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Dobson, Ruth

(1918 - 1989)

Born 19181005, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Died 19891214, Canberra Australian Capital Territory Australia

Occupation Diplomat

Summary

Ruth Dobson was the first woman career diplomat appointed as an ambassador for Australia, to Denmark from 1974 to 1978 and then to Ireland from 1978 to 1981, having previously served in London, Geneva (for the Australian United Nations delegation), New Zealand, Manila and Athens. Her diplomatic career was interrupted when she was seconded to Government House in 1965 as private secretary to Lady Maie Casey, the Governor-General's wife, until 1967. She was appointed an Officer in the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1982 following her retirement from the diplomatic service.

Published resources

Article

Ruth Violet Dobson (1918–1989), Marchant, Sylvia, 2007,
<https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/dobson-ruth-violet-12424>

Archival resources

National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra
[Papers of Ruth Lissant Dobson OBE](#)

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection
[Papers of Ruth Dobson](#)

National Library of Australia, Oral History Collection
[Ruth Dobson interviewed by Ian Hamilton \[sound recording\]](#)

National Library of Australia
[Biographical cuttings on Ruth Dobson, diplomat, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals](#)

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