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# Mackinnon, Una (Patricia)

(1911 - 2009)

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| **Born** | 19110724, Brisbane Queensland Australia |
| **Died** | 20090517, MelbourneMelbourne Victoria Australia |
| **Occupation** | Community worker, Philanthropist |

## Summary

Patricia Mackinnon joined the Royal Children's Hospital Committee of Management in 1948, serving it in several offices before being elected to the presidency in 1965. She was appointed a Commander to the Order of the British Empire in 1972 and a Dame of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1977 in recognition of distinguished service to the community in hospital administration.

## Details

The daughter of Ernest Thomas and Pauline Eva (née Taylor) Bell Patricia Mackinnon was born in Brisbane and educated at St Margaret's Church of England School (Brisbane).
She married Alistair Mackinnon on 17 December 1936 and they were to have two children.
In 1948 Patricia became a member of the committee of management for the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Melbourne. She served in several offices before being elected vice-president from 1957-1965 and president 1965-1979, succeeding Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. In 1968 she began chairman of the RCH Research Foundation a position she held until 1986, and from 1951-1965, served as president of the Auxiliaries. She was also a federal and state councillor of the Australian Hospitals Association for many years. A member of the Alexandra Club, Melbourne, Dame Patricia Mackinnon enjoys gardening and reading.

Dame Patricia's links with the RCH go back to her grandmother-in-law, Lady Emily Mackinnon, who served on the committee of management (1888-1922). Her mother-in-law, Mrs Hilda Mackinnon, was elected president of the committee of management from 1923-1933. The MacKinnon School of Nursing is named in their honour.

## Published resources

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**Edited Book**
Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

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**Resource**
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

**Site Exhibition**
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