

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Childs, Thelma Minnie

(1914 - 2003)

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**Born** 12 July, 1914, Singleton New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 13 March, 2003

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**Occupation** Matron, Servicewoman

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### Summary

For recognition of her nursing service with the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS), Thelma Childs was awarded the Royal Red Cross medal on 14 June 1946. She undertook her nursing training at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and upon completion was appointed to the staff. In 1941 she enlisted in the RAAFNS for service not only in Australia but also the United States of America, England, Canada and New Guinea. At the time of her discharge, on 2 November 1945, she held the position of Matron. Four days after her discharge she married Captain F H Childs MC.

### Events

#### 1933 - 1937

Completed nursing training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney

#### 1941 - 1941

Appointed to Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS) as a Staff-Nurse

#### 1942 - 1942

Promoted to Sister, then Senior Sister

#### 2043 - 2043

Sent on special medical escort duty to the United States of America, England and Canada

#### 2043 - 2043

Sent to New Guinea in charge of a Medical Clearing Station

#### 2046 - 2046

Discharge from service with rank of Matron

#### 2045 - 2045

Married Captain F H Childs MC

#### 2046 - 2046

Awarded Royal Red Cross Medal (First Class)

## Published resources

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Resource Section

MOXHAM, THELMA MINNIE, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1069277>

### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia, 1947, Chisholm, Alec H, 1947

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