

The Australian Women's Register

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Gibson, Margaret

Occupation Editor, Journalist, Newspaper Proprietor

Summary

Margaret Gibson ran the *Central Queensland News* for nearly twenty years in the 1960s and 70s. Established by her mother in 1937, who convinced some local businessmen that they should become shareholders and help her to purchase the *Leichhardt Weekly* (to be renamed the *Central Queensland News*), Gibson took over the running of the paper when her mother became ill in 1963. She was the first woman to be elected President and life member of the Queensland Country Press Association in 1978/79.

Details

Like her mother before her, Margaret Gibson was an enterprising woman who was very much involved in community affairs in Emerald, where she lived. She became the first woman to be a member of the Emerald Shire Council, serving from 1970-1979. As deputy chair of the council from 1973-79 she represented the shire at regional and state government conferences. She was very influential in the Emerald Arts Council Committee and was foundation president of the Emerald Pioneer Cottage.

Events

1960 - 1980

Career in journalism active

1980 - 1980

MBE for services to the community

Published resources

Thesis

Women in Central Queensland: A study of three coastal centres 1940-1965, Johansen, Grace, 2002, <http://library-resources.cqu.edu.au/thesis/adt-QCQU/public/adt-QCQU20060921.120038/index.html>

Site Exhibition

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Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Resource

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