‘Nurse or not? The Voluntary Aid Detachment and Australian Army Medical Women’s Service during the Second World War

War Studies Seminar Series

Some 8500 women served in the Australian Army during the Second World War with the Voluntary Aid Detachment and the Australian Army Medical Women’s Service.
Their story is often missing from histories of Australia at war, partly because their work alongside nurses is hard to separate from that of the Australian Army Nursing Service. This paper, from Dr Smeaton’s book *Nursing Aids at War* (Cambridge University Press, 2026), examines their training and experiences, and their effect on nursing.

Speaker
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Details
Monday, 9 November 2026,
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