

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE0447

## Boyce, Una Parry

(1911 - 2003)

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**Born** 6 April, 1911, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 29 October, 2003

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**Occupation** Community worker, Nurse

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### Summary

Una Boyce was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) on 10 June 1991 and appointed an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) twenty years earlier, on 1 January 1971, for services to War Widows. She was state secretary of the War Widows' Guild of Australia (New South Wales) from 1961 until 1989, becoming a life member of the War Widows' Guild in 2000.

The daughter of Charles and Kate E. D (née Swan) Robertson, Boyce was educated at Abbotsleigh School for Girls, Wahroonga, and completed her education at the University of London. On 26 April 1940 she married war veteran Norman Boyce and the pair had three children. Boyce joined the War Widows' Guild of Australia (New South Wales) in 1946 after her husband's death.

Una Boyce enjoyed reading, travel, gardening and music and was a member of the Royal Automobile Association of Australia and Victory Services, London.

## Events

### **1991 - 1991**

Awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her service to war widows

### **1971 - 1971**

Appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire for her service to war widows

### **1961 - 1989**

State Secretary, War Widows' Guild of Australia NSW

### **1936 - 1938**

Sister-Tutor, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

### **1936 - 1936**

Diploma, University of London

### **1929 - 1929**

Commenced nursing training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

### **1956 - 1973**

Chairwoman of the Outward Bound girls' division

### **1973 - 1989**

Board member of Outward Bound Foundation

### **2000 - 2000**

Made a Life Member of the War Widows' Guild of Australia (NSW) Limited

### **1935 - 1935**

Registered Midwife, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London

### **1934 - 1934**

Graduated as a gold medal nurse

### **1983 - 1983**

Foundation member, Women's Standing Committee World Veterans Federation

### **1969 - 1969**

Committee Member, Outward Bound Memorial Foundation

### **1957 - 1957**

Foundation Fellow, NSW College of Nursing

## Published resources

### **Book**

No mean destiny : the story of the War Widows' Guild of Australia 1945-85, Clark, Mavis Thorpe, 1986

### **Edited Book**

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

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

### **Resource**

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

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### **Newspaper Article**

Champion of Australian war widows, Boyce, Mick, 2003

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia**

[Biographical cuttings on Una Boyce, former secretary of the War Widows' Guild of NSW, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

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