

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person

Entry ID: IMP0050

Roe, Raigh Edith

(1922 - 2014)

Born 12 December, 1922, Western Australia Australia

Died 1 November, 2014

Occupation Community worker

Summary

Raigh Roe was appointed Dames Commander of the Order of the British Empire on 31 December 1979 for services to women. A member of the Country Women's Association since the age of 18, Roe became Branch President, Western Australian State President and National President. In 1977 she was elected World President of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), representing almost nine million women in 74 countries. That year she also was named Australian of the Year.

Events

1961 - 1964

International Officer of the Country Women's Association

1942 - 1972

Involved in farming

1977 - 1977

Australian of the Year

1979 - 1979

Appointed Dames Commander of the Order of the British Empire

1975 - 1975

Appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire

1941 - 1941

Married James Roe, they were to have three sons.

1979 - 1979

Deputy Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Western Australia

1977 - 1980

World President of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) World Conference

1974 - 1974

National Co-ordinator of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) World Conference

1972 - 1972

Honorary Life Member of the Country Women's Association

1969 - 1971

National President of the Country Women's Association

1967 - 1970

State President of the Country Women's Association of Western Australia (Inc)

Published resources

Book

Reflections : profiles of 150 women who helped make Western Australia's history; Project of the Womens Committee for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Western Australia, Popham, Daphne; Stokes, K.A.; Lewis, Julie, 1979

The Many Hats of Country Women: The Jubilee History of the Country Women's Association of Australia, Stevens-Chambers, Brenda, 1997

She's no milkmaid : a biography of Dame Raigh Roe, D.B.E., Erickson, Rica, Haywood, Rona and Oldham, Jan (sketches by), [1991?]

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Resource Section

Dame Raigh Roe DBE (b. 1923), National Australia Day Council,
<http://www.australianoftheyear.gov.au/recipient.asp?pid=18>

Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Dame Raigh Roe interviewed by Gail O'Hanlon in the Australians of the year oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

State Library of Western Australia

[Papers 1990 \[manuscript\]](#)

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Raigh Roe, president of the Associated Country Women of the World, 1978, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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