

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4613

## Neilsen, Rita

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**Occupation** Community stalwart, Farmer, Local government councillor

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### Summary

Rita Neilsen was nominated for the 1997 A.B.C. Rural Woman of the Year Award, for the Tropical North district of Queensland.

Neilsen has been involved in the sugar industry in some capacity all her life. She was raised on a cane farm, worked as a chemist in a cane mill and has run a cane farm with her husband for three decades.

She has significant management experience and has been involved in a number of industry organisations. She was a member of the Peak Council for Rural Women and the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management. She has also been Chairperson of the Mackay District's Cane Growers Network which provides a necessary forum for issues relating to the sugar industry.

She has served on the Mirani Shire Council.

### Events

#### 1997 - 1997

Nominated for ABC Rural Woman of the Year in Queensland

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

1997 ABC Queensland Rural Woman of the Year Award Winners, ABC Radio, 1997,  
<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/rwoty/qld.htm>

#### Site Exhibition

Brilliant Ideas and Huge Visions: ABC Radio Australian Rural Women of the Year - 1994-1997, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2011,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/rwya/rwya-home.html>

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