the club ran daily broadcasts for women from its Wagga Wagga station through to the 1960's. Using code names where preferred, women joined the club to exchange greetings or news items on air during the two 45-minute daily sessions allocated to them. Each Thursday members met at the radio premises for a 'Bushell's Tea Party', sharing afternoon tea and a sing-a-long.

Fundraising was the focus of the 2WG Women's Club, and members continued to help finance local facilities in times of economic hardship. The Haven Nursing Home, which was established to provide local care for the elderly and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004, is testament to this prodigious fundraising activity.

The full history of the 2WG Women's Club – a history that “records the contribution of isolated and rural women in the middle decades of the twentieth century to the social fabric of the community” – can now be explored using the Wagga Wagga City Library's archival holdings.

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

Archival resources

Wagga Wagga City Library

[2WG Women's Club Collection](#)

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