

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Williams, Meta Talbot

(1918 - 2010)

Born	7 July, 1918, Brisbane Queensland Australia
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Died	13 November, 2010
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Occupation	Community worker
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Summary

On 29 June 1985 Meta Williams was appointed to the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil) (OBE) for services to the Girl Guide Movement.

Williams' association with Guiding commenced at the end of 1930 when she became a member of the 1st Coorparoo Company (23rd Brisbane) and was enrolled in early 1931. She went on to hold a variety of positions at local, state and national levels.

In 1984 Williams researched and compiled the publication *The Continuing Challenge: a history of Queensland Guiding from 1919-84* which was launched by Senator Lady Bjelke-Petersen. This was followed by *The Continuing Challenge Part 1 1984-91* in 1992 as well as histories of four former State Commissioners' terms of office.

Williams was also a member of the state executive of the YWCA Queensland, member of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland and the Pan-Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association (Queensland).

In March 1981 Meta Williams was honoured in being elected Mother of the Year (Queensland).

Events

1961 - 1990

Member of the State Council of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1976 - 1981

Member of the Australian Executive Girl Guides Association of Australia

1976 - 1981

State Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1973 - 1976

State Headquarters Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1974 - 1975

Australian Policy, Organisation and Rules Co-ordinator of the Girl Guides Association

1972 - 1973

Region Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1970 - 1972

State Camping Advisor of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1965 - 1970

State Guide Advisor

1961 - 1965

Division Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1936 - 1944

Guide Leader of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1930 -

Member of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1981 - 1986

State Treasurer of the YWCA Queensland

1980 - 1991

Member of the YWCA Queensland

1982 - 1985

Honorary Treasurer of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland

1981 - 1991

Member of United Nations Queensland Branch

1976 - 1987

Member of the Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Australia Inc Queensland Branch

1987 - 1992

Assistant State Archivist of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1981 - 1986

Vice-President of the State Council of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1976 - 1981

Chairman of the State Executive of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

2018 - 2018

Born: daughter of Hubert Lethbridge and Gladys Elwyn Talbot Deshon

1981 - 1981

Queensland Mother of the Year

1969 - 1969

Awarded the Red Kangaroo for Guiding

1943 - 1943

Married: Roderick Guildford Williams and they had one daughter

Published resources

Edited Book

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

Resource Section

State Commissioner 1976 - 1981,

http://www.guidesqld.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=76&Itemid=51

Book

The continuing challenge. Part 2, A brief history of the progression and achievements of the Girl Guides Association (Queensland, Australia) July 1984 - March 1991, Williams, Meta (researched and compiled by), 1991

Lady Macartney, State Commissioner, 1919-1945: the first twenty-five years, Williams, Meta (compiled by), 1992

Mrs Lilian Gresham, MBE, State Commissioner, 1945-1954: the post-war reconstruction era, Williams, Meta (compiled by), 1992

Mrs Meta Williams, OBE, State Commissioner, 1976-1981: the progressive seventies, Williams, Meta (researched and compiled by), 1992

Mrs Joie Dwyer, State Commissioner, 1986-1991: challenge and achievement, Williams, Meta (researched and compiled by), 1992

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