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# Crisp, Helen Craven

(1916 - 2002)

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| **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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