

## Margaret Whitlam (nee Dovey)

Born: 19 November, 1919 at the family home in 2 Miller Street, Bondi. Her childhood was spent here.

In 2005 she was quoted in an article in the *Bondi View* newspaper as saying she often re-visits Miller Street.

She did her infants and primary schooling at the Bondi Public School, Wellington Street, Bondi, starting in 1926.

Margaret's father, Wilfred Robert Dovey (1894-1969) was a Waverley Councillor 1935-1936.

Swimming career:

- Member of Bondi Ladies Amateur Swimming Club, based at the Bondi Baths.
- She became a member of Harry Nightingale's swimming group. Harry was a swimming coach and father of the Waverley Council Lifeguard of the same name, Harry Nightingale.
- In 1937 the Bondi Ladies Amateur Swimming Club was claimed to be the largest women's club in NSW.
- State Open champion for 1939-1940 in 220 yards breaststroke
- 1938 Commonwealth (British Empire) Games representative coming 6<sup>th</sup> in the final of the 220 yards breaststroke

Margaret Whitlam died March 16, 2012.



Gough and Margaret Whitlam at the opening of Bondi Pavilion and Cultural Centre in 1975