

The Australian Women's Register

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Marks, Gladys Hope

(1883 - 1970)

Born 14 December, 1883, Brisbane Queensland Australia

Died 6 January, 1970, Paddington New South Wales Australia

Occupation Academic, Teacher, Women's rights activist

Summary

Gladys Hope Marks was a lifelong supporter of women's rights. She was active in a range of feminist groups, including the National Council of Women of New South Wales. A gifted linguist, she taught French at the University of Sydney in the 1920s and 30s.

The New South Wales branch of the Australian Federation of University Women established the Gladys Marks memorial fund to assist mature women to complete courses at the university.

Events

1905 - 1905

Enrolled in Arts at the University of Sydney, despite opposition from her father

1908 - 1908

Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and prizes for English, French and German.

1914 - 1914

Studied phonetics part-time at the Sorbonne, Paris.

1908 - 1913

Taught in private schools for girls before travelling extensively in Europe.

1916 - 1916

Appointed Acting Lecturer in French, University of Sydney

1922 - 1922

Appointed to a permanent position as Lecturer in French

1929 - 1929

Served as acting head of department – the first female acting-professor at the University of Sydney.

1936 - 1936

Served as acting head of department

1934 - 1934

Appointed officier d'Académie by the French government; awarded les Palmes Académiques.

1943 - 1943

Retired

1914 - 1914

Attended the International Women's Congress in Rome

1924 - 1924

Attended the International Women's Congress in Copenhagen.

1919 - 1921

Vice-President, Sydney University Women's Union

1930 - 1934

President, Australian Federation of University Women

1921 - 1926

International Secretary, National Council of Women of New South Wales

1934 - 1934

Became an honorary life vice-president of the National Council of Women of New South Wales

Published resources

Resource Section

Marks, Gladys Hope (1883-1971), Maxwell, Margaret, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A110401b.htm>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

University of Sydney, Archives

[Personal archives of MARKS Gladys Hope \[1883-1970\]](#)

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