

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2256

## Fisher, Elizabeth (Betty) Mary

(1925 - 2022)

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<b>Born</b>	19250908, Yorkshire England
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<b>Died</b>	20221123, Adelaide South Australia Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Activist, Environmentalist, Feminist, Sports administrator
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### Summary

Betty Fisher (nee Dawson) was born 8 September 1925 in Yorkshire, England arriving in South Australia in 1927 on the 'SS Benalla'. A feminist and advocate for Aboriginal rights and conservation, Betty was International Women's Day president for eight years and the first female president of the Conservation Council of South Australia.

Betty Fisher received a Flinders University medal for services to women, was a 1988 Bicentenary medallist and served on the SA State Schools Organisations State Council. She was a member of the National Fitness Council of Australia. She was also a key witness at the Hindmarsh Island Royal Commission, where she produced notes and tape recordings from the 1960s which confirmed the site was of significant cultural importance to Aboriginal women.

### Events

#### 2018 - 2018

Life time achievement award

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Papers of the Migrant and Indigenous Women Action Group](#)

[Papers relating to the National Fitness Council of South Australia](#)

[Betty Fisher : SUMMARY RECORD](#)

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