# The Australian Women's Register

**Entry type:** Person **Entry ID:** AWE2809

# Sommer, Eva

Occupation Journalist, Print journalist

## Summary

Eva Sommer was an inaugural Walkley award winner in 1956 when she was a cadet on the Sydney *Sun* newspaper. A mystery stowaway had been travelling with other migrants on ships between Europe and Australia but had been unable to land because he could not remember his identity. Sommer, who spoke French and German, interviewed him and helped establish his identity, winning the best news story in the first year of the Walkley award.

#### **Events**

1956 - 1956

Best Piece Of Newspaper Reporting, 'The Mystery Stowaway', The Sun (Sydney)

1955 - 1960

#### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008, <a href="http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html">http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html</a>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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