

The Australian Women's Register

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Finlayson, Kathy

Occupation Community stalwart, Farmer, Local government councillor, Nurse, Shire president

Summary

Kathy Finlayson was Western Australian state winner of the ABC Rural Woman of the Year Award in 1996.

At the time of winning the award, Kathy a registered nurse with three children, had lived on a sheep station for nearly twenty-five years, co-managing the property in Menzies, which runs 10,000 merino sheep.

She and her husband John worked hard to enhance the social and business life in the Shire of Menzies and surrounding area, organising field days, Pastoral and Graziers' meetings, demonstrations and barbeques, resulting in a much closer-knit community, improving the area's productivity, economy and friendships.

Kathy has held many important positions in the community, including Chair of the Menzies St John Ambulance, Eastern and Central Regional Development Organisation, and the Board of the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, the President of the Menzies Youth and Community Group, Kalgoorlie Air Branch of ICPA and Kalgoorlie School of the Air, and is a member of countless other boards, such as the Country Arts Board and the North Eastern Goldfields Hospital Board.

She has been a Councillor of the Shire of Menzies, and in 1996 was elected Shire President. Kathy was also involved in the Isolated Children's Parents Association's State Executive for W.A..

Events

1996 - 1996

Winner – ABC Western Australian Rural Woman of the Year

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Resource Section

1996 ABC Rural Woman of the Year State Winners, ABC Radio, 1997,
<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/rwoty/pastwin.htm#96state>

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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