

The Australian Women's Register

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Irving, Freda Howy

(1903 - 1984)

Born	1 January, 1903, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	31 December, 1984, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Editor, Journalist, Print journalist

Summary

Freda Irving began her career in journalism in Melbourne in 1925, working with the *Sun News Pictorial* in various guises until about 1949 when she joined the *Argus*. She also edited *Woman's Day* and the *Australian Women's Weekly* for short periods of time. In 1978-79, she was president of the Melbourne Press Club.

During the war she joined the Australian Women's Army Service as a private but before long she became Amenities Officer with the rank of captain for the three women's services Army, Air Force and Navy.

She was awarded an MBE for services to Journalism in 1981.

Events

1978 - 1979

1981 - 1981

1925 - 1984

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>

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of Victoria

[Papers, ca. 1932-1984. \[manuscript\].](#)

National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

[IRVING FREDA MARY HOWY : Service Number - VF398095 : Date of birth - 16 Sep 1903 : Place of birth - MELBOURNE VIC : Place of enlistment - MELBOURNE VIC : Next of Kin - IRVING SYBIL](#)

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