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Austin, Mary Valentine Hall

(1900 - 1986)

Born	19000729
Died	19860910
Occupation	Community worker

Summary

Mary Austin contributed to the community through her involvement in the Red Cross Society and the Liberal Party. She was Superintendent Regional Commandant of the Red Cross in the Victorian Division. She was appointed to The Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander on 16 June 1979 for Community and welfare services.

Details

Mary Austin, the daughter of Admiral P H Hall Thompson, was educated in New Zealand at Marsden College, Wellington. She married Ronald Austin on 9 June 1925, and they had one son. She worked for the Red Cross Society, reaching the rank of superintendent, regional commandant. She was active in the Liberal Party and was vice-president of the Liberal Party and national vice-president from 1947-1976. Dame Mary also held an honorary life membership of the Victoria League.

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