

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0489

## Rich, Ruby

(1888 - 1988)

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**Born** 1 January, 1888, Walgett New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1988

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**Occupation** Feminist, Musician, Pacifist

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### Summary

Ruby Rich was a significant figure in the Australian women's movement in the interwar period. A concert pianist in London and Sydney, she was an early president of the Australian Federation of Women Voters and joined the Feminist Club in Sydney in 1923. She was instrumental in the formation of the Racial Hygiene Association of New South Wales in 1925. Over the next 50 years she was a member and office-holder in numerous feminist, family planning, peace, international and Jewish organisations.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

Guide to the Papers of Ruby Rich, National Library of Australia, 1999,  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-296328435/findingaid>

#### Journal Article

Not merely housewives. Australian Jewish Women. Paper presented to Australian Jewish Historical Society. Meeting (1980: Sydney)-, Cohen, Lysbeth, 1981

#### Book Section

Beginning with Esther: Some distinguished Jewish women of New South Wales, Cohen, Lysbeth, 1980

## Archival resources

### **Archive of Australian Judaica**

[Ruby Rich-Schalit Collection](#)

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1906-1984 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers on various Australian women \[19--\] \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1943-1948 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Records of the Australian Federation of Women Voters, 1920-1983 \[manuscript\]](#)

### **Australian Jewish Historical Society Archives**

[SHALIT, Dr. M. A. and RICH, Miss Ruby \(Mrs. Shalit\)](#)

### **Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection**

[Feminist Club of New South Wales records, 1928-1973](#)

### **National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection**

[Ruby Rich interviewed by Hazel de Berg in the Hazel de Berg collection \[sound recording\]](#)

[Ruby Rich interviewed by Hazel de Berg for the Hazel de Berg collection \[sound recording\]](#)

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### **National Library of Australia**

[\[Biographical cuttings on Ruby Rich, feminist, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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