The Australian
Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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McKechnie, Shirley Elizabeth

Occupation Choreographer, Dancer, Educator

Summary

Shirley McKechnie is a dancer, choreographer, and educator. She founded the first tertiary dance course in Australia at Rusden College (Deakin University) in 1975 and has written extensively on dance and dance education. She was a co-founder of the Australian Association for Dance Education (AADE), now Ausdance, has been a professorial fellow at the Victorian College of the Arts, and in 1987 was awarded an Order of Australia.

Events

2013 - 2013
Appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) ‘for distinguished service to the performing arts, particularly dance, to the education and development of dancers and choreographers, and to research.’

2001 - 2001
Awarded a Centenary Medal ‘for service to Australian society and the humanities in the study of dance’

1987 - 1987
Awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia ‘for service to dance particularly as a teacher’

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