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Crisp, Helen Craven

(1916 - 2002)

Born	19160926
Died	20020525
Occupation	Educator, Feminist

Summary

From 1976 until 2002 Helen Crisp was an Honorary Fellow with the University of Canberra (formerly Canberra College of Advanced Education). She was made a Member of the Order of Australia on 8 June 1981 for service to education.

The daughter of E and D Wighton, Crisp completed her education at Girton (Adelaide) before graduating from the universities of Adelaide and Oxford. She married Leslie Crisp (later a professor at the Australian National University) on 22 June 1940. Helen Crisp, a feminist who worked in the field of education, was a member of several women's and social welfare organisations.

Events

1981 - 1981

Appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

1991 - 1994

Commissioner at the Australian Capital Territory Legal Aid Commission

1985 - 1986

Council chairmain of the Canberra College of Advanced Education

1966 - 1984

Deputy chairman of the Canberra College of Advanced Education

1974 - 1975

Deputy chairman of the interim committee for the Capital Territory Health Commission

1975 - 1977

Deputy commissioner of the Capital Territory Health Commission

1976 - 2002

Honorary Fellow at the University of Canberra (formerly Canberra College of Advanced Education)

1961 - 1971

Member of the Canberra technical education advisory committee/council

1965 - 1966

Member of the commonwealth committee of enquiry into the need for a College of Advanced Education in the Australian Capital Territory

1962 - 1965

President of the Australian Federation of University Women

1980 - 1980

Publication *The Mothering Years*

Published resources

Book

The Mothering Years: The Story of the Canberra Mothercraft Society 1926-1979, Crisp, Helen and Rudduck, Loma, 1979

Edited Book

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

Newspaper Article

Served Canberra's people, Crisp, Gerry, 2002

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

From Lady Denman to Katy Gallagher: A Century of Women's Contributions to Canberra, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2013,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/ldkg>

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Helen Crisp, 1939-1983 \[manuscript\]](#)

National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Helen Crisp interviewed by Ian Hamilton \[sound recording\]](#)

National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

[Associations individual - National Council of Women \(Helen Craven Crisp\)](#)

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