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Hendry, Margaret

(1930 - 2001)

Born	19300511, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	20010320, Canberra Australian Capital Territory Australia
Occupation	Landscape architect

Summary

Margaret Hendry was one of the first women to work as a landscape architect in Australia. Between 1963 and 1974 she worked on the landscape development of Canberra for the National Capital Development Commission, and was then appointed a senior lecturer at the Canberra College of Advanced Education (now University of Canberra).

Details

Margaret Hendry studied at Burnley Horticultural College in Melbourne, graduating in 1948, then completed a diploma in landscape design at Kings College at Durham University. She worked for the Basildon Development Corporation with architect Dame Sylvia Crowe for four years before returning to Australia in 1961 to work for the Housing Commission of Victoria. From 1963 to 1974 she was employed by the National Capital Development Commission, working on the design of town centres, shopping centres, parks, schools and recreation areas, before her appointment as Senior Lecturer in the School of Environmental Design at the Canberra College of Advanced Education.

Hendry was instrumental in the establishment of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, being a foundation member in 1966 and appointed a Fellow of the Institute in 1972. She also served as President of the Soroptimist Club in Canberra, President of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NSW) and was a member of the Women's Advisory Board to the NSW state government. In 1992 she was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to women's affairs. A primary school in the Canberra suburb of Taylor, opened in 2019, is named in her honour.

Published resources

Obituary

Margaret Hendry, OAM, Simons, Phyl, 2001

Book

Professional practice in landscape design, Hendry, Margaret, 1980

Archival resources

ACT Heritage Library

[Margaret Hendry interviewed by Matthew Higgins](#)

National Library of Australia

[Biographical cuttings on Margaret Hendry, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals](#)

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