

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4343

## Browne, Ida Alison

(1900 - 1976)

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**Born** 19000816, Paddington New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 19761021, Edgecliff New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Geologist, Palaeontologist

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### 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

## Published resources

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

The Biographical Dictionary of Women in Science: Pioneering Lives from Ancient Times to the Mid-20th Century, Ogilvie, Marilyn Bailey and Harvey, Joy Dorothy, 2000

### Resource Section

Browne, Ida Alison (1900 - 1976), Walker, Roseanne, 2009,  
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P002277b.htm>

Browne, Ida Alison (1900 - 1976), Vallance, T.G., 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A130741b.htm>

### Book

Irresistible forces: Australian women in science, Hooker, Claire, 2004

## Archival resources

### University of Sydney, Archives

[Personal archives of BROWNE Ida Alison \[1900-1976\]](#)

### Macleay Museum

[Dorothy Powell Albums](#)

### Author Details

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