

**WOMEN'S AIR TRAINING CORPS, NO 5 WING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

The W.A.T.C. was first formed. in Queensland in 1939. Its aim was “to organise and train members in the Corps for such service as would be of help to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in time of emergency”.

The Western Australian Division was formed in August 1941. Young women from 15 years of age were eligible to join. Mrs de la Rue was appointed the first State Commandant.

In 1942 Mrs de la Rue retired from office and Mrs Eugene Craig, to whom this collection belonged, was appointed Commandant, having served as deputy since 1941. She remained in the Corp until 1946. Mrs Craig served for some time on the Citizens Reception Council a council formed to organize the reception and entertainment of sailors, soldiers, airmen and nurses. She resigned from the council] to become Deputy Commandant of the Women's Air Training Corps in 1941.

After the war the W.A.T.C. carried on for a while helping young women by the way of scholarships, to obtain their flying licenses in the Women's Pilot's | Association. By 1957 the W.A.T.C. was defunct and the funds were paid into the Women's Pilots Association.

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		ACCOUNTS
ACC 4246A/1	31 January 1946	Quarterly statement of payments and receipts.
ACC 4246A/2	14 December 1946	Accounts as at 14 December 1946. W.A.T.C.
		ADDRESSES
ACC 4246A/3	[n.d.]	List of addresses and telephone numbers of Officers of the W.A.T.C.
		CONSTITUTION
ACC 4246A/4	[c1939]	Women's Air Training Corp. Constitution and various motions for alterations
		CORRESPONDENCE

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ACC 4246A/5	12 August 1941	To Mrs Craig from J. Klein, Secretary. Citizen's Reception Council re Mrs Craig's retirement from the Council
ACC 4246A/6	21 August 1941	To Mrs Craig from Padre R. Milford thanking her for her work with "Hospitality"
ACC 4246A/7	21 August 1941	To Mrs Craig from Thomas Meagher, Council Chambers, Perth congratulating her on her appointment as Deputy Commandant, W.A.T.C.
ACC 4246A/8	22 August 1941	To Mrs Craig, Citizens Reception Council from the Commandant, Northam Camp thanking her on behalf of his men for hospitality given to them by the people of Perth
ACC 4246A/9	7 October 1941	To Mrs Craig from Elsie Bective thanking her for flowers
ACC 4246A/10	12 February 1942	From Eugenie Craig to Fl. Lt Davoren, Western Area HQ enclosing her pass to HQ.
ACC 4246A/11	25 February 1942	From E. Craig to State Commandant, W.A.T.C. re calling a meeting.
ACC 4246A/12	28 February 1942.	From States Record Officer to State Commandant, W.A.T.C. Re meeting
ACC 4246A/13	3 March 1942	E. Craig to the Countess of Bective, Australian Commandant, W.A.T.C. Melbourne re resignation of W.A.'S Commandant Mrs de la Rue
ACC 4246A/14	7 October 1942	E. Craig to Col. Manning, Government House, Perth re Lady Gowrie addressing the corps on her visit to Perth
ACC 4246A/15	7-10 April 1943	Several letters re women's Voluntary Services in Perth
ACC 4246A/16	9 December 1943	Air Commodore Brownell, R.A.A.F. to S/Ldr. E. Butterfield, Sydney asking him to assist Mrs E. Craig with a passage back to Melbourne. Mrs Craig on W.A.T.C. duties at Commonwealth Conference in Sydney
ACC 4246A/17	25 March 1944	E. Craig to Air Commodore Browne re examination papers.
ACC 4246A/18	21 May 1945	Pass admitting S.E. Craig to Guildford Aerodrome
ACC 4246A/19	23 August 1945	Letter to all States re the continuance of the W.A.T.C. after the end of the war
ACC 4246A/20	17 October 1945	From A.C.W. Beryl Lucas stationed at Port Pirie, SA. Thanks for a birthday cake sent by W.A. Corp. Awaiting discharge as W.A.A.F. has been dissolved
ACC 4246A/21	30 October 1945	Margaret Bridge, A.F.C. Kalgoorlie Squadron, W.A.T.C. Squadron's news and possible closure
ACC 4246A/22	27 November 1945	From Mortlock Bros Ltd re vacating of 1016 Hay St, W.A.T.C. quarters
ACC 4246A/23	6 December 1945	To all State Commandants for W.A.T.C. HQ, Melbourne re arrival council meeting for February 1946
ACC 4246A/24	7 January 1946	To all Wings from Queensland Wing - re annual report
ACC 4246A/25	16 January 1946	To all State Commandants from HQ Melbourne. Agenda for February Council meeting in Melbourne
ACC 4246A/26	18 January 1946	To T.J. Rankine-Wilson Esq. Perth thanking him for auditing the corps accounts
ACC 4246A/27	21 February 1946	To all State Commandants from HQ Melbourne. Date of Australian Council - list of delegates
ACC 4246A/28	6 April 1946	From Dorothy Anderson, Fremantle concerning the disbanding of the W.A.T.C. in Fremantle
ACC 4246A/29	22 July 1946	V. Levy to Mrs Craig re accounts.
ACC 4246A/30	20 September 1946	To Miss J. Bowler, Mount Lawley thanking her for her work with the WA Women's Flying Club

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ACC 4246A/31	20 November [1946]	From O.C. Albany Flight, W.A.T.C. to HQ No 5 Wing, W.A.T.C. Re going into recess
ACC 4246A/32	22 November 1946	To Mrs Craig re W.A.T.C. Patriotic Fund from Chief Secretary's Office, Perth
ACC 4246A/33	18 January 1947	To the President, War Funds Council, Perth. From the Commandant, (Mrs Craig) telling of decision to continue work of W.A.T.C. with addition of flying training.
ACC 4246A/34	28 January 1947	From T.J. Rankine-Wilson thanking the Commandant for an honorarium of 5 guineas for auditing accounts
ACC 4246A/35	[n.d.]	To Mrs Craig from R.A.A.F. HQ, Albert Park congratulating Mrs Craig on her organisation of the W.A. Wing
ACC 2405A	8 October 1957	To Trustees of W.A.T.C. Scholarship Fund - receipt from A.T.C.
ACC 2405A	16 October 1957	From Chief Secretary's Office, Perth. Funds from the now defunct W.A.T.C. paid into Women's Pilots' Assoc.
		INVITATIONS
ACC 4246A/36	31 August 1943	Invitations to Dr and Mrs S. Craig Dance, Officers Mess, Royal Australian Air Force, Pearce
ACC 4246A/37	26 August 1944	Invitation to Wing Commandant Craig to be present at the Annual March of No 5 Wing A.T.C. Salute taken by the Lt Governor Sir James Mitchell.
ACC 4246A/38	23 September 1944	Rear Admiral Commanding, 4 th Cruiser Squadron, Captain & Officers. Inviting Dr & Mrs S. Craig on board their ship
ACC 4246A/39	7 April 1945	Lt. Gov. & Lady Mitchell invite Wing Commandant Craig to a Reception at Government House Grounds to meet the Duke & Duchess of Gloucester
		MINUTES
ACC 4246A/40	20 August 1941 - 25 November 1946	Minute book of the W.A.T.C. No 5 Wing Western Australia. 1 Volume
		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
ACC 4246A/41		Featuring the W.A.T.C. No 5 Wing, W.A. and the Eastern States divisions. Some feature Mrs Craig
		PHOTOGRAPH
	April 1943	W.A.T.C. Fife and Drum Band <i>(transferred to pictorial collection)</i>
		PROGRAMMES
ACC 4246A/42	9-10 December 1944	Albany and Denmark Flights, A.T.C. Third Annual Weekend Souvenir Programme
		PUBLICATIONS
ACC 4246A/43	[1946]	"Fifanella' Vol 1 No. 2 A magazine published by the W.A.T.C. (probably the No. 5 Wing, Western Australia as the title suggests)
		REGULATIONS
ACC 4246A/44	[n.d.]	Officers Mess - Etiquette
		REPORTS

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		<i>W.A.T.C. — No 5 Wing - Western Australia</i>
ACC 4246A/45	1941-1942	W.A.T.C. Western Australian Division Annual report
ACC 4246A/46	14 May 1942	Special report to Australian Council of the W.A.T.C. regarding difficulties in WA Wing
ACC 4246A/47	10 April 1943	Report of Activities of W.A.T.C. WA Division for information of Sir Carl Jess, Director of National Service, Melbourne
ACC 4246A/48	1944	W.A.T.C. No 5 Wing Western Australia 3rd Annual report.
ACC 4246A/49	1945	W.A.T.C. Western Australian Division 4th Annual report and report of resignation of Commandant.
		<i>W.A.T.C. - Other Reports</i>
ACC 4246A/50	1944	Annual general meeting in Melbourne Minutes and reports of the annual meeting of the Australian Council of the W.A.T.C. Held in Melbourne, November 1944
ACC 4246A/50/1	September 1944	Report of the Women's Air Training Corps Associates for 12 months ending September 1944
ACC 4246A/50/2	3 October 1944	Annual report of the Silver Wings Canteen
ACC 4246A/50/3	1 November 1944	Report of the Australian Commandant Women's Air Training Corps Presented at the Annual General Council meeting in Melbourne.
ACC 4246A/50/4	1 November 1944	Minutes of the meeting of the Australian Council of the W.A.T.C. held at Trustees Executive Board Room, Collin Street, Melbourne.
ACC 4246A/50/5	4 November 1944	Confidential report on meeting of the W.A.T.C. Australian Council held in Melbourne 1-6 November 1944.
ACC 4246A/50/6	[n.d.]	W.A.T.C. - Minute re termination of W.A.T.C. at the end of the war.
ACC 4246A/51	1 November 1944 - 31 October 1945	W.A.T.C. - Queensland - State Commandant's report
ACC 4246A/52	30 September 1945	W.A.T.C. Victorian Wing. 6 th annual report
ACC 4246A/53	1 November 1944 - 31 December 1945	W.A.T.C. Tasmanian Division - Southern Unit. - Northern Unit. Annual reports; Annual balance sheet 1943-1944
ACC 4246A/54	54 October 1944 - December 1945	W.A.T.C. South Australian Division. Annual Report.
ACC 4246A/55	22 October 1945	W.A.T.C. Annual General meeting
ACC 4246A/56	26 February 1946	W.A.T.C. Australian Council Meeting, held in Trustees Executors Agency Co boardroom in Melbourne. Minutes.
ACC 4246A/57	26 February 1946	W.A.T.C. Representatives to Australian Council Meeting. Minutes; financial statement.
ACC 4246A/58	26 February 1946	W.A.T.C. Meeting of the Australian Council of the W.A.T.C. Original notes.
ACC 4246A/59		"What the Minister did not say". Re the National Security Act and its regulations (appropos of clothing)

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