Entry type: Person
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Bunyan, Ruth Elizabeth

(1940 -)

Born	19400716, Victoria Australia
Occupation	Educator, Headmistress

Summary

A former principal of Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School (1990-2001), Ruth Bunyan became a member (and then a director) of the Invergowrie Foundation Council, a philanthropic organisation that issues grants to community groups to advance girls' education in Victoria.

Details

The daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Barkley, Ruth was educated at Morongo Girls College and Geelong High School. She completed her tertiary education at the University of Melbourne and the University Women's College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science and a Diploma of Education.

In 1963, Ruth Barkley married Peter James Bunyan (deceased 1996). The pair had three children.

Bunyan worked as a haematologist at Mater Hospital in Newcastle before becoming a Lecturer in mathematics at the Victoria College of Pharmacy. Later she taught maths at Mitcham High School and Geelong High School, before becoming Chief of Staff at Presbyterian Ladies' College, Melbourne.

Bunyan was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at St Margaret's Girls School, Berwick, and from 1990 until her retirement in 2001, was Principal of Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School, Melbourne.

Ruth Bunyan enjoys travel, reading, music, theatre, bushwalking and tennis. She is a member of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria and the Lyceum Club (Melbourne).

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Events

2001 - 2001
Director, Mentone Girls' Grammar School

1990 - 2001
Member of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia

2001 - 2001
Member, Acton Early Childhood Centre

1993 - 1993
Member, Invergowrie Foundation Council

1990 - 2001
Principal, Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School (Melbourne)

Published resources

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

Resource
Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003, http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html

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