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Williams, Meta Talbot

(1918 - 2010)

Born	19180707, Brisbane Queensland Australia
Died	20101113, Sutherland New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Community worker

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 complied 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 11 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

1987 - 1992
Assistant State Archivist of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1974 - 1975
Australian Policy, Organisation and Rules Co-ordinator of the Girl Guides Association

1969 - 1969
Awarded the Red Kangaroo for Guiding

1918 - 1918
Born: daughter of Hubert Lethbridge and Gladys Elwyn Talbot Deshon

1976 - 1981
Chairman of the State Executive of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1961 - 1965
Division Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1936 - 1944
Guide Leader of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1982 - 1985
Honorary Treasurer of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland

1943 - 1943
Married: Roderick Guildford Williams and they had one daughter

1976 - 1981
Member of the Australian Executive Girl Guides Association of Australia

1930 -
Member of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1976 - 1987
Member of the Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Australia Inc Queensland Branch

1961 - 1990
Member of the State Council of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1980 - 1991
Member of the YWCA Queensland

1981 - 1991
Member of United Nations Queensland Branch

1981 - 1981
Queensland Mother of the Year

1972 - 1973
Region Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1970 - 1972
State Camping Advisor of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1976 - 1981
State Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1965 - 1970
State Guide Advisor

1973 - 1976
State Headquarters Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

1981 - 1986
State Treasurer of the YWCA Queensland

1981 - 1986
Vice-President of the State Council of the Girl Guides Association of Queensland

Published resources

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

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