The Australian Women's Register

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Miles, Beatrice (Bea)

(1902 - 1973)

Born	19020917, Ashfield, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	19731203, Randwick Sydney New South Wales
Occupation	Rebel

Summary

Bea Miles was notorious in Sydney for her disruptive conduct in public places, and her criticism of political and social authorities. She had no fixed address, and sometimes raised money for food and transport by reciting Shakespeare: alternatively, she simply refused to pay fares. Miles claimed to have been falsely convicted by police 195 times, and fairly convicted a further 100 times. Bea Miles advocated free love and was a fervent nationalist. The 1984 musical, *Better Known as Bee*, was based on her life.

Published resources

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