

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Whitlam, Margaret Elaine

(1919 - 2012)

<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Born</b>	19 November, 1919, Bondi New South Wales Australia
<b>Died</b>	17 March, 2012, Sydney New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Journalist, Social worker, Sportswoman, Swimmer

### Summary

Recognised as a National Living Treasure, Margaret Whitlam achieved public figure status after 1972 as the wife of Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. She was outspoken on many issues affecting women and was appointed to the National Advisory Committee for International Women's Year in 1974.

### Published resources

#### Book

My Day - First edition., Whitlam, Margaret, 1974

The matriarchs: twelve Australian women talk about their lives to Susan Mitchell., Mitchell, Susan, 1987

My Other World, Whitlam, Margaret, 2001

#### Review

The Life and Times, Producer/Director: Jenny Ainge, 1994

#### Article

Margaret Whitlam 1938 Third British Empire Games, Sydney, 1999,  
[http://www.womensportnsw.com.au/no\\_3.htm](http://www.womensportnsw.com.au/no_3.htm)

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

Gough Whitlam/Margaret Whitlam, National Archives of Australia, 2002,  
<http://primeministers.naa.gov.au/meetpm.asp?pmId=21&pageName=wife>

#### Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

## Archival resources

### **National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra**

National Advisory Committee files, single number series with 'W/NAC' (Women's/National Advisory Committee) or 'NAC' prefix

### **Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection**

Pat Richardson scrapbooks relating to the Women's Electoral Lobby and women's events, 1977-2002

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