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Browne, Ida Alison

(1900 - 1976)

Born	19000816, Paddington New South Wales Australia
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Occupation	Academic, Geologist, Palaeontologist

Summary

Ida Alison Browne lectured in palaeontology at the University of Sydney from 1935 to 1950, before working jointly with her husband, William Rowan Browne, a renowned geologist.

She was educated at Fort Street Girls' High School in Sydney, before attending the University of Sydney where, in 1922, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science, with First Class Honours. She was awarded the University Medal in geology. In 1932, she was awarded a Doctorate of Science.

Later in her career, she served as a Member of the Australian National Research Council.

Events

1935 - 1935
Appointed Assistant Lecturer in palaeontology at the University of Sydney

1923 - 1927
Demonstrator in geology, University of Sydney.

1924 -
Member of the Linnean Society from 1924, councillor (1941-50) and president (1945-46).

1935 -
Member of the Royal Society from 1935, vice-president (1942-50), honorary editorial secretary (1950-53) and president (1953-54)

1940 - 1940
Promoted to Lecturer

1945 - 1945
Promoted to Senior Lecturer

1927 - 1927
Received a Linnean Macleay fellowship, which she used to undertake geological investigation of the South Coast

1950 - 1970
Resigned and instead worked from home with her husband William Rowan Browne, a renowned geologist

1934 - 1934
Returned to demonstrating at the University of Sydney

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