

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0660

## Lyon, Heather Isabel

(1917 - 2008)

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**Born** 17 March, 1917, South Yarra Victoria Australia

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**Died** 18 March, 2008, Edithvale Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Educator

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### Summary

Pre-school teacher and educator Heather Lyon was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire on 11 June 1977 for her service to education.

### Events

#### 1952 - 1952

Principal of the State College of Victoria Institute of Early Childhood Development (formerly Kindergarten Training College)

#### 1937 - 1937

Awarded Diploma from Kindergarten Training College, Melbourne

#### 1953 - 1953

Awarded the Queen's Coronation Medal

#### 1944 - 1946

Awarded the Free Kindergarten Union Travelling Scholarship for overseas study

#### 1958 - 1958

Awarded the Fulbright/Smith Mundt Research Scholarship for study in the United States of America

#### 1939 - 1939

Awarded Advanced Diploma from Kindergarten Training College, Melbourne

#### 1946 - 1946

Gained Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Columbia

#### 1959 - 1959

Member of the Australian College of Education (MACE)

#### 1968 - 1968

Fellow of the Australian College of Education (FACE)

#### 1938 - 1941

Kindergarten teacher

#### 1942 - 1944

Director of the Ada Mary A'Beckett Kindergarten at Fisherman's Bend

#### 1947 - 1951

Lecturer at the Kindergarten Training College in Kew

**1948 - 1951**

Vice-principal at the Kindergarten Training College in Kew

**1978 - 1981**

Member of the State Enquiry into Teacher Education

**1978 - 1978**

Member of the Church of England Kindergarten Council

**1977 - 1977**

Appointed a Member of the British Empire

**1978 - 1978**

Council member of the Graduate Association of the Institute of Early Childhood Development

**1973 - 1973**

Consultant to the New South Wales Teacher Education Board for accrediting pre-school courses

**1975 - 1975**

Member of the Accreditation Panel for the Western Australian Tertiary Education Commission to accredit Early Childhood courses at the Western Australia Institute of Technology

**1973 - 1977**

Foundation member for the Senate of the State College of Victoria

**1975 - 1977**

Member of the Victorian Standing Committee on Pre-School Child Development

**1976 - 1976**

Member of the Premier's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Schools

**1960 - 1970**

Member of the Committee on Training Volunteers for Youth Work with the YWCA

**1952 - 1952**

Member of the Lyceum Club (Melbourne)

**1974 - 1980**

Member of the Zonta Club of Melbourne

**Published resources****Edited Book**

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

**Book**

In the steps of James Cowling : an account of a visit to St. Agnes, Cornwall in 1981, with some genealogical observations and sketches of the lives of one line of descendants of James Cowling born in 1802, Lyon, Heather I., 1917-, [1982?].

The silver tea pot : the story of how the teapot, presented in 1824 to John Lyon of Edinburgh, together with other relics, helped to trace a family story, Lyon, Heather I., 1917-, 1985.

**Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

**Archival resources****National Library of Australia**

[\[Biographical cuttings on Heather Lyon, college principal, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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