

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Fawkes, Barbara

(1914 - 2002)

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**Born** 19141224, Tonbridge Kent England

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**Died** 20021004, Tunbridge Wells Sussex England

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**Occupation** Nurse educator

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### Summary

Barbara Fawkes was chief education officer and examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales; principal tutor sister at the Middlesex Hospital, London; and president of the International Council of Nurses. Granted a fellowship by the Red Cross to study in America, Fawkes obtained a BSc in Nursing at Columbia University. Sponsored by the Florence Nightingale Foundation she toured Australia and New Zealand in 1953 studying Australia's hospitals and nurse training methods. She was made a Fellow of the New South Wales College of Nursing and a Life Governor of the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1984. She received an OBE for her services to nursing. Fawkes visited Australia on many occasions and lived in Melbourne in her retirement in the 1980s, while continuing to serve on medical boards and participate in conferences.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003, <http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Newspaper Article

Passion for nursing took her around the world, Collins, Sheila

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Barbara Fawkes 1954-1984 \[manuscript\]](#)

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