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# Browne, Ida Alison

(1900 - 1976)

Born	19000816, Paddington New South Wales Australia
Died	19761021, Edgecliff New South Wales Australia
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

## 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](#)

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