

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Crisp, Helen Craven

(1916 - 2002)

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**Born** 26 September, 1916

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**Died** 25 May, 2002

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**Occupation** Educator, Feminist

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### 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)

### **1976 - 2002**

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

### **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

### **1975 - 1977**

Deputy commissioner of the Capital Territory Health Commission

### **1974 - 1975**

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

### **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

### **1961 - 1971**

Member of the Canberra technical education advisory committee/council

### **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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