

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE0447

Boyce, Una Parry

(1911 - 2003)

Born	19110406, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	20031029
Occupation	Community worker, Nurse

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

1971 - 1971

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

1991 - 1991

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

1973 - 1989

Board member of Outward Bound Foundation

1956 - 1973

Chairwoman of the Outward Bound girls' division

1929 - 1929

Commenced nursing training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

1969 - 1969

Committee Member, Outward Bound Memorial Foundation

1936 - 1936

Diploma, University of London

1957 - 1957

Foundation Fellow, NSW College of Nursing

1983 - 1983

Foundation member, Women's Standing Committee World Veterans Federation

1934 - 1934

Graduated as a gold medal nurse

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

1936 - 1938

Sister-Tutor, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

1961 - 1989

State Secretary, War Widows' Guild of Australia NSW

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

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[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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